

INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION PROGRAM

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The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No 2
Legislative Council
Parliament House
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Subject: BER Spending Enquiry

Dear Sir/Madam,

Members of the Black Springs Public School Parents and Citizens Association recently made a submission to the Australian Senate Education Committee, copy attached.

We request that in your deliberations into the BER spending you take our submission into account.

Additionally, the following problem was raised by many residents of Black Springs village about the use of "Security lighting" of the new COLA and Covered Walkway to the front entrance to the school, at a community morning tea. As all the members of the submitting group live on remote rural properties we were unaware of this problem until this week.

The villagers relate that the lights are switched on automatically at dusk and shine brightly all night and are extinguished after dawn. It is the only bright light in the entire village and is affecting their rest.

It would provide any intruder with sufficient light to avoid any obstruction.

It is a source of light pollution, clear starry night skies are one of the joys of the village.

It is a waste of electricity, and money.

A turnoff switch has not been found.

There is no immediate security problem, and anyway should any intruder be detected the nearest source of police action would be Bathurst some 87Km away, roughly an hour travel time. The closer Oberon and Rockley police stations are not a 24 hour service.

Yours sincerely,

Alexandra Tuson