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**INQUIRY INTO STUDENTS WITH A DISABILITY OR
SPECIAL NEEDS IN NEW SOUTH WALES SCHOOLS**

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I have worked with children with disabilities in the Education Department for the past eighteen years. What we really need is for people in Government to come out to special needs schools and have a look for themselves what these children and young adults go through every day . Their frustration with life is unbearable, especially those that are non-verbal. Their emotional and behavioural disabilities cause them to lash out, not just at themselves, but at other students and staff who are trying to help them. Injuries amongst staff are high and a lot go unreported, because we are empathetic to their situation . Come walk in our shoes..... Or even more importantly, in their's or their family's for a week. See how you cope!