

**INQUIRY INTO ENROLMENT CAPACITY IN INNER CITY
PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

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I am a parent of two children who currently attend Ultimo Public School. I am outraged that the Department of Education has reneged on their promise for a proper school at Fig and Wattle Street. As it is now, most children in Pymont/Ultimo including live in apartments or apartment like settings. Children need to run around, get exercise and fresh air. Building a high rise school will limit these children from doing so, especially if they do not do any extracurricular activities outside of school. I feel like building a high rise school and not the originally promised Fig and Wattle site will make children less active and creative because of the limited space they will have to play in. I feel like it is a waste of money building demountable classrooms when there is a perfectly good space available already. Pymont and Ultimo are growing in population at a very steady rate and I wonder if that has been considered when planning to build the high rise school. When the children reach a maximum number in the high rise school what will happen then? Then will a new school be built that can accommodate all the children in the new developing areas? What a waste of money that will be!! There is also a desperate need for more childcare centres and the Fig and Wattle space would be able to accommodate that as well, and even a desperately needed high school. There has also been a lack in communication with Mr. Piccoli. It is offensive how he does not answer any phone calls or emails and yet he has said that he wants the community to help with the planning.