

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

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The behaviour of the government in the handling of Ultimo Public School is deplorable. After a protracted investigation and negotiation, they agreed to purchase land to build a school that would be fit for purpose and future-proof for the area. However, they did not exchange contracts (no normal transaction could be conducted like this!) and later backed out declaring it was too expensive.

No information has been given on true costings for the redevelopment. The fact that the existing site would be sold to cover a good amount of cost has not been discussed. No alternate designs suggested by locals were considered (e.g. to host a car park for the fish markets and tram stop). You can bet that a developer will buy the proposed land and develop it for a huge profit - and that the government will benefit from it. That will be without ensuring that the local area can support even further population growth.

What is currently proposed is a waste of money as it will be too small as soon as it is completed. It is very short sighted. The cost of clearing the land to the government's required standard will be more than covered by the waste of relocating the children into temporary accommodation and building a school that is too small.

Please tell us how you are spending the dollars received from the Ultimo/Pymont area property price growth and land releases. Some of these dollars should be spent on the community that needs to support these new residents.

The public deserves answers.