

1. I am a student attending a nearby school and every morning I must walk to and from school, passing through CWPS. It is the only way for me to get to school, so this large-scale construction project would be extremely inconvenient and unsafe for me.
2. CWPS is located next to CHS and JRAHS, two large high schools. As currently observable, there is an extremely large amount of both vehicle and pedestrian traffic every day, particularly during school hours. The presence of this large construction project would not only inconvenience those travelling around this area, but also increase the traffic even more, creating more congestion and more opportunity for pedestrian accidents, especially involving young children who attend CWPS.
3. CWPS is already an extremely large school with many students - many more than the average public school. As a former student who lives in the area and has seen the environment, I know CWPS currently does not have room to facilitate not only this construction project (as the construction zone will most definitely occupy a large area), but it does not have enough room to facilitate the addition of so many more students. If 2400 students, or more, are enrolled in the school, there will most definitely be a need for increased learning infrastructure. Recent additions of buildings and demountables have already reduced the amount of green space available for CWPS students to play in, and the addition of even more infrastructure will only continue to obstruct young students from playing outdoors and interacting with their natural environment, which will most definitely be detrimental to their learning mindsets, mental health, and overall wellbeing.
4. As a former student, I am also aware that many students enrolling at CWPS often use borrowed addresses to enrol so that they are considered to be living in the catchment area. If the school is seeking to reduce the traffic and congestion surrounding CWPS, it is definitely necessary to reduce the catchment size significantly and/or seek another way to prevent dishonest enrolments.
5. The addition of a carpark may reduce traffic congestion for CWPS staff, but this is not an effective way to reduce the overall congestion, as the increased enrolment numbers will increase the net flow of traffic to and from the school. In fact, during the construction of the carpark, this will create even more congestion as traffic will have to move slower around the site to prevent accidents.
6. Currently, on both sides of CWPS, there are always extremely long lines of traffic in the mornings and afternoons as parents wait to drop off/pick up their children. During the week, my family members often have to leave the house half an hour earlier to compensate for the time lost waiting for traffic to decrease, as the long queues of cars often trap us near our house and we must wait for a long time until we can get out of this small area. Allowing more students to enrol in CWPS will only lengthen these lines of traffic, making it even more inconvenient for local residents to commute.
7. Carlingford is becoming an increasingly dense suburb, and new high rises and apartment buildings are being constructed every day. This construction project will only contribute to the pollution of the local environment, which is already being damaged by those current infrastructure projects. Not only will this reduce the liveability of the area, it will also harm ecosystems in nearby environments such as Balaka Falls and the Hunts Creek Reserve.
8. The area in which CWPS is located is a quiet neighbourhood, and although many young families live in the area, many elderly couples also live in this area. Not only will this construction project disrupt the peace and tranquillity of the neighbourhood, it will delay emergency vehicles from reaching their homes for assistance, which could cost some their life.