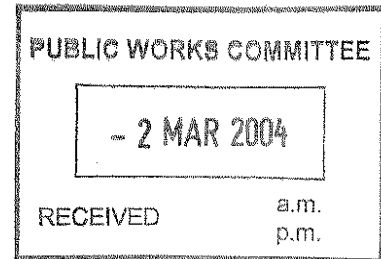


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**RE: SOS PRESCHOOL BUNDOCK STREET DEVELOPMENT  
RANDWICK**

I wish to raise the issue about the retractable partition wall that was omitted from the final DA for the preschool within the community facility that is to be built on the Department of Defence site.

I would like to point out that I submitted to Randwick Council a letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2002 outlining this addition to the DA after attending a consultation meeting with Project Managers and Council.

I would have assumed that this request was included as I received no further response, and that after all had been the aim of the consultation meeting.

I have been attending consultation meetings since 1995 and have been involved in the complete process of lobbying to have a community facility with preschool built on the site.

I am extremely disappointed that this issue is not settled. Even though it may seem an irrelevant item to planners, it is a major issue when dealing with the education and care of 35 children each day and not being able to reduce a large room into 2 quieter rooms at times through the day.

SOS Preschool is the only independent non-profit community based preschool in Randwick City. We are partly funded by the State Government and the remainder from parent's fees. The cost of such an additional item (quoted as \$20,000) would be a huge debit to our meagre budget. In fact it would take a huge proportion of monies that our parent committee has allocated for fixtures and fittings for the new centre.

If the cost of this wall is not included within the original building contract then our organisation will have to lobby and grovel to other Government departments to provide the necessary funding. In other words as the old saying goes, robbing Peter to pay Paul.

It bewilders me that Government departments make it so difficult for non-profit organisations funded by Government departments to continue to exist and provide the high quality services that is expected.

Please make life easier and more practical by including this wall, which will cost a small fraction of tax payer's money in relation to the final amount received by Department of Defence for the sale of this development.

I would be willing to speak to the committee if they visit the Bundock Street site before making their decision. I await your reply.

Yours faithfully,

CAROL METH.  
Director.