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The Hon Adrian Piccoli MP  
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Dear Minister

### Ultimo Public School

We write to ask that you revisit decisions about the redevelopment of Ultimo Public School, following revelations about contamination of the site selected for a temporary school.

We understand that the Department of Education and Communities has recently taken core samples from the Wentworth Park site of the proposed 'Pop-Up' school to test for contamination. Constituents have informed us that this survey work has exposed contamination that needs remediation before the temporary school can be developed. **We ask for the core sample assessment to be made public, along with options for and estimated costs of remediation.**

Constituents report that the current school site is likely to have similar contamination and will also require remediation. We share community concern that these costs and the work necessary to make both sites safe will add cost and delays to the redevelopment project. We share the community view that increased costs for the current plan undermine the rationale for the decision not to go ahead with the purchase of the City of Sydney Wattle Street former depot site.

In this situation, we share community concern that the government should reconsider buying the depot site, which can provide a 1,000-student school with an 80-place childcare facility and open space for outdoor activities, none of which are possible with the current plan, which will only provide 650 to 700 places with no childcare or open space.

There is increasing evidence that the school infrastructure backlog and ongoing increases in demand for school places make the case for a larger school. There remains strong community support for a larger school that will meet into the future.

***Could you please reconsider the Fig and Wattle Street depot site for a larger Ultimo school, taking into account new remediation costs for the current plan and inform us what action you will take?***

Yours sincerely

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