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To the attention of:

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<https://majorprojects.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects/have-your-say>

I have read through the material available on the NSW Government Planning Portal and would have expected the NSW Government and Parramatta Council to take a strong interest in the major existing traffic/parking issues around access points to the school. The traffic management and accessibility section of Appendix 25 - Social Impact Assessment/Engagement Outcomes, p14 - adequately reflects all the current issues and concerns of residents, including myself. I live on the **west** side of the school and I am already seriously affected by traffic congestion issues on both mornings and afternoons during school drop-off/pick-up times.

Yet the proposal does nothing to address any of these concerns. With the main access to the school to be changed from Felton Rd East to Felton Rd West, there will be even more traffic coming through this side of the school, which will only exacerbate the current critical traffic problems, with no adequate solution offered to solve any of these issues. Only a bus school system and limited access to the school entrances (i.e. restricting parental car access during the main morning drop-off and pick-up times, and only allowing staff and delivery vehicles) will provide a solution to the current and projected traffic congestion issues. While this may sound like a radical alternative, I fail to see any other viable, practical option to fix the current and future traffic issues around this area.

The installation of a set of traffic lights at the intersection of Pennant Hills Rd and Westminster Ave has compounded this congestion (all that was really required was a set of pedestrian traffic lights on Pennant Hills Rd for the safety of pedestrians), with queues now snaking back all the way from the top of Felton Rd West to the start of Westminster Ave as cars drive away from the school after dropping off/picking up their children.

I do expect my comments to be given serious and due consideration and that steps will be taken to more thoroughly and adequately manage a solution to the above-mentioned traffic congestion issues.

Yours sincerely