

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

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Gillieston Heights Public School is in desperate need of a rebuild.

The suburb is growing rapidly with new estate being developed across the road from the school and a larger residential development starting just a few blocks away. The number of students will increase with these developments in coming years, the current state of the school is extremely poor.

* New school buildings are required, including permanent class rooms (currently mostly demountable). School hall large enough to accommodate the entire school, library and admin building.

* Toilets connected to the sewer

* Proper fencing around the entire property

* Road upgrades to Gillieston Road and Ryans Road to allow easier access from Cessnock Road and better parking around the school for pick up and drop off of kids (these roads are currently unsafe, narrow and full of potholes).

* Level playing fields for the kids. Playing fields are currently very uneven, sloped so much that basic games like soccer are impossible. It is very unsafe for the kids to play on.

This school is only 2km from Maitland CBD, yet the condition and amenities of this school are sub-standard.

Please do something about this school, for our kids safety and education.