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Mr Alan Bright Director Metropolitan & Regional Projects South NSW Department of Planning & Infrastructure 23-25 Bridge Street SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Bright,

## 396 Lane Cove Road and 1 Giffnock Avenue, Macquarie Park - MP09 0209 Preliminary objection to the proposed major project

I act for Sonic Healthcare of 14 Giffnock Avenue, Macquarie Park who objects to the Major Project proposal MP09\_0290 for 396 Lane Cove Road, Macquarie Park.

I will, on behalf of Sonic Healthcare, submit a detailed objection to the proposal by midday on Wednesday 23 May 2012. In the meantime, please register that Sonic Healthcare objects to the proposed development on the grounds that:

- The proposal is over double the floor space ratio that would normally be permitted for the site under Ryde Local Environmental Plan 2010;
- The locality already experiences major traffic congestion during peak periods. The proposed degree of overdevelopment will exacerbate that traffic congestion;
- The benefits of the proposal are insufficient to justify the traffic-related impacts;
- The traffic-related impacts will particularly impact upon Sonic Healthcare's ability to carry out its pathology business because of interference to pathology deliveries to its laboratories and associated deterioration of pathology samples. This will adversely affect the health system within the Sydney Metropolitan Area, given the scale of Sonic Healthcare's pathology business;
- The justification provided by the proponent for the proposed scale of the development is not considered to be well-founded.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully,

Matthew Benson

Principal - MB Town Planning