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

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## **Submission**

Today I received a call from Director of Public Schools in our area. The Minister for Education had contacted him to discuss with me regarding a Special Needs Girls Only Class. This has happened after I made my submission to the inquiry and also sent the Minister for education a letter of complaint.

I have explained to the director of public schools that setting up a class for special needs girls at would be the appropriate to resolve the safety and mental health issues for special needs girls, in class and in the playground.

The director of public schools and his secretary insisted that I 'compromise' on my daughter's mental health and safety issues. He suggested I re-enrol my daughter in a worse situation as before that my daughter was in. He suggested I put my daughter in a special school, in class and playground with special needs boys.

The very same people who have failed my daughter, have been appointed it seems, to fail her again, offering nothing different than before, that led my daughter to have mental health problems at school, have her learning interfered with, speech impaired and put her at risk physically. We are back to square one, with special needs girls mental health and safety problems within Dept Ed being ignored.

The director seemed to be astounded that I will not compromise on the mental health and safety for my daughter and is doing everything in his power to NOT give my daughter the very basic of safety and mental health needs by offering a girls only class and girls only playground.

The safety and mental health needs of special needs children have to be put first in the school system - not last, as is happening.

There is a very jaded and backward culture of people working in Dept of Ed, this attitude seems endemic and they are refusing to understand and comply with the needs of special needs kids.

Besides all this, it is discriminatory to special needs girls that they do not have the option to attend a girls only public school, when neuro-typical girls are given that option, by the Dept of Ed NSW.