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**INQUIRY INTO ENROLMENT CAPACITY IN INNER CITY
PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS**

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Subject: Upper House Inquiry Ultimo Public School

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to add my voice, of frustration, disbelief, and anger, over the 'broken promise' for Ultimo's 'NEW' school.

As a parent, it seems my duty, to appreciate the 'view' from my daughters eyes.

I know, she will be devastated, to see the 'old' school, she has grown to love, demolished. Torn down. Ripped apart, and trashed, like an unwanted toy. To walk past it everyday, to a temporary shed, will only make it worse.

She struggles with letting things go. Ironically, this has had a 'positive' affect on her. She became a staunch ambassador, and spokes person, for the 'environmental guardians' group, at the school. Leading others, in how to pro-actively manage waste, for the good of the whole community. So, I know, that she will be VERY upset, to see the old school torn down.

And as if to add insult to injury, I'm very concerned as a parent, how these temporary class rooms may affect her learning. I don't believe all the assurances we are getting. There is too much 'selling the idea', that the temporary school will be more than adequate. There's NO WAY it can be. I refuse to believe, temporary class rooms, are in ANY WAY, SHAPE OR FORM, a suitable place, for her last 2 years of VERY important schooling. It's not just the 3R's at stake. Surely, we've come far enough in education, to realize the emotional bonds and attitudes, that are just as important, as facts and figures.... She has already lost friends who have left the school for fears of it's demise.

I'm very, very, upset and can barely put into writing with enough emotion, the anger I feel, about this current situation. You will scar these kids for life!!! And quite possibly, ruin their future's, should this broken promise be upheld. Does 'trust' mean nothing?... Is this the lesson for our kids?... The government is allowed to say one thing, then change their minds, and do another!!!

No one can possibly believe, that a 're-built' school for a mere 650 pupils will be adequate for the Pymont/Ultimo area?... Seriously?

A 'new' school, on a flat and expansive piece of land, with before and after school care, IN ONE PLACE!!!!.... is what we were promised, and what we should get!!! This can be the ONLY way forward, for families and the community, for years to come. If this government, and education department, want to be 'remembered' as the great traitors of Ultimo, then go ahead with your inadequate, and small minded, selfish plan. Our kids will suffer. We as parents will suffer. Future community will suffer.... The only winners here, seem to be the ego's who have swindled out of the original deal, for their own gain!!

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