Ben Eveleigh - Fwd: Attention: Director, Government Land and Social Projects re Greythwaite

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Attention: Director, Government Land and Social Projects
Ref: MP10_0149 & MP10_0150 (I note your letter repeats 0149 as your our ref)

Dear Sirs,

Please imagine for one moment that you live in North Sydney near Graythwaite and have done so for the past eight years.

That each day as you pass by Graythwaite you feel grateful for the open green space in an otherwise built up congested area so close to the CBD.

The reason for this email is that I do not have to imagine the above. I am one such local resident. One of many who really care about what happens to Graythwaite. As a publicly owned site I believe it belonged to the people and should still remain in their hands. We feel very strongly that it should remain open space.

Please note my objection to the proposal.

In short my objection is based on:

- 1. The disruption to traffic flow that would be caused by 500 additional pupils and 50 additional staff.
- 2. The size and scale of the proposed building works.
- 3. The loss of open green space.
- 4. The lack of open, transparent consultation with residents.
- 5. A funding solution was offered by the Federal Government, one which would have allowed for open space to remain. This has been ignored in the interest of a wealthy private institution.

I also write to express my dismay and disappointment that it was only on Friday, 18th February, that I received your letter, dated 17th January but postmarked one month later 17th February (Your ref: MP10_0149 &

MP10 0149), outlining in your words a **major** project - "Exhibition of Environmental Assessment for the extension of Shore School on the Graythwaite Site - Concept Plan...." Your letter gives the deadline for submissions as being Monday 28th February. Exactly one working week from the date of receipt of your notice. This is unacceptable.

Having been at the heart of a long approval process for the preservation and adaptive reuse of The Bathers Pavilion at Balmoral for ten years I fully understand the value public consultation can made towards a viable outcome, the guidelines for public consultation and am alarmed at only being given one working week to make a worthwhile submission. Also to your reference that this is a Stage 1 Project Application - please explain what else may yet be to come.

I look forward to your confirmation of receipt of this email and to learning that the deadline for submissions has been extended. Yours faithfully, Victoria Alexander

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