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Review of the Consultation Process

I wish to express my disappointment in the way the government conducted its consultation process during the implementation of its *Towards 2020* policy. Our school was targeted for closure before the "consultation" process began. The largest of three small schools in the area, it continued to grow, even after being targeted. Over forty submissions were largely ignored by the government. The selection process lacked transparency and we have still not received a satisfactory explanation for why the school was targeted in the first place.

Although I acknowledge that any attempt to close schools will be difficult, I feel that on this occasion the way the process was conducted was cruel and unfair. It has caused an immense amount of stress and anxiety for the people in my suburb, Flynn.

Yours sincerely

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