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Dear Committee, Education Training and Youth affairs

I believe there is an impact in the community when you close school and force children and parents to go to larger schools. Although you can offer more infrastructure, these school become less able to give the nurturing needs of families with social difficulties.

Any child who has anxiety issues will find a larger school difficult to attend. I know that if the parent has mental health issues, then a smaller school is more likely to be able to help the family. As it will be easier to speak to the school about health issues relating to the Childs education needs.

This leads to a healthier outcome for the whole community, as the child will more likely receive the education she or he needs.

I have my own child at Amaroo school, and though I find this an excellent school, and have no complains. Getting the right kind of education for each of my 6 children has been an effort. With significant reading problem in the family.

The best school experience I've had in relation to school would have to be Holy Spirit in Nicolls, I've had education experience with several primary school and high schools, from both public and private sector.

I support your inquirers, and hope that a balanced opinion will bring about a better school system, which addresses all bullying and disrespect issues for all parties involved. I do not support closures of schools, to make money. And do not believe a larger school will give children a better education. I believe in today's ipod, mobile phone era that we need to focus on teaching children proper communication, face to face. A large school doesn't have the ability to encourage friendship/networking skills.

Kind regards

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