

**Submission  
No 53**

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

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This submission addresses the matter of costs for the use of the 'Jones - Fig - Wattle' site for the new Ultimo Public School. It demonstrates that no adequate costing for removal of pollutants has been obtained and also suggests that demographic projections for the area may be similarly flawed. 1. Costs of removing polluting material. It is clear that the former 'hellhole' quarry site has been filled with material that must be removed. During the negotiations for purchase of the site the state government claimed that this would cost \$50 million. This figure was clearly without basis. No reliable data exists regarding the volume of material to be removed, though this could be easily obtained by seismic analysis. Based on historic information it appears that the volume of material to be removed is such that even allowing \$100 pcm, costs would not exceed \$20 million, entirely altering the financial viability of the 'hellhole' site. (Please note that I have supporting information on this matter, but it is on my home computer and I am presently overseas. I will send it within ten days and ask that it be accepted at that time.) 2. Over 3200 new dwellings are being erected within the feeder area for the Ultimo school, not counting the potential 3000 dwellings that the government hopes to build on the Powerhouse Museum site. It seems that the provision of a small school on the present site may not be adequate. Full disclosure of the demographic information is vital to achieving public support for the proposed rebuilding process. Thank you for your attention to this matter