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RE: DA2021/2567 - 60 Federal Parade BROOKVALE NSW 2100

The proposed submission will exacerbate an already untenable situation. The school has continued over recent years with a massive development process buying up adjoining land and expanding its premises with the associated increases in student numbers, teaching and administrative staff.

Due to State government planning regulations the local residents have had no opportunity to comment on these developments due to the education status of the developer. The amenity of residents has suffered, especially in two regards:

1. The high volumes of traffic from parents delivering students each morning and afternoon causing traffic chaos with the adjoining roads often completely blocked until the drop-off/pick-up process is completed. This makes it impossible for residents to leave or return to their home without joining these queues.
2. Street parking has come impossible. Despite the school building a parking station in Gulliver street some years ago, the teachers, staff and older student take up all available parking in the area from 8 am till 4pm every school day. Teachers apparently have the dedicated parking referred to in Gulliver St but choose to park from 7:30am onwards in my street and enter the school grounds through the gates at 27 Consul Road . I assume it is more convenient.

These issues have only become apparent in the last 10-15 years. I have lived at my residence since 1980 and for many years school staff and student numbers were such there was little impact on residents at least as far as traffic congestion. The massive growth of the school in recent years though has become ridiculous and residents have had no recourse to object/commet due to the planning rules I referred to earlier.

Apart from stopping any further increase to student numbers the existing problems would be greatly alleviated if the Council imposed 2 hour parking restrictions in all adjoining streets with exemptions for residents via a sticker. This measure is already in place in other parts of the LGA e.g. near Little Manly beach. There is currently no incentive for school staff to use the existing parking area in Gulliver street and this situation will not change if a new parking area is built . They will continue to fill up all street parking first simply because it is easier to enter and leave this way instead of queuing in a parking station.

Surely our local Council should be doing something to support the residents in this area as the system clearly seems to be weighted in favour of the School with these developments. This is a residential area rated low density. If a resident or commercial developer wanted to constantly expand causing such an influx of vehicles to suburban streets it would be subject to a through assessment of the impacts on surrounding residents . The same should have applied in the past and again now to this current proposal and not allow this injustice to others in the area to be compounded.