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To whom it may concern

I object to the Sydney Grammar School Weigall Sports complex and note the following:

- The building is excessive and detrimental to the environment of the Paddington Heritage Conservation Area: the building is very excessive and does not blend with the natural environment. A multi-level sports facility of the scale proposed is unnecessary and has not considered the environment (or detrimental impact on residents as below)
- Detrimental impact to local residents of Neild Ave / Lawson Street / Vialoux Avenue: as noted above the building does not fit the Paddington environment, which has been created and rightly places significant restrictions on residents modifying homes. This creates a pleasant and enjoyable environment that harnesses the best of the community and heritage aspects. Why should a school be exempt? Further, it will significantly "shade" the surrounding residents streets and houses
- Traffic and safety: there is already a significant amount of traffic flow within the area including along these three streets. There are a large number of families in the area and this results in an unsafe environment for children. This facility will only increase traffic flow and safety issues, plus put pressure on already strained car parking
- Alternative site: while the building is grossly excessive, there are also better places for a sports facility that would not impede as significantly on residents. For example, adjoining Rushcutters creek (towards the BP) where the school has significant space. It is illogical to site the facility in the current proposed location (or to build a facility of the scale proposed at all)
- No community benefit: there will be little or no community access provided by Sydney Grammar and therefore no community benefit to off-set the increased traffic and further traffic jams. Traditionally Sydney Grammar School has excluded everyone (with the exceptions of staff, pupils and parents) from the facilities which are under lock and key (including the Weigall sports fields). This can be contrasted with many other schools in the area which do make an effort to be part of the local community
- The construction of the building will create noise and pollution during construction, plus also create noise and congestion during excessive hours of operation. Again impacting young families on our street

This facility has not considered the surrounding community, which is extremely disappointing by the school.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

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