18th February, 2012

Major Projects Assessment,
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SYDNEY NSW 2001

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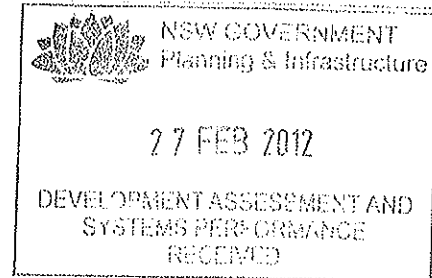
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Dear Sir / Madam

**OBJECTION TO CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY
STRATHFIELD CAMPUS APPLICATION No. MP10_0231**

As residents of Strathfield who will be directly affected by the increased scope, scale and operation of the Australian Catholic University (ACU) if the above concept plan is approved, we strongly protest against it and urge that the approving authority refuses this proposal.

Our main reasons for objecting to the Concept Plan are:

- The proposed Plan does not sufficiently address the traffic, parking and other amenity impacts on the adjacent and extended neighbourhood. The existing number of ACU students already negatively impacts on our amenity; this proposal will increase the number of students three-fold and extend the hours of ACU's operation, thus significantly exacerbating the negative impacts.
- The impact of an increased ACU needs to be considered in the context of the large number of existing secondary educational institutions located in Strathfield which already have a large number of affluent Year 11 and 12 students driving to and parking in the streets near their school. In addition, parents are increasingly dropping students off at these schools in "kiss and ride zones" creating major traffic congestion twice a day for local residents and other drivers.
- The ACU precinct contains a number of priceless heritage buildings which will be severely compromised and overshadowed by the size, scale and design of the proposed concept plan.
- The mainly single storey houses surrounding the ACU site will be adversely affected by the number and scale of the three and four storey buildings which will be built on the perimeters of the ACU site. The overshadowing, noise and intrusion on privacy which will be spread over longer hours will severely affect local amenity.

- The ACU's consultation with the local community has been grossly inadequate and antagonistic. The three-fold increase in scale of the proposed operations and their flow-on effects will impact on the whole residential community of Strathfield. However the ACU only provided information to the residents in the immediate vicinity of the ACU, denying the rest of the community the opportunity to register their views.

We confirm that we have made no reportable political donations in the previous two years. We do not want our names to be made available Proponent, these authorities or on the Department's website.

Yours sincerely



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27th February 2012

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Dear Sir,

Regarding the Concept Plan by the Australian Catholic University (ACU) (MP 10_0231)

This letter serves to advise that I am a very strong objector to the above plan for the following reasons;

a) - Credibility of the ACU, or perhaps I should be saying the lack of credibility.

In 1994 the ACU received a DA approval by the land and environment court, handed down by the Honourable Justice R N Talbot, to allow for the ACU

- a number of students to be enrolled which shall not exceed 1,100 by day and 700 by night. The number of students in attendance on site at any one time shall not exceed 510 between the hours of 8.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday and 247 between 5.00pm and 9.00pm Monday to Friday.
- The residents have been advised that without any further approvals by Strathfield Council or by the Land and Environment Court, ACU by its own admission, now has in excess of 900 students at any one time on site and possibly much more in excess of that number.
- As such there is no respect to the decision handed down by Justice Talbot plus a total disregard for the amenity of the residents and an arrogant and overbearing attitude towards our local government, Strathfield Council.
- The Question is, can this institution be trusted to uphold court decisions and be a responsible citizen in our neighbourhood? The residents' reply is an emphatic NO.

b) – Merits of the proposal, none, by residents' estimations.

- The University is established on a parcel of land comprising in area of 5 Hectares which equates approximately 40 building blocks in this area. The proponent's objective of increased numbers to 4800 students on site would be tantamount to a population of about 1000 people per average block of land.
- The existing on campus parking provisions is for about 300 cars. The proposal indicates a further development of parking provisions for another 250 cars, where do the rest of the students park? Needless to say our streets become the ACU's parking lots which are already at full capacity and that's before the additional numbers are approved. Let's not forget the additional volume of unwelcomed traffic. Altogether creating extremely hazardous conditions for all residents.
- The proposal indicates a conversion of both Barker Road and South Street to 3 lane roads and according to reports by ACU's traffic management consultants, they would still retain street parking. I would suggest that they have not been to inspect these two roads, because that simply is not possible.
- The ACU has submitted that the Streetscape and views would not change. Yet they are proposing a 4 storey parking station and Library which in effect would remove most of the established trees

and destroy Mount Royal Park, thus changing completely the streetscape and removing existing views.

- The Question is, what are the merits of this proposed development? In the eyes of the local residents there are none.
- c) - The process by the ACU. What process, ask the residents?
 - A \$55,000,000 (Fifty Five Million dollar) development project needs comprehensive consultation with the residents. The Strathfield local member of State Parliament, Mr Charles Causecelli's office estimates the number of residents affected by this proposal to be about 2,700. The ACU letter dropped 250 residents.
 - It would seem that usual consultations for a development of this magnitude, which has such a heavy impact upon the neighbouring residents, would have necessitated face to face consultations with all the immediate neighbours.
 - It would seem that such a development would have been presented with respective plans and how the objectives could be achieved without negatively impacting on the lifestyle of the residents. It would also seem that the ACU has absolutely no regard for residents, local Council or the Land and environment court.
 - Further more, Information floating in the area tells of the ACU as having g started on construction of some of the buildings in proposal, before any approvals are granted. Is this a case of growth by stealth again?
 - The residents ask, what kind of a citizen do we have in our area? And what can the residents do to stop this demolition of our local amenity?

Conclusion

This proposal is submitted by an institution which apparently has

- no respect for the local residents
- no respect for the local Council
- no respect for the land and environment court

I ask the Department of Planning and Infrastructures or any other authorised body which is responsible for the decision in this proposal to reject it completely.

Sincerely

Joseph P Bains
A resident

MP 10_0231 - Australian Catholic University - Strathfield Campus Concept Plan

I write on behalf of the Crematy Family (of 25 Barker Rd, Strathfield)

We believe it imperative at the outset to address the question of the actual legitimacy of the ACU's proposal. We understand that, as at the time of writing, Strathfield Council is seeking legal advice as to whether it can successfully launch legal proceedings against the ACU for operating in breach of the student numbers quota set in a judgment of the NSW Land and Environment Court (No.10474) of the 16th December, 1994. Under that judgment, Order 32 states:

32. The number of students enrolled at the University at any one time shall not exceed 1,100 by day and 700 by night and the number of teachers employed shall not exceed 190, without the prior approval of council. The number of students in attendance on the site at any one time shall not exceed 510 between the hours of 8.00 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday and 247 between 5.00 pm and 9.00 pm Monday to Friday.

And yet, according to the ACU's website, the Strathfield Campus presently 'hosts 3600 students'. Should legal action proceed it may well be appropriate to halt any further consideration of the ACU's proposal until the matter is settled by the courts. And any finding against the ACU may well erode the legitimacy of its proposal. In the same vein, any DPI approval may well be considered to condone the ACU's contempt of the NSW Land and Environment Court's judgment.

All of that notwithstanding, we now turn to the ACU's Plan.

Unfortunately, our overall impression of the Concept Plan is one of overwhelming disappointment and we can only surmise that sadly its designers didn't take the time to experience and walk the site taking due cognizance of the natural beauty and architectural heritage of both the site and the surrounding suburb in which we live. Community consultation has been minimal and essentially confined to just a newsletter (not an actual letter addressed to residents) drop limited to 220 households and 2 viewing periods totalling 3.5 hours over 2 days! Recently the ACU has held a 3rd community meeting on the evening of 23rd of February – well after the Plan was of course was on exhibition and a week before the close of submissions. Surely authentic consultation takes place at the draft stage and not after the final plan has been

tendered for determination! In any event, the ACU's 3rd so called 'community consultation' was nothing more than an opportunity for the Chancellor of the ACU, Professor Craig Craven, to inform us of his omnipotence and threaten and otherwise intimidate us into seeing things the ACU's way! The single real issue that was beyond debate by any party to the meeting was the overwhelming rejection of the ACU's proposal by the residents. Further, Professor Craven's attitude towards us made it plain that the ACU really cares little about the residents; whilst for our part, we are clearly of the view that the ACU has outworn its welcome at Strathfield.

Any concept that aims to create high storey buildings on the boundaries of Barker Rd and Mount Royal Reserve and present them as a cluttered assemblage more akin to a congested city setting falls well short of doing justice to the heritage, open space and beauty of the site and the suburb of Strathfield. As proposed, the buildings pushed onto Mount Royal Reserve and Barker Rd are to be 4 storeys high, and they will tower over our homes and suffocate Mount Royal Reserve when one takes into account such factors as: (i) these are to be high-ceiling public style buildings, (ii) already elevated sites (as we have adjacent to Mount Royal Reserve) and (iii) roof-top utilities (air conditioning, elevator housings, solar panels and roof-top gardens, etc.). In fact, the Plan effectively subsumes Mount Royal Reserve into the ACU site in that it uses the Reserve to abrogate any significant landscaping it has to do along the proposed buildings and roadway that run parallel to and directly on the border of the Reserve. Clearly the size and positioning of these structures will compromise residents' tranquility and enjoyment of the gracious and spacious environment of the Suburb in which we have made our homes. Suffocated too will be the beautiful architecture of ACU's main building and Spanish Mission Church which will be marginalized through the loss of open space and landscaping that is due buildings of such architectural merit.

In justifying its case for 4 storey structures, the ACU states "...the scale of the buildings will be 2-4 storeys, which is generally consistent with the scale of development within the existing campus, which ranges between 2-3 storeys." Our point is that the ACU has no 3 storey structures on its boundaries! And what gives the ACU the right to deprive residents and patrons of Mount Royal Reserve of the wonderful views of Mount Royal by erecting a 4 storey structure

on its boundary alongside Mount Royal Reserve! And the ACU has the gall to write " ..there will be no significant loss of view from surrounding properties, nor will the future development have a significant visual impact to surrounding properties". We know that these proposals are largely written with embedded generic statements, but at the very least planners should get out and walk to Mount Royal Reserve and take a look at what we see and imagine what we will not see once a 4 storey structure is built directly in our line of vision.

We all presume the ACU really wants 3 storey structures but, as is unfortunately the custom in such matters, is seeking approval for 4 storeys so that it can then in a gesture of conciliation with the community magnanimously scale down to 3 storey structures. We and I am sure the DPI will not fall for such nonsense, and for our part we make it plain we do not want any structures on the boundaries. Any such structures will diminish the site and our Suburb.

All of which is exacerbated by the added traffic congestion on Barker Rd that is embedded in the ACU's proposal traffic management plan that incorporates, 4 gates on Barker Rd, traffic light and bus stop relocations, reduction of part of Barker Rd to a single carriage way, and loss of parking outside residents' homes for a significant part of Barker Rd. The traffic proposal is a nightmare and a very dangerous one at that. Further, only an additional 328 new parking spaces are proposed! This of course would barely cater for the present student parking demand to say nothing of the increased student and staff numbers envisaged and parking spaces lost in Barker Rd.

All of this congestion and compromise for the sake of maintaining the serenity of 3 small playing fields located in the north western portion of the ACU's campus! Presently used by St Patrick's School, these facilities are readily available elsewhere in close proximity. Schools such as St Andrew's Cathedral School (Town Hall) and Sydney Grammar School (Hyde Park) have no playing fields whatsoever on their sites.

A more intelligent and creative plan would utilize all or part of these fields to incorporate all of the building area and car parking that are to be pushed onto the Barker Rd and Mount Royal Reserve boundaries of the site. A plan along these lines could readily incorporate underground parking and accommodate high rise buildings without imposing on the surrounding landscape and

compromising the beauty and presence of the buildings on the site. Further, access would necessitate no more than 2 (of the existing) gates on Barker Rd and thereby eliminate the need for the absurd and dangerous proposed traffic plan.

It seems opportune to raise two further issues at this point. Firstly, one of the proposed 4 storey buildings to border Mount Royal Reserve is a library - yet apparently, no consideration has been given to possibly integrating ACU's future needs in this regard with the Catholic Institute of Sydney's Library a few hundred metres down Albert Road! Then we come to what we consider to be the most fundamental consideration to planning any tertiary institution's future infrastructure requirements: the great benefits of incorporating a very significant measure of online or distance education teaching which will see many students attain their degrees without setting a foot on campus. We trust the ACU has incorporated this mode of teaching delivery into establishing and justifying its infrastructure requirements to its Governing Senate.

In conclusion, the ACU's self-assessment of the environmental impact of its proposal rings hollow and the faux consultation process and the Chancellor's open contempt for the residents and the Suburb of Strathfield leaves us with but one recommendation: that the Department rejects the ACU's Concept Plan in its entirety.

Dr. E Crematy (on behalf of the Crematy Family)

25 Barker Rd

STRATHFIELD NSW 2135

26th February, 2012

**Re: Application No. MP 10_0231
Australian Catholic University – Strathfield Campus Concept Plan**

I object wholeheartedly to the complete Concept Plan as put forward by the Australian Catholic University.

- The University plans to erect 6 new buildings, three of which will be 4 storey. One of these 4 storey buildings runs the whole length of Mt Royal Reserve and will be 20 mtrs from my property and the property of my neighbour at the back – 10 mtrs setback from their boundary and 10 mtrs of portion of Mt Royal Reserve which they are actually using as their buffer zone.

Another of the 4 storey buildings runs along Barker Road from Mt Royal Reserve to the present University gates.

At the south western end of the campus is a three storey building 10 mtrs from the adjoining house.

These buildings are not in keeping with the Residential 2A zoning of the local area.

In the University's submission they state:

The campus adjoins land zoned residential and is therefore subject to a maximum height of 2 storeys.

Why are they, therefore, proposing 3 and 4 storey buildings?

The new development will respond appropriately to the existing built form and character of the locality.

It is unclear whose locality they are referring to – their campus or the suburb. I don't believe it responds to either.

The scale of the development is considered to be compatible with the adjoining residential properties.

Absolute RUBBISH. The majority of houses in the surrounding area are single story (they even admit that in their concept plan).

Nowhere in the concept plan does it actually state the height of the buildings from ground level to roof top. They do state the height above sea level and other heights above sea level around the campus which is totally confusing to a lay person. They say that an average 2

storey building is 9.5m in height therefore an average 4 storey building would be 19 m in height but their plan states that plant and air conditioning is not included. These buildings, however, are not average, they are commercial buildings (library, lecture theatres, laboratories). A purpose built library on a well known Catholic College reaches the height of 16.6 mtrs and it is only a three storey building.

We are looking at buildings of approximately 25 mtrs in height (incl. plant & lifts). This is not acceptable, EVER. The University also sits on a hill and their land is higher than the houses to the east.

The view analysis demonstrates that there will be no significant loss of views from surrounding properties, nor will the future development have a significant visual impact to surrounding properties.

If I was to place a four storey concrete and glass building between you and another object, then that object would no longer be visible. Their statement is a complete falsehood.

They are building along the boundaries of the campus, effectively alienating themselves from the surrounding properties by a barrier of masonry and steel. THE "VISUAL IMPACT" WILL BE AS SUBTLE AS A SLEDGEHAMMER IS TO A TACK.

Below is a picture of the current view from Mt Royal Reserve which will cease to exist.



I OBJECT to all new buildings as proposed in the concept plan.

- The new buildings require new entrances to the underground car parks. In the end there will be 4 entrances on Barker Road.

In the south eastern boundary where two 4 storey buildings meet, they propose to create a major intersection to allow entry into and out of the car parks. To do this they are prepared to completely alter the traffic flow in Barker Road and South Street – move traffic lights, reduce traffic in one direction to one lane by eliminating parking whilst having three lanes the other way.

They also plan to appropriate a portion of Mt Royal Reserve to allow for this – I don't think Council has approved of this. In fact, we received a letter from the University about the moving of the lights and the new entrance and they stated that the success of moving the lights would maintain the viability of Mt Royal Reserve as a recreational space. I guess what they are saying is that if the lights aren't moved and they have to provide an entrance off the existing pedestrian lights on Barker Road, then it can only go one way, straight through Mt Royal Reserve.

In the south western boundary there is to be an entrance to the underground car park beneath the building to be built there and the proposed parking under one of the playing fields owned by the University. Over 400 cars will be using this one entrance.

I OBJECT to the cannibalization of Barker Road to suit the University's needs and totally ignore the needs of the local residents.

- The University already has a profound effect on the availability of residents to park outside their own homes. The University states that most residents have ample off street parking in their homes, so can't see a problem. How arrogant is that. I have a single garage which is not on Barker Road, it is accessed via a right of way through Mt Royal Reserve, so we or our visitors have no option but to park in front of our house in Barker Road. In fact, when I am not at work, my car is parked there all the time, when I can get parking.

Whilst other residents will have increased parking because of the concept plan or be forced to put up with timed parking, my house will lose all parking whatsoever on Barker Road as in its cannibalization of this area, the concept plan moves the bus stop currently in front of the University down to in front of my property.

I OBJECT to the appropriation of our streets by the University students for their parking and to any changes proposed by the concept plan to nullify the effects of their over-expansion of the site by altering the amenities of the residents.

- Now let's get down to the question of student numbers. It is because the University currently has over 3,000 students that they want to expand. They had a campus at Castle Hill which they closed because the council knocked back their development application for expansion there, obviously a good number of those students would have relocated to Strathfield.

They are desperate as they have students coming out of their ears and are planning to increase to 4,600 by 2016 which is only 4 years into their 10 year plan for the University. How many will they have at the end of the 10 years?

They should not have the current number of students and should not be allowed to increase any more as they were limited in the number of students they could have on site at any one time by the Land and Environment Court back in the 1990's. They have continued to enroll students and Strathfield Council is currently getting legal advice on this breach of the Land and Environment Court's ruling.

If they are in breach, and it is highly likely, how can any concept plan from them even be considered by State Planning?

I OBJECT to the current number of students at the University and to any increase in the future.

- Why is this still a 3A development when Premier O'Farrell ditched this when he came to office? Do you think it is of such state significant that only the Minister can make a decision on it?

If it is of such state significance, then let's see the Minister and Premier thinking laterally and solving a state problem at the same time. That problem is the white elephant Sydney Olympic site. I can't think of a better site for a University!

Grant the Australian Catholic University a greenfield's site at Sydney Olympic Park. They could build as high as they like in a brand new purpose-build University – make it a showpiece for architecture.

The other alternative is for ACU to consolidate itself solely to its North Sydney campus where they recently purchased a 22 storey building.

The University could then hand the existing buildings (as they are today) to St Patrick's College which itself must feel somewhat threatened by its expanding neighbor as whilst this current concept plan is to satisfying the needs of the University for the next 10 years, what happens after that period, do we get another concept plan?

I OBJECT to the Australian Catholic University remaining in Strathfield.

Suzanne Crematy
25 Barker Road, Strathfield
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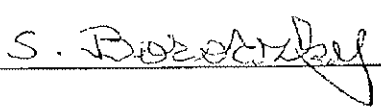
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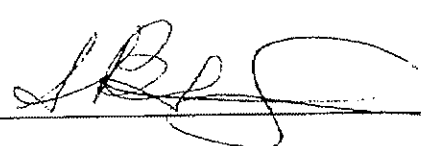
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- 2. The increased demand for on-street parking around the vicinity of the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield.
- 3. Longer hours of opening for the Australian Catholic University, Strathfield.

We already experience difficulty in visiting immediate family in the area. With increasing student numbers and longer teaching hours, I am concerned that we will also experience greater difficulty in accessing our residence.

Yours sincerely,


Mrs Susan Boroczky


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Date: 28 Feb 2012

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RE: Application Number (MP10_0231)
Australian Catholic University Concept Plans

Dear Mr Brown

We write to object the Development Plan for the Australian Catholic University's Strathfield campus as referred above Application Number MP10_0231.

Currently there are 1100 students at the ACU. The traffic around the University at Barker Road, South Street, Wallis Avenue, Chalmers Road and Todman Place is already hectic.

Student parking is also causing problems to nearby residents. Though parking restrictions apply for certain part of Barker Road around the ACU, this has not solved the problem, it only passes the problems to residents at nearby South Street, Newton Road and Wallis Avenue where there are no restrictions. Should there be more students intake, residents at other nearby streets will be affected too.

The ACU calls for increase intake of students to 4800. They should build a new campus at other suburbs with sufficient parking facilities to cater for the increased intake.

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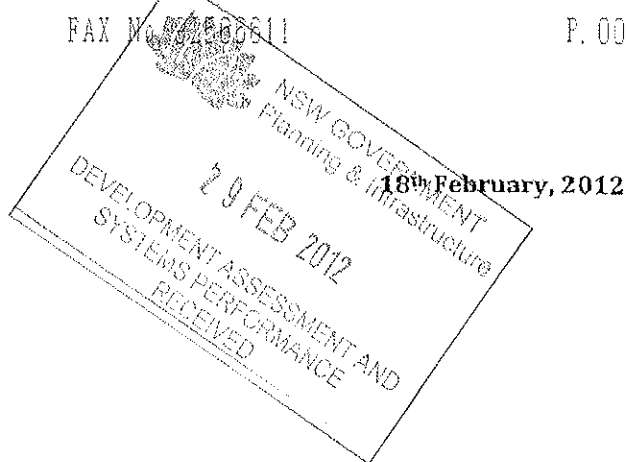
We have been living in Strathfield since 1997 and we love this suburb with its unique character. The proposed introduction of multi-storey buildings in the University will also affect the visual appearance of the area.

We have gone through Knock-down-and-rebuild and the relevant DA process for approval where nearby neighbours were consulted sufficiently for all building work. **The ACU project Application Number (MP10_0231), now causing outrage in the area, should NOT be allowed to go ahead on similar grounds.**

Yours sincerely

Ka Yin Lam and Lawrence Wong

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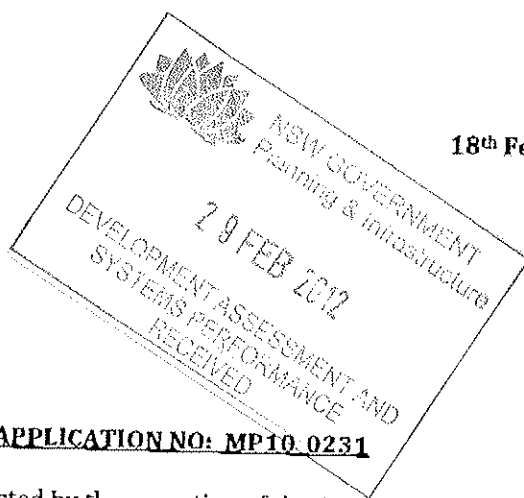
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We confirm that we have made no reportable political donations in the previous two years.

Yours faithfully,

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Concept Plan For ACU Strathfield - Application Number MP 10-023 1

We are residents of Strathfield and live in Wilson Street, Strathfield just over one block south of the proposed redevelopment site. We are in our early fifties. We own our home which we built here seventeen years ago. Prior to building our current residence we lived in a home owned by us in the same street for approximately four years. We have raised two children in the area.

We make the following submissions in strong opposition to the proposed redevelopment of the Australian Catholic University.

1. The proposal to expand the campus through a proposed car park expansion from 346 to 674 spaces and the erecting of six buildings of up to four storeys purportedly in order to cater for an anticipated 30% increase in student numbers over the next decade will change the character of the area permanently and for the worse.
2. It would be plain to any reasonable person applying simple mathematics that the proposed extra 300 plus car spaces allegedly to cater for a 30% growth in overall student numbers, which will in fact be far in excess of 300 students, will mean that

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there will be increased parking in our local streets and increased traffic flow. The increase in traffic in our street (which leads to the proposed car park entry) will exceed that which could ever have been anticipated when buying into the area.

3. The Catholic Church owns land all over Sydney and regional NSW which it could utilise to develop satellite campuses for additional students thereby saving them the need to commute. The Central Coast for example is crying out for university places. All of the major universities in NSW have satellite campuses. The University of Sydney Faculty of Health Sciences is at Lidcombe.
4. The development of large university precinct is out of keeping with the expectation of local residents who moved into a quiet, mainly residential area and who have been accepting of small scale, low level school and seminary development that had existed there for some years and some reasonable recent small scale university development.
5. The ACU in its current form is a relatively recent development. It literally sprang up overnight and with virtually no community consultation. It could not have been anticipated by locals that the area would be developed as a much larger university involving, as it inevitably will, a much larger number of students and their motor vehicles entering the area on a daily basis.
6. The current proposed expansion is completely out of keeping with the amenity of the surrounding area. The streets are already to our observation 50% busier than they were five years ago. While some change must always be anticipated with growing population, this new development will change the character of the area completely.
7. Currently, during term time students park daily in the surrounding streets in disregard of driveway boundaries and "No Parking" areas (such as next to the Post Box in Newton Road).
8. It is unrealistic to expect that the expansion of a car park will resolve street parking issues, particularly with the number of students increasing at the same time. If

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students are able to park they will not use public transport. The ACU bus which can be seen driving between Strathfield Station and the ACU Campus (and should be a wonderful resource for students) is very much underutilised.

9. The cars belonging to the additional hundreds of students accessing the Car Park will be passing through normally quiet suburban streets increasing traffic flow.
10. We did not buy into a university area like those living around the University of NSW or Sydney University. Frankly the major reasons that people buy into the area are relatively reliable public transport, the availability of on street parking, pleasant housing and the quiet suburban environment. We more than suspect that this is all likely to change as a result of this development.
11. The heritage buildings in the ACU development have already been aesthetically subsumed by extensions that do not appear to be visually compatible with the existing heritage buildings. We live in modern house and have nothing against modern buildings but the subsuming of old buildings with modern ones is a cost saving/profit driven exercise which has already contributed to the destruction of a large number of old beautiful buildings in the Strathfield area. Frankly the ACU as it now is, is a much uglier set of buildings than the old seminary or the old St Pats College. We hate to think what the new buildings will look like.
12. Our land values will drop significantly. Whilst this may well be regarded as a self interested submission it is made by those who, drawing on their own university educations, worked hard to put themselves in a position to be able to live in a beautiful low rise urban area, where homes are well maintained, the streets are pleasant to walk, transport is easy and the amenity of the area respected by those living there. Like many "baby boomers" our home is our major asset and represents a significant proportion of our future financial security. We cannot be blamed for wanting to preserve that position.
13. This proposed development will take this away from us and destroy the investment in

ATTENTION: MR MARK BROWN

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Major Projects Assessment,
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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:

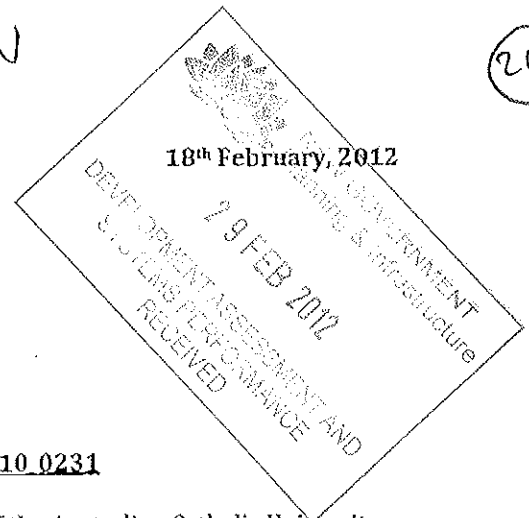
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Yours faithfully,

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26th February 2012

Mr. Mark Brown
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Re: Application Number: MP 10_0231,

**Submission to oppose expansion of Australian Catholic University
(ACU) Campus Strathfield concept plan**

We the undersigned write to express our opposition to the Concept Plan and the proposed development of the ACU site.

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 concept plan prepared by paid consultants paints a rosy picture but when one drills through the document it is just hype filled erroneous assumptions and statements that need to be challenged.

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%. The ACU proposal is to increase student numbers by an initial 30% - then after 2012 there is no cap on student numbers. How then can traffic flow be said to be limited to 10%?

To explore this issue further 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. The text goes on to state 'According to the RTA's functional classification of the road, a collector road should carry between 2,000 – 10,000 vehicles per day. Therefore, with the proposed master plan development, the traffic volume on Barker Road will remain within RTA's recommended traffic volume range.' The MRS – formerly RTA does not have a collector road classification.

Further Barker Road, is a local road. Contact with the Council confirms this to be the case and further that it is only a collector road part of the way to Wilson Road. The other issue that is pertinent here is that the Council traffic volume for the road is up to 4,000 vehicles per day. Any further increase in traffic volume cannot be sustained and in fact, remedial action to reduce the traffic volume for safety reasons must be given a high priority due to the current

vehicle saturation. Complicating the traffic situation is the bus route and also the poor residents who wish to access their homes and suburb.

The residents of Strathfield are the forgotten equation in this concept plan. Increased traffic brings increased congestion and pollution. Four (4) to the site will do nothing to alleviate traffic congestion. The only benefit to four entries is to benefit the university students. Yes, those people who will pay a significant fee to attend the University.

The Concept Plan would like the uninformed to believe that that everything is being done to minimise traffic increase and to limit it to 10%. There is nothing minimal by this proposal. If it was a minimal proposal then why is the proposal being dealt with under Part 3A and taken out of the hands of the local council. Do not residents have a say in what should be occurring in their suburb. The whole fabric of the community is being eroded. How does it go from a Seminary to a University which was only granted student intake by the Land and Environment Court in 1994 of 1,100 students with only 510 students on campus at any given time. By their own admission the ACU Strathfield Campus has a student number of 3,600 with 2,100 students at any given time. No wonder our amenities and our ability to live safely and travel freely within acceptable parameters is severely impacted. The ACU's significant increase and disregard for the law should not be allowed to continue. In fact, if anything this concept plan should be used to curtail the ACU's present illegal activity. The concept plan should only, if anything and only after community consultation, ratify what the ACU has done illegally. The ACU is not interested in the residents of Strathfield. The ACU is driven by the \$\$ and that is all. It is seeking to further maximise profits at the expense of local residents who have significantly invested in the community. The only thing that is shared by the ACU is the student's dumping litter, proving their driving prowess by doing burnouts, speeding, tailgating residents who adhere to the 50km speed limit and blocking driveways in an effort to cram as many vehicles in a small amount of space as possible. This parking situation is also extremely dangerous given the grading of the road and difficulty because of the significant amount of parking that occurs in actually being able to see the traffic flow.

The concept plan makes the statement that students will travel by bike and use public transport. It is easy to make such statements but this is not occurring now – the ACU cannot enforce how one travels to the University. Nothing in the proposal will change the habits of students. An increase in student enrolments will only see a further deterioration of already unacceptable traffic, congestion and safety issues.

Let us turn to parking. Using arguments by the ACU there should not be a parking problem because of all the wonderful things that the ACU is proposing. And yes we are to believe the ACU because they currently abide by the orders of the Lands and Environment Court in relation to capacity student numbers. Please do not treat us as idiots or whole trusting community members.

If a developer or a resident was found to have exceeded approval for a particular site then the full force of the law would be brought to bear. If a developer or resident sought to over develop the site as with the student to land ratio proposed by the ACU then this would not be allowed. Why too should students not have an appropriate amenity? The ACU site is only 5 hectares – how is it to sustain 4,800 plus students. It is not and it cannot.

Until this concept plan the residents were not aware of all the facts and coexisted with the ACU and put up with conditions but enough is enough. The ACU is in a RESIDENTIAL area. The ACU is a commercial enterprise which has determined that it wishes to expand the Strathfield Campus for purely base profit reasons.

By its actions the ACU has show total disregard not only for the residents, but also the historical significance of the site. The proposed expansion will destroy the amenities of the location. The claim that nothing is to be feared by four storey buildings because we will treat the site sympathetically and have appropriate landscaping is a lot of architect and consultant speak. The fact is that as residents in a residential area we abide by height and other restrictions however the ACU is of the view that it has special dispensation and can do as it pleases. The concept plan will result in a significant change to the area.

Sadly the concept plan focuses on traffic and parking – and rightly so however the statements in the concept plan are FALSE and BASELESS. Those involved in the concept plan have NO concept of being a resident. They have been given a brief and are working to put the best light on that brief. Enough is enough!! If the ACU and those who seek to push this concept plan through think that the residents will be fooled into believing all is good and the good Catholic Church and those on the board of the ACU and its political supporters will only have to get over a few months and a few hurdles then they need to rethink as the good natured residents have had enough!

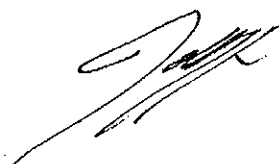
In summary, the concept plan is opposed as it:

- 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.

Sadly, once \$55 Million is spent the opportunity costs to the ACU are significant. The Vice Chancellor is wasting a golden opportunity to establish a foundation campus for the Australian Catholic University that will best suit his staff, students and the University's long term objectives. By cramming students into the Strathfield site all that senior management are doing is undermining its own credibility, desire and capacity to be a world class institution. In some regard this objection is about saving the Australian Catholic University from itself. Not only is it by its concept plan making the wrong decision for the residents of Strathfield but importantly for the students who will suffer.

Kind regards



Robert Jolliffe



Mechelle Wright

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Mark Brown - OBJECTION TO MP10_0231

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Dear Sir,

RE: OBJECTION TO MP10_0231

I am writing to voice my concern on the above plans

Over the years I have seen the progress of Australian Catholic School into a fully fledged University.

The buildings are located in a mainly residential area which is subject to current council restrictions on height etc. It is my opinion that this proposed development will cause the whole character of the area to change. There will be significant increased traffic and traffic congestion and this is already visible even without the new development. Already, the surrounding streets are completely full during the days when the University is open. This has an obvious impact on pedestrian and vehicle safety. The new building of 4 storeys will remove the privacy of many surrounding properties and it will impact on the value of these expensive properties. I am also concerned with the noise from the increased activity in the area.

SUGGESTION

I would like to respectfully suggest that these facilities be located to the Sydney Olympic Park. The Sydney Olympic Park has world class infrastructure in terms of transport and amenities. It has plenty of land available for development. It also has loads of parking. In my opinion, a move to the Sydney Olympic Park would be a truly far-sighted one which will allow the University to expand in the future.

Please acknowledge receipt,

With warm regards,

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Mark Brown - Submission Details for Kurt Kaiser

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Content:

I object to the concept plan on the grounds discussed in detail in attached document, namely: 1. Significant View Loss from Public Domain, 2. Bulk of precinct 1, 3. Hours of operation, 4. new entrance not required, 5. Parking 6. Student numbers.

I have detailed my reasons in the attached document

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28 February 2010

Dear Mr. Mark Brown

Re: MP10_0231, ACU Concept Plan, Strathfield.

I am the direct neighbour of the Australian Catholic University in Strathfield. I will be markedly affected by their proposed development. I have strong objections to the plan for numerous reasons that we will outline below.

1. View Loss

The "Australian Catholic University Strathfield Concept Plan Environmental Assessment Vol 1." States, **"The site is identified as being of local significance with historic, aesthetic and social qualities"**. These significant aesthetic and social qualities are enjoyed by the many people that pass through and rest in the Mount Royal Reserve daily. The historic buildings, facades and date palms are clearly visible as one passes along the footpath through the Reserve. These ever changing views add significantly to the amenity offered by the reserve and are proof of the above statement. We enjoy these views from our living room and outside terrace.

Weir Phillips state in the Heritage Impact Statements Executive Summary 0.5.2 that: "The four areas or precincts identified as the locations for new buildings will have no, Or a limited impact, on significant view corridors to or from heritage buildings within the site or within the public domain." Fig 290 in this report marks out all the significant view corridors into the site from the public domain. The view corridor from the Mount Royal Reserve has been omitted. Why? Omission or deception? In point 8.2.3.4. It is stated that: "distant glimpses of the main buildings on the campus from Mount Royal Reserve" and attached is a photo (Fig 300) from within the Reserve. Compared to the other statements about views from other sites, this is the by far the shortest, just one line! The photo is taken from a point and at an angle within the reserve where the Heritage buildings are to a large degree obstructed by plants. Why would this be?

I suspect this is the case because there are in fact numerous significant views of the Heritage Buildings and Palms from different sites in the Reserve. (Below photos taken at different sites from the footpath along boundary of reserve) The authors know that The Land and Environment Court take numerous factors into account when deciding on view loss. These include "Iconic view", degree of view loss and from where the view is lost. **The development of Precinct 1 will completely obliterate all Iconic Heritage Views from the entire Mount Royal Reserve (Public Domain).**





To conclude I believe point **8.2.3.4. Is deliberately vague** and the conclusion point **0.5.2. Is false**. Can this document be trusted or does it contain more inconsistencies and deceptions in favour of the applicant?

2. Excessive Bulk Precinct 1 Development

The proposed development in precinct 1 is for two large four-floor buildings. We believe that these structures are excessively large and high. The construction will result in loss of well established fully grown trees. The site is located in the middle of a low-density residential area with single and double story houses. These structures will completely dominate the area, changing the streetscape dramatically and will lead to:

2.1. Overshadowing

Shadow diagrams submitted show that by 3 pm throughout the year at least half of the Mount Royal Reserve will be covered in shadows. This will seriously detract from the current amenity provided by the reserve. It will in all likelihood affect birdlife in the reserve as many indigenous birds flock through the trees in the late afternoon sun, which will be completely blocked out from the reserve under the proposal.

2.2. Loss of privacy

As direct neighbours, people looking down into our property from high floors will lose our privacy in our entire property. This will certainly also affect other residents.

2.3. Loss of amenity in Mount Royal Reserve

These excessively large buildings will completely dominate the space along the Mount Royal Reserve. A number of mature trees will be lost. The sense of space

and tranquility will be destroyed. What will remain will be a mere corridor between Barker road and Albert road with a busy road and car ramp adjacent to it. **Fig 5.9 on page 48 of Environmental Assessment** has a projected image of the proposed development. The angle of this view, distance from proposed building and the much lower altitude from which the perspective is created, completely **understates the actual visual effect** of the bulk of this precinct. I suggest the planner check on its actual visual effect from a more appropriate point closer to the building.

2.4. Domination of Heritage Items

The large development with roof top café in precinct 1 will completely dominate the Heritage buildings on the site. This will enclose the heritage buildings in a cocoon of modern buildings severing the connection between the historical site, the adjacent reserve and its surrounding community.

2.5. Acoustic Pollution

The proposed buildings have a rooftop café. Sound from such a height will result in a great disturbance to local community. Further air conditioning equipment will cause a lot of noise to the houses in close proximity to the buildings.

3. Hours of Operation

The proposed hours of 0700 – 2200 during the week and 0800 – 1700 on weekends are excessive. It must be remembered that this is a residential area. Families live and rest here. We should have the right to do so in peace and quiet, particularly in the evenings and on weekends. If these are the University requirements, I suggest they identify an area within a business zone.

4. New entrance Precinct 1.

Creating a fourth new entrance to the campus is completely unnecessary. This new entrance will require significant changes to street layout. It will result in a large number of cars passing along Mount Royal Reserve resulting in increased noise and air pollution in the reserve further degrading it. It will also require reconfiguration of South Street to have three lanes at the intersection, a solution that would not be possible without widening the road.

Barker road currently is already a very busy road. Having four gates in the stretch of 200-300 meters will greatly increase the risk of an accident as only one is proposed to have traffic lights to control the traffic. I would point out that the much larger University of Sydney has only two main gates onto Parramatta road over a much longer stretch of road. With the number of traffic movements anticipated from this proposal and the already stretch capacity of Barker road it is just a matter of time that a serious accident occurs. I suggest that the planning authority takes this into consideration.

5. Parking

The parking chaos that currently exists in the vicinity of the University is not acknowledged in the concept proposal. The situation has deteriorated to the point that

public safety is certainly at risk. The parking solutions offered would not even deal with current problems. The transport and accessibility study suggests that parking on suburban streets with parking restrictions is an acceptable solution. They suggest that the residents in the main have access to off street parking so they should have no reason to complain. The plan proposes that the parking problem can be managed by imposing parking restrictions, residents should not be exempt, and then getting municipal officials to police this.

I would like to point out that the residents pay rates and taxes. We have to maintain the roads, pay the officials, but somehow we should not feel entitled to use street parking. The students in the main come from outside the area do not contribute to local coffers and should be able to park freely. The university is moving its parking problem onto the residents, ever further into the surrounding area. **If the University cannot supply enough onsite parking for their students, the student numbers should be limited to make this possible.**

6. Student Numbers

I would urge the planners to investigate the student numbers mentioned in the proposal carefully. It seems from meetings with university officials that they are not even sure what they are or how they are calculated. When counting students allowed on campus by council issued permission, only students in lecture halls are counted. This does not account for students in the library, cafeteria and gardens. These students may not be attending lectures, but their impact on surrounding community is the same. There is also no clarity on the issue whether the University is currently functioning in breach of a Land and Environment Court decision on student numbers. If student numbers at ACU are currently in breach of this decision, can this proposal be fairly considered?

I believe that the **ACU Concept Plan, Strathfield** is a selfish Concept. It benefits only to the ACU and St Patrick's School. Rather than developing Precinct 1 on the oval, where its effects on the local community and heritage would be limited, the ACU chose to place this precinct in the area where it will have the greatest impact on the heritage items, immediate neighbours and host community. It shows complete disregard for the **safety, amenity, historical connection and feelings of the host community**. Some of the professional reports are inaccurate and as expected, biased in favour of the applicant. University officials, including Chancellor, engaged with the local community with disrespect, arrogance and a condescending tone showing no regard to local communities concern. I would like to conclude by saying that I **oppose the ACU Concept Plan, Strathfield** for the above reasons.

Yours truly,

Kurt Kaiser

Australian Catholic University Strathfield

(MP 10_0231)

I wish to formally lodge an objection to the above project for the following reasons:

1. **The size**, especially height, of the proposed buildings is clearly out of scale with anything in the surrounding area. This area is a quiet residential area consisting of single and two storey houses not a high rise or industrial area. Such large buildings will be out of character with their surrounds.
2. **Access** to the facility will be and currently is through often narrow residential streets. The volume of extra traffic will possibly cause congestion and loss of amenity for nearby residents. Quiet streets will become more congested with the extra traffic and parked cars. Shortland Ave is already impassable westbound around the associated school between about 14:45 and 15:15 each day as parents queue to collect children from the school. This situation is worsening as eastbound traffic on Shortland Ave is sometimes blocked as well. Expansion of the university will only worsen the problem.
3. The extra **parking** spaces will barely take up the current shortfall. On any term day there are approximately 200 cars parked on surrounding streets. With extra students the situation will only worsen. One remedy I believe was suggested was to put time limits on street parking, all that will do is move the problem further away. The abject failure of such a "solution" can be seen around Burwood shopping centre where council put time limits on streets near the station to discourage day parkers. They now park in the streets outside the limit zone, the problem only moved streets.

I urge you to reject this proposal.

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Strathfield NSW 2135

NSW Planning and Infrastructure
GPO Box 39,
Sydney NSW 2001

Re: Concept Plan for ACU- Application Number MP 10 0231

I am writing to voice my strong objection to the proposed ACU development project. I am a resident of Myrna Road, a street which has already been impacted by the recent increase in the number of students and which I expect will be severely impacted by the proposed application.

Over the past 12 months, and in particular during the commencement of the new semester of 2012, the current increase in student numbers has created major issues for me, my family and my neighbourhood. These current issues are in terms of traffic, parking, loss of amenity and environmental impact. These issues I feel will become far greater when the proposed development is introduced.

I am also very disappointed that residents such as me were not informed of the proposed development until only about a week ago. I am outraged that community consultation involving residents of affected streets such as Myrna Road has been non-existent until only recently.

Traffic and Parking- On a daily basis, students from the University park throughout my street making it difficult for family, friends, tradesmen and general visitors to find suitable parking near my residence. In addition, it is becoming quite dangerous for us to safely drive in and out of our property due to the cars being parked close to the driveway and obstructing our view of cars driving in the street.

Traffic congestion has increased throughout Myrna Road and the surrounding neighbourhood. In addition, the influx of students has continued to create major difficulties driving anywhere in the suburb during peak hour times. As an example: We drive our children to Strathfield Station each morning. The traffic is horrendous and when you finally reach the allocated 'Kiss n Ride zone' at the station it is generally occupied by one or two ACU buses which prevents use of that area by the general public.

During peak hours, the Strathfield area is extremely busy in terms of traffic conditions with numerous locals and visitors moving around the district to reach various Schools, Hospitals, Community Centres, shops and other localities. The proposed growth in student numbers and the corresponding development project

will certainly further exacerbate the traffic congestion and parking situation we are facing today.

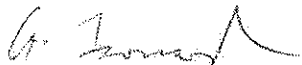
Loss of amenity and environmental impact- The proposed development will result in a loss of local amenity through generation of excessive volumes of traffic and inadequate provision of onsite University campus parking. Current traffic generation from University student vehicles has created anxiety and tension amongst the residents, many of whom are elderly.

The ACU Campus is located in an urban area which comprises around 17 institutions, each of which contributes to major traffic congestion throughout the suburb each work day of the year. The proposed development by the ACU and its accompanying increased enrolment of students will obviously impact on the environment and its residents through increased traffic congestion and decreased parking availability.

Other issues that I have noticed through the recent increase in student numbers driving to the campus include increase in noise, dumping of food and other waste onto the streets, and safety issues for drivers. The latter includes, moving in and out of their driveways, turning into streets often with restricted view from cars parked close to corners, and the 'hoon' element increasing through many of the streets surrounding the University.

In conclusion, as stated in my submission, I object to the proposed development by the ACU and hope that I may get the opportunity to discuss these issues further.

Yours sincerely,



Dr. Godfrey Isouard

31 Myrna Road
Strathfield NSW 2135

28 February 2012
NSW Planning and Infrastructure
Sydney NSW 2001

RE: Application Number MP 10_0231

As a resident of Myrna Road Strathfield for the last 23 years, I would like to register my objections to the expansion of the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Concept Plans.

Objections:

1. Lack of local community consultation.

The residential area chosen to 'consult' was extremely limited, very poorly contacted and were given minimal time to respond. With the proposed increase of student/ staff numbers it should have been obvious to any person that the geographic area to be consulted should have been much wider.

2. Parking.

The number of parking spaces provided for the present number of students is pathetic. The parking to be provided is extremely inadequate for the proposed large number of students. Although the University states that parking will be free, I expect that once the new car park opens it will be charging for parking at a rate unaffordable to the majority of students, and in line with what students get charged at all other NSW Universities. These students will have no where else to park other than our local streets.

3. Suitability of local streets.

Streets in Strathfield are already in a poor state of repair. With the increase in traffic, so will the wear and tear increase for our local streets.

4. Pollution.

With an increase in volume of traffic brings in a higher level of pollution and its impact on the health of the local residents. The present students are already leaving their unwanted rubbish in our streets.

Underground parking requires ventilation. Once again venting out into the surrounding air space will impact on the health of our local residents.

5. Transport by the ACU.

Buses circulating between the ACU and the station already impact on the local resident. The pick up and drop off zone alone at the station is consistently blocked by the ACU bus. The drivers of these buses already act in an irresponsible manner breaking the speed limits of the area, tooting cars collecting or dropping off to move out of their way, and overstaying their allocated time when students line up to wait for the bus to open. By increasing the number of bus runs this will again limit local residents access to this area.

6. Illegal Parking.


The parking situation has created illegal parking such as in front of post boxes, over resident's driveways, and parking too close to other parked cars. In some instances, visitors have had to wait for students to return to their cars before they can move. In addition, some trades people coming to work in the district have had to park streets away or illegally park over the foot path in order to carry out their work in our homes.

Students tend to park right to the edge on corners which creates visibility problems to other drivers on the road and at present causes accidents and many near misses. The next one could result in a death.

Older residents, children, people with a disability and the students themselves are at great risk to life and limb crossing roads now.

As stated, I am registering my objections to the expansion of the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Concept Plans. The proposed plans are not suitable for this residential area. I suggest that a new site be looked at by the ACU.

Yours sincerely,



Linda Isouard

From: Frank Giannuzzi <FGiannuzzi@uhyhn.com.au>
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CC: "strathfield@parliament.nsw.gov.au" <strathfield@parliament.nsw.gov.au...>
Date: 11:08 pm 28/02/2012
Subject: Australian Catholic University, Strathfield campus, Strathfield - application number MP 10_0231

I wish to advise that I object to the proposal by the Australian Catholic University (ACU).

I also advise that I have no political donations to report for at least the last 10 years.

The main reasons I object are listed below in no order of priority.

1. Traffic congestion & safety - this is a residential area which already has excessive daily traffic movements. The proposal will increase traffic & traffic congestion on roads & intersections in the surrounding area. It will also have a detrimental impact on pedestrian & vehicle safety.
2. On street parking - I live in Newton Road which already experiences, during university semester days, a large number of cars parked outside or near our home. We are a five car family with myself, my wife & each of our three children having their own cars & quite often having to park well away from our house. This is hardly ever a problem on weekends or non university days.
3. Character of the area - the proposal detracts from the character of the surrounding residential precinct & will also have an effect on the privacy of the residents by including 3 & 4 storey buildings especially as some of those buildings are planned to be on the perimeter of the ACU grounds. I believe these new buildings will also have a negative impact on the existing heritage listed buildings.
4. Increased noise - this will be caused due to initial construction, from additional students & ACU staff, from additional traffic & extended university hours.
5. Increased rubbish left by students will be a natural by product. I am amazed how much rubbish is already left on the streets by students - as night follows day there will be an increase in rubbish strewn around our streets & outside my house.
6. Breaches of the existing planning approvals - for example the maximum number of students that the ACU are allowed to have on the campus already exceeds the existing planning approvals.
7. The ACU proposal contains invalid parking & traffic analyses due to incorrect assumptions in relation to growth of student numbers. This flaw invalidates the conclusions reached by the ACU & its consultants.
8. If allowed to occur, the expansion of the ACU would represent a breach of residents rights to the quiet enjoyment of their properties, & would interfere with their safety, peace & convenience.

Due to these reasons I strongly do not support the ACU proposal.

Should the Minister not be inclined to decline the proposal, then the errors & deficiencies in the analysis presented by the ACU & its consultants means that no reasonable decision maker can make a valid decision in support of the proposal. These errors & deficiencies would need to be remedied & substitute analyses would need to be undertaken before a reasonable assessment could be made of the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

Franco Giannuzzi
 68 Newton Road,
 Strathfield NSW 2135.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

We are long term residents of the Strathfield area - having lived in close proximity to the Australian Catholic University (and before it was built) since 1972.

We have strong objections and concerns in relation to ACU's expansion:

* the 3-4 storey buildings are not in keeping with our surrounding environment. Many homes in Strathfield are under "heritage listing" and most other homes, like ours, is located in what we thought would always be a lovely, quiet, tree-lined street suburb. Please be aware, we are a "residential" suburb in which the Catholic Church has chosen to build a University. We had no objection when this was built as we were under the impression that ACU would not be turned into a much LARGER educational institution.

* the increase in student/faculty numbers will OBVIOUSLY lead to traffic and parking problems. The Local Traffic Ranger should be consulted as to how often he already books cars parked illegally (who attend the University). We understand the proposed "new car park" in the Concept Plan will not cater for the increased numbers - and yes, some will use the "bus" but MOST will drive. The Traffic Management Plan does not cover the simple fact that at peak periods there are MANY people/cars/buses using this area travelling to school, uni & work - and the EXISTING road network was not built to cater for a much larger University (eg Marion Street only allows for one line of traffic because of its width).

We also note in this Traffic/Parking Survey that residents would not be given "resident parking" stickers as this was deemed not necessary. We have 6 adults in our home with 5 cars and certainly do not wish to start parking some of these cars "around the corner"!

Why is it deemed possible (fm the University Traffic Management Plan) for residents living in the surrounding streets, to be given a "2 hour time limit" for parking outside our own home? I repeat this area is/was a quiet "residential garden suburb" - not an area to be used as a "parking lot" for the University.

* no consideration has been given to the detrimental impact of this "Application" on our residential prices.

We STRONGLY OBJECT to this Application.

Yours faithfully
Peter & Sue Haack
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Strathfield. 2135

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From: "Brad McGann" <brad@mcgann.id.au>
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Date: 9:33 pm 28/02/2012
Subject: Re: Concept Plan for the Australian Catholic University (ACU) ref: MP 10_0231
Attachments: MP 10_0231 _Catholic_Univerisity_Dept_Planning_20120228.doc

Re: Concept Plan for the Australian Catholic University (ACU) ref: MP 10_0231

Please find attached submission in Microsoft word format. Copy below as well.

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Bradley and Anne McGann

cc by post:

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Councillor Paul Baron, Mayor of Strathfield Council

Cardinal George Pell

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From: Paul Lin <electrical@powerun.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 1:29 pm 28/02/2012
Subject: Application No MP 10 0231 Expansion of ACU Campus Strathfield

To whom it may Concern,

I like to express my objection to the above application.

Without further expansion, I am now suffering seriously the follows.
I can not imagine what is going to happen after expansion.

Even so many car park spaces down the streets, but apparently it is never enough due to on going expansion of student number from ACU.

1. I and my relatives/friend lost car park space in the street beside my house.
2. Those students always park very closing to my drive way, sometimes they invade my driving way. tl blocks my view when I reverse car out, very hard to see the coming cars and surely very very risky.
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4. The new plan is taking about bus running at 8:30 PM, it make all residents in this area very worry.

In additional to the above mentioned three schools, there are five or six more other high or junior school in Strathfield, all together there are ten schools in Strathfield.
There is really no more room for such expansion from ACU in Strathfield.

I would strongly suggest ACU find out other better location for there long term future development, and release so terrible threat to Strathfield residents.

Appreciate your attention and support on us, Strathfield residents who are really care.

Julie Chen Lin
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To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 7:52 am 28/02/2012
Subject: RE: Objection of Concept Plan for ACU Strathfield MP10_0231

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Concept Plan for ACU Strathfield MP10_0231, I'd like to express my strong objection to the plan.

As a local resident, I am particularly concerned about the on-site parking which will push the on-street parking to the limit. We live about a few hundred meters away from the campus and I didn't expect that the on-street parking would be limited in any way. Based on my recent two days count, on-street parking was completely full in front of my house. Given that the university is planning for a 30% increase of students enrolled, this will only put extra burdens on the on-street parking and traffic flow.

Regards,

Benjamin Li

36 Wilson Street, Strathfield NSW 2135

18th February, 2012

Major Projects Assessment,
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GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001

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NAME: ANGUS AU

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NAME: Jasper Au
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STRATHFIELD NSW 2135

Application No. MP 10_0231 – Australian Catholic University - Strathfield Campus Concept Plan

Our overall impression of the ACU's Concept Plan is that it was obviously 'designed' in happy isolation of the residential suburb in which it resides. Clearly, the ACU put down all the floor space it believed it needed, stacked it into whatever vacant space they had on their site map and then re-engineered all the environment around the site to service their built environment. As a consequence we are to be saddled with city high rise, city traffic chaos and parking scarcity, city noise, city glare and shadows, and city grime and litter – all in the beautiful residential suburb in which we made our homes generations before the ACU came on the scene.

We have for many years enjoyed unique and beautiful views of Mount Royal and now we stand to get a 4 storey structure directly in front of such an iconic vista. It's laughable that the ACU opines that residents' views will not be significantly impacted! Well, they may not be for residents with X-ray vision. Do they really believe the reader will not detect such nonsense. Further, the proposal to situate 4 storey structures on Barker Rd and adjacent to Mount Royal Reserve again reflects the irrelevance of suburb to ACU's planners.

Parking in our street will remain unbearable and the proposed traffic management and re-engineering of Barker Rd is unbelievable: 4 gates onto Barker Rd and the proposed main entry from South Street are ridiculous and dangerous elements of yet another aspect of the Plan designed on paper without any 'real world' input.

In short, we reject the ACU's Concept Plan: any such proposal that deconstructs the ACU site and re-engineers our Suburb is not acceptable. Surely, an intelligent overview makes it plain that the ACU has outgrown the site and that its future lies elsewhere.

Susanne and Warren Abbott

212 Albert Road Strathfield NSW 2135

Date: 27 February 2012

From: Maria Casamento <mariacasa11@hotmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 7:09 pm 27/02/2012
Subject: MP10_0231 Australian Catholic University Concept Plans - OBJECTION
Attachments: MP10_0231 ACU Plans-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.
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- 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,
Maria Casamento.

Maria Casamento
11 Firth Avenue
STRATHFIELD, NSW, 2135

25 February, 2012

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Department of Planning & Infrastructure
GPO BOX 39
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

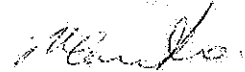
REF: MP10 0231 Australian Catholic University Concept Plans

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.
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- **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.
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- **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,



Maria Casamento.

J & A Simone
54 Barker Rd
Strathfield 2135
26 February 2012

The Minister
NSW Dept Planning & Infrastructure
GPO Box 39, Sydney 2000

Dear Sir,

Re: ACU Concept Plan (Strathfield Campus)

We would like to express our serious concerns regarding the impact that the ACU development will have on our neighbourhood. The area around the ACU, including Barker Rd, is a **residential** area populated by families who have a right to the quiet enjoyment of their homes.

The existing increase in student numbers, initially without informing and in contravention of Council's conditions of approval, has **already** had a significant deleterious effect on our area. Our home is across the road from the Uni gates, but they did not see the necessity of a letter notifying us of ACU's intention. Perhaps they are well aware of the daily noise, traffic chaos, horn blowing and rubbish discarded in the street. Large numbers of students either try to park, or are let off and picked up, or cars park across driveways while waiting near the Uni. It is impossible for us, or our visitors, to park in our street on uni days, or weekends when the uni is let out to a church group. It is difficult and increasingly dangerous for us to access our street from our driveway, with student pedestrians and many cars dropping off or parking.

There is **already** too much demand for on-street parking and we now have the threat of having to have parking restrictions applied just to accommodate ACU. There is **already** heavy vehicular and pedestrian traffic and congestion in our neighbourhood. There is **no room** for any increased development!

If ACU is permitted to extend its hours (they already operate evenings and 7 days weekly) there will be no relief from the noise, traffic and chaos in what is, after all, a **residential** neighbourhood.

The proposed re-location of the pedestrian traffic lights to the intersection with South St will further compound the noise, pollution and accident risk 24 hours on 7 days. The destruction of Mount Royal Reserve green space is unconscionable, as is the invasion of personal privacy of adjacent homes.

The character and property prices of this heritage area will be adversely and permanently affected by the building of over-sized and inappropriate office towers, introducing excess people into a residential area bringing into question the very concept of planning and council control. It would appear that the ACU espouses unbridled growth and "social imperialism" over people's rights.

The ACU's greed for expansion shows extreme contempt for the families who live nearby, and total lack of concern for Strathfield's reputation as a quality, quiet, residential suburb.

As concerned Strathfield residents we strongly request that **any** further expansion by ACU be prohibited. This is a manipulative proposal by ACU who should be compelled to provide on-site parking for its **existing** staff and student population even if they have to utilize their parkland area which is directly opposite a road.

From: Souha Anboussi <souhaanboussi@hotmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 12:24 pm 29/02/2012
Subject: ACU Strathfield

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to you today regarding the Concept plan for ACU Strathfield with the application number MP10_0231. I am against this development as a Strathfield resident who lives on Oxford Road, as it the new development will cause more traffic around Barker Rd, Oxford Rd and the surrounding streets. There is enough traffic as it is and there have been many near accidents in the past year, there have been many students parking in our street and sometimes when the street is full of parked cars its hard to see when reversing out of your own driveway and i have had many near accidents just reversing out because you can't see if any cars are approaching because of the blocked views by cars, i sometimes can't even park infront of my house and neither can my guests we have to park far away sometimes and walk it. Barker road and oxford rd have become more like the boulevard because of having increase number of students as around these streets are St particks college, Sydney adventist college, Strathfield girls and ACU. This side of Strathfield is supposed to quite but in recent years it has become very busy and noisy. With the increase in infrastructure at ACU it will make alot of problems with residents, we already have a problem at Newton Rd, South street, Oxford Rd, Wilson St, Hyde Avenue, Dickson street and Albert Rd as they have become carpark for the university.

Please consider the residents when you think about ACU because we are the ones who are suffering living in our own homes.

From, Souha Anboussi

To: The Major Projects Assessment,
Department of Planning and Infrastructure,
GPO Box 39,
Sydney, NSW 2001.

Date 29th Feb 2012.

From Raghavendra Rao Kumbhari,
123 Albert Rd, Strathfield, NSW 2135.

Submission of objection regarding Expansion of Australian Catholic University Strathfield Campus,
Strathfield – Application no – MP 10 0231

To whom it may concern,

I wish to state my objection to the above application MP 10_0231 due to the following severe
Impacts it has on us.

- Lack of street parking for our cars and visitors. Now itself some Monday's I cant get place on the street to put my garbage bins to be collected by the council trucks.
- Difficulty in exiting out of our house. With cars parked both ways, one can't reverse from the driveway to the street.
- Amount of rubbish thrown by the students. Now itself everyday students through used cans, bottles etc in our front yard. I caught a couple of students once and the next day, I had 10 times more garbage thrown in our property as revenge.
- Construction vehicles traffic
- Increased number of cars on our street

Yours Faithfully



Raghavendra Rao Kumbhari

28th February 2012

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Senior Planner, Metropolitan & Regional Projects South

Re: MP10_0231 Strathfield Campus Plan

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Regards

Michael Korompay

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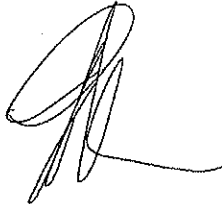
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108 Newton Road, Strathfield.

From: Brett Jackson <brentonsjackson@gmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 2:11 pm 29/02/2012
Subject: Concept Plan for ACU Strathfield - application 9MP 10_0231) - Objection

Sir/Madam,

While I am not opposed to the expansion of the Australian Catholic University I feel that the off street and onsite parking proposals should be reconsidered. On street parking in the surrounding streets is manifestly inadequate for the university needs under the present operating conditions. Apart from Barker and Newton Roads which are wide enough to allow parking on both sides without restricting traffic flow. The majority of surrounding side streets will not allow vehicles to pass in opposite directions at the moment when vehicles are parked on both sides of the streets. I understand the proposal is to allow unrestricted parking on one side of these streets with restricted parking on the other. While this may allow better traffic flow it does not address the plight of residents who do not have sufficient area to park all their vehicles off street. Our family has five vehicles. Three are used by university students at different campuses, another by wife working another area and one by myself in another direction. The three students also have part time shift work. Our property only allows two vehicles to park off street meaning the other three have to use the street. This is not unique to our family. This possibly could be addressed by Council resident parking permits. I feel that the university should be required to at least double the proposed onsite parking (access from Barker Road near Wilson St) in order to address the current and future traffic congestion surrounding the ACU. Whilst this would be costly the area under the playing fields could easily accommodate this. Cost could be recouped over time by charging a modest fee for the parking as is done at Sydney University Parramatta Rd. Camperdown and Macquarie university. It is quite obvious that the area utilised by the university is not adequate for the planned expansion and was never envisaged. I ask the above matters be considered.

Brenton S. Jackson
12 Wilson Street,
Strathfield, 2135.

Gilbert and Margaret Vella
5 Bareena Street
Strathfield
NSW 2135
29th February 2012

Australian Catholic University Concept Plan

My wife and I would like to strongly object to the proposed plan by the Australian Catholic University (ACU) to the expansion of its student numbers as this will cause immense problems in our area.


With the present student cohorts, many of the streets around the ACU are choked with student cars, while they attend the university. Even though our street is quite some distance from ACU, we are already getting cars parked in our street. The real problem occurs when one tries to drive from Bareena Street into Newton Road; cars parked near the curb prevent your vision of traffic in Newton Road. One is forced to gradually edge out to see if there is any traffic; in the event of an approaching car, one has to quickly reverse to avoid an accident, providing the car behind you is not right too close, hence preventing this manoeuvre. This dangerous manoeuvre has to be repeated when trying to drive from Newton Road into South Street.

Many of the streets in our area were not built to have cars parked on both sides, which is what is happening now. An additional problem in South Street is that Sydney buses are trying to drive on it as well.

Another very dangerous section of road where the students now park is on Oxford Road, on the winding section as one approaches Barker road. I have witnessed many near misses as cars try to avoid each other around that bend.

The point is that this dangerous and intolerable situation is what is occurring now. What the ACU is planning will cause even more of our streets to be choked with cars, which will exacerbate the situation even further. Our local streets are being turned into a free car park for the ACU. Surely, if the University wishes to enrol more students, the onus should be on it to provide adequate parking for them.

In conclusion, we very strongly object to the ACU concept plan as it will make our area more dangerous for the residents, who chose this area for its nice quiet streets, not a student carpark!


Margaret May Velle

From: Jimmy wang <qjjwang@gmail.com>
To: <plan_comment@planning.nsw.gov.au>
Date: 7:12 pm 29/02/2012
Subject: RE: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY APPLICATION NO: MP10_0231

To Mark Brown

RE: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY APPLICATION NO: MP10_0231

We are writing on behalf of our family, the residents of 21 Dickson St, Strathfield, in relation to the Concept Plan of the Australian Catholic University. We strongly object to the Concept Plan and urge the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure to block the proposal outright.

The major reasons for objecting to the Concept Plan include:

- The proposal will lead to major traffic issues far greater than those described in the analysis. The roads and streets of our community are already congested enough because of the number of students that attend the ACU currently and the students often park and block up our driveways, which is not only a nuisance but a safety hazard and cause serious issues in emergencies. Increased traffic also poses a major risk to children in our local community especially as most students from the University are P-Platers and are definitely not responsible drivers as evident from the fact that they park and block our driveways, park at bus stops and even speed on our streets.
- The proposal will ruin the residential characteristics of Strathfield which is generally regarded as residential area rather than a commercial area. By having 4 storey high buildings not only ruins the landscape but intrudes the privacy of local residents.
- Pollution will drastically increase both in the form of noise pollution and air pollution due to cars as well as increased garbage on our streets because of the increased number of students. This means that the Council will have to clean it up and consequently we will have to pay more money for our Council fees for a problem caused entirely by others.

Due to the aforementioned reasons and several others, we strongly oppose the proposal by the ACU and believe there is absolutely no reason for it to proceed. We have been deceived by their misleading data and errors in their analysis to disguise the major detriments of this proposal and therefore you cannot allow this proposal to proceed at all if you have the interests of our local community at heart. Our family hopes you will make a responsible decision to decline this proposal immediately.

Yours faithfully,

Qi Jian Wang and Xiao Jing Liao

28 February, 2012

Major Projects Assessment,
 Department of Planning and Infrastructure,
 GPO Box 39
 SYDNEY NSW 2001
 FAX: 02 9228 6455

Dear Mark Brown,

RE: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY APPLICATION NO: MP10_0231

I the owner of a property in Albert Rd which is located within 230 metres of the Australian Catholic University (ACU) Albert Rd Gates am directly affected by the business being conducted by the ACU. I strongly object to this Concept Plan for the following reasons:

1. Quality of Documentation

The documentation submitted by ACU appears to be lessening the realistic impact on the surrounding environment and has inconsistencies across documents. Errors and inconsistencies result in greater time to comprehend documents and likely confusion. The more errors and/ or inconsistencies generally would indicate research deficiencies or inadequate consideration and consolidation of information. As a result, one could question if matters of significance may have been inadvertently omitted.

Creating an informed decision by planning non-professionals with documents containing a prevalence of such errors, inconsistencies and possible omissions, in my opinion, cannot be made based on the documents currently presented.

Some examples of quality issues include:

a. General

- Albert Rd is referred to incorrectly 10 times in 3 documents as "Alfred Road". It is also referred to incorrectly as Albert Street under a section heading of Albert Road.

b. Environmental Assessment – Part 1, Section 2 Site Analysis & Context Map – Existing Campus

- The carpark is incorrectly shown with respect to South St, it is actually south-east of the carpark.
- Albert Rd isn't depicted at all within the inset map.
- The existing property boundaries are not defined, particularly the eastern gates of the campus in Albert Rd.
- A public reserve, Mount Royal Reserve, is not shown.

c. Environmental Assessment - Part 2, Section 4.9.5 states 1 parking space per 6 students whereas the Transport & Accessibility Study, Section 4.5 states 1 space per 5 students. Which is it?

d. Environmental Assessment, Section 2.5 Local Accessibility

Walking distance and time of 1.3km/ 15-20min should be measured along footpaths of the suburban streets, not "as the crow flies". According to the Transport and Accessibility Study, Section 3.5, "Strathfield station is about 2km from the site. Considering average pedestrian speed of 1.2m per second, the campus is 25 - 30 minute walk from the station. ... During the site visits very few students were observed to walk to the campus".

Interestingly, it is noted in the Transport and Accessibility Study, Section 3.6 "Students who live within 1km of existing train stations should be targeted for potential public transport users." One kilometre,

using an average pedestrian speed of 1.2m per second is approximately 14 minutes. One could infer from this that a 1km/ 14 minute walk generally to public transport, is a reasonable distance for a student to walk, anything greater would be unreasonable. So a student is unlikely to undertake a walk of 2km/ 30 minutes from Strathfield or Homebush Railway Stations. Confirmation of this conclusion is in comments from site visits noted above "very few students were observed to walk to the campus ". This indicates student and staff movements to and from ACU will be either by bus, car, motor cycle or bicycle. Should student and/or staff numbers increase, given these modes of transportation, the magnitude of the traffic impact will be directly proportional to the increased number of students and staff. The immediate area surrounding ACU is already traffic congested and parking oversaturated, hence the area and residents impacted will increase.

e. Environmental Assessment - Section 4.22.5 Surrounding Community

- In relation to paragraph 2, there are 13 houses on the south side of Albert Rd between the gates of ACU and Heyde St. We are aware of at least 3 of these that are rental properties where the landowner would unlikely have received any information from ACU that was put in their letterbox. Accordingly, the owners of rental properties would not have known about invitations to any consultation sessions. Invitations should have been sent to the registered owner's address. We first became aware of ACU's concept plan by receipt of a letter from the Dept of Planning & Infrastructure dated 16 January 2012.

f. Environmental Assessment - Section 2.10_Heritage

- The heritage map indicates only half of the heritage items on Albert Rd between the gates of ACU and Heyde St.
- This section only mentions "The site is identified as being of local significance" several highly relevant aspects of the heritage impact statement have been omitted from this report as follows:
- Part1 of the Heritage Impact Statement states:
 - it's listed as a "heritage item by Schedule 6 (Heritage Items) of the Draft Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2008. It is identified as 'Victorian Mansion, formerly Mount Royal, now the Australian Catholic University', No. 179 Albert Road, Strathfield. The site is identified by this schedule as being of State Significance, with historic, aesthetic and social significance."
- Part 6 of the Heritage Impact Statement states:
 - "The site is classified by the National Trust of Australia (NSW) under the name 'Mount Royal – Mount St. Mary College.' The listing includes the mansion, chapel, 1930s classrooms and parts of the garden. The National Trust (NSW) lists those buildings, sites, items and areas which 'are components of the natural or cultural environment of Australia, that have aesthetic, historical, architectural, archaeological, scientific or social significance, or other special value for future generations, as well as for the present community.' While inclusion on the Register has no statutory power, it is widely recognised as an authoritative statement on the significance of a place. The Trust may take whatever action it deems necessary to protect a listed property. "
 - "'The Mount St. Mary College Chapel', being the Barron Chapel, is listed on the (Royal)Australian Institute of Architect's Twentieth Century Register of Significant Buildings. This register has a similar status to the National Trust. It is not of such long standing as the National Trust Register and has a lesser (but growing) level of public perception."

g. Heritage Impact Statement

- View Corridors 8.3.3 View Corridors from the Site states “Although not investigated, there would be district views from the top of the towers of the Edmund Rice Building and Barron Chapel”. Strathfield Heritage organisation’s website clarifies the non-investigation “the tower was designed to allow Hinchcliff to view ships as they arrived in Sydney Cove”. One could easily assert this places more heritage significance on the Edmund Rice Building (Mount Royal) tower.

2. Inadequate Addressing of Traffic, Transport and Accessibility:

- a. ACU Strathfield Environmental Assessment – Part 2, Section 4.9.5 illustrates student numbers being in the form of EFTSL and is not defined in document. Furthermore, I was unable to locate a definition of EFTSL in any of the submitted documents. I assume it may mean Equivalent Full Time Student Load (EFTSL) and further assume this numerically represents the measure of a student’s study load. Based on these assumptions, EFTSL represents an aggregation of students, rather than one single student. Therefore, the use of EFTSL data in any form of input for traffic modelling and accessibility assessment would be inappropriate as it will underestimate all forms of traffic movement. Clarification needs to be provided regarding if and how EFTSL data was incorporated into the Transport and Accessibility Study.
- b. Appendix E_Transport & Accessibility Study Dec11
 - Sections 3.5 and 3.6 state very few students were observed to walk or ride bicycles to the campus. The recommendations of the study include measures that would “encourage the future use of non-car based means of travel while still providing suitable parking accessibility for those who have not alternative but to drive”.
 - It is clear from the congestion of parking to streets surrounding ACU, whatever encouragement of non-car based means of travel ACU have taken in the past, if any at all, are not working. If such “encouragements” appear not have not been undertaken in the past, nor appear be occurring now there is no certainty that any of these will mitigate future traffic impacts and parking impacts. We refer to ACU’s current website where travel by car is not discouraged, nor walking or cycling encouraged, nor mention of bicycle and motor cycling parking within the campus – whilst promoting public transport, it is also not discouraging use of cars or stating student parking spaces are available on campus. The result not unexpected, travel via private cars with overflow parking in the streets of Strathfield.
 - Section 4.5 states in Table 3 the addition of 253 student parking spaces for an increase of students of 200 at any one time. Based on Sections 3.5 and 3.6, students predominately drive, hence there is an effective student parking spaces increase of approximately 53 spaces.
 - Section 5.3.2.2 states “There will be no change in the car parking provision of Edward Clancy Campus. Therefore, there will be no increase of traffic on Albert Road.” Obviously, the impact of traffic on Albert Road is not solely attributable to the Edward Clancy campus, the entire operation of the ACU business impacts Albert Rd traffic. Correlation does not imply causation.
 - Section 5.4 states “it is imperative that the recommended modifications to the current parking restrictions in the area must be accompanied by regular parking enforcement by the Strathfield Council parking officers and rangers.” The responsibility and cost of implementation of parking enforcement has been shifted from the business entity generating the impact on the community and placed onto the community, ie rate payers. It is not the role of the community to take responsibility, including financial responsibility, for businesses collateral destruction of the amenity on the community.
 - The report states “Due to the nature of university timetabling, excellent accessibility to the regional road network, the provision of car parking and distance from the railway line, there is currently a high proportion of vehicle use associated with campus activity.” Increasing students

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would only increase the saturation of the existing road network at no penalty to staff/student use of resident's street parking without further affecting resident's amenity.

The bottom line in regard to transportation & accessibility is whatever measures are taken to mitigate impacts, the proposed development of this business will have a significant impact on the surrounding local area which is already significantly congested with the ACU's customers.

We also question if the Minister of the Department of Planning & Infrastructure has the approval authority under Part 3A of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979 as the project is located within an environmentally sensitive area of State significance and the development would have been prohibited under the relevant LEP (refer Heritage Impact Statement accompanying ACU's submission, Draft Strathfield LEP 2008, EPA Regulation 2000, cl 8N(1)).

In summary, we consider any expansion of ACU totally inappropriate for this residential area based on:

- Unsuitable quality of documentation required to make an informed decision
- Loss of residential amenity – car parking, traffic, increase of rubbish left by staff &/or students
- Loss of heritage
- Inadequate evaluation of traffic, transport and accessibility such as vehicular, pedestrian and bicycles

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

Please do not make my name available to the Proponent, other interested authorities or on the Departments Website.

Yours faithfully,

Copies to:

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2. Mr Charles Casuscelli; strathfield@parliament.nsw.gov.au.
3. Strathfield Heritage organisation; Cathy Jones, cathy.jones@optusnet.com.au.

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18th February, 2012

MAJOR PROJECTS ASSESSMENT

DEPT PLANNING AND INFRASTRUCTURE

GPO BOX 39

SYDNEY NSW 2001

Submission Regarding

Expansion of Australian Catholic University Strathfield Campus, STRATHFIELD

Application No. MP 10 0231

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to state my objection to the above Application MP10_0231 because, as a resident of Albert Road, I fear that the residents of Albert Road will be severely affected. The following are my reasons:

- **TRUCKS:**

We fear that access to the building site for demolition and construction will occur via Albert Road. We do not want heavy trucks moving up and down Albert Road. It is not safe as there are two schools in our vicinity and the large volume of pedestrian traffic (young school children and students as well as elderly residents) would be endangered. The road is narrow and visibility of pedestrians is poor already, especially for residents leaving and entering driveways. It is a 40km zone that is commonly ignored. We do not want trucks in our street. Our small street cannot handle such massive heavy vehicle movements. The noise and air pollution from trucks would also be an unbearable impact. How long will the construction go on for, months or years? There seems to be no time limits.

- **POLLUTION:**

- **Noise/Air:** Demolition and ongoing construction will cause noise and air pollution (especially building dust) to reverberate down Albert Road in what should be a quiet residential area. Any increase in traffic in Albert Road associated with the proposal will mean a decrease in air quality in Albert Road. Note that we have observed traffic volume counting being done during quiet times only not during

peak university periods. The loss of all the trees that will be removed to make way for the library will further reduce air quality in Albert Road.

- **Noise:** The students themselves are noisy as they enter and leave the university. It's not just their cars and the loud music emanating from their cars. Because they must be quiet while in lecture theatres, libraries etc, they feel the need to talk, shout, laugh, scream and be as noisy as they can while entering or leaving the campus. This affects us in Albert Road. **We object to the increase in this student noise pollution** which will worsen if student numbers increase because of the new buildings and if weekend/out of hours operations are allowed.

We object to the proposed rooftop cafe for the same reasons.

- **Smoking:** The footpaths of Albert Road are currently used by university students and staff as a "smoking zone." We also have observed drug-dealing and alcohol abuse. This is very upsetting for residents who have to close their doors and windows to prevent cigarette smoke harming them and their children. More students, because more buildings have been built, will mean **more smokers outside our home and along Albert Road generally** and more drug and alcohol affected students stumbling on the footpath. We object to this.

- **Rubbish:** Any expansion at the ACU will mean **more rubbish** in Albert Road. Currently we must clean up every day outside the front of our house and on the footpath in front of the Edward Clancy building campus. The amount of rubbish dumped on our nature strips, on our properties, in the council street garden beds and in the gutters by university students is considerable and disgusting. Students while waiting for class often "clean out their car" and empty all their litter into our gutters and onto the footpath. Dirty coffee cups are deposited on our fences, rubbish thrown into our garden, gum spat onto the pavement and roads, bottles smashed against our garden walls, soiled tissues and lunch wraps are thrown down carelessly in our street. Student notes that are no longer wanted are tossed without care onto our lawns.

- **INCREASE IN GRAFFITI:**

If the above plan goes ahead, the **visual impact** on our beautiful Strathfield street will be enormous. I fear that the increase in buildings, their size and their industrial appearance will change and destroy the whole look of our area. We expect that this will bring an **increase in graffiti** to our area. This is already a problem for us in Albert Road. On a regular basis, we the residents, spend a lot of time and money on graffiti removal from our properties and from public property such as the bus seats, post boxes and road signs as soon as it occurs. If the graffiti is not immediately removed, it increases rapidly and gives a very **unsafe feel to the area**. We believe that an increase in graffiti in Albert Road **will** happen under the proposal and a **"ghetto" mentality/tone** will quickly develop. This will erode the value of our property.

• **PARKING PROBLEMS:**

NO PARKING FOR RESIDENTS:

Residents currently do not have enough parking for their own cars and their children's or visitors' cars. Any ACU expansions will exacerbate this problem.

BLOCKED DRIVEWAYS:

Albert Road residents are already doing it tough! We cannot handle any more traffic in our street due to the University "expansion plans." Our driveways are regularly blocked by cars, day and night preventing us from leaving our house to collect our children from school or from events, potentially putting them at risk. I have contacted the university to complain but at no stage has ever a return call been made by them to discuss the issue. The ACU does not care! They have proven themselves a poor neighbour in our opinion. Our driveway has been blocked many times, sometimes even by uncaring ACU staff! We have a collection of photographs of some of the offending cars.

PARKING PROBLEMS ALL YEAR!

In Albert Road we notice that on weekends, during vacation periods and during non-business hours the attendees of the ACU (including staff) prefer to park on Albert Road rather than on the ACU grounds. A boom gate prevents those who do not have a pass from entering the Edward Clancy Building parking area so they park outside our houses but even those, who we suspect can access the parking lot, prefer to leave their cars on Albert Road. Students have, in the past, used the front of our house for long-term parking while away with other students. It seems so unfair to us, as residents, that this happens; that we see unused parking on ACU's campus and we have nowhere for our visitors to park. Even on Christmas Eve we have no parking for our elderly visitors and wheelchair guests because of ACU students and staff taking up all the parking in Albert Road.

The ACU boom gates should be removed as a matter of urgency to alleviate parking for ACU staff, students and for the residents. The University of Sydney removed its boom gates many years ago and introduced paid parking spots.

Alternatively, perhaps 1hr parking should be put in place along the university side with each residence being given three resident parking permits for unlimited parking for themselves or their guests. Staff and students should not be charged when they park on the ACU campus as this will encourage them to do so.

NO PARKING FOR RESIDENTS' GUESTS:

Albert Road residents currently endure university student/staff cars outside their homes seven days a week (this includes Sunday) and we are therefore unable to invite guests to our homes. This has a major impact on our social and emotional wellbeing. We live in a residential/family area yet are unable to conduct our family life as we should. An increase in students will mean more impact on our weekends. We do not enjoy waking up on Saturday and Sunday mornings to discover our street completely parked out. This is the current situation and with a library proposed to be open for students on weekends, this will become

more of a problem. The students will of course use Albert Road for parking because it is close by.

DIFFICULTIES FOR COUNCIL STREET CLEANING TRUCKS:

The parking and traffic is currently so bad in Albert Road that the Council street sweeping trucks must arrive extremely early if they are to have any chance of doing their job. The **sleep disturbance** currently caused by this will worsen. The students, we know, will stop at nothing to secure "that magic parking spot" in Albert Road! **Students will begin to arrive earlier and earlier and stay longer and longer.** Alarms going off will become more regular as people arrive and forget to turn off the alarms and as false alarms happen in the middle of the night.

FEAR OF PHYSICAL VIOLENCE/REPRISAL OVER PARKING ISSUES:

We fear that under an increased campus physical violence/reprisal will soon erupt in Albert Road. For example, one brazen student who parked halfway across my driveway as I was attempting to exit my property, decided to give me instructions on how I could exit my property. Angrily he shouted at me to *"drive along the grass on the footpath as close as possible to the telegraph pole and down the gutter and out onto the road."* He was *"not willing to waste any more time trawling for a bigger parking space because he would be late for his exam and said he felt stressed."*

In Albert Road we already have to endure an amazing amount of disruption and noise due to the **Seventh Day Adventist College Hall** which is now used seven days. On Sunday mornings we already cannot park outside our house because of users of this hall. Do they have consent to operate on a Sunday morning and afternoon? This will worsen if the ACU adds to the problem by expanding their campus and student numbers and hours of operation. Students are currently verbally abusing each other over parking issues. The school hall users, students and residents will become locked in an even fiercer battle for parking if the plan goes ahead! **Violence will occur. Verbal altercations that currently occur will turn physical.**

• **WHY SPEND \$55 MILLION FOR ONLY 253 MORE STUDENTS?**

\$55 million dollars is being spent on the proposed Strathfield campus expansion. As Albert Road residents we fear that the university will be able to increase its student numbers to any uncapped amount it desires under the Bradley Report and we fear that this is exactly what the ACU plans. **We do not believe that they are spending \$55 million to benefit just 253 more students.** We believe that they see their future as "unlimited" when caps are removed on university student numbers at the end of 2012. We fear that our narrow, already severely affected Albert Road will be unduly impacted by this in terms of local amenity, traffic, parking, safety, access, litter, air pollution, noise pollution, visual pollution, impact on heritage, loss of property values.

We object to the fact that **the university has apparently been increasing its numbers by stealth.** In 1994 the Land and Environment court ruled that only 510 students be allowed on campus at any one time. The university website states that 4043 students are currently enrolled and, as Albert Road residents, we have been informed that **the ACU is in breach of this ruling.** As I write, I observe in today's Sydney Morning Herald, a prominent advertisement placed by the ACU for a position for someone to assist them and their

"stakeholders" with their expansion plans, "to shape government relations" and "influence high-level strategy" and "develop relations with a range of government departments." They identify themselves as "one of Australia's fastest growing universities."

Has the ACU considered spending their \$55 million on their North Sydney campus? Would this be more appropriate?

At a residents' meeting on Saturday 18th February, 2012 comments such as "*The ACU is trying to eat Strathfield*" and "*the ACU wants to run feral over Strathfield*" were made. We live in what is currently regarded as a beautiful, elegant suburb of lovely gardens, heritage listed homes and leafy streets. Much anger exists among residents who fear that these qualities will be lost if the ACU's plans are approved.

- **FAILURE BY THE ACU TO PROPERLY INFORM RESIDENTS:**

We object to the ACU's statement that 220 residents were informed regarding their expansion plans. We, in Albert Road, were not letterboxed. Our information regarding the expansion plans has only come from other concerned residents who contacted us.

We have now been letterboxed with the enclosed flyer from the ACU which does not disclose its author. Is this legal?

- **VISUAL POLLUTION, LOSS OF HERITAGE**

In Albert Road, the homes are all single or two storey homes. We do not want an ugly, concrete and glass, four storey industrial style building at the top of our street. Albert Road is one of the most beautiful and significant streets in Strathfield. It contains heritage homes and, as you proceed up the street, the vista of the beautiful heritage buildings and statues in the precinct of the ACU at the top of the hill adds value to our properties. Australia's 1904 Prime Minister lived in the 127 yr old residence on the ACU site. This value will be lost by the visual and size impact of the proposed modern four storey building.

- **LOSS OF PRIVACY.**

The huge four storey library building on the top of the hill will overlook our backyard. We will lose privacy in our yard. This is totally unacceptable.

- **FEAR OF A FOUR STOREY PRECEDENT BEING SET:**

There is currently no high rise at the western end of Albert Road and we do not want it. We object to any change to the existing "heritage" appearance of the campus site when viewed from Albert Road. We object to the Albert Road precinct becoming part of the ACU's "commercial hub" under the proposal. The ACU site was originally designed to be a place of quiet, religious contemplation and study amidst peaceful, tranquil, beautifully landscaped grounds. We wish for this original charter to remain.

We object to the precedent of four storeys being set by the ACU. Does this mean that other existing ACU buildings, for example those facing onto Albert Road, will in the future be allowed to extend to four storeys or be demolished and replaced by four storey buildings?

- **INTENSIFICATION OF LANDUSE:**

Four storeys means an intensification of land use (student/land ratio) which is not acceptable in our residential area. The ACU site is only 5 hectares and they are putting thousands of students onto this site which is excessive compared to the student/land ratios of other metropolitan universities. Such intense land use by the ACU will bring associated public health issues. More waste will occur. More delivery trucks will be needed to service the proposed new buildings. We object to any increase in these delivery vehicles and waste collection trucks entering/exiting via Albert Road due to traffic noise, air pollution safety issues.

- **LOSS OF FAUNA:**

A family of rare tawny frogmouth birds currently frequent the stand of turpentine trees that run along the rear of Barker Road/Albert Road residences and in the 5 native turpentine trees to be removed under the proposal. We object to the loss of habitat for these tawny frogmouths and other wildlife and the loss of heritage trees native to their location.

- **LOSS OF FLORA:**

We object to the loss of any of the large, beautiful palm trees that are located on the site of the proposed library. These long established and important trees are very old and have great historical value to our entire suburb because of their age and style. They give an elegant and beautiful tone to our residential area. Any new plantings will take a long time to establish and we will not benefit from them in our lifetime. The loss of these trees will reduce our property values as residents in nearby Albert Road.

- **NO BENEFIT FOR LOCALS:**

We object to any statement made by the ACU that it is providing local employment and benefits to residents. We, in Albert Road, observe that the students and staff who attend the university nearly all come from out of the area. The majority drive because young people prefer to do that and no amount of buses/trains/incentives will deter this. They often drive cars that have modified exhaust systems and loud music playing.

Also, for some unknown reason the ACU does not allow their cleaning staff to park on site, thus subjecting residents to daily 5am disruption.

False alarms in ACU buildings regularly occur at all hours. More buildings will mean more of this noise for Albert Road.

- **LOSS OF PROPERTY VALUES:**


We in Albert Road have put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into purchasing our properties in what was once a quiet area and is now becoming an increasingly noisy and unsafe one. We will be soon receiving the lowest possible real estate values for our homes if the ACU is allowed to expand and change the character of our road and precinct.

IN SUMMATION:

We strongly object to the Expansion Plans of the ACU at the Strathfield campus for the following reasons:

- Increase of heavy vehicles in Albert Road
- Increased student and staff cars in Albert Road
- Increased air pollution and poorer air quality in Albert Road due to demolition and construction dust and exhaust fumes from increased traffic
- Increased noise pollution from cars, trucks and the students themselves in Albert Road as they enter/leave
- Increased presence of smoking outside our houses associated with students and ACU staff
- Increased rubbish left by staff and students
- Increased visual pollution from modern industrial size buildings
- Possible increase in graffiti associated with such buildings
- Safety concerns for the many young schoolchildren attending the Adventist College and St Patricks College who walk the street
- Safety concerns for elderly residents trying to cross the road
- Safety concerns for pedestrians due to visibility issues and young drivers as they desperately trawl for parking (and speed in spite of the permanent 40 km hour zone) instead of looking out for the many pedestrians in Albert Road
- Loss of resident parking in Albert Road
- Loss of parking for guests of residents in Albert Road
- Loss of lifestyle for residents because of no guest parking
- Increased difficulties for council street sweeping vehicles
- Increased blocking of driveways in Albert Road resulting in residents' children being placed at risk
- Possible escalation of physical violence due to increased parking issues between students, staff, parents/users of the Seventh Day Adventist College and residents
- Fear that the presence of new buildings will lead to increased student numbers
- Failure to disclose plans to residents in Albert Road
- Loss of heritage value of our heritage buildings and the beauty of the Albert Road streetscape
- Loss of privacy
- Increased risk of more four storey buildings in Albert Road once a precedent has been set
- An unacceptable intensification of land use, (i.e. student/land ratio) which will result in public health issues
- Loss of flora when many beautiful, heritage, established trees are removed
- Loss of fauna and habitat for the endangered tawny frogmouths when the five turpentine trees are removed
- No benefits to locals
- Decreased property values due to the imposition of two hour parking along one side of Albert Road.

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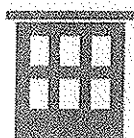

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A Concept Plan has been prepared to guide the new development – and accommodate an estimated 30 per cent increase in student numbers over the next 10 years, while improving parking and traffic conditions and promoting the heritage significance of existing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

Written submissions can also be addressed to the following:

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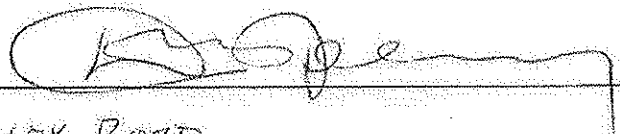
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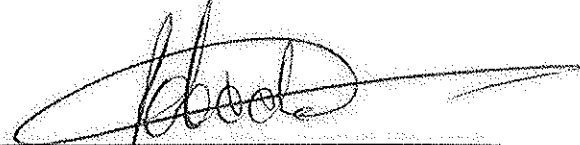
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