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Dear Sir or Madam

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

I refer to the above state-significant development application.

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

1. The site chosen is only 3 hectares and NSW Education Department guidelines call for a minimum of 4 hectares making it too small for a school site if the guidelines are followed.
2. The development is proposed in a historically significant area of the village surrounded by the original post office and police station that date from the 1800s, the War Memorial cenotaph and other late 19th century buildings and infrastructure. A modern multi-storey design building, which is in contravention of height restrictions for the village, is not fitting for this location.
3. The Department of Education's "Transport Assessment" is flawed and is based on an assumption that excludes non-residents of Bungendore village. The numbers used for the assessment are under estimated and if relied upon for planning decisions will result in traffic problems at the proposed site..
4. Public amenity at the proposed site will be compromised for the residents of Bungendore and surrounds. A high school at the proposed location will most likely be fenced and out of bounds for public use during school hours and perhaps other times. This contradicts claims made by the Department of Education during the consultation process.
5. Public consultation during the process was restricted to public comment to school design principles and did not address location issues and the loss of public amenity. Consultation with users of Bungendore Park, which includes Mick Sherd Oval, is claimed to have occurred but details of this consultation process are not available.
6. The railway station precinct is listed as "state significant" and carries the highest level of protection. The school project will involve significant impingements to the station forecourt, as well as to the heritage listed guard's and stationmaster's cottages adjacent to the railway line.
7. Significant lead contamination has been discovered at or near the proposed high school site.

Base on the above, I request that Planning New South Wales to reject this application outright and insist that the Department of Education investigate other sites for a high school which will provide room for growth and not impinge on the current publicly accessible and utilised land.

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,

Mark Ellis