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From: Joseph Francis [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 1 April 2020 7:33 PM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Cc: Parish Office
Subject: Santa Sophia College [SSD-9772]

Dear Sir/Madam

I had submitted my concerns online before the stipulated date captioned Planning Approval Document. They are all crystal clear and plausible reasons as to why the Santa Sophia College should be constructed in the originally envisaged site at Terry Road.

It is regrettable that the whole process since inception has progressed without proper consultations with the Parish community. Although I raised the issues with the Bishop of Parramatta on 13th June 2019, the Diocesan Administrator acknowledged receipt with an assurance quote "In reading your letter of 13 June 2019 I note several issues that are a concern to you about Santa Sophia Catholic College. Mr Greg Whitby, Executive Director Education, will respond directly to you". Unfortunately, there was no response at all from the Director Education as yet. I have also brought my concerns to my local Member for Riverstone Mr Kevin Conolly as I am not at all happy with the new site proposed by the Director of Education.

There had never been any communications with the parish community from the Diocese as to how they propose to satisfy the requirements raised in the interim observations by the planning panel. The Parish Priest has not been notified of any developments which is deplorable. He had been the tower of strength and a positive catalyst in all the developments at Our Lady of the Angels Parish. There is a strong feeling that the Director wishes to unilaterally impart his opinion and proceeded with the project. The Parish Community provided financial support while contrary to the standard norms, we were eliminated systematically and unnecessary protracted this project for more than one year.

I have a strong feeling that it would be extremely difficult for the Director Education to satisfactorily meet all the requirements to merit formal approval from the Planning Secretary. The best option is to construct the building with all requirements professionally met in the adequate land and congenial environment available at our disposal. This will certainly eliminate any future problems and will keep the Parish Community happy to work in partnership for the prosperity of our children and their safety.

Kind Regards
Joseph Anton Francis

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