



KEMPSEY
Shire Council

MAYORAL REPORT

3rd February 2009

MM3	BELLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL
FILE: 280	MAYOR {Folio No. *}

SUMMARY:

Reporting that Bellbrook School has been identified with levels of asbestos

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DESCRIPTION:

In 2008 a survey of schools and TAFE's throughout New South Wales disclosed varying levels of asbestos within in excess of 2000 schools.

The matter has been referred to Mr Andrew Stoner, MP Member for Oxley Leader of the Nationals, who has made representations to the Minister for Education the Hon Verity Firth MP.

RECOMMENDATION IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

Nil

- *Social*

The existence of asbestos can cause problems if tradesmen unwittingly drill through the material and increase exposure of teachers and children.

- *Economic (Financial)*

Nil

- *Policy or Statutory*

Nil

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council request the Minister for Education the Hon Verity Firth MP to advise full details of the level of asbestos within Bellbrook Public School, and other schools within Kempsey Shire, and action proposed to remove the asbestos.

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J H Howell
MAYOR