

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO THE BUILDING THE EDUCATION
REVOLUTION PROGRAM**

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The Director
General Purpose Standing Committee No.2
Parliament House
Macquarie St.,
Sydney.NSW.2000 **Submission for BER inquiry**

To Whom It May Concern,

As a concerned grandparent, whose grandchildren attend Tottenham Central School, I have viewed the new "Canteen" building that has been erected at this school. I have worked in many school canteens and this building is a complete disaster for the following reasons:

1. It is far too small for people to work in. The building is so ridiculously tiny that it is not even big enough to be a garage for 1 car!
2. Compulsory equipment i.e. freezers and refrigerators, pie warmers etc cannot be housed in it.
3. Work surface area is completely inadequate.
4. Secure storage areas are non-existent.
5. There are no toilet facilities for staff volunteers.
6. There is no air conditioning, which is essential in far western NSW. Temperatures in this area reach a high of 40 plus degrees Centigrade in summer.

Obviously the Federal Government Ministers and employees, who are supposed oversee that our taxpayers money is spent wisely, have never inspected plans or contractors to see what is happening on site. There is no way Deputy Prime Minister Julia Gillard (the minister in charge of the BER scheme) would pay this amount of money if the building had been on her block of land.

A huge rot has been committed with the BER Scheme and this present Government must be held accountable! Schools such as Tottenham Central should not have to suffer from the obvious price extortion and fraudulent building practises that have left them with this appalling excuse for a canteen. If the \$600,000 (which was spent) had been given to the school so they could construct what they actually required, they would have a magnificent building and eating area. Jobs and employment opportunities would have also been created in the local community.

I fear Tottenham Central School may have been taken advantage of because of their remote location, small population and poor accessibility to their local government representatives. All of these elements give the school a small "voice" and a lesser ability to make this case heard.

Tottenham Central School has been let down badly and this situation needs to be rectified urgently!

Yours Sincerely,