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Dear Ms. Harragon

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

I refer to the revised state-significant development application SSD-14394209 for the proposed new Bungendore high school (**Application**).

As I stated in my previous letter of objection dated 18 October 2021, I do not object to the construction of a high school in Bungendore. The construction of the high school and the associated facilities is long overdue and will have a positive effect on job creation and social infrastructure in Bungendore and surrounding areas.

I maintain my objection to the Application and the decision of the former Deputy Premier, the NSW Department of Education and Queanbeyan Palerang Regional Council to locate the high school at Bungendore Park/Mick Sherd Oval and note that the basis for my earlier objections remains largely unchanged.

While I am pleased to see that the proposal no longer includes Crown land, the Bungendore Park location now has even more limited potential for expansion beyond the initial 450 students proposed for the high school.

The removal of the agricultural plot from the Application - and therefore the need for a multi-campus high school - should be a light-bulb moment for the Department of Education about the unsuitability of the proposed site. There are alternative sites around Bungendore which have been offered by private landowners for the construction of the high school which will permit significant expansion over time to accommodate students from the growing population of Bungendore and surrounds with none of the heritage and traffic implications or adverse impact on existing public amenity.



I am not and have never been a member of any political party.

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

I accept the terms of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure's disclaimer and declaration.

Yours sincerely

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