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Dear Ms Harragon

***Response to Moriah College's State Significant Development Application  
SSD-10352***

We have viewed the proposed redevelopment submitted by Moriah College as a State Significant Development Application and are strongly opposed to it on a number of grounds.

We have lived at this address for over 44 years and were here well before the NSW Premier at the time allowed the College to take over the Eastern Suburbs Hospital site at the end of our street.

With strong opposition from the community then (it was in the 1980s), the community was assured that the school would be limited to 610 students. Some years later, it was permitted to increase to 910 and that was to be the limit.

Then in 2004, the then Planning Minister allowed the junior school to move to the site, almost doubling the number of students allowed to the current level of 1680.

During these years of operation and huge expansion, we have had to put up with our quiet leafy streets accommodating an enormous increase in traffic and congestion associated with the school.

It seems that the community, many of whom were here before the school, is rarely considered each time Moriah College applies to add more students and more buildings.

An increase of 17% to the student population as proposed in this application is totally unreasonable. Most of the increase would be in the junior student population who would be driven to school.

**The school should not be allowed to expand anymore and add even further to the traffic it has already generated.**

Furthermore, the scale of the proposed new buildings is totally excessive and a blight on the Centennial Parklands location on which it is sited.

The buildings along Baronga Ave and opposite Queens Park are apparently double the height permitted for that site. They would be an awful sight for those enjoying Queens Park. The whole structure is quite inappropriate for this residential and parklands area.

If there needs to be some redevelopment of classrooms and facilities, it should not impose on parklands or our Heritage Conservation Area.

**The whole proposal should be redesigned and scaled down to fit more appropriately into the location.**

We urge you to consider the impact on our residential community and parklands of this massive redevelopment proposal and the increase in student numbers and reject it in its current form.

Yours sincerely

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