

ITEM NO: 19

SUBJECT: PRECIS OF SELECTED CORRESPONDENCE, 29/01/2008

FILE NO: C00680

Recommendations:

That the Précis of Selected Correspondence be received and appropriate letters forwarded where necessary.

1. 4 December 2007 – 40 petitioners

Petition prepared by Berzins Environmental Planning Pty Ltd objecting to the proposed location of a skate park at Nos 326-340 Hawkesbury Road, Winmalee.

2. 11 December 2007 - Response to General Manager's letter of 7 November RE unflued gas heaters in public schools

From Beryl Jamieson, General Manager, Asset Management on behalf of the Minister for Education and Training (see attached).

3. Received 12 December 2007 – 23 petitioners

Residents of St Andrew's Avenue Blackheath requesting that the road be resealed after completion of current works being undertaken by Sydney Water which have caused extensive damage.

4. 12 December 2007 – 12 petitioners

For urgent attention to the control of run off water from the Service Road running between Brightlands Avenue and Chelmsford Avenue Blackheath.

Attachment

ASSET MANAGEMENT DIRECTORATE

ENTERED	
DATE	BY



Early Childhood and Primary Education
Secondary Education
Technical and Further Education
Vocational Education and Training
Higher Education
Adult and Community Education

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Dear Mr Pinyon

I write in response to your letter of 7 November, 2007, to the Minister for Education and Training, the Hon John Della Bosca MLC, regarding the use of unflued gas heaters in public schools. The Minister has asked me to respond on his behalf.

I appreciate your concern regarding the continued use of unflued gas heaters in NSW government schools. I wish to assure you that the Department of Education and Training is committed to ensuring the safety of all staff, students and visitors to its sites.

Blackheath Public School, as a Blue Mountains school, was one of the first to be supplied in 1992 with the low emission 'low nox' unflued gas heaters. These heaters have been shown to achieve air quality which is compliant with the National Environment Protection Measures, particularly nitrogen dioxide and air quality levels recommended by the World Health Organisation.

The Department has liaised with NSW Health whenever specific issues have been raised to ensure that unflued gas heaters in schools continue to be compliant with air quality guidelines.

Unflued gas heaters continue to provide effective and efficient heating in schools. They are maintained annually in accordance with the manufacturer's advice and appropriate ventilation is provided on some occasions using enhanced fixed ventilation.

In response to issues raised at Blackheath Public School the Department of Commerce is presently scoping fixed ventilation works to ensure that both adequate ventilation and thermal comfort can be achieved when the heaters are in use.

The Department will continue to support the community at Blackheath Public School with the provision of heating and related issues such as insulation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Beryl Jamieson'.

Beryl Jamieson
General Manager, Asset Management

11/12 December 2007