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Regard Vincentia - Pedestrian Underpass Alternative

Dear Richard

We are writing in support of the Stocklands proposal to remove the condition in their DA approval for the construction of an underpass in Naval College Road.

We believe the underpass is also inappropriate for our college for the following reasons :

• The Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Student Safety Policy forbids students from using underpasses.

The college is a K-4 school only.

The Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation has a paramount commitment to the safety of its Students.

As part of the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation Student Safety Policy we have investigated the many ways of travel a student can take to school. Part of this investigation revealed that underpasses, due to their 'hidden' nature, attract undesirable persons that leave potentially fatal objects strewn throughout the tunnel. With young children passing through the tunnel, this form of construction also has the potential to attract paedophiles. For these reasons, the Sydney Anglican Schools Corporation has decided to forbid any of its students from using an underpass on any occasion whilst under their care.

Vincentia Anglican College is a K-4 college only. The maximum age of its students will be 10 years old. Our investigation shows that children of this age, and younger, always will be parentally supervised when travelling to and from school, and in our experience, they usually are driven in a motor vehicle. This gives rise to question of the use of this form of road crossing to the school. The corporation have a strong preference to resolve this issue by the use of traffic lights. This is based on the following :

- Ease of use for the students of the school and their parents
- Used in this situation across the State of NSW
- Ease of construction
- Eliminate a very serious safety risk

It is the concern of the corporation that if the underpass proposal proceeds, Vincentia Anglican College will no longer be economically viable to build and the Shoalhaven District will loose this extremely important piece of infrastructure

Yours, Sincerely

Bruce Litchfield Capital Works Manager