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No SSD - 10444 Best Practice Education Group Ltd.
Hornsby Shire Blue Gum Community School

I object very strongly to putting a school at 1 Rosemead Road, for these reasons.

1. This is a very high bushfire risk site.
2. One of the two exit roads - Dural Street will be blocked while two towers are built on the corner of Dural and Peats Ferry Road.
3. Current traffic will be forced to use of the William St - Peats Ferry Road as the only exit till those two buildings have been completed.
4. Extra traffic up to Rosemead Road will be a problem for all concerned.
5. Nearby Old Mans Valley is a wind tunnel, which increased speed of the 1957 summer fire, and would have continued onto the east side of Hornsby, but the wind change stopped that.
6. The existing home owners ^{on west Hornsby side} wish to be able to escape any summer bushfires.
7. Azalea and Camellia Courts adjoin the property, and the slow movers living there also need to be rescued from a bushfire.
8. Residents in Rosemead, Lochinvar and Lowanna need free access along William St to flee from fires.
9. The heritage house at 1 Rosemead Road was built by Mr Roberts to the highest standard available in 1897, and deserves preservation as a home.
10. Schools can be built in many other local areas of Hornsby Shire, which are more secure for schoolkids, or in Ku-ring-gai Shire.
11. Fire season is longer and worse than ever before, and I expect living here too expensive to move from here.