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

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To Whom It May Concern,

My son Damian Swan is in kindagarten at Penrith Public School in

Penrith. He is currently in the language support class.

I have recently been informed that there was an inquiry into the support classes to decide if they were going to be scrap it or not, i have grave concern for my son if he cannot be in this class as he has a servere language problem due to the fact he has epilepsy and it has impacted on his language skills. My son in no way shape or form will cope in a main stream class , he has made alot of progress in his speech in the last 3 weeks of being in this support class but also has a long way to go. I know quite a number of people using a service like this in schools and they also need to keep there children in this class. This particular class at penrith runs from kindi to the end of year 2 .

i hope you keep this support class going for my son's sake and the sake of hundreds of children needing this support and if you cannot help keep it going then ill have to go to the media and the local government for there help in making sure our kids with disabilities have the support they need and deserve in life.

Thank You for your time

Tina Swan