

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

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To the members of the inquiry,

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Thank you for your time and the opportunity to submit to:

The inquiry into Planning and delivery of school infrastructure in New South Wales.

Particularly concerning the:

Asbestos at Castle Hill High School.

As a parent of a new student at Castle Hill High School, I am writing to voice my concerns over my recent knowledge into the matter of Asbestos exposure in the school this year.

There are several points which I wish to bring to your attention:

1. There has been no reassuring communication with parents/carers of children who are attending the school, to confirm the reasons behind the latest removal of tiles, and the recent repairs to classroom ceilings.
2. To understand the reason behind much of the work which has been undertaken at the school one needs to dig this information out of boxes kept at parliament house to be better informed. This is not what a parent should be spending their time doing.
3. There is also concern about the demountable classrooms on the school grounds which have been confirmed to have asbestos particles present, why are these rooms even being used to school our children daily knowing the risk of exposure.
4. When recent asbestos related remediation work was done in the school, there was no confirming documentation to prove the school is in fact safe from asbestos exposure.
5. There is also the question as to whether the work that has been undertaken at the school was in fact done in accordance with WHS regulations and has even been managed correctly.
6. Finally, there are still areas of the school which appear on the asbestos register as "high risk" and have not been attended to which is of great concern.

There are many more points which could be discussed here, as there is a plethora of emails, reports and discussions which have been documented and can be quite easily brought forward.

The point of this matter is: None of what has gone on in the past is acceptable, and we rely on our leaders to set things right.

As a parent, I expect that the school I send my child to and put my trust in should be safe on all levels.

Put simply, asbestos is an ongoing major concern in CHHS, it is present to this day and is an accident waiting to happen on a larger scale with the ceilings, walls, floors, and furniture all posing risk of exposure to the children and staff who attend the school every day.

The asbestos at Castle Hill High School must be removed immediately, and the school should not be occupied by students or staff until this is remedied.

If other schools in NSW can be rebuilt and restored for reasons which are often cosmetic, or historic Castle Hill High School deserves to be rebuilt and restored for the benefit of the students and staff's health, a much more important and valid reason.

Parent Castle Hill High School.