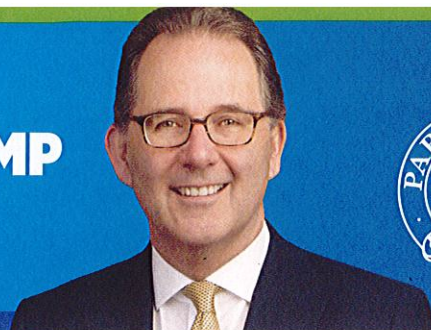


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Dear Ms Coomar

Re: Loreto Normanhurst School Redevelopment (Concept Proposal And Stage 1), 91-93
Pennant Hills Road Normanhurst (SSD-8996)

I refer to my previous submission regarding the Loreto Normanhurst School (The School) Redevelopment dated 25 July 2019 and now write again in response to The School's amended plans to note the concerns of the residents in the surrounding area.

For the purposes of this further submission, I made my own site examination yesterday of the area to refresh my memory as to the nature of the streets concerned and to better appreciate the matters put to me by residents.

Last year, I met with representatives from neighbouring streets to discuss their concerns about the impact of The School's plans to significantly expand student numbers. I have also been copied on many of the recent objections submitted by constituents during the exhibition period. The objections I have seen mostly relate to concerns about traffic congestion on local streets.

One resident expressed to me that the question needs to be considered whether The School has already reached its reasonable student capacity and that the consequences of the proposal exceeds the ability of the local infrastructure to manage the proposed expansion.

Feedback on my previous submission included that it failed to take into account the impacts and concerns of the residents of Osborn Road, Normanhurst and the several streets that rely upon Osborn Road as the only access to their homes. I consider this feedback to be of substance and the concerns and interests of the Osborn Road impacted residents add to and do not derogate in any way from the matters raised in my previous submission.

The residents who rely upon Mt Pleasant Avenue and Osborn Road, Normanhurst for the only ingress and egress to their homes, do so via Pennant Hills Rd. Mt Pleasant Avenue and Osborn Road are on parallel sides of The School and each are a kind of peninsula as a consequence. The residents tell me this is highly significant because there is no way for them to access their homes other than through the increase in traffic to and from The School by reason of the proposal.

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Residents have, in the past, contacted me with concerns about existing access, parking and safety on their streets due to school traffic. Osborn Road and Mount Pleasant Avenue are narrow residential streets and during peak school pick up and drop off times and Saturday sport, residents report long traffic queues which block access to their homes and delay their travel. Problems have been reported to me already of the inability of the garbage collection to navigate the narrowness of the streets given the number of parked cars associated with The School. Residents suggest that these existing traffic issues should be addressed before there is any increase in student numbers.

Whilst I note that The School's revised plans have made a number of modifications to car parking, pick up and drop off arrangements and bus service capacity, residents are not convinced, given the issues they already experience, that these measures will alleviate the impact of The School's projected enrolment growth on local streets.

The resident's submissions I have seen suggest that residents believe the traffic plans are inadequate because:

- The increase in car spaces will encourage more traffic to The School;
- The School's Green Travel Plan is not enforceable;
- Queuing on Osborn Road and Mount Pleasant Avenue will continue to be significant at peak times and the intersections of these streets with Pennant Hills Rd are inadequate to deal with the proposed increases in traffic;
- Emergency Access to local streets will continue to be compromised at peak times;
- Loreto should bear the cost of improvements to local roads to alleviate congestion;
- Loreto's traffic analysis is flawed and should be redone using electronic means over a number of days.

Thank you for the further opportunity to represent the local residents near The School on this matter. I trust that the concerns raised by residents in their submissions will be taken into account during the assessment process to ensure that any further development of The School considers additional ways to improve safety, access and efficiency of the relevant local streets.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alister Henskens', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

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