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Planning and Assessment
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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October 1st 2021

Re: FORMAL OBJECTION TO SSDA 14394209
In regard to a HIGH SCHOOL in BUNGENDORE

Dear Sir/ Madam

I refer to the above state-significant development application.

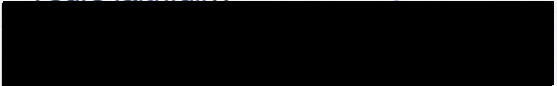
I **object** to the proposal, for the following reason(s):

- Bungendore in regional NSW is a village with an enormous amount of settler history dating back to the early 1800s. This is what gives the village character and a very specific identity. For many residents these aspects are the reasons for why they live here. They are also major drawcards for people moving to live in Bungendore.
- Tourism supports most of the businesses in the village. The historical and heritage characteristics, and the parks and open spaces are vital to maintaining the uniqueness of Bungendore village for tourism.
In the vicinity of the SSDA14394209 there is the historic police station, the Bungendore Post Office, the War Memorial, the old Art School building, an unmarked grave of a young Indigenous person (located in the South Eastern corner of Bungendore Park), the community swimming pool, and not far away the historic convent of Saint Mary McKillop (now a private house).
These are valuable historical assets in a village like Bungendore that need to be acknowledged and preserved. Building a High School in this area would limit public access to and/or destroy these sites.
- The plan to build the High School in the very heart of the village would destroy the Bungendore Park and the Off Leash Reserve which are Crown lands and dedicated for public recreation.
- Such a proposal would restrict use of the oval and other public facilities to local residents and the visiting public.
- The High School, if built in this site, will cause daily traffic congestion in the heart of the village.
- There is plenty of land outside of the centre of the village that would be much better suited for a High School, and allow for further expansion of the school in the future.

As a longtime resident of Bungendore (I have lived here for more than 30 years), and as former Artistic Director of Weereewa – a Festival of Lake George, (a series of festivals which ran from 1999 – 2014), I know how valuable it is to celebrate and preserve the history of our towns and villages. I trust that this objection will be taken seriously.

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,


Elizabeth Cameron Wilson

