

I wish to make the following objection in regard the Scots SSD application.

My name is Eva Blanket and I have lived in the immediate vicinity of Scots College for over 35 years.

In that time, I have seen Scots grow dramatically in the level of enrolled students and the number of employed staff. As a consequence of that growth, there has been a direct correlation in the volume of traffic on what are essentially narrow suburban streets. On a daily basis, we experience:

- road choking traffic jams:



Victoria Rd – morning peak



Kambala Rd – Cars queuing and double parking, to turn into Ghinagulla Rd to drop off students to senior school in Victoria Rd

- life threatening loading and unloading of students near the entrance of the school – because there is no internal safe drop off:



Students being unloaded in the middle of Ghinagulla Rd



Students being unloaded in the middle of Victoria Rd

- constant illegal parking of parents dropping off of students over neighbours' driveways



Parking over driveways in Victoria Rd

- illegal all-day parking by students and staff



Illegal all-day parking by students in Kambala Rd



Illegal all-day parking in Kambala Rd

- Roads choked by the volume of buses dropping off and picking up students



Buses dropping off students in Victoria Rd

- Lack of supervisory care of students walking across roads



Teacher oblivious to students darting across Victoria Rd



Senior students walking down the middle of Kambala Rd in the busy peak afternoon pick up time

The problem is that the EIS concludes that:

The proposed development will not result in any increase in the staff of (sic) student numbers, or any changes to the existing access, traffic, transport or parking arrangements currently in place at the college and therefore no traffic or parking impacts will arise as a consequence of this development, other than during construction.

It makes the enormous assumption that the current parking and traffic arrangements are acceptable. This is clearly a falsehood based on the daily evidence on the ground. It also assumes that there will be no increase in the number of students, however again the evidence (based on Scots own declared figures), is that Scots has increased its enrolments every year for the last 10 years in contravention of the court imposed enrolment cap. Three court cases in the passed 8 years, have re-affirmed the correlation between the growth of enrolments and the unsafe traffic and parking situation surrounding the school.

I simply ask that this application be rejected. Despite that Scots says there will be no further increases in students or staff, history has shown that every time Scots increases the floor space of the school, it enrolls more students to fill it and employs more staff to cope with those extra enrolments. It then dumps the extra traffic generated onto the local streets, as it refuses to comply with Woollahra Council regulation to supply adequate onsite parking and internal drop off.