

Copy of Telegram Sent to H. E. Willis, Minister
for Education & Mr. E. Gray, Area Director

NEWS & Students Union express support for motion
passed at P.C. meeting on Tues. 12th June that
this meeting calls for a revision of Dept's plans &
asks for at least intention of at least

1 boys & 1 girls selective High Schools in
upper N. de area as well as comprehensive
High Schools side by side.

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25. Tech High.

Possible future course of action for the Committee for the Retention of the Selective Schools in Newcastle.

1. Request formally from the Minister on his return, a date at which he can receive a delegation from the Committee.
2. Inform Mr. Askin of our request and also inform relevant M. L. A. 's of our interest.
3. Request the main P. and C. committees to write to all P. and C. 's concerning the statement "The Community and Its Schools" requesting that, if they are to operate as School Councils, they have a much stronger authority with respect to the general educational methods to be used in the schools, and that there be no time delay in the application of such authority.
4. Write to P. and C. 's of the Selective Schools in the Newcastle, Sydney and Wollongong areas informing them of the determination of the Department to delete the schools; of the lack of formal response from the Minister to our request for answers to our questions on this issue; of the statement by the Minister to the P. and C. at Girl's High which indicated a schedule for the deletion of the Selective Schools in the Wollongong area and the determination to remove such schools in the Sydney area as opportunity offered; indicating the losses already suffered in the Sydney area with respect to North Sydney Technical High School and the agglomeration of Fort Street Girl's High and Boy's High School, from which agglomeration there is no guarantee that the Selective School System will continue in that area; asking for their assistance politically and through agitation to the Department, Teacher's Federation and other interested bodies towards supporting the Newcastle issue on the general basis that it will affect them ultimately.
5. Appoint a Sub-Committee to look with greater detail into the problem of the adequacy of the Comprehensive School System to support the gifted child using data which has now been promised to us from the Department, requesting a discussion with the Department if this data does not appear at an early date.

6. Seek further advice concerning optimum methods for political action using members of the committee who may have access to political persons.
7. Prepare a further case for the Newcastle area supporting the resolution which was passed at the meeting. A sub-committee should be set up for this purpose illustrating the advantages of the proposal against the plan from the Department. This will require further detail on the Department's map and this should be sought directly from the Department by both letter and personal request.
8. In the event that the Minister refuses to receive a delegation from the parents, prepare a campaign of protest involving a broad spectrum of Liberal and Labor persons in both the Federal and the State field. Act very strongly within local Liberal Party electoral committees and in the Sydney area setting out details of the Minister's intransigence. A sub-committee should be formed to set down precise statements on the actions which have taken place in Newcastle, including the earlier sub-committee for the removal of Selective Schools and precise details on the meetings held. This current executive does not have clear data on this and it will be required in presenting any specific case against the Minister.
9. Appoint sub-committee to prepare submissions to the various media sources including the newspapers Sydney Morning Herald and The Australia, the TV commentators, This Day Tonight, Four Corners, Federal File, Monday Conference etc., which could raise the issues already under dispute in a form which might be acceptable and of interest to these commentators.