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**INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF EDUCATION TO
STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR SPECIAL NEEDS**

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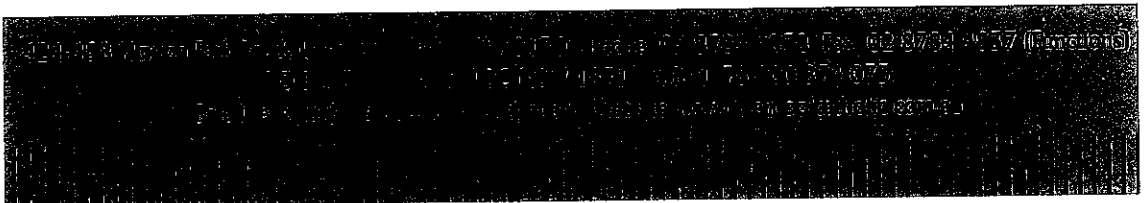
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NSW Legislative Council Inquiry
Into the provision of education
to students with a disability
or special needs.

Addressing Criteria # 1

Our son Connor Withers is a
6 year old little boy who is
diagnosed with Autism Spectrum disorder
Language Delay and global develop-
mental delay.

Connor is a boy who is very
social boy who used to love





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going to school.

Connor did kindergarten last year (2009) with no funding.

After attending the principal forum last year at parliament house

We realized not only is our son being let down but lots of other children far worse than Connor.

my husband left that forum

and rallied support from his

employer and together they

donated \$10,000 to Appin Public School

and that assisted Connor with

1 hour a day funding for a teachers aid



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Which did make a difference.

(The donation was not tax deductible)

This year Connor has received funding of \$3,000 for the year. When I

break that down for you he is entitled to 3 minutes and 6 seconds of funding a day. What will that do. (Nothing)

now after returning to school and starting year 1 and all the challenges that he is facing he no longer wants to go to school because it is too hard and wants Mummy to stay and help him in the classroom.



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How can we educate children
when clearly adults don't get
the big picture.

Just because a child doesn't
have a physical disability
doesn't mean they don't
have an intellectual disability
and that disability should
go unrecognised.

Regards

Steven & Kerrie Withers.

Parents from Appin Public School.