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To: the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment

cc. Rob Stokes; Victor Dominello; Jerome Laxale; Sarah Mitchell

From: Jemma Rollo (B.Psych. Hons; M Bioethics) @ 71 Forsyth St, West Ryde 2114

Re: Exhibition of Modification Request for the Meadowbank Education Precinct Schools Project, 2 Rhodes St, Meadowbank (SSD-9343-Mod-3)

I strongly object to all modifications of this proposal, namely the extension of operating hours.

This proposed extension would effectively mean that the work site would have operating hours of 6am-10pm Monday to Friday, Saturdays 6am-4pm and Sunday 6am-4pm. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE.

I object to this extension because:

- The current hours of operation are already too long, too noisy, and too obtrusive in our lives.
- We live in (what is normally) a quiet residential area- this construction is already industrial-scale and out of keeping with the zoning in which we live.
- The current hours are already beyond what we (the residents) find acceptable. My understanding is that they were extended due to COVID spacing requirements on worksites limiting progress, but this is no longer the case. The current hours should be REDUCED not increased.
- We should not have ANY construction on Saturdays or Sundays, and work should start at 7am and finish at 4pm on weekdays.
- I would like to be able to open the windows of my house and not have constant industrial noise and dust.
- I would like to be able to watch TV without the volume up high due to noise.
- I would like to have friends and family to my home of the weekends without industrial noise making it impossible to hear each other clearly in the backyard.
- I want to be able to have a cup of tea in peace outdoors in the morning.
- I want to be able to have a conversation with my partner in my backyard without having to shout over the noise.
- I want my children to be able to play in my backyard and on the street without the constant noise.
- This construction project is taking a toll on the mental health and wellbeing of the residents in our street (and, I assume others). Constant noise is agitating, stressful and makes living a normal life difficult.
- Completing the construction at breakneck speed should be secondary to ensuring the wellbeing of the residents in the area.

PLEASE DO NOT INCREASE THESE HOURS IT IS ALREADY TOO STRESSFUL HAVING THIS MUCH NOISE!!!!!!

I don't know how to make it clearer: this proposal is completely unacceptable! Please REDUCE current operating hours instead.