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

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## ULTIMO PUBLIC SCHOOL - NSW PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

I object to the NSW Government's intention to demolish Ultimo Public School - a school that is a little over ten years old and the heart of our community.

Building a high-rise school on such a small piece of land, means it will reach full capacity in 10-12 years (NSW Department of Education and Training figures).

I object to Ultimo school children being taught in demountable class rooms for a period of 3 years while the high-rise school is being built. In addition to the major disruption to the children's education, the cost of the temporary school and the need to remediate lead found on the temporary site, I note that Minister for Education, The Hon A Piccoli MP himself said that demountables are "no alternative to learning in a real classroom" (Budget Estimates 2016-17).

Minister Piccoli MP also stated that "Ultimo Public School has been on its current site for 100 years and it needs space to grow as it prepares to deliver quality public education for another century" (Media Release Dec 14 2015).

I therefore request that Members' of Parliament reexamine alternative sites, such as vacant land at Fig and Wattle Street Ultimo, to ensure Ultimo and Pyrmont children are provided a quality school and learning environment, now and well into the future.