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NSW, 2061.

Independent Planning Commission NSW

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am in receipt of your invitation to comment on the St. Aloysius College redevelopment scheme. My comments are related solely to the proposed rock excavation at the Junior School to accommodate an underground utility area. My wife and I are the owner/occupiers of [REDACTED] Street, a few meters removed from the proposed project.

Some years ago, during redevelopment works at the School, the builders made use of a surface compactor to build the current basket ball court. I was in our kitchen when the machine commenced to compact the court surface. Suddenly our house started to shake considerably, the plates and glassware bounced in the kitchen cupboards and it was obvious that if it continued it would cause very serious damage to our home. I raced outside and demanded the compactor cease operation. At the same time I requested to speak with the site manager. When I met him and explained the position, I also invited him to come back with me into

my kitchen and let him experience the effect of the compactor in operation. This he accepted and after feeling, seeing and hearing what the machine was doing, rushed out after no more than 5-10 seconds and ordered the compactor to stop operations. It was never used again.

His parting words to me were, "it's obvious that we're on the same rock slab as the houses nearby".

Now, years later, we're presented with the same potentially serious damage to our home because of the proposed plans to tamper with the same rock slab in a big way. I want to impress on the Commission that the prospect of damage to our home in any shape or form terrifies us and we feel helpless at the prospect. Now that you've been made aware of the implications, we plead with you to have the plans altered so as to leave the rock slab dormant and save everybody a lot of worry, potential expense and God forbid, litigation.

Sincerely yours,

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Captain Trans Australia Airlines Retd.