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Dear Sir or Madam

NEW HIGH SCHOOL IN BUNGENDORE
APPLICATION NO. SSD-14394209 – FORMAL OBJECTION

I refer to the above state-significant development application.

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

- 1) First and foremost this proposed development is in a historically significant area of the village with buildings in the vicinity dating from 1800s and also contains the War Memorial cenotaph which has one of the largest small town gatherings to the Anzac Day service. Having travelled Australia the historic towns are what draws the tourism dollar and we must do everything to maintain this heritage area of our village for tourism and also for future generations to truly appreciate our heritage.
- 2) The multi-storey design is in direct contravention of height restrictions for the village and is also too small. According to NSW Education Department guidelines the minimum required is 4 hectares and this site is less than 3 hectares.
- 3) The proposed student numbers used for the Department of Education's "Transport Assessment" are based on an assumption that excludes non-residents of Bungendore village and then further restricts proposed numbers to non-private school students notwithstanding that a proportion of these would likely attend a public school in Bungendore should one be an option for them. The surveyor's own assessment is that this is 'a major limitation to the assessment'.
- 4) Claims that public amenity at the proposed site will not be compromised are patently indefensible. Should a high school be built at the proposed location it will be fenced and out of bounds for public use during school hours. This is in complete contradiction to claims made by the Department of Education during the 'consultation' process.
- 5) 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.

6) There is obviously major concern regarding the lead contamination near this site given the amount of letterbox pamphlets I have received and do not understand how this site could be considered for a high school.

I implore Planning New South Wales to reject this application outright and insist that the Department of Education investigate other sites in Bungendore outside of the heritage area of the village.

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,

