

I am a parent of a child attending the Wahroonga Adventist School and although not a member of the SDA consider myself a part of the Wahroonga Estate/Fox Valley Community. I live on the other side of the SDA owned bush and am able most days to take a beautiful walk to school.

Many of the topics I feel are relevant to the changes being put forward in Mod 8 are things which I have mentioned in my previous objections. I will refer to them yet again.

The traffic congestion that will result from the building of these units will be severe. The traffic has increased since the assessment was made over ten years ago and the community using the current precinct is vast; hospital volunteers, church goers, community church visitors, school visitors none of these appear to have been taken into account. At school pick up and drop off times there can be a line as far back as the traffic lights leading to the hospital and school. The current underground parking will not alleviate this in any way. Parking and traffic can only suffer as a result.

Another topic which aligns itself to this is the ubiquitous threat of bushfire and the lack of access and safe retreat for the community. I believe that having an enclave of units in this specific place will also cause issues between the SDA community and themselves with the units being in close proximity to the school, hospital, community centre and church and all the associated events which are noisy.

However my objections to Mod 8 are based upon the impact of the increased height and footprint, as a parent I am very concerned that the units will completely overshadow the school. This is completely unacceptable on many levels.

The children do not have adequate play space, the units will cast a shadow over the "green" space they currently have. They will not be able to see the beautiful bushland because it will be blocked out entirely. This will lead to a lack of sunshine, vitamin D and a general connection to the trees and nature which can help to calm and ground children (and adults!). The lack of sunshine will almost certainly also lead to mould issues, leaving the children with a reduced impact to their physical and mental health.

It also brings into question who may be able to see the children playing in this space as they will be completely overlooked.

On the other side of the school it appears that the road which is already too close will be even closer to the playground area. If an accident were to occur there would be nowhere to run and there would most likely be at least one fatality.

As mentioned my daughter and myself walk to or from school at least once daily and enjoy the wonderful Coups Creek and the nature that abounds there. I believe that increasing the number of units and therefore residents will have an adverse affect on the wildlife there.

In closing, the units that are shown in Mod 8 are vastly different on many levels to those that were agreed originally. They are not in character with the overall area and are unlikely to have gained agreement had they not been marketed as for the Adventist community, be that workers, hospital visitors etc. I am saddened by this whole debacle and hope that something can be done if not to stop the construction to at least ensure that the units are brought down to the same level as the school rather than increasing their height.

Yours,

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