



14 June 2022

Our ref: D22/28441

Ms Georgina Harrisson  
Secretary  
NSW Department of Education  
105 Phillip St  
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*Via email:*  
*Cc:*

Dear Ms Harrisson

### **Inquiry into planning and delivery of school infrastructure in New South Wales**

Thank you for your assistance to date with the inquiry into planning and delivery of school infrastructure in New South Wales.

In early June 2022, a member of Portfolio Committee 3 – Education visited Lennox Head Public School, following evidence received at a hearing on 9 May 2022 from Lennox Head Parents and Citizens Association about problems with the physical environment at the school.

Following this visit, the committee has agreed to write to you to request the following information, to assist in its consideration of the issues raised during the inquiry:

1. What was the budget and the timeframe for the redevelopment of Lennox Head Public School on its current site?
2. Who was the consultant retained for the original Aboriginal Heritage Study and what was the reporting line in the Department?
3. Please provide the guidelines for investigations triggered by Aboriginal heritage issues and a copy of the subsequent Aboriginal Heritage Study commissioned by the Department
4. Does the Department employ specialist officers to liaise with First Nations people on Aboriginal Heritage issues?
5. When engaging with Jali representatives about issues at Lennox Head Public School, what local and Indigenous expertise was used to discuss the findings of the Aboriginal Heritage Study? What options were developed and what is the status of those discussions?
6. Given the entire school site has been identified as potentially significant, what engagement is being undertaken with Jali Aboriginal Land Council and the school to understand and respect potential heritage on the site?
7. What is the proposed resolution, the cost, the timeframe and why hasn't the school community been briefed or engaged regarding its future?
8. How many school works projects have been similarly affected and what were the outcomes?
9. Please provide enrolment data and future projections for Lennox Head Public School

We would be grateful if you could provide this information by **Monday 11 July 2022**. An electronic copy is sufficient.

Thank you again for assisting the committee.

Yours sincerely

Hon Mark Latham MLC

**Chair**

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