

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

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**NSW LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL INQUIRY INTO THE PROVISION OF
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**SUBMISSION FROM BRONWYN MCKEE. MOTHER OF JOHN MCKEE A
STUDENT OF SARAH REDFERN PUBLIC SCHOOL**

Please find listed below my response to the above submission where you request submissions from then public.

5 - As a natural born Australian, whose families have always worked and paid taxes I would expect my Government to educate my children in the best possible way, giving them every chance of succeeding in life. Just because my son has Dyspraxia I would not expect my Government to just ignore this problem, they may be able to brush it under the carpet, but as a mother I cannot do that. By not offering my son John McKee the help he needs in his education to be able to succeed in the best possible way you are "robbing" him of a normal adult life. I would therefore expect my Countries Government to offer every possible assistance, as advised by his teachers, to help John in any way with his schooling. There are suitable curriculums available he just needs help to be able to complete them. Sarah Redfern Public School staff have already made you very aware of what my son needs with a visit to Parliament House on 10th June 2009. He needs a specialized speech therapist to come to help him with his speech on a daily basis whilst at school.

6 – As a mother with a 2 year old son as well as John, I will take as much professional support as offered, speech therapy is his biggest need. If I have to go out every afternoon I will, just give us the tools to work with, us parents and teachers can do the rest. If I can't turn to my Government for help where can I go....

8 – I challenge you to come to our school and see John and the other children whose care you took on when you were sworn into Government. You may keep ignoring our plight, but this problem won't go away. Address it, it's what you were elected to do....

I would like to hear, a brief phone call or email would be sufficient, from any one of the Committee Members to validate they have read my submission and understand my plight, so I know parents of these special children are not being "ignored"

Bronwyn McKee