

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

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I wish to make a submission to the NSW parliamentary enquiry, to express my concerns over the handling, mismanagement and approach the State Government have taken over the decision to not proceed with the Fig & Wattle Lane Site for Ultimo Public School.

The demolition of the current site will not sustain long term growth in the area. The new site on Fig and Wattle lane was deemed too contaminated to use and too expensive to remediate, yet there has been no transparency in the release of the contamination results and the cost estimate to remediate has been greatly exaggerated.

Perhaps the greatest hypocrisy in all this is the temporary solution of demountable cabins on Wentworth Park while the current site is demolished and subsequent site testing on Wentworth park option has revealed contaminated land in the form of elevated lead levels and possibility of asbestos.

I would like the department to reveal the cost of temporarily relocating the students to Wentworth Park and the demolition of the current site and rebuild. Once this school is rebuilt, what happens in 10years when with the projected growth in the area it is not viable?

The Fig/Wattle Lane site had potential for 1000 students and sufficient space for play. Children require space for exercise, which has been proven to stimulate learning and development.

The short-sighted decision by the Govt needs to be urgently reviewed and I urge the enquiry to listen to the needs of the community.

Yours faithfully