

I am a resident that lives in the immediate vicinity of the school. I strongly oppose the proposed Minarah College being built here in Catherine Field.

Catherine Field has no infrastructure and no proposed plans for the future required to facilitate Minarah College.

The proposed changes to Catherine field road directly affect myself and my family due to the medium strip, traffic flow conditions, signage outside our house, not being able to turn left or right.

Catherine Field Road, can barely facilitate the traffic flow as it is, without damages to the roads. The traffic and public transport that will increase due to Minarah College, being 980 students plus staff, according to the Social Impact Assessment by Sarah George Consulting 2022 that these students and staff will propose to travel by car, will congest Catherine Field Road and cause more damage to the roads. It is currently being used as a main thoroughfare connecting Bringelly Road to Camden Valley Way and Oran Park.

Being a direct neighbour, our privacy and lifestyle of living will be directly affected if the Minarah College is to be approved.

The proposed college hours of operation will be Monday to Friday between the hours of 7.00 am – 9.30 pm and Saturday and Sunday hiring out hall and sports field 9.00 am – 9.30 pm will increase noise levels dramatically, this is not the life style we chose to live, If I wanted to listen to children, music, PA Systems and cheering crowds I would have not invested millions of dollars in Catherine Fields. This is not just an educational facility it seems as though they are broadening their business with hiring the proposed hall and sport field to the broader community.

I am sure that you are well aware Catherine Field already has a Public Sporting Field and a Public Hall available for hire, our small rural community does not require two of these facilities within 1 kilometre of each other, also the block sizes in Catherine Fields are all over 1 acre, which we can facilitate our own needs with our own privately owned land.

As a direct neighbour to the proposed Minarah College, I am concerned that my property value will significantly decrease due to having this proposed college of this size directly next door, this will also decrease the number of interested buyers when the time comes to sell this property, what guarantees do I have that this school will not propose any financial disadvantage.

Giving that there are 6 Islamic Schools existing within close proximity to Catherine Field and another that has been approved in Leppington, I see no need for Minarah College to be built in Catherine Field, also the suburbs noted in the proposal, that Minarah College propose to house within the 10 km radius, do not fall in the Camden Local Government Area. The fact they have listed these suburbs that are out of the Camden Local government area increase suspicion of corruption.

Given that there are no pedestrian footpaths and as I am a direct neighbour to the proposed Minarah college, I am concerned that pedestrians may injure themselves while passing the front of my property, this is a rural town that was never intended to having a high flow of pedestrians, this means that all residents will have to maintain the front of their properties to facilitate the school. Clause 3.4.1 of The Transport & Accessibility Impact Assessment clearly states. “Currently there are no provisions for footpaths along Catherine Field Road. Also “there is no anticipated footpath works planned for the Catherine field area”.

Giving that this is an Islamic School, I am concerned that during special events, such as Eid Celebrations, the parking infrastructure proposed will not cope with vehicles required to park while

utilising the hired hall, for example the school houses 980 students, Staff and visitors, this means that over 1031 vehicles will require parking, while inspecting the proposed plans, I did not notice a carpark sufficient to house these vehicles, this means the community that utilises this school for such events will be parking on the narrow Catherine Field Road and on resident's nature strips, this will incur damage to the ground example tyre marks and trenches and possibly getting bogged.

Myself and many residents of Catherine field strongly oppose the proposed Minarah College and do not want this college to go ahead, this is not the place to build a school of this size, with no infrastructure, this is only going to disadvantage the existing residence of Catherine fields and completely ruin the rural lifestyle of the immediate neighbours. The only person that benefits from this project going ahead is the applicant Green Valley Islamic College Ltd, touching on that why is a school that is based in green valley wanting to build in Camden local Government area, this seems like they are expanding a business and the people who are disadvantaged are the people of Catherine Field.

To the person reading this, how would you feel if you have worked your whole life, saving every cent that you have earned, built a home for yourself and your family where you plan to retire with a rural lifestyle and to have proposed plans to have somewhat of a major community hub being built directly next door?????

I am pretty sure you would be devastated as I am, your applicant Green Valley Islamic College Ltd is not only destroying the Catherine Field Rural aspect, they are also destroying lives, mentally and financially.

If Minarah College goes ahead it will be very clear that the managing government for Catherine field area do not care about their residence.

Yours Sincerely

Concerned Resident of Catherine Field