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Attention:

Director

Government Land and Social Projects

Major Projects Assessment Dept of Planning GPO Box 39 Sydney NSW 2001

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SUBMISSION IN OBJECTION TO:

Application Name:

Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore)

Extension of Shore School onto Graythwaite Site

Application Number: Concept Plan (MP10_0149) and Stage 1 Project Application (MP10_0150)

SUBMITTED BY:

Woollahra NSW 2025

Suppression of Name

I do not want my name to be made available to the Proponent, other interested public authorities or on the Department's website

I hereby declare that I have made no political donations in the past two years.

Dated: 03 March 2011

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The Director
Government Land and Social Projects
Department of Planning
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2011

RE: Concept Plan (MP10 0149) and Stage 1 Project Application (MP10 0150)

Dear Director

I hereby register my objection to the above application for the following reasons.

Impact on Bank Street Residences

My sister and her family reside in Bank Street and their back fence borders onto Graythwaite and as such will be directly and negatively impacted on to a huge extent, by the proposed West Building.

I have spent up to 8 weeks per year for the past 15 years, living in this house to provide house and pet minding services to my sisterand am extremely familiar with the site, the area and the negative impact this development will create.

I work from home and while staying at Bank Street I set up my office with computer and other requirements in the downstairs living room. This is a glassed area which looks into the Graythwaite land.

If this West building is allowed to be built, it will completely overshadow and overlook the back of the house. Therefore, I will potentially have 400 young boys looking in at me while I carry out my work and normal daily activities.

The house has been architecturally designed to capture and maximize the magnificent natural surroundings, in particular that of the Graythwaite site, which provides a wonderful natural ambiance to the locale, not just for this home but for the entire area. This design also maximizes natural light and ventilation to reduce energy use and the resulting impact on carbon emissions.

I spend a lot of time in the outdoor areas at the back of the house, in the courtyard, in the swimming pool, playing with the dog in the backyard and greatly appreciate the natural environment that his tract of land provides to the area. There is a wealth of birdlife and this past summer I have noticed a great increase in the number of butterflies as well.

It is a rare urban green space and just about the only green area in what, east of this site, is fast becoming a concrete jungle.

Much of this home is comprised of glassed areas and if this proposal is allowed to proceed the impact on the privacy of people in this home, including myself, is completely unacceptable. Walking down the stairs of the glassed atrium sometimes in my nightwear, working at the table, relaxing in the living room reading or watching TV, eating meals at the dining table, having a coffee or drink in the courtyard.....all normal daily activities which a person would realistically expect to carry out in a family home with an acceptable degree of privacy, will all potentially will be under the gaze of up to 400 boys, as will my exercise and recreation time spent in the swimming pool.

As a middle aged woman, I find this prospect extremely unnerving and very embarrassing.

This proposal cannot be allowed to proceed as its impact on the privacy of the neighbouring residences, the overshadowing of the buildings, the destroying of the natural environment and the potential noise is completely unacceptable.

Impact on Local Traffic and Parking

I have clients in North Sydney and regular travel to the area on business, some times up to three times week.

Parking in North Sydney is already extremely difficult. I drive around Edward Street, Lord Street, Bay Road, Bank Street and Toongara Road to find a 2 hour zone within walking distance to my client's premises and it can take me 15-30 minutes to devea space, if at all.

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These are all areas within a short walk of the shore school and areas which students and visitors to Shore also utilise for parking.

Students and visitors to Shore school already have an impact on the parking situation and any increase to the amount of cars coming into the area will make the situation even more untenable and make it virtual impossible for people like myself to conduct business in the area.

Removal Of Trees

I understand the proposal includes the removal of approximately 85 trees.

In a time when the entire world is focusing on climate change and the impact of the environment, how can anyone in their right mind consider willfully destroying that many trees for no positive benefit to the community.

Significance of the Site

The Graythwaite site is of great historic and cultural significance and I agree with the proposal to conserve the heritage buildings and I feel the owners should also conserve and preserve the natural environment on the rest of the site and not construct any new buildings on the site.

The impact of the new buildings and such a major expansion of the school is unacceptable. This is an item of State and National heritage significance and must be properly protected for future generations

The application also fails to include an adopted conservation management plan.

I understand that all previous plans and policies regarding this site stated that no new development was to occur.

I request that the Minister hold a public inquiry as permitted under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act before making any decision.

