

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

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Dear GPSC3

I have been active now for many years to secure a great educational future for my 2 children who attend Ultimo Primary School. I stand with the Ultimo and Pymont Community to oppose the destruction of their lovely school which they have grown to love. We believe that the best option for a school is on the vacant Fig and Wattle Street site.

The Fig and Wattle Street site was originally chosen by the community. It is the only suitable vacant site and the government promised the community that it would build the new primary school at this site. Soon after the election in 2015 it broke its promise with the people. My 9 year old son was also upset as we had told him how great his new school would be. He was quoted in the SMH in an article by stating "The Government lied again." As 9 year old, he was able to figure out for himself that the government had wronged him.

It has been my experience that the current government will not listen to the community. It has consistently out manoeuvred the community's push to build the new school at Fig and Wattle street. My daughter will not be effected by the destruction and rebuild as she is in year 6 and going to a private school next year but my son who will go into year 5 next year will end up in a temporary school for the rest of his Primary School education. This is totally unsatisfactory and thus we have secured a place in a private school in the city. I know that quite a few parents have also done the same thing. It is clear that the government is not serious about the education of children in our area, so we need to solve the problem ourselves.