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North Sydney 2060

Application ID: SSD-10473 (Marist Catholic College, North Sydney)

We OBJECT to the proposal in its current form:

- Document References: Environmental Impact Statement MCCNS_16Feb2021
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Appendix A - Architectural Drawings

Conservation Area Study for the Holtermann Estate Conservation Area, 1998

North Sydney DCP 2013

Hayberry Precinct Committee Minutes 29 October 2020

Reasons for Objection

We are mainly concerned that the proposed works in its present design will result in major traffic and parking problems in Carlow Street, Tucker Street and Cassins Lane.

The current egress for cars from the Marist site is from Miller and Ridge Streets. We understand that Marist Brothers school have been told that they would have to cease using the Miller Street exit as it is a main road. Under this proposal they want to maintain the Ridge Street entry and create a new entry/exit point on Carlow Street, leading to and from an underground carpark.

The Ridge Street entrance would be confined to K-2, so traffic there would decrease. The rest would enter and exit through Carlow Street, including 80 places in a proposed early learning centre. Parents would be required to drive into the basement, park and escort to drop-off, with the same occurring in reverse on departure.

This would create a significant new amount of traffic opposite the bottle shop on Carlow Street near the Miller Street traffic lights. Apparently the thinking is that those leaving would have to turn right. There are doubts whether that would work, as many would want to turn left and then right onto West Street.

The present traffic situation in Carlow Street on school days from 8:15 – 9:00am and 2:30 – 4:00pm is usually gridlock, making it impossible for residents to park or even exit the street on some days.

The majority of the vehicles clogging Carlow Street during these times are those dropping off or picking up students from North Sydney Boys High, as well as Marist students.

To date we have seen no mention of this current and future major contributor to Carlow St traffic congestion and it seems to have been either ignored or completely overlooked by the consultants engaged to plan traffic management for this project.

In summary, the Carlow Street traffic problem is already of serious concern with current student numbers at Marist and North Sydney Boys High but will become completely chaotic, unacceptable to residents and a major safety problem for students when those numbers greatly increase as projected in future years.

The residents of Carlow Street are not looking forward to the estimated 4-year construction period and are extremely concerned by the inevitable increase in heavy construction vehicle traffic, the loss of already scarce and limited resident parking spaces to commuting construction workers, service and delivery vehicles. We have not seen anything in the proposal which addresses these issues.

We therefore insist on further detailed Council and community engagement with traffic consultants for the NSCEP plan with regard to the impact of entry and egress plans for Ridge and Carlow Streets and their impacts on traffic flows and pedestrian safety on Carlow, Ridge and West Streets, noting the increased congestion on local roads caused by COVID-19 and the future impact of Western Harbour Tunnel traffic flows on Miller and West Streets.
