

## MP 07\_0158 - Abercrombie Street Precinct, Syd Uni

### Construction impacts

Significant issues were raised in earlier consultation in relation to the noise impacts of the project's demolition and construction phase on the Darlington Public School. The proponent's response relies on the Marshall Day Noise Impact Statement (Appendix I). This report incorrectly measures the baseline data for the Darlington Public School from Abercrombie Street (page 5). Like most schools - the buildings are 'closed' to the streets and face the playground side – which is also the boundary with the development. The baseline should be measured from midway along the site boundary between the school and the construction site. Using baseline data from Abercrombie Street makes the existing survey inadequate and any assumptions based on this data are incorrect. **The survey should be redone to ensure accurate and meaningful data is used to manage and mitigate the noise impacts on the school, both when children are in the buildings and in the playgrounds.**

The current noise mitigation measures are based on 'notifying' neighbours of the proposed construction activities, and consultation 'as necessary'. **The consent conditions need to strengthen this approach and ensure more specific work scheduling options and respite for school, that will:**

- **ensure the University is responsive to the school's operational requirements**
- **include when "limiting the hours of high levels of noise or vibration" - that this also state that activities which create disruptive/intrusive levels of noise or vibration for Darlington Public School will be undertaken outside school hours ie before 9 am and after 3 pm Monday to Friday or in school holidays**
- **provide respite periods from certain noise levels for examination periods and certain outdoor activities and events at the School.**

The University has again completely failed to consider the potential impacts of the construction's noise, dust and vibration on the school children during those times of the day when they are not within a school building. This issue was raised in previous consultation by parents, Darlington S&C, the Department of Planning and the State Metropolitan Development Authority. **Measures need to be included in the consent conditions that ensure the safety and amenity of the children within the school grounds and in the school buildings.**