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Dear Minister,

I write to bring your attention to a petition organised by students at Hurlstone Agricultural High School. The petition is hosted on change.org and calls for Hurlstone to be retained as an agricultural boarding school.

As of this morning, 700 people have signed the petition on change.org.

I have also hosted a petition on my website which has obtained about 500 signatures. My petition calls on the Liberal Government to retain as much green open space as possible at Hurlstone, including the school farm.

As I have previously advised, there is considerable angst within the Hurlstone community about the future of the school and the extent of agricultural education and activities to be offered after the school's land is subdivided.

The petitions serve as a timely reminder that the students, staff and alumni at Hurlstone are passionate about the school's future and retaining Hurlstone's strong agricultural tradition. I share that passion.

I want to reiterate that it is crucial the Liberal Government conducts meaningful engagement with the school community and alumni. It is even more important that the community's priorities for Hurlstone moving forward are given proper consideration during the business case process.

I look forward to your advice on the matters raised above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anoulack'.

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