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BLUE GUM COMMUNITY SCHOOL

Application No: SSD-10444

I object to the proposed development for the following:

FENCES

Proposed fences are out of keeping within the heritage area we live. This lovely old home will look more like a prison. The fencing proposed for neighboring properties will reduce their amenity and enjoyment of family homes.

No other properties have fences as planned.

TREES

It seems 42 trees will need to be removed, several being significant. Being in a heritage area I was declined permission to remove a Camphor Laurel tree because it was deemed significant! Removal of the trees will drastically alter the street scape in the bush area we live in. I also suspect further trees will be damaged because of the asphalt and the new drive way proposed.

Some of these trees have been around since WW1.

I believe a fully independent arborist should be consulted before further trees are removed as it has been said the tree removed was healthy at the base!

NOISE

The noise from the School will be unbearable. I have recently retired and spend most days at home the noise from School will ruin my days and will extend beyond the hours mentioned as we all know Schools have, Parent Teacher night, plays, speech nights, Fairs, Easter parades and Christmas functions.

It is a quiet residential area we live in, not a commercial area.

TRAFFIC

The traffic report submitted with the original DA only looked at Rosemead Rd not the streets that link to Rosemead.

Dural Street is full with commuter parking Monday to Friday and comes down effectively to one lane. I drop my wife to the station and daughter to School and would have to stop 4 out of 5 days to allow oncoming traffic to proceed.

William Street is no better being narrow and full of commuters.

The bend on the junction of Dural St and Rosemead Rd is very narrow and when people are parked illegally you are forced to the wrong side of the road over double yellow lines.

The kiss and drop will not work and will see traffic backed up.

Parents will also park in the few limited spots in Rosemead Rd causing more congestion.

HERITAGE

Mt Errington is a house of significant interest in Hornsby and this change in use will change the property forever despite the undertaking that all is reversible.

Development as a School is not in the interest of the property or the people living here.

AMENITY

Whilst hard to define, amenity is the right of a person to enjoy their surrounds. I did not buy in this area to have a School built virtually next door.

Progress is not always right.

There are already many public and private schools in the area along with several day care. Many of the schools also offer before and after school care.

SUMMARY

I strongly object to the proposed development in its current form or any amended form.

I have no political donations to declare.