

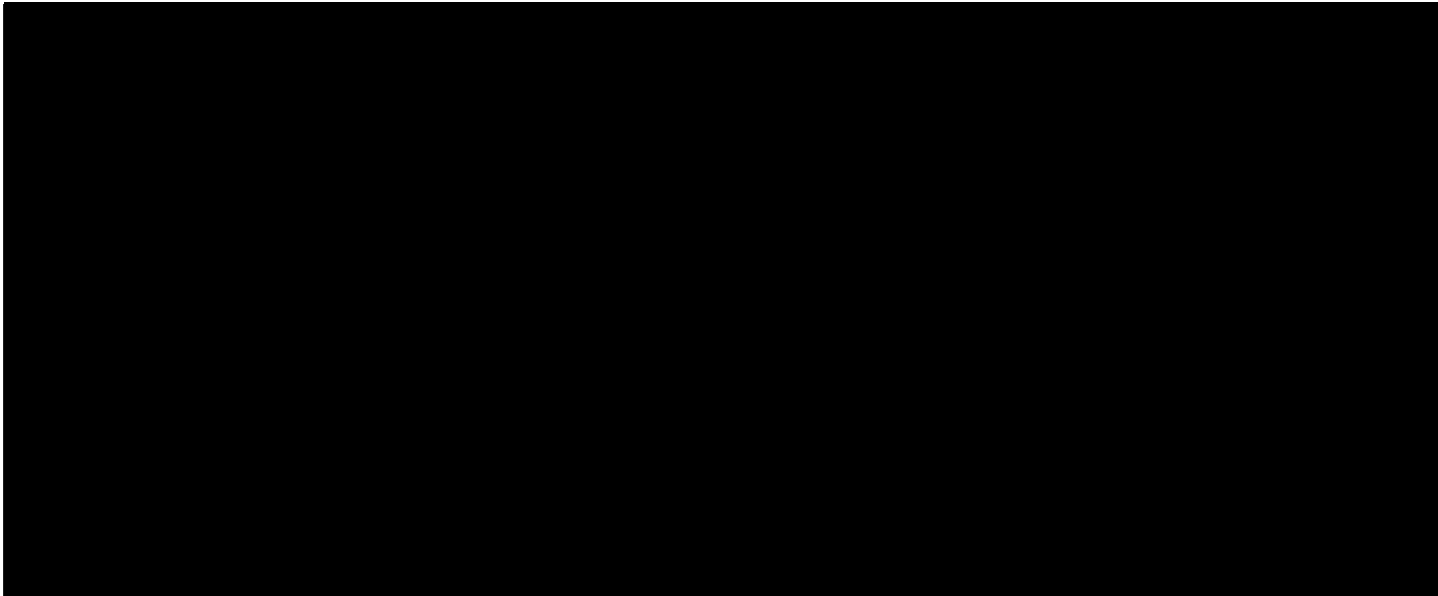
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Name of Application: New High School In Bungendore

Application Number: SSD-143945209

OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSAL

TO: The Director
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NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN BUNGENDORE - SDD14394209

I am writing to lodge my objection to the proposed site for the new high school in Bungendore.

A high school for Bungendore is warranted given the projected population growth. But the site needs to be carefully considered and located to accommodate access as well as meet the growth we are already seeing in our town. Planning for this proposed site appears to be rushed and not fully considered from a bigger picture perspective. The proposed site would result in losing all that is appealing about Bungendore as it is historically known – “a small heritage village with environmental appeal.”

The high school would be better placed on the outskirts of the village rather than dumped right in the middle. The proposed location will take away from the lovely village which is open to the entire community and tourists. It will ruin the lovely community aspect.

Bungendore Park is a heritage site which includes the Bungendore War Memorial. Primary school children walk across the road on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day to attend services here. The community also attend memorial services here. The possibility of this being lost, as the new high school grows, is unthinkable. The park is an area used by many local sporting groups, families and the primary school children for sports days and carnivals. People passing through Bungendore often stop at the park for refreshments and toilet facilities, also to walk around the area to see the many historic buildings nearby. This important area must be preserved.

The footprint of the school is too small and does not allow for future population growth, unlike the primary school which has a footprint which has allowed for a three-fold increase in school population over 40 years. The small size of the footprint limits the range of curriculum for this regional high school and therefore the range of opportunities for a diverse population.

I have made no political donations in the last two years.