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Oxford Valley
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Dear Sir,

I guess I have been very fortunate to have been able to enjoy the Oxford Falls Valley for the past 50 years and am saddened by the stresses it is currently undergoing. As you may appreciate I write opposing the proposed extension of the currently under construction industrial units.

Others will no doubt draw your attention to the plight of natural fauna, bushfire vulnerability and traffic.

It's interesting that the valley is being cut off to the north by the school and the now developing industrial estate.

Development of this the school is interesting in comparison to the original old country school on the other side of Dreadnought road. A little history of education expressed in these buildings. The other thing that is ironic perhaps is that the Beacon Hill High School was closed and now we have this new school.

Regarding the traffic, no doubt the school will reflect on their planning and design decisions and ability to deal with the arrival and departure of students.

My reflection is that both the school and the industrial estate arise from forces outside the valley and hasn't arisen from the need to service the needs of the existing semi-rural valley nor the activities that are in it

I well imagine that there is concern regarding the condition of the existing road and the lack of kerbs, footpaths. The existing roadworks of course reflect the semi-rural atmosphere area and indeed lead to the charm of the valley.

I expect the that there will be a proposal to open the now closed Oxford Falls Road intersection to the Wakehurst Parkway. I do hope that any such proposal is given very careful consideration as Wakehurst Parkway will play an important roll in the overall traffic movement in the Northern Beaches area. The Parkway provides a quick unencumbered route to the northern area. Northern Beaches is a long stretch of territory and the roadway will I'm sure play an increasingly important part in the movement from north to south (best kept free of intersections or traffic interruption)No doubt the flooding question will be dealt with. I hope with a series of aqueducts or bridge which would provide a grade separation between the vehicles and the natural life of the area.

Perhaps it might be appropriate for Northern Beaches Council to review the concession allowing heavy vehicles to use Oxford Falls Road. It may be that heavy vehicles be limited to

Dreadnought Road, and that portion of Oxford Falls Road from Dreadnought Road to Meatworks Avenue.

I wish you well in your deliberations to deal with the proposal for the extension of the industrial project and the proposed office accommodation. Which is interesting seeing that there is office accommodation available on Warringah Road at the present time.

I am opposed to the proposed extension and wish you well in your deliberations, hopefully it's not agreeing to the extension and success in the endeavour to maintain the valley in a semi rural form.

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6 February 2020

Sent from my iPad