

20 January 2014

The Hon Mike Baird MP  
Treasurer  
Level 36 Governor Macquarie Tower  
1 Farrer Place  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Treasurer

### **Ultimo Public School Redevelopment**

I write to urge that you allocate funding in the next NSW Budget to address the immediate need for increased primary school places through a much-needed new school at Ultimo.

Ultimo Public School is full, with its catchment reduced so much that local students must travel elsewhere. Other inner city schools are full or filling fast. Census and other evidence suggests that there is a severe lack of primary school places as a result of urban consolidation and changing demographics that result in many families with children continuing to live in the inner city.

The Inner City Schools Working Party, formed by the Minister for Education, has recommended that the Government buy the former Wattle Street Depot site and develop a 1,000 student school on this site. The new facility must include after school and childcare facilities, multi-purpose sports and recreation facilities, a public hall and meeting facilities.

I understand that the Department of Education and Communities has endorsed this site for a new larger school and will submit a budget proposal for this vital infrastructure. I strongly support funding being allocated for this purpose.

***Could you please ensure funds are allocated in the next budget to purchase this site and develop a new Ultimo Public School?***

Yours sincerely



Alex Greenwich  
**Member for Sydney**

