

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

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Our children are our future. There are increasing numbers of young families living in the city of Sydney. The majority of parents have no choice but public education. The quality of education provided by New South Wales is generally excellent. Before my retirement I worked as a teacher in New South Wales public schools and TAFE, plus other locations.

It is important that children can attend a local school, where they and their families can become part of the community. It was, therefore, to my dismay and disappointment that I learned of the government decision not to use the Wattle/Fig Streets site for a new school. I believe the City of Sydney sold this site to the State for the express purpose of a new school. The argument that the site is too contaminated and remediation too costly, seems feeble at best.

All over the metropolitan area there are apartments been constructed where there were previously service stations and other similar commercial or industrial properties.

I urge the Government to reverse this appalling decision and build the new school in Ultimo on the above mentioned vacant site.