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

Major Projects,

Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment,

NSW Government,

I write to express my support for the International Chinese School proposed relocation to 211 Pacific Highway, St Leonard's.

My name is Corin and I am married to Elisa. We have four children and at present our 8 year-old and 5 year-old sons both attend the International Chinese School in Chatswood. Our boys are flourishing at ICS as the teachers are supportive and try to bring out the best in the children. As parents we do not know much mandarin but as a result of attending the school the boys are able to speak, read and write in both English and Mandarin. It is a delight to hear our boys singing and talking in Mandarin even though we don't always know what they are saying. The community of parents at ICS is warm and embracing and we have made many friends.

211 Pacific Highway is a great location for the school because it is close to St Leonard's train station making it easy for me to drop the boys to school and then take the train into the city. Also our boys are very active and love to play soccer so the proximity to the Gore Hill oval will mean they can kick a ball around after school. We also have a two year-old toddler and so it will be lovely to take him to the playground near the school on days when he comes to drop off. We also appreciate the proximity to Lane Cove where my wife works and does most of her errands like grocery shopping, attending the gym and banking.

We are aware that ICS urgently needs a new premises. We believe that the site in St. Leonards offers ICS what it needs both now and into the future.

ICS will greatly benefit the local area by offering a Christian bi-lingual education. We hope for a timely approval so that the students will be able to start at their new building in 2020.

Yours Sincerely

Corin Schut