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**RE: DA2019/1340 - 100 / 0 Meatworks Avenue OXFORD FALLS NSW 2100**

RE: DA2019/1340 LOT 100, DP 102318350 Meatworks Avenue Oxford Falls

Dear Sir / Madam

On behalf of Oxford Falls Grammar School I would like to register our concerns with the proposed further expansion of the industrial development at Lot 100 Meatworks Avenue.

The traffic & parking report supporting the application and prepared by Transport & Planning Associates concluded at section 7.0 on page 12 that 'the traffic generation of the proposed development will not present any adverse traffic implications and traffic-related environmental impacts'.

I would like to highlight that this opinion has been based on a single day's survey of traffic & pedestrian movements at the intersection of Wakehurst Parkway and Dreadnaught Road. Whilst the Wakehurst Parkway / Dreadnaught Road intersection may be able to accommodate a further increase in traffic, the concern for Oxford Falls Grammar School is the impact that will arise as more trucks turn left from Dreadnaught Road into the section of Oxford Falls Road fronting the school. The traffic report has not taken into account existing traffic at this un-signalled intersection in the morning and afternoon school peak usage times or the students walking to school along Oxford Falls Road from the south that do not have pedestrian footpaths or a pedestrian crossing anywhere along Oxford Falls Road and Dreadnaught Road.

Oxford Falls Grammar School operates a student drop off zone along Oxford Falls Road for parents to drive their children to school. Each morning in a very narrow window of 30 minutes from 8:30am, 10 school buses and as many as 300 cars already share Oxford Falls Road with large trucks accessing the Meatworks industrial site. In the afternoons from 3pm, 17 buses currently pick up students over a 60 minute timeframe.

We have considerable experience observing the traffic each school day as part of our Transport Safety Plan, and it is our opinion that the un-signalled intersection at Dreadnaught and Oxford Falls Road will have great difficulty coping with the additional traffic generated by the already approved 30 industrial units. Increasing the development by a further 13 units equating to a 43% increase in the development will only further intensify the traffic problems at this intersection and will greatly impact congestion, leading to a greater risk to vehicle and pedestrian safety.

Already the lack of a pedestrian crossing and footpaths along Oxford Falls Road creates a pedestrian hazard for our local students who choose to walk to and from school each morning and afternoon. Oxford Falls Road is also used by local traffic coming from Warringah Road, turning at Ellis Street to avoid traffic incidents in the morning peak hour. This occurs quite

frequently with the result that the intersection of Dreadnaught and Oxford Falls Road is blocked, as traffic banks up trying to turn onto the Wakehurst Parkway. This in turn causes traffic to bank up along Oxford Falls Road fronting to the school as traffic needing to turn right into Dreadnaught Road has to wait for a break in traffic as there are no traffic lights at the intersection.

Therefore we would ask Council to consider the significant adverse impact to the Oxford Falls Grammar School community created by this further intensification, and not support the application.

Yours sincerely  
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