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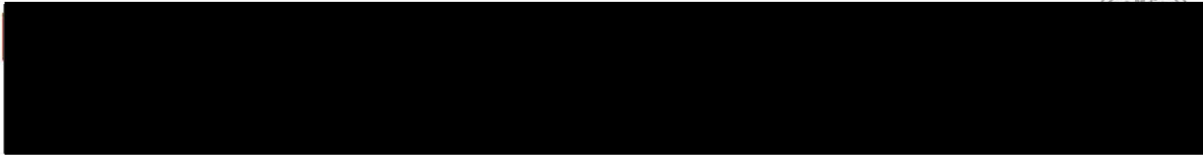
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**Submitters Committee Meeting
Under Separate Cover**

Wednesday 20 September 2023

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council
Mayor and Councillors

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Re: Support for St Mary's Primary School Boom Gates and Road Closure Proposal

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposal of St Mary's Primary School to implement a permanent road closure where the boom gates are located on Raglan Street in Lancefield. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] I am aware of the remarkable growth that our community has been experiencing, particularly in the Lancefield area.

The education experience that St Mary's Primary School provides for local children has resulted in a rapid increase in enrolments, which is a testament to the school's dedication to academic excellence and community engagement. While enrolments have traditionally hovered around 160 students, I am delighted to learn that the current enrolment figures for 2023 have surpassed two hundred for the first time in the school's history.

In 2019, the school's Master Plan was developed to accommodate projected growth. The Master Plan outlines the school's vision for expansion, including the construction of a building on the west side of Raglan Street to accommodate additional teaching space and a school hall. To ensure the safety and efficiency of the school's operations, St Mary's is seeking to make the current temporary closure of Raglan Street more permanent by installing fences across the road reserve at the location of the existing boom gates. This will create a secure and connected environment for students to move freely between buildings located on both sides of the road, facilitating a seamless educational experience.

I understand that there may be concerns regarding the potential impact of this proposal on traffic flow and access outside of school hours. School Principal Julie McDougall has informed me that a thorough traffic study conducted by the school indicates that the impact on traffic movements outside of school times would be negligible. Vehicles currently using Raglan Street can be accommodated by the existing surrounding street network, which has ample capacity to manage any additional movements.

As part of the proposal, St Mary's Primary School is committed to seeking feedback from residents and stakeholders regarding the road closure and are genuinely interested in addressing any concerns.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I trust that you will consider the positive impact that this proposal will have for the St Mary's Primary students, staff, and community [REDACTED]





Dear Mayor and Councillors

Re: Support for St Mary's Primary School- Proposal for permanent closure of Raglan St.

I write to express my support for St Mary's Primary School's proposed permanent road closure of Raglan Street in Lancefield, where boom gates are currently located and in operation during school drop-off/pick-up times. I strongly support any measure which would enhance the safety and amenity of students, staff and the wider St Mary's community.

I am advised that St Mary's has experienced a significant increase in enrolled students in recent years, with current enrolments having surpassed 200 students compared to a traditional enrolment of approximately 160 students.

With this has come a need for effective planning to ensure the school can manage this growth in a responsible, sustainable, and above all safe manner. Whilst Raglan Street is currently subject to temporary closures during school drop-off/pick-up times through the use of boom gates, once the facility on the west side of Raglan Street is completed there will be a need to ensure that students can move between the two school facilities in a seamless and safe manner.

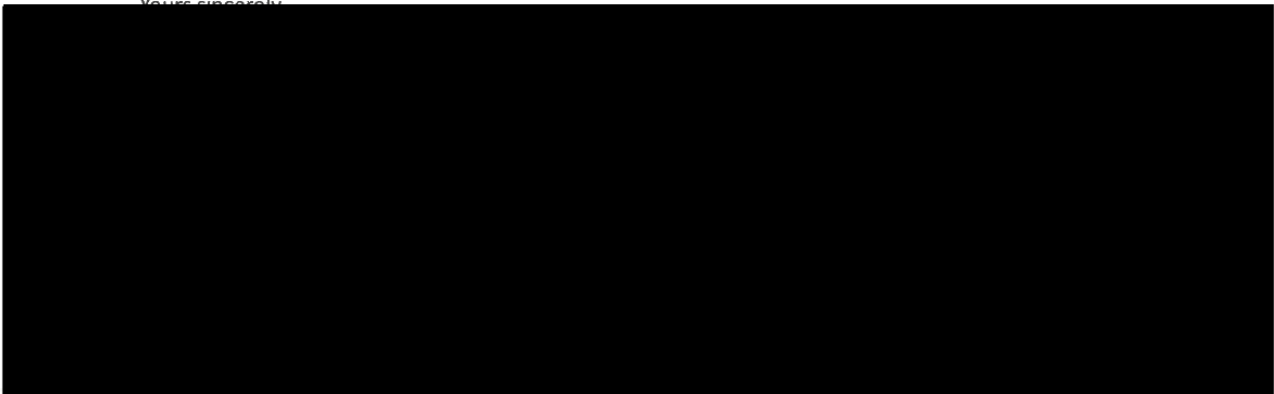
In the school's view this will require a more permanent closure of Raglan Street, through the use of permanent fence across the Raglan Street road reserve where the boom gates are currently located. I agree that this is the most effective way of ensuring that students and staff can transit between the two facilities in a safe and efficient manner.

I understand there may be concerns about the impact this change would have on traffic flows and access to surrounding streets outside of school hours. Julie McDougall, School Principal, informs me that the school has undertaken a thorough traffic study which demonstrates that the impact of this change on traffic movements outside of school times would be minimal.

The school has also demonstrated a strong commitment to receiving feedback from the local community and other stakeholders on this proposal, and is, in my view, genuinely committed to listening to and addressing any concerns from the local community about this proposal.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that your decision will consider the significant improvements that this proposal will have to the safety and amenity of staff, students and the wider St Mary's Primary School community.

Yours sincerely,





Good Afternoon,

Please find attached my written letter of submission of support for the Closure Raglan St
Lancefield.

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**RE: Proposed closure of Raglan Street, Lancefield**

Dear Macedon Ranges Shire Council,

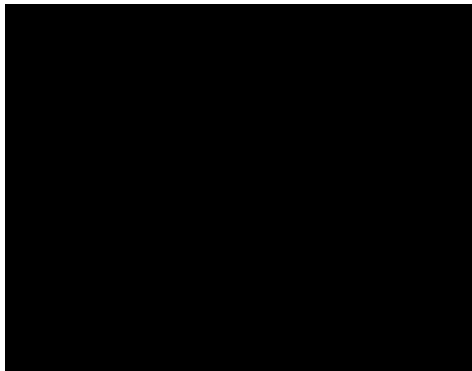
I am writing this letter in support of the proposed closure of Raglan Street, Lancefield.

The permanent closure of Raglan St in Lancefield is important and vital for the future growth of St Mary's Primary School and for the wider community.

The closure will enable the Primary School to develop its facilities in a greater capacity to support future enrolments for our growing community and will also provide improved safety for children currently attending St Mary's Primary School.

If you would like to speak with me directly concerning this matter please contact me directly on 

Kind Regards

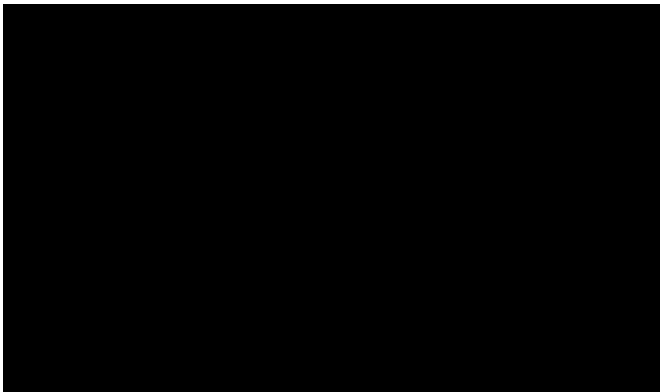




I support the closure of Raglan Street in Lancefield.

This road is not a major route and the closure will not cause any disruptions or inconvenience to local road users.

The safety of children at the school should be paramount.



Att: Eng Lim - Manager Engineering

Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield - Raglan Street Closure

I would like to write in support of St Mary's Primary School proposal to close a section of Raglan Street, Lancefield permanently. I have worked at St Mary's Lancefield as a teacher for over 20 years and wholeheartedly believe this will facilitate the operation of the school in a manner that is much more seamless and safer for the students. This will allow the creation of a safe and connected environment where students can move freely through this area between buildings that, in the future, will be on both sides of the road.

I support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road reserve at the location where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time.

Kind Regards,

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To the Manager, Engineering and Resource Recovery

16/8/2023

I am writing to express my opposition to the permanent closing of Raglan street between Dunsford street and Chauncey street. This is a through road and connects the top end of the shopping precinct to Chauncey street. It is enough of an inconvenience to have it closed during school hours but I can accept that. To close it permanently is unfair to both residents and travellers alike. It would mean no through access after school hours, during weekends and over school holidays. It says pedestrian access would be allowed, what until they deem some one who walks through the area as undesirable? I am also concerned about increased traffic along Dunsford street, Foy street and Park street as people find an alternative route to access Chauncey street. Unless a substantial building was built on the western side of Raglan street I can see absolutely no reason why the street needs to be closed off. The gates work perfectly well and are a reasonable compromise during school hours. Someone will just have to continue to close the gates in the morning and open them at night.

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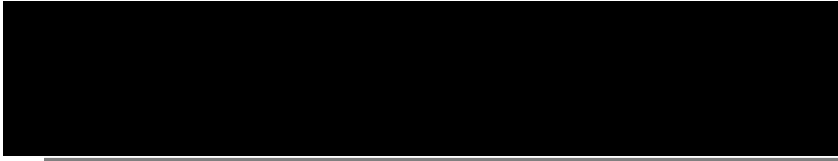
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Good morning

Please find attached a submission on the Raglan St closure.

Yours Sincerely

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council

mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

23 August 2023

Dear Council,

RE: PROPOSED CLOSURE OF RAGLAN STREET, LANCEFIELD

I write to enthusiastically voice my support for the proposed closure of Raglan Street in Lancefield.

I am a past student of the School, current parent of children at the School and [REDACTED]. My family has a long association with the Lancefield town and the school.

St Mary's Lancefield is tremendously community focussed and connected to the communities of Lancefield, Romsey and surrounding districts and is providing excellent education and opportunities for the families of the area.

The strong performance and delivery of the school makes it a very attractive option for families from Lancefield, Romsey and the surrounding areas. This, along with growth in the Lancefield and Romsey townships, has seen a rapid increase in enrolments.

Like all good organisations, there needs to be a plan for the future and continual evolution to meet the challenges and opportunities that arise.

Around 2018 it became apparent that St Mary's current facilities are not going to be adequate to meet future needs as the school enrolments continue to grow.

St Mary's has now invested in and completed a Masterplan to ensure that the growth of the school and the facilities is undertaken in a considered and strategic manner. The Masterplan sets out the growth of facilities to accommodate operations for up to the next 20 years.

While the school is a "country school" by nature, the land upon which it sits is relatively modest in size compared to current and projected enrolments. The school land on the west side of Raglan Street is currently used for sport and recreation purposes only, however with the projected growth there is going to be a need in the future to accommodate buildings which will serve as a hall and/or classrooms.

It is as a direct result of this augmented land use on the western parcel that the importance of the Raglan St connection becomes significantly elevated.

The permanent closure would have tremendous benefits for the school community with negligible impact and disruption on the broader community as it essentially just formalises and makes permanent the existing boom gate arrangement.

The ability to be able to secure the property would significantly improve the safety for the children and allow the students to move freely between the two sides of Raglan Street in a "secure" environment. Once buildings are established on the western side of Raglan Street, there will be a continual flow of children and teachers between the two sides of Raglan St. Under the current arrangements where the boom gates don't exclude pedestrian access, this is a publicly accessible space which therefore requires a higher level of surveillance and security by the teachers and staff.

The Raglan St reserve is a space that is currently used for school activities during school hours. This area could be further enhanced if the street was able to be permanently closed, and still remain as a pedestrian thoroughfare outside of school hours.

While I acknowledge and accept that a permanent closure would obviously change the availability of the local street network to traffic. St Mary's has undertaken a traffic impact assessment and as expected the traffic impact is negligible. There is more than sufficient capacity within the local road network to cater for the redistribution of Raglan St traffic that currently uses the road when the boom gates are opened.

The residents on the north side of the school grounds are both corner blocks which also abut Dunsford Street. Their legal points of access would be unchanged and there would be no need for garbage trucks to enter the closed section of Raglan Street.

There are some existing services in the Raglan St road reserve. St Mary's would be happy to work with the service authorities to ensure that the access that they need for maintenance and inspections is maintained and any fencing that would be installed on Raglan Street would be done in a manner that facilitated their access.

The closure of Raglan Street between the two parts of the St Mary's School campus provides terrific benefit to the school and the extended school community while having negligible detrimental impact to the broader community.

Since 2018, St Mary's has seen the construction of a supervised school crossing on Chauncey Street and the school has also constructed a "Kiss and Drop" arrangement within the church grounds on the south side of Chauncey Street. These local area traffic management installations have improved the safety of vehicle and pedestrian movements around the school remarkably.

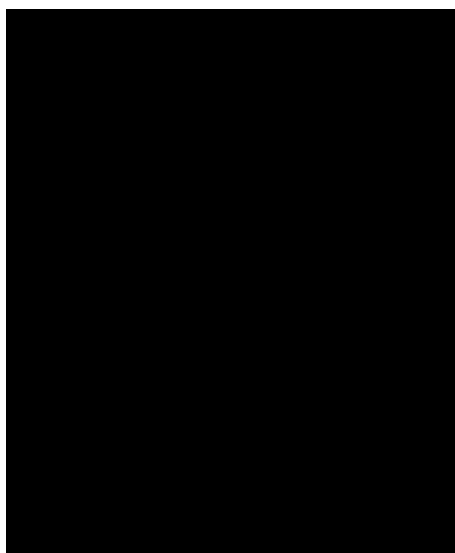
As the town grows and matures, continual changes and improvements have occurred right across the town and they are both necessary and warranted. Once upon a time the children walked across Raglan Street to the playground unsupervised, then school-time boom gates were installed to deal with increased growth and risk and it is now entirely appropriate to go the next step for control and safety to close Raglan Street to traffic permanently.

Given the real impact on the broader community is negligible, this is a logical and commonsense proposal that I support strongly.

In a small community like Lancefield, the schools play a huge role in connecting the community and as such improvements that facilitate better outcomes from the school also provide a strong indirect benefit to the community.

The closure would facilitate expansion of the school to meet the immediate and future needs of the community and assist with the sustainability of the school which is critical to the community.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak in support of my submission at the Submitters Delegated Committee Meeting on 20 September 2023.



[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

I understand my submission is a couple of days past the submission closure period, but I have had issues with my internet and have been unable to submit until now. I hope that you will take this into consideration and accept my submission regarding the closure of Raglan Street Lancefield.

I am opposed to the closure of Raglan Street, I live in Foy Street and the amount of traffic that already goes up and down my street has increased 10 fold since the housing development situated on Park & Beckerman's lane was established (and is still growing), and believe that with the permanent closure of Raglan Street, will increase the amount of traffic through Foy Street even further.

At the present time Raglan Street is only closes for 8 hours a day for approximately 185 days of the year, which is roughly 17% of the year leaving the remaining time open for traffic (foot and vehicle) to use this road as access between the town centre and properties along Chauncy Street and connecting streets. If Raglan street is to close there is no access between the town centre and Chauncy Street from The Crescent/Main Road to Foy Street.

St Mary's have had opportunities to further extend the school in the past but have not taken these up, as an example, the land in which was the Lancefield Caravan Park and 18 Chauncy Street. If the school purchased these properties, they would have had more room to extend the school.

St Mary's have stated that they wish to develop the land that on the west side of Raglan Street that is currently used for sport and recreation purposes, what area will be left for the children to play? Are they going to walk the down to the park every day for recess/lunch, sports? Is this any safer for the children than the current arrangement they have to close off Raglan Street during the day? Or are children not going to have the opportunity anymore to play outside?

St Mary's can build up on the existing buildings they have to create further classrooms if needed instead of building out. They also own the vacant land between 19 & 21 Dunsford Street that they can develop.

St Mary's have advised that they wish to expand the school to accommodate expected growth in the area over the next 20 years. Romsey is growing at a rapid rate, and I know that a lot of children from Romsey attend St Mary's in Lancefield, and believe that the rate of growth in Romsey would be a main factor in the need to expand the school to accommodate the expected growth. Would it not be a more viable option to establish another Catholic school in the area? And perhaps have it situated in Romsey as a sister school?

Thankyou for taking my submission into consideration to make a decision on the closure of Raglan Street.

Regards

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Attachments:



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Please see our objection to this proposal attached.

Kind Regards



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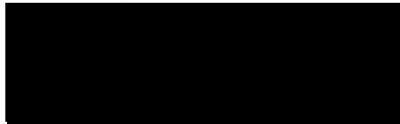


We wish to object to the proposed permanent closure of a section of Raglan Street Lancefield for a variety of reasons

- The current arrangement whereby the boom gates cross a section of Raglan street are only closed on weekdays for schools hours only. The boom gates do not impede pedestrian traffic at all, only vehicles. In the event of an emergency the boom gates can be opened for Emergency vehicles and to allow traffic directly from the town center to Chauncey street.
- Lancefield townships grid style road and footpath network is preferred, if not expected design option for optimal movement efficiency in urban areas.
- The wide tree lined streets of Lancefield are not just aesthetically pleasing, but they provide efficient, convenient vehicle and pedestrian movements around the town center. This has proven extremely beneficial in some extreme storm events where many streets were impassable from fallen trees. The grid street pattern provided many exit/ACCESS OPTIONS
- Any permanent change to the towns vehicle and pedestrian traffic flow infrastructure should benefit the whole community, not only a small section of the community, and may only be for 20 years as per the schools operation plans. The irreversible change to our grid road layout will affect the accessibility, safety and overall functionality of not just the Chauncey, Raglan, Dunsford street local area but also direct vehicle and pedestrian traffic from Chauncey street to Dunsford street to High Street (Town Center) to Dundas street and to Noel street. Raglan street is the only street that directly crosses the original township area.
- A reason given for the requested road closure is because the school is experiencing growth, as the only Catholic Primary School servicing the eastern corridor of the Macedon Ranges, to ensure that it can continue to meet student needs into the future in a safe environment for the next 20 years. The school has chosen to remain at this site knowing that expansion is limited (Romsey Primary School moved sites so it could accommodate growth options)
- Under school ownership the road and road reserve would be allowed to contain any permitted uses allowed in this area, perhaps even being subdivided and sold off in future.
- It was mentioned that the traffic movement of 100 local vehicles could be absorbed by other streets, without negatively impacting the area. The volume of local neighbourhood traffic movements is not really the concern about impacting the Dunsford/Raglan street intersection, it is the congestion of vehicles at school drop off and pick up times which will only increase as the school expands on "residential" Dunsford street residents. The Chauncey/Raglan street area is busy at these times as well but is better able to cope with all

these vehicle movements, plus teachers parked vehicles, as the south side of Chauncey street consists of mainly churches and vacant land.

- The new large housing estates are on the southside of Lancefield, and the pedestrian traffic either use the Melb/L'Field walking track and then other uneven tracks and footpaths to High street or use the even Chauncey street footpath and then the sand and footpath on Raglan street to High street. Closing all access from Raglan street to Chauncey street will disrupt our connective walkable towns layout. Using Foy street to High street adds a considerable amount of extra distance (with no footpath), the other option of the Crescent to High street is vehicle busy with lots of differing road surfaces harder to navigate for the elderly or infirm. The L'field/Romsey medical centre is on Chauncey street and the chemist is on High street , limiting access between these two streets may cause safety and inconvenience issues for the many vulnerable pedestrian residents.



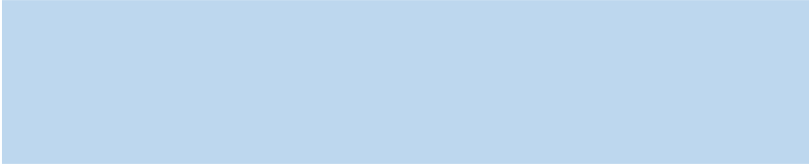
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Good afternoon

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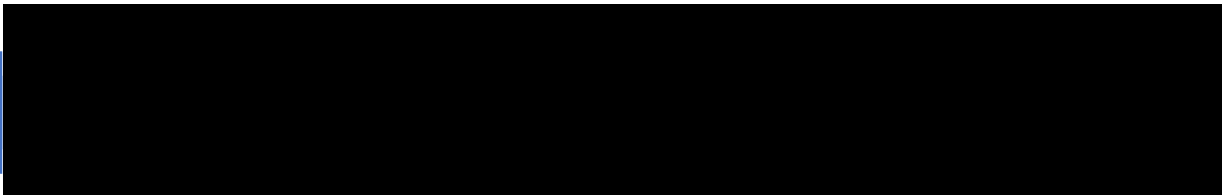
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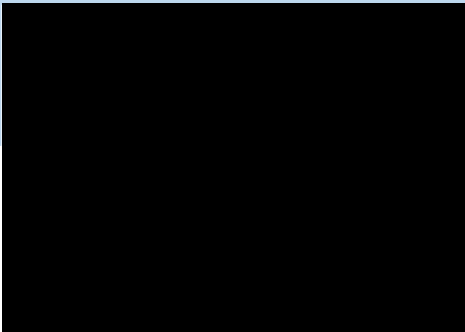
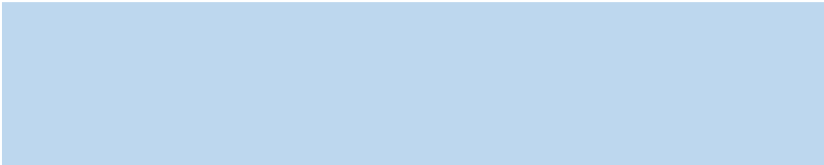
Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield - Raglan Street Closure

I would like to write in support of St Mary's Primary School proposal to close a section of Raglan Street, Lancefield, permanently. I believe this will facilitate the operation of the school in a manner that is more seamless and safer for the students.

I support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road reserve at the location where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time. St Mary's School is an important part of our community and we wish to support the ongoing safety of their students so that they can focus on what's most important; the education and personal development of each and every child. Below, I have elaborated on how and why I feel this road closure is necessary in enhancing the safety and wellbeing of the St Mary's community;

I believe that by permanently closing this section of the road, we will be able to create a greater sense of safety and comfort for the students at St Mary's. Currently, anyone is able to walk through this section of the school during school hours, often with dogs, which not only poses increase child safety risk to the children but it impacts their internal sense of safety, particularly those who are neurodivergent, suffer increased anxiety, or have experienced any form of childhood adversity and/or trauma. Beyond the matter of having strangers walking through the premises during school hours, there is also the issue of St Mary's Primary School being restricted in their ability to provide appropriate fencing to all areas of the school. Having clear and obvious boundaries is essential to providing a sense of safety, security and protection to the students whilst at school.

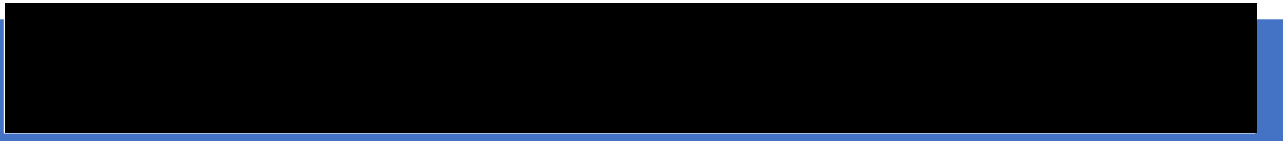


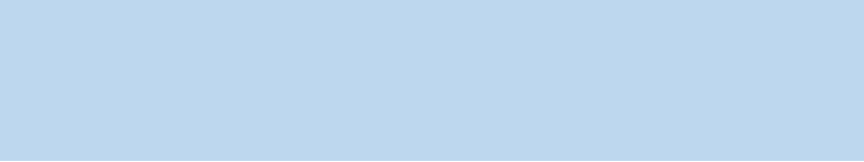
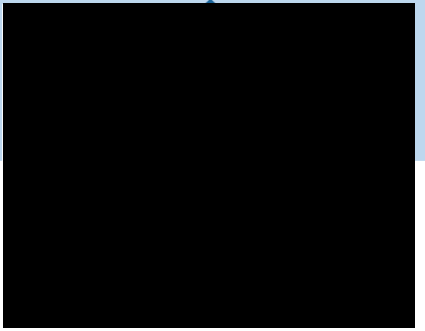


By having a permanent fence securing the boundary of the school, the children will have a significantly better visual cue to assist them in remaining within the premises of the school. Whilst this is of concern for all students, it is of greater concern for the younger students who are still learning to navigate the transition to school, learning and adhering to rules outside of the family home and ultimately, are still developing their skills in impulse control, rational thought and reasoning. Moreover, children are naturally curious and adventurous little people, who during childhood are met with developmental tasks wherein they test/push boundaries and take risks. Thus, it is our job as adults, to not only guide and teach children through verbal means but to also create an environment that gives children as much visual tools to reinforce boundaries and limits. Much like we put pool fences around pools, it feels neglectful to not provide secure fencing around the entirety of a space in which children occupy throughout their school day.

Similarly, the lack of physical boundary poses not just increased risk to the students, but to the younger siblings who are present during the school drop off and pick up routine. Many younger siblings enjoy running around the school and playing whilst waiting, and given their age, do not process the boom gates as a boundary in which they are not meant to pass. A permanent fence would decrease the chance of younger children exiting the grounds, towards roads where there is high volume of school traffic, providing a safer environment for all family members during the busy morning and afternoon school runs.

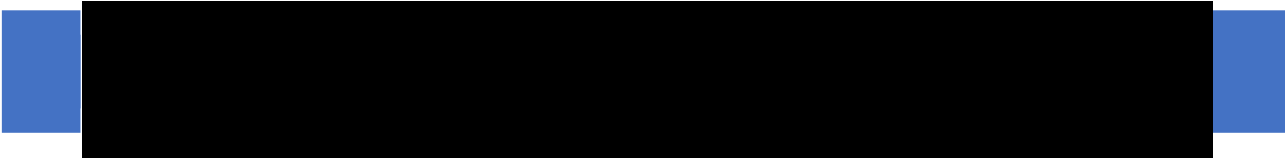
Another concern I raise is for the teaching staff who are required to closely monitor this section of the yard during the student's break times. With many children utilising the road during their breaks, the open nature of the boom gates naturally evokes increased hypervigilance and anxiety from supervising adults, which poses a couple of issues;

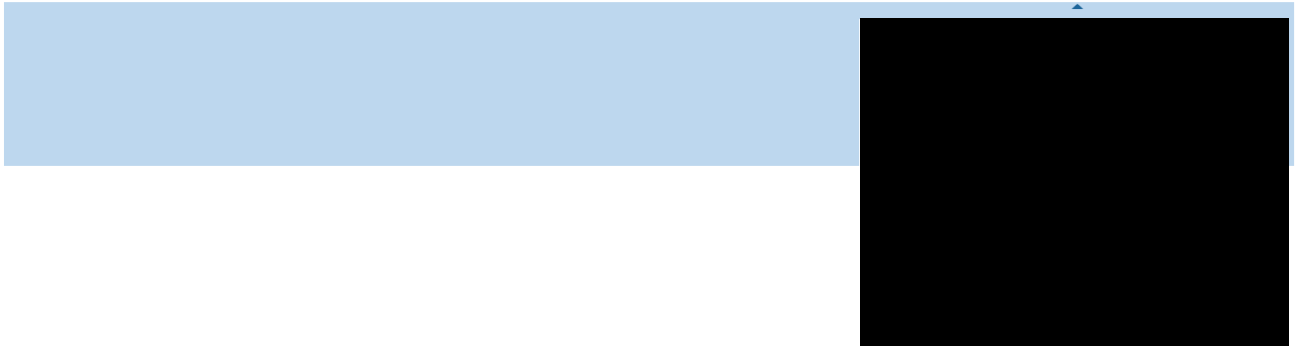


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1. Supervising adults will be naturally more inclined to focus on children closer to the area's lacking clear boundaries/fencing which takes their attention away from being able to monitor other sections of the yard.
 2. The increased anxiety and hypervigilance on the staff supervising inadvertently cultivates a *reduced* sense of freedom for the students; as they are likely to sense the closer monitoring, as well as potentially feeling the increased anxiety of the staff members.

This is no fault of the staff. When children play so close to a boundary, any adult who is in a position of responsibility and possess duty of care, is naturally going to begin to feel uneasy and uncertain; it is a primal instinct and response of our nervous system. Yet, by simply allowing a fence to line the parameters of this section, it would assist in creating a greater sense of control for the staff, and reducing the pressure, knowing there are barriers to better ensure the security and safety of the students and their little wandering minds (and sometimes feet).

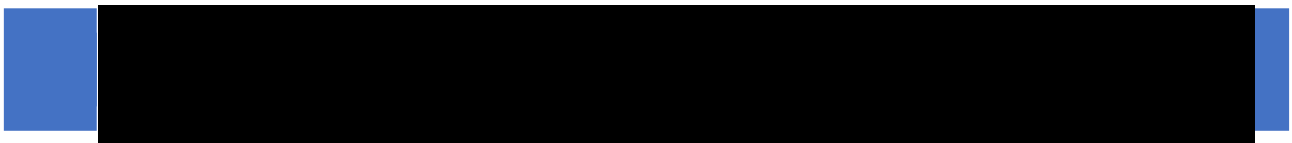
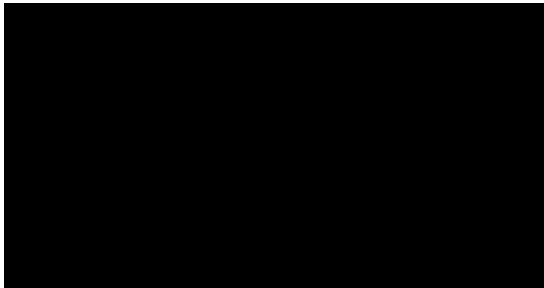
I believe it is a basic humanitarian right that the students of St Mary's should be able to play in a carefree manner without requiring them to be hypervigilant of their surroundings, particularly in a setting wherein children should feel safe and secure. During class times, there are many demands and expectations placed on children and as such, it is vital that break times allow children an opportunity to move about and explore with a great sense of freedom and autonomy. In doing so, children are then better able to enter back into the classroom, more regulated, engaged and ready to continue learning. I fundamentally believe that the closure of this section of Raglan Street, poses little inconvenience to the broader community of Lancefield and will ultimately increase the safety and overall wellbeing of the St Mary's community.





I would greatly appreciate the opportunity to speak to my letter at the upcoming submitters meeting being held on 20th September 2023. Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of support for the proposal of the Raglan Street Road Closure.

Kind regards,



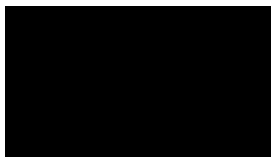
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Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

Please refer to the attached document for my letter expressing strong support for the proposed permanent closure of a section of Raglan Street in Lancefield, aimed at enhancing the safety and security of the students at St Mary's Primary School.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]



27th August 2023

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield - Raglan Street Closure

Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councilors,

I am writing to express my support for the proposal put forth by St Mary's Primary School to permanently close a section of Raglan Street in Lancefield. As a concerned parent and a member of the local community, I firmly believe that this step is crucial to ensure the safety and security of the students attending the school.

St Mary's Primary School holds a special place in our community, providing an excellent environment for our children's education and personal growth. However, the current arrangement of having a road running between the school premises poses a significant safety risk. Strangers and vehicles passing through the area while children are playing can lead to potentially hazardous situations. By closing off the road, we can create a safer and more controlled environment where students can focus on their studies and extracurricular activities without any unnecessary distractions or dangers.

I am particularly supportive of the proposal to install permanent fences across the road reserve, specifically where the boom gates are currently located. This measure would effectively eliminate public vehicle access, ensuring that only authorized personnel and vehicles are allowed within the school vicinity. This level of security is essential in guaranteeing the students' safety during school hours and various events. It will also prevent any accidental encounters if young students venture outside the school premises and end up on the road.

Our children deserve an environment that promotes their overall well-being and allows them to flourish without compromise. By supporting this road closure initiative, we are taking a significant step toward enhancing the safety and quality of education at St Mary's Primary School. It is our responsibility as parents, community members, and local authorities to prioritise the safety of our children above all else.

In conclusion, I am fully behind the proposal to permanently close the section of Raglan Street as outlined by St Mary's Primary School. I urge the Macedon Ranges Shire Councilors, to carefully consider the long-term benefits that this decision will bring to the school and the entire community.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to witnessing positive change and ensuring the safety of our future generations.

Sincerely,

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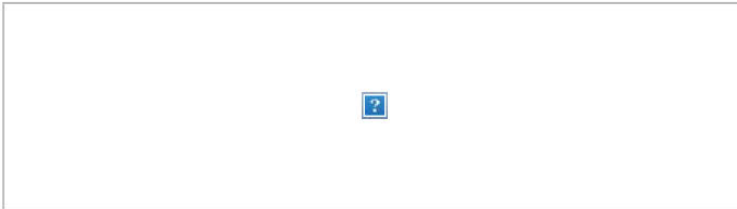
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Good evening,

Please find attached submission in support of the proposed closure of a section of Raglan Street Lancefield sent on behalf of St Marys Parish Lancefield/Romsey and [REDACTED]

Kind regards,

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Macedon Ranges Shire Council

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Dear Mayor, Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and Council Officers of Macedon Ranges Shire Council,

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield – Raglan Street Closure

I write in relation to the proposed closure of Raglan Street in Lancefield.

The St Mary's Parish of Lancefield and Romsey strongly supports the permanent closure.

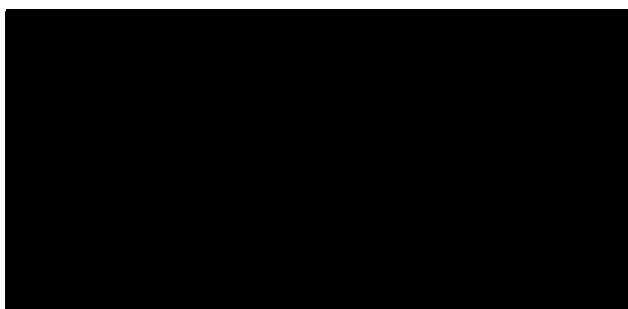
To their great credit, St Mary's Primary School has been providing a wonderful education to children of the communities of Lancefield, Romsey and surrounds. As a result, enrolments have grown significantly. St Mary's Lancefield is a very inclusive school and welcomes children and families from a wide range of backgrounds and religious denominations.

St Mary's School has formulated a very well-structured Master Plan to cater for the future growth and the closure of Raglan Street will greatly assist with the implementation of this plan. The closure also greatly assists in relation to providing an area that is the safest possible for the children.

While we recognise that there will be some minor impact to traffic on the weekends when we hold [REDACTED] we do not feel that this is a material impact and the community benefits of the closure far outweigh any minor inconvenience for a very small number of people driving on Raglan Street.

Thank you for considering this proposal and we trust that on balance you will see it as a positive outcome for the Lancefield community.

Yours Sincerely



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I wish to object to the permeant closure of the section of Raglan St, Lancefield as proposed by St Mary's Primary School.

I have no objection to the current arrangement of the gates being used for student safety, obviously this is necessary as the school playground is on the other side of the road.

However, I think a permeant closure is not appropriate as it denies any public access to the street, whether pedestrian or vehicle.

It is currently public land, for use by the entire community, and I believe should not be 'sold off' for private use.

The level of cars using the street according to recent traffic counts (North Central Review) is only 100 per day, many local roads have low traffic counts, but this is not a reason to close them

Has pedestrian access been considered? I often walk this street, and if the public are denied access it forces pedestrians, (including the elderly and disabled), cyclists, families, etc to use Foy St or The Crescent, which for some users is difficult due to the longer distance.

Permeant closure of the road does not improve safety for the children, the gates already achieve that purpose. All it achieves is convenience for the Catholic School, which operates on a very constrained site. But should the convenience of a landowner be at the expense of inconveniencing the entire community?

As the school states in the North Central Review, they are constrained by a small (and might I add, an unusual) site and therefore not able to grow to meet demand in our growing region. This indicates that they obviously need a larger site to meet their needs.

Taking over the road is not going to give them the valuable space they require into the future. And again, this is publicly owned land, a roadway that can be used by all. Once it is gone it will never return to public use, even long after the school has moved to a more suitable site in the future.

Thanks for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposal.

Kind regards,

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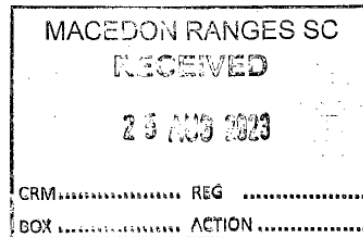
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I am writing in support of St Mary's Primary School's proposal to close a section of Raglan Street, Lancefield, permanently.

As a resident and land owner on adjoining Chauncey St. Lancefield, who travels these roads daily, but also as a parent with three children currently in attendance spanning Prep to Grade 4, with a fourth child set to attend in 2026, I strongly support the Raglan St Rd. closure, and see only benefits to our community in its approval.

The installation of permanent fences across the road reserve where the boom gates currently are, with no public vehicle access at any time, will not impact public access or travel, and people will reroute accordingly without delay. The effect, however, it will have on the school and students is immense.

The closure will ensure that the asset to our community that is St Mary's will be able to continue supporting the community and its growth beyond its current capacity and into the future. We must safeguard this long-standing institution by allowing it room to grow and thrive.

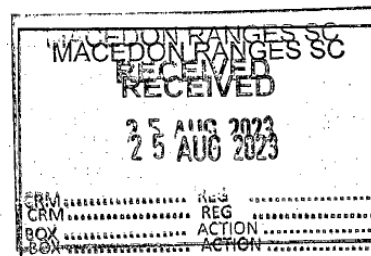
Safety is unquestionably paramount, and the closure will ensure that the school may operate safely for the student body.

There are many alternate routes via Chauncey and Dunsford St. for traffic to take that do not add time to travel or congestion to the area. It is a small section of road that bears no impact on neighbouring drives, and the benefits in future growth and safety far outweigh any traffic considerations in the area.

St Mary's School is an integral part of our community. I wish to support the ongoing safety of their students and its community support into the future so they may continue to focus on what's most important, the education and development of its students.

Many thanks for your time and consideration,

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August 16, 2023

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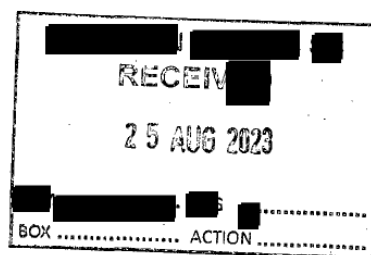
I am a member of both the Lancefield and St Mary's communities and both of my children have attended St Mary's, with one child still there in Year 5.

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It is vitally important for the safety of the students as they go about their day. This is an issue that has been discussed for many years and it is time it finally went ahead.

As a Lancefield resident there would be no impact on access to anywhere in the town if this section of road was to be closed permanently.

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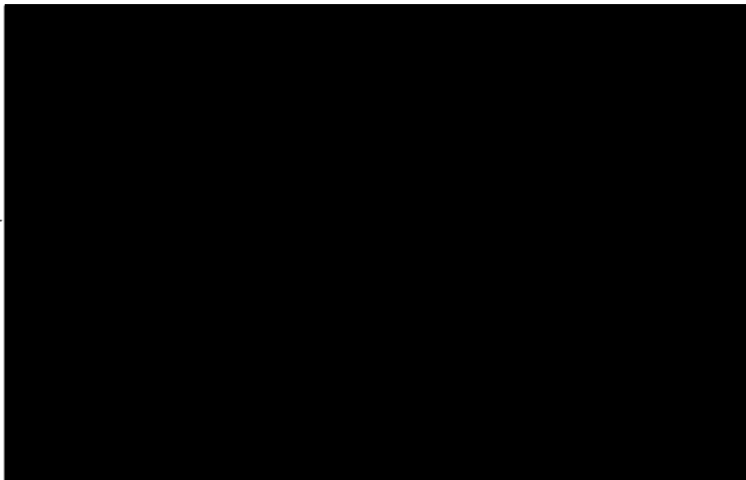
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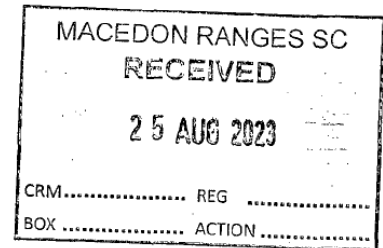
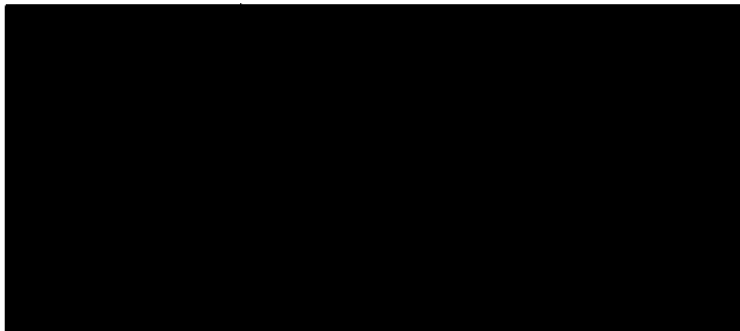
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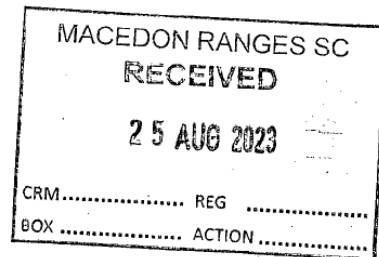
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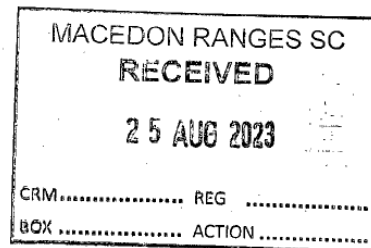
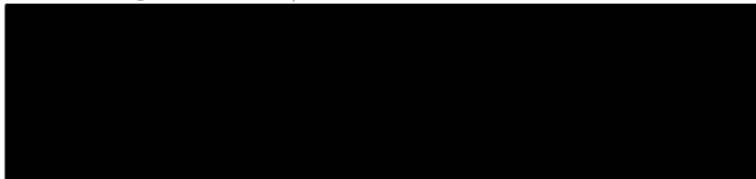
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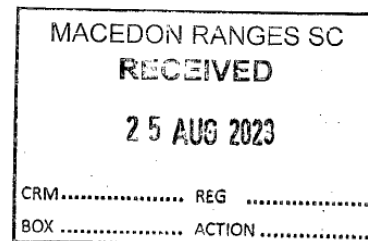
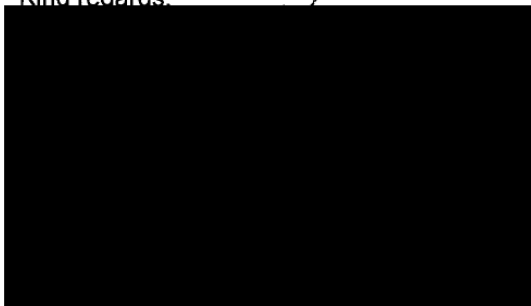
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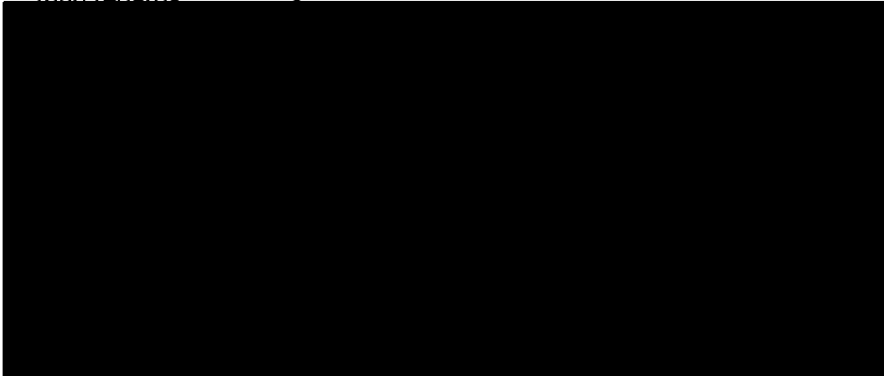
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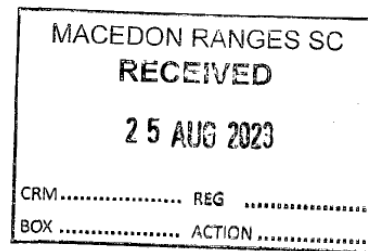
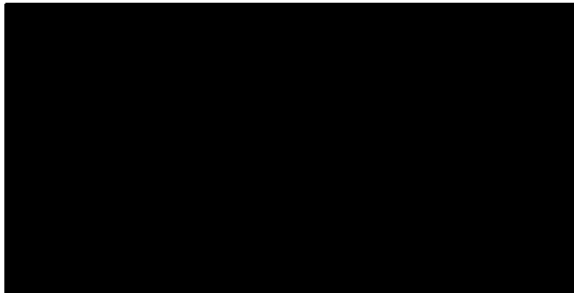
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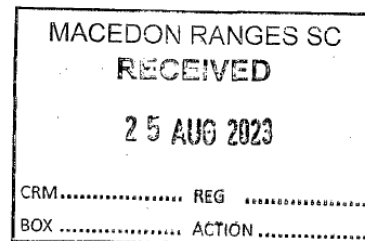
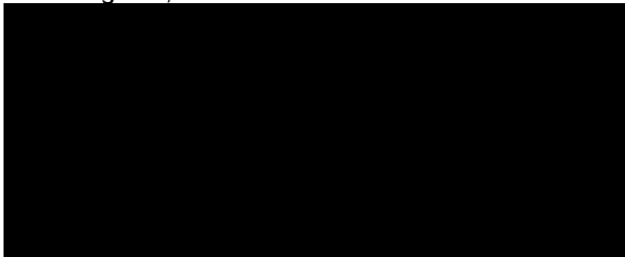
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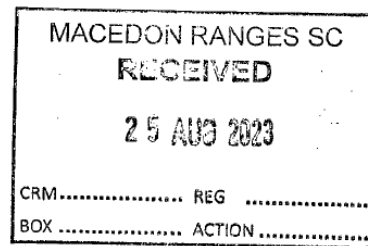
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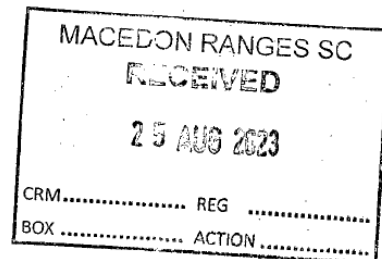
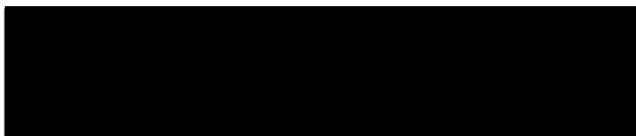
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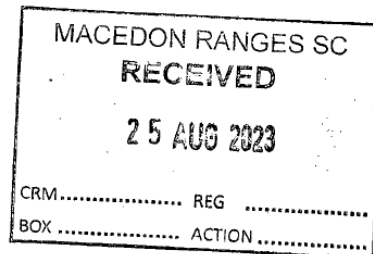
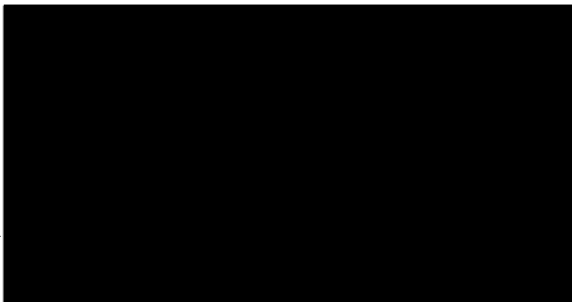
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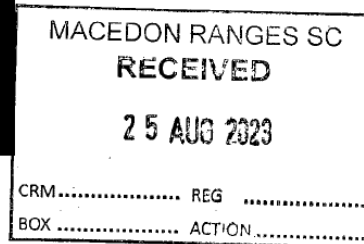
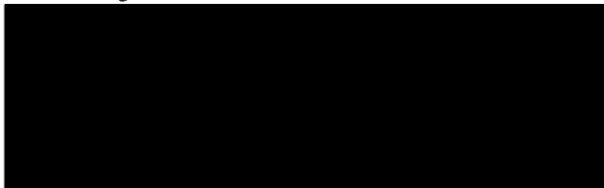
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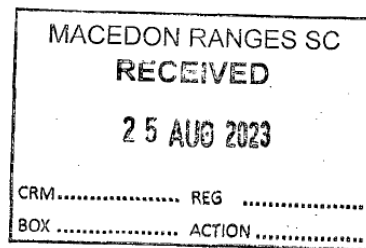
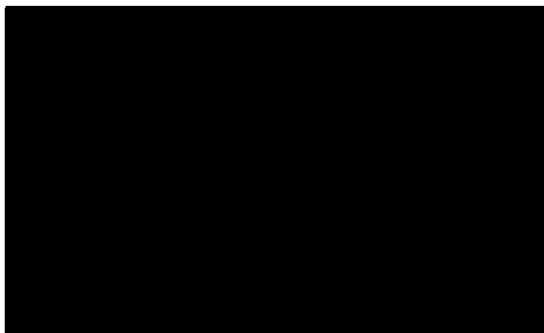
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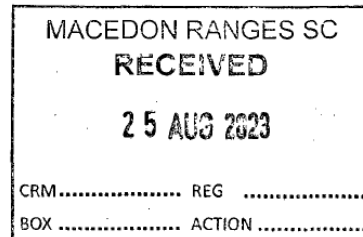
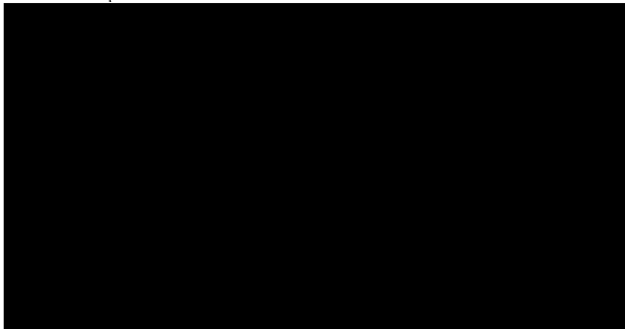
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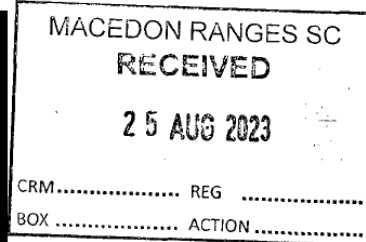
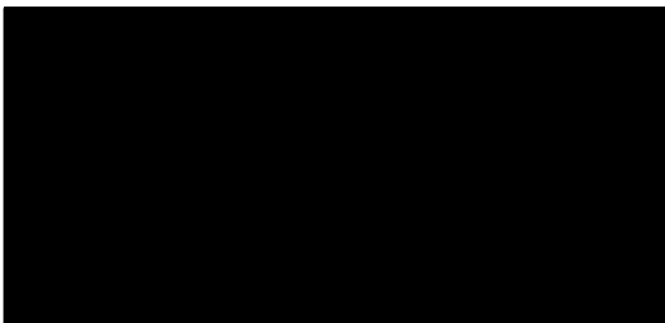
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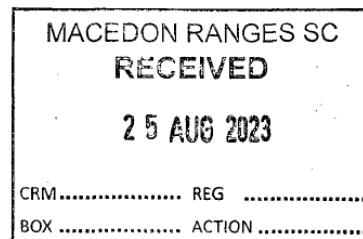
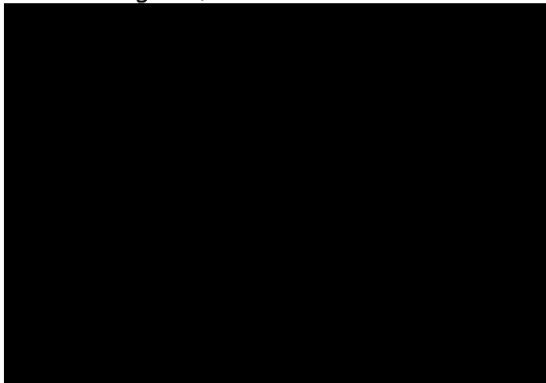
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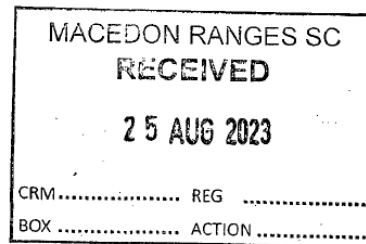
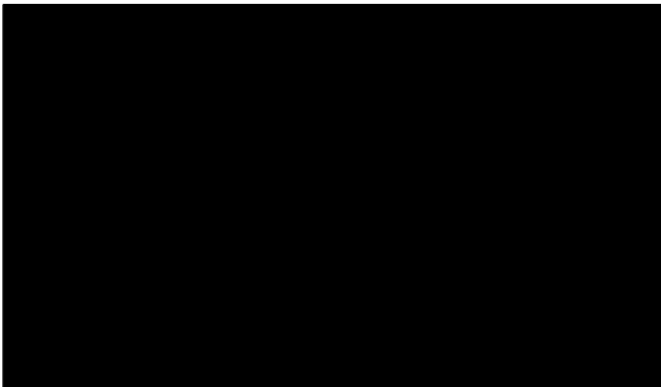
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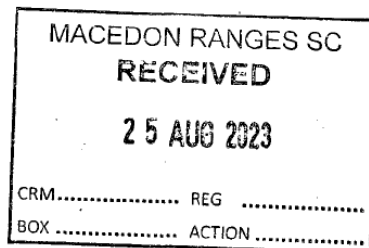
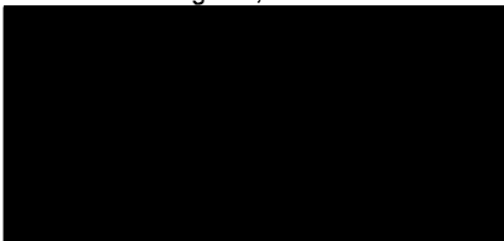
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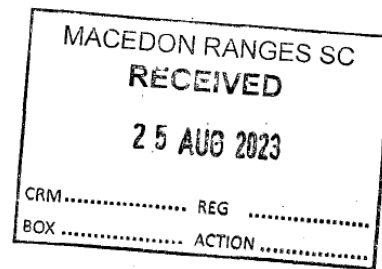
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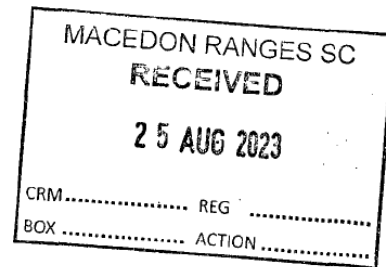
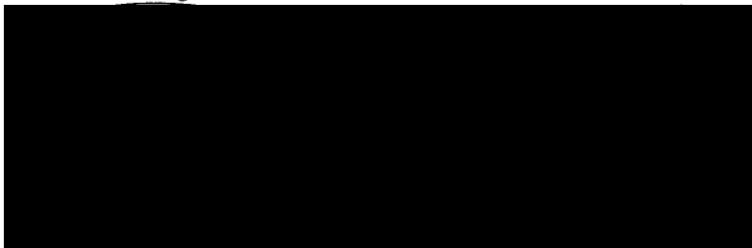
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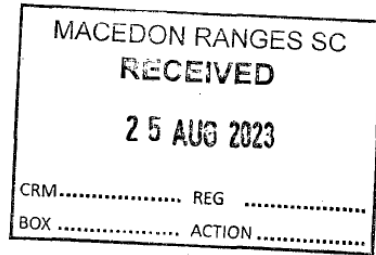
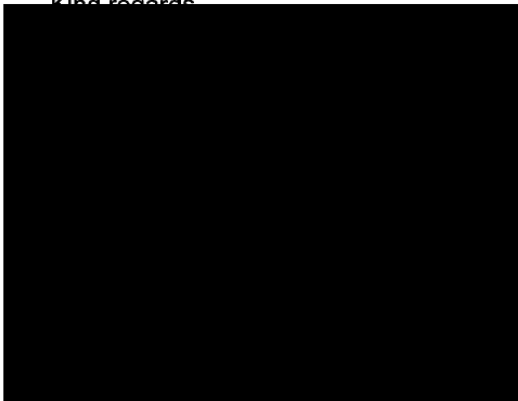
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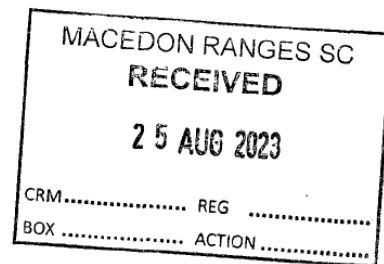
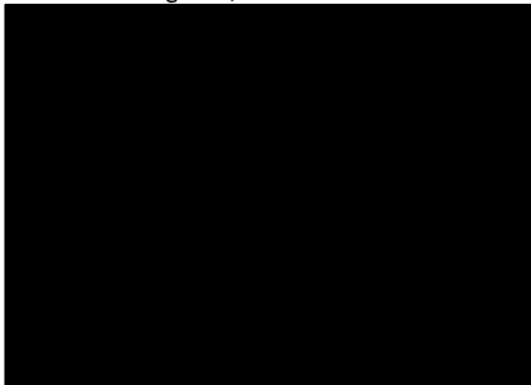
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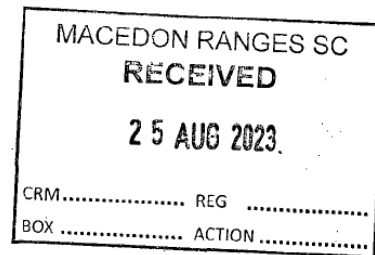
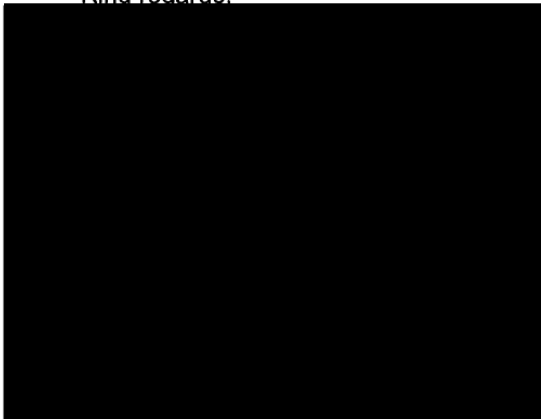
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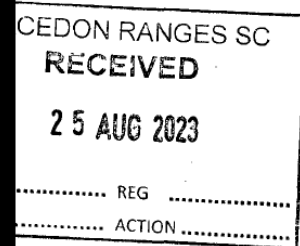
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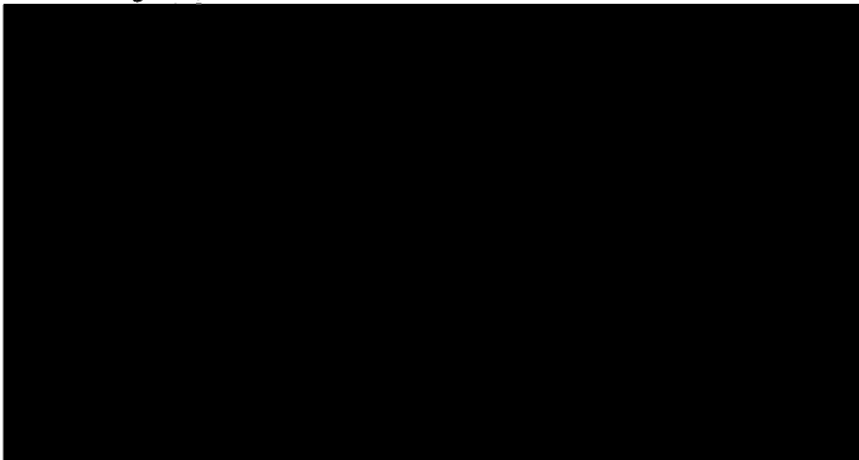
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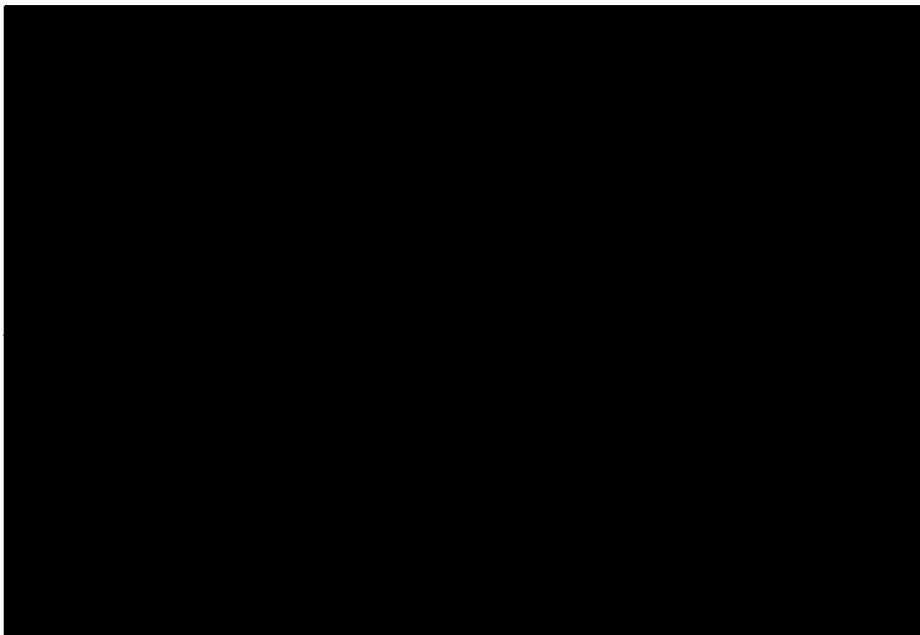
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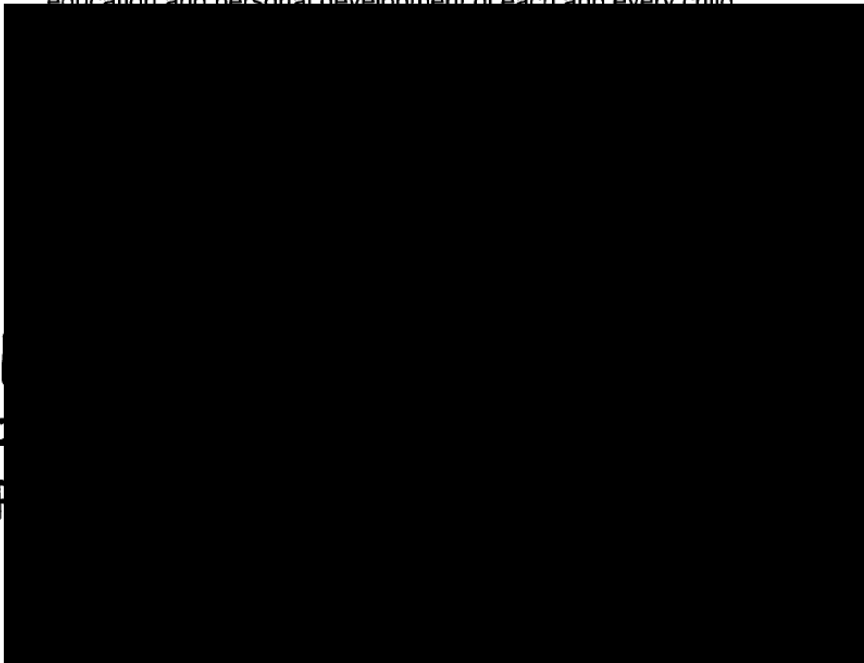
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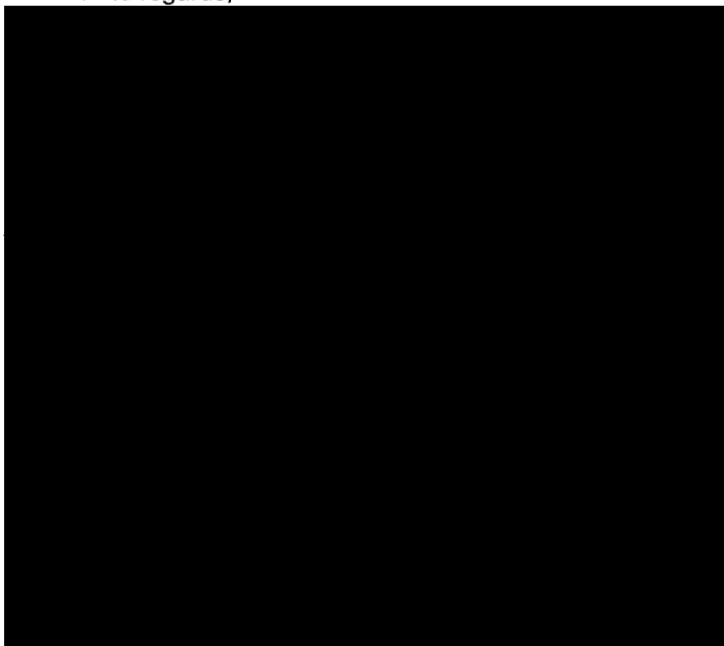
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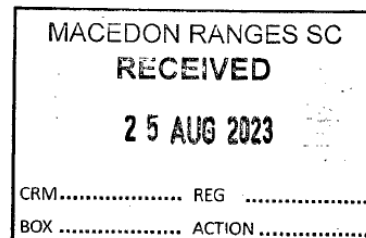
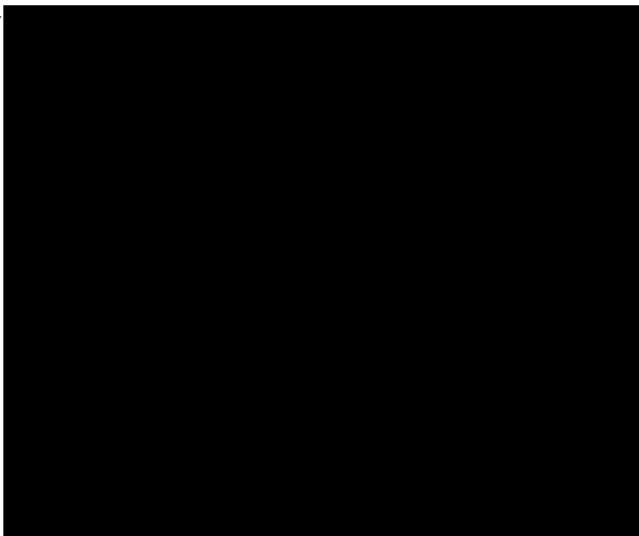
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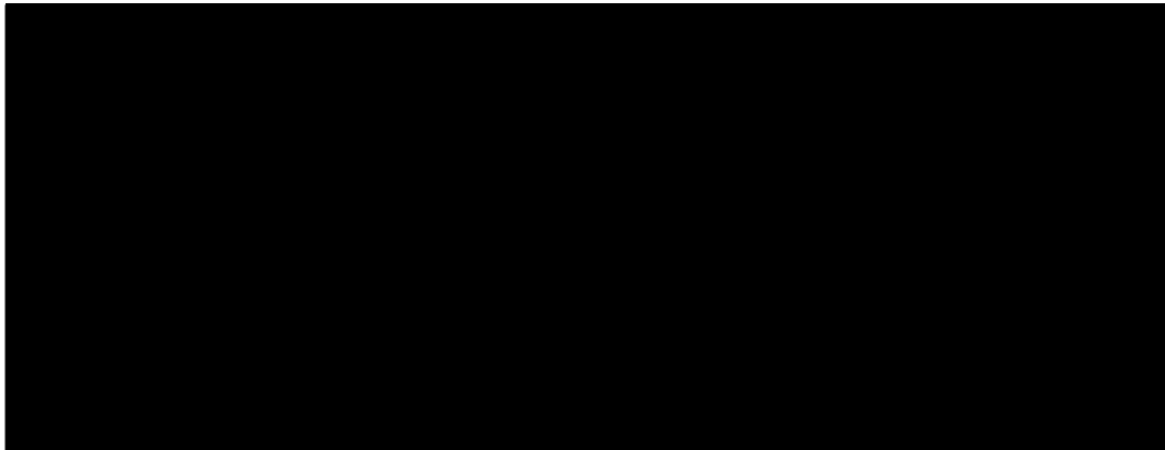
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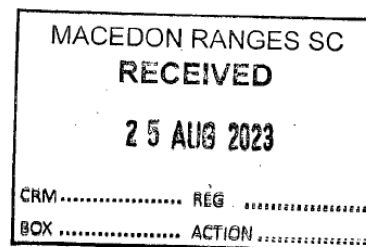
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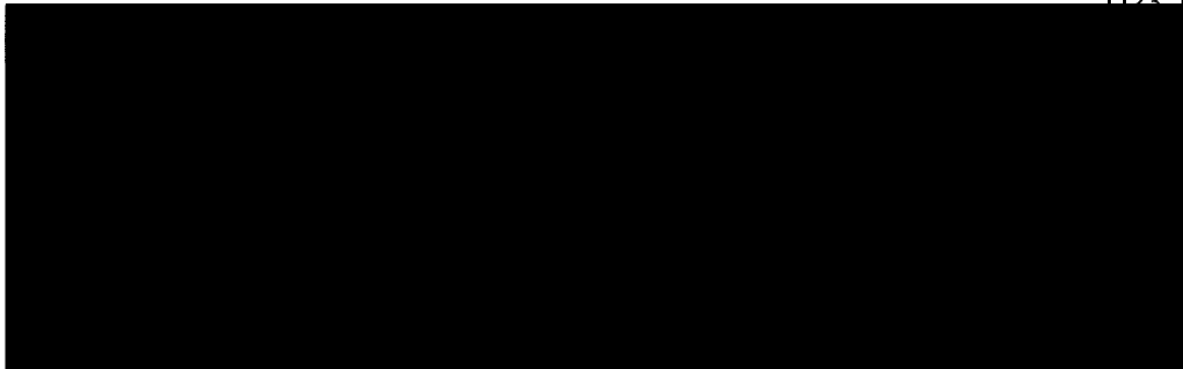
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D23-120483



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I, [REDACTED] 35-year resident of Lancefield and local small business owner for over a decade, am writing in support of St Mary's Primary School's proposal to close a section of Raglan Street, Lancefield, permanently.

As a resident and land owner on adjoining Chauncey St. Lancefield, who travels these roads daily for both work and personal use, but also as a parent with three children currently in attendance spanning Prep to Grade 4, with a fourth child set to attend in 2026, I fully support the Ragland St. road closure.

Frequenting this area of town daily, with multiple work vehicles on the road conducting services around the town, the installation of permanent fences across the road reserve where the boom gates currently are, with no public vehicle access at any time, would have no bearing on my business or ability to move freely around the area.

Safety is, without a doubt, top priority for parents and also for those travelling through school zones and our community. The closure will ensure that the school may operate safely for the student body.

I do believe that the closure would provide peace of mind and a safe barrier for those working in the area for school children in the event of commercial vehicles operating in the vicinity and make a clear-cut permanent route for traffic irrespective of the hours of the day. It will very quickly be accepted as a non-through road, and many alternate routes are available.

As a community, we need to prioritize our educational services and ensure that St Mary's will be able to continue supporting the community and its growth beyond its current capacity and into the future.

I wish to speak to my submission in support of this proposal, by attending the Submitters Delegated Committee Meeting to be held on 20 September 2023.

Many thanks for your time and consideration,

[REDACTED SIGNATURE]





Dear Mr Eng Lim,

Please find attached our letter of support for the Raglan St, Lancefield Submission.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us on the following numbers:






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25th August, 2023

Mr Eng Lim
Manager Engineering & Resource Recovery
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Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

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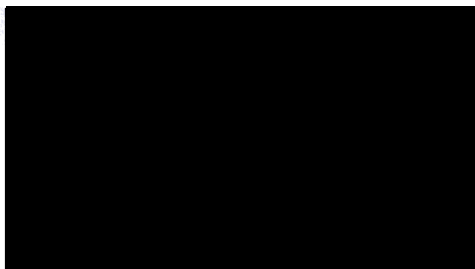
Having attended the school in the early 1980s when the temporary daily road closure first commenced, and now as a parent of students at the school, we have seen and experienced significant growth in both the student numbers and facilities over the last 40 years as well as the Lancefield & Romsey region which draws students to the school.

As the numbers continue to grow within the community this significant improvement will enable the school to operate in a manner that connects all areas of the school in a more meaningful manner and allow greater opportunities for students. Safety is paramount in our community and in particular for our children and future community leaders.

Having spent numerous years on the [REDACTED] and involved with both senior and junior sporting groups in our region outdoor opportunity and education is critical to the social and emotional well being of our students. In turn, this investment in our children of today makes for stronger communities tomorrow.

The permanent closure of this small section of Raglan Street is a natural evolution to allow our learning community to develop in a safe and connected environment where students can move freely through this area between buildings that, in the future, will be on both sides of the road.

We strongly support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road reserve at the location where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time.



[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Eng Lim,

Please find attached submission for the road closure of Raglan St.

Kind regards,

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26th August, 2023

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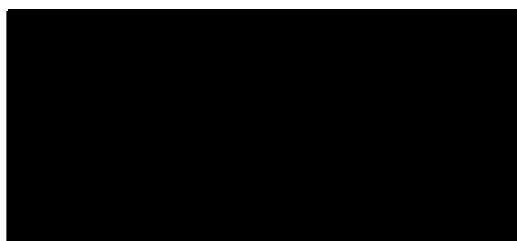
Dear Shire,

Raglan Street Closure

Can you please close the part of Raglan Street out the front of my school forever.

1. I believe that Raglan Street should be closed off to the public because the St Mary's pupils should be allowed to go on the road and being one of those pupils myself I assure you that it is pretty boring waiting for the staff to come and close the gates so that we will not get hit by traffic. I worry that one day one of my friends might not be so patient and try to cross when they shouldn't and get hit by a car.
2. I believe that Raglan Street should be closed off to the public because imagine what fun it would be to the St Mary's pupils if something was built on the road and if the asphalt was gone. Then no one would get hurt and graze their knees on it when running across the road.
3. I believe that Raglan Street should be closed off to the public because if the public want to cross between Chauncey Street and Dunsford Street then they have lots of other options to do this through the other roads in Lancefield.

Kind Regards,



[REDACTED]

Dear Mr Eng Lim,

Please find attached my submission to support the Raglan Street closure.

Yours sincerely,

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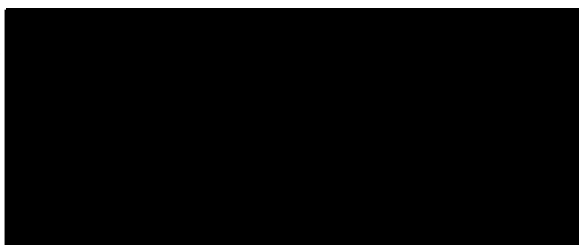
My name is [REDACTED] and I'm a student of St Mary's Primary School. I'm writing this letter of support to close a small section of Raglan street permanently. This is because the safety risk is way too high for innocent students before and after school. And with our school growing we need more space. The playgrounds are cramped and it reduces the enjoyment for every student's day. Please consider this with your heart to give every single one of my peers a great day.

A reason why I feel that Raglan street should be permanently closed is because of the safety risk. So many students before and after school having the risk of being hit by a car, bus or truck is unfair. I know you may be thinking why are you there so early or so late. Some students have a parent, aunt or grandparent working at the school. This means that they have to get to school early and stay late. In the many years of the school no student has been seriously harmed through an accident but just because it has been OK for all those years doesn't mean it is safe for all the years ahead. I would ask you to think about that risk seriously in making this decision. One child hurt or harmed is one too many.

Another reason why I feel that Raglan street should be permanently closed is because of the dogs that are constantly running into our school. If Raglan street was closed permanently there could be gates to prevent annoying and potentially dangerous dogs from running around our school. Many dogs are kind and helpful but some are dangerous. Some dogs bite and could seriously injure one of my fellow peers. Again, one child hurt or harmed is one too many.

Finally, why I feel Raglan street should be closed permanently is because of the welfare of my peers. Recently every student got the chance to be a part of the fairy garden making club. Many kids joined and loved being a part of it. The fairy garden is currently in the senior yard. We would love to be able to do something similar but are running out of room. Many students who participated had a smile after finishing and kept that the whole day. Please help me to make more student's days.

In conclusion, the small section of Raglan street at the front of our school should be permanently closed for many reasons. From a student's perspective it would be amazing. By doing this small action it could positively impact many people so please close Raglan street and make many students' day.



[REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern

We are writing to express our support for the permanent closure of the road between the two areas of St Mary's School. Lancefield. This has been a subject of ongoing discussion for many years because of several factors.

- 1 Permanent closure would eliminate the current situation of fragmented areas east and west of the road.
- 2 Safety issues are a major concern as it currently stands. Over time there have been many very near misses as people on bicycles, motorised scooters and skateboards regularly pass through the area where the children are crossing the road to the other side and playing. It is only a matter of time before a major incident occurs. Although motor cars cannot access the area during school hours other forms of transport can. Another safety issue is 'stranger danger' as people walk through the area amongst the students which is a concern.
- 3 The closure would have a minimum effect on surrounding homes and neighbouring streets. Consequently we ask council to favourably consider the permanent closure of this part of Raglan St Lancefield.

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D23-120137

Submission Not Supporting Permanent Part Closure of Raglan Street, Lancefield, Town.

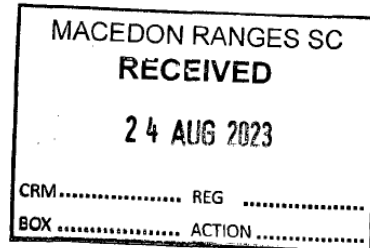
My Submission ,as a CONCERNED Community Ratepayer.

1. Restricts freedom of movement of walking and traffic all weekends permanently .

Particularly major events to Lancefield Park ,(Horse ,Sport ,Relay for Life, Markets to name a few)

2. Emergency access particularly to services in time of serious Cobaw Forestry Fires when CFA TRUCKS come from various areas.
3. Protecting the vista of the Historical Anglican Church in Chauncey St. would be lost.
4. Lancefield is a well-planned country town with long history often known as the Centre of Victoria and denying full Public use of Raglan St at weekends will be a failure of the Macedon Shire to the Ratepayers of Lancefield Community in my opinion.

Kindly,



[REDACTED]

To Whom it may concern,

I wish to oppose the permanent closure of Raglan St.

As a past parent of St Mary's students, I believe the current situation of temporary road closure during school times is acceptable.

Grade 6 students were given the task of closing and opening the boom gates on school days, which taught them punctuality, responsibility and also the importance of completing a task.

Also, I have lived in Lancefield during 2 bushfires and believe it will be a safety concern blocking the road permanently. The Fire Brigade needs quick, clear access through town to attend to house fires and also local traffic fleeing in an emergency. Ambulances would also be wasting valuable time with the diversion, trying to attend an incident.

The permanent closure of Raglan St. over Summer, which is the main school holidays anyway, could have dire consequences for the town, especially with us expecting a hotter, higher fire risk season.

I hope you will seriously consider my input.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone



To Whom it may concern,

I wish to object to the proposed closure of Raglan St.

I have lived in Lancefield 56 years and experienced 3 local bushfires in this time. I feel that the road closure would be a safety hazard for fire brigades getting to a house fire and locals needing to flee the town in an emergency.

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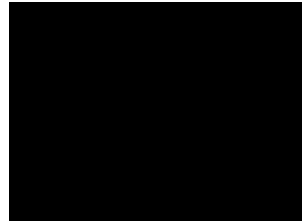
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Good Morning MRSC,

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24 August 2023

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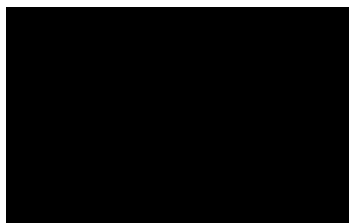
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I have only just read in the Lancefield Mercury of the Proposal of Permanent Closure of part of Raglan Street.

Whilst I understand the reasons why, this will inconvenience me on an almost daily basis as it is the direct route, on foot, between my house and High Street shops and also friends' houses in Dunsford St. and beyond. It will make that block very large - from The Circuit to Foy street.

Will there be any possibility for a pedestrian laneway such as there is in UK to accomodate locals, which include parents with prams and small children and also the elderly, where Private schools have built on both sides of existing thoroughfares? A possibility may be around the west perimeter of what is now used as the sports and recreation area.






Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors

I wish to write in support of the proposal by St Mary's Primary School to permanently close the small section of Raglan Street that is presently shut off by boom gates during school hours. I believe that this will facilitate the ongoing safe operation of the school whilst also allowing for some much needed space for future growth. As a parent of two young children at the school I look forward to the students having an environment where they can safely and freely move around their school, including before and after school hours when special events are held.

I am fully in support of the proposal to close the road and fence it off at the location where the boom gates are currently in place. It is my observation that even when the road is open, it attracts little traffic aside from people who are a part of the school community, hence I believe that this change would be enormously beneficial for the school whilst having only a minor impact on the public.

I can be contacted via this email address if you have any questions about this submission or you would like to discuss it further.

Kind regards


[REDACTED]

Dear Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield - Raglan Street Closure

I'm writing to you today in support of permanently closing the section of road on Raglan Street, that St Mary's Primary School, Lancefield current closes with boom gates.

I believe this will allow the school to better maintain continuous safety for our children.

As a member of the community and a parent I believe the closure will be an important step in insuring better safety for our children and the community.

Both my children attend/ed St. Mary's and we welcomed the added road safety of the new crossing and crossing guard added for our children.

My youngest is currently in year 5 and as a family we feel permanently closing this section of the road is another step in the right direction to safeguarding our children. The closure would completely eliminate the traffic hazards around this area and permanent structures would provide added protection for our children and the community.

I support the proposal for permanent structures to be put in place with the complete closure of this section of the school to local traffic.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield - Raglan Street Closure

I would like to write in support of St Mary's Primary School proposal to close a section of Raglan street, Lancefield permanently. I have two children that attend St Mary's and another child who will start next year and I believe that closing off Raglan street permanently will not only mean a safer school environment but also will benefit a growing community and will give the school the chance to enhance the outdoor learning space for our children. I believe this will facilitate the operation of the school in a manner that is more seamless and safer for our children. This will allow for two sections of the school to become one whole space where students will be able to move freely through this area between buildings that, in the future, will be on both sides of the road.

I support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road reserve at the location where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Hi,

I am sending this email to show support to Council for the proposed Road Closure of Raglan Street.

This would be a great idea and provide much safety and security for the children of the St Mary's school.

kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

My name is [REDACTED]. I own the residence of [REDACTED]. I also have a daughter at St Mary's primary school and another who will attend prep next year. I was absolutely delighted to hear of the possible permanent road closure on Raglan street. As a landowner, parent of the school and Lancefield community member I fully support of the application by St Mary's to close a section of Raglan Street permanently.

There are only two residential properties on the street, and we both support the proposal. If anything the permanent closure will provide more certainty for motorists as currently the gates are opening and closing frequently with school hours, which causes confusion at times.

There is no issue with on foot (or paw) access as residents are able to walk directly to church or Chauncey st generally, as per usual with the pedestrian paths retained and gates allowing after school hours access.

I'm excited to think my children will be able to play during school time under the beautiful elm trees which provide such important shade and connection to nature. It's very important to me, as a parent, that my children are able to play in a secure yard to ensure their safety. Currently anybody can access Raglan street by foot during school hours which means children using the area, or passing through to the other side of the street, must be supervised at all times to ensure their safety.

St Mary's Lancefield has a wonderful reputation and draws children from not only Lancefield but also Romsey, Tooborac, Pyalong, Chiltern and surrounds. In addition to many more families moving to the area, the school is in most popular demand and currently at capacity. The Raglan st space can allow for enrolment growth, as the schools master plan is to utilise currently underutilised land on the other side of Raglan Street. The Raglan street closure would be a bridge between the two areas for which the children could travel freely and safely.

Finally, I've been excited to learn the school has approval from Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to licence the land.

I hope you consider thoughtfully all the points I have outlined in this letter. I would also like to attend the submitters meeting on September 20th at 7pm.

Thank you and kindest regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Hi,

Please find attached my letter of support for a permanent road closure in Raglan St, Lancefield.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Att: Eng Lim – Manager Engineering

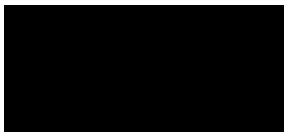
Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield – Raglan Street Closure

I am a mother of a child who will be attending St Mary's Primary school in the coming years.

I would like to write in support of St Mary's Primary School proposal to close a section of Raglan Street, Lancefield permanently. I believe this will facilitate the operation of the School in a manner that is more seamless and safer for the students. This will allow the Creation of a safe and connected environment where students can move freely through This area between buildings that, in the future, will be on both sides of the road.

I support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road reserve at the location Where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time.



[REDACTED]

To Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Council,

I am writing to offer my support of the proposal to have a section of Raglan Street, Lancefield closed.

Our family have had an association with St Mary's school for over forty years and hold it in high regard.

My children attended the school followed by my grandchildren with one still attending. I am currently employed as a kinder teacher within the shire and am well aware of the increasing population and hence the number of children now attending our educational settings. The safety and wellbeing of these children and their valued teachers and families is paramount. It is essential that we are open minded and consider the changes that are necessary to ensure this occurs.

The section closure as proposed, is vital in securing a safer and smoother flow of both student and teachers between the school environments at St Mary's promoting an ever stronger, inclusive and connected environment for all. Permanent fencing would also alleviate the need for manually operated boom gates that may in themselves be considered a health and safety issue.

The above is offered with sincerity and in good faith and I trust your actions will reflect the same.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dear Eng and Macedon Shire Councillors,
I am writing to you to offer my support of the proposal to have a section of Raglan St Lancefield, closed.

As a father of 3 children that have attended the St Mary's Primary School, it has long been a concern of mine that this section of the road that passes through the school has the potential to increase risk to children and school staff that use the area. Should this area be permanently closed off to vehicles, I believe it would create a safer flow of the school grounds, allowing for fluid and safe movement of both students and teachers through both sections of the school. The use of permanent fencing to replace the manually operated boom gates would be ideal in order to build a safe environment for our children to learn and play.

Thank you for your consideration and time.

Thanks and Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



To whom it may concern,

I support the closure of a section of Raglan St in front of St Mary's as it will provide a safer and larger permanent space for students and the school community - particularly in view of the anticipated expansion of the school.

Regards,



Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

I am writing to express my support in the closure of the small section of Raglan Street, Lancefield permanently. I believe this closure will create a safer environment for the students who attend St Mary's primary. I also believe that it will not have a negative impact on the community as surrounding areas will still be easily accessible as there are multiple alternate routes.

Kind Regards



Sent from my iPhone



Date:



Street Closure

Thursday, 17 August 2023 4:03:36 PM

Attention: Eng Lin - Managet Engineering

Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

I am writing to you to support St Mary's primary schools proposal to close Raglan Street, Lancefield permanently. I believe this will be beneficial to the children that attend the school and will ultimately make sure they are safer.

I support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road where the boom gates are currently located.

Kind regards,





Date:



Thursday, 17 August 2023 4:00:25 PM

Proposed Closure of Raglan Street, Lancefield

It is with much interest and delight that we read of a proposal to permanently close the portion of Raglan Street, Lancefield adjoining St Mary's School Lancefield.

Our family has lived in the Lancefield district for over 100 years and during that time have enjoyed a close association with St Mary's School.

We were proudly a part of the group who lobbied to have the present boom gates erected over 35 years ago.

Whilst, at that time the installation of the gates allowed the school extra playground space, it is now time to look to the future, given numbers both at the school and in the district growing.

If the road was closed permanently the space could be used so much more efficiently. Currently the block on the west of Raglan Street looks a picture; bright, well maintained and well utilized.

This feature could be extended to the current road area if closed permanently.

Lancefield is a growing community where child safety, sport and recreation are all encouraged and we pride ourselves in providing primary education for over 400 children. Permanent closure can only enhance these town qualities and provide upmost safety for both staff and students.

I am aware that responses to Community Consultation are often negative.....Those happy for a new idea often don't respond just hope it will happen and those against are so vocal. I hope this fantastic, progressive, forward thinking plan can be approved for the betterment of our children of today and the children of the future.

Yours faithfully

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[REDACTED]

Attention Councillors

Please find attached correspondence from [REDACTED] outlining our support for the closure of Raglan Street – Lancefield.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any queries with regard to this matter.

Regards

[REDACTED]



In reply please quote: D23/78554

Macedon Ranges Shire Council
via email: mrsc@mrsc.vic.gov.au

Dear Councillors

Re: Raglan Street Closure - Lancefield

A consistent trend of enrolment growth has led to a situation whereby the school is looking to cater for additional demand within the constraints of its existing footprint. While enrolments hovered around the 160 mark for several years, current enrolments for 2023 are already over 200 for the first time in the history of the school.

In 2019, the St Mary's Primary School Master Plan was developed which outlines how the school is trying to cater for projected growth which is currently running well ahead of earlier projections. The Master Plan includes the construction of a building on the school land on the west side of Raglan Street which would be used for additional teaching space and a hall.

To facilitate the operation of the school in a manner that is safe, effective and efficient for students, staff and visitors, St Mary's School is seeking to install a more permanent closure of Raglan Street for the section where the boom gates currently are located (i.e., between our properties on the east and west of Raglan Street). This will allow the creation of a safe and connected environment where students can move freely through this area between buildings that, in the future, will be on both sides of the road.

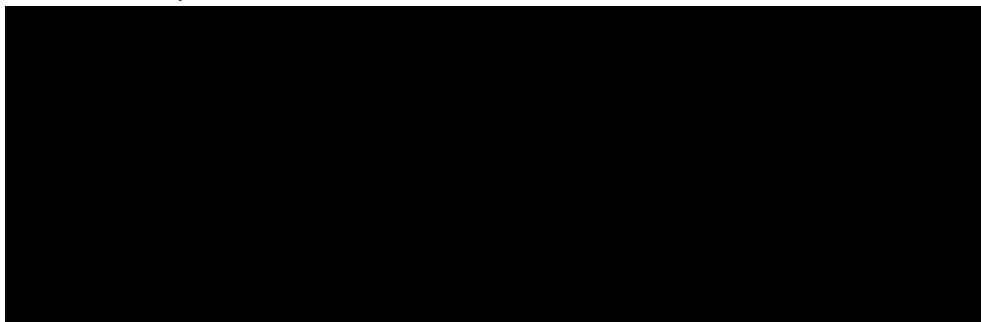
The proposal would include permanent fences across the road reserve at the location where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time.

While we appreciate this will have some impact, the fact that the boom gates are currently closed during school times, ensures that the road closure is generally consistent with established practice and does not represent an unreasonable intensification of the schools existing use of the land.

St Mary's has undertaken a traffic study that indicates that there would be a negligible impact on the traffic movements outside of school times as there are only a few vehicles that use Raglan Street, and the surrounding street network has sufficient capacity to manage additional movements.

In consideration of the above, [REDACTED] strongly support the proposed road closure. Should you have any queries, please contact [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Yours sincerely





Attention - Eng Lim, Manager Engineering and Resource Recovery
- Macedon Ranges Councillors

We wish to convey our full support for the proposal by St Mary's Primary School to permanently close a section of Raglan Street in Lancefield.

The closure of this section of road will dramatically improve the safety of students and staff at the school and create a more connected learning environment. It will enable students to move freely and safely through the school campus and open opportunities to better utilise the west side of the road, particularly as the school grows in the future. Facilitating the development of one connected campus will enable the school to operate more efficiently and potentially build on both sides of the road.

We strongly support the construction of permanent fences across the road reserve where the boom gates currently are to prevent public vehicle access at any time. We believe that this action will significantly increase the safety of students, staff and families using the school facilities.

We are more than happy to discuss the submission with you at any time,

Kind Regards,





Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield - Raglan Street Closure

I would like to write in support of St Mary's Primary School proposal to close a section of Raglan Street, Lancefield permanently. I am a long time resident and prior parent of students at St Mary's. I believe this road closure will facilitate the operation of the school in a manner that is more seamless and a lot safer for the students. It will allow the creation of a safe and connected environment where students can move freely through this area between buildings that, in the future, will be on both sides of the road.

I support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road reserve at the location where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time.

Kind Regards



[REDACTED]

Dear All Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors and Town Planners,

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield - Raglan Street Closure

I would like to write in support of St Mary's Primary School proposal to close a section of Raglan Street, Lancefield permanently.

I believe this will facilitate the operation of the school in a manner that is more seamless and safer for the students. This will allow the creation of a safe and connected environment where students can move freely through this area between buildings that, in the future, will be on both sides of the road.

I support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road reserve at the location where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time.

Kind Regards

[REDACTED]



Dear Eng,

I am in support of the road closure of Raglan Street. Please see letter attached,



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Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield – Raglan Street Closure

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I support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road reserve at the location where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time.

Kind Regards

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Street Closure

Att: Eng Lim - Manager Engineering

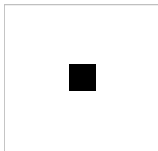
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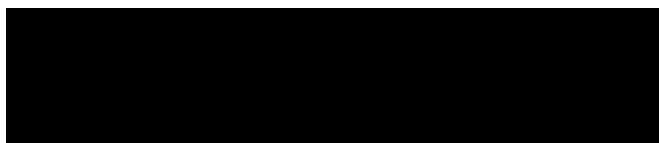
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Kind Regards



[REDACTED]

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Dear Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield - Raglan Street Closure

I'm writing to you today in support of permanently closing the section of road on Raglan Street, that St Mary's Primary School, Lancefield current closes with boom gates.

I believe this will allow the school to better maintain continuous safety for the students, staff and school community.

As a member of staff I know the added responsibility of monitoring this area for the safety of our students and staff, whether this be pedestrians, stray animals or traffic.

My eldest daughter attended school at St. Mary's and we welcomed the added road safety the new crossing and crossing guard added for our children. My youngest daughter is currently in year 5 and as a parent I feel permanently closing this section of road is another step in the right direction to safeguarding our children. Before and after school I'm extra vigilant with this area as our children are accustomed to the gates being closed but at times when the gates are open, they aren't conditioned to look for traffic hazards.

I support the proposal for permanent structures to be put in place with the complete closure of this section of the school to local traffic.

Kind Regards



[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

I support the closure of a section of Raglan St in front of St Mary's as it will provide a safer and larger permanent space for students and the school community - particularly in view of the anticipated expansion of the school.

Regards,

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To whom it may concern,

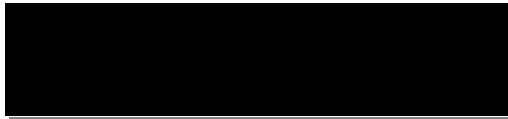
I would like to express my support for the proposed road closure of Raglan Street, LANCEFIELD, between the St Mary's Primary School site and the opposite playground. The road is currently closed during school hours but opened before and after school hours - however often when children are still around the school site. This poses a danger as children forget it is not closed after hours (as it is during the day) and my son has run into the road previously (as we attended an outside hours school event) without looking as he would normally for oncoming traffic.

In addition, this road does not appear to be a required thoroughfare, with many close by streets linking the parallel roads.

Lastly, the permanent closure would ensure the safety of children from traffic using the road as a thoroughfare or to attend school activities outside of school hours as well as better protect the school property from risk of damage from traveling vehicles or potential accidents caused by children being in the road when they shouldn't be.

Thank you for your consideration of my statement of support for the proposal.





Att: Eng Lim - Manager Engineering

Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield - Raglan Street Closure

I would like to write in support of St Mary's Primary School proposal to close a section of Raglan Street, Lancefield permanently. I believe this will facilitate the operation of the school in a manner that is far safer for the students which attend. This will allow the creation of a safe and connected environment where students can move freely through this area between buildings that, in the future, will be on both sides of the road.

I support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road reserve at the location where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time. As a parent of a prep child who attends St Mary's the importance of road safety is still something to be taught. In the mean time the road closure will give us, as parents, peace of mind that our daughter will have permanent safety on school grounds.

Kind Regards

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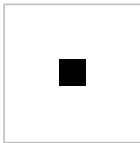
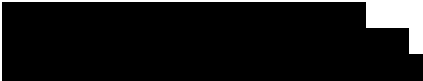


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To whom it may concern,

I wish to write in full support of the Raglan St road closure. This will enable the School to better utilise the space and keep our kids safe.

Kind Regards,



[REDACTED]

I'm writing in support of the closure of Raglan Street, Lancefield.

I believe this is an extremely important move for the safety of our children in the community and for the growth of the school.

But most importantly for the safety of our children. Each day just before 8.30 & just after 3.30 I see drivers driving very fast down Raglan St and the children getting confused about if the gates are open. It concerns me that it's just a matter of time that an accident will happen. Please close Raglan St ASAP.

Warm regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

To whom it may concern,

I would just like to voice my agreement with the closure of Raglan Street for St Mary's Primary School Lancefield.

It would be a positive move to permanently close the road off. The school can gain some much needed space to accommodate children. It could also be set up more safely for the kids when outside. I feel the few houses in the street will not be impacted greatly as the road is already closed off during school hours. To drive around really will not cause a great inconvenience

It would be a positive move to accommodate a growing population in the Lancefield and Romsey areas. As you can see there is no further space that the school can grow around the boundary's as it is surrounded by housing, so this is a great option so gain some much needed space.

Thank you for your time

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield - Raglan Street Closure

I would like to write in support of St Mary's Primary School proposal to permanently close a section of Raglan Street, Lancefield. I believe this will facilitate the school's operation in a more seamless and safer manner for the staff, students, and parents. This will allow the creation of a safe and connected environment where students can move freely through this area between buildings that, in the future, will be on both sides of the road.

I support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road reserve where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time.

Kind Regards

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Date:

Monday, 7 August 2023 5:59:37 PM

Att: Eng Lim - Manager Engineering

Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

Re: St Mary's Primary School Lancefield - Raglan Street Closure

I would like to write in support of St Mary's Primary School proposal to close a section of Raglan Street, Lancefield permanently. I believe this will help the operation of the school in a manner that is more seamless and safer for the students. Also it will allow the creation of a safe and connected environment where students can move freely through this area between buildings that, in the future, will be on both sides of the road.

I support the proposal to include permanent fences across the road reserve at the location where the boom gates currently are with no public vehicle access at any time.

Thank you for considering this closure in a favourable manner.

Yours faithfully,



Dear Eng and Macedon Ranges Shire Councillors,

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