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## Legislative Council General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2

# Inquiry into the Building the Education Revolution Program

## NEW INQUIRY

The Chair of General Purpose Standing Committee No.2, the Hon Robyn Parker MLC, has announced an Inquiry into the Building the Education Revolution Program.

“A thorough investigation is needed into how the State Government has managed the Commonwealth’s Building the Education Revolution (BER) Program”, said Ms Parker.

“There have been numerous reports of BER school building projects costing thousands of dollars more than market cost and soaking up millions of dollars in project management fees. It has also been reported that large sums of money have been spent on very standard building designs.”

“The purpose of this Inquiry is to review the BER program and consider whether the outcomes of its construction projects are of acceptable quality and suitable to the needs of schools in NSW. The Committee will also look at the effectiveness of government oversight and review of contracts between contractors and the NSW Government”, Ms Parker noted.

The Committee invites written submissions with a closing date of **Monday 7 June 2010**. Public hearings will be scheduled in late June.

Submissions can be provided to:

- Email – [gpscno2@parliament.nsw.gov.au](mailto:gpscno2@parliament.nsw.gov.au)
- Website – [www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/gpsc2)
- Mail – The Director, General Purpose Standing Committee No. 2, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000.

Further information can be found at the Committee’s website. The Inquiry terms of reference are attached.

**For comment please contact Robyn Parker, Committee Chair on 9230 3332 or 0427 015 049**