Wenona redevelopment gets tick of approval

The Department of Planning and Environment has approved an application to redevelop and extend Wenona School campus in North Sydney.

Wenona School’s state significant development application sought to replace existing buildings with a new six storey building and pedestrian bridge crossing Elliott Street.

“The redevelopment does not involve any increase in student numbers,” a spokesperson for the Department of Planning and Environment said.

“The project replaces outdated teaching facilities with more adaptable and collaborative class rooms, ultimately improving the learning experience of students.”

The proposal was on exhibition for feedback in August this year and received six submissions from agencies including North Sydney Council and Transport for NSW and four submissions from the public.

The key issues raised in submissions related to impacts on local views and noise and traffic during construction.

The Department has assessed the project and considered the community’s views.

The Department is satisfied that the applicant’s response to submissions adequately address the key concerns raised and has approved the project subject to conditions including construction noise limits and preparation of a traffic and pedestrian management plan.

The site will be subject to on-going audits and site inspections by the Department's compliance officers to ensure the company is adhering to its consent conditions.

The Department can issue the highest on-the-spot fines in the country for breaches of conditions.

Companies can also be prosecuted in court for breaching conditions, with the most severe breaches attracting fines of up to $5 million.

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