

16 December 2016

Ms Lynn Race  
Council Officer | Upper House Committees  
Parliament of New South Wales  
Parliament House, Macquarie Street  
Sydney NSW 2000

Dear Ms Race,

**Re: Enrolment Capacity Inquiry  
Transcript Corrections and Responses to Questions on Notice**

In accordance with your instructions, I have marked up the transcript with my comments. This is included as Attachment 1.

Below and attached please find my responses to questions taken on notice from the public hearing on 25 November 2016.

**Question 1**

The Hon. COURTNEY HOUSSOS: Were the letterbox drops for the entire catchment area?

Ms CASEY: It probably would not be fair to say it was the entire catchment, and I would have to take on notice what the actual radius was, but we walked the whole neighbourhood and dropped letters to every door.

The Hon. COURTNEY HOUSSOS: Yes. I would be interested to see how far and wide that went.

**Answer 1**

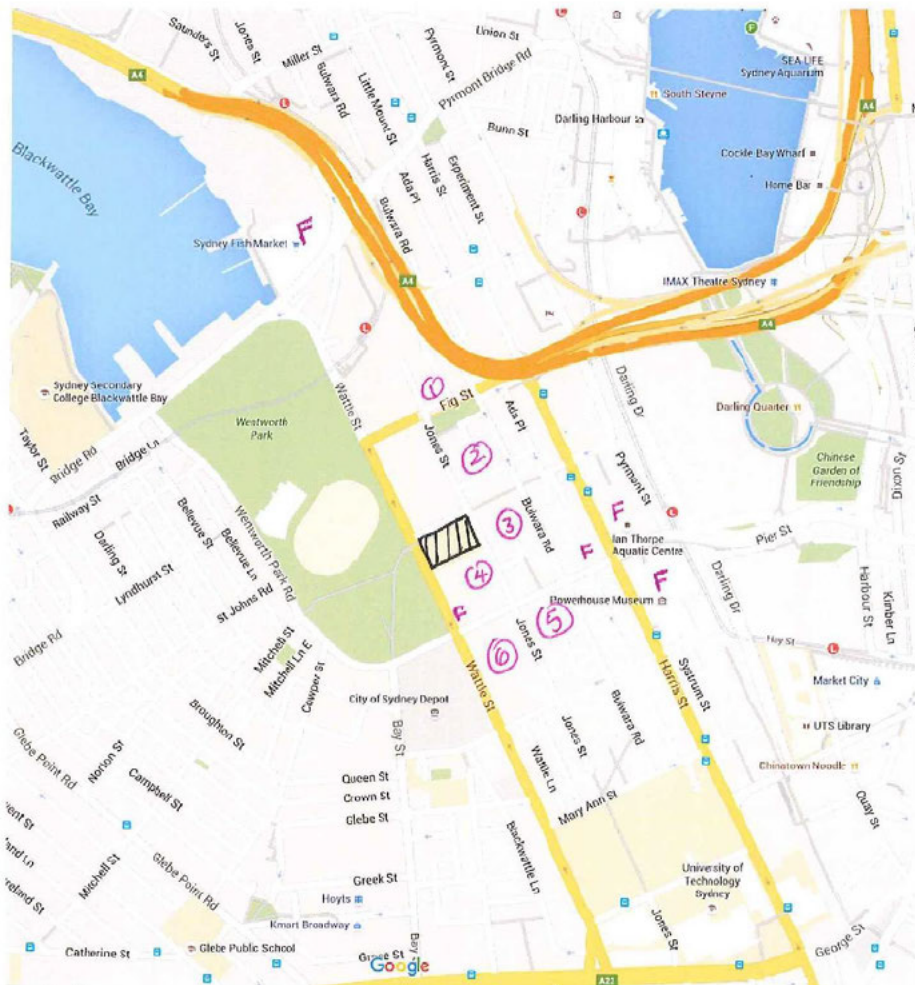
Maps of two major letter drops are below. The first map was for our initial letter drop in June 2015; and the second map was used for drops from September 2015 to January 2016.

**Legend:**  
[Red hatched square] - Proposed school site  
[Blue hatched square] - Existing school  
1-6 - letter drop blocks.  
[E] - Flyer up in business window.  
X - not needed.  
O - optional letter drop.

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Answer 1 (cont'd)



- ▨ — Existing School
- F — Distribution on notice boards
- ①-⑥ — Letter drop blocks

Question 2

The Hon. COURTNEY HOUSSOS: I have one final question: Which were the similar schools that you offered field trips to for the parents?

Ms CASEY: We went to Chatswood and—I would need to go back and look at my notes because it was a while ago.

The Hon. COURTNEY HOUSSOS: I am happy for you to take that on notice.

Answer 2

Blog posts, both of which were written by one of the parents who went on the tours, are attached as Attachment 2 and Attachment 3. A list of the schools visited is below.

- Anzac Park Public School
- Chatswood Public School 'Bush Campus'
- Victoria Avenue Public School
- Mowbray Public School.

### Question 3

The Hon. SARAH MITCHELL: I think you said you had 10 to 20 people per session, is that right, for the consultation? I am just trying to get an idea of the number of parents that you have seen in the time. You said you had two, plus three workshops. Is it 50 or 60 parents of current students that you would have engaged with? Do you have a rough idea that you can give us, even if you need to take it on notice?

Ms CASEY: I think I probably should take that on notice, but I would say that yes, we have engaged with a large number of parents at the school over the course of the two years that we have been working on this.

### Answer 3

A copy of our Ultimo Stakeholder Register is included at Attachment 4, showing the names of members of the community, parents and teachers who have been involved in our consultation to date. Contact details have been redacted for privacy reasons.

### Question 4

Mr DAVID SHOEBRIDGE: We will probably explore this with the City of Sydney. What is the minimum open space requirement that you are working from for students at this new school?

Ms CASEY: I would have to take that question on notice and refer it to our architects.

### Answer 4

Open Space for schools includes Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA), Games Court, Assembly Court and playground. The brief from the Department of Education to the designers noted that this should be maximised. The Competition winning design submission has included a total area of 4,903m<sup>2</sup> for these components, utilising both at grade and roof areas to achieve this.

### Question 5

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: Some good information has been put in front of the Committee on remediation particularly on the Wattle site. Thank you for your part in that. On the rebuild of the existing school, I am less clear. Presumably there are remediation costs for that site as well as that might become part of a rebuild. Do you anticipate that?

Ms CASEY: For the Quarry Street site?

The Hon. JOHN GRAHAM: Yes.

Ms CASEY: We have a series of drillings that have been done on that site because the department has owned it for quite some time. I am happy to take it on notice and provide those reports and summaries to the panel. But so far there is nothing particularly concerning to us on that site.

### Answer 5

Based on the findings of the reports we have to date on the site, the estimate of the in-ground contamination removal costs are less than \$500,000.

A power point with a summary of the findings of the technical reports is included, as presented at the November Project Reference Group meeting. This is included as Attachment 5.

If you wish to review the information in detail we have attached the following documents to illustrate the extent of investigations on the existing site:

- *Preliminary Site Contamination Investigation and Remediation/Management Strategy* (Report number 01-GG50B), NSW Department of Public Works, September 2001
- Borehole Location Plan prepared by NSW Department of Public Works, showing all boreholes taken on the site to date, dated September 2015
- *Ultimo Public School Proposed Redevelopment Preliminary Contamination Investigation* (Report number: 15-GS94B), NSW Department of Public Works, November 2015.

These are Attachments 6, 7 and 8.



I trust this answers the Committee's questions.

Yours sincerely  
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Attachments:

1. Comments on transcript
2. Blog post November 2015: *Temporary School Site Visit Report*, by Nic Childs
3. Blog post September 2016: *Educational Schools Tour*, by Nic Childs
4. Ultimo Stakeholder Register, McLachlan Lister, November 2016 update
5. Power Point presentation of Site Investigation results at Quarry Street, McLachlan Lister, November 2016
6. *Preliminary Site Contamination Investigation and Remediation/Management Strategy (Report number 01-GG50B)*, NSW Department of Public Works, NSW Department of Public Works, September 2001
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