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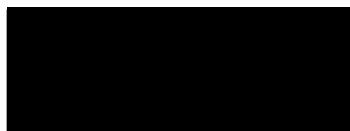


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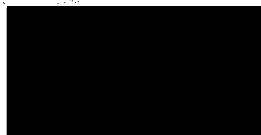
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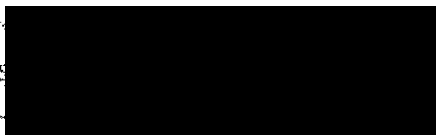
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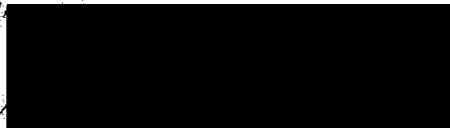
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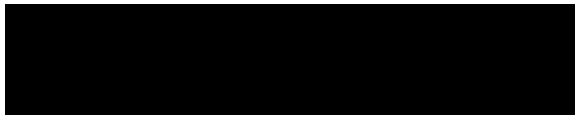
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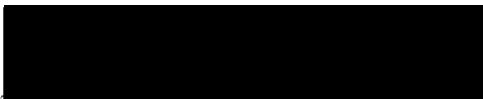
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There are serious questions that the ACU have to answer in regards to the way they have conducted their business activities over the past 30 years and the illegal expansion of students on the campus without Government approval.

During my school years, there was no congestion of traffic in the area or excessive cars parked on Barker road and the surrounding streets. Today however, the entire Barker Road is a car parking lot, including parts of South Street and Newton Road due to the illegal expansion of students on the campus without Government approval.

As residents of the area, it is within our rights to know the following:

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- What has been the increase in student enrolment over the past 30 years at the Strathfield campus ?

No development application should be considered until such time that the ACU conducts its' current business activities in accordance with current Government approvals.

Notification & Consultation

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

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

In our view, notification and consultation has been inadequate and untimely and lacking in detail. It has only been since January 16 2012 that we, the community are becoming aware of the full ramifications of the ACU proposal.

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

We, (the residents) are required to consider in a matter of 6-7 weeks a proposal which could be detrimental not only to the immediate surrounding house owners in the area but also to the entire suburb.

Traffic Problems

All students attending the ACU Strathfield campus are of driving age. Therefore, these students cannot be forced to take public transport and not drive to the Strathfield campus. This is evident given the amount of student vehicles that are parked on Barker Road, South Street and Newton Road.

Residents of Strathfield have lived with numerous educational institutions, pre-schools and day care centres which lie in the immediate Strathfield area or just outside it. The traffic Strathfield residents endure day in and day out from all these educational institutions is already a huge problem to the area and additional student cars infiltrating the area would worsen this problem.

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

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

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

Spoiling the Urban Landscape

The ACU seeks approval for six building envelopes between two and four storeys in height.

Currently all new house builders in Strathfield are only permitted to build two storey residences in a "2A" residential area and this rule has been enforced for many years by Strathfield Council and has also applied to institutions within residential areas, eg, private hospitals, nursing homes and educational institutions.

To quote from the ACU's submission:

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

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

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

History and Heritage

Strathfield is rich in history. It was one of the first suburbs of Sydney and the first parcel of land in Strathfield was granted in 1808. It has since undergone many changes, but this proposal put forward by the ACU and if it is granted will more than likely ruin the suburb forever.

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

Over-Intensification of the Site

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

Existing	5 Hectares to 3600 Students
Proposal	5 Hectares to 4,800 Students
This Equals	1 Hectare for 960 Students
Macquarie University	1 Hectare for 190 Students
University of Western Sydney	1 Hectare for 19 Students
Car Space on Campus	320

Result: Over intensification of the site

On-Street Parking (3.8.1)

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

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

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Why should Strathfield residential streets be used as ACU car parking spaces?

Strathfield residential streets belong to Strathfield residents and not the ACU.

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Noise & Waste

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Future Growth of the ACU

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Strathfield Council

Over the years, the residents of Strathfield have brought all these issues outlined above to the attention of Strathfield Council management and councilors.

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What is the Strathfield Council's purpose if it fails to act or enforce Government regulations ?

Conclusion

Every business should have the opportunity to grow and prosper. However, it should not be to the detriment of the local Strathfield community. Strathfield already has one of the highest per capita level of educational institutions in the area. Strathfield is also situated at the centre of some of Sydney's busiest major arterial roads including the M4 motor highway, Parramatta Road, Hume Highway and Centennial Drive. Therefore, heavy road congestion together with the high number of educational institutions already results in gridlock on the roads at peak periods.

The ACU does not operate to their regulated student numbers and any future education facilities in the area will make it worse.

Australia is a large country with plenty of land. Other universities have taken the opportunity to expand campuses outside of the heavily built up suburbs of Sydney. For example, the University of Sydney has expanded and built campuses at Camden where there is opportunity to grow and expand. The ACU should be encouraged to do likewise.

The voice of the local Strathfield community should be respected and we will be encouraging local residents to commence a class action should this development application be approved.

Yours faithfully

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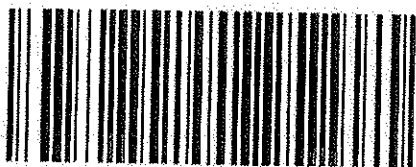
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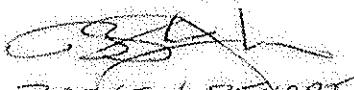
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SUBJECT ACU - MP 10 0231

To Mayor Assessments

Dept of Planning and Infrastructure.

Reference is made to my representation dated 27/2/12 as forwarded, and I now wish to submit further evidence against the proposal.

As referred to in my earlier submission I surveyed surrounding streets and counted approx 800 university related cars parked. This clearly demonstrated that ACU must have more than $510 + 240 = 750$ students at the Campus at any one time. (800+ CARS IN STREETS + 251 STUDENT PARKING SPACES ON SITE TOTAL 1051)

A group of very concerned residents, including myself conducted a survey of cars/passengers, ~~buses~~ buses entering the site / passengers and pedestrians entering the site. This survey was undertaken at each entry point and between the hours of 7AM - 10AM on TUESDAY ¹² 13/3/12. This showed that in excess of 1500 persons entered the site and assuming that there may be say 150 lecturers this would result in about 1350 students OR APPROX DOUBLE that allowed in the actual consents available to ACU.

In view of the above and my earlier submission I consider that the proposal by ACU is completely flawed and must be rejected for the following reasons

(2)

- The ARUP Study is based on parking surveys in 2008 & 2009 and even these dates are the last weeks of university term and a day during university exams.
- The ARUP Study is based on student numbers given to it (presumably) by ACU.
— these are now proven to be false.
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SAY 1200 PEOPLE + those who arrive at the site in the ACU BUSES (OVER 400 in 3 HRS on 12/3/12)
PLUS those who arrive by PUBLIC TRANSPORT (BUS NO. 483 & 407) SAY 100 ONLY
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(3)

my submission is that the ACU proposal must be rejected due to its inaccuracies and fundamental flaws in the submissions. The ACU should also be notified and instructed to totally comply with the valid development consents as issued, it is otherwise operating without consent!! I submit that only after the above compliance should any further amended application by ACU be considered.

In closing I suggest that the Major Projects Assessment require the ACU to provide accurate and verified - STUDENT ENROLMENTS

(I suspect several THOUSAND NOT 1340 AT ACU STRATHFIELD)

- STUDENT NUMBERS AT ACU STRATHFIELD (MAIN SITE) AT ANY ONE TIME.

Note this includes students in library, students between lectures, students in cafe/lunch etc.

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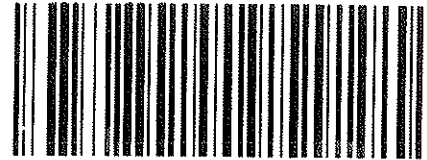
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John Campbell

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	No. of Students	Hectares	No. of Students Per Hectare
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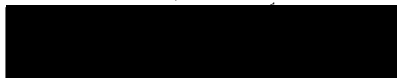
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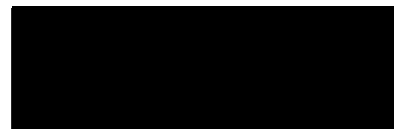


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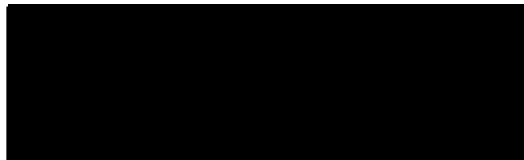
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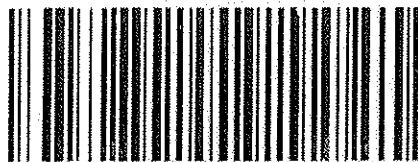
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OBJECTION AGAINST CONCEPT PLAN FOR ACU STRATHFIELD CAMPUS**

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

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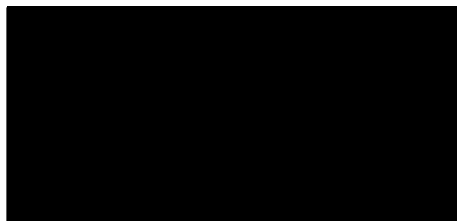
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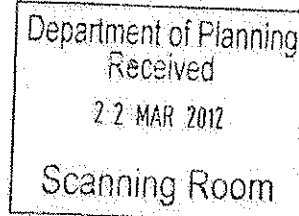


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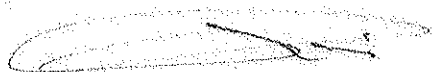
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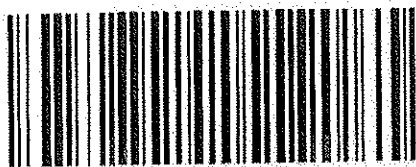
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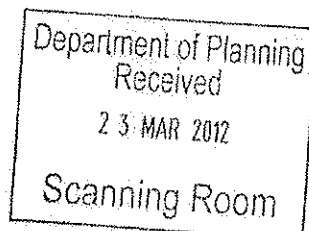
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