

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

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The lack of schools in the hunter is appalling. In certain areas the number of students is ridiculous, and the zoning catchment is massive. Especially with high schools. The lack of choice around here is a joke, especially when you have kids travelling over half hour by bus to get to their catchment school. It basically ties in with the theme and lack of funding and forethought into any infrastructure in the area. I honestly feel like the hunter is ignored and our kids aren't as important as Sydney.

Think it's time you start building and planning for the future with all these new housing developments being allocated all over the further out west you go and start reducing the zones and travel time for our kids.

Since covid especially given the lower class numbers is important to keep them learning as we can't seem to move forward with this virus, apparently even though most of us and our kids are vaccinated. The virus also ensured that the hunter started booming and many from bigger cities have flocked for our lifestyle and it's pushing us further and further out in order to keep a roof over our kids heads but at the cost of their schooling as the options are very limited unless you want to pay for catholic schools.