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From: Kerry Jones [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 22 April 2020 2:43 PM
To: IPCN Enquiries Mailbox
Subject: SCEGGS Darlinghurst Concept and Stage One SSD 8993: Objection

Dear Sir/madam

I wish to **object** to the proposed development by SCEGGS Darlinghurst: Concept & Stage One 8993.

I am a owner & resident on [REDACTED]

Each of my two bedrooms, kitchen & living area look directly onto the SCEGGS gym building & rooftop courts, and Wilkinson House.

I object to the demolition of Wilkinson house which I understand to be a locally listed heritage item. What heritage character will be left in our city if we are to permit the demolition of buildings such as Wilkinson House which remains in good order and must surely be able to be suitably repurposed for an appropriate educational use. Indeed it is my observation from my own home that it is currently utilised for such purposes!

SCEGGS maintains that they will not be seeking to increase the number of students at the school, yet they claim they are unable to make suitable use of what surely is a significant envelope of space. Apparently they will, however, be able to accommodate suitable learning experiences for the students for the duration of the demolition & construction, during which period none of the space will be available?!?

I fail to see how the demolition of Wilkinson House will provide any social benefit, let alone significant social benefit for the community. I would have to question the number of students who attend SCEGGS who are even resident in the local community. The long line of vehicles along both Bourke & Forbes St picking up students after school each day is surely testament to the fact that there are a significant proportion of students who reside outside the local area.

Similarly, I do not accept that it is appropriate for the Department to conclude that compliance with the height standards is unnecessary and unreasonable with respect to the proposed development. This is a fully functioning PRIVATE school with exorbitant school fees. On what basis is it possible that such an entity is deserving of "special attention" over others in the community?

I join with others in the community and ask that you reject the demolition of Wilkinson House, in particular, and the school's overdevelopment of the site overall.

Yours faithfully,
Kerry Jones
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