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Dear Sirs,

RE: State Significant Development – International Chinese School - SSD – 10260

Major Projects,
Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment,
NSW Government.

I write to you as a concerned local and parent of a student at the abovementioned school and its proposed relocation to 211 Pacific Highway, St. Leonard's.

My child Charley attends the school at its current location in Chatswood. She commenced there in term two of this year.

On her enrollment she had zero English capability and about the same understanding of our culture, morals and ways of life. In just over seven months that has changed exponentially. She already displays a desire to always remain in our country, engages in our ways of life, understands much spoken English (although can't reciprocate as well in English), and has made several friends amongst her peers.

Suffice it to say she's just starting out.

The staff, children and other family members in the school community there are most welcoming and helpful.

At eight years old she has a good command of Mandarin and add the bilingual benefits at the school that will continue her connection to culture, her past and family in China and endow her to her new future and new home land are immeasurable.

The new location of the school offers vast opportunities to the school community, past, present and future i.e.

1. Expand the school capacity,
2. Several forms of public transport. New rail, heavy rail, buses,
3. Ease of access,
4. Open spaces within easy access, major city artery, motorway, city and all lower North Shore areas,
5. Parklands and playing fields,
6. State Government plans for the future urban development of the area, forecast growth of the Chinese community and the expansion of the area as an educational precinct,
7. Access to hospital, medical and specialist services,
8. Given the already approved and then terminated over development proposal for multi rise units in the area (some of which were indeed proposed and approved by the local Council's as owner/proprietors of the land) is flying in the face of the actual needs of the local and expanding Chinese community. Most of whom now call Australia home,
9. Add to that the fact the Pacific highway extends from Melbourne to the Cape York Peninsula in one form or other the impact of a school would undoubtedly be inconsequential.

As the school has outgrown its capacity to grow in its current location, I believe it is an imperative that it be able to expand and grow the school community and at the **first opportunity**. Certainly, no later than 2020 after 5 years or more of delays and prevarication by law makers. To choke off the school's ability to expand its

enrollment will certainly disrupt the future of many children, family's and the wider community. Indeed, it may become non-viable financially.

As pointed out in 8 above. Why would the local or state authority castigate and delay a school (private) from delivering a service to the community whilst attempting to over develop, both in height and gross mass, the residential capacity of the area whilst withholding approval of services to the very residents they attempt to attract. Are section 94 contributions and rates, parking meters, parking fines etc. of more value than services that expanded community requires.

It is my absolute belief the approval be given immediately in order for our children, mine included, be afforded the opportunity of the education the desire and are indeed entitled to in a free and fair society.

To quote the Latin saying "Res ipsa loquitur." Or if you prefer "Ipso facto" is the fact in and of itself that this approval should be given promptly and without further delay.

Give these children, their families and community to further integrate and become a part of the wider community.

Please move this matter to an approval and allow these children certainty of education and future.

Sincerely

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