

**INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING THE EDUCATION
REVOLUTION PROGRAM**

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Submission for BER inquiry....

To Whom It May Concern,

I wish to complain and raise the issue of money wasted in The Building Education Revolution (BER) Scheme.

Some cases that I am aware of:

1. Tottenham Central School (where my grandchildren attend).

The canteen that has been constructed at this school is a useless, tiny brick building completely unsuitable for a school canteen. This is compounded by the fact that they already have a much larger serviceable canteen with toilets and covered eating area. Why anybody in their right mind came up with this project is beyond me! It is a great example showing the government, through the BER, are happy wasting taxpayers' money.

2. Nana Glen Public School.

Here they removed demountable classrooms out and moved new ones in on trucks at a cost of \$850,000 and there was no gain in classroom size to my knowledge.

3. Coramba Public School.

The same thing happened here as at Nana Glen School, at the same cost. Plus for each of these projects design fee is in the cost. Why, when each project is exactly the same?

4. Karangi Public School

A good library building has been replaced with another library building, no difference in size, at another \$850,000 cost to the taxpayer.

Schools and their P&Cs have also been responsible in outfitting these new buildings, contrary to what the State Minister for Education stated in an interview on the 7.30 Report on the ABC 2-6-10 !! How is it that the Catholic School System can build their classroom buildings for less than HALF the cost of the NSW state school system?

Surely there are better places to spend taxpayers' money rather than replace functional buildings. No doubt these cases are duplicated all around Australia. However, generally principals and school communities will not raise these issues as mostly they

are happy to get a new building although they are aware there has been a terrible waste of money in many cases.

Yours sincerely,