

54 Playfair Road
N. Curr Curr
2099.



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Scanning Room

Application No.: 8310

Location : Playfair Road N. Curr Curr.
Attention : Director - Social & Oper
Infrastructure Assessments.

I attended Manly Library earlier in the day to view the proposed plan which consisted of a couple of pages & a "concept plan". Yesterday I attended Northern Beaches Council to view the hard copy & was given two huge volumes of technical documentation, unfathomable to the ordinary person. These extremes of providing few facts, then reams of data make this consultation process seem meaningless.

Therefore in this submission I can only indicate a few concerns that I have:

- 1) The alignment is along Abbot Road & Playfair Road. Adverse effects of noise & traffic movement along increasing busy Abbot Road, & overheating of classrooms on west facing Playfair road are not conducive to optimal teaching & learning experiences for students. The proposed building should be realigned within the school's original footprint.

2) With regard to height compliance (P24) it is stated that "strict compliance is unreasonable + unnecessary" & that although the maximum height limit is 8.5m this building will have a maximum height of 11.5m. Apparently this is because the north-south gradient is 7m but

- a) the proposed building is on the very flat west-south corner &
- b) height restrictions are there for a purpose so non compliance makes these regulations meaningless.

Also the huge wall ectiface at Harbord Public School & Roseville Public School, for example, demonstrate the ugly impact such building has on the streetscape.

3) "No views... will be impacted" (P25).

Actually at the southern end of Playfair we did have lagoon, distant sea glimpses & tree canopy although inappropriate planting of She-oaks & placement of demountables now mask these. Eventual removal of She-oaks & demountables may have meant aspects of our views would be regained. Placement on the Abbot-Playfair corner of this proposed building would however mean this opportunity is forever lost.

4) Seventy trees, we are told are to be removed. Over the years parents have given time, effort & money to greening & grassing the grounds. It is hoped lush replanting around the school will follow building.

Kind regards,

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