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**RESPONSE FROM MINISTER FOR
EDUCATION – 29 JULY 2013**



The Hon. Adrian Piccoli MP
Minister for Education

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Dear Lord Mayor

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I write in response to your letter of 28 June 2013, regarding the capacity of local schools to meet any increased enrolment demands from the development of the Ashmore precinct in South Erskineville.

The Department of Education and Communities is aware of enrolment pressures in the Sydney Local Government Area. I understand that the Department's planning and demographic officers have a constructive working relationship with the City of Sydney planners.

The Department is aware of the City of Sydney estimates for primary school places. The Department has undertaken initial estimates of potential government school enrolments generated by the Ashmore project, however further research is required to identify future government school needs in the Ashmore precinct.

Although some of the schools in and around the Ashmore precinct are being fully utilised, there are other schools which do have available capacity and accommodation.

As a result of new developments in the area the Department is working on short and long term plans to ensure that there are adequate classroom places for all students wishing to attend a public school. This work will include ongoing consultation with the Council's strategic planning officers and take into account other urban renewal projects in the Sydney Local Government Area.

I can assure you that there will be adequate capacity for additional students in Erskineville, as is required by the Education Act.

Thank you for raising this important issue.

Yours sincerely


Adrian Piccoli MP
Minister for Education

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