

In 2015 I was excited to move with my family close to a new school being planned adjacent to the Lane Cove National Park. I attended community meetings prior to the construction of the school where I was shown the intended plans. Now I learn that things have changed significantly in relation to traffic flow surrounding the school.

So, I need to write and lodge a formal objection to the proposed Stages 2 and 3 of Lindfield Learning Village (LLV), and to ask you to consider much more sustainable suggestions put to you by our Owner's Corporation Committee and other local residents.

Apparently there will be 350 cars and 14 buses down Dunstan Grove from 7.30am to 9.30am and again between 2.30pm and 5.00pm. The numbers are not realistic for a school of 2000 students and it appears that Schools Infrastructure have used assumptions that minimise these figures so as not to cause alarm. Well, I am alarmed that heavy vehicles and a large number of cars will travel down a curved road that is little more than a laneway and represents the sole access for 129 apartments.

I request that you please respond to this submission as well as those submissions provided by the Dunstan Grove owner's corporation and other residents. Please look at less complex and invasive alternatives that use or enhance the existing bus loop – it was put there for buses after all.

### **Safety**

To get to the school or bus stop, all residents including our children must cross Dunstan Grove at an unmarked crossing on a blind corner because the footpath ends. This is already dangerous with a small number cars, but would be a recipe for serious injury with the proposed traffic mix of large buses and drop off traffic. There is nothing proposed that will deal with this risk.

Dunstan Grove is a narrow windy road built for limited access – it used to be for the University tennis courts. The buses in the proposal are large – up to 14 metres or more. They will cross the double lines due to the way they swing out on curves and intersections because Dunstan Grove was never intended for heavy vehicles. This is blindingly obvious given that cars regularly cross the centre line already. Updated proposals to do token widening in a few spots don't fully address the issue make things more dangerous for pedestrians.

The local community centre car park requires cars to reverse out at right angles to the Dunstan Grove traffic. Reversing cars, a narrow roadway, school children on foot and heavy vehicle traffic all together – it does not appear that this loop road proposal has been given sufficient consideration.

A traffic gate is proposed close to our drive way. It will only open at certain times. People in a hurry will queue at that gate to get their drop-offs and pickups done early and quickly. They will either block our drive way, queue up Dunstan Grove or both. It's complicated, will have unintended consequences, and is not needed if existing infrastructure is reused and modified where necessary.

In summary, Schools Infrastructure is endangering the Dunstan Grove community, and will cause significant road safety issues and increased congestion. Our Owners Corporation has made several suggestions that further enhances the eastern side of the school, where large car parks and pickup/drop off access is already located. These suggested access options are either within the school boundary or in conjunction with modifications to an existing bus loop built for the purpose.

### **Construction Period**

During Stage 1 construction, our drive way was blocked every day. It was noisy and I was often delayed by up to 10 minutes. Dunstan Grove is now being proposed as the main site entrance for Stage 2 and 3 – it was only a secondary entrance before. So, it's going to be much worse. Please consider using the current Eastern access to the school as the main site entrance, not our driveway.

### **Demolishing Part of the School**

When Dunstan Grove was being constructed I questioned the amount of off-form concrete in the design and was told that it was intended that way to blend in with the UTS (now LLV) which had won some significant award. I understand it is being considered for heritage status of some type also. I am certain that no reasonable person would expect that part of this significant building would be destroyed for a roadway to carry heavy vehicles adjacent to a National Park(!). I also understand that Ku-ring-gai council environmental zoning restrictions need to be overridden to implement Schools Infrastructure proposal.

### **Noise Report**

The noise report associated with this proposal does not consider anything outside the school boundary even though there are major impacts to the adjacent community (a thousand vehicles a day including buses driving right past our homes, for example!). We chose homes adjacent to a National Park because of the natural setting. Any kind of independent noise report is going to consider this.

### **Conclusion**

I respectfully request that you consider my point of view and help me get a sensible response, and respond to the suggestions from our Owners Committee and my neighbours as well. I don't think it is necessary to destroy the character of our neighbourhood in order for us to have a harmonious relationship with our local school that we all support. Please consider the alternatives.