

107 Prospect Road
Summer Hill, NSW
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Re: The Renewal Project, Trinity Grammar School, 119 Prospect Rd Summer Hill, NSW

The following points are made in relation to the proposed expansion of Trinity Grammar School.

I occupy a house on the corner of Seaview Street and Prospect Road. I have major objections to the school increasing the numbers of students as I am already significantly impacted by the school activities. When we moved to this house the school was behind a suburban streetscape (Seaview St). This changed when a proposed boarding house that kept the residential nature of the street morphed into a junior school. Thus not only were high school students being transported to the school there were now much younger children attending, many of whom are delivered in private cars. Then the new buildings on Prospect Road added to the scale/impact of the school.

The consequences of the 2015 decision to allow the school to expand to 1,500 students through these building works were as follows:

- Cracking of our walls from the trucks used during the demolition and building of the Junior school
- Increased noise in my house from the multipurpose hall, basketball and the water polo (film nights, sirens, hooters and barracking).
- A loss of night time safety (far fewer residents). No community.
- Increased bus movements. It is often a gridlock on the corner of Seaview and Prospect. Noise from the buses backing up to allow other buses to turn (it is not uncommon for 4 buses to be negotiating the Seaview and Prospect intersection at one time! This melee is compounded by cars that then try to go around the buses. There has also been an increase in the sheer size of the buses – country touring buses are just too big for suburban streets.
- Many parents use the streets to drop off / pick up children – I can only presume the drive through is too time consuming for them. This becomes particularly prevalent for after hours activities e.g. cadets and sporting activities when they don't seem to use the designated pickup spots.
With the recent school shut down there has been an enjoyable serenity that is in marked contrast to the situation now the school is back in operation.
- There has been no perceivable contribution to the neighbourhood of this expansion.

What can be expected if the plan is approved?

- Noise, dust and early morning truck movements for 5 years! We have already endured two lots of major building works on the site.
- Greater traffic pressure on the street corners as the number of cars and buses would necessarily increase as this school serves very few local students.

- More noise from the school both during school hours and from after school use of the various facilities.
- Further loss of residences on Seaview St – even less of a sense of community for the remaining residents.
- A five story building is out of character with this area.
- Also given the recent pandemic one could question the sense in putting up a high rise building that could become a “cruise ship” incubator of a future pandemic – one that might be more dangerous for children. I trust that this becomes a factor in the design of future school buildings.

Finally I would like to refute any claim by Trinity that they are “good neighbours”. Good neighbours don’t just look after their own interests. Trinity is not a social connector in this neighbourhood; rather they are a source of division and continuing stress to residents. Increasing student numbers, with the attendant increase in staff, will only exacerbate the situation.

I trust that this proposal is rejected on the grounds of an over development of this already constrained site.

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