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**INQUIRY INTO CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH
DISABILITY IN NEW SOUTH WALES EDUCATIONAL
SETTINGS**

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To whom it may concern

I am writing in regards to the parliamentary Enquiry that is going on into special need schools

My son is now in year 7

His first years of school were great he was thriving.

Until last year he was put into a class where he was being bullied and allegedly abused by his teacher.

This teacher had been working in his school for over 15 years.

I noticed my son start to regress, he wasn't eating all of his food or drinking at school.

He started to bite himself almost to the point where he would draw blood from his own hand.

I can't speak to much on this as there is still an investigation going on and I don't won't to jeopardise the outcome.

My sons school use to be great but as the school got bigger the classes got bigger and There are less staff to cover these classes.

I believe that all the classes are under staffed I don't think that's fair on our children or the teachers, as the ones who do show up and do care for our kids are so overworked and under so much stress, how can they do there job properly.

My son is in a wheelchair but the whole of his school is not wheelchair accessible, how is this fair on him and the other children who are in wheelchairs.

Our children deserve an education just like all the other children in this country, but I don't think that's one size fits all when it comes to our kids.

Something needs to be done and so many things need to change.

Our kids deserve better and as there parents we need to feel safe sending our kids to school.

The past two years I have not felt safe sending my son to school.

I know there are other mothers out there who feel the same as me and that needs to change.

Not in a few months not in a year but now.