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The Hon Anthony Roberts MP  
Minister for Planning  
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Dear Minister

**New Ultimo Pyrmont Public School SSD 16\_7503**

I write to raise concerns from the Ultimo Public School community about plans for the new Ultimo Pyrmont Public School. Community representatives who have contacted me say that they are supportive of the new school plans, but have some concerns about the size and layout of the school hall/gym and minor access, circulation links and tree concerns.

I understand that the proposed hall/gym is only 160m<sup>2</sup>, only one fifth larger than the existing hall, and the accessible area will be reduced by including tiered seating. Those who have contacted me are concerned that the number of students is being increased significantly and the hall needs to cater for much larger numbers, in particular to allow all students in all students for a year to assemble in the hall together.

I've been told that 60 m<sup>2</sup> of space was removed from earlier plans in order to reduce costs, which reduces the capacity and usefulness of the proposed hall. The school community has called for this area to be returned to the hall plans and for tiered seating to be removed. I share community concern about needing space for larger student groups.

The school community has identified a number of pinch points and poor circulation links, which will cause problems for large numbers of students to move safely and easily around the school. I support calls for changes to improve access and circulation. I also support minor changes that would allow existing trees to be retained and a new tree to improve privacy, as well as direct access between the basketball court and the covered outdoor learning area to provide separate entry without access to the rest of the school.

The new Ultimo Pyrmont Public School is a much-needed facility that must meet community need into the future and it is vital that the government provide the best possible outcome.

***Could you please ensure that the school community's concerns are addressed in changes to plans for the proposed Ultimo Pyrmont Public School?***

Yours sincerely



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**Member for Sydney**

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