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Dear Director (Social and Infrastructure Assessments)

**NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN BUNGENDORE
APPLICATION NO. SSD-14394209**

I refer to the amended state-significant development application. This amendment is so similar that my previous objection will still apply therefore please take it into account

I object to the proposal, for the following reasons:

- The site selected is the relatively small park in the historic centre of Bungendore and it is culturally significant to the community of Bungendore. Among other things it is the site of the War Memorial. To build the school on this site will destroy the amenity and enjoyment of this unique and precious space for all residents of the town and surrounding areas.
- The site selected does not future proof for any expansion of the school as the community grows. Existing and planned significant housing developments around the township will quickly result in a real increase in demand on places at the school. It is not clear how this has been considered and how such demand will be accommodated. Many students will miss out on places as the population of young families grows. A new school for Bungendore creates an opportunity to build for the future, not something inadequate for the present. I ask for a fiscally responsible use of taxpayers money by building a facility that will endure on a site capable of expansion with the growing population.
- The site selected is, by existing MoE guidelines, already too small for use as a high school and it is difficult to understand why they think this is acceptable for Bungendore. The serious result of this is that it will most likely limit the curriculum offered at the school and limit the outdoor physical recreation and play areas thereby disadvantaging all students who attend.
- Road traffic management concerns have still not been properly identified and addressed. There will be considerable negative impact on expanding existing community facilities and on the residents in the vicinity. Traffic safety should be a top priority but it is not evident that it has been properly considered at all.
- Numerous questions asked by the community during the planning of this proposal have not been answered in a satisfactory or a transparent way. These include questions about much more suitable and spacious alternative sites for the development and the reasons for the sudden exclusion of such sites from consideration.

I have not, and no associate of mine, has made any political donation to any person in the 2 years preceding this submission.

Yours faithfully,

Grant Rawstorn