



MATER MARIA CATHOLIC COLLEGE
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The General Manager
Pittwater Council
PO Box 882
MONA VALE NSW 1660

Dear Sir,

RE : R0001/05 PROPOSED REZONING OF 4-8 FOREST ROAD, WARRIEWOOD

I write with significant concern regarding the proposed re-zoning of 4-8 Forest Road, Warriewood.

Mater Maria Catholic College is located at 5 Forest Road Warriewood. Our daily population equates to over 800 students and 100 staff, with many visitors and delivery movement throughout the day.

There is significant concern about safe student, parent and staff access to our College site with the proposed re-zoning and consequent redevelopment at 4-8 Forest Road. The nature of the development will heavily increase vehicular movement through Forest Road, and particularly, as one of the proposed entry points into the development is in the cul-de-sac [directly opposite the College], will funnel a significantly larger number of unnecessary vehicular movement dangerously close to the College. This presents the College with safety concerns.

The nature of schools today, mean that student movement is not just limited to the traditional morning and afternoon peak times. Student and pedestrian movement and vehicular access down and across Forest Road during all hours, are likely to considerably increase with the completion of Sector 8, directly below our Mater Maria Catholic College. Controls to ensure safe movement of student pedestrians are critical.

Additional traffic will also present issues for the many buses which access our site before, during and after school hours. As Pittwater Council rangers would be aware, vehicular movement is heavy each morning and afternoon during the peak time of before and immediately after school. Provision for on-street parking is also limited and would be affected by additional rezoning and redevelopment.

The College would strongly suggest that entry via Forest Road be limited to emergency and essential service access only, with all general (residential) entry through Jubilee Avenue. Pedestrian (and in particular student safety) could then be guaranteed. It is important that these health and safety issues are addressed.

Please contact me at the College on 02 9997 7044 or our Director of Communications, Mark Suters, on 02 9997 7044 ext 134 / msuters@mmcc.dbb.catholic.edu.au should you need further clarification regarding this College's concerns.

Yours sincerely

Ray Werren
Principal

