SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

PA22/476 - Abernethy Road, Byford 115 (L102) 404378 -

Proposed New Food Technology Buildings, Addition to Admin Building and Shelters to 'Pick Up' Area

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A203904	I protest against this proposed new food technology buildings (addition to admin building and shelter to pick up parking area) unless the congestion and dangerous manoeuvres of vehicles outside the main entrance come to a positive and safe conclusion. I made my complaint on 05/10/2021 through Main Roads and Main Roads to the Shire and already there has been one accident outside the main entrance. I also had no response to the outcome of the survey undertaken in March 2022. The new proposed addition will cause more congestion to an already unsafe area.		A Transport Impact Assessment (TIA) issued to the Shire, dated 22 June 2022 has been prepared by Shawmac Consulting Civil and Traffic Engineers. The assessment was undertaken to determine the traffic impact of the proposed two new buildings required for the development of the existing College, to extend its teaching and learning curriculum to specialty Foods Technology and to provide additional space for administrative support of its students and staff. The assessment of the current road network, including Abernethy Road and the Abernethy Road/Warrington Road roundabout concluded that it	
			would operate "well within capacity" when the proposed new buildings will be operational in 2024. Further, the assessment concluded that three previous long-term studies undertaken by two different traffic engineers (Riley Consulting and Shawmac) have found that the surrounding road network on three sides of the College property will support the ultimate student population of nominally 1,600 students. The College has been advised that additional signage could be considered at the main entry point, supported by regular notices and messages to its community. The College already undertakes	

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			comprehensive inductions for its new families regards the use of its carparks and regularly informs its community of traffic management changes to assist peak time traffic flow.	
			Specific safety analysis of crash history has been reviewed in the TIA and it has concluded that there are no major safety issues on the road network and that there is "no indication that the proposed development would increase the risk of crashes unacceptably".	
			In fact, the crash history in the vicinity of the College confirms the accident referred in the submission above occurred between two vehicles turning left from Thatcher Road onto Abernethy in a direction away from the College access point (September 2021).	
			Further, we note that the assessment indicates a significant reduction in road incidents since the Abernethy Road duplication, the upgrade to the Warrington Road roundabout intersection and the introduction of a 40km/hr speed limit during peak traffic movement in the vicinity of the College entry.	
			The respondent concludes that the current College planning incorporates three major entry and exit points to the campus on surrounding roads, with the specific intent to disperse peak traffic loading within the public road network. The respondent also confirms that the staged nature of the campus planning will continue to address matters of vehicle	

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			and pedestrian movement as the student population grows naturally over time. Future TIA's will be prepared for each major development of the College's infrastructure and traffic counts updated to ensure that the safety of all members of the community, including surrounding residents, remains a high priority for future planning.	