

17 Weedon Road
Artarmon, NSW 2064

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Re: State Significant Development - International Chinese School SSD-10260
Major Projects,
Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment,
NSW Government,

I write to express my strongest support for the International Chinese School proposed relocation to 211 Pacific Highway St Leonard's.

My grandson Lucas attends the ICS which he thoroughly loves and which our family hold in very high regard. The ICS is unique as it offers a bilingual Mandarin Educational Program of a high standard to Australian children of Chinese heritage. State government provision of a such a program to support Chinese literacy can only be of benefit to Australian because of its diverse immigration history and growing cultural and economic ties with the East and in particular China. The fact that the places are already fully subscribed is testament to the success of the bilingual curriculum which is clearly serving an increasing need in the Community. As is, we have planned for that our granddaughter to attend the ICS next year.

211 Pacific Highway is a great site for the School because of proximity to public transport, the green and leafy setting with surrounding parklands, access to oval and parklands, service to significant local Chinese population, regional plans for educational precinct, projected urban growth.

The School has been searching for a suitable site for 5 years. Current premises are cramped and unable to accommodate significant growth in student numbers next year.

There is therefore a pressing need to secure a site for the School by seeking speedy approval of 211 Pacific Highway as a school site for use by ICS in time for the 2020 academic year.

Yours Sincerely

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