

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

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in today to draw attention to the severe lack of infrastructure at our local public school, Gillieston Heights Primary School.

We're new to the ever expanding area and fell in love with the location. We were surprised how accessible shops, doctors and facilities are in the area. We failed to check our local primary school.

Going for a drive past of Gillieston Heights Primary School, we quickly found the infrastructure of the school severely lacking. Only one "building" was there, all the rest were temporary demountables. I could see they were currently in the process of adding another two demountables to the huge list of pre existing demountables. A quick look at the playground, saw a lack of play equipment and the sports field in a near 90 degree slope. How are children suppose to safely run and play with a field on such a slope, without rolling an ankle!

Needless to say, I was shocked by what I saw. Fast forward a few weeks to a local election, I had the pleasure of attending the school to vote. I quickly found several more concerns. Walking into the school I was met with what appears to be moss and mould growing up the wall of one of the demountables, with several others starting to go green. Then came a nice gust of warm wind, when I smelt the most horrible, faeces smell you could imagine! I said out loud "what is that smell!" to which one of the local mothers who has a daughter attending the school, told me "the toilets are a septic system". Shocking!! That in 2022 in the suburbs, surrounded by new developments (all which have flushing toilets, by the way), we still have a septic system in a NSW school. She then proceeded to tell me about how her daughter had gotten several urinary tract infections because she would hold her urine in to avoid the disgusting toilets, which rarely had soap!!

I couldn't believe it. Then going into the room to vote, on a 37 degree day, there was no air con and there were 10 steps into the building, which I had to assist my disabled father navigate. When I mentioned the steps, I was met with a joke of "bringing the vote to you outside" if you can't enter. What about children who're disabled?? Do you bring their education outside too, so they can feel even more outcast?

Something has to be done! It's a matter of safety. What message does this school send to our children, that they aren't worthy of facilities that are safe and Clean? That their education isn't important? A talk with the local community, I found they have been fighting for years to get upgrades to the school! Years! And they've gone ignored. The school doesn't need upgrades, we need an entirely new school site, as the site where the current school sits, is not large enough to take on the growing number of students who will be attending in the next few years, as all these developments complete.

The community welcomes all to come check out the local pubic school, because you wi'll be as shocked as we are!