



CARLISLE RIVER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Senate Committee,

A brief overview of our school first: Carlisle River Primary School is a rural school located 40+ kilometres south of Colac in the foothills of the Otway Ranges. First established at the Public Hall in 1904, the school re-located to its present picturesque location in 1913.

Enrolments at the school have been significantly reduced over the history of the school due to the expansion of local dairy farms and also families re-locating to seek greater employment opportunities in Geelong and other regional towns. Currently there are 12 students enrolled at the school with an expected enrolment over the next few years to remain about the same.

Our major concern at Carlisle Primary of the BER project is the lack of transparency regarding the funding.

We have been approved for a refurbishment:

1. Re-roof one classroom
2. Paint external/internal of both classrooms
3. New carpet/lino in both classrooms
4. New kitchen (extension of old one etc)

And all this for \$250,000!!! We believe that we have the right to view the costing (so far we have been told that cannot be done – we ask why? What is the issue if we do see? We also believe that the costing is quite extreme... we were told that it was possible that we would not be able to have the 'whole works' due to costing!

We would like to see the costing for our school (and so would all schools) as there seems to be some roting going on..

Yours sincerely

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