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BER Cost Denial

Whenever Deputy PM Julia Gillard is asked about the excessive costs of public school BER projects she avoids the question and rambles on about it saving Australia from the financial crisis. She appears to be in denial that a problem even exists. (The 7:30 Report 2/6/10).

The next time she is interviewed, she should be shown photos of the two tuckshops (The Australian p1 21/5/10), and asked: "Let us assume these are two, equally priced, granny flats built in a neighbour's back yard and your back yard. Would you be prepared to pay \$600,000 out of your own pocket for the small one? If not, why should the Australian taxpayer have to pay these extraordinary prices for overpriced humpies in our school yards? If you would, do you believe you are competent at providing value for money on any public project?"

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