

INQUIRY INTO CLOSURE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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To N.S.W Parliament Inquiry into closure of Small Schools.

Re; Eraring Public School N.S.W

I am an ex-student, mother of 4 and grandmother of 4 ex-students of E.P.S. Also I am a very proud Life Member of the school's P&C.

The closing of Eraring was not initially due to number of students. Eraring always had a proud waiting list of families looking for a school suited for their children, as a number of students had medical, mental and behavioral issues.

Due to the long servicing principal, _____, having to leave due to medical reasons, a new principal, _____ was appointed.

The new principal could not make the connection between parents and a small school environment. Many parents wrote concerns, including myself, to the department but to no avail were any concerns dealt seriously.

One major concern is that the secretary that had served the department for over 40 years had no choice but to take long service because of the way she was treated by the principal, to point that the principal was sending her emails instead of walking to the next room to talk to her. The secretary, _____ never returned to the school. The second fulltime teacher also took long service, never to return.

The principal also sent two parents the 1901 lands act just because they expressed their compassion for the school. Both those parents then pulled the children from the school.

My opinion is that _____ is not a teacher suited to the small school environment.

Its all too late for Eraring but hopefully some small schools will be available for parents and students that need a little more than large schools need to cope with. They are special schools to us parents who have children with problems.

Thankyou for listening again and if any further information needed from me please do not hesitate to contact me

I was totally crushed when Eraring closed. The school in it's 90th year.