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Application No. SSD-14394209
New High School in Bungendore

I strongly object to SSD-14394209 for the high school in Bungendore.

The proposed site consists of the town park which contains the sporting oval, tennis courts, children's playground, exercise area and public toilets, plus the swimming pool which was mainly funded by the townsfolk. It is used by families for exercise, picnics, family gatherings and reunions and many other activities. Being a small rural town, we don't have beaches, cinemas and other things you have in the city so we want to keep what we have here and have had for generations. The Park is also used as rest stop for tourists and travellers on their way to the coast or snowfields. Likewise, there is a train that does day trips from Canberra, with families spending time visiting local antique shops and utilising the park and other facilities the town has to offer.

The Park is surrounded by our heritage railway station, station master's cottage, police station, primary school, post office, war memorial, and the list goes on. The adjoining road, council chambers, community centre are also being lost to the town if this proposal is allowed to precede. There are alternative sites for the high school that are more suitable than to destroy the heart of our town and I cannot understand how this location was even considered; perhaps if we had a councillor living in the town that listened to the many concerns about this proposed site it may not have come to this.

The vehicle and foot traffic would be extremely dangerous being such a confined area, bounded by the primary school on one side and a preschool on the other, with the post office, police station and railway station all on the same block not to mention the school bus parking. Having lived here for many years and seen my children and grandchildren enjoy the facilities that are here in its present form taken from them when it could be avoided just does not make sense.

We have now been notified that there are traces of lead contamination in the area making it more less viable than it ever was. Please consider the other options that were available and listen to the people that actually live here.

Regards