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Our children's education should not be used as a political football

The opinion piece by Liberal Councillor Christine Forster in today's Daily Telegraph gives a very good indication that the issue of the development of a new primary school on the site of Fig and Wattle Streets in Ultimo has moved from a community issue to one that is clearly all about the politics.

'Rather than continuing the name calling, the focus of all parties should be firmly fixed on taking steps to ensure that the education and care of children in the local area remains a priority. Decisions about where people want to live are usually made taking into consideration access to schooling and other amenities.

'If the State Government has found another site for the school then I'm calling on them to announce what they are doing now, if not, then it's imperative that steps be taken by both parties to continue the process surrounding the sale of the property and development of the site.

'Obviously, research has shown there is a real need for a school in the local area. Yet, once again the voice of residents and families with children that would use the new amenities are being drowned out by political rhetoric, clearly it's not about them at all', Clr Vithoukas said.

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