## INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION PROGRAM

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## **The Building The Education Revolution**

## **Wyong Creek Public School**

I am writing this as a very concerned parent of a child at Wyong Creek Public School.

We were originally given a  $$250\ 000\ grant$  for a <u>Library</u> under this scheme. To be included was the following –

- Brick building
- Full shelving
- Air conditioning
- Computers
- Solar Panels
- Water Tank
- A connected classroom set up
- Tables & chairs
- It was to be completed during 2009

We were then told our grant was being downsized to \$198 000. We were then to receive the following instead –

- A modular room
- A couple of sloped display shelves
- Tables & chairs
- 2 data points with no other cabling
- As of today, there is only blue building mesh and no sign of any library

There is a huge difference between what we were supposed to receive and what we are now getting. We were getting a valuable, useable asset. Now we are getting a liability that we are going to have to do a lot of fundraising for to be able to use. We are only a small school of just over 50 students. How are we supposed to be able to pay for even the basics to put into the room, let alone all of the other things that were going to be included?

We are extremely disappointed with this whole program. We don't understand why our grant was downsized, and still don't understand that with \$198 000 why we can't get a much better asset. That amount of money should be able to provide a lot more than a modular room with a couple of display shelves and some tables and chairs.

On top of everything else, all we have so far received is two sections of our playground being fenced off, unable to be used. Nothing else has happened. The library should have been built last year and we are still waiting. It keeps being put off.

We would like our library to be built as soon as possible and have everything included as it was originally going to be.