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MEEP - Schools Project Modification

(SSD-9343-Mod-4) (Reference No. PAE-31458957)

I strongly object to the proposed deletion of the public domain works, footpaths, pedestrian infrastructure upgrades, pedestrian crossing and extension of construction work hours.

Strong representations have been made by residents and the Meadowbank Public and Marsden High School P&C Groups in relation to inadequate infrastructure such as footpath, cycle ways and pedestrian crossings and connectivity for safety of the students. It is reasonable for local Communities to expect the necessary upgrades to infrastructure when new schools are built to allow children to safely access those schools.

In the early stages of the project, the Dept indicated that the new school would be supported by the necessary infrastructure, such as pedestrian access and the necessary upgrades required to support the schools. This modification application is watering down those needs identified in the initial assessment. These works are being abandoned by the state government to the detriment of the community and the students. The risks to the safety of school children and others travelling within the precinct are too great. These infrastructure upgrades need to be completed.

With the overdevelopment of the Meadowbank area, the increase in the volume of cars and traffic in the local streets is at colossal proportions. There has been no upgrades to roads, footpaths or cycleways and the streets are at breaking point. With the impending opening of the new primary and high schools, pedestrian as well as vehicle and bus traffic will increase further, making the upgrades to public domain works, footpaths, pedestrian infrastructure upgrades and pedestrian crossings critical.

These upgrades cannot be watered down under any circumstances and I vehemently object to this Modification.

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Local Resident