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To: Committees
Subject: Flynn's Future

To Whom it may concern,

Thank you for taking the time to read this email. I am writing in regard to the Flynn School shut down.

To be honest when I initially heard of Flynn School closing I never really paid any attention. It didn't apply to me or make any impact (initially) so I never thought twice..... probably the way many people who made the decisions did.

Now, however, my eldest is just coming of school age and suddenly the issue of schooling DOES apply to me. The impact of Flynn School closure is now all to real. There are now NO schools within walking distance for Flynn families. This will cause greater financial costs to my family (and others). We will have to use the car twice a day to access schools. Apart from the financial cost there is also health and environmental impacts from this. The government endorsed ads on TV advise "find 30 [minutes] a day", this will be hard given the car will have to be used to access school, work, school, then home for homework, dinner, baths... you get the picture.

Environmentally- how many more cars will be used to access schools now that Flynn and other schools have been shut???? Children who access schools in other suburbs will also require the use of a car to access friends they may make, it will be hard to make school friends from your community as there is NO school in that community to access.

Sadly Flynn is now only houses, no school, shops, community halls.....

I am aware that re opening the school is a touchy subject. If this is not possible, please consider that the Flynn community would really like to see the school building be used for community reasons. NOT knocked down and redeveloped. For example the old gym/hall could be rented out to dance schools, rooms could be used for community gatherings like playgroup. Regular markets could be held to raise money for charity groups in the area... the list is endless. Families can then reconnect with other families in the area, and community friendships can be rebuilt.

Once again thank you for taking the time to read mine and other emails on this matter.

Kind Regards,

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