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**RE: DA2020/1514 - 0 L Federal Parade BROOKVALE NSW 2100**

Hi Rebecca,

Concerns with St Augustines school number expansion.

Firstly they are asking to expand from 1200 students to 1500 students. submission states that they currently had 1422 during the year of 2020. Total enrolments in 2014=1208 2015 when they were allowed to have 1200 they had =1227. 2016= 1272. 2017= 1282. 2018=1305 2019= 1341. 2020 as of the application they now have around 1422. they have been in breach for years. At the end of 2019 they finished a new very large building which added lots of classrooms and shadows the surrounding houses. At the rate they have been expanding over the last 7 years it would be clear to expect that by 2022 they will easily be in breach again. My concern is council has done nothing about this in the past until i notified of numbers this year. council did not fine but has allowed a year for them to submit a DA (this proposal).

My reasons for objection besides the above:

1. Schools grounds are not large enough for current student numbers. school overflows for lunch breaks onto brookvale park, meaning that local residents are dominated by kids from school. if there grounds were big enough this would not happen.
2. For the number of students there is not enough safe drop off and pick up locations. during morning and afternoon times it is very hard to enter or exist the area due to kids jay walking across streets, cars double parked dropping off, cars parked in no stopping waiting to drop off or pick up. In the last 2 years I have had multiple students run across road and I have almost hit them. I have spoken to school and nothing has been done as they say this is out of grounds for them....
3. new plans show multiple spots to be marked within school playground. Would you park your car where students are running around? As per point 1 this again limits student lunch areas. Also many of these spots have been marked for years to tick boxes with council requirements but have not been used. Why will they be used in future? or is it to tickle ears of council to approve more numbers. Streets for the last 2 years have been jam packed with student and teachers cars. with more and more increase of numbers, with school having very insufficient ground for parking or play I do not see this changing.
4. Buses have increased drastically over the last 2 years as well. Massive bendy buses driving down local streets every day blocking these local roads. this has not been addressed in this DA application. School needs a proper bus pull off road area so as they can fit without blocking the streets.
5. making parking lot in house block on consul road. looking to the left of my house I now have a huge building appoximately 20m tall and 60m long, an isaw to say the least. Real estate agents say this has severely affected the price of my property. Now we are talking about a parking lot to look over from my bedroom. This is not right, Cars will be parking in there from 6:30am till all hours. This school seems always to ghave something on.
6. The school very often on weekends rents its halls out. This means this carpark will be use 24/7.....

I look forward to hearing back. I am happy also to talk on phone.  
Thank you  
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