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**New High School in Bungendore,      Application No SSD-14394209**

**I strongly object to the proposed development for the following reasons:**

To begin with, the Mick Sherd Oval is not a separate facility. It is part of Bungendore Park. To suggest or imply that it is a separate part of the park is to trivialize the significance of the Park as a whole, and the impact of 'taking a bit of the park but leaving most of the 'Mick Sherd Oval' intact'.

This proposal cuts the heart out of Bungendore and shows an utter disregard for the history and heritage of Bungendore as a classic example of an early colonial Australian town.

In my travels I have been to several European cities that were utterly destroyed during the war (WW11). I have been amazed that the centres of these towns were rapidly reconstructed in order to function, then as the economies recovered, they were rebuilt to look exactly the same as before, to the point of being indistinguishable from their original form. Photographs are provided to show the pre-war, immediate post war and present appearances. This amazed me: the value that these citizens put on their identity, tradition and heritage. It now saddens me that we, Australians, in a land of wide open spaces, seek to destroy a large part of the heritage that we are slowly developing in a small country town, to provide a facility of limited use and life, to satisfy somebody's ego. We are not so poor that we have to flog off this valuable piece of colonial heritage, especially when there are less expensive and more suitable options available.

Bungendore was laid out and gazetted in 1837. The centre of the town, with its park, are recognized as one of the few remaining examples of the classic early grid layouts for a town, in NSW or Australia. The historic nature of the town has helped it project an atmosphere of old world charm that has attracted visitors from Canberra and Queanbeyan as well as tourists that help keep the town viable (Paraphrasing from the final draft QPRC publication 'Towards 2040' prepared by Phillip Leeson, Architects, and published October 2018). This draft makes quite clear the high value that is placed on the heritage and history of the old established parts of this town, and the importance of protecting them. There is no mention of a high school on Bungendore Park.

I quote further from 'Towards 2040':

1. The majority of new inhabitants occupy modern suburban developments such as Trucking Yard Lane and Elmslea and infill developments in South Bungendore. The majority of dwellings are project homes.

2. Some new residents have come to Bungendore seeking a "tree change" on large established town blocks, some of which contain heritage properties.

3. Several new residents have relocated houses from elsewhere to Bungendore blocks. These are mostly sympathetic to the historic character of the town.

**4. There is a growing awareness of the value of heritage properties in the town evidenced by a number of buildings which have been sympathetically restored in recent years.**

**5. An increasing population has supported new services and amenities such as professional services, retail and a large supermarket.**

**6. There has been growth in heritage tourism including galleries, cafes, antique and bric-a-brac shops.**

Such other comments were made with reference to some of the newer constructions in the more remote regions of Bungendore as:

**.....a more contemporary architectural character including skillion roofs, colorbond roof sheeting and a combination of wall finishes including face brick, painted rendered brick, colorbond and timber panel cladding. This development is not highly visible to the main town and does not have a significant visual impact on its established heritage character. The tone of this assessment is totally at odds with the nature of the proposed school buildings.**

How is it that a High School can be built in Jerrabomberra for more students, with greater prospects for expansion, with less impact on the history and heritage of the surrounding area for less than the amount budgeted for one of limited use and life at Bungendore, and which will disrupt the amenity of this site for the local citizens? (see also comment regarding capacity of planned school, below.)

I, and the citizens of Bungendore resent the contempt towards us shown by the local council, Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC), the local Member of Parliament, Mr. John Barilaro, and the Department of Education (DoE) in their continuing utter disregard for our concerns and requests for information with respect to the reasons for selection of this site, and dismissal of other sites that would be more suitable and not require the destruction of town heritage. Such other sites (see later) would have much more room and greater potential for further development as the school population grows.

I am also concerned about the apparent attempts at deception and duplicity practised by misrepresenting the suitability of the proposed structures to be appropriate for the Bungendore Park context. Distorted artists impressions are provided along with carefully angled photographs to present images of what might be an attractive high school building in a modern suburban context, but not in a heritage environment like Bungendore. Videos depicting spacious open campuses and relaxed students produced by DoE would be laughable if they could have no effect in influencing the opinions of the less well informed as to how good such a facility would be. Likewise, suitability and compliance with height limits for the Park are made irrelevant by relying on the status of the Park as a Dedicated Crown Reserve, on which there is no height limitation because there was never any expectation of building on it.

In addressing my concerns, I make the following comments (*italicized*) regarding the description of the proposal provided in the above application. Reference will also be made to the one page information sheet provided by DoE – School Infrastructure, titled ‘A new high school for Bungendore,’ dated April 2021 (Ref A) , the EIS and the Development Application.

- A new high school in Bungendore with a capacity for up to 450 students.

*The school is to open for years 7 to 12 with 400 students by 2023. DoE estimates 428 students by 2026 and 566 by 2036. The EIS states that the school will have capacity for 450 students. The Department of Education (above) estimates that student numbers will reach 478 in 2026, 511 in 2031 and 566 in 2036. This means that the school will exceed its design capacity within 3 years (at the most) of opening.*

*The site is already extremely constrained, failing to meet the minimum space standards of DoE itself, being of 2,900 sq metres, whereas DoE requirement is for 4,000 sq m to open a new school. Any expansion, which will be essential within three years of opening, will encroach further on space dedicated for public recreation.*

***Capacity of the Planned School.*** *When, at the DoE information Hub held at the Bungendore primary school on 11 May 2021, a DoE representative was questioned regarding the failure to meet DoE standards for space for the current anticipated student population and how future growth of student numbers would be accommodated, she replied within my hearing that this did not matter, as they (DoE) would just change the standards; further, that it didn't matter because they intended to build a new high school in Bungendore in 2035 anyway.*

*This shocked me as it appeared to be a complete waste of money to build a limited facility that would have such a short life as well as being inadequate for its purpose anyway. It appears to be both a planned waste of money, and a project being undertaken for some purpose other than providing the best possible educational facility. At best, this could be attributed to stupidity; at the other extreme, to duplicity and political convenience, as a promise to have a high school open at Bungendore by the first term of 2023 was made by Mr. Barilaro prior to the last election, and destroying Bungendore Park may be a convenient way of achieving this - even if it cost a facility of great heritage value.*

*In discussion with Mr. Overall, the QPRC Mayor, he said that he was unaware that the decision was made to change the site from the one on Tarago Road (see below) that was previously selected, to the Park until Mr. Barilaro made the announcement at a meeting in late 2019.*

- The site was selected after a 12 month due diligence site appraisal process was undertaken and over 1000 hectares of land were assessed.

*The thoroughness of the 'Due Diligence' process may be gauged by examples shown at the DoE information 'Hub' held at Bungendore in September 2020, at which DoE staff appeared more interested in getting a cup of coffee than advising or listening (yes, it was cold). They were not aware that there was a railway line that passed very close to the back of the old council chambers, now proposed to be part of the school. Their 'Due Diligence', or perhaps that of their Department, also did not reveal that for a 20 year period, 1939 to 1959, trains from Captains Flat with uncovered wagon-loads of powdered lead ore arrived at Bungendore as a rail junction to join this line which went to Goulburn and Sydney etc., despite the fact that lead contamination had been identified at Captains Flat and action taken to*

safeguard schoolchildren in February 2021, and contamination originating from the same source was already known at Tarago further along the line towards Goulburn. They were also not aware that a major access road, McCusker St, that would service the school from the northern 'suburb' of Bungendore (Elmslea) had a low level crossing in close proximity to where the school would be, and this would be impassable during/after any significant rain, for periods of up to a week, as it has several times already in September-October. The term 'Due Diligence' in the context of this search for a site for a high school is laughable

Of further concern is that as part of the preliminary survey, the suitability of Bungendore Park for this purpose was considered and it was dismissed as not being suitable – why is it suitable now? Why the Park was even considered is not known, unless the surveyors did not know that Bungendore Park is a Dedicated Crown Reserve: dedicated for Public Recreation, and therefore not available to be used for any other purpose. Again, the term 'Due Diligence' is laughable.

- Each site was assessed based on its suitability to support the needs of the project. This included availability of services such as sewerage, electricity, roads, the accessibility of the site, and environmental constraints such as bushfire, ecological impacts and flooding.

*See later comments*

- A public expression of interest (EOI) was initiated as a site was not initially found that met the needs of the project

*This is incorrect. Several locations that met the criteria were dismissed on spurious grounds, including an offer of a suitably large area of land that would have provided for any forecast expansion at no cost (see later). DPIE then identified and selected a suitable site on a property on Tarago Road and was about to progress with already established negotiations with the owners and prepare for earthworks when the decision to take Bungendore Park was unexpectedly announced.*

- Three submissions were received for proposed locations through the EOI process, these were investigated thoroughly and unfortunately, also found to not be suitable for this project.

*See above. Locations that were dismissed included one in the vicinity of the QPRC planned major Sports Centre – an ideal location from the point of view of shared facilities. This was dismissed on the basis that it was not above the 100 year flood level. QPRC subsequently advised when questioned that the site had been surveyed in preparation for the Sports Centre and was above the 100 year flood level. Local residents also claim that, despite some severe flooding in the town centre, they had never seen this area flooded. Another site, a 14 ha site mentioned above (cf a 2.9 ha site at the Park) was provided for by a developer, but this was dismissed only on the basis that it was on the other side of the railway line that partially divides the town. (The wrong side of the tracks?) A third possible site was across Trucking Yard Lane – also an ideal site, but this was dismissed because there were no services available. I have consulted developers involved in the housing project that borders on Trucking Yard Lane, and they were able to confirm that services – power, water and sewerage - were available along the Lane.*

*See also comments above.*

- Following the due diligence process, the Majara/Gibraltar Street precinct was identified as the most suitable location. Consultation was alleged to have occurred with the Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC) and 18 stakeholder groups that use the Mick Sherd Oval, and the site selection was supported.

*See also comments above regarding the thoroughness of the 'Due Diligence process'.*

*Consultation with stakeholder groups? **QPRC was unable to provide any evidence that this alleged consultation had taken place.** Further, in discussions with local personalities and sports people, nobody claimed to have been consulted regarding this matter (or the destruction of the swimming pool or community centre -see later)*

- The preferred site has many advantages as it is:

.. well situated being in the centre of town, with excellent access to the core population of Bungendore.

*Criteria for the establishment of this school do not state that proximity to the centre of town is an advantage.*

.... has multiple frontages for easy street access

*One of these access streets, Turallo Terrace, would be heavily used – by up to 2000 vehicle movements per day, passing along that part of Turallo Terrace used by patrons of the kindergarten and high school for drop-off and pick-up. A second, Butmaroo Street, is blocked off. It is a quiet suburban street that is bordered on the eastern side where the high school would be, by several tennis courts, children's playgrounds and a car park, and therefore have little of interest. Majara Street will be closed off, and Gibraltar Street will be used by families delivering and picking up from both schools, visitors to the war memorial, traffic for the railway station etc. and buses servicing both schools and the normal citizens bus service. Overall, these streets do not appear to provide potential for easy access or pleasant vistas from the school.*

*See further comments regarding the closure of Majara Street.*

... allows potential for shared facilities with the rest of the community.

*This must include access to the Park and facilities after school hours, which would be useless in winter, not being able to dry out due to the shadows of the huge buildings, and not provide for after-work sports and recreation that currently attract significant numbers of players.*

... is next to the local primary school which allows for the creation of a co-located educational campus.

*Teachers with many years of experience, consulted about the advantages of co-location of junior and senior schools have unanimously stated that they see no advantage in co-locating small primary school children with high schoolers. Many see this as disadvantageous, being intimidating and possibly*

*causing injury to the smaller children. Speculation by DoE earlier in discussion with local citizens that primary school children and high school children could share facilities such as the library have been dismissed as myth.*

- **Construction of three double story school buildings containing learning spaces, hall, gym, library, canteen, and administrative facilities;**

*The presence of three two story buildings on the Park, let alone the surrounding infrastructure, fencing and the like, almost defies imagination. The development Application (DA) claims that these would be consistent with the surrounding environment, in which there are two other two story building, a house and the previous council chambers.*

*The house referred to is a former convent, opened in 1891, that provided accommodation for St Mary McKillop on her trips to Bungendore. It is of quiet appearance appropriate to the period of the time and set well back from the street amongst trees. The other is the former Council office, single storied with a pitched roof, nowhere near the 12 metre height estimated for the proposed High School.*

*Other buildings on the perimeter of the Park, with few exceptions, characterize the period of the town. They include the primary school, the post office, said to be the oldest functioning post office in NSW, a stone police station and court house built in 1864, and Cobb and Co. changing stables of about 1840. Residential homes are mainly very early to middle 20<sup>th</sup> century, of painted weatherboard timber. They are set back from the street, and present a quiet suburban atmosphere. The Park itself was laid out in the original planning for the town and was dedicated for public recreation in 1887. It remains as the only green area in the centre of Bungendore, after much of the earlier garden and nature plots have been turned into car parks.*

*Dividing the park with a 2.1 m fence around the school facilities and a lower fence around the play areas will contribute to the absolute destruction of any heritage aspect that may have survived.*

- **The DA claims to have met several of the following objectives:**

**“to enhance the natural character and landscape of Palerang”**

**“to protect residential amenity and solar access”**

**“the proposed buildings are low in scale”.**

**“to manage the visual impact of development” –**

**“to reflect the predominantly low-rise character of development in Palerang”**

**Claims that the planned facilities meet those objectives are plainly ludicrous.**

*To address each in detail would require excessive time, effort and detail; however the following broad comments can be made.*

*The three main buildings are huge, being at least 30% higher than what is permitted under the PLEP 2014. They are totally out of proportion with the surrounding environment, in contrast with the historic context of the surrounding buildings and will utterly overwhelm them and the town in terms of size, height, style, building material and colour. In the colder months of the*

*year, the shadows cast by these huge structures will render the school “playground” and the Mick Sherd Oval almost useless for recreation or training, promote damaging of the playing surfaces which will have much less opportunity to dry out, and overshadow the surrounding environment. This will provide an unhealthy atmosphere both for the students and for the few users of the Mick Sherd oval, if any, after 6PM.*

*The vulnerability of the Oval to damage from overuse should be noted. At present a petition is being raised for further work to repair existing damage, which is claimed to have already caused injury. Use by high school children, primary school children and sports teams for playing and training would render the surface unusable after a relatively short period of time – or perhaps the surface of the Oval can be made useless to enable further acquisition for the expanding school to be more justifiable.*

- **Establishment of agricultural plot, associated school building and storage shed (for use by Scout Group);**

*The location for the ag plot, or any ag plot to be included within the school precinct seems to be an attempt to go a little closer to meeting DoE requirements for area per student. It will be relatively useless as an educational facility unless a large amount of work is done to improve it. The area becomes very soggy with little rain, it is mosquito infested and it is in an area that is describes as the Tiger Snake capital of Australia.*

- **What is being done with regard to traffic management at the new school?**

**Closure of Majara Street.** *Majara Street is a major access road that links an important development area immediately to the north of the Bungendore (Elmslea) via McCusker Street to the Kings Highway, thence to Braidwood and the south coast, or back towards Queanbeyan and Canberra. Closure of Majara Street would necessitate diversion of traffic through Turallo and Butmaroo or Ellendon Streets, probably Butmaroo as it does not go through the very centre of town, and provides quicker access to the Kings Highway. They are all domestic residential streets.*

- Ref A states ‘As part of normal school planning processes additional traffic studies have been undertaken. Please find a summary on the project webpage. A full traffic study will be submitted as part of the SSDA’.
- A statement provided by DoE to the citizens of Bungendore at the information hub in September 2020 claimed that ‘A traffic study (assessment) was undertaken that showed that there would not be any negative impacts to traffic caused by the school being built on this site’

*The traffic study referred to was actually a transport study, meaning that it was a study of how many students would get to school and how they would get there, not of the total amount of traffic that passed along Majara Street and Turallo Terrace. On examination it showed several serious anomalies. (See below)*

A subsequent, more thorough study was submitted to QPRC, but when requests for this information were made under FOI, QPRC responded with nearly all of the relevant information redacted. Even so, the study still assumed that Majara Street would remain open.

***Apart from the limitations imposed on it by virtue of it being a transport study it was undertaken during restricted, off peak hours on a day when both school and other vehicular activity were limited by COVID. Also, GHD, the agency engaged for the task, commented on the restricted criteria that were to be used as follows.***

***“The traffic analysis is based on the locations of 147 student residences in accordance with information provided .... to Schools Infrastructure NSW (SINSW). It should be noted that the depersonalized data that were provided only captured students who live within Bungendore Town Centre and its surrounds. This is a major limitation to the assessment.” (Appendix 6B to the Development Application)***

***Thus, numbers of student coming from outlying areas such as Wamboin, Sutton, Tarago, Captains Flat, Bywong and surrounding areas, and students who currently attend private schools in Canberra was not taken into account. Their impact on school traffic, parking areas, bus zones and the like, would be significant.***

***Therefore, this traffic assessment is totally invalid as a measure of the effect of closing Majara Street.***

***Private studies of traffic on Majara Street and Turallo Terraces showed that there were 1690 vehicle movements per day on Majara Street alone, and these movements would be diverted to go through Turallo and Butmaroo Streets. With a DoE estimate of an additional 613 movements to be caused by the school, this number would rise to over 2300 vehicle movements per day being pushed through the residential streets, with consequent effect on parking, pedestrians and other traffic.***

***The EIS notes that 35 carparking spaces will be provided along the northern side of Turallo Terrace. This means that cars will be parked outside or in the vicinity of the kindergarten, which is adjacent to the Scout Hall car park. Turallo Terrace is a busy road (as above), and the approach from McCusker Drive, the main access from Elmslea, is on a rising bend. This limits visibility. Cars reversing out of these spaces present clear hazards in themselves, combined with the unpredictability of small children, this situation would pose an unacceptable threat to children’s safety.***

***Also, the nature of the vehicle traffic has not been given due consideration. Relatively few of these vehicles are ordinary cars. A significant majority of four-wheel-drives, tradesmen’s vehicles (‘twin cabs and utes’) and large, heavy industrial trucks use this street, and these provide an additional dimension to the problems of traffic going past the kindergarten and along residential streets. Proposals to use ‘traffic calming devices’ and such things as traffic lights etc would be viewed with utter contempt by tradesmen proceeding to work causing frustration and contributing further to dangers involved.***



***Closure of Majara Street will cause major traffic disruption and contribute to the development of seriously dangerous situations for traffic and kindergarten children.***

***Diversion of traffic from Majara Street to go through Butmaroo Street, a quiet residential street that is used by families walking dogs and teaching small children to ride bicycles is without any justification.***

***Closure of Majara Street would be completely unacceptable.***

- **DoE will continue to investigate as part of the due diligence process if there are any historically significant trees.**

*This is to be considered in the light of the DA which provides for the removal of 76 trees, including Gallipoli era pines, some of which have already been removed despite being completely healthy. At the time of their removal – at the end of September 2021- a QPRC representative claimed that they were rotten, but visual inspection of the cut trees revealed perfectly sound trunks. This opinion was supported by the tree removalist who stated that there was nothing wrong with them that he could see. I have photographs of the cut trunks that show no evidence of rot or any other disease.*

*QPRC claim that these trees will be replaced with others, but it will be many years before a similar standard of trees or garden will be achieved. In the meanwhile, the stated construction of another high school in 2035, (presumably one of appropriate size to accommodate the student population, and with potential for further development) will have rendered this destruction pointless (if there is any point to it at present).*

- **Demolition of Bungendore Community Centre, Bungendore Pool, and Majara Street infrastructure, along with construction of new facilities.**

*The EIS dismisses the Community Centre as merely a “health hub”. It is much more than this, it is also used for childcare, play group and social clubs. It is not clear from available information whether these functions will be available in the proposed new facility. The EIS claims that this facility may be possible in the new development, but there is no guarantee. Loss or interruption to it for a protracted period will have considerable impact on Bungendore social, childcare and play group activities.*

*I believe that this would be totally unnecessary if one of the more suitable sites was chosen.*

- **Demolition of the Bungendore Swimming Pool.**

*The Bungendore swimming pool, opened on 30 November 1991 is an example of the community spirit and individual effort of the town. This, like the Community Centre, is the result of extensive campaigning, fundraising by rattling tin cans on street corners, running raffles at social functions and the like, for more than 20 years. The construction itself includes many antique bricks salvaged from buildings being demolished in Queanbeyan and laid by volunteers.*

*Although Ref A states that it is past its use-by date, the pool still provides valuable fitness and survival training for both children and adults and is promoted on the QPRC website as a place to visit. Also, although Ref A states that DoE will contribute funds to QPRC specifically for the construction of the new pool at the new Sports Hub (on land rejected as it is below the 100 year flood level?), there is no evidence of any budgetary allocation towards this project, and there is no indication that funds budgeted by government for education can be diverted towards community recreational facilities.*

- **Demolition of Majara Street infrastructure - what is being done with regard to traffic management at the new school?**

Ref A claims that ‘as part of normal school planning processes additional traffic studies have been undertaken. Please find a summary on the project webpage. A full traffic study will be submitted as part of the SSDA’.

These studies include pedestrian footpaths, bus bays, parking and kiss and drops, to both the primary and high schools.

*Although bus traffic is expected to use Gibraltar Street for pick up and delivery, many private cars will pick up students from Turallo and Butmaroo, compounding the parking/transit problems already discussed. The EIS concludes that 23 children will drive themselves (of the 200 plus children from outlying areas who will be able to have driving licenses?), but no provision of parking spaces is made for them.*

*Plans provided with the DA do not show any paths to replace the pedestrian/cycle paths that will be eliminated by the presence of the school.*

- **Movement or removal of Abbeyfield Aged Care facility from the plan.**

*The high school development plan will include two currently vacant lots at 4-6 Majara Street. Previously, QPRC had agreed to grant this land to Abbeyfield Australia for a nominal lease for the construction of seniors’ housing on the site, and survey, legal and architectural work has been completed. Planning for the High School has caused the proposed location of Abbeyfield to change on two occasions, to fix eventually on the area of the scout hall car park, negating years of effort planning and pro-bono legal work, all of which will need to be repeated. Whether or not this pro-bono assistance will be available again in the future cannot be assured, with serious consequences for the provision of aged care in Bungendore and the local area where family care is also available. QPRC records show changed locations.*

- **There will be a slight realignment of the Mick Sherd Oval.**
- **The Rotunda and Bush Balladeer’s stone memorial will be relocated to Frogs Hollow Reserve.**

*Realignment of the Mick Sherd Oval has already happened, probably under the guise of maintenance. There has been no community consultation or consultation with sporting groups regarding this seemingly trivial event, but it is another apparently inconsequential step towards completion of the plan to take-over the Park, just as is the removal of two very large Gallipoli era pines.*

*Limited spectator areas and shading caused by the bulk of the school buildings during winter when most of the team sports are played will render the Oval almost useless over those periods.*

*Very few people (nobody?) stop for sight-seeing at Frogs Hollow Reserve, and vehicle drivers are too intent watching for traffic from Turallo Terrace, the Gibraltar Street roundabout and Tarago Road to bother looking at a memorial at Frogs Hollow.*

*Some senior residents of Bungendore claim to have seen photographs of a grave site – railings and a grave marker, at the Bush Balladeers' Corner. The site was surveyed once in the past and nothing found, using the technology of the day. There is now much more effective technology available for this sort of exploration, more effective ground penetrating radar and the like, but QPRC has stated that there are other issues that need addressing before energy and money can be used to confirm this possibility or otherwise. Whether this alleged grave is an Aboriginal site, or an early settler is unknown, but the Park, or parts of it, is the subject of an Aboriginal Land Rights claim.*

- **The public will always have access to the War Memorial.**

*The War Memorial, which is on the northern side of Gibraltar Street about half way along the length of the Park is a tribute to the men and women of the region who have given their lives to protect the heritage that DoE seems so disinterested in. The Roll of Honour contains the names of members who served in the Boer War, First and Second World Wars, Korea, Malaya Borneo Vietnam, and the Gulf War. It is modelled approximately after the famous Menin Gate at Ypres in Belgium. It was dedicated originally in 1924.*

*The significance of it is emphasized by its position, standing set back from the footpath with its own Field of Remembrance and Peace Garden, in front of peaceful green playing fields.*

*With the designation of this part of Gibraltar Street as a place where the buses that will provide transport for the 600 primary school and the 450 secondary school will park, or the private car equivalent, the northern side of Gibraltar Street in this area will be used for students waiting to get on or off these buses. There will be a significant danger that this memorial will be graffitied. As a returned serviceman who has lost companions in conflict, and a member of Legacy, which helps care for the widows and families of those who did not return, I know that the Memorial would lose much of its significance to us and to other Servicemen if it were to become the equivalent of a bus shelter twice a day as children arrive and depart, and if it were to be viewed against a background of three two storied 12 metre high pre-fabricated school buildings surrounded by metal and wire fences on solemn occasions such as ANZAC Day.*

*My review of this plan is by no means comprehensive. To do so would be extremely tiring both for me and for you. It contains myriads of errors in both fact and language. It has every appearance of being cobbled together at the last minute by people who have no idea of Bungendore or the effect this plan will have on the Bungendore environment if it is allowed to go ahead. All of these criticisms must be viewed in the light that there are better options available, more suitable for the task, cost less overall and do not destroy the heritage of one of the surviving early Australian villages.*

**I am not a member of any political party.**

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**I have not contributed/donated money to any political party in the last two years.**