INQUIRY INTO ENROLMENT CAPACITY IN INNER CITY PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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I would like to express my deep concern regarding your government's solution for Ultimo Primary Schools enrollment crisis. I believe that your preference to rebuild the school on its present sight is an unsuitable solution for a number of reasons:-

-It's a costly exercise which would not solve accommodating anticipated enrollments in the near future and therefore would not be the most effective use of State funds.

-The children would need to be temporarily relocated which would be very disruptive for them and their families/carers

-A more cost effective solution is to purchase the Wattle St depot sight from the City of Sydney, which has been identified by the Inner City School Working Party as the best solution. It would offer space for the growing Inner City population, which your government has initiated through urban consolidation. Furthermore, it would offer more space for play which is vital for children's development, especially ones who live in apartments as well as childcare facilities and could provide support for community needs.

Please reconsider your stance on this matter and offer the public school community the best possible outcome which they deserve.

I don't have any children or grandchildren in the school but I recognize the importance of space and community support for school children to provide stability and a happy environment to learn in.

Kind Regards

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