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Director Industry and Infrastructure Policy,
GPO Box 39,
Sydney NSW 2001

Sydney Regional Environmental Plan 26 - Amendments for temporary school at Wentworth Park

Dear Sir,

The Glebe Society is concerned that the NSW Department of Education has requested changes to a State planning policy to make it possible to develop a temporary school at Wentworth Park while the nearby Ultimo Public School undergoes redevelopment.

The Society notes that there is an Upper House Inquiry in progress "into inner city public primary school enrolment capacity and redevelopment of Ultimo Public School" and that hearings will take place in November and the Committee will report on their findings a few weeks later.

The Glebe Society believes that the Department of Planning and Environment should wait for the findings of the inquiry before agreeing to changes to the State planning policy.

The NSW Government promised before the 2015 elections to build a new primary school on the City of Sydney's disused Wattle St depot. This plan allowed construction of a 1,000 student school plus childcare facilities and avoided accommodating children in a temporary "pop up" school, and thus the need to rezone Wentworth Park and deprive the local communities of a substantial part of their park.

The Society believes the Government should stand by that promise.

Yours sincerely,



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