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Minister for Education and Training
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Mr Ian Rickuss MP
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Dear Mr Rickuss

Thank you for your personal representations dated 1 May 2007 on behalf of your constituents regarding the relocation of Amberley State School.

The consultation process has been completed and the overwhelming request from stakeholders is for the relocation of Amberley State School to another site within the local area. On the basis of this feedback, departmental officers have met with planning officers within Ipswich City Council to assess potential sites for such a relocation to occur. The investigation of potential sites is ongoing to identify the most appropriate site.

I have also provided the Minister for Defence with cost estimates for the construction of a relocated school and I am currently awaiting his response.

Upon written confirmation as to the level of financial support that will be forthcoming from the Federal Government and once there is a firm outcome on investigations relating to a suitable relocation school site, I will make the appropriate announcements.

Should you require further information on this matter, you can contact my Senior Policy Adviser (Education and Arts), Dr Suzanne Oberhardt, on telephone (07) 3237 1000.

I appreciate your interest as I too am keen to inform the community of the location and timing of the relocated school. It is my intention to make the announcement once the above matters have been resolved.

Yours sincerely

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