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The Director  
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Department of Planning, Industry & Environment  
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**Proposal for a New High School in Bungendore**  
**Reference: SSD – 14394209**

Dear Madam

I refer to your advice to me on 16 September 2021 relating to the proposal by the NSW Department of Education to develop a New High School in Bungendore. You also sought my statement on the current proposal, the basis for my statement and a declaration of any reportable political donations made in the previous two years.

Publication of Submission: I agree to the Department of Education publishing my submission and, if so, would be obliged if I could be advised beforehand.

Political donation: I declare that I have not made any political donation to any person in the two years preceding this Submission.

Proposal (SSD 14394209)

I do not support the current proposal in regard to the development of the New High School in Bungendore in the proposed location.

Basis: I consider that Bungendore is in need of a high school in line with the QPRC plans for the development of the township and surrounding area as recognised in the documentation. However, the location proposed is not in harmony with the views of many of the residents in the township who value the existing Bungendore Park and its amenities and do not want them compromised. The quality of community consultation as outlined in the Consultation Outcomes Report, particularly on liveability and location (Sections 5.2 and 6.3) is cavalier and not convincing. I do not wish to comment meaningfully on the educational planning decisions but my urban planning qualifications and experience in the field permit me to be critical of the decision for the location and size of the site and its effect on the existing amenities and residential neighbourhood. The Traffic Assessment (App 6a) is inadequate, particularly the omission of significant local motor and pedestrian traffic data from north Bungendore and specific environmental factors, eg periodic flooding by Turallo

Creek of McCusker Drive and occasional flooding of Turallo Terrace/ Tarago Road. The reference to teaching staff carpooling to minimise parking problems is ludicrous.

Summary: I object to the proposal by the NSW Department of Education (SSD – 14394209) to the siting of the New High School in Bungendore and suggest there be further investigation for an appropriate community acceptable location.

Yours faithfully

John van der Straaten

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