

6TH March, 2012

Director, Metropolitan & Regional Projects South,
Department of Planning & Infrastructure,
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Mr. A. Bright,

Dear Sir



RE: EXHIBITION OF A CONCEPT PLAN FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, STRATHFIELD CAMPUS, STRATHFIELD (MP10_0231).

Further to the submission prepared on behalf of myself, my husband and Mr. Joseph Bains by SS Legal, I wish to make the following points about the inadequacy of the consultation process the ACU engaged in and the failure of such to satisfy Item 20 "Consultation" of the Director-General's Requirements of 17th February, 2011.

I urge the Department of Planning to review the initial "exhibition session" held by the ACU in August 2011. The two information sessions were notified to 220 residents only by means of a "flyer", whereas Mr. Charles Casuscelli the State Member stated that 2,700 residents will be affected and the DPI notified over 2,200 residents. The information/exhibition sessions were conducted for a total of 3 ½ hours. I reiterate that the face to face consultation by the ACU with residents for 3 ½ hours was not sufficient for the residents to gain any meaningful understanding of this proposal.

The ACU's flyer did not state any facts about the construction of 4 x 4 storey buildings and 2 x 2 storey buildings. The flyer did not state the increase of student numbers or staff numbers. In addition, the flyer did not inform the reader of the cost of the expansion as \$55 million. The flyer was designed to assure the reader that all is well with the ACU and that it was just tidying up its "house". As a result of this, the residents (all 220 of them) did not fully understand the ramifications of this concept plan.

In the Director General's Requirements it states that the ACU "undertake an appropriate and justified level of consultation". The test of adequacy cannot have been met. I can obtain Statutory Declarations to the effect that approximately 25 people attended the exhibition sessions held by the ACU.

On the 18th of February, 2012, I held a community meeting to alert the residents of the impact of this proposal on Strathfield. I obtained all of my figures on current and proposed students numbers from the Hassell Report and Arup Transport Study. As a result of this the residents have been threatened with legal action. *Article Attached.*

I declare that I have not made any political donations.

Yours faithfully,

Jane Pistolese.
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c.c. Mr. C. Casuscelli

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Mayor pledges council support for residents fighting ACU

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February 24: Strathfield Council has confirmed it has consulted solicitors to see if legal action against The Australian Catholic University is possible, after claims the institution has been exceeding student numbers on its Strathfield campus.

The council has briefed legal, traffic and planning consultants to comb the ACU bid to expand the Strathfield campus as it prepares a submission to state planning

authorities opposing a \$55 million development that would increase student numbers by 30% over the years.

The Mayor, Cr Paul Barron, told a packed meeting at Strathfield library tonight that council would represent the community and submit to the state planning department concerns over parking, traffic and the increase of student numbers.

"Council has hired external solicitors and consultants to conduct traffic and planning studies," he said.

"Our message to the community is that we will carry the issues with us to the planning minister. The community has our full support."

The traffic report is expected within a week.

Tonight was the third meeting when residents pledged they would fight the plans and "never surrender our amenities", an indication of how strong feelings are running against the ACU proposal.

It is a strength of feeling that has yet to reach the top management team at the ACU.

University Vice Chancellor Professor Greg Craven, addressing an extraordinarily emotion-charged meeting with residents on Thursday night, vehemently denied suggestions that student numbers were above those allowed and warned of legal consequences over misleading claims.

Telling a packed Murray Hall on the ACU campus he was a lawyer, he said: "When inaccurate things are said they have severe legal consequences not only for those who they are said about...you are effectively calling me a liar...but they also have consequences for those who say them."

Craven maintained: "I take this very seriously as the CEO of the university. It would be an offense.

"The university has acted in good faith throughout and is permitted to have 900 per hour Monday to Friday.

"That has been repeatedly confirmed by Strathfield Council and is the subject of written correspondence on that subject. That is the legal position."



The claims emerged as angry residents move to try and halt a controversial \$55 million development at the campus which would increase student numbers by as many as 1,200.

They told of problems with litter, parking and students with one claiming: "Physical violence is about to erupt in Albert Road!"

Strathfield MP Charles Casusecchi said he has received around 50 submissions and will represent community concerns to the Department of Planning, but stressed the importance to residents to make legitimate claims.

"I have successfully got the department to extend the submission but there is a process to lodging claims," he said. "I've been in contact with the planner working on this project and the planning minister but there is a process when it comes to big planning issues."

General Manager David Backhouse told *The Scene* council was awaiting advice on whether or not legal action could be taken - though he added Strathfield was not the consenting authority on the development, which involves underground car parks, library and study buildings.

The state government retained control of the ACU's development despite allowing local authorities to resume decision-making powers on planning consents.

Backhouse said the council shared the concerns of residents, and was calling its own information forum, when councillors would be available to advise those living around the campus.

Addressing an acrimonious meeting on Thursday, the Vice Chancellor was at one stage called to account for doodling on his papers by a furious resident, Shikha Lal.

Casusecchi had to call for order and remind residents that there was a process and that all had been given the chance to make submissions to the State Planning Department.

The professor claimed that traffic and parking, two of the biggest areas of complaints, had been the subject of an independent inquiry.

"Sorry, but I can't lie to make you feel better," he chided residents who tried to interrupt.

He revealed the university was laying on an extra shuttle bus, taking numbers to four between the railway station and the campus, in a bid to alleviate parking problems.

But residents were unmoved, with South Street house owner John Crawford presenting the meeting with bags of rubbish, including burger containers and energy drinks, which he maintained had been dumped outside his house.

Another female resident warned, "Physical violence is about to erupt in Albert Road," and related an incident which had left her shaking in fear and two hours late for work when a car reversed towards her.

A packed and feisty public protest meeting last Saturday heard fears of house values being slashed, and the residential amenity being ruined by the plans for six buildings, underground car parks and a 30 per cent increase in student numbers over the next ten years.

To loud applause, Susan Crematy asked the meeting: "Is The Australian Catholic University going to be the university that ate Strathfield?"

"I say no. I say no to increasing student numbers, I say no to increased traffic and I say not to increased parking problems."

Another maintained the ACU was building a "commercial hub" in the centre of Strathfield, and that under reforms from the Federal Government, all student number caps would be removed, allowing for more expansion.

The sprawling Randwick campus of the University of New South Wales was cited as a possible role model for the ACU's future development.

Almost 200 residents turned up at Strathfield Town Hall to register their anger at the way in which the university had gone about a consultation exercise, claiming few flyers had reached homes in the municipality to warn of meetings and exhibitions.

Mark Phillips, of South Street, opened the meeting addressed by three residents who have spent weeks investigating the effects of the development, and Casuscelli.

Casuscelli, to applause, said: "At the moment, as the central proposition stands, I do not support it."

He pledged to be at every meeting involving the issue, and is sending a letter to 2,700 homes informing residents of the plans and what they can do about them.

He is also seeking a two-week extension of the February 29 deadline for submission.

"My recommendation to council and representatives of the ACU was that they need to commission an area wide traffic study."

Those who arrived at the town hall were given a submission form to fill out, flyers from the ACU and a message from Mayor of Strathfield Cr Paul Barron.

Barron's statement said: "Having reviewed the proposal, I too share the concerns of the residents and am committed to Council's continued support for the residents in this matter.

"Council staff are reviewing the proposed concept plan and Council is preparing a submission to the Department.

"I would like to reassure you that this submission will consider the views of the community and include the concerns regarding the impact on local residents."

He urged residents to make a submission.

The meeting was told the ACU plans were one of just a few developments retained by State government planners when they reformed part 3A of the planning laws, which handed back powers to councils.

As a result, the Planning Minister Brad Hazzard will determine it, unless 25 or more submissions are received by February 29th. If they are, there will be an internal review.

Residents hope to force a public inquiry.

Those living around the ACU were first alerted to the potential for a development in a flyer last August which spoke of new developments at the Strathfield Campus at Barker Road.

Residents claim that 220 flyers was a woefully inadequate number, and that the document itself did reveal a dramatic rise in student numbers.

It mentioned three new "development precincts" to provide a new library and education buildings "at a height and floor space appropriate to the existing built form and character of the locality."

It didn't mention a four story library – higher than Strathfield's municipal library – which may even have a café on top, not the increase in student numbers

An ACU spokesperson told the scene this information was on the website and a link had been provided on the flyer.

Parking at the site has long been a source of friction between local drivers and the university, with residents complaining that students park cars across driveways and block access to bays close to their homes.

At one point Casuscelli made representations to the Transport Department to change the law so cars parked across driveways could be towed away.

Ironically, it was ACU's plans to build additional parking spots that appear to have sparked the latest round of protests.

A development at the ACU campus in Barker Road will include additional on-site parking, which should have eased residents' concerns. A flyer handed out this weekend spoke of 674 spaces and a 100% increase.

Instead, residents say the university did not give them enough information about the upgrade, which also includes accommodation for an additional 1200 students in the next four years, and had opened up a gulf of mistrust between the ACU and the local community.

Barker Road resident Jane Pistolese, who with her husband has researched the development, says the problem has got out of hand, and the new development will mean the parking situation will get even worse.

“Residents on Barker Road have already been parked out, but the fact that ACU want to increase their student population by an additional 30% is outrageous,” she said.

“This means less street parking for us and the increase will start to affect residents in surrounding streets such as South Street, Firth Avenue and maybe even further.”

About 20 residents attended a meeting with the architects and ACU officials in August. Pistolese says ACU gave no indication then that it planned to increase student numbers. “Only 20 people showed up at the meeting and no one there realised ACU planned to bring in more students.”

An ACU spokeswoman said residents were kept informed at the meeting and advised to view the full development plans on the Department of Planning website.

“Details of the increase in student numbers were given at the community consultation sessions outlined clearly on the display boards, and explained to the residents who attended.”

Associate Vice Chancellor Marea Nicholson of the ACU, who was present at the meeting, told The Scene after the meeting the ACU student numbers complied with their permissions.

She said there were a lot of misconceptions and she would be dealing with them at a consultation meeting at the campus on Thursday.

Phillips told the meeting of the ACU history, saying in 1904 the main building, 127 years old, was the home of George Reid, Australia’s 4th Prime Minister.

It became a university campus only in 1990, and an expansion was subject of a Land and Environment Court hearing in 1994, which set student intake limited.

“The university was to generate only moderate levels of traffic and minimal parking requirements,” Phillips said.

Phillips alleged the university has been operating beyond the limits imposed by the court for many years, which was why residents now saw increasing problems.

“The community has met with the mayor and general manager of the council in recent days and the mayor and the council have agreed in principle to in fact comment legal action against the university”.

But this action would not prevent the plans now before the state government, however.

Pistolese, along with husband Tony, were publicly thanked for their work in bringing the issue to the public.

Pistolese herself said: “I think it is shameful that I am up here taking you through this ACU concept plan. The council is not doing it, and State Government is not doing it, the ACU is not doing it.”

She said it was not just a Barker Road problem, but one for the entire municipality.

The ACU was spending \$55 million to build “a commercial hub” in the middle of Strathfield.

She maintained the ACU has approval for no more than 510 students on campus at any one time. “The ACU’s Professor Craven (Greg Craven, vice chancellor) he wants you to believe that he is spending \$55 million for just 200 students.”

But the ACU student handbook showed there were 4043 students enrolled in the university, and the Bradley Report with Federal Government would mean universities would have no caps at all on student numbers.

“This affects all of Strathfield. We must act.”

Tony Pistolese said two new intersections were planned at Wilson and South Streets, which would have a “very large” impact on traffic flow, and an independent traffic study was needed.

Susan Crematy took the meeting through the additional buildings, pointing out that one was four storeys –

higher than the Strathfield library. Yet the ACU claimed there would be “no significant loss of views”.

A mother told a vivid story of how she had been trapped in her driveway by a car, unable to pick up her young daughter who was forced to wait late at night near Burwood park after a drama class. She said she was weeping with concern when the father of another pupil dropped her daughter at home.

Dawn Morante, of Merley Road, told The Scene before the meeting she and her family have been blocked in repeatedly. “It’s been a nightmare. We can’t park anywhere near our house during uni hours. I’ve left notes but I watched the culprit just read the note, scrunch it up and throw it on my driveway.”

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ADD NEW COMMENT

by **peter lynch** | Fri, 17/02/2012 - 08:22

I read your article in the Strathfield Scene on the Australian Catholic University which ,whilst informative, concentrated solely on the parking and traffic problems. I'd like to point out that there is a lot more to this development than that.

Your statement that the University will be erecting 2 new buildings is incorrect. They intend to construct 6 new buildings of which four will be 3 and 4 storey in height and run the length of the boundaries. There was no comment on the impact these buildings would have on the nearby residents nor on the streetscape of our suburbs. These buildings will be industrial sized and overpowering. Go down to Strathfield Library which is 2 storey and double it - that is what we will have foisted upon us and not deep within the University campus but directly along the south eastern boundaries, the north eastern boundary and the south western boundary.

The concept as a whole is totally unacceptable to the residents; from all viewpoints, whether it be parking and traffic concerns, the increase in student numbers or the sheer magnitude of the buildings that have been proposed (3 and 4 storey buildings within close proximity of residential housing), the expansion of the ACU site should not be allowed to proceed.

The University owns the three playing fields between it and St. Patricks and if it cannot contain its building works to that vicinity, then it should pick up stakes and move to another site. I believe they have a perfectly good and reasonably large site at Castle Hill which used to be their third campus until they closed it.

My husband and I have letterboxed 400 houses and still do not feel that we have covered all streets to be affected by the expansion, so I cannot accept that a letter drop of 220 houses as done by the University was adequate. And, as far as viewing of the concept was concerned, it only amounted to 3.5 hours in total, once during the day when a lot of the residents are working and once at night.

The spokeswoman for the University said residents were informed at the display of the concept, well if you consider being told how wonderful the development would be and that they could not understand our objections, then I suppose we were! Well, they didn't get that many people to these sessions and if most were like my husband and me, once we saw the model of the plan, we walked out in disgust. We told them we opposed their whole development, I don't think they took that feedback into consideration.

They have stated that students numbers will increase to 4,800 by 2016, four years from now but this is a development intended to meet their requirements for the next 10 years, so how many students do they expect to have at the end of the ten year period, probably enough to then warrant a further expansion.

I have attached the handout that we distributed.

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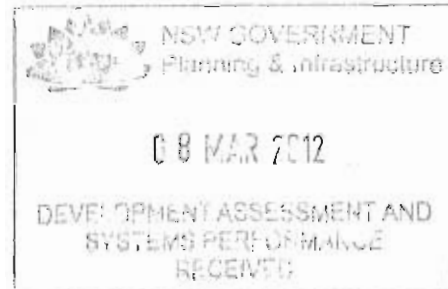
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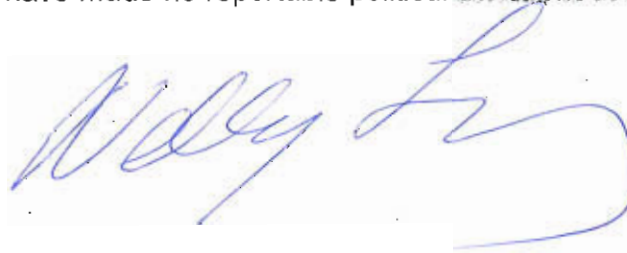
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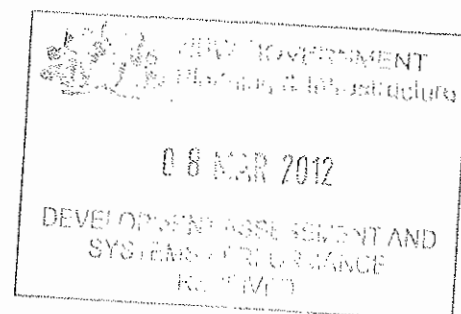
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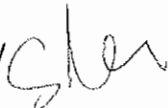
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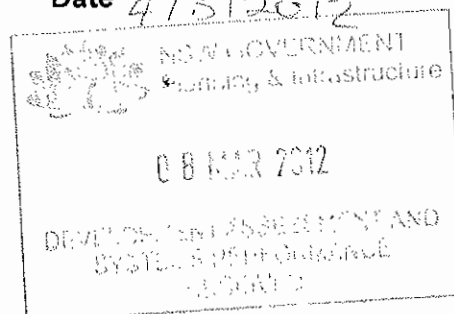
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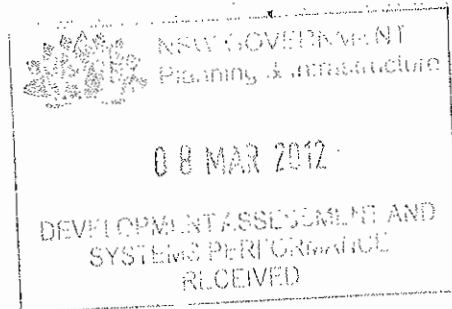
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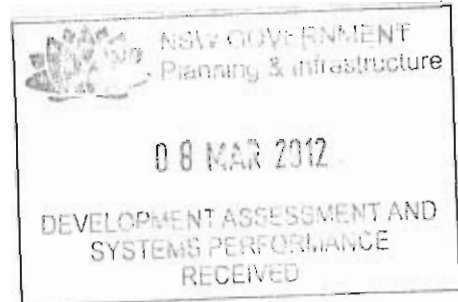
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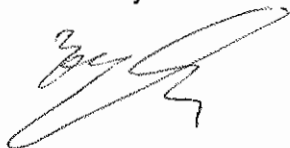
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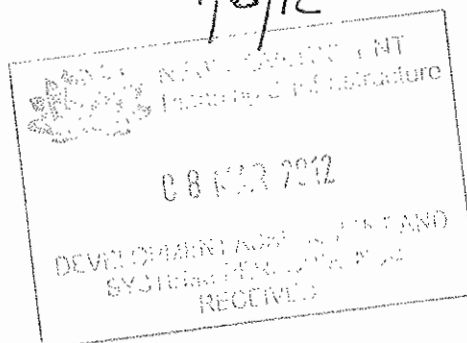
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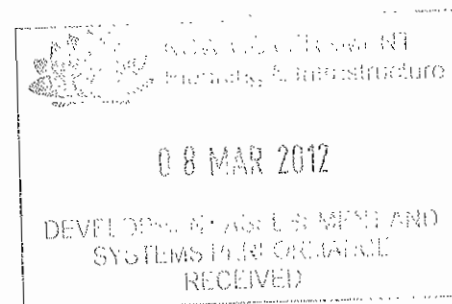
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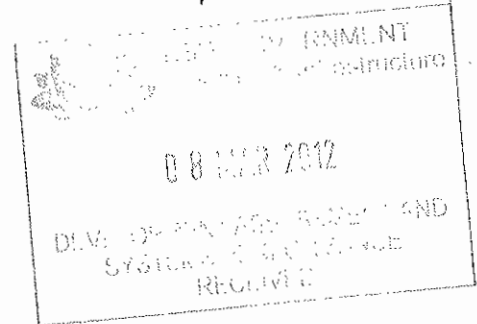
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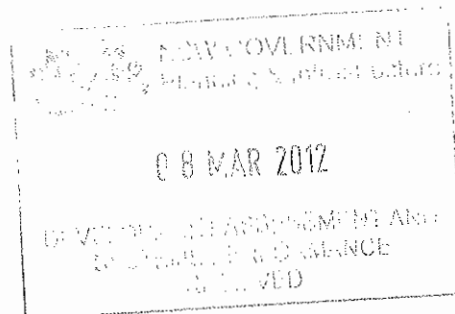



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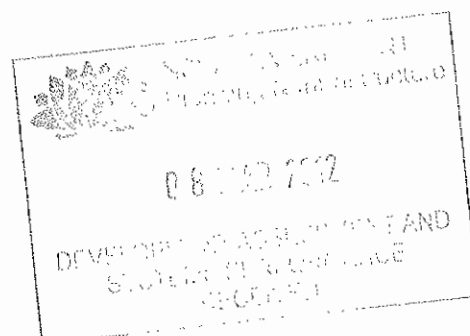
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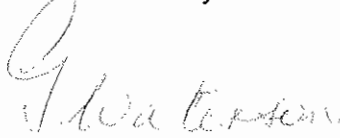
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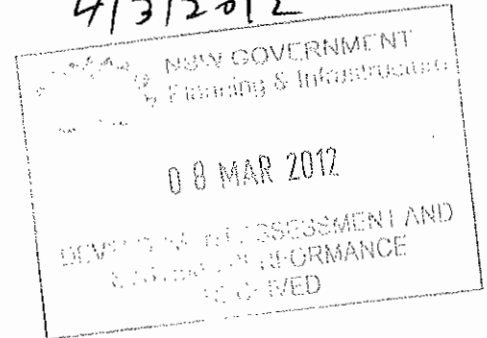
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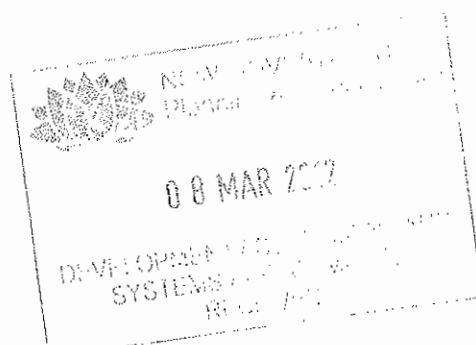
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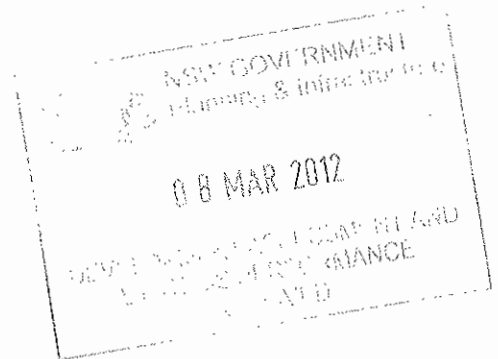
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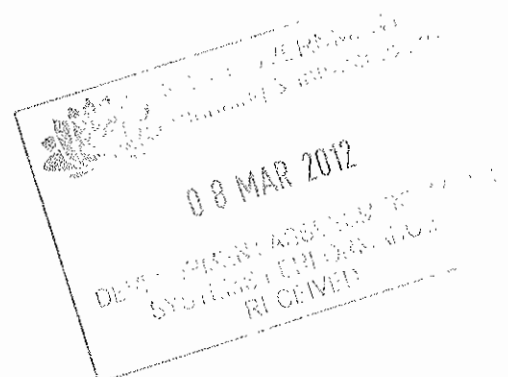
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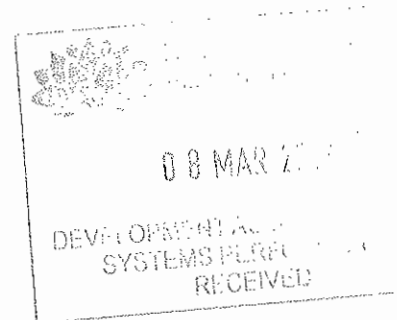
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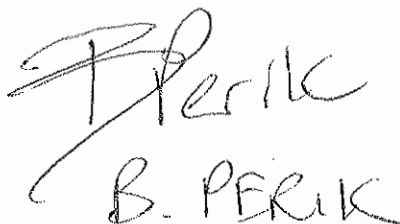
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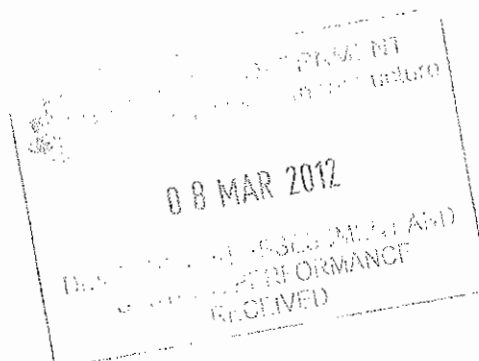
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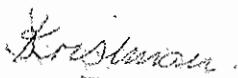
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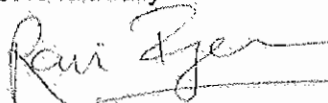
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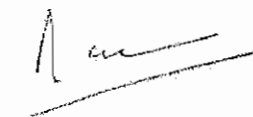
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5 March 2012

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OBJECTION AGAINST CONCEPT PLAN FOR ACU STRATHFIELD CAMPUS

As residents of Strathfield and residents directly affected by the proposed expansion plans of the Australian Catholic University (ACU) for a World Class Precinct, we hereby lodge our objection to the Applicant's Concept Plan for the ACU Strathfield Campus.

We strongly urge the Minister to reject the proposal for the following reasons:

- The proposal reduces the heritage appeal and character of the surrounding low density residential area.
- The total bulk and scale of the proposed building mass directly impacts on us, to our "rights to privacy both visually and aurally" and the "preferred neighbourhood character" Cl. 8.1 of Strathfield DCP 2005 Part A (DCP2005). The proposed building mass includes 2 multi storey developments on the boundary of Barker Road including one 4-storey building opposite South Street and one 3-storey building opposite Wilson Street. It not only spoils the streetscape but will be an invasion of our privacy, and in time, detracts and reduces the property values of the surrounding neighbourhood suburb.
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- It does not provide equitable student to land ratio with say, the University of Western Sydney or Macquarie University.

	No. of Students	Hectares	No. of Students Per Hectare
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We hereby declare that we have made no reportable political donations in the previous two years nor up until the application is determined.

Please do not release my personal details to the ACU.

Yours Faithfully,



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Date

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J. Lee
Elaine J. Lee

18th February, 2012

Major Projects Assessment,
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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY APPLICATION NO: MP10 0231

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

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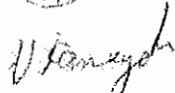
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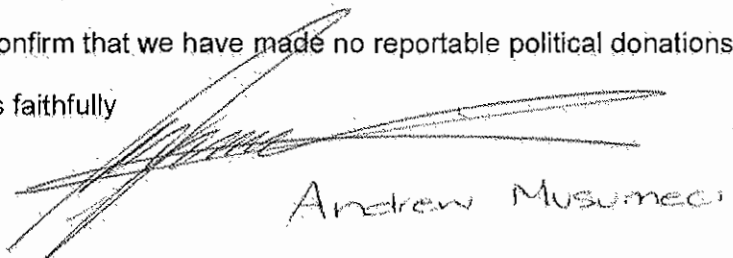
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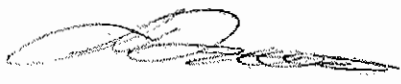
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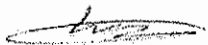
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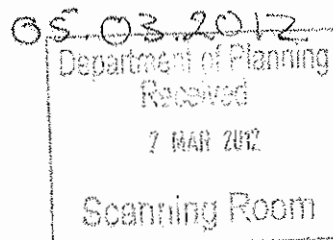
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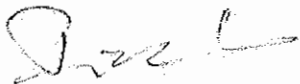
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Date 5/3/12

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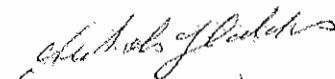
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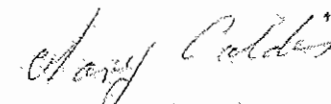
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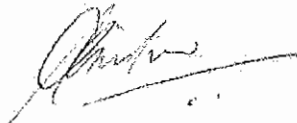
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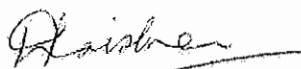
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