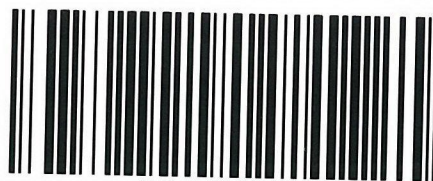




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Dear Sir/Madam,

Hornsby Quarry – Spoil Management Project

I write to express the concern of Barker College to the preferred route of truck movements for the transport of spoil from the NorthConnex project at the Northern Portal to the Hornsby Quarry.

There are a number of areas of concern that I would like to bring to your attention and request your action.

1. Student Safety

We are a school of 2,000 students from Kindergarten to Year 12 and have hundreds of students who come to school each day from both Hornsby and Waitara stations.

Of particular concern is the movement of our younger students to Waitara Station and we request that appropriate action be taken to reduce the risk to our students.

I would note that students from St Leo's College and Our Lady of The Rosary primary school also use this crossing in large numbers each day.

We note that it is fully laden trucks which will be passing our school and as such if a child suddenly moves onto the road a truck would not be able to stop in time.

Ideally we would prefer to see a pedestrian bridge across the Pacific Highway at Waitara Station to ensure that students can cross safely at any time. This would significantly reduce potential danger to the students.

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2. The preferred route

We would request that another option be considered for the preferred route. It seems to us that the green route is a better route to transport the spoil to the quarry. We would request that this be the route used all the time and thus remove the trucks from this very busy section of the Pacific Highway past businesses, schools, a retirement village plus residential apartments where existing traffic movements are already high.

At the very least the purple route should not be used beyond 2:30pm, which is when school zones commence each afternoon.

It seems to us that the Old Pacific Highway north of Hornsby is a much better route – a wider, clearer, less used road than the purple route. The old Pacific Highway has a better run off area and can easily accommodate these large vehicles.

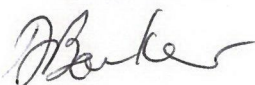
3. Main Entrance

The principal entry to Barker College is on the Pacific Highway. The movement of these trucks will make access and egress of our school increasingly difficult and dangerous.

I would be pleased to meet with you and walk you through our concerns.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,



David Barker

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