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**INQUIRY INTO PLANNING AND DELIVERY OF SCHOOL
INFRASTRUCTURE IN NEW SOUTH WALES**

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The University of Western Sydney site at Milperra is under threat from redevelopment the future.

I oppose any future re-use as housing. The promised widening of Henry Lawson Drive has still not been implemented, and there is already re-zoning of flood prone land for housing that has not gone ahead because of traffic congestion in the area (Milperra golf course).

I'm a laboratory technician working in the education sector and I'm also a committee member of state and national associations of science technicians (ASET-NSW & SETA.) We are aware of the overcrowding in public school labs, and I had to work for 4 years in a demountable myself. Overcrowding always remains linked to more accidents during practical experiments.

This area has chronic shortages in high school places, and many parents from around here, have to send their kids outside the area to places like Menai H.S.

We also lack campuses for students with special needs (autism, deafness, blindness). Why not leave the teaching degrees on the WSU site and convert the university to a demonstration college?

That would solve the pandemic related problem of graduates not being able to get work experience in the school system, or already crowded placement programs. The current playing fields are already utilised by the public and students.

There is already plenty of parking already installed. Also a shame to see student accommodation go to waste when it be utilised by staff/students from outside the Sydney metro area.

I also am a long term volunteer in the Bushcare program. I was horrified to find out that remnant Cumberland forest may be demolished to make way for roads and houses. Forest can be a great outdoor classroom and the native animals deserve not to have their habitat destroyed.