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Murwillumbah Education Campus

Submission from Ms P J Watsford, 7 The Plateau, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484
Date 29th April, 2022

Name of Application Murwillumbah Education Campus
Application No SSD-16848913
Location 86 Riverview St, Murwillumbah, NSW 2484
Applicant NSW Department of Education
Council Area Tweed Shire
Consent Authority Minister of Planning

I object to the proposal.

- **TRAFFIC.** Already the Murwillumbah CBD has major traffic congestion at around 9am and again at 3pm when parents are dropping their children at school and the large buses are navigating streets too narrow for them. Usually, my husband and I avoid going in to town at these times, if possible. Hence, that is already a restriction on our ability to plan outings and on our freedom of movement. However, sometimes, it is not possible to avoid these times of day, for example, yesterday both of us had appointments in town and consequently had to sit in traffic with bus fumes twice in one day. I have previously expressed my concern about how the new education campus will clearly increase traffic congestion, given the layout of the streets. Unfortunately, I received a response that could only be described as a "motherhood statement" saying that the issue of traffic congestion was being addressed but no details were provided. Please provide details of how the increased traffic will be handled.
- **LACK OF MEANINGFUL CONSULTATION.** The notion of combing four schools into one, and mixing the infants with Year 12s was not a project initiated by Murwillumbah. The only option people have been given is to contribute to some of the superficial design elements of the plan.
- **TOO MANY CHILDREN OF DIVERSE AGES.** Although I am now a grandmother and have no family members attending school in Murwillumbah, I have a background in education at primary, secondary and tertiary levels. From this experience, I know that smaller sized schools build better community; and having a number of schools to choose from gives parents and children the opportunity to select a schooling environment that suits them best. The creation of this large new campus will lower the quality of public education in Murwillumbah.

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