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Dear Ms Chu,

Comment on the Amendment Report and Response to Submissions (RtS) for SSD New High-school in Bungendore (SSD-14394209)

Thank you for your referral dated 16 September 2022 inviting comments from the Heritage Council of NSW on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal.

The proposed SSD site is adjacent to the State Heritage Register item *Bungendore Railway Station and Yard Group* (SHR no. 01105). This late nineteenth century railway station and partly intact yard includes the 1885 roadside station building, the 1885 goods shed and jib crane. The extant railway buildings and structures at Bungendore, particularly the station building and goods shed, are important elements within the wider townscape of Bungendore and are good representative examples of a series of similar items located on the Main Southern Line and the Bombala Line.

The following reports were considered in our assessment:

- *Submissions Report*, prepared by MECONE, dated September 2022
- *Amendment Report*, prepared by MECONE, dated September 2022
- *Statement of Heritage Impact and Archaeological Assessment*, prepared by EcoLogical Australia, dated 20 July 2022

The proposed development involves the construction of new school buildings and facilities, as well as a new community building, in the area of Majara Street and Turallo Terrace in Bungendore. The amendment report notes that the proposal has been amended to address the issues raised by DPE in response to the submissions and concerns raised by agencies and the community. The proposal remains substantially the same as originally proposed and the amendments result in no additional environmental impacts.

As delegate of the Heritage Council of NSW, I recommend the following conditions of approval to be included in any consent for this application:

1. *Unexpected Finds Protocol - Historic Heritage*

If any unexpected archaeological relics are uncovered during work, then all works must cease immediately in that area and the Heritage Council contacted. Depending on the possible significance of the relics, an archaeological assessment and management strategy may be required before further works can continue in that area. Works may only recommence with the written approval of the Heritage Council.

2. Unexpected Finds Protocol – Burials

In the event that a burial or skeletal remains are uncovered during work, then all works must cease immediately in that area and the NSW police and Heritage NSW contacted. A suitably qualified archaeologist must be contacted to determine the specific nature and significance of the skeletal remains. The Applicant must consult with relevant stakeholders, the archaeologists and Heritage NSW to develop and implement appropriate management strategies for the skeletal remains. Works shall only recommence with the written approval of Heritage NSW.

Matters related to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage have been addressed in a separate response from the ACH team at Heritage NSW under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 (NSW)*.

As the site contains local heritage items, and other local items are in the vicinity, advice should be sought from the relevant local council.

If you have any questions regarding the above advice, please contact Mariyam Nizam, Senior Heritage Assessment Officer at Heritage NSW on 02 8837 6375 or [Mariyam.Nizam@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Mariam.Nizam@environment.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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