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Subject: STRONG OBJECTION TO SCEGGS DARLINGHURST SSD8993
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Dear Panel Members:

I a long term local resident who STRONGLY object to SCEGGS Darlington plans on the following grounds:

- **HERITAGE:** SCEGGS is a long term member of the local community which is a unique mix of heritage buildings. Their proposal is to demolish a number of key heritage items and over shadow one of the last remaining Marine villas from the early 19th Century. The school needs to acknowledge that the built area requires compromise to sustain its historical nature, in short if they want a modern campus they should move to another site.

In particular the demolition of Wilkinson House is an indicative example of the school over the years changing the context of the building, and effectively demolishing it by neglect. What is the point of any heritage listing if it the school gets away with the demolition of this interesting building which is shared with all its neighbors. The school bought the building many years ago and so just needs to make it work, that is the nature of adapting older buildings for contemporary use - if we in the surrounding terraces have to do it with our homes, the richly resourced school need to do it with Wilkinson House.

Our view is that the school's plan at every step of the way does not acknowledge that they are in heritage zone and that they either adopt and work with the beautiful buildings that they are custodians of, or they relocate to an area where they can build a modern campus. There is no way that the proposed bland modern building replacement of Wilkinson House makes a "positive impact on the quality and sense of identity of the neighborhood" - the assessment report's finding is frankly ludicrous.

- **TRAFFIC:** please come to our street at 8:30am and around 3pm every school day and say there is not a traffic problem. In an area richly serviced by public transport, our street is clogged with school traffic every school day, with parking illegally and U turns in our narrow neighborhood street. The traffic assessment bears no relation to our lived experience and there should be a ban on any senior students being driven to school, apart from special circumstances.

We ask you to consider the community concerns and reject the school's overdevelopment of this sensitive heritage site.

We look forward to our voice being heard in a planning process that at every step so far has negated and ignored the community's legitimate input. How can the school proceed with such wide spread community opposition from the Local Member, the local Council, the National Trust and so many members of the local neighborhood? The school does not operate in a vacuum and must have a social license to continue to thrive and by pushing this aggressive and unwanted proposal through the complicated planning process the

school runs the real risk of losing that social license.

I ask you to come to look at our beautiful interesting street and in particular Wilkinson House - do you want to be directly responsible for its destruction?

Warm regards,

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