
To the Standing Committee on Education Training and Youth Affairs
PO Box 1020, Canberra ACT

RE: CLOSURE OF FLYNN PRIMARY SCHOOL

I am writing on behalf of my children who used to attend Flynn Primary School before it closed. I am upset that the news of the foreclosure of our school was given at such short notice and without the consent of the parents and local community. Naturally, it came as a shock to all of us which caused panic amongst parents who were anxious about finding a suitable school to relocate their children. The news was unsettling to my children who were worried about losing their teachers and friends.

I was told that my children would be guaranteed a place in any school within close proximity of Flynn Primary. Fortunately, I managed to enrol my children at Fraser Primary before they ceased taking new enrolments. I commend the efficiency of the office and teaching staff, but I never really felt welcomed by them or parents. We would always look forward to the occasional encounter of a ex-Flynn relief teacher.

In addition to the larger classes and student to teacher ratios, there are insufficient parking lots at Fraser Primary to enable parents to drop off and pick up the children safely. I have seen cars travelling over the school zone limit of 40km many times during 8 am - 4pm and yet nothing has been done to help police this. There are no pedestrian crossings, speed humps or red light cameras. It is difficult for cars to come out of the school's drive way onto Tillyard Drive simply because cars are parking illegally along that road. I am very concerned not only for my own children but all those commuting to school by bicycle or on foot.

I think that Flynn Primary School was an exceptional school not only in terms of its layout but also in terms of having a school community that cares. My children & I would certainly not wish to see the building demolished at any cost, but instead retained for any other purposeful use to the local community. There are sufficient number of families in Flynn who would really benefit from having a small and closed-knit community school like Flynn Primary. My children & I may have been there for only 2 years but we always considered Flynn Primary as our second home.

I trust that you will take our feelings and concerns into consideration before making any decisions about this architecturally designed building.

Yours sincerely,
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