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RE: Mod2021/0369 - 70 South Creek Road DEE WHY NSW 2099

As a Resident of Parkes Road and neighbour of Pittwater House School over the last 10 years, I would like to express my objection to Modification 2021/0369 to DA2019/1274.

My objection is based on the heavy traffic demands on the roads surrounding the school including Parkes Road, South Creek Road and Westmoreland Street that already exist. Traffic density in the area has increased significantly over the last ten years and pedestrian safety in Parkes Road is already a significant issue. The residents of Parkes Road particularly can attest to the street being used as race track particularly between the roundabouts at the base of South Creek Road and the first roundabout on Parkes Road. Cars speed up Parkes Road at excessive speed on a daily basis. Parkes Road is difficult to cross safely at the best of times, let alone at school opening and closing times and during peak hours. Also bear in mind there are four public bus stops in this area that school children and elderly people need to be able to access.

With street parking on both sides of Parkes Road it is often difficult for traffic, including cars, STA and school buses and trucks to pass safely and if a spot is available one will often have to yield to the other. It is not uncommon for cars to have their side mirrors removed in Parkes Road and you need to be very carefully getting in and out of a parked car.

Adding more pedestrians, particularly children into this already unsafe area will only increase the risk of significant accident/s or worse fatalities. I believe Council and the School need to address the existing safety issues and consider the installation of speed bumps, traffic lights, speed zones and/or other safety measures in Parkes Road before adding more pedestrian and vehicular traffic to the area.

Like the other surrounding residents of the area, Parkes Road residents can attest to the grid lock and parking issues that occur during the school kiss and drop times particularly. There are also issues when there are school functions and when others hire school facilities after hours and on weekends. Residents have experienced parents and others parking across/in driveways, and moving bins to park with waste pickups being missed. Commuters also compete with residents, parents, school staff and students for the already limited parking available.

I believe no increase in school enrolment numbers should be considered or approved until traffic safety concerns in Parkes Roads have been addresses.