

*Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese is not the owner of the land on which the majority of its schools are located. In most cases, this land is the property of the Diocese of Parramatta and our schools operate there free of charge. Any major changes to land use would need to be discussed with the Diocese. For this reason, this question is better directed to the Diocese as it represents a change of purpose for land that is currently dedicated to (and zoned for) educational purposes.*

*As mentioned at the recent committee hearing, the Church is a significant housing provider through many of its agencies and has focused its work in housing on people in most need, including those experiencing homelessness. Essential Worker Housing has not been a key focus due to this Mission-driven emphasis on serving the most vulnerable members of our communities. The Churches use their property for multiple purposes. It should also be noted that the crown is the largest landholder in NSW.*

*As a low-fee paying system of schools, Catholic Schools Parramatta Diocese has limited funds for property acquisition and capital works. Given our organisational purpose as a school education provider and that these sites are zoned for education not housing, school infrastructure is our priority in the use of the few school sites that we do currently hold. These tend to be the locations of newer schools clustered in areas of growth that have been identified for full utilisation for school buildings and recreational space for students.*