

# **OBJECTION SUBMISSION TO DPIE RE TELOPEA CONCEPT PLAN AND STAGE 1A \_ MAY 2022**

## **Introduction / Background**

I have lived in Carlingford for the last 41 years.

I have a good knowledge of the local area of Carlingford and Telopea and frequently travel and walk in both areas and engage in discussions with a large number of my fellow residents in many neighbouring suburbs. I live in close proximity to two of the key / critical high schools referred to in the EIS regarding "Educational facilities" ie Cumberland High School (where I am a member of the P&C and regularly attend the meetings) and James Ruse Agricultural High.

I hereby formally object to the Telopea Concept Plans on the based on my following concerns :

### **1. Omission of a new High School to support the significant population growth in Telopea as part of the Concept Plan and the serious detrimental "flow-on" impacts to other immediately neighbouring high population growth suburbs - in particular Carlingford**

The Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) does not provide adequate details or analysis of the serious detrimental impacts that would be inflicted on other immediately neighbouring forecasted high population growth suburbs - in particular Carlingford if the Telopea Concept Plan / Precinct Redevelopment does not include a Telopea high school

The EIS needs to openly state the expected growth in the Carlingford area (which we understand to be approximately 30%) in the next 5 to 10 years and to 2036, as well as all other immediately adjoining suburbs to the Telopea precinct and then overlay the current Cumberland High School existing enrolment catchment area which currently covers all the existing and to be developed Telopea Precinct !

It is only with this holistic growth forecast approach that the Telopea Precinct plans can be put into a proper planning perspective and be properly evaluated.

In that context, the EIS states (in our opinion on an underestimated basis) that the the Telopea Precinct redevelopment is "likely to generate demand from approximately 950 primary and 625 secondary school students by 2036 - The Annual Report for Cumberland High School for 2020 shows a school population of 656 students.

Thus Telopea population growth will generate approximately the same number of high school students as already in Carlingford's Cumberland High School !

Hence the EIS (p147) only states that "It is likely that these schools will be able to accommodate demand for High School" - this is a highly speculative qualification by SINSW.

**2. The corollary to the planning shortcomings outlined in 1 above is manifested by appalling overdevelopment Concept Plans released by SINSW for Cumberland High School which are the antithesis of Design Excellence and Better Placed standards**

The [Concept Plans released by SINSW for Cumberland High “Upgrades”](#) propose a massive rebuild of the school increasing permanent student enrolments to a minimum some 1500 from the current circa 775 students.

The SINSW Concept Plans are based on a build form of 4 and 5 storey buildings and high profile overshadowing siting of the proposed new buildings are completely incongruous with the current leafy low profile 2 storey school buildings.

The Concept Plan also calls for extensive tree removal and a proposed new link roadway in existing quiet cul de sacs with severe and extensive detrimental impacts on Carlingford residents level of amenity.

This will unfairly burden Carlingford with major population increases in Telopea which needs a high school as part of the Telopea Precinct redevelopment .

A high school in Telopea would also address other significant detrimental environmental impacts include traffic congestion, noise and air quality.

A high rise high school in the high rise development area of Telopea is congruous with the area - similar to Arthur Phillip High in Parramatta. It should also entail concomitant new school catchment areas.

