

Ultimo Village Voice

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SYDNEY REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN 26 - AMENDMENTS FOR TEMPORARY SCHOOL AT WENTWORTH PARK

Ultimo Village Voice is a community group in Ultimo and we address issues that are of concern to the residents and those who live, work or study in the local area.

Our group has previously indicated that we do not support the current plan of the Government to demolish our school, rebuilt less than 15 years ago at a cost of more than \$10 million and we do support the purchase of the City's Wattle Street depot to build a new school for 1000 students that would also accommodate additional child care and community facilities.

We believe it is inappropriate for the Government to fast track the amendment of the regional environmental plan for a temporary school to be built at Wentworth Park before the Upper House Inquiry has the opportunity to investigate the issues mentioned in the terms of reference which include an examination of the proposed erection of a temporary school and demolition of the existing school.

One of our major concerns is also that an initial site investigation has revealed the section of Wentworth Park proposed for the temporary school is contaminated with lead and other contaminants and therefore would not be safe to our children.

Accordingly, we request evaluation of this amendment be deferred until after the Upper House Inquiry has made its recommendations about the redevelopment of Ultimo Public School, the Parliament has considered the report, and the Government has responded.

Yours sincerely

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Chair
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