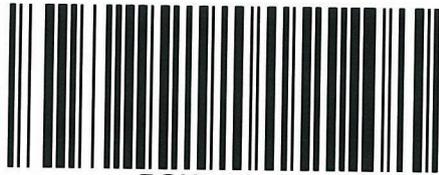




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Re: Riverstone East Precinct Plan

I am writing with concerns about the indicative layout plan for Stage 3, particularly involving the proposed location of an additional school on Worcester Road.

During the planning for the adjacent Area 20 Precinct, we objected to the provisional location of a public primary school opposite Rouse Hill Anglican College on Rouse Road. In the following Area 20 Precinct Plan, the school had been relocated to the corner of Rouse Road and Terry Road. The land owner of that site then approached the various education authorities about their interest in that property to find that there was no interest or intent for a school at that location. Subsequently, a development application for unit development on that site was approved.

It would appear that the proposed school position has just been shifted another time.

The proposed location of a new school, very close to Rouse Hill Anglican College on Worcester Road will create very significant traffic management issues relating to the number and volume of school and local traffic already using Worcester Road and Rouse Road, the safety of pedestrian and student access at the beginning and end of the day, and the increased number of buses accessing the area at peak times. The enrolments at Rouse Hill Anglican College are continuing to grow and the management of traffic is already a significant and ongoing concern. In the coming years with the proposed residential developments in the immediate neighbourhood, these pressures are likely to continue, despite our best efforts to facilitate improvements. The addition of a new school only metres from our boundary will only exacerbate the situation.

Additionally, the proposed site for the new school sits just over the crest of a hill on what will be continue to be a busy roadway. From a pedestrian and student safety perspective, this would be particularly challenging.

I would strongly support a more suitable location for a school within the precinct plan.

Yours faithfully,

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