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

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Terms of reference (c) The Minister & Anthony Perrau are trying to save money in the short term but will cost the community in the future. They overestimated costs of remediation, didn't offset the current site \$49M 2014. Refused to negotiate with Lord Mayor who offered offsets to the price of land

(e) The department of Education doesn't consult with the community it rather tells you what is happening. You may comment but no meaningful changes are made to projects when we object to a planned item. They don't take any minutes for the community consultation meetings as we are just 'Dummy Mummies' or 'overly invested' as our kids will be effected. My child will only be effected for another year but kids that aren't even born yet are affected that's why I joined the P&C Executive to make a concerted push back at the Departments lack of foresight.

The proposed rebuilt will be out grown in less than 10 years just like the previous rebuild was. They want to pull down the newest school in Sydney because the department made a mistake. What about all the kids that had to sacrifice their education in that rebuild by being sent to Orange Grove Public School everyday. No sorry's to them. Now another group of kids are going to sacrifice their couple of years in a tiny Pop Up School for another mistake.

The Minister has been quoted as saying 'What do we expect in the Inner City?' we expect you to pay for infrastructure relevant to the taxes collected. Land is expensive so are the taxes. \$113 Stamp duty (conservative estimate by Local real estate agents) for 2012-mid 2016. You can't sell all the land to developers for astronomical prices & invest a pittance on infrastructure requirements SCHOOL. The government are selling everything in this area & expect another knock down rebuild to be sufficient NO. They know the price of everything & the value of nothing.

Wentworth Park is swamped with users everyday. My daughter is so excited when it is her scheduled day to play at Wentworth Park. They go for 40 minutes 3 times a week. That is it. What a disgrace. I want the government to build a school on Fig & Wattle Site 1.2Ha compared to 0.54Ha

Why spend millions of dollars on doubling the student spaces that will last only 10 years when you could have 1.2Ha lasting for at least 50 years. Kids don't go into demountables they continue as usual & just wait until the school is built. Shortsighted.

Government just thought the Lord Mayor would have sold the site by now so they didn't have to honor their promise to community but Clover promised she wouldn't sell they land while we needed a new school. Fortunately she stands by her word unlike Piccoli.