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Mr Andrew Watt
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Dear Sir

Emanuel School – Randwick Council Determination
File Ref: F2012/00032

I understand Randwick Council is considering including a condition of building approval that students are forbidden to drive to school. From my perspective, this would be impossible to enforce on a practical level and not an appropriate condition to be included.

My reasoning includes the fact that the roads the students will drive on legally are public thoroughfares and the school has no jurisdiction over those nor the surrounding streets. Furthermore, the jurisdiction surrounding streets would be a mix between the State Government and different Councils and potentially not just solely Randwick Council but, potentially, Waverley Council or other Councils.

While I understand Council's apparent concern is probably in relation to parking rather than driving, this could be addressed in other ways, such as restricted parking which has recently been implemented in surrounding areas and furthermore, from my understanding, the Building Application does not provide for any increase in numbers of students attending the school, so there would be no increase in traffic than existing in any event.

The school has no jurisdiction over the students when they are outside the school's grounds (with limited exceptions such as organised sporting events and the like), so does not have any legal jurisdiction to impose the means by which each student comes to the school, whether by public transport, walking, by bike, drop off from a friend or parent or, when old enough and able to do so, by driving. Of course, the capacity to drive is limited to a small amount of the students, being those who have the appropriate licence to drive and access to a car.

Yours faithfully



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