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**INQUIRY INTO ENROLMENT CAPACITY IN INNER CITY
PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

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Dear Lord Mayor

Clover

I write in response to your letter of 25 July 2016 regarding Ultimo Public School and the Wentworth Park site.

The safety of students and staff in NSW public schools is the Department of Education's first priority. The Department must also achieve value for money when investing public money in school infrastructure projects with competing priorities.

The Department will continue with the planned redevelopment of the existing Ultimo Public School site. The cost of remediation work at both the temporary Wentworth Park site and the existing Ultimo Public School site is expected to be significantly lower than the cost identified for the remediation of the Fig and Wattle Streets site.

In order to ensure a safe learning environment, the Department arranged for an Environmental Site Assessment to be conducted at the Wentworth Park site in April 2016 to determine if any contamination issues needed to be addressed. Further testing was conducted in July 2016 in response to ongoing community concerns. The investigations, available online at <http://ultimopyrmontps.com.au/>, revealed the land was considered typical of many inner Sydney sites.

A full Quantitative Health Risk Assessment of the Wentworth Park site has now been published and is available online at <http://ultimopyrmontps.com.au/>.

The temporary relocation of Ultimo Public School will not proceed until the site is in line with the Environment Protection Authority's requirements.

I trust that this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

Adrian Piccoli MP
Minister for Education

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