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**FORMAL OBJECTION to SSDA-14394209**

Dear Sir or Madam,

NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN BUNGENDORE  
APPLICATION NO. SSD-14394209

I refer to the above state-significant development application.

I formally object to the councils' and NSW governments' plan to build a high school in the Bungendore Park '

I came to live in Bungendore in 1964, I and my family have used the park many times, it is an important part of the town .

It has become important also to tourists, which support the local businesses.

Its almost beyond my belief, that a planning authority, or person of vision and common sense, can't see, what damage the building of a high school next to one of Bungendore's greatest assets, "**The Bungendore Park**".

The very fact that Bungendore needs a high school, means the town is growing, as Canberra grows , Bungendore grows, therefore, as time goes by, the high school will need expanding.

For the high school to expand, it must take the whole park.

There are a number of very good sites around Bungendore to build a high school.

State governments have always had the power to resume land ( at a fair price) from land owners , to expand its towns.

Politicians and the council, in this case , show their lack of vision and common sense, and can't answer, the question, "why destroy the towns' greatest asset, for what reason ?

Its part of Australian culture to have parks in towns . It doesn't take much imagination to know, what the people of Cooma and Goulburn ,would say , if the government informed them that they intend to build a high school in their central parks.

Look into the future politicians and council, because when the Bungendore park is destroyed, the people will demand a new one and that will cost a lot of money.

I reared my children in Bungendore, I have used this beautiful park for over 50 years, I find it almost impossible to believe, that anyone in a position of power and representing the people, could make such a disastrous planning blunder like this.

please ( politicians) look to the future for the people and their children, you represent, in Bungendore.

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

Regards

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