

Blue Gum Community School SSD-10444

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a resident directly adjacent the 1 Rosemead Rd boundary, I passionately **object** to this proposed development due to numerous concerns.

These concerns include but are not limited to:

- Increased traffic and flow-on impacts;
- Noise hinderances;
- Environmental consequences – tree loss, pollution, impact on wildlife, etc.;
- Heritage loss;
- Reduced privacy;
- Residential area;
- Bushfire risks.

Increased Traffic and Flow-on Impacts

The traffic surrounding the area of 1 Rosemead Rd is already congested with commuters parking in the streets and locals using the roads. It is very difficult to drive along William St and Dural St without having to pull over to allow oncoming traffic to pass.

Noise Hinderances

Noise in the surrounding area will increase greatly. We live in a quiet residential area. A school will create a lot of noise that currently does not exist in this area such as many people talking, students screaming, playing, crying and other sources of noise that emanate from schools such as bells, music, PA systems and machinery such as air conditioners. Noise will also be created from increased traffic, car doors slamming and the construction of a gravel carpark opposite my study. The noise from this type of gravel driveway is considerable as I can hear cars and people moving along the current driveway of the heritage house from my house.

Environmental Consequences

It also poses environmental impacts such as tree loss, loss of habitat and pollution. The proposed carparking area, which will result in all vegetation and many trees being removed, is directly across from the backyard of my house. My family and I will be exposed to increased car emissions from increased car movements past our house and a carpark a few metres away from our house.

A diverse range of wildlife frequent the Mt Errington area such as kookaburras, bower birds and many other bird species, echidnas, brush turkeys, lyre birds, echidnas, possums, blue-tongued lizards and bats, just to mention a few. Mt Errington is part of their already limited natural habitat, 'adapting' to suit the preschool will result in habitat loss.

Loss of Heritage Value

Any alterations to Mt Errington and its surrounds will result in a loss of the heritage value of this historical piece of Hornsby and Sydney. The preservation of this house should be of utmost importance.

Reduced Privacy

With the proposed tree removal, increased car and pedestrian traffic and other alterations to Mt Errington, the privacy that we now enjoy will be greatly reduced. Furthermore, the top floor windows of Mt Errington overlook our backyard.

Residential Area

The Mt Errington area is a residential area with no businesses within two blocks. Any commercial business, let alone a school, is an inappropriate development for this quiet, leafy neighbourhood. There are already a sufficient number of good schools, preschools and long day care in the area.

Bushfire Risks

Mt Errington is on the edge of the bush and is therefore at risk of bush fires. Placing a school in an area of bushfire risk would be extremely hazardous and negligent to the children and the whole neighbourhood if evacuation were necessary.

Conclusion

I absolutely **object** to the development of Mt Errington into any form of preschool or primary school. Any type of development of Mt Errington will decrease the amenity of the area and would have a huge impact on my enjoyment of my home. My home will no longer be my sanctuary.