

Robinson-Conlon, Victoria (SEN)

From: Grant Heator
Sent: Tuesday, 18 May 2010 9:38 PM
To: Batge, Shona (SEN)
Subject: FW: Building the Education Revolution reply
Attachments: Sherwood.pdf

Good evening Shona,

Thanks for your help today.

During the hearing I was asked to provide the emails that have been sent to Julia Gillard to which there have been no acknowledgements or replies.

I have a few to forward on from my school council representative, Kylie Sherwood.

Regards,

Grant Heaton

Hastings Public School

--- On **Tue, 18/5/10,**

wrote:

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To: "Grant Heaton" >
Received: Tuesday, 18 May, 2010, 9:03 PM

From:
Sent: Tuesday, 11 May 2010 8:19 AM
To: office@firth.minister.nsw.gov.au
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Regards

Kylie Sherwood

Hastings Public School Council Representative

From: Julie Sprake
Sent: Wednesday, 5 May 2010 5:15 PM
To:
Subject: Building the Education Revolution reply

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Sent: Tuesday, 18 May 2010 9:40 PM
To: Batge, Shona (SEN)
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wrote:

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Dear Ms Firth,

As this is now my 4th email to you (with no reply as yet), I have copied in a few extra people.

I have expressed to you my lack of confidence in the current system to receive value for money at our school. As we have not commenced building yet I would like to again request that the management for our project be transferred to our P&C.

I understand that some of our allocated \$3 million has already been spent on plans etc. and therefore don't expect to receive the full \$3 million, but I can assure you that we would guarantee value for money and would be more than happy to be completely transparent with our project.

The other question I have previously asked is whether the managing contractor of our project is to be paid anything for our scrapped project. It has been suggested to me that if contracts were signed, they will be paid regardless of whether they have built anything or not. Is this correct?

I appreciate that you are very busy, however I don't think a simple reply email is too much to ask for.

My contact details are:

Email:

Phone:

I can be contacted at any time.

Regards

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Dear Ms Firth,

This is now my 5th email (still with no reply), so I will simply ask my questions again.

I would like for the remaining funding from our allocated \$3 million to be given to our P&C to manage. I have very little confidence in receiving "value for money" under the present system. Building hasn't started as yet, but the longer we go on the more tax-payers money is being wasted on administration and management costs.

In an email from Rebecca Wark (Scope Manager, IPO BER North Coast & New England), she indicated that "The inclusion of store and toilets will be subject to estimated costings and market indications (ie tenders) being within the available funding as we understand that the School's priority is for 4 homebase classrooms."

I am extremely concerned about the message this sort of comment sends. We are talking about \$3 million;

there should be no talk of "if we can afford the inclusions".

Everyday more and more examples of the inadequacies of the BER rollout are coming to light, and I don't want our school to become one of those examples. If you could allow our P&C to manage our project, we could become a positive example of the BER. We would be more than happy for you to appoint an auditor to oversee the project, we (as a school community) would just like to have the final say on what is built at our school and to ensure we get "value for money".

My other question is in regards to our scrapped COLA project. It has been suggested to me that if contracts were signed, the managing contractor will be paid regardless of whether they have built anything or not. Can you please verify this?

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I can be contacted at any time.

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