

To whom it may concern:

Re: Proposed Moriah College Expansion

I am the owner of and reside with my family at 35 York Road, Queens Park.

I object to the proposed expansion of Moriah College for the following reasons:

1. Since the commencement of construction of the Eastern Suburbs light rail, traffic density in the Queens Park environment has increased significantly as residents of Clovelly, Bronte and other surrounding suburbs sought to avoid the construction zone around UNSW, Randwick Racecourse, Alison Road and Anzac Parade. This density did not fall away after construction was completed and the light rail commenced testing and operating trams on the new route, presumably because of the lengthy delays caused to vehicular traffic by trams, especially around Randwick Racecourse and the tram depot.
2. Traffic congestion is already a major problem, particularly between 7.30am and 9.30am and later in the afternoons. There is an almost continuous flow of traffic blocking local streets at peak times generated by Moriah College student drop-offs and pick-ups.
3. A particular concern is the intersection of York Road and Buronga Avenue which is already congested and becomes critically so during school drop-off and pick-up times. Increased student numbers at Moriah will escalate congestion and consequential safety problems in this area.
4. Moriah College has failed to manage its own transport, traffic and parking plan (TTPP) for a long time, evidenced by the number of students, parents and staff vehicles parking daily in local streets - including the road ways in Centennial Park - contrary to the school's own TTPP. Additional student numbers at Moriah will exacerbate this problem.
5. Moriah College night time events are frequent, attract significant numbers of people and use local streets as a parking lot. This will only get worse for residents if the proposal goes ahead.
6. Pedestrian safety risks and general road safety risks will escalate as a result of increased traffic in local streets.
7. The streets of Queens Park have become 'traffic sewers' which is impacting friendly interaction between neighbours, resulting in a decreased sense of wellbeing, connectedness and security.
8. The visual amenity of Queens Park will be adversely impacted by the bulk of the proposed buildings.
9. Moriah College has submitted its proposal directly to the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment without appropriate review by the local municipality. Queens Park residents would like Waverley Council to

conduct its own independent and public traffic survey so that all stakeholders can better understand the impact on their neighbourhood and living environment.

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CC:

NSW Government, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces, Rob Stokes
Moriah College COO.

Urbis, Colby Crane

Waverley Council, General Manager

Queens Park Precinct, Simon Swift