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Dear Minister and Planning Department

I ask that the SSD 10260 for the International Chinese School is rejected.

I am a senior citizen and this development will affect me and my views have not been considered.

As a senior citizen I find this development unreasonable as it takes away amenities and facilities that I rely upon. This development will make living in St Leonards more challenging.

We already have enough high density in this part of the St Leonards which even affects the Greenwich area and many other streets. More high rise developments will result in more pressure on facilities. Amenities will be greatly reduced and when amenities are lost they are lost forever.

Public transport such as trains and buses do not serve the area well and are full at peak times. The new Metro in Crows Nest is insufficient to cope with the increase in the high density already planned as it is farther away for us and it can hardly manage to deal with the current overcrowding. The State government will not be able to resolve all these issues and the residents (especially the elderly residents) will be severely disadvantaged. So we will have to endure reduced services for a long time.

The process of consultation is invalid and we have the right to make further submissions. The development plans presented still have a number of issues and do not address the underlying problems that the community is facing.

I currently live in a community where I walk around I hear the residents expressing outcry over this development.

As a senior citizen I find this plan is ridiculous as it takes away amenities and facilities that I rely upon. There are narrow sidewalks, unsafe and hazardous streets with traffic and cars. This plan will not improve this but make it worst.

Every day I have to cautiously manoeuvre the peak morning traffic of cars and pedestrians with narrow badly surfaced sidewalks.

We already have enough high density in the St Leonards area which even affects Greenwich area. Our streets cannot support the additional traffic. Just try to drive on Berry Road or Pacific Highway in the morning. It is a line of parked cars!

There are no other real outlets from Berry Road and the streets surrounding are always not easy to walk along.

The streets and the Pacific Highway are heavily congested at times daily under the best of circumstances. The traffic is always bad. All the people in my street and the people I know have 2 cars in their house. This will make traffic even worse. There is no good solution offered to resolve these issues in this plan.

The fire department could be blocked and emergency response to the area delayed due to additional traffic and more cars. Also delays in emergency response to the schools and other neighbourhoods.

Trains and buses do not serve the area well and are full at peak times. The State government will not likely be able to resolve all these issues, as you claim.

The Gore Hill memorial Cemetery was established since 1868 is one of the oldest and largest remaining cemeteries in metropolitan Sydney a National Heritage Site. We should be working on the preservation of the spiritual, historical and social significance of the cemetery not building a school on top of it. The school will affect the importance and standing of the heritage status in the community.

There are other concerns and some of these are:

- 1) increasing congestion at a bottleneck as all streets have limited access routes
- 2) increasing parking congestion in the area including the very real possibility of blocking entrances of on a daily basis
- 3) given that the additional traffic will increase the likelihood of an accident involving a child on one of the safe routes to school
- 4) More noise, odour and dust from the additional vehicles and buses to cater for the extra density
- 5) more and more people use cars and car companies studies is proof of this
- 6) amenities will be greatly reduced and when amenities are lost they are lost forever
- 7) there are not enough parks and play grounds in the area
- 8) open space is decreasing

There will be more cars from the School especially service and utility cars as well as visitors and this plan does not consider the impact of more people.

There are not enough large open parks and places for recreation in our area. Every morning mothers with small children walking children in strollers in the street, as well as dog owners walking their dogs and many children on Bicycles compete with many cars for the space. Now multiply this with more cars and people due to more high density.

I think it is time for the Minister to think of the long term effects on the residents

Therefore please reject this development.

Regards