

University of Sydney (USYD) Campus Improvement Program 2014-2020 – State Significant Development (SSD 6123) – Submission and Objection to EIS

Dear Mr McManus,

I would like to formally object to USYD's Campus Improvement Program, listed below. I am upset by the disregard USYD has shown to the local community. The plan will impact low-rise heritage residential buildings.

In addition, some aspects of this development are in immediate contravention to rulings by the **Australian National Trust** and the **Director General**.

I ask that the proposed development be withdrawn, and resubmitted after USYD has consulted with the community and adhered to the Director General's requirements.

I object to:

1. USYD not consulting with the local community and failing to comply with the Director General's requirement: **'During the preparation of the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), consultation must be undertaken with community groups and affected landowners.'**
2. The destruction of the Darlington Eucalypt Grove in Shepherd Street, which includes nineteen mature and healthy trees. USYD's Ecological Assessment recommends: **'Avoid removal of mature trees and protection of trees in proximity to building/refurbishment sites.'**
3. Increases floor area from 555,600m² to 937,800m² with building heights of up to 19 storeys. The height and bulk of the proposed buildings are too great for the low rise heritage conservation residential precinct in which the University sits. I especially object to the proposed three storey building in Shepherd Street and the "multidisciplinary building" opposite the sports centre, both of which will overlook residents homes in Shepherd Street, Calder Road, Lander Street, Boundary street and Abercrombie Street. USYD should create a green buffer zone between its buildings and all residential buildings.
4. Increased in noise from
 - a. plant equipment such as large 24/7 air conditioners and cooling towers
 - b. an increase in University car traffic and associated noiseWill the University measure the cumulative impact of all the noise it generates to ensure that it always complies with environmental legislation??? USD have not addressed the Director General's Environment Assessment requirement: **'measures to avoid minimise and if necessary, offset the predicted impacts, including detailed contingency plans for managing any significant risks to the environment.'**
5. The proposal to completely infill the backyards of every heritage listed terrace house from 86–130 Darlington Road. The National trust has given these terraces an 'A - highly intact' rating. **USYD should not be allowed to degrade the heritage value of these terraces which are very close to the Golden Grove Conservation Area.**
6. 68% increases in floor space and increasing the student population from 49,500 to 60,000 by 2020 because the local infrastructure cannot cope with the existing number of people. The plan should be withdrawn until local infrastructure, including footpaths and access to Redfern Station, are improved to cope with the

increased population. The intersection of Abercrombie and Shepherd Street is a prime example of existing infrastructure that cannot cope with the amount of foot traffic already experienced. **The University's plan would put further stress on off street parking in residential streets as there would be an increase in the number of students and University staff parking their cars in local streets.**

USYD proposes gross overdevelopment with no regard for its impact on the local community! It fails to address the already stressed infrastructure of Darlington.

Yours faithfully,

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