

General Purpose Standing Committee No. 3

Inner city public primary school enrolment capacity and redevelopment of Ultimo Public School

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Recommendations

- Recommendation 1** **13**
That the NSW Department of Education amend the inner city school cluster model to acknowledge that public schools provide an important sense of community and to afford greater emphasis to connecting schools with their immediate neighbourhood and community.
- Recommendation 2** **14**
That the NSW Department of Education subject its demographic projections to a regular third party review process.
- Recommendation 3** **14**
That the NSW Government formalise coordination between UrbanGrowth NSW, the NSW Department of Planning and Environment and the NSW Department of Education to ensure that school building programs are determined with the most up-to-date and accurate information on development pressures.
- Recommendation 4** **14**
That the NSW Department of Education share its demographic projections with councils in appropriate cases and on a confidential basis, to ensure a cohesive and consistent approach to city planning.
- Recommendation 5** **42**
That the Minister for Education consider strengthening whole of government oversight and support for the NSW Department of Education in future land negotiations for schools.
- Recommendation 6** **42**
That the NSW Government conduct an audit of public land in all areas of significant population growth in New South Wales to identify suitable locations for new schools and expansion of existing schools.
- Recommendation 7** **42**
That the NSW Department of Education, when assessing land for the purposes of remediation, rely on the standards set by the relevant authority such as the Environment Protection Authority, unless the department can demonstrate that a higher standard is required.