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Submission
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Mr Mark Brown
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Dear Mr. Brown,

**Re: Exhibition of a Concept Plan for the Australian Catholic University,
Strathfield Campus, Strathfield (MP10_0231)**

We would like to formally submit our objections to the Australian Catholic University Concept (MP10_0231) and list the following reasons:

Notification & Consultation

Under the Director-General's Requirements Section 75F of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, "Key Issues Number 20" Consultation.

"Undertake an appropriate and justified level of consultation in accordance with the Department's Major Project Community Consultation Guidelines October 2007, in particular surrounding residences and Strathfield Municipal Council".

The first notice we received (in Newton Road) of this plan was NSW government Planning and Infrastructure letter dated January 16, 2012 signed by Mr. Alan Bright (A/Director, Metropolitan & Regional Projects South).

In our view, notification and consultation has been inadequate and untimely and lacking in detail. We did not receive this letter until after January 16 and it has only been since that time that we the community are becoming aware of the full ramifications of the ACU proposal. This has been made much more difficult because so much of the information that we now have been able to obtain about the proposal from the ACU itself (website) and its consultants, eg ARUP consultants has been inconsistent and incomprehensible. For instance, despite all the information we have been able to obtain we are still uncertain as to the current student enrolments at the Strathfield Campus, the current staff employed there as well as the current staff and student parking numbers on site. We are also unclear as to the number of students proposed and the car parking on site. We (the residents) are required to consider in a matter of 6-7 weeks a proposal which could be detrimental not only to the immediate surrounding house owners in the area but also to the whole suburb. Of major concern is the lack of clarity about what is proposed in each of the proposed development precincts. They're built form and proximity to Barker Road. These are important and critical questions.

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Because of this, we feel the community and residents should be allocated additional time to fully understand all the implications of this proposal not only in the short term but also for the future.

The Australian Catholic University has obviously considered this Concept Plan and proposal over many, many months and indeed perhaps years. For the Department of Planning and Infrastructure to now ask residents effected to concur to this Plan without close scrutiny is unfair.

Strathfield the Educational Suburb; Traffic Impacts

Residents of Strathfield have lived in harmony for many years with numerous educational institutions, which lie in the immediate Strathfield area or just outside it (please refer to the Attachment from Strathfield Council listing all the educational institutions currently in the Municipality). This list, of course does not include Pre-schools or day care centres or the primary Catholic School Santa Maria Del Monte which is located in the Boulevard Strathfield. The traffic Strathfield residents endure day in and day out from all these educational institutions already presents a massive problem to the area and additional cars infiltrating the area would increase this problem. It is unreasonable therefore to ignore the cumulative impact of this proposal current and into the future.

Spoiling the Urban Landscape

The Australian Catholic University seeks approval for six building envelopes between two and four storeys in height. Why should the ACU be permitted to build anything higher than two storeys in what is effectively a residential area? Currently all new house builders in Strathfield are only permitted to build two storey residences in a "2A" residential area and this rule has been enforced for many, many years by Strathfield Council and has also applied to institutions within residential areas, eg, private hospitals, nursing homes and educational institutions. The Department of Planning and Infrastructure would be creating a precedent if approval to this proposal were to proceed. Indeed, it would open up a "can of worms" and developers would find it attractive to build multi-storey apartments and units, which would totally destroy this beautiful, old and unique suburb.

To quote from the ACU's submission:

"The surrounding land uses are predominantly single residential dwellings".

It is important that this streetscape be maintained. Set backs and heights on the Barker Road frontage should be no more than 2 storeys with a set back of not less than and preferably more than the heritage Hinchcliffe Building.

**This should be a condition of any future consent. Additionally, there are concerns about landscaping to Barker Road. It is believed that some of the fully developed tree cover will be removed. We feel this will be detrimental to the Barker Road streetscape and will increase the intrusiveness of the development on the local area.

History and Heritage

Strathfield is rich in history, was one of the first suburbs of Sydney and the first parcel of land in Strathfield was granted in 1808. Since then, it has undergone many adverse changes, but this proposal put forward by the ACU will probably ruin the suburb forever.

There are at least two heritage-listed buildings on the site. It is absolutely critical that any new built forms respect these buildings. Most particularly, that the status of the Hinchcliffe Building as a landmark to Barker Road be preserved and that anything to the west and east of this building be compatible in architectural style

Over-Intensification of the Site

Residents have outlaid hundreds of thousands of dollars to purchase and/or build their properties and to beautify them and the ACU with its commercial expansionary ideas could jeopardise house values. After all who would want to purchase a house with so much traffic and activity in the area and over intensification of the site with its related parking problems overflowing onto the streets. The "Land to Student Ratio" shows the following:

	5 Hectares to 3600 Students
Proposal	5 Hectares to 4,800 Students
This Equals	1 Hectare for 960 Students
Macquarie University	1 Hectare for 190 Students
University of Western Sydney	1 Hectare for 19 Students
Resulting in over intensification of the site	

Future Growth of the ACU – When Will This All End??

Residents deserve some clarity in any future approval regarding total student, staff and parking numbers approved over the **WHOLE SITE**, that is the parcels of land referred to in the current Concept Plan and the Clancy building site. Only then will residents have assurances that there is an actual cap of numbers on the site. It is critical that any future approval nominate specifically number of enrolments approved for the whole of site, the total number of students approved on the whole site at any one time, the total number of staff approved for the whole site, the total number of parking spaces for students, for staff, and for servicing the site as well as any parking spaces allocated formally to St Patrick's College and wherever these parking spaces are located. There must be a high degree of specificity in any future development approval.

Residents should be assured that some regular monitoring processes are in place that are publicly accessible and accountable regarding students, staff and parking numbers on site. With respect to car parking, it could be reasonably expected that a regular audit be undertaken of both on-site and on-street parking.

On-Street Parking (3.8.1)

Following on from community consultation it was revealed that residents in the following streets were not advised of the planned 2-hour parking – Allenby Crescent, Albert, Oxford, Barker, Marion, Newton, Heyde and Dickson Streets. In its proposal, the ACU has stated under the heading (5.5) Public Transport, Pedestrian and Cyclist Impacts. *"The proposed development will have no adverse impact to the existing public transport facilities, pedestrians and cyclists."*

In fact it would be highly desirable that there be an increased demand for public transport by students and staff alike. And there should be positive strategies to encourage this. This would then reduce the demand for on-street parking or alternatively provide an environment, which would permit the introduction of "Residents Only Parking".

Residents of the above-mentioned streets are adversely effected already by students parking. In addition to the streets mentioned above, student parking has spread to South, Myee, Firth, Wilson, Myrna, Chalmers, Marion, Newton and many more streets. This, together with the increased building activity has made on-street parking very competitive and effectively discriminating against residents.

To propose restricted parking is ridiculous and inequitable and unnecessary. How can it be explained that restrictive parking should be introduced when the proposal claims further provision of on-site parking to take the pressure off the surrounding streets? Additionally under this proposal, why is one side of the street favoured more, than the other, and why, after all, should residents subsidise the ACU with their parking requirements.

Traffic Problems

In its submission, (3.2 Road Network and Traffic Data) the ACU and its consultants have minimised traffic flows in and through the Municipality. All photographs in the submission are not truly representative of the situation on the ground. The surveys undertaken in May and July of 2011 are not indicative of the number of cars normally parked on our roads.

The first survey (26/5/2011) was done the last week of the university term and one must conclude that most students would have been away studying for their exams. The second survey (30/5/2011) the first day of the exam period – again not all students sit for exams on the same day so the parked cars and traffic flow was not indicative of normal conditions. The third survey (26/7/2011) the first week of Term 3 – again not all students would have been scheduled for courses in that first week.

The information regarding traffic volume as outlined in the submission is not correct. Indeed Appendix 'A' of Traffic Survey Data is flawed because Wallis Avenue Traffic was not even taken into account. A third of the traffic into Barker is from Wallis Avenue. On most days during peak hours, streets such as Barker, Wallis, Redmyre, Raw Square, Arthur and Pemberton are considered alternative traffic routes and flow-through roads. Traffic on these roads is already significant and particularly heavy at Arthur Street, Raw

Square and Strathfield station. Traffic wishing to use Parramatta Road, Centenary Drive, Homebush Bay Drive, the M4 Motorway and Concord Road are all required to go through either the Boulevard and Raw Square, Wallis Avenue, Barker Road and Pemberton and Arthur Streets. This traffic is in addition to local and outside vehicles coming into Strathfield for those attending educational institutions already mentioned previously in this letter.

The following is an extract from the ACU's submission under (3.2); ***"As per 2005 RTA's traffic count, Arthur Street, at east of Pemberton Street, carried 15,860 vehicles per day."*** These vehicles have all come through Strathfield streets prior to accessing Arthur Street.

Since 2005, traffic on Arthur Street has increased and the flow-through has come from Barker, Wallis, Homebush, Redmyre, Raw Square, Pemberton etc.

To further quote the ACU's submission (3.2) ***"All the above roads carry a significant amount of school traffic due to a number of major schools in the locality"***. This is perfectly true and not given sufficient recognition.

Acoustic Assessment

We refer to the acoustic assessment compiled by Acoustic Studio (Stanmore NSW) regarding the noise levels generated by the submission proposed by the ACU.

An extract from the Executive Summary of this report reads:

"Noise levels from demolition and construction activities will be controlled to comply with the criteria. A demolition and construction noise management plan to achieve this has been included in this report, and no noise impact is anticipated with the implementation of this plan."

This is an unrealistic conclusion and obviously has been made by someone who has not experienced or been exposed to the activities related to demolition, building and construction. Newton Road has had what one may consider a total renewal with possibly every second house demolished and a new home built in its place. The noise generated by one house being built is enormous and on going. Whilst regulations prohibit builders and tradesmen from commencing before 7.00 am, very often preparations prior to that time are well underway with earth movers, cement trucks and the like await the starting time with noisy motors running - so noises start well before 7.00 am. In addition, tradesmen parking cars are noisy off loading their equipment, chatting amongst themselves - all this prior to starting work at 7.00 am.

Seldom is there in place a mechanism to complain and have the noise abated and it would be highly unlikely even with "a Construction Noise Management Plan" for the ACU that could be relied upon to actually work. And, who would be accountable?

Any development approval needs to consider the timing and staging of the development to minimise construction noise and its impact on the community. We question the approach

the ACU intends to take (if approval is given – and we hope it's not) to the staging and timing of the construction as proposed in their Concept Plan.

How long will it take?

How long will we have to put up with the construction noise?

Will all construction take place simultaneously?

Will the construction be done over several years and be an on-going irritation?

Of greater concern in the long term is noise from day to day site operation. The data from the acoustic noise assessment is unrepresented even of the current situation and not even considering the proposed expansion of activity on site.

The data was extracted on July 12, 2011 and we quote the report "***this was outside the normal teaching period.***" It is hardly representative or relevant.

While it is conceded that the noise generated by a university environment may be different from typical playground noise generated by primary and secondary school children, the reality is, that more buildings on site will mean more noise from air-conditioning units, more parking on site, will mean more opening and closing of car doors, more coming and going of student cars with the likelihood of loud music being played and highly audible. In addition, the major noise generated by students themselves is traditionally when entering and leaving lecture halls. Increased student numbers clearly must impact on noise levels – a fact not mentioned in the acoustic report.

Significantly, in addition is a concern about day to day site operational noise, especially that generated by waste-removal trucks and delivery trucks. The environmental report acknowledges there will be an increase in waste generated on site and in the need for delivery of goods and services. It is particularly important that any conditions of approval place limits on hours of delivery and times for waste removal that do not intrude upon residents' amenity.

The management of this waste is also of concern. Are we to expect unsightly rubbish on the street awaiting removal? This is relevant not only to day to day site operation post construction but obviously also during the construction phase however loooooooooooooooooong this may take.

We would appreciate your taking the several above concerns into consideration when deliberating on this application.

Yours faithfully,


Gewandt Family

Yours faithfully,


Sollazzo Family



Strathfield Municipal Council

Schools in Strathfield

Strathfield Council has a number of educational establishments within the Municipality. Below provides the contact details and information on schools and universities in the area. More information about each school should be obtained from contacting the relevant school.

Government Primary

Homebush Public School - Co- educational primary school for children K-6.
Rochester St, Homebush NSW 2140.
Phone: 9746 9171
Website: www.homebush-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Homebush West Public School - Co-educational primary school for children K-6.
Exeter Rd, Homebush West NSW 2140.
Phone: 9746 9304
Website: www.homebushw-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Strathfield South Public School - Co-educational primary school for children K-6.
457 Liverpool Road, Strathfield South NSW 2136.
Phone: 9642 1359
Website: www.strathfies-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

Chalmers Road Public School - A Department of Education & Training School for students 4 to 18 years with moderate and severe intellectual disabilities (includes Autism Spectrum Disorder).
23 Chalmers Road, Strathfield NSW 2135.
Phone: 9746 6202
Website: www.chalmersrd-s.schools.nsw.edu.au

Non-Government Primary

St Anne's Catholic School - Systemic Catholic school, administered by the Catholic Education Office Sydney, for children K-6.
St Anne's Square, Strathfield South NSW 2136
Phone: 9642 6149
Website: www.stastrathfield.catholic.edu.au

St Martha's Catholic School - Systemic Catholic primary school, administered by the Catholic Education Office Sydney, for girls K-6 and for boys K-4.

88 Churchill Avenue Strathfield NSW 2135.
Phone: 9764 1184
Website: www.stmstrathfield.catholic.edu.au

Trinity Grammar Preparatory School - Anglican primary school for boys pre-kindergarten to year 6.
115 The Boulevard, Strathfield NSW 2135
Phone: 8732 4600
Website: www.trinity.nsw.edu.au

Government Secondary

Homebush Boys High - Secondary school for boys years 7-12.
Bridge Road Homebush NSW 2140
Phone: 9764 3611
Website: www.homebushbo-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Strathfield Girls High School - Secondary school for girls years 7-12.
116 Albert Road, Strathfield NSW 2135
Phone: 9746 6990
Website: www.strathfiegh-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Strathfield South High School - Co-educational secondary school for years 7-12.
Hedges Ave, Strathfield NSW 2135.
Phone: 9642 4422
Website: www.strathfies-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

Non-Government

Meriden College - Anglican day school for girls from K-12.
10-12 Redmyre Road, Strathfield NSW 2135
Phone: 9752 9444
Website: www.meriden.nsw.edu.au

St Patrick's College, Strathfield - Independent Catholic boys day school catering for primary and secondary students from years 5-12.
Edgar Street, Strathfield NSW 2135.
Phone: 9763 1000
Website: www.spc.nsw.edu.au

Santa Sabina College - Catholic Independent School for girls K-12 and caters for boys K-4. The primary campus is Santa Maria Del Monte.
90 The Boulevard Strathfield NSW 2135
Phone: 9745 7700
Website: www.ssc.nsw.edu.au

Sydney Adventist College - Co-educational school for years 7-12, open to all denominations. 159 Albert Road Strathfield NSW 2135
Phone: 9764 3200
Website: www.sac.nsw.edu.au

Tertiary

Australian Catholic University

The Australian Catholic University has undergraduate and postgraduate university courses at their Mount Saint Mary's Strathfield Campus. The University has facilities for seminars, conferences and workshops on casual basis, coordination support is available. Meeting rooms, auditorium & canteen facilities area also available for casual lease.
25A Barker Road Strathfield NSW 2135
Phone: 9701 4000
Website: www.acu.edu.au

Open Training Education Network (OTEN)

Open Training Education Network develops and delivers a wide range of training and education programs available by distance education or flexible delivery. OTEN also has a disability unit which provides many TAFE external study courses, so students work at home with prepared material. Assist students with disabilities with course choice, adaptation of materials, exam modifications, general advice. Also offers Working with People with Disabilities course and online courses.

Address: 51 Wentworth Rd Strathfield NSW 2135
Phone: 1300 362 890
Phone: www.oten.edu.au/oten

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Content:
 I object strongly to the project for the following reasons.

1. The extension of what was once a small religious training centre to a full blown and expanding University is inappropriate in the heart of a prime residential.
2. It is located far from a transport hub or railway station necessitating many or most students to drive to University.
3. While the off street carparking will nearly double in capacity, the developer acknowledges that there will still be insufficient off street parking, hence their proposal to introduce time limited on street parking. (May be a parking fee will force cash strapped students to park in the nearby streets.)
4. Existing local residential roads are already stretched to capacity by current traffic generated by the University, the adjoining Catholic College with around 1500 primary and secondary students, the adjoining Seventh Day Adventist College and nearby Strathfield Girls High School. Considerable congestion is currently encountered on a daily basis on school days along Barker Rd, Chalmers Rd, Homebush Rd, Albyn and Albert Sts, Shortland Ave, Marion St, Fraser St and Edgar St.
5. The proposed access from Edgar St to the underground car park at the western end is ostensibly only for 30 cars for teachers at the Catholic College. However, history records that the Council and the College cannot be trusted to abide by conditions applied to previously approved developments.
6. Edgar Street is extremely narrow and could not possibly accommodate two way traffic without further eroding residents parking rights.
7. The planned pedestrian access to the University from Edgar St would be adjacent to the primary school and is far from an ideal situation. The safety of the children in particular would be compromised by the increased number older people in such close proximity at this entry point.
8. This pedestrian access would encourage students and staff to park around the College precincts and further exacerbate traffic congestion and parking problems for residents.
9. Excavation of thousands of cubic metres of soil to build the underground car park would cause tremendous inconvenience and noise to residents, untold damage to the local roads and even further congestion to traffic.

IP Address: - 121.212.22.202
 Submission: Online Submission from Paul Holt (object)
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Submission for Job: #4471 MP 10_0231 - Australian Catholic University - Strathfield Campus Concept Plan
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_job&id=4471

Site: #2434 Australian Catholic University - Strathfield Campus
https://majorprojects.affinitylive.com?action=view_site&id=2434

Submission to NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure

Name: Mrs. Irene Holt
Address: 21 Marion Street,
Strathfield 2135

Name of application: Concept plan for Australian Catholic University
Application number: MP 10_0231
Date: 28-2-12

I wish to object to the project proposed as a concept plan for the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield NSW, 2135 as I have concerns about the impact that this plan will have on the Neighbourhood and University communities in terms of the environmental impact, safety, the well-being of residents, increased extended hours of activity in a residential area and the impact on property in the area.

In terms of the ACU Neighbourhood Policy "to value and respect all members of the community" I ask the University and Department of Planning and Infrastructure to consider the following points.

Safety and Security

- The University has had a green space buffer zone, playing field between the adjacent Primary and Secondary school. This is a protective zone for the safety of the school students and should be maintained. It also provides a natural green zone which is important to maintain for the students to appreciate the aesthetic surrounds of the University as we value and care for the earth.
- No access to Edgar Street from the University grounds in the past has reduced University student use of the same pedestrian walkways as students going to school and it is in the interests of young school children to maintain this separation.
- Opening up the University with numerous pedestrian accesses may become a security risk especially at night.

Well-being

- Residents in the area have grown with the University over the years and appreciate the contributions of the University to the Community in the past. The size of the University has enabled a harmonious interaction between a learning institution and a quiet, peaceful residential suburb and its residents. The current concept plan is set to cause an imbalance and upset the ambience of a peaceful neighbourhood for local residents. The residents are stakeholders in the community and seek to maintain the valued quality of living in a quiet, peaceful area.

Extended hours

- The concept of suddenly more than doubling the number of car spaces and no advertised cap on the number of students is a concern as the impact of this decision has an impact on the lifestyle and well being of local residents, who will experience increased demand and competition for on-street parking, increased traffic and traffic congestion which will inevitably impact on pedestrian and vehicle safety. Extended hours to accommodate courses and more classes will bring additional noise and traffic to interrupt the peace of the neighbourhood.
- Shuttle buses will be running every 3 minutes in peak times does this also mean at the end of evening classes?

Impact on property

- The geotechnical survey indicates a considerable amount of fill which may have to be removed, especially for the underground car parks. The impact of the removal of truckloads throughout the local area would be great. The shallower layers of soil types in ACU Strathfield as mentioned in the geotechnical report give way to the Bringelly Shale, Sandstone and Ashfield shale. The removal of the sandstone requires bulldozers and impact hammer which would mean excavation with considerable impact zones and noise levels and we ask the planners to assess the impact on surrounding property, both outside and within the university. Residents are concerned about their properties. The Heritage properties within the University are also valued by the whole neighbourhood.
- The geotechnical survey mentions another contamination survey to be undertaken. What are the findings of the contamination report?
- The geotechnical survey also mentions Staff Parking entry into the car park via Edgar Street. It is a concern if University traffic will be flowing into an entry point in a narrow street adjacent to the school drop off zone. The ACU brochure did not mention this.

I trust that you will give these points raised fair and reasonable consideration

Yours sincerely

Irene Holt

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I STRONGLY OBJECT TO THE ABOVE PROPOSAL

Concept Plan for ACU Strathfield MP 10_0231

I wish to make very clear my objection to the above Application.

The belligerent attitude of the Australian Catholic University has no bounds.

The fact that they are investing \$55,000,000 on this project and state that they will increase their student numbers by only 200, beggars belief.

I can see it now, classes will be held in the evenings, week-ends and at any time that they will see fit.

Do they not realize that they are in the middle of a "low density residential area". We already experience problems with "p" plate drivers parking where and how they please.

It is the Baxter report I believe that recommends that establishments of higher learning should dictate their own student numbers, and should no longer be limited by any government controls.

Vehicular access in and around Strathfield is already at breaking point, soon you will need to fly in and out, forget the roads.

As mentioned before the attitude of the Australian Catholic University has been one of very little consideration to the surrounding residents.

The number of times that fast food wrappers and empty drink containers have been left behind, and collected up and disposed of properly by we residents, is just a small example of the Universities ARROGANCE.

I also believe that the University has been operating well OUTSIDE its development approval for years, when does the Council intend to enforce these requirements and actually start looking after its long term suffering RATE PAYERS.

How many businesses are allowed to operate and NOT have any provision for accommodating the additional impost of the vehicles that the additional numbers will inevitably create?

It is stated that the ACU will NOT be providing additional parking, to cater for the massive increase in the number of vehicles that this expansion will surely yield. Because they want to encourage the use of

public transport. YEAH RIGHT!

IF they succeed it WILL be a world first!

Regards

Cc Charles Casuscelli RFD MP

Member for Strathfield

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I am a resident in Wilson Street, Strathfield and am already severely affected by traffic, numbers of cars in our precinct, difficulty parking in our street, daily bags of rubbish left on the nature strip and this is before Australian Catholic University adds markedly to an already existing problem in an A1 residential area. I hereby object in the strongest possible terms to any proposal for any expansion of the Australian Catholic University. Diane Phillipot Resident.

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Our Ref: Sam and Joan Sattout
Your Ref: MP_0231

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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: MP10_0231 - AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY – CONCEPT PLANS

We refer to the concept plans submitted by the Australian Catholic University (ACU) for its future development of the University Campus located on Barker Road, Strathfield (**the Plans**).

We strongly object to the approval of the application of ACU.

Impact

We are residents of Barker Road Strathfield and the Plans will have a direct impact on:

1. the quiet enjoyment of our property;
2. the traffic flow of Barker Road;
3. the value of our property; and
4. the heritage of Barker Road and its surrounds.

Student Numbers at Present

As we understand it, the current Development Consent allows for 750 students in attendance at a time.

The enrolment figures show that ACU currently have 2,200 students on campus, at least 1,232 of those students are on campus at a given time.

ACU are in breach of their current Development Consent.

Carpark

It is evident from the number of cars parked not only on Barker Road, but in the surrounding streets, that there is not enough parking to accommodate the current students.

The car park proposed in the Plan as a solution/fix to the problem will fall short of what is currently required. Further, it will also far short of the amount of car spots it will require if



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the Plan is approved.

The proposed 'fix', that no parking is allowed on Barker Road at any time, does not account for current resident parking nor parking of the residents' visitors.

We ask that you reject the application made by the ACU. We are currently seeking legal advice on potential compensation for the loss we may suffer as a result of the approval.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sattout', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

Sam and Joan Sattout

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18th February, 2012

Major Projects Assessment,
Department of Planning and Infrastructure,
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY APPLICATION NO: MP10 0231

We, being residents of Strathfield directly affected by the operation of the Australian Catholic University, object to this Concept Plan. We strongly urge the Minister to decline the proposal outright.

Our key reasons for objecting to the Concept Plan are as follows:

- The proposal detracts from the character of the surrounding residential precinct and diminishes the privacy of local residents by including new 3 and 4 storey buildings near the boundary of the university on Barker Road.
- The Neighbourhood Policy included in the proposal does not address sufficiently the parking, traffic and other amenity impacts on the neighbourhood. The university's lack of integration with the local community is highlighted by its wilful breaches of its original planning approvals, which have generated impacts on the neighbourhood contrary to the intentions underlying those approvals.
- The proposal contains invalid parking and traffic analyses due to an incorrect assumption in relation to the growth in student numbers. This flaw in the analysis completely invalidates the conclusions reached by the university and its consultants. The proposal will have substantial traffic, parking and other amenity-related impacts on the surrounding residential precinct. If allowed to occur, the expansion of the university would represent a breach of residents' rights to the quiet enjoyment of their properties and would interfere with their safety, peace and convenience.
- The university's consultation with the local community has been inadequate. The university originally provided information to local residents that was not comprehensive and was provided to a minority of affected residents. More recently, it appears that the university may undertake some further consultation with some residents but this will not provide those with an interest in the proposal enough opportunity to express their views.

Due to these and other reasons, we, the undersigned, do not support the proposal by ACU.

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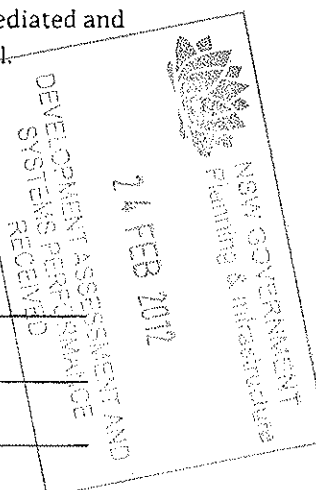
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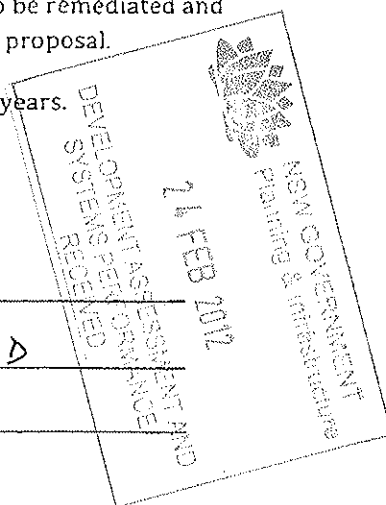
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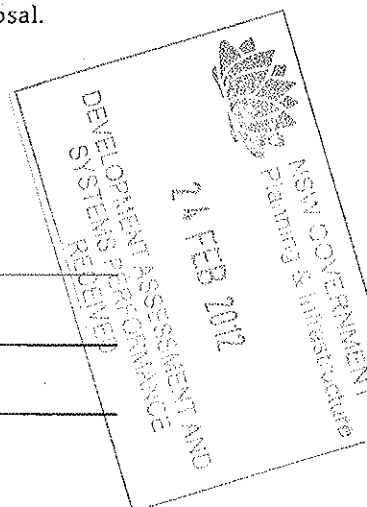
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As a member of the Strathfield community I have lived in for the past twenty years, I strongly object to the Australian Catholic University's pending development application (MP10 0231). The views stated below are in summary of opinions expressed during a Strathfield Resident's Meeting on 18 February 2012 and consultation meeting held on 24 February 2012.

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The reasons for my objections are as follows:

The consultation process and the data used in the application are questionable

1. Most of the residents in the area did not receive the consultation information despite the university claiming that they had sent out 220 letters to notify the nearby residents for commentary. It was then confirmed in the consultation meeting on 24 Feb 2012 that more than 50 % of the residents in the meeting, who should have received the notification did not.
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3 and 4 storey Buildings and underground parking in a residential area have negative impacts on the street scope, heritage and pollution

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4. The new look of gates and entrance of car parks is not coherent with the current heritage look.
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Increase in number of students

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belong to our local community, and only contribute pollution and congestions?.

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Kind regards

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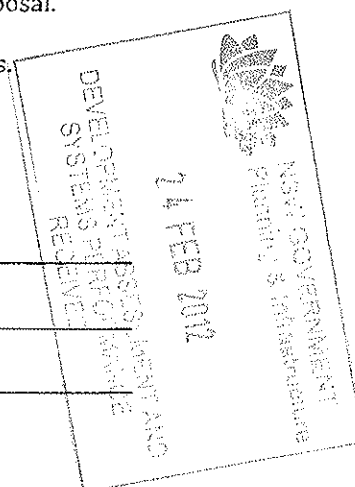
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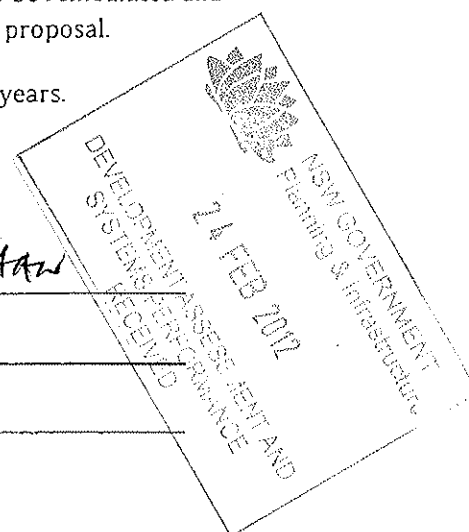
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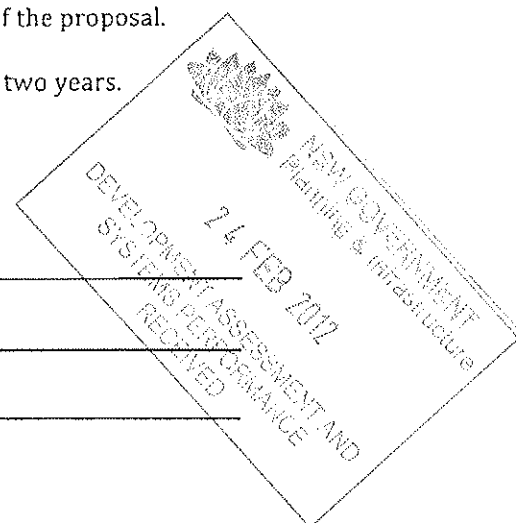
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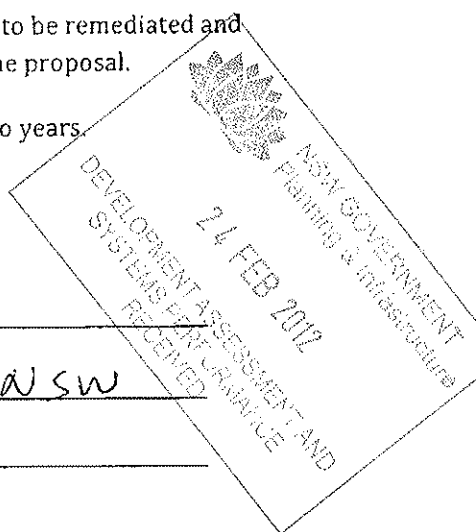
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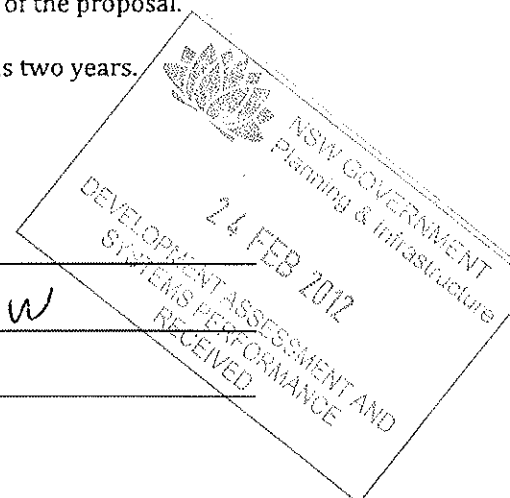
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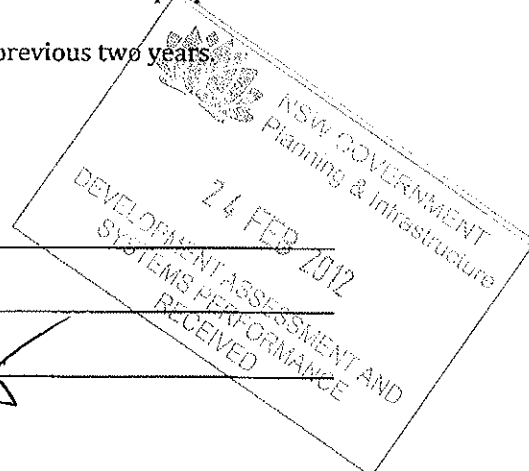
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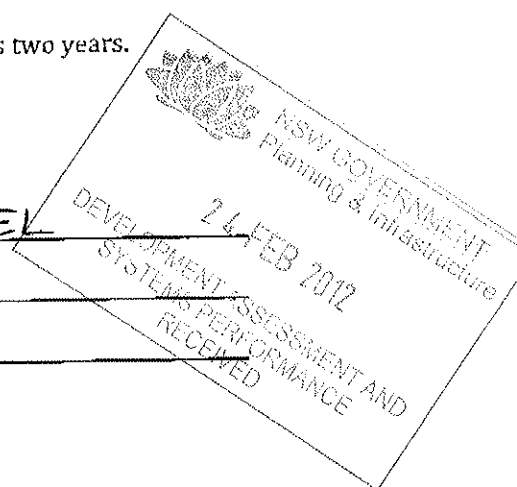
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- The Neighbourhood Policy included in the proposal does not address sufficiently the parking, traffic and other amenity impacts on the neighbourhood. The university's lack of integration with the local community is highlighted by its wilful breaches of its original planning approvals, which have generated impacts on the neighbourhood contrary to the intentions underlying those approvals.
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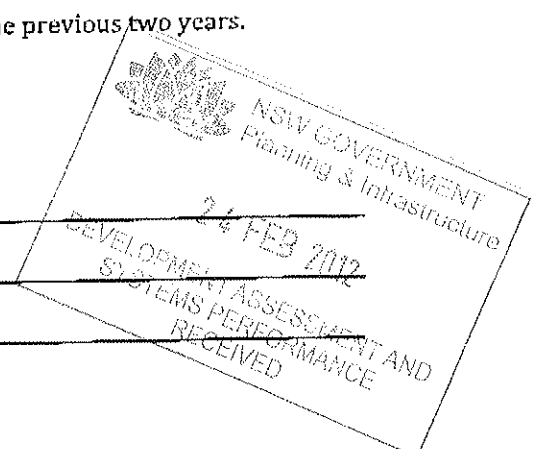
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Should the Minister not be inclined to decline the proposal, the errors and deficiencies in the analysis presented by the university and its consultants mean that no reasonable decision maker could make a valid decision in support of the proposal. These errors and deficiencies would need to be remediated and substitute analyses undertaken before a reasonable assessment could be made of the proposal.

We confirm that we have made no reportable political donations in the previous two years.

Yours faithfully,

NAME: Nina Michael
ADDRESS: 20 Wilson St
Strathfield NSW 2135



18th February, 2012

Major Projects Assessment,
Department of Planning and Infrastructure,
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY APPLICATION NO: MP10 0231

We, being residents of Strathfield directly affected by the operation of the Australian Catholic University, object to this Concept Plan. We strongly urge the Minister to decline the proposal outright.

Our key reasons for objecting to the Concept Plan are as follows:

- The proposal detracts from the character of the surrounding residential precinct and diminishes the privacy of local residents by including new 3 and 4 storey buildings near the boundary of the university on Barker Road.
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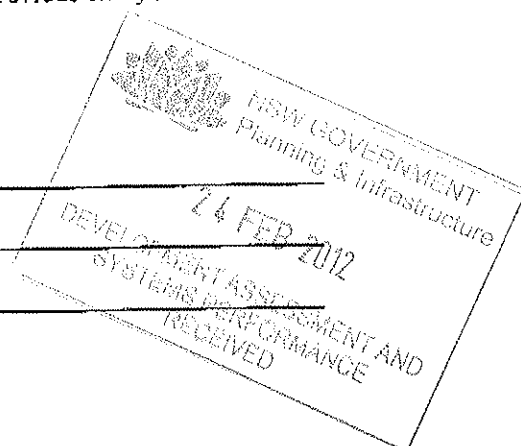
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Yours faithfully,

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Mark Brown - Submission Details for Sergio da Luz

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STRATHFIELD, NSW
2135

Content:

I'm objecting to MP 10_0231 - Australian Catholic University - Strathfield Campus Concept Plan, due to my concerns on the huge increase in student numbers, noise impact, parking and residents direct impact. Concerned about lack of ACU onsite parking to meet the increase in student numbers.

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Name: Alexander Lucas
 Email: headofwfc@gmail.com

Address:
 5 Merley Road

Strathfield, NSW
 2135

Content:
 I would like to put my objection of this plan on the record.

My parents and I have noticed an increase in the amount of cars parking in Merley Road/Dickson Street/Beresford Road along with plenty of other surrounding streets. Most of the drivers are P Plate students who attend ACU and are double parking as well as parking in risky places. When I was trying to leave my home, it was quite difficult because the street is now quite narrow with the amount of cars nearby. Sometimes, they also leave their car parked in a street all day and when I get home, they are still there.

I have concerns that this development plan will cause a lot of noise as well as OHS issues and not forgetting that Strathfield is a ready a busy residential suburb so such a development is not needed nor wanted.

There is also a lot of traffic congestion as a result of the influx of cars which is very inconvenient for myself and a number of people who I have been spoken to in regards to this matter.

The Australian Catholic University is right near homes thus it is different to Sydney University which is a larger campus and is near a park.

I would like all students of the ACU as well as the executive of the university to come to my street at Merley Road and see for themselves the damage this plan is starting to cause for residents of Strathfield.

In conclusion, I object to this application and there should be a more thorough review in regards to the impact for residents in surrounding streets.

Thank You,
 Alexander Lucas.

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Alexander Lucas

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(170)

Mr Zhi Cheng Ding
Landowner
175 Albert Road
STRATHFIELD NSW 2135
24-February-2012

Dear Mr. Mark Brown,

Application Number (MP 10 _ 0231) Australian Catholic University Concept Plans

We Strongly object to this ACU concept plan on following grounds:

1. ACU are Misleading public ? ACU withdrwal my house bulging picture from ACU 03 Concept plan proposl
For they are building Four story building nearby my backyard, Make others thinks no residents lives here.
(ACU 03 Concept plan proposl maps pages 40 attached)
2. Strathfield Council has already approved ACU DA 2008 / 095 in the middle of 2 residential properties for
Education centre. The 175a land adjoined with the 175 land have the rights of Sharing now became the Mixed
Used zone, I going to apply for Four Story building if ACU Concept plan is approved by NSW government.
3. At 5 Pm, we will still have sunlight in our backyard but when ACU will build Four Store building from 4 PM
Onwards we will not have sunlight in my backyard.
4. Also there will be an Increased demand for on-street parking, We already suffer from too many cars trying to
Park in street and constantly Blacking ours driveways.
5. Also with the Increased cars there will be pollution of CO2 will damage the enviroment of Strathfield.
6. The Inpact on pedestrian and vehicle safety will also be a concern for the neighbouring children.
7. Increase of Noise from additonal students, traffic and extended hours and noise during construction and well
As disturb the neighbours greatly.

**If the plan is accepted we strongly believe that the NSW Government will give all the
Residents, all the schools Same rights to build a Four story high building in Strathfield.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Zhi Cheng Ding".

Zhi Cheng Ding

03 Concept Plan Proposal

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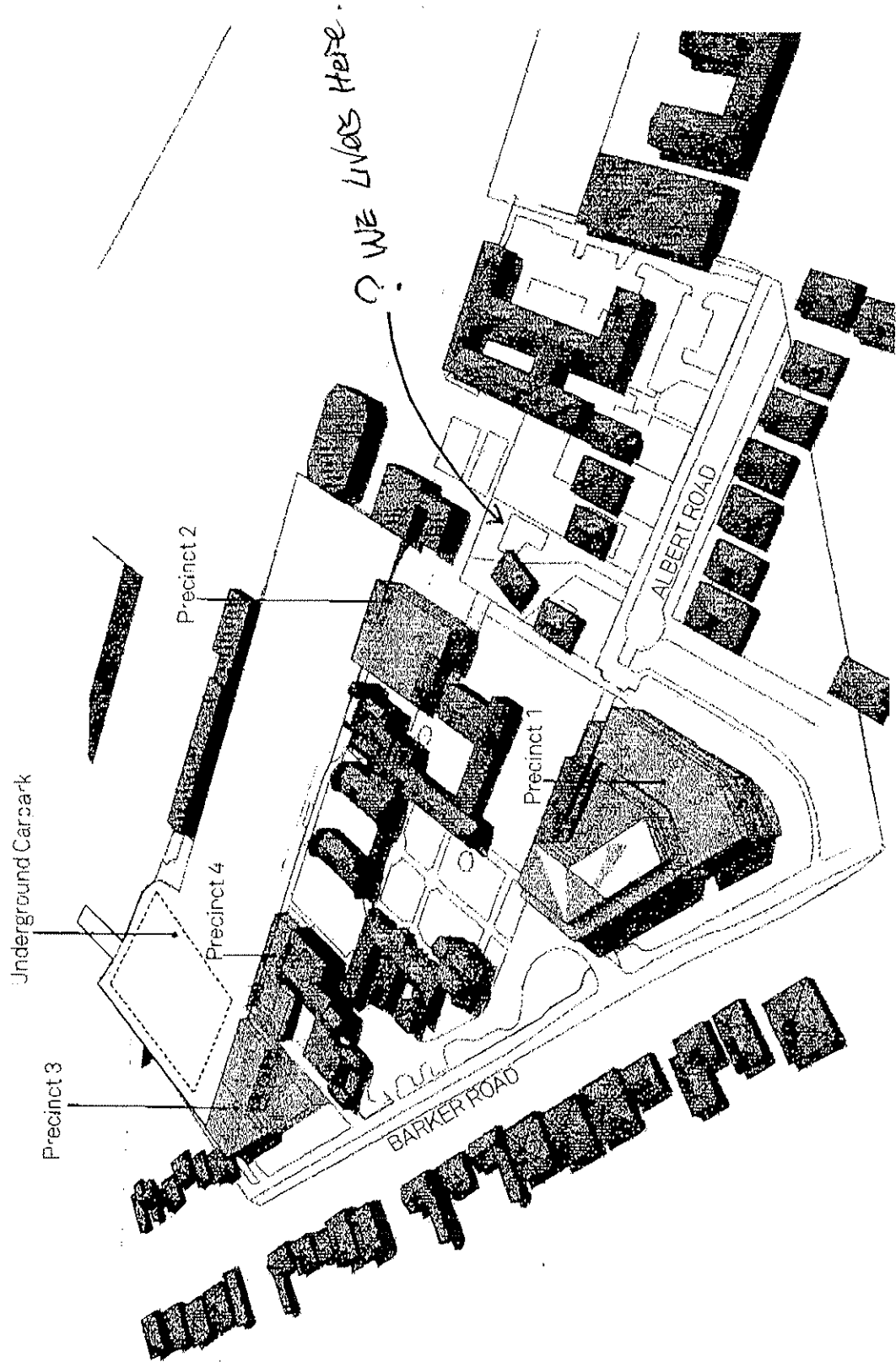


Figure 3.5: Proposed development

From: "Lindsay" <wjilindsay@optusnet.com.au>
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Date: 10:59 am 24/02/2012
Subject: ACU Application NO. MP100231

J and K Lindsay

82 Beresford Road

Strathfield 2135

24/02/2012

Tel: 97468253

RE: ACU APPLICATION NO:MP10 0231

We, being residents are Emailing you, to object to the plans for the expansion of the ACU. We object to the concept plan on the following grounds:

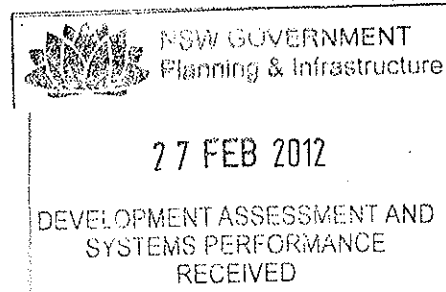
1. The proposal detracts from the character of the surrounding residential properties. This is a residential area.
2. The neighbourhood policy in the proposal does not sufficiently address the parking, traffic and other impacts on this neighbourhood. The traffic and parking in this area are already a nightmare and this proposal if it goes ahead will make it much worse.
3. The ACU proposal contains parking and traffic analysis which appear to be incorrect. They appear to have been taken a number of years ago.
4. There has been minimal consultation with the local community by the ACU. This appears to be planning on ACU's part by stealth.
5. The Mount St Mary's building is one of the finest heritage buildings in Strathfield, we do not want it obscured by high rise development.
6. The ACU is saying that the two shuttle buses from Strathfield Station to the campus run every ten minutes between 7.30-10 am. We cannot see how this is possible as we live half way between Barker Road (entry to campus) and Strathfield station and between 8-9am it can take anything from 10-15 minutes to go down to Strathfield and even longer for the return journey so this does not add up.

We urge you to decline this proposal by the ACU.

John Lindsay and Kathleen Lindsay

Major Projects Assessment,
Department of Planning and Infrastructure,
23-333 Bridge Street, Sydney, NSW, 2000.
Facsimile: 9228 6455.

Application No. MP 10 0231
Australian Catholic University - Strathfield Campus Concept Plan



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Objection to the Australian Catholic University - Strathfield Campus Concept Plan

Application No. MP 10_0231

I object strongly to this project which is an appropriate expansion of this already large institution for the following reasons:

1. Planning undertakings are ignored.

Both the Australian Catholic University and St Patrick's College have a long history of ignoring any undertaking or requirement for

- a) limiting student numbers and
- b) the provision of off the street parking.

The nearby streets are parked out during times when students and others are attending, causing considerable inconvenience to residents.

2. Continued Expansion is excessive.

This expansion of the university is very unlikely to end, given the history of expansion of all universities in Australia. The result in this case is to ultimately destroy the surrounding residential area, in incremental steps, abetted by approvals being considered and allowed step by step. Already several adjacent properties have been purchased. It is wrong to allow such expansion without taking responsibility for the future.

3. The ACU is an unsuitable Commercial Activity.

It is inappropriate and unnecessary to have this sort of large organisation in the middle of a residential area. It provides a service to students and thus is, in common parlance a commercial enterprise, if not in law, that should be sited only in a commercial area not a residential area. It is no longer a mere school.

4. Public transport is inadequate.

It is not likely to be adequate to prevent most students who can, using a car. Unless there is compulsion to use public transport, an unlikely scenario, there will be a large number of cars to be parked somewhere. Many students come a considerable distance, often after work, and public transport is time consuming, making the use of public transport undesirable. Witness the large use of cars in Sydney made necessary by the lack of public transport in a city where there is no real long term planning. The situation is compounded by the multiple campus nature of the Catholic university.

5. Car Parking is insufficient.

People can expect a university to provide parking that does not intrude on a residential area. The amount of parking space provided by a multistorey underground car park should reflect the reality of the number of cars needed to be used by an ever increasing number of students, and also provide parking for St Patrick's College because the site is effectively shared. The proposed increase can only cover what is already needed.

6. The Buildings are Intrusive.

The proposed buildings are large and obtrusive, especially when sited on the higher part of Strathfield. Three and four stories are not appropriate when most buildings are limited to two, and then only with height restrictions. It makes a mockery of planning in the area.

7. Vehicle access is restricted.

in the Strathfield municipality has become restricted by the reduction in capacity from the west, over Homebush Bay drive, and the north through two railway underpasses and Homebush Bay drive into Arthur Street, which is has been at near capacity at peak periods for some years.

8. Rail Travel is not helpful to students.

Travel by railway means using Strathfield Station, since no longer distance trains stop at Flemington and Homebush. It is obvious that this is not within walking distance for most students, especially in the evening.

9. Environmental Assessment is narrow in scope

The proposal is skewed towards development that uses up public amenity. It relies on submitting what is possible in the narrowest sense to comply with the law and regulations. It considers only a small part of the municipality, not its place in Strathfield or Sydney. In particular, it ignores the eventual deprivation of residential accommodation in the whole municipality.

10. There is Economic Benefit.

The university can bring no economic or other benefit of consequence to the municipality. Who is to pay for the electricity, water and road infrastructure needed by this large increase in usage of these utilities! There can only be negligible use of the facilities by local people, nor is there the creation of a significant number of jobs, let alone jobs for local people. Local companies, if they exist are not likely to benefit in the building work or in ongoing services, as competitors outside the area are many.

11. The proposal does not Serve its Students well.

Those who attend this campus are not well served by its distance from a commercial district with much better transport access and other facilities that are continually being

OBJECTION

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developed for the benefit of a very much larger economic community. Such infrastructure is not possible in the middle of a residential area.

12. Heritage Site

The site has a heritage building and was a heritage site assessed by the Land and Environment Court before the ACU could establish itself. The court determined that no more than 350 students should be on the site at any one time. The ACU has been in constant denial refused to supply numbers to the council and have continued to expand student numbers and facilities in defiance of the court's ruling. I wrote to the courts but they told me they did not enforce their own ruling and left it to others to take legal action. This is a most unsatisfactory situation. Strathfield Council has not taken this matter up, even when this matter has been pointed out to councillors. Are our government bodies impotent?

13. Conceptual Flaws

Flaws in support of rejection of this proposal include:

- a) It ignores the implication that there will be large expansion in the future.
- b) It ignores the behaviour of the applicants in not abiding by previous and present undertakings in regard for the planning of the establishment of the ACU on this site.
- c) It does not give due consideration to the needs of its own students.
- d) It does not address the alienation of land for residential purposes.
- e) It does not address the wider implications for orderly and appropriate development of Universities in Sydney.

Your department should consider the forced eventual amalgamation of the campuses of all the "Universities" with multiple campuses, before it is too late.

End of submission.

Dr. M. A. Malik M.B., B.S., M.B., B.Ch.
DIPLOMA OF INTERNAL MEDICINE
DIPLOMA OF CARDIOLOGY AND
VASCULAR DISEASES (EGYPT)
G.P.

(173)

23/2/12

Mr. C. CASUSCELLI

Dear Mr. Charles
we are happy to be with us & I hope
you will be with us for ever.

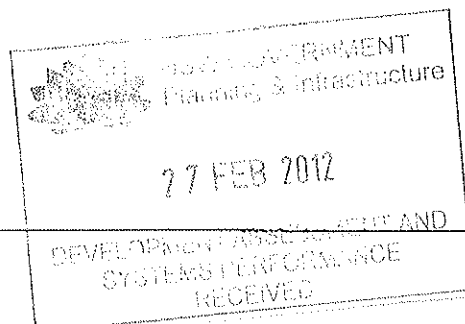
Re Concept Plan for the Australian Catholic University

Plan 10-0231

application Number. (MP 10-0231)

I support this project - we need good
Catholic community in Strathfield to
promote the good values & good citizens
I hope this will give the County good
hopeful, leaders to this Great Country
& to keep their faith & morals

Kind regards



38 ARTHUR ST.
STRATHFIELD NSW 2135

Mobile 0423 150 132

John and Margaret Yates

22-2-2012

12 Wallis Avenue, Strathfield 2135.

Major Projects Assessment, Department of Planning & Infrastructure,

Re Concept Plan for ACU Strathfield – Application MP 10 0231

We wish to object to the expansion of the ACU in Strathfield.

Over the past 5 years (approximately) traffic congestion, wall to wall

Parking and reckless driving has become increasingly difficult for residents.

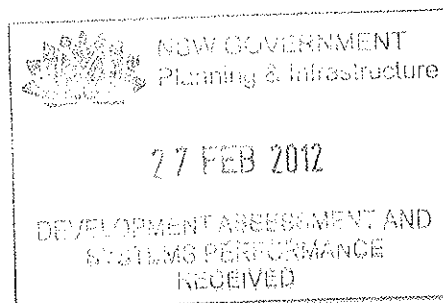
The addition of multi storey buildings to the ACU would, in our opinion, be detrimental to this residential area, encouraging developers to apply for and maybe gaining permission for unit development , which is now not permitted in this area.

Yours faithfully,

J & M YATES

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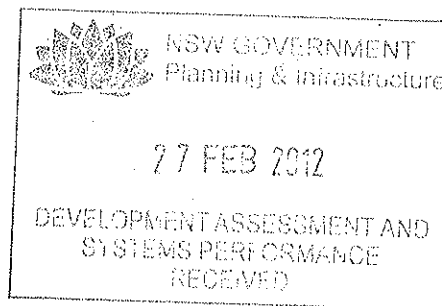
M Yates



(175)

24 February 2012

The Manager
Major Projects Assessment
Department of Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001



BY FACSIMILE: 9228 6455

Dear Sir/Madam

Re: Australian Catholic University – Concept Plan -Strathfield
Application Number: MP 10 0231

It has come to our attention that the abovementioned proposal, a Part 3A development, is being considered by the Department as the consent authority.

We have one main objection to the proposal.

We live in Francis Street which is about 150 metres from the existing St Patrick's College. On most occasions the car parking generated by activities at the school has an adverse impact on our street and Shortland Avenue, to the extent that some time our driveway exit is almost blocked by cars parked along our street and Shortland Avenue. Things will be a lot worse if the ACU is allowed to expand in an otherwise quiet residential area.

If the proposal does not seriously take into account the parking requirement of the additional use and on-site parking facility then the traffic of ACU will spill over to residential streets in this part of Strathfield which will become a big car park.


For many decades Strathfield has been predominantly a quiet residential area. We as residents want to keep it this way for the future. In recent years land use other than low density residential has been gradually allowed to intrude into the area generating adverse impacts on the amenity of the area. As things stand at the moment the Department planners as the consent authority should conduct site inspections on a normal school day at dismissal time to see how chaotic the traffic at St Patrick's College (Francis Street) and the present ACU in its current form is.

In our opinion the traffic to be generated by the ACU will not only erode the quiet and peaceful environment of the area but will also increase risks of accidents which will adversely affect the safety of the local residents.

We hope that you as senior planners of the Department are sufficiently far-sighted to consider thoroughly the impact of the ACU expansion and any possible future expansion of St Patrick's college which is not unexpected. The cumulative effect would be phenomenal and detrimental to this part of Strathfield.

We await your response to this objection.

Yours faithfully


The Ta family
12 Francis Street
Strathfield NSW 2135


Cc Mr C Casuscelli RFD MP-Member for Strathfield

Please do not publish my name and address.

The Director, Metropolitan & Regional Projects South

Re Concept Planning for ACU Strathfield

Application No. MP 10 _0231

Sir,

[REDACTED] do not support the project.

Strathfield is a private residential area of peace-loving residents. They resent any encroachment of, or deprivation of their rights to enjoy their legitimate peace.

No-One should have the right to arbitrarily take away any residential parking. No-one Should trespass to acquire what belongs to others, for his own personal use. Such thoughts and actions are ignoble and 'shocking' in the eyes of peace-loving people. Such unlawful trespassing cannot be excused. These "outside cars" are an unlawful encroachment, and should not be let in as they would very soon escalate to worse things once they are let in.

As quick action is needed, Two temporary interim measures are suggested, (No 1, and No. 2 that follow)

(No. 1 TEMPORARY INTERIM MEASURE

A squad of highly motivated, highly enthusiastic, and exceedingly highly rewarded ticket officers need be deployed to examine each car. They should mark the tyres and their exact sites.

At the expiry of the so called two-hour parking limit, "tickets" and FINES should be issued.

NO 2 TEMPORARY INTERIM MEASURE

Prominent pictorial signs can be located wherever this arbitrary restricted parking has been proposed to prevent "outsiders and non residents" parking illegitimately. One example is

This is a TOW- AWAY – ZONE

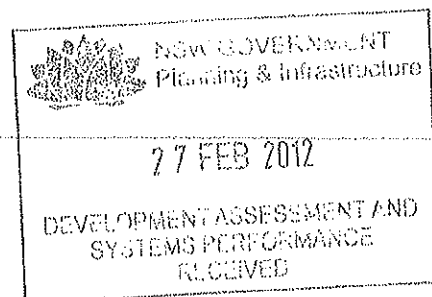
Illegal parking will be TOWED AWAY

As advised by your good self, regarding section 75H of the Environmental planning & Assessment Act 1979, may I reiterate

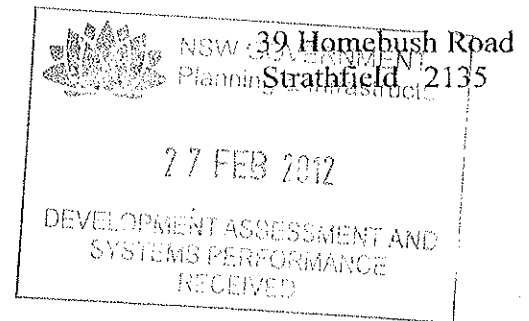
Please remember **NOT** to publish my name and address in any communications, web, display, email the media or the like.



26th Feb 2012



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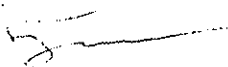
RE:
CONCEPT PLAN FOR ACU STRATHFIELD
APPLICATION MP 10_0231
LOCATION Australian Catholic University. Strathfield Campus, Strathfield

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I wish to OBJECT to the proposed project on the following grounds.

- 1/ I live on the corner of Homebush and Albert Road. During the last nine years the traffic problems associated with this intersection have become insurmountable, particularly during school days between the hours of 8am to 9am and 2.30pm to 4pm. My vehicular exit from my home is in Albert Road and it has taken as long as 15 minutes to enter Homebush Road during these hours, a distance of some 50 metres. The extra traffic this proposed project would produce could not be accommodated under current provisions.
- 2/ Street parking in this residential area is already stressed and it is becoming increasingly over utilised by the various Institutions in the area at the expense of the rate paying residents and their visitors.
- 3/ The amount of garbage conveniently disposed of by pedestrians, over my fence and into my garden as they walk up Albert Road will escalate. This usually takes the form of an empty beverage container, probably purchased, I imagine, on alighting the train at Strathfield.
- 4/ Little consideration has been given to the residents of Albert Road and the impact on their lives.

Yours faithfully,



Ronald Mazuran

1 South St

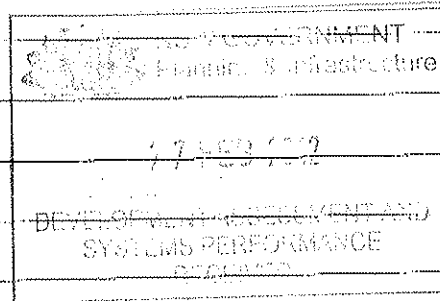
Strathfield

20/2/12

Mr. M. Brown

22-23 Bridge St

Sydney 2000



Dear Sir,

I write in protest to the proposed extensions to The Catholic University in Strathfield MP10-0231. The Campus at present is delightful and in keeping with a residential area. They propose to build four new buildings of at least two to four stories, on a site which I consider too small to take this development.

Being a residential area, only two story buildings are allowed, usually.

The proposal will turn the campus which at the best will look like an industrial estate, not to mention the whole of the Strathfield Area.

Traffic and parking is another major problem.

Yours faithfully

Pauline Noake.

Mark Brown - Submission Details for Stephen Holland

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CC: <assessments@planning.nsw.gov.au>



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Name: Stephen Holland
Email: josie holland1@optusnet.com.au

Address:
91A Rochester St

Strathfield, NSW
2135

Content:

I am writing in objection to the submission for the extension of the Australian Catholic University.
I object on the grounds that religion should not be a part of education process. That religion promotes ignorance of the sciences, especially archaeology. Also, religious teaching promotes the growth of discrimination, secrecy, superstition, unfairness, deceptiveness and many other undesirable personal characteristics.
Catholics use their religion as a tool to discriminate and alienate other non-Catholics.
PLEASE STOP these religious criminals from extending their Mafia tentacles any further into our community.

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Site: #2434 Australian Catholic University - Strathfield Campus
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Stephen Holland

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Attn: Mark Brown,
 Department of Planning and Infrastructure,
 23-33 Bridge St, Sydney,
 NSW 2000.
 Fax 02 9228 6455

23rd February, 2012.

Dear Sir,

Concept Plan – Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus
 Application Number MP 10_0231

I am totally opposed to this application for an expansion of the Australian Catholic University for the following reasons:

- 1) **The ACU are acting in defiance of a Land and Environment Court Ruling.**
 The Barker Rd site was a heritage site. It was evaluated by the Land and Environment Court *before* the ACU took control of the former Mount St Mary teaching college. The Court Ruling limited student numbers on site to 350 day students and a lower number for evening courses. (As I am currently overseas visiting UK family I do not have the exact numbers to hand.) It is hard to reconcile this restriction in numbers with the claim on the ACU website that the Strathfield campus "hosts more than 3,600 students". The University has been non-compliant with this court ruling for a number of years – from recollection it was in 2006 that I first raised the problem with local council and in 2009 personally wrote to the Land and Environment Court for help, unsuccessfully.

It is very evident that the University takes no notice of regulations and restrictions. It should not be allowed to expand on a small site in a wholly "2A" residential area with restricted public transport.

- 2) **Student Parking is a major problem to Strathfield residents.**
 The university already has multiple campuses which makes it imperative for students to have cars to access lectures within an appropriate timescale. Parking on site is negligible and local streets are parked out with students' cars. The increase in parking provision would be essential to meet the needs of the *present* students, not to expand the university further.
- 3) **Limited Public Transport to site.**
 Most students using public transport have to take the train to Strathfield then wait for buses to the site. Flemington is the closest station but long distance and fast trains do not stop there. Multiple changes make public transport an inappropriate choice if a car is available. Hence the parking problems will be exacerbated by an increase in student numbers at Strathfield. ...

4) **Inappropriate size of site.**

The University has clearly outgrown both its Sydney campuses, from their original identity as teaching colleges prior to their incorporation by the ACU. The University should seek a larger brownfield site to consolidate its Sydney activities on one campus, to provide students with an appropriate university experience. The Barker Rd/Albert Rd site is too small for this to be feasible, is inappropriate due to the residential environment, and has poor public transport. It is unfortunate that the Catholic Church sold its large site in Manly that might have been more suitable.

5) **Inappropriate purchase of prime residential land**

To expand the university to realistically accommodate current numbers, the Catholic Church would need to purchase prime residential land in Albert Rd or Barker Rd. We have already witnessed the removal of an entire street of houses by St Patrick's College, on the northern half of this site. For any further properties to be bought by the Catholic Church and removed from residential usage will change the whole nature of this area of Strathfield, at a time when residential property is sorely needed.

6) **The Land and Environment Court Ruling.**

This would preclude expansion and should be enforced.

I would also add that the timing of this application – over the summer school holiday and start of a new school year – guarantees that the residents, most of whom are parents with school age children, are maximally involved in other activities and would not have time to reply: a typical ploy of this university administration.

The project should be rejected.

I request that my name be withheld, as in previous dealings with the Catholic Church where my name has been disclosed, my property has been damaged.



Mark Brown - Submission Details for Eleanor Chang

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Content:

I'd like to register my objection to the building application number 10_0231 by the Australian National University, 167-169 & 179 Albert Road, Strathfield for the following reasons and more:

1. Traffic congestion- this has gradually gotten worse in my street & neighbourhood since ACU numbers have increased to unacceptable, but still undisclosed by ACU, numbers. Trying to back out of my driveway every morning is dangerous, particularly when some students are driving very slow looking for parking and not watching traffic, and some exceed speed limits. This causes frustration to drivers behind and I've often seen double parking, overtaking when not safe and had my rear view mirror side-swiped when it was parked on the street.
2. Pedestrian danger- I have 5 high school aged children in my care that need to cross Wilson St, Barker Road and Mount Royal Reserve at least twice daily and at ACU peak hour. This has become an unreasonably dangerous way to school where some days (especially rainy days) I feel the need to drop them off at school - further exacerbating the traffic congestion. Every one of my neighbours surrounding me have children that have to face the same perils trying to get to school also. My sister's children who live 4 blocks away can no longer ride their bikes to visit us because of the danger posed by the excessive Uni traffic. It is just a matter of time before a child or elderly neighbour is hurt in the traffic and adding another lane or increasing student numbers will only make the inevitable occur even sooner.
3. Unsustainable detriment to family and community lifestyle- the height and size of proposed buildings takes away from the leafy residential suburban appeal of the neighbourhood I grew up in and where my children have grown up also. Mount Royal reserve is a vital safe haven for my children to get to school where they can enjoy some relative safety.
4. Parking restrictions & lack of parking- my sister lives on Redmyre and comes over regularly to pickup/drop off her children and cannot find parking within a safe distance. This is also a problem if she is bringing over shopping or has to carry multiple items. 2 hour restrictions during the day is also unreasonable on my guests visiting during the day.
5. Increased class numbers and increased crime- Even with the current high enrolments, I regularly have rubbish all over my kerbside lawn and my front yard. I've made a complaint to ACU in 2010 regarding the rubbish and didn't even get an acknowledgement of my complaint. As mentioned above there is regular speeding drivers, double parking, illegal parking and dangerous driving is a daily occurrence in the neighbourhood. Constant trespassers on our front lawn ruins our front lawn.
6. Building trauma on roads and pollution- Barker Rd is already crumbling under the strain of the current traffic. Add to this the trucks and large vehicles required to build such a huge project in a local residential area will accelerate the corroding of the road at an unacceptable rate.

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 177 Albert Road

strathfield, NSW
 2135

Content:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the ACU Concept Plan.MP10_0231

My main concerns are;

- 1)The size of the proposed buildings on such a small site
- 2)The close proximity to my Home

With the proposal to build a library 4 storeys in height and an education building 4 storeys in height This would mean when I look out the back of my home or sit on the back verandah I will be confronted by a 4 storey building only a few metres from my property.The Library will be less than 20 metres from the front of my home.I will feel very closed in.

3)I enjoy sitting in Mount Royal Reserve which is across the Street but if the Library is built all I will look onto is a 4 storey building considering it will only be 10 metres from the fence line.

4)These tall Buildings will not be in keeping with the residential nature of the adjacent homes and other homes in Albert and Barker roads.The majority are either single or 2 storey dwellings.

5)I am also concerned about the proposal to increase the university's student numbers and to increase the hours of operation so that the campus is functioning 7 days pw. It means the residents get no break from the traffic and the noise of cars and students.

6)There are two Bunya pine trees near the university entrance in Albert Road.I fear that these trees will be destroyed if the concept plan proceeds as they appear to be in the way of the proposed Library.

I feel the concept plan should be rejected as it is contrary to the public interest of the residents in Strathfield.

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Content:
 Dear Mr Brown
 Re: Australian Catholic University Concept Plan
 167-169 & 179 Albert Road,
 STRATHFIELD.
 Application No: MP10-0231

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this concept plan.

I reside in 177 Albert Road, Strathfield, which adjoins the Australian Catholic University campus. I object to the proposed expansion of this campus. This area is classified as 2A residential which limits any developments to 2 storeys.

Prior to the establishment of the Catholic University Campus, this area of land was a seminary. The original main building is of historical significance and is a heritage item. The additional buildings which were built relatively recently are in dis harmony to the heritage building. The height, bulk and scale are not compatible with the adjoining residences.

This concept plan includes 4 precincts, a four storey library, a 4 storey education building, 2 other buildings and 2 basement parking areas.

4 Storey Library

The 10metre setback proposed by this concept plan is inadequate. The Australian Catholic University is located on an elevation to the west of Albert Road. Consequently this 4 storey library will appear much taller than the stipulated 4 storeys.

The proximity of this proposed building to the adjoining homes will create a vista of a looming building. This transition zone is not acceptable. The library will occupy 6,700 square metres, the scale and bulk of this by comparison to the 697 square metres of my adjoining property, illustrates clearly the overwhelming size of this development in relation to the surrounding properties.

The Australian Catholic University stated in their document under "Environmental Assessment" that the plan is compatible with the adjoining properties. I refute this statement. This proposed development will not complement the existing pattern of development in Barker Road and Albert Road. It will be out of alignment with the dominant building rhythm in these 2 streets. The Mount Royal Reserve will be overshadowed by this 4 storey building thus destroying the haven created by the reserve.

Effect on our home:

Precincts 1 and 2 total 10,150 square metres. From our home we will be confronted with a 4 storey building to the south of our property and a 4 storey building to the north of our property.

Please see attachment 1 which shows our property which is located on the right hand side next to the Albert Road gates. The proposed library will be situated less than 15 metres from our property. The development fails to recognise the character of the surrounding residential properties.

The Conc ept document states that there is already a 3 storey building on the campus, BUT this building is NOT adjacent to the residential homes and is at least 50 metres from our property.

The Concept Plan states that landscaping on the campus will minimise the visual impact. I assume that this means more tall trees. I am not interested in being surrounded by a forest of trees. I already spend every second month cleaning my roof gutters of the leaves deposited by the campus' trees.

Heritage Impact

The original heritage building on the ACU site will be dwarfed by the new developments and its value and beauty as a 'stand alone' building will be undermined.

Parking and Traffic Impact

During the operational hours of the Australian Catholic University parking is already at crisis point on Albert Road, Barker Road, Dickson, Merley and Heyde Avenue.

The traffic report states that the daily traffic volume on Barker Road will increase to 8,250 vehicles per day at the full development of the campus. This estimated traffic increase is just an estimation for the campus; it does not take into account the increase in traffic generated by an increase in the population in Strathfield as well as general through traffic.

Located nearby are also three schools, the Adventist College; St Patricks College and Strathfield Girls' High. These schools also generate traffic and will also increase with time.

There are parking restrictions outside the Adventist College in Albert Road and this problem will only become worse if the Australian Catholic University proceeds with its plan to increase the student numbers. The school sometimes holds functions on the weekends and in the evenings and residents have 'buckleys' of parking outside their homes on the street. There should be time limits placed on the streets adjacent to the campus and resident/visitor parking permits provided.

We disagree with the study's findings that "Residents can still obtain a parking space within reasonable walking distance if they wish to park on-street for a short period of time." I do not regard having to park one block away and having to lug heavy shopping as "reasonable."

The concept plan seeks approval to supersede existing limits relating to student and staff numbers along with hours of operation and parking arrangements. They seek to have the campus operational 7 days per week which means residents will have little respite from the parking problems.

Under DAO 102/252 the hours of operation of the Australian Catholic University is 8a.m -9p.m Monday to Friday and at weekends only for the use of the library. It is not uncommon for us to observe large numbers of students attending course on Saturday and Sundays and this has been occurring for a few years.

Solar Access

The construction of precincts 1 and 2 will reduce existing sunlight to the adjoining properties in Albert and Barker Roads. This is because of the height and bulk of the proposed 4 storey buildings. Mount Royal Reserve will lose most of its afternoon solar access.

Flora and Fauna

The Concept Plan states that there are no known significant flora/fauna on the site. However, there are two majestic Bunya Pine Trees growing near the Albert Road gates. These are conifers in the genus *Araucaria* which dates back to the Jurassic Era 180 million years ago. There are no indications which trees will be removed. I trust that these two trees will not be felled if the Concept Plan proceeds. It is interesting to note that these two trees are not included in the list of the Flora and Fauna report. Magpies frequent these two trees a number of times daily. There are also Butcher birds that frequent the trees bordering the Mount Royal reserve and use the trees for breeding purposes annually

Acoustics

The report states there will be little affect on residents from the acoustics on the Australian Catholic University. Daily we can hear the air conditioner running until late in the evenings. Multiply this by how many more or what upgrades there will be. There will also be noise generated by the traffic and students.

Conclusion

This proposal will adversely affect the existing amenity afforded to adjoining and nearby residents. This proposed development is large. The new four storey buildings will be highly visible and apparent to the adjoining and nearby residential properties. The proposed development will result in a direct contribution to an increase in traffic congestion and parking problems. This Concept Plan is an overdevelopment of the Australian Catholic University Site.

Approval of the Concept Plan is contrary to the public interest and it should be rejected entirely.

Yours sincerely,

Patricia Chan.

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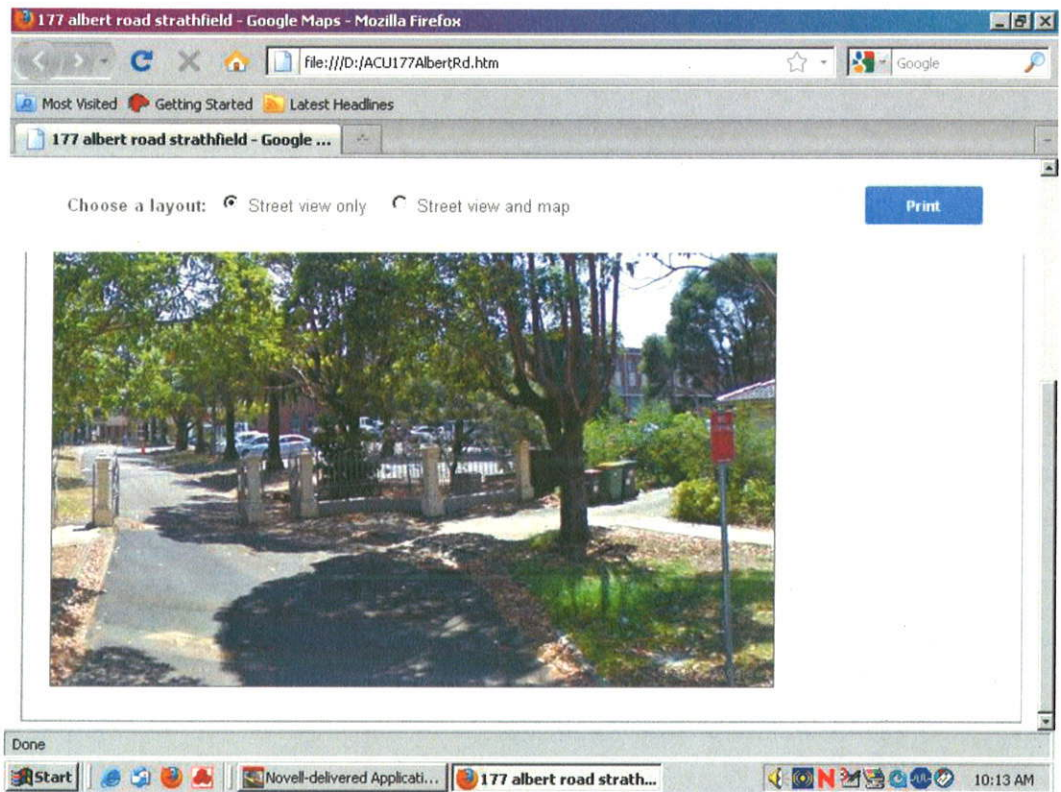
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Subject: FW: ACU expansion

To whom it may concern,

As a resident of Wilson St in Strathfield I would like to formally object to the proposal for the expansion of the Australian Catholic University. My neighbours and I are already dealing with issues like our driveways being parked across, litter being left all over our street and nature strips by students when they return to get their cars, our bins, on rubbish night being knocked over or used as a public bin if left on the nature strip. The zoning of the area is A1 residential and if the university is allowed to expand it will definitely compromise that zoning and ultimately this will impact on the value of properties around the university. Regards

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Attachments: MP10_0231 ACU Concept Plan Objection.pdf

Dear Sir/Madam

Find attached a letter of objection. My objections are based on the following major concerns and I ask you to act accordingly and reject this plan:

- . Increased demand for on street parking.
- . Increased traffic and traffic congestion.
- . Impact on pedestrian and vehicle safety.
- . Impact to residential character from increase in buildings.
- . Impact of the new building on the existing heritage listed buildings.
- . Increase of noise from additional students, traffic and extending hours and noise during construction.
- . Misleading statement in its own neighbourhood policy.

Yours Sincerely,

Angelo Casamento.

Angelo Casamento
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STRATHFIELD, NSW, 2135

25 February, 2012

Major Projects Assessment
Department of Planning & Infrastructure
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Dear Sir/Madam,

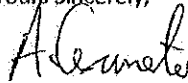
REF: MP10 0231 Australian Catholic University Concept Plans

I write to **object** to this project. The reasons for my objections are based on the following major concerns:

- **Increased demand for on street parking.** Already today the parking situation is a nightmare and significantly impacting residents. This includes my own street. Current students parking habits are at times disrespectfully of residents and the local community. Driveway access and navigation along surrounding streets is already very difficult. Car volumes and future proposed extended hours of use is unacceptable.
- **Increased traffic and traffic congestion.** Already today the traffic and its congestion are significant to the area and further increases are unacceptable to me and its residents/community.
- **Impact on pedestrian and vehicle safety.** The increased demand on parking together with the increased traffic congestion will significantly increase the risk in these safety concerns. The proposed site is surrounded by residential area and children attending junior and high schools in its immediate areas. The risks are unacceptable to our children and residents.
- **Impact to residential character from increase in buildings.**
- **Impact of the new building on the existing heritage listed buildings.**
- **Increase of noise from additional students, traffic and extending hours and noise during construction.** These are unacceptable to a residential rich area.
- **Misleading statement in its own neighbourhood policy.** The ACU own policy's objective, point one, states "To value and respect all members of the community". The proposed is not it that spirit. It is significant, very impactful and if allowed to continue will negatively change immediately the local community, the life's of residents and all future generations.

As a resident and rate payer of Strathfield for some 24 years, I strongly object to this project based on the major reasons raised in this letter. I ask you to act accordingly and reject this plan.

Yours Sincerely,


Angelo Casamento.

**Submission in Response to the Proposed Expansion
of Australian Catholic University, Barker Road, Strathfield (MP10_0231)**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to oppose in the strongest possible terms the proposed expansion of the Australian Catholic University (ACU), Barker Road Strathfield.

I am a resident living in Wilson Street, Strathfield between Barker Road and Newton Road. I am also the Managing Director of OzEnvironmental Pty Ltd, a company that provides technical and strategic advice on land use planning and sustainability matters. I have over 30 years executive experience in impact assessment, water, waste, biodiversity conservation, environmental education and as a Ministerial policy adviser. I was the Founding President of the Environment Institute of Australia & New Zealand (EIANZ) (NSW Division) - and now a Fellow. (The EIANZ is the professional association for environmental practitioners).

My opposition to this project is for the reasons as follows:

1. Currently, thanks to the influx of ACU students, my lifestyle has been unreasonably compromised due to the following:
 - a) Clients attending my house for business are UNABLE to park nearby in Wilson Street because it is full of student cars. My neighbours constantly have the same experience of visitors not being able to park. This is meant to be a residential neighbourhood ;
 - b) The ACU students constantly drop litter in Wilson Street and EVERY WEEK I go and collect it. Where are the ACU compliance management officers to monitor student behaviour? This antisocial behaviour of the students has given the ACU a bad name in the surrounding community; and
 - c) Neighbours cars have been damaged by student cars being recklessly parked, and house driveways infringed.
2. On a matter of principle, student numbers should NOT be allowed to increase as this is a residential neighbourhood and traffic and parking demands will inexorably increase if the proposed increase was allowed. As mentioned above, the current student parking situation is already totally unacceptable.
3. The proposed development should not be permitted to encroach on Mount Royal Reserve. This is valuable public open space and should NEVER be sold off/given away.

If the unwise decision is taken to increase student numbers and allow the proposed development then:

- a) A condition should be imposed requiring three shuttle buses every 10 minutes during peak times **NOW**, not in 2016;
- b) A condition should be imposed requiring a **200% increase** in on-site car parking spaces;

- c) The maximum building height should be two storeys, not three and CERTAINLY NOT four. As mentioned above, this is a residential community and three and four storey buildings would be totally out of character with the local amenity; and
- d) The conditions of consent that might be issued for this proposed development are only as effective as the compliance management system implemented to enforce the rules. My neighbours and I NEVER see Council rangers or ACU management inspecting student behaviour – be it parking performance or the littering that occurs.

Hence, if the unwise decision was taken to approve the development, there MUST be a condition imposed that ACU will pay the annual employment costs for the next 20 years to Strathfield Council for it to employ a ranger whose sole duty is to monitor and enforce the consent conditions applicable to this development.

If you wish to discuss, please call me on 0419 271 819.

Yours sincerely,

(signed)

Warwick Giblin B Sc, Dip Env Stud, Dip Educ, FEIANZ.

Managing Director

OzEnvironmental Pty Ltd

& resident of Wilson St, Strathfield

Neal Gore
120 Barker Road
Strathfield NSW 2135

26 February 2012

To
Major Projects Assessment,
Department of Planning and infrastructure
Email: plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au

RE:
APPLICATION: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, STRATHFIELD CAMPUS.
APPLICATION NO: MP 10_0231

To whom it may concern:

I would like to put my strong objection to the above application in our residential area for the following reasons:

- **This is a residential area** and we like it to remain it as a residential area.
- **Already there are quite a number of students pass through and park** in our street.
- We want our street parking for our visitors and us and **strongly object to traffic and parking changes.**
- There is already so **much noise pollution and air pollution**; we do not want any more added to it.
- There is a strong concern **about road safety**; as it is its very difficult to take our car out of the garage.
- Increasing number of student is of **no benefit to this community**. I don't know anyone who utilizes the services of ACU.
- Giving permission **to increase the height of university building would set a precedent** and residence would want to convert their houses into multi-stories buildings and have multi-residential building because this would no longer be a single dwelling residential area and consider moving out. It will have great effect on our property value.
- Why should we be forced to move out from our residential area?
- Why not consider North Sydney Campus.

I strongly urge you to disapprove this application No. **MP 10_0231** from Australian Catholic University.

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I strongly urge you to disapprove this application No. **MP 10_0231** from Australian Catholic University.

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73 Newton Road
Strathfield NSW 2135

26th February 2012

Major Projects Assessment
Department of Planning & Infrastructure
GPO Box 39
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Concept Plan for the Australian Catholic University (ACU)
Strathfield Campus, Strathfield (MP 10_0231)**

I wish to object strongly to the above submission on the grounds of traffic, parking and heritage.

I have attended three public meetings and viewed the above plans. My feedback is:

1. I feel the traffic position will become untenable as it is already very bad now, without the extra number of students that will be included by 2016.

2. With parking taking up all available spaces it makes it very hard to cross many roads safely as visibility is practically nil when edging out into traffic to cross a street. This is particularly noticeable at the corner of Newton Rd and South Sts. In addition many cars are illegally parking over driveways and in front of post boxes. The cost of policing these infringements will have to be borne by the ratepayers of Strathfield.

Parking is a big problem already and will become worse as more students are pushed further into the streets not yet affected. My street will be affected by unrestricted parking on my side and two hour restricted parking on the other. I am an older person and where are my friends going to park when they come to visit. Young people can manage to walk further than an older person!

Also some streets (with cars parked on both sides) do not allow enough room for the passage of two cars. Where a bus uses that street it becomes practically impossible for the bus to navigate around the corner and we do not want any impact that may affect the route.

3. I am afraid the heritage of the lovely old home and buildings within the current ACU area will be swamped by the six new three and four storey buildings. Having lived at the above address since 1939 it will be such a shame to see them overshadowed and lost to view.

It is rather annoying that I cannot build a second house on my large block of land (1400 square metres) because it is in a 2A residential area and yet the university hope to build six large buildings on their land.

There will be a further cost to Strathfield Council to clean up the area after students have left their litter on the streets surrounding the university. This was demonstrated by an attendee at one of the public meetings who collected four days worth of litter from around his residence and street. Not only are we losing our garden suburb but we have to pay to clean up their mess.

I am objecting most strongly to the above concept plan and hope sense prevails and the approval is not granted.

Yours sincerely,

Marion Peasley

February 22, 2012

Attention: Mr Mark Brown

Major Projects Assessment,
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Submission regarding:

- Australian Catholic University, Strathfield, Concept Plan
- Application Number: MP 10_0231

Name: Mr Max Viney

Address: 214 Albert Road, Strathfield, NSW, 2135

I object to this project in the strongest possible manner.

Reasons for our objection:

1. Increased traffic problems in Albert Road:

The proposed increase in student numbers will result in more traffic in Albert Road which is already congested from the existing students let alone adding to the problem. As there are two schools located in Albert Road the traffic is chaotic particularly at the end closest to the ACU. We are the residents and have to live with the problem, we should not have to cope with further traffic coming into Albert Road.

2. I object to the removal of trees, particularly natives where the proposed library is to be built. The proposal does not accurately show which trees are to be removed, in particular, two very large native pines at the northern end of the space where the Library building is proposed do not appear on the concept plan section 3.4 Tree removal diagram at all. These trees are over 100 years old and must not be destroyed.

3. Inaccurate images of the proposed buildings

The photo images do not accurately reflect the correct height and scale of the proposed buildings. I refer below to the model compared to the photos as included in the ACU proposal:

Figure 5.2_View west along Barker Road showing proposed envelope for the new Library and Learning Commons (Precinct 1)

The height proposed for this building makes this photo misleading.

I respectfully ask that you consider the terrible impact this expansion would have on the surrounding areas, particularly Albert Road, when assessing this proposal. This area is primarily residential and is already suffering from traffic, parking and pollution problems from the students attending ACU. If this proposal is allowed these problems are only going to get much worse.

Please reject this proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Max Viney

Irene Brennan & Damien Liu-Brennan
63 A Barker Rd.
Strathfield N.S.W. 2135

26 February 2012

Mr Mark Brown
Department of Planning & Infrastructure
23-33 Bridge Street
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr Brown

Re: Application No: MP 10_0231
Australian Catholic University (ACU), Strathfield Campus, Strathfield

We oppose expansion of Australian Catholic University (ACU) Campus Strathfield concept plan MP 10_0231

Until mid January 2012 as a resident we had no knowledge of the extensive work that the ACU, as a 'neighbour' and model citizen of the suburb had undertaken. This in itself shows lack of transparency and good faith by those proposing to change the nature and structure of the fabric of our community.

The first fallacy relates to the issue of traffic flow and alleged minimal impact on residents. In fact the consultant at the meeting on 23 February 2012 acknowledged that the likely impact would be 30% additional increase not 10%.

To further explore the traffic issue it is necessary to discount statements at 5.3.21 relating to Barker Road. The text states that the daily traffic flow in Barker Road is estimated at about 7,500 vehicles per day increasing by the proposed 10% to 8,250 vehicles and that such increase is acceptable.

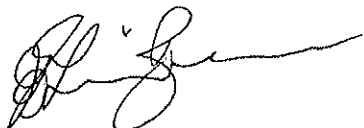
The traffic volume for a local road is 2,000 – 4,000 vehicles per day. As can be seen what is further proposed by the ACU will be unsustainable and unsafe traffic conditions in a local residential area. Increased traffic and an increase to 4 entry/exits in Barker Road will impact on safety for those travelling the road, for students walking to the various schools and also for the residents wishing to enter and exit their premises.

The Department must take into account that the ACU is in a residential location. It is on 5 hectares and was only granted, by an Order of the Land and Environment Court a 510 limit on student numbers at the campus at any one time. Regrettably the ACU cannot honestly admit to how many students it has as its figures are at best rubbery and at worst a lie. At one time the ACU states it has 900 students per hour, another time it has 1,100, then it has 1,600 and 2,400 – who knows what the actual truth is but

- seeks to ratify what the ACU has been doing illegally, that is maintaining student numbers well over what was ordered by the Land and Environment Court in 1994
- seeks to, and without giving anything to the community apart from increased traffic congestion, increased pollution and corresponding ill health and increase in respiratory disease and also destruction of property values and amenities
- seeks to further expand its commercial enterprise in a RESIDENTIAL location without any consideration of the significant deleterious impact on residents by the significant increase in student numbers
- seeks to gain special planning consent that is not available to others. Did not the State Government see the problems of Part 3A applications – this application only has significance for the ACU. The significance for the community is that it will perpetuate the intolerable position for residents
- seeks to run roughshod over residents

To conclude the concept plan and the significant expansion in student numbers and support staff over and above what was approved in 1994 will continue to have a negative impact on residents.

Kind Regards



Irene Brennan



Damien Liu- Brennan

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I strongly object parking expansions to Newton Rd.

For the past 20 years I have lived here, I have never seen ACU students park close to Newton Rd at all. The street is very far from the ACU. There is no need for this excessive expansion. Expanding to Newton Rd destroys the street view, safety and value of the street and leads to cars parked in other adjoining streets including mine which is already very narrow. There have already been many accidents at the cross-section of Wallis Ave and Newton Rd. I don't want my area to become even more dangerous.

I, however, do not object expansions to the ACU's parking complex in their campus. More parking in the campus is beneficial to residents as there are less disruptions and is easier to control for the ACU.

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27 February 2012

Re: Australian Catholic University Strathfield Campus
Concept Plan Authorisation

We have several concerns about the authorisation of this plan, all of which are related to the enlargement of the capacity of the ACU campus, the increase in student and staff numbers associated with this and the effects this will have on the residential amenity, traffic and parking in the surrounding suburbs of Strathfield and Homebush. There are three busy schools close to the ACU¹. We freely acknowledge that access to schools and the Catholic University is one of the attractions of living in Strathfield and nearby suburbs but are concerned that the residential nature of the suburb could be overwhelmed by this significant further development of the University.

As will be apparent, we feel that the essential problem is that this development is too big and that the suburb cannot cope with larger student numbers.

We draw attention to the following:

1. "In 1994 an expansion of the main ACU campus was the subject of the Land and Environment Court approval. As part of the Court approval, conditions were imposed requiring 325 on campus parking and a limit of maximum 510 students on the campus at any one time.²"
2. "In 2002, ACU purchased the Our Lady of Loreto Nursing Home from the St Vincent de Paul society [subsequently renamed the Edward Clancy campus] At the same year Strathfield Council approved the Edward Clancy campus with the requirement of 38 off street parking spaces and a limit of 240 students on campus at any one time³." Thus the combined student numbers to be present at one time on campus would have been 750.
3. "In 2008 semester one, peak student capacity reached 884 students attending lectures and tutorials where room capacity being [sic] 1585 at that time⁴."
4. "Currently Strathfield campus is allowed to hold a maximum 2200 students at any one time⁵." "The following number of students and staff are predicted on the campus in the future: Students: 4800, with an upper limit of 2400 students (50%) on the campus at any one time. Staff: 260.⁶" On the same page as this text statement the current numbers of students is given in an illustration as 3600 and the proposed figure of 4800 is designated:

¹ St Patrick's college, The Sydney Adventist College, Strathfield Girl's High. It is worth noting in passing that St Patrick's College in 2009 annexed part of Edgar Street preventing traffic through the road, after having previously assured Strathfield Council and local residents in 2002 that it would maintain public and traffic access through that street.

² ARUP, Australian Catholic University (Strathfield Campus) *Transport & Accessibility Study*, 1 December 2011, 1.2 page 4. *History and Background of Strathfield Campus*.

³ Ibid.

⁴ ARUP, Australian Catholic University (Strathfield Campus) *Transport & Accessibility Study*, 1 December 2011, 3.9 page 32. *Current Student Peak Period*.

⁵ ARUP, Australian Catholic University (Strathfield Campus) *Transport & Accessibility Study*, 1 December 2011, 3.8.2. page 31. *Off-Street Parking*.

⁶ Hassell. ACU Strathfield Environmental Assessment Part 2 pdf. 4.9.5..Parking, page 50

- '(2016)'. On the face of it there appears to have been a considerable "creep" in numbers and one wonders what will happen beyond 2016.
5. Has application being made to increase this number (750, 2200, 2400)? Presumably the buildings provided in the concept plan will be available to an even larger number of students and associated staff.
 6. Already, parking and traffic movement are affected significantly in the area. In the roads particularly familiar to us - Merley Road and Beresford Road around Inveresk Park - when the schools and the ACU are all active - both sides of the street are fully parked and both roads reduced to one lane. Beresford Rd is a busy road at times. Negotiating the junctions of Dixon and Heyde Street with Albert Rd at these times with both the vehicular and pedestrian traffic already presents a major challenge.
 7. The Transport & Accessibility Study makes various recommendations which are high on good intentions but light on both detail and, to our mind, practicality. For instance:
 - 7.1. "Provide stronger multi modal travel links between the campus and Strathfield station." How? What? And not forgetting that these are suburban streets. Even the proposed more frequent shuttle bus service mentioned elsewhere still has to negotiate the narrow, already overloaded, sometimes grid-locked suburban streets around Strathfield station.
 - 7.2. "Provide good quality safe pedestrian and cycling links within the vicinity of the site."⁷ This is followed by some specifics which would not necessarily provide good quality safe pedestrian and cycling links: "A connected bicycle link should be established between the campus and Bay to Bay route (West along Barker Road). A bicycle link should also be investigated between the campus and Strathfield station. Subject to consultation with RTA and Strathfield Council, bicycle symbols [!] could be inserted in the pavement with some associated signage [!]"⁸. That will make no difference at all.
 - 7.3. "Despite the significant increase in campus parking supply, demand is forecast to exceed supply and hence overflow parking will continue to occur in the surrounding streets"⁹. The Transport and Accessibility Study suggests parking restrictions to deal with this. These are presumably aimed at reducing student use of cars (laudable) but will inevitably lead to on street parking further away from the University – spreading the impact more widely through Strathfield and Homebush.
 8. The 'Transport Increase Diagram', previously mentioned, notes that in 2011 as well as the increase in shuttle bus frequency (also laudable) there has also been "+ encouraging walk to the station" and that it is proposed in 2016 to further increase shuttle bus frequency, continue to encourage "walk to the station" and to add "Campus bikes". We don't understand how 'campus bikes' will help – will these be loaned to students and staff?

Sid Williams & Wendy Blaxland

⁷ ARUP, Australian Catholic University (Strathfield Campus) *Transport & Accessibility Study*, 1 December 2011, 7 page 54-5. *Conclusions and Recommendations*

⁸ Ibid.

⁹ ARUP, Australian Catholic University (Strathfield Campus) *Transport & Accessibility Study*, 1 December 2011, 5.4 *Parking Impact* page 48.

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Please find attached my letter of objection to the proposed expansion of the ACU. I have included an additional 4 attachments (A to C and E) instead of the 5 mentioned in the letter as there is only allowance for 5 documents below.

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Dear Mr Brown,

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Strathfield Campus Concept Plan
167-169 & 179 Albert Road, Strathfield
Objection against Concept Plan for ACU Strathfield Campus

Reference is made to your letter dated 16 January 2012 regarding the Environmental Assessment (EA) lodged by the ACU for a Concept Plan Application for a Master Plan that seeks approval for:

- Four New Development Precincts giving rise to Six Building Envelopes between Two and Four Storeys in Height;
- Increase of car parking on-site (from 346 to a minimum of 674 spaces) in basement and at ground level;
- Improved access arrangements by consolidating main site access and egress into four gates along Barker Road;
- Alterations to internal pedestrian linkages throughout the campus;
- Increase in Student Numbers to 4,800 by 2016 with 2,400 on site at any one time
- Extension of Operating Hours
- Increase in Staff Numbers to match Increase in Student Numbers and Hours of Operation at any one time.

This is a substantial development in a low density residential suburb. The size and the enormity of this project is something that is rarely seen amongst a leafy suburb that prides itself in going to great lengths to maintain historical significance and to preserve the nature of the suburb's heritage listed integrity. This is a rich and wealthy suburb with multi-million dollar homes, where the land value ranges within the vicinity of \$800,000 to \$2,500,000 and where although, there is numerous residential developments being carried out, it is not for the purpose of carrying on a business.

Is this really necessary?

Why must we, the residents of Strathfield, who chose to make Strathfield our home at enormous financial cost and pain, bear the burden of the selfishness and the self-indulgent greed of the Catholic Church who chooses to exploit a site for financial gain which has only operated as a university for the last 19 years?

I, for one, do not want a "World Class Educational Institution" at my doorstep. I do not want a busy active streetscape, a trendy hotspot for students to haunt, a buzzing vibrant university that hosts "world class" educational seminars with invited international speakers from around the world. A busy, noisy high traffic educational establishment catering for tertiary education in a quiet residential neighbourhood.

This is a quiet residential neighbourhood.

The ACU, in its preamble to persuade the local residents of the surrounding Strathfield community, has stated that it has "identified the need to expand the Strathfield Campus to accommodate new teaching and learning spaces". It estimates a "30 percent increase in student numbers over the next 10 years". With current student numbers at 1,800 in 2012 (as stated by Mr Patrick Wong, Director of Technical Services, Strathfield Council), this is almost a three-fold increase of 267%, far more in excess that that stated by the University's flyer promoting the meeting with residents at the ACU on the 23rd February 2012.

The ambitious plans of the ACU with regard to the extent of their proposed development has far reaching implications on our neighbourhood and our community. Strathfield is essentially a family oriented suburb with the main focus being its central proximity to both primary and secondary schooling. It is not zoned as a medium or high density residential nor commercial area and should not be treated as such. It is in fact zoned R2 as a Low Density Residential Area with an abundance of Heritage listed items. It is home to multi-million dollar houses and its property values in the surrounding precincts borders on \$1.3 - \$5 million homes.

NOTICE OF OBJECTION

With this in mind, both my husband and myself and my family, hereby strongly oppose and object to the Applicant's Concept Plan for a Master Plan to Re-Develop its site at the ACU and to increase three-fold the number of buildings and students to the primarily residential area that is known as Strathfield. These objections are based on the following grounds:

1. BACKGROUND

That the Strathfield Campus (Mount Saint Mary) of the ACU has only formally been in existence since the 7 January 1993 and that its operations as a federally funded university did not commence until after that date.

That the supporting document named "*Appendix D ACU Neighbourhood Policy Oct11.pdf*" submitted by the ACU as part of its Concept Plan Application gives a false representation of the facts and as such, implies that the University has been a long standing resident of the Strathfield Community, far longer than some of the residents who have resided in Strathfield for more than 30-40 years.

Paragraph 2 of Appendix D states that:

"For more than a century Australian Catholic University (ACU) has provided an educational institution at the Strathfield campus. Over this time the community has grown around the campus, as has the role of a tertiary institution at the Strathfield campus."

THIS IS A LIE. The community has NOT grown around the campus.

The land, now known as the Mount St Mary Campus of the Australian Catholic University or otherwise known as the Strathfield campus, was previously used as a Catholic College of Education preparing teachers for Catholic schools and later, nurses for Catholic hospitals. It was not until the end of 1990 that negotiations began, to sell the Mount St Mary site to the Sydney Archdiocese and that the operations of the College was formally handed over to the ACU on 7 January 1993.

P.43 of the Concept Plan Application of the ACU Strathfield Environmental Assessment - Part 2.pdf has itself stated that:

"The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney purchased the property of Strathfield (Mount St Mary) Campus for ecclesiastical uses. (That) such uses are encompassed in the three-fold responsibility of the Church to proclaim or teach the Word, celebrate the sacraments and engage in the ministry of charity. These three responsibilities and purposes both pre-suppose each other and are inseparable (Benedict XVI, Deus Caritas Est).

Hence while at times one may focus upon the educational purpose of the Church, in this case as Australian Catholic University.....the expression of that educational purpose (should and) does of necessity encompass both celebration of the sacraments and community engagement based upon charity. Theseresponsibilities are presented by the Church as being integral to the mission of service of a Catholic University (John Paul II, Ex Corde Ecclesiae)."

It is my belief that the Catholic Church has gone beyond what one would have you believe as the ecclesiastical teaching of the modern day student. In short, the Australian Catholic University now offers programs for not only the theologian but, for anyone wishing to further their education in:

- the Arts
- Business Information Systems
- Commerce
- Education
- Environmental Science
- Exercise & Health Science
- Exercise & Sports Science
- Global Studies
- Human Resource Management
- International Development Studies
- Nursing
- Physiotherapy
- Social Work, and
- Visual Arts and Design

The list is endless.

There is no criterion that one must essentially be of the Catholic faith before one can study at the University. Entry is based purely on the students ATAR results.

The Australian Catholic University has become a Commercial Business in itself, striving to expand and become a **"World Class" Institution** comparable to the University of Sydney and the University of NSW.

It is no longer complacent to accept its humble beginnings, that of an ecclesiastical institution to educate the theologians and to spread the word of God. This is all too evident when one observes the fact that the University has applied to build an additional educational precinct known as Precinct 1_South Eastern which will house the new library facilities, replacing the existing library as well as disregarding the existing theologian library at the Catholic Institute of Sydney at 99 Albert Road, Strathfield.

2. INTENT OF THE ACU

That it is the intention of the ACU's "*proposed master plan to establish a future development strategy for the Strathfield campus*" and to "*create a world class precinct including modern teaching and learning facilities*", to "*establish additional floor space.....for the Strathfield campus*" and to "*improve site access, car parking and surrounding traffic functions*".

This is directly quoted from the application lodged by Hassell Limited on 10 December 2010 to the Director General of NSW Department of Planning.

What are the University's real intentions?

What is motivating the University to expand to such an extent that it overrides the needs of the residents within its community?

And at what cost is the University prepared to go in order to establish "a world class precinct" of "modern teaching and learning facilities"?

The Australian Catholic University's ethos on its website clearly states that the Definition of Community Engagement is:

"the process through which Australian Catholic University (ACU) brings the capabilities of its staff and students to work collaboratively with community groups and organisations to achieve mutually agreed goals.....in the interest of people, communities and the University".

Furthermore, *"The University values community engagement (as a means) in serving the common good"*.

The actions of the Australian Catholic University, it's heavy handedness in pushing through major infrastructural changes including the expansion of large student numbers and its master plan to "create a world class university precinct" is in direct contrast with the church's own ethos and seemingly superficial façade of a caring church body.

A clear example of the University's attitude and their lack of communication of relevant and important information can be seen in the outcome of the "third" community consultation held at the University site on Thursday evening 23rd February. Notification of the meeting via letter box drop was distributed on the weekend prior to the meeting. Professor Greg Craven, Vice-Chancellor, Australian Catholic University, addressed the meeting asking for any questions to be directed to the end of the meet, however, the residents were angry at the lack of prior consultation and the way in which they had been treated. As a result, little was achieved and little was done to dissuade them.

There has been an insufficient amount of community consultation. It can only amount to arrogance and disrespect for the local community.

3. ROLE OF PROFESSOR GREG CRAVEN

Professor Greg Craven is the Vice-Chancellor of the Australian Catholic University and is to be found at the Vice-Chancellory Campus in North Sydney. He is the chief executive officer of the ACU and is responsible for representing the University both nationally and internationally as well as providing strategic leadership and management of the University.

Prior to Professor Craven's appointment to the ACU, he served as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Strategy & Planning) at Curtin University of Technology in Western Australia.

The Curtin University of Technology in Western Australia has also undergone dramatic changes in its expansion and its growth in recent times. On 6 August 2010, the City of South Perth published a public document regarding Student Parking at Curtin University.

It stated that:

"The influx of university students has placed surrounding areas under several constraints. I've heard reports of parking problems in Karawara, notably Walanna Drive and Jackson Drive. People are parking on the verges on both sides of the roads, creating safety issues on the local roads. The problem appears to be exasperated due to a trend of entrepreneurs building student accommodation in the area, where it is common for up to eight students being housed in areas with inadequate on-site parking."

It would appear that Professor Craven's role therefore, is to largely oversee the expansion of the ACU and in particular, the Strathfield campus, as well as perhaps student accommodation both on-campus and off-campus in the not too distant future.

Is this what we want for Strathfield?

What are the long-term effects with the continued growth of the ACU to our surrounding suburbs and our neighbourhood?

Should Strathfield be placed in such an unenviable position or should the University in fact, be looking at some other site in perhaps, a more commercial precinct with far more opportunities for expansion and growth and in close proximity to public transport?

4. LAND USE

The Australian Catholic University is a publicly funded university which operates six campuses around the country, including the North Sydney campus located at 40 Edward Street, North Sydney and directly on the intersection of Berry Street and within walking distance of the Pacific Highway and North Sydney Station. It is located in the hub of a commercial precinct with little if any, low residential housing in its proximity.

In contrast however, the Strathfield campus, which is approximately 5.8 hectares in size, and currently zoned SP1 "Special Activities" as per the *Draft Strathfield LEP 2011* (currently under exhibition) and "Special Uses" as per the *Strathfield Planning Scheme Ordinance 1969*, is nestled amongst, what is primarily, a residential landscape. The immediate surrounds of the ACU complex is zoned Low Density Residential R2 as per the *Draft Strathfield LEP 2011* or Residential 2(a) as per the *Strathfield Planning Scheme Ordinance 1969*. Refer to Attachment A.

The two precincts are at odds with each other and whilst the ACU complex may well benefit from the surrounding environment due to its relative close proximity to the hub of transport and its well connected rail line, not to mention the seclusion and privacy of what is essentially, a residential suburb, it is the local area residents who will suffer.

The increase in student population, increase in human traffic, increase in vehicular traffic, increased noise pollution, increased pollution on our roads not only from debris but also waste and rubbish left purposefully, increase in ratepayers funding and resources to counter the problems of road management, waste management and sometimes, wilful neglect of local resident's properties will all adversely impact on our way of life, our visual privacy, our acoustic privacy and our personal privacy and space.

Furthermore, it is the University's intention to relocate the traffic light on Barker Road from what was, a Pelican Crossing, to a 4-way intersection between Barker Road and South Street, hence allowing the University to open up a gated entrance within their property for vehicular access and to act as the central gateway entrance into the University. Moreover, a total of four gated entrances are to be established on Barker Road, making it what was, a small arterial road for local residents into a busy major road for access into the University grounds.

Strathfield is, and always has been, primarily a residential landscape with a long history of colonisation. The suburb was established in the early 1800s and officially proclaimed and named Strathfield on 2 June 1885 by the Governor of NSW, Sir Augustus Loftus.

In the early 1900s, many grand mansions were constructed as the country homes of wealthy merchants, many of which have been recognised for their historic value. There is a long history of well recognised heritage listed buildings, all of which are located in and around the University. Please refer to Attachment B.

Even the area's recreational landscape is at risk. At present, the ACU site provides a vast area of greenery with the Mount Royal Reserve at the foremost on Barker Road providing substantial visual tranquility, a calm and stillness from the hustle and bustle of life in what is predominantly, an urban concrete setting.

The NSW Government Department of Planning and Infrastructure should be trying to ensure that the residents of Strathfield are entitled to the protection of our heritage and our environment and at the very least, our rights to privacy and a peaceful harmonious way of life without the circus of a "World Class" University at our door step.

5. INCREASE IN STUDENT NUMBERS

How many students and staff are there currently on campus at the ACU Strathfield site?

How many students does the University ultimately propose to intake on campus?

Can the University's responses be trusted?

There appears to be a huge anomaly in the numbers given, depending on who and whom has quoted the numbers and under what circumstances.

The ACU website, as quoted by *Professor Marea Nicholson*, Associate Vice-Chancellor Sydney Campuses, last updated 20 Jan 2011, states that the university hosts over 3,700 students. On 26 November 2010, this number was 3,600 students as per the title, Strathfield Campus.

Patrick Wong, Director of Technical Services, Strathfield Council, was asked on Friday evening, 24th February 2012, at the Resident Information Session at Strathfield Library as to what the student numbers were on the University campus. His response was that there were currently 1,800 students and that the University was planning for 4,800 future students.

The website, www.semester-abroad.com states that the University currently has a total of 2,300 students.

The Good Universities Guide however, at www.gooduniguide.com.au states that there are currently 3,282 students with 2,961 undergraduates.

The Concept Plan Application of the ACU Strathfield Environmental Assessment - Part 2.pdf however, does not give any indication of current student numbers except to say, that:

"Student numbers are proposed at 4,800 by 2016, with an upper limit of 2,400 on the campus at any one time. Staff are proposed at a maximum 260 by 2016."

It should be noted however, that on 16 December 1994, Strathfield Council granted consent under DA93/164 to allow only a maximum of 1,100 students to be enrolled at any one time by day and 700 students by night. The number of teachers employed on site was not to exceed 190. Further controls stipulated that the number of students in attendance on the site at any one time shall not exceed 510 between the hours of 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

This is further supported by Patrick Sattout, a leading Strathfield solicitor in his article to the Strathfield News on 15 February 2012 stating that *"the current ACU development consent (DA0102/252) provides for a maximum enrolment of 1,100 students and a maximum of 750 students per day. By its (ACU's) own admission the University has more than three times that number of students."*

Hence, from Council's point of view, the maximum number of students allowed on site and enrolled for both day and night courses is 1,800 students max, when in fact the numbers are much more.

Does anyone really know how many students are currently attending the ACU?

It would certainly appear from all the information currently available that the University has already gone beyond the allowable threshold and therefore the local Strathfield residents are already feeling the brunt of the University's "non-compliance" and that actual numbers have already increased even before any approval has been given for their current Concept Plan to expand the University into a "World Class Precinct".

It would also appear that the University is already benefiting significantly from a financial aspect as well, given the large number of university students already attending the university site. The significant federal funding received per capita of students would most certainly reward the University for its efforts at the cost of the surrounding neighbourhood.

From a personal perspective, student numbers have most certainly increased dramatically since last year, judging by the number of cars displaying a red or green "P" plate parked on our residential streets. The number of parked cars now extends all the way down Newton Road and Barker Road on both sides of the street where possible beyond what the eye can see. Please refer to Attachment C.

Furthermore, the students have no respect for the rights of property owners. In their desperation to not be late for class, students will often park in a manner as to hinder or block property owner's driveways. Please refer to Attachment D.

The proposed construction of new development precincts has not even begun nor have "student numbers" been allowed to increase, but this does not seem to deter the Australian Catholic University from increasing its student population three fold.

Does Strathfield Council or the State Government of NSW have an effective strategy to handle the ever increasing student population as well as at the same time, to provide the local residents of Strathfield a peaceful and harmonious environment to reside without the complexities of increased traffic congestion, parking congestion, vehicular accessibilities into one's own driveway, right of ways, transport negotiation, privacy concerns and acoustic pollution?

If not, then the proposed expansion of the University should not be allowed. This is the wrong place, the wrong suburb, the wrong area for a "world class" educational institution of this kind.

6. CAR PARKING FACILITIES

The proposed increase in car parking facilities from 346 to a minimum of 644 spaces is inadequate and unrealistic.

The University does not have the space or the capability to accommodate the necessary car parking facilities for the estimated 4,800 students that it forecasts for 2016, nor even the "estimated" maximum 2,400 students per day.

644 car parking spaces is not even sufficient to cater for the number of students now, let alone a number that is three fold higher or even 30% more than the existing number of student and staff now attending the University.

Will the University be charging the students for parking on-site in the University campus?

What next?

- Fee based parking permits on University grounds for staff and students to use the car parks and ground level parking (as it is in UNSW)?
- Time based metered parking on University grounds?
- Metered parking by Council on local neighbourhood streets?

Where does it stop?

It would appear that the **University is already relying on existing residential street parking in the surrounding neighbourhood to cater for the large number of students and staff using and employed at the site.** Notwithstanding this, the University will not admit nor disclose this fact. Rather, they have actively promoted that:

The "Concept Plan encourages greater use of public facilities....including rail and bus services, as well as additional pedestrian and bicycle traffic" Paragraph 4.2 of the Environmental Assessment at Cl.4.4.2 of the Concept Plan Application at P.45.

As part of the University's Concept Plan they have also proposed that:

*"The only equitable way to distribute the available parking spaces between the residents and visitors is to **place parking time restrictions** to help manage the available parking balance in the area".* Cl.5.4 of Appendix E Transport & Accessibility Study Dec11.pdf

Is this fair?

Why should we, the ratepayer's of Strathfield Council, have to bear the bully tactics of the Australian Catholic University? This is nothing less than a dictatorship.

Don't we, as residents, have friends? Don't we receive visitors, non-residing family members, mothers' groups, tradesmen, cleaners, gardeners, etc?

What right does the ACU Arup Survey have to firstly, acknowledge that "the (student) parking occupancy in the nearby streets (of the ACU) is 76%" but then blatantly admit that "this occupancy rate is acceptable considering the majority of the residential properties have more than one off-street parking space"!

Moreover, the report kindly *"recommend(s) that these on-street parking spaces should be well utilized"*. **Who and whom prepared the report? Who are they to think that they are in a position to represent our lifestyles?**

This is sheer intimidation and bullying by the Australian Catholic University.

I do not share the same sentiments as the University nor do I respect their arrogance and their patronizing manner.

The report has also admitted that *"demand is forecast to exceed supply and hence overflow parking will continue to occur in the surrounding streets"*. This is already a FAIL. The report has already acknowledged that the parking arrangements of the University is insufficient to sustain the student intake for now, the present, and indeed 2016.

The concept of Resident Parking Vouchers proposed under Strathfield Council's new resident parking scheme limits households to two permits per household.

Is this fair? Why should the local residents be punished for parking restrictions imposed on them by the Australian Catholic University? Why can't the Australian Catholic University cater for the increased vehicular traffic and car parking within its own educational establishment?

Strathfield is primarily a local residential suburb. It is NOT a commercial zoned precinct nor can it cater for the large number of students that are envisaged by the University for a "World Class University" Establishment.

The University's ultimate goal is *World Class Grandeur*. This is not the place for a commercial educational facility which caters for international recognition on the world's stage nor is it the Vatican City.

This is suburbia. This is a Low Density Residential Area where the highest residential building peaks at a maximum of 9.5m in height. Strathfield is a well established suburb with some of the state's most expensive housing and real estate in the area.

Strathfield is well known as a regional centre of education both in the private and public sectors. Notwithstanding this however, it has mainly catered for pre-primary, primary and secondary education, all of which, requires a high percentage of parental input where many parents convey their children to and from their educational facility as well as reside in close proximity to their chosen educational venues. The residents have made Strathfield their home where their children can grow up in a safe and enjoyable environment with the knowledge that their privacy is respected.

Strathfield is not a place where there is a high influx of university students who have an independent means of wealth and transportation and therefore placing an artificial constraint on the local resident's parking, aesthetics, privacy, and safety. The environmental impact to our amenities and our lifestyles are at risk.

Furthermore, it is not a suburb that can sustain an ever increasing population which is normally associated with a high level of tertiary education as implied in the Concept Plan Application on P.43 of the *ACU Strathfield Environmental Assessment - Part 2.pdf*.

Already today, the 27th February 2012, the first day of the semester at the Australian Catholic University, at 7.50am, there was an unusual increased flow of "P" drivers travelling north on Wallis Street towards the University at speed, so that any traffic on Newton Road travelling across the roundabout, were unable to cross the roundabout giving way to the right.

This is only a taste of what is to come.

There is no right answer. To increase the size of the University, means increasing the number of students, it then increases the flow of traffic, which then increases the on-street parking, hence, bring on the limited parking restraints! To not have parking restraints, would be the death of on-street residential parking for ratepayers.

The only logical answer is to:

NOT ALLOW THE EXPANSION. REDUCE THE MASTER PLAN. RE-LOCATE THE WORLD CLASS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION TO A MORE SUITABLE SITE. NOT IN THE MIDDLE OF AN UPPER CLASS LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL SUBURB THAT CANNOT SUSTAIN AN INCREASED CAMPUS INTENSIFICATION.

We should not be subject to artificial constraints on our parking because of the university's expansion plans.

We should have the freedom to park on our own streets at any time of the day.

We should be able to have our friends and family, park in close proximity to our homes at any time of the day.

We should be able to see the street view when entering and departing our own driveways not only from an aesthetics aspect but more importantly, from a safety aspect.

This is our home. This is our environment.

Any development, whether residential or commercial, should ensure that the bulk and scale of that development, be appropriate for the site.

In addition, *Clause 4.6.1.a of the Strathfield DCP 2005 Part M (DCP2005)* states that the educational facility should provide “sufficient levels of car parking on-site for staff, students so as to not adversely impact on the neighbourhood and the local road network.” It further states that the educational facility should “minimise the impact on nearby properties from parking and traffic.”

Both the State Government of Planning and Infrastructure and the Strathfield Council have a responsibility in ensuring that our local community is protected, that our environment is protected, that the amenities of our adjoining neighbours are protected.

7. PRECINCTS - MISLEADING INFORMATION

The ACU has done little to provide any information of its proposed development plans for public viewing or discussion. There has been no advertisement, no public consultation and no letter box drop in the local area.

The first and only letter box drop received from the ACU was for the proposed “third community consultation session” i.e. Thursday February 23 at the ACU site. There was little time for planning and insufficient notice given to allow the local residents’ time to attend the meeting. Even publication in the local paper, the Inner West Courier dated Thursday, February 23, 2012 was not received until the following Friday.

Furthermore, the majority of the local residents including Marion Street, have not received any information whatsoever. To add to this charade, the information provided on the leaflet was incorrect and misleading.

The ACU cited that one of the key features of its proposal was that “*three new development precincts*” were to be constructed “*at a height and floor space appropriate to the existing built form and character of the locality*”. Please refer to Attachment E.

The ACU has deliberately misled the public into believing that there were only three new development precincts when **in fact, there are four new development precincts proposed** as per *P.9 of the Concept Plan Application of the ACU Strathfield Environmental Assessment - Part 1.pdf*.

Secondly, no reference is made to the fact that such developments were to be 2-4 storeys in height. This is a gross misrepresentation of fact, to suggest that the “*height and floor space* (of each precinct is) *appropriate to the existing built form and character of the locality*.”

It should be noted that *Clause 4.6.1.a of the Strathfield DCP 2005 Part M (DCP2005)* states that “*An educational establishment in or adjoining a residential land use zone.....shall not be erected to a height greater than 2 storeys above the natural ground level and no part of any building shall exceed 9.5 metres in height above natural ground level.*”

However, “*Council may consider (on larger sites) a greater height and number of storeys in the central core of the site with increased setbacks*” *Cl.4.6.1.b Strathfield DCP 2005 Part M (DCP2005)*

It is not a foregone conclusion that each of the three and four storey development precincts will be approved by either Council or the Department of Planning and that each of the buildings need to be looked at in the context of their “*bulk, scale, siting and character to existing buildings adjoining and nearby within a residential zone including*

any adjoining items of environmental heritage or heritage conservation areas.” Cl. 4.4.1 of the Strathfield DCP 2005 Part M (DCP2005).

Assuming that P.9 of the Concept Plan Application of the ACU Strathfield Environmental Assessment - Part 1.pdf is correct, that there are to be four new development precincts, then one can only assume that the letter to the Director General of the NSW Department of Planning dated 10 December 2010 from Silvija Smits of Hassell Limited was either incorrect or that a typing error was made when it stated at P. 4 of 9 that it was proposed that *“Five new teaching buildings within the core teaching area of the campus”* would be built.

8. BUILDING ENVELOPE

The NSW Government Department of Planning and Infrastructure has advised that the ACU seeks approval for six building envelopes between two and four storeys in height in its letter to us dated 16 January 2012.

However, based on the current Concept Plan Application lodged with the Department of Planning, it would appear that there are only four new development precincts outlined in the paper. This excludes the current three storey building approved on 16 December 1994 which houses lecture rooms and teacher office accommodation.

The four new proposed development precincts are:

1. Precinct 1_South eastern	4 storey	RL 51.20	Library Building
2. Precinct 2_Eastern	4 storey	RL 46.00	Education Building
3. Precinct 3_Western	3 storey	RL 42.00	Art and Science Building
4. Precinct 4_Central	2 storey	RL 40.50	Campus Facilities

Both Precincts 1 & 3 will be located on Barker Road side. The Concept Plan Application has stated that setbacks from the street frontage will be a minimum of 12m from Barker Road.

Given the total bulk and scale of each of the building masses for both precincts and the proximity to Barker Road, I would think that the minimum setback from the street frontage should be at least 15m so as to reduce the visual impact of the total bulk and scale of the development on the surrounding environment and to give credence to additional flora and fauna in sympathy with the Mount Royal Reserve.

As much as the Concept Plan Application proposes that the building envelope will in most part overshadow Barker Road as opposed to the neighbourhood residents, it should be understood that the possibility of a 4 storey building in the midst of a low density residential area will significantly stand out on an ever increasingly busy road. Moreover, its presence will most certainly reduce the land value of the surrounding residences as it detracts from the value of each of the affected properties.

9. GATED ENTRY

The proposal to open up four new gated entry points including the main point of entry at Gate 2 and a circular departure point at Gate 3 as well as two loading dock entry points at each end of the Barker Road site is significant.

This places an enormous strain on the traffic flow on Barker Road and the neighbouring streets including Wallis Avenue, Chalmers Road, Homebush Road and Newton Road. Already, there has been an increase in traffic flow with increased student numbers at the beginning of the University semester.

Movement of traffic across Barker Road, the roundabouts on Newton Road and Albyn Road, and the T-junction intersections at Wilson Street, South Street and Wallis Avenue are a concern. Morning traffic ferrying school kids to school are already high and the additional intensification of "P" plate university students within the local resident network adds to traffic and parking congestion as well as a real danger when 2-way traffic slows down to one-way traffic on tightly parked narrow streets such as Newton Road between Firth and South. "P" plate drivers are not as familiar with some of the road network nor road manners. Giving way to oncoming traffic when there is only enough space for one vehicle is discretionary.

University students will come and go. Residents have to live here. Why should the University, which is not yet a world class precinct, be allowed to dictate our lifestyles so that it can become one?

10. RELOCATION OF TRAFFIC LIGHTS

We totally object to the University's proposal to relocate the traffic lights on Barker Road from its existing location to South Street.

Not only is it a waste of resources but it takes away our freedom and independence when entering and leaving South Street from Barker Road and vice versa.

Why should the local residents kowtow to the ever burgeoning ever amassing Australian Catholic University when it itself does not respect our rights as local citizens and residents of Strathfield?

11. WHAT NEXT?

Should the Concept Plan be approved, what lies next in store for the residents of Strathfield? What else is the Australian Catholic University planning?

Perhaps, with an increased student population, increased "world class" facilities and improved site accessibility, the University may be planning increased student accommodation? Or Summer School?

This is not some random accusation. It is well acknowledged that throughout all world class universities, that these universities all provide some form of on-campus and off-campus student accommodation as well as extended semester options.

Can the local residential environment which currently houses multi-million dollar homes, sustain increased affordable housing for students? Perhaps boarding houses or boarding lodges?

Is this part of Strathfield Council's long term planning controls? Bearing in mind, that the surrounding area of the ACU site is a "Low Residential Housing Zone". However, this will not stop the University from applying once approval is given for the construction of three and four storey buildings on site.

12. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

What are the real costs to the local area residents of the ACU?

It may be all well and good for the University to commission a large number of studies to assess the likely affects of a "world class precinct" but is this really what we want?

Do we have a choice?

What are the long term effects on us, as residents? Not for the students, not for the University, but what about our standard of living? The impact on our daily lives. The costs to our health, to our day to day activities, our privacy and our freedom of choice?

Do we have a right to say?

I believe we do. I believe that we should not be intimidated into believing that everything the University says is true.

The reports commissioned by the University are biased and minimalises the negative impacts of the campus intensification. Why else, would they acknowledge that the overflow rate of on-street car parking at 76% was acceptable because we have free car parking spaces in front of our houses anyway?

It's alright if the residents have to walk 50m to their home because they can't find street parking outside the front door of their house, even though there is an excessive number of students attending the University and parking is at a premium. It's alright if a senior resident who lives in Strathfield in the vicinity of the University, with disabilities, has to carry their groceries 50m to get home because they have one off-street parking on their property but it doesn't matter that the driveway is too narrow or is hard to see or manoeuvre for an 80 year old. Where does it stop?

The Arup Report is cold and calculated and should not be given too much credence.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, we feel that the Concept Plan Application for a Master Plan of Four New Development Precincts; Six Building Envelopes; Increase in Student Numbers; Increase in Staff Numbers; Increase in Hours of Operation; Increase in Gated Entry Points; and most importantly, an Increased in Car Parking Facilities which does nothing to address the Local Resident's Concerns about On-Street Parking in the vicinity of the University should NOT be approved.

Strathfield is neither the place nor the locality for a "world class (educational) precinct" of the kind that the Australian Catholic University envisages in its Concept Plan. The environmental impact on the surrounding properties are significant. The scale on which the University strives for excellence does not fit the character of the surrounding area.

Strathfield is a Low Density Residential suburb. Yes, it caters for a number of educational institutions in the area, but all of these are Pre-Primary, Primary and Secondary Educational Facilities.

The long term plans of the Australian Catholic University's Concept Plan is expansive and will change the face of Strathfield from a quiet residential hub to a busy, active municipality which caters for a growing population of tertiary education.

We strongly object to this proposal and request that the NSW Government Department of Planning reject the University's Concept Plan.

We hereby declare that we have made no reportable political donations in the previous two years nor up until the application is determined.

Yours Sincerely,

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[Refer to the Draft LEP](#)

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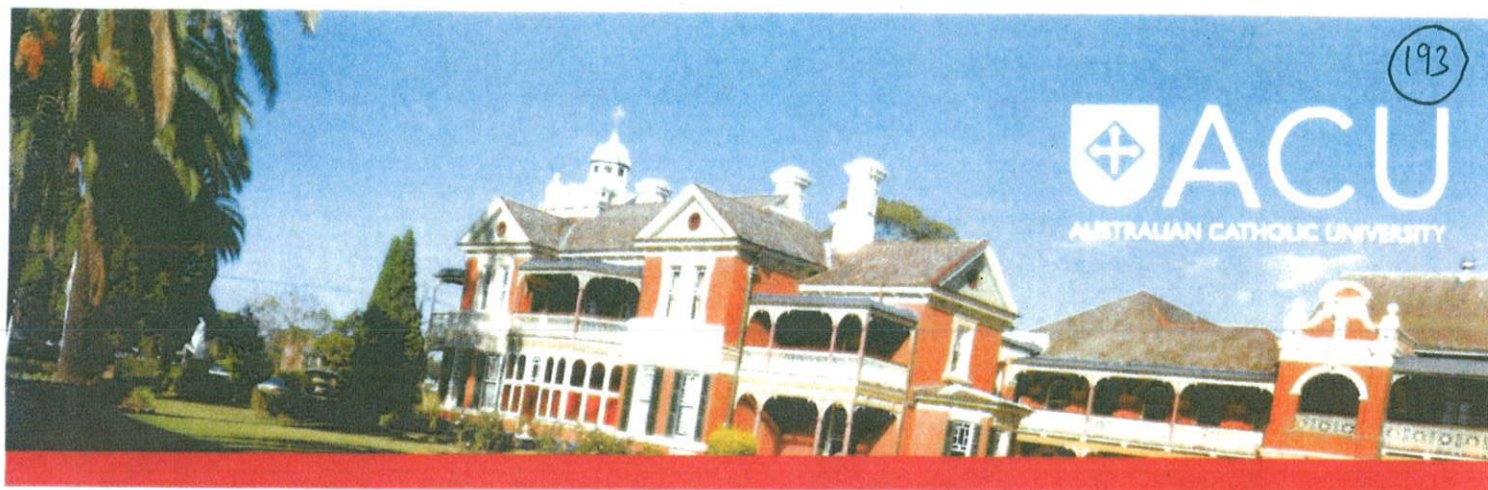
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Attachment C - Student Residential Parking

Monday, 27 February 2012 - 8.05am







Australian Catholic University (ACU) has been reviewing the long-term function of its NSW campuses and identified the need to expand the Strathfield Campus to accommodate new teaching and learning spaces.

A Concept Plan has been prepared to guide the new development – and accommodate an estimated 30 per cent increase in student numbers over the next 10 years, while improving parking and traffic conditions and promoting the heritage significance of existing buildings.

Key features



Three new development precincts to provide new library and education buildings – at a height and floor space appropriate to the existing built form and character of the locality.



New underground parking area in the north west of the campus and two basement parking areas with a total minimum of 674 spaces – a 100 per cent increase.



Consolidation of main site access and egress into four gates along Barker Road, and establishment of a new internal circulation area to reduce impacts to traffic flow and parking along Barker Road.



The ACU shuttle bus service, which had two buses running every 10 minutes during peak periods in 2011, will increase to three buses every 10 minutes during peak periods from 2012.



Upgrade to the landscape and public domain of the campus to include new pedestrian paths, public open space and landscape improvements.



New pedestrian links throughout the campus.

Community consultation

In August last year, 220 properties surrounding the Strathfield Campus were letter-box-dropped about the proposed development, and residents invited to the two community consultation sessions to review the plans in full.

A third community consultation session will now be held on:

Thursday February 23 at 7pm
Murray Hall, ACU Strathfield Campus
25A Barker Road
Strathfield NSW 2135

The Concept Plan will be advertised by the Department of Planning and Infrastructure until 29th February 2012, providing an opportunity for formal comment. Comments can be made using the online response form or via a written response to the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and can be viewed in full at the following locations:

NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure website

<http://majorprojects.planning.nsw.gov.au/>

Department of Planning and Infrastructure Information Centre

23-33 Bridge Street, Sydney

Strathfield Municipal Council Customer Service Centre

65 Homebush Road, Strathfield

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Content:

My family has owned property on Barker Road, Strathfield since the 1940's and I have resided on this road for over 40 years so I am quite familiar with the history of the area and the problems which have arisen with the transformation of the quiet teaching facility of the Christain brothers to the larger and more complex campus of the ACU.

I wish to object to the further expansion of the ACU as detailed in the Concept Plan (Application No. 10-0231).

I object to these plans on the basis of the local historical significance of the heritage listed buildings on this site. The present landscaped setting provides a vista for these buildings which not only forms part of their historical presence but also allows these buildings to form part of the streetscape on Barker Road. This would be lost if three and four storey buildings, which are not sympathetic in their design, were to be built as described in the Concept Plan. Apparently on the south-eastern section near Mount Royal Reserve some trees are to be lost as well. These trees are old trees and cannot be replaced overnight and their aesthetic value will be lost for two or three generations. These trees belong to the community of Strathfield not the ACU and should be preserved according to the Tree Preservation requirements of our local area.

I also object on the basis that an increase in student numbers (the Plan is confusing as regards how many more students there will be and when) will lead to an increase in traffic congestion and parking chaos in the surrounding streets. This in turn will increase safety issues for everyone who travels regularly along Barker Road and adjoining streets. At present, local residents are denied the right to park in front of their houses, or have visitors or tradespeople come to their homes, or doctors or ambulances or carers so that students can park close to the campus. The ACU does not provide adequate parking on site. We are rate payers and as such should not be denied access to our properties. Some students park across driveways and block residents from leaving their driveways. The University is no longer a school but a commercial enterprise and as such should not be expanding into a residential area at the rate proposed.

I strongly object to the changes proposed for the intersection of Barker Road and South Street. This intersection historically was connected through Mount Royal Reserve to Albert Road. It was an intersection which experienced many serious accidents and I believe one fatality. The intersection was made safer by the closure of the Albert Road connection and later the installation of traffic lights further east on Barker Road to ensure the safety of students attending St Patricks College. These measures have worked well and should be retained in their present form. The ACU would be responsible for increasing the danger for pedestrians and cars alike if the intersection was to be altered according to the concept plan.

The relocation of the bus stop further east on Barker Road would also cause problems for traffic flow in an easterly direction. Would the trees on Barker Road be removed to provide a recess for the buses? Figure 18 in the Concept Plan is not detailed enough to provide answers for all the concerns that local residents have and should be totally rejected. The right hand turning lane is not long enough and cars waiting to turn will extend into the through traffic lane and disrupt traffic flow westerly during peak times.

At the present time the traffic lights are used intermittently by pedestrians but with the Concept Plan ideas will need to go through numerous phasing on each cycle and this will again disrupt traffic flow. I don't think any of this has been

thought through and as a consequence the Plan should be rejected. The detail is insufficient and the traffic flow studies inadequate especially as to the times that were utilised.

An increase in student numbers will only increase congestion and reduce safety for local residents and students. Students never seem to use traffic light crossings but prefer to cross wherever they like. Visibility is reduced for both drivers and students alike when students park right to the corners of the streets. These are problems which need to be addressed.

There is also the problem of rubbish in the local streets. Every resident has become an unofficial rubbish collector for the University. Many complaints have been made to the University administration and even the Vice-Chancellor but these have chosen not to communicate with their neighbours to help solve any problems.

The impact of the proposed new buildings on the streetscape is substantial and the plans for these buildings should also be rejected as being inappropriate for the location. The site is elevated and I think such large buildings would be able to be seen from Liverpool Road as an eyesore on our residential area.

In conclusion, the local residents are united in their opposition to the Concept Plan for the ACU. I request that due consideration be given to my submission on this matter and the submissions of others as we all have been long-suffering neighbours of the ACU and have had enough of the imposition to our daily lives of an ever increasing student population on our doorstep. We are entitled to the quiet enjoyment of our homes.

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 Concept Plan for the Australian Catholic University (ACU), Strathfield Campus (MP 10_0231)
 Submission to the NSW Department of Planning and Infrastructure

We are writing to object to the proposed development of the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield Campus (MP 10_0231). Our objection is in 4 main areas:

- the increased traffic that will result in the otherwise quiet surrounding residential areas
- the increased parking demand that will result on streets ill-equipped to cope
- the height of structures that will be incongruous with the residential and heritage character of the surrounding suburb
- increased hours of operation meaning adverse impacts will occur throughout the week, day and night

The university was originally approved to educate a maximum of 1100 students with a maximum of 510 on site at any one time. Current numbers are 3600 students, well in excess of the original approval (has this been approved?). The university is proposing to increase student numbers to 4800 by 2016 (a 30% increase), with 2400 students on site at any one time. This is a huge increase in capacity and it is unclear how the maximum number of students on site is measured or can be monitored. The disparity between a 30% increase in student numbers and a supposed 5% increase in traffic seems flawed. The proposal seems to rely on the "at one time" concept to hide a potentially much larger increase in hourly turnover.

We suggest that the proposed measures will be nowhere near adequate to address the increase in traffic and parking demands that will inevitably occur to the surrounding residential streets. The nearby streets are already 'parked out' on university operating days. The residential infrastructure was never intended to cope with the current or proposed extra demands. Until an area wide traffic management study is commissioned and ACU be made responsible for countering any adverse affects, their proposal should not be approved. The proposal investigates traffic on major intersections such as Barker Rd and Pemberton St but does not address traffic on quiet residential streets beyond.

We are concerned that the proposed abatement measures by the university do not go anywhere near addressing the affect of increased parking in the surrounding residential suburb. The proposal argues that shuttle bus services and extra on site parking will limit the effect of increased student numbers. What is unclear is exactly how a 30% increase in student numbers can be controlled to only a 5% increase in traffic/ parking. There are other measures that could be put in place by the ACU to ensure that the surrounding suburb has zero impact from the university.

For example, what about:

- providing linked bus services from various parts of Sydney. A shuttle bus from Strathfield station will only suit some students. Buses from the north, northwest, south, east etc will also help.
- enforcing expensive parking permits for students so that driving is made reasonably expensive (and therefore not an option) and public transport is made very attractive
- mandating no parking on local streets by students
- more on-site parking (although this could just encourage more driving)
- time limited parking on local streets. Unfortunately this just pushes the problem to another area.

The proposal also includes an increase in operational hours including longer week-day hours and weekend operation. Again, this is incongruous with the surrounding residential nature of the suburb. The ACU is not surrounded by businesses operating long hours, it is surrounded by family homes that do not want to be disturbed at night time or on weekends.

ACU is attended by young adults, & many are female. The extended hours places them frequently on dark & quiet streets. Concerns for their personal safety will undermine the usage of public transport. The extended hours do not seem to be in the student's or resident's best interests.

We believe that the growth of the ACU institution at the expense of the suburb amenity is not acceptable. The proposal to construct additional buildings up to 4 storeys is incongruous with the nature of the surrounding suburb. The proximity of the buildings next to adjoining properties is also unfair.

There would be numerous adverse impacts on the surrounding suburb if the ACU proposal were to be approved. We believe the proposal in its current form is not acceptable.

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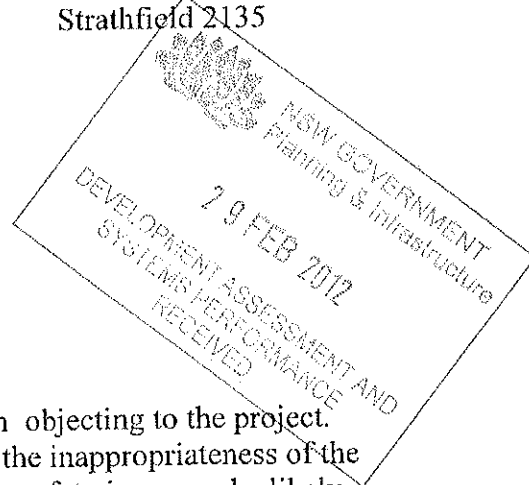
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Attn Mr Mark Brown.

Re Concept Plan for ACU Strathfield.
MP 10-0231



In regard to the above plan I wish to lodge a submission objecting to the project. My objection is based on several grounds. These being the inappropriateness of the development to the area, the resulting increase in traffic, safety issues and a likely increase in noise in a residential area.

In a delivered information sheet, the university states the development is appropriate to the character of the locality. As some of these buildings will be four storeys high they will neither fit in with the existing university buildings in style and height or the residences in the area all of which are no more than two storeys high.

Also the plan allows for an increase from the present 346 car parking on site to 674 spaces. This increase will not even accommodate the present number of cars belonging to students that are parked in Barker Rd, Newton Rd, Oxford St and all the adjoining streets. The situation is so difficult that people cannot park in front of their own residence, let alone have space for visitors or tradespeople. Even with the current student numbers there needs to be an increase in free or inexpensive parking.

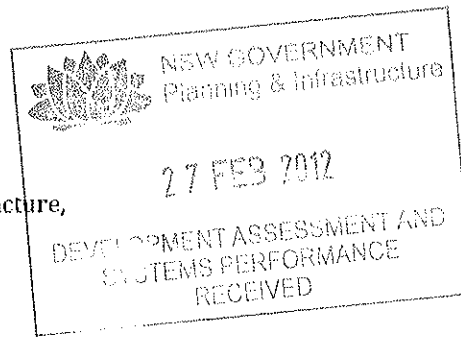
In the last year the increase in the traffic to the university has become hazardous in the mornings in particular in the Barker Rd, Todman Place and Oxford Rd. areas. There is reduced visibility because of the lines of parked cars with many 'near misses' occurring. It is noted that a significant number of the drivers are on P plates and therefore are not experienced to cope the chaotic conditions. The fact that there are local children walking to school makes the situation a safety concern. This is occurring currently, the planned increase in student numbers will make the situation even worse.

It is noted that the 'newer' universities such as Macquarie and University of Western Sydney were developed on large expanses of land not proximate to residential areas. The ACU site is not suitable for any significant expansion. Any extension of the hours of operation of the university should be in keeping with the residential nature of the area.

Yours Faithfully

Deirdre Hassan
23/02/2012.

Major Projects Assessment,
Department of Planning and Infrastructure,
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001



18th February, 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY APPLICATION NO: MP10 0231

We, being residents of Strathfield directly affected by the operation of the Australian Catholic University, object to this Concept Plan. We strongly urge the Minister to decline the proposal outright.

Our key reasons for objecting to the Concept Plan are as follows:

- The proposal detracts from the character of the surrounding residential precinct and diminishes the privacy of local residents by including new 3 and 4 storey buildings near the boundary of the university on Barker Road.
- The Neighbourhood Policy included in the proposal does not address sufficiently the parking, traffic and other amenity impacts on the neighbourhood. The university's lack of integration with the local community is highlighted by its wilful breaches of its original planning approvals, which have generated impacts on the neighbourhood contrary to the intentions underlying those approvals.
- The proposal contains invalid parking and traffic analyses due to an incorrect assumption in relation to the growth in student numbers. This flaw in the analysis completely invalidates the conclusions reached by the university and its consultants. The proposal will have substantial traffic, parking and other amenity-related impacts on the surrounding residential precinct. If allowed to occur, the expansion of the university would represent a breach of residents' rights to the quiet enjoyment of their properties and would interfere with their safety, peace and convenience.
- The university's consultation with the local community has been inadequate. The university originally provided information to local residents that was not comprehensive and was provided to a minority of affected residents. More recently, it appears that the university may undertake some further consultation with some residents but this will not provide those with an interest in the proposal enough opportunity to express their views.

Due to these and other reasons, we, the undersigned, do not support the proposal by ACU.

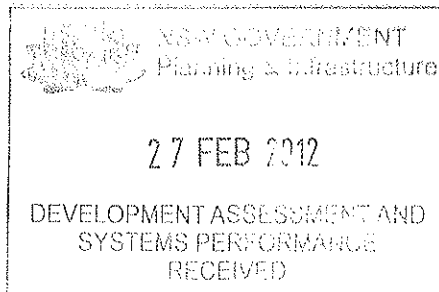
Should the Minister not be inclined to decline the proposal, the errors and deficiencies in the analysis presented by the university and its consultants mean that no reasonable decision maker could make a valid decision in support of the proposal. These errors and deficiencies would need to be remediated and substitute analyses undertaken before a reasonable assessment could be made of the proposal.

We confirm that we have made no reportable political donations in the previous two years.

Yours faithfully,

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ADDRESS: 17 RAVENNA STREET
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Dr.V.Colman & Ms.J.Colman

77Newton Rd., Strathfield.2135

Mark Brown,

26th February,2012

N.S.W.. Planning and Infrastructure Fax (02)9228 6455

Concept Plan for ACU Strathfield Application No. MP10_0231

We strongly object to the application for reasons as follows:

- 1.TRAFFIC** It will exacerbate existing significant traffic issues, and will moreover create new significant traffic issues to impact detrimentally on the surrounding residential area.
- 2.PARKING** By its own admission, there will be on site parking for 1 out of 6 students, which is insufficient and will exacerbate existing significant parking issues in the surrounding residential streets, and with increase in student numbers, will exacerbate the existing problem of student parking extending to more and more distant residential streets.
- 3.BUILDINGS** The proposed 3 and 4 storey buildings on the site boundaries will adversely affect existing residential housing by way of over-shadowing, overlooking and noise. The proposed 3 and 4 storey buildings are not in keeping with the heritage environment of the site nor with the environment of the surrounding residential area.
- 4.FLAWED PLAN** The Concept Plan is flawed, and some examples are; inconsistency of methods of calculating student numbers, measurement of traffic movements, wrong measurements of the actual width of existing roads. There is a failure to recognise that obstruction of traffic in one area always leads to use of other roads with "rat-running" into adjoining residential roads.
- 5.CONSULTATION** The A.C.U. has failed to effectively consult with the surrounding residents, and notification of only a small fraction of affected residents during the Australian summer holiday period suggests an ulterior motive. At the belated ACU/community consultation meeting on 23rd February 2012, the ACU Chancellor's threat to take legal action against residential objectors only served to inflame the already stressed attenders. Many assertions in the Vice Chancellor's speech were challenged by several professionals in the audience, and the failure to address these satisfactorily lead to serious loss of confidence in her claims. Many of the proposed traffic chaos mediation measures will only further negatively impact on residents.
- 6.POLLUTION** Ever increasingly, litter from students' cars is dumped on our nature strips and we are exposed to the fumes from the extra cars' exhausts.

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OBJECTION TO
APPLICATION No. MP10-0231 (198)

7. EMERGENCY EVACUATION Now, already, the arterial roads, in the streets nearest to ACU) surrounding Strathfield are choked with constant passage of vehicles passing through, accessing schools, delivering to Flemington Markets etc. and there is the future horror of Port Enfield operating 24/7 with B-Double trucks yet to come. Getting out of Strathfield involves long delays in traffic – just driving in our streets with ACU student parking involves “nerves on edge” manoeuvring (804 cars counted on one morning in February 2012). The 17 nearby schools have large numbers of students and the proposal for additional numbers at ACU creates a potentially dangerous and life-threatening scenario if urgent evacuation is required. It must also be borne in mind that only 2 km. away in Lidcombe is the chosen dumping ground for radioactive material from Hunters Hill.

8. INAPPROPRIATE, WITH INEQUITABLE CONSEQUENCES ON THE WELL BEING OF RESIDENTS This plan is a huge development directly in the centre of an existing, well established residential area (c170 years) and already has had a devastating effect on a great number of lives, philosophically, psychologically and financially.

SUMMARY Cutting through all the hired gun, ivory tower, armchair consultant gobbledegook and the ACU spin and weasel words, put simply, this ill-considered, flawed proposal is like pouring extra water into the over-flowing Wyvenhoe Dam, when it is in danger of breaking!

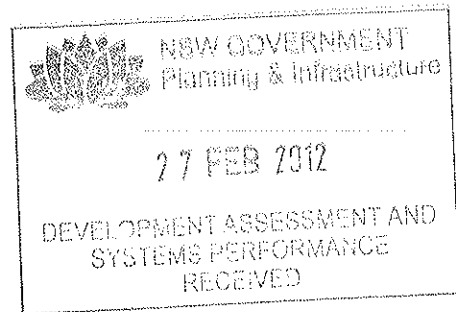

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CONCEPT PLAN FOR ACU STRATHFIELD
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I live in 176 Albert Rd. Strathfield. My official name is Maria Concepcion Gimeno Cobos.

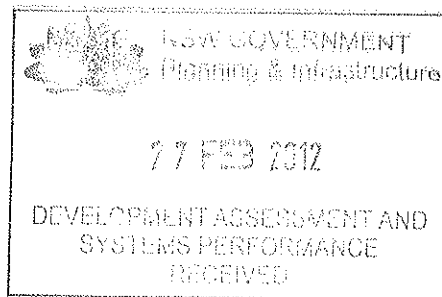
I oppose any project that makes the street become a meter parking place and think that ACU should make its own provisions.

At the moment the street has become very busy - that's fine, but what is not, is that no one can park outside because there is no parking space. My place has a bit of parking within but is we are at home and two more persons decide to visit or come for work or trade purposes, there is no way they park, or else they have to walk a long way because the street is itself a parking lot. The whole area is changing style but it should not be that we are 'penallised'.

Thank you for your attention.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'C. Gimeno'.



Strata Plan 35901
168-175 Albert Rd.,
Strathfield NSW 2135

To:- Mr. Mark Brown, NSW Dept. of Planning,

Re:- **Concept Plan for ACU Strathfield**

Application No. MP 10 0231

Our Submission hereby is to **OBJECT STRONGLY** to the project application as follows :-

- ❖ Students currently park in a haphazard manner in all the University surrounding streets.
- ❖ Complaints re their parking errors have been referred to Council on many occasions.
- ❖ Our Complex is in Albert Rd. - approx. 150 metres East of Heyde Ave.- and ingress and egress access for our residents vehicles is ALWAYS dangerously obstructed by students vehicles. This is principally due to their parking either partly across our entry/exit or so close that it requires our exiting drivers to take access to Albert Rd. with **EXTREME CAUTION**. This being because we cannot see vehicles travelling Westward on Albert Rd. due to the obstructing parked vehicles.
- ❖ Ours is an over 55's. Complex and we believe that the **CURRENT situation is untenable, AND THAT ANY INCREASE IN STUDENT PARKING WILL EXACERBATE THE GENERAL AREA PARKING PROBLEM IMMENSELY.**
- ❖ The whole student parking problem in our immediate area is out of control now, and any increase will be a recipe for disaster.
- ❖ Beresford Rd., adjoining Inveresk Park, has parking on both sides, and thus traffic is restricted to ONE line of traffic in ONE direction only.
- ❖ Illegal parking, too close to intersection corners is very dangerous and is continuously abused by student (P plate) drivers. This is prevalent in ALL the surrounding streets to the University.

The Executive Committee of our Strata Plan (21 Units) has been requested by our members to write to you with the strongest possible objection to this proposed plan. We have no objection to the University increasing its student population – but they MUST provide the extra number of parking spaces to accommodate the EXISTING students vehicles, and the proposed increase in student numbers, **WITHIN THEIR OWN GROUNDS – NOT ON THE STREETS.**

Yours Sincerely,

David J. Robertson (Unit 18)

Chairman of the Executive Committee (SP 35901)

26th. February 2012.

Copies to :- Paul Barron (Mayor of Strathfield), Charles Casuscelli MP (Member for Strathfield)