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Re: State Significant Development - International Chinese School SSD-10260

Major Projects,  
Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment,  
NSW Government,

My wife and I are writing to show our support for the relocation of the International Chinese School (ICS) to 211 Pacific Highway in St Leonards. We have lived in Chinese speaking countries (Hong Kong & Singapore) for the last 12 years and are keen to maintain this link have recently relocated back to Sydney. Both my wife and I feel a strong sense of identity with Hong Kong and with aspects of Chinese culture. We really value the learning that bi-lingual education provides and the benefit this provides to society in terms of cultural awareness and tolerance, a virtue which is needed by all. Our children have been exposed to many different cultures and people through their time at bi-lingual education facilities in Singapore and we're keen to continue that notwithstanding there are good schools nearer to where we live.

We believe facilities such as the ICS are an asset to the community providing children and families with enhanced educational opportunities. The location of the school, the school environment (indoors and outdoors) and the quality of the education are all factors which we have taken into consideration in enrolling our children at ICS.

We understand from ICS that they've been looking for a suitable location for a while now and are really keen to relocate in 2020 to the proposed site at 211 Pacific Highway as a future home which will allow them to grow and expand their offerings, which are currently constrained by the current premises. We are likewise keen for this to occur so that we can offer our children a great bi-lingual education in the multicultural society that is Australia.

In short, we ask you to approve this proposal so all families can make appropriate plans for the 2020 academic school year and to allow the school and teaching staff to focus on the students and their welfare. Please help in removing the uncertainty of not knowing where the school will be located or even if ICS will be able to provide education to our children.

Yours Sincerely

Lyndon Wheeler (Father of a 7 yr old daughter and 5 yr old son)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lyndon Wheeler', with a stylized, flowing script.