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# Trinity Grammar School Summer Hill Redevelopment

## **Application # SSD10371**

As a nearby neighbour of the proposed above development I take this opportunity to lodge comments in accord with assessment process.

I have read through the development application submitted by Trinity Grammar School and note that this is indeed a weighty set of documents. The documentation is so complex, detailed and extensive that a layman will have great difficulty fully absorbing the effect and consequences such a development will have on their neighbourhood. For this reason people of the neighbourhood will depend greatly on the fair assessment procedures and scrutiny the planning panel applies to this submission.

It is thus not my intention to comment on the technical and aesthetic details of the school submission but simply to give observations on the *raison d'être* for the school expansion and to opine on its effect on our neighbourhood.

Essentially, the notion that a neighbourhood, that has evolved over some two hundred years can now support and sustain a school that would be expanded in population way beyond the numbers presently experienced is unacceptable. It is unacceptable for the following simple reasons :

- The traffic load that is presently imposed on our suburb due to the number of daily vehicular trips to Trinity School congests the local streets in such a way that regularly causes traffic jams, dangerous student pedestrian interactions and verbal conflict between residents and Trinity parents.
- The existing, previously approved traffic system, proved to be dangerous necessitating daily human control measures to work safely. The proposed increased traffic generation from this facility will make this situation worse and doubly more complicated.
- The principal that students should be bussed in from all over Sydney through increasingly congested suburban road and public transport systems cannot be justified in a city that seeks to be sustainable.
- Our community should not have to bear the huge burden of, increased traffic and the extensive drain on existing services and amenity that this proposal represents. The increased

number of students should be accommodated closer to their own homes and communities where stresses can be better controlled.

Essentially, increasing the student numbers of Trinity Grammar School at Summer Hill will, unjustifiably, make this school one of the largest such facilities in this state. Previously approved school population limits have ,apparently been greatly exceeded and our community does not trust that the school can harmoniously coexist with its residential neighbours if larger numbers are forced upon it.

**In conclusion, the proposal to increase student numbers is unacceptable in terms of traffic generation, sustainable use of public infrastructure, maintenance of community harmony, continuance of neighbourhood amenity and preservation of pedestrian safety.**

As a post script I comment that the lack of a scaled model and the two dimensional presentation of the submission makes it extremely difficult for a considered opinion to be determined on the scale, form and bulk of the proposed buildings.

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