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Hornsby NSW 2077

Blue Gum Community School SSD-10444

Objection to proposal

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to **object** to the development of a pre-school and primary school in the heritage estate of 1 Rosemead Rd Hornsby. Such a development would degrade the quality of life of the inhabitants of the Mount Errington area, taint the integrity of the Mount Errington estate, reduce the biodiversity of the area and exaggerate existing safety risks and traffic issues, according to the reasons listed below:

1. William Street, Dural Street and Rosemead Road are already congested roads, especially on weekdays when commuters park along the streets, even outside our house ([REDACTED]) which is 850m away from the train station. The addition of hundreds of car movements each day to transport up to 80 children and staff would increase congestion on the surrounding streets, which are already effectively one way roads.
2. The noise impact of the development cannot be prevented, as revealed by the revised acoustic report by NSS which states that noise levels will be significantly increased due to children at play and traffic. The peace and serenity that characterises the Mount Errington area will be disrupted, therefore changing the character of the area which first attracted its residents.
3. As a heritage building, its use for commercial gain would only undermine its legacy and the purpose for which it was built, as a residence. The adaptations to the building and the removal and manipulation of the flora on the land sacrifices its cultural significance and does not preserve the history of the building as a foundation of Hornsby.
4. The introduction of a school in the Mount Errington area would increase the foot traffic on the footpaths on Dural Street, William Street and Rosemead Road, which would increase the current safety risks on the narrow streets and blind corners. The blind corner on Dural Street and Rosemead Road is especially dangerous, as often vehicles do not reduce speed and would be likely to cause an accident with young children crossing the road or playing at the playground opposite 1 Rosemead Road.
5. The construction of a 2.1m high timber fence along our boundaries with the Mount Errington estate would completely change the appearance and environment of our property at [REDACTED], closing us off to the views of vegetation that we have enjoyed for many years and creating a restrictive environment as if we were living in a gaol.
6. The increase in noise, traffic and human activity would severely impact the wildlife in the Mount Errington area, changing the habitat of animals such as echidnas and wallabies, sightings of which are already decreasing in number.

For these reasons, I believe that Mount Errington is an inappropriate site for the development of a school and the application should be refused.

Yours sincerely,

Eve Timms