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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 (SSD) application.

As a resident of Bungendore since 1991, I strongly **object** to the proposal.

These are some of my reasons:

- ***having the high school located in the park environment is strongly opposed by a large part of the Bungendore community.***
  - *consultation with residents has been minimal and top-down; and both the NSW Department of Education and the QPRC have shown little regard for hearing the wishes of Bungendore people*
- ***the location is totally inappropriate for the centre of a historic town***
  - *both Bungendore Park and Majara Street are part of the original town grid and have always played a prominent part in the life of the town. Indeed Bungendore is unique in still having the historically gifted Bungendore common accessible to everyone*
- ***there will be a significant loss of amenity for all residents, particularly older and pre-school residents***
  - *a ban on community use of the oval and play area during school hours, and curtailed access to the library, community centre, School of Arts and post office, just to name the obvious*
  - *already during sports days the loud-speaker noise from the oval permeates the town. I can hear it over the railway line. Having it invade your space every week-day substantially curtails your right to enjoy your own backyard in peace.*

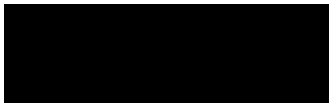
- *Weekday sports practice sessions on the oval and the Saturday afternoon community functions and sports games have been a feature of Bungendore's community life – that will be lost.*
- ***students and their parents will be given second-class amenities because of the not-fit-for-purpose site***
  - *parents and students will have to negotiate unsafe parking, drop off and transport arrangements. We don't need to wait until someone is seriously injured to know this.*
  - *the location allows no room for integrated expansion*
  - *there are several alternative Bungendore sites that better address these issues, but these alternative sites have been summarily dismissed in the haste to announce the school's development to meet an election timetable.*

This rushed decision puts the lie to local residents having any say in how their common assets are developed. And reinforces distrust in local and state governments.

Disclaimer:

In the two years preceding this submission, neither I, nor any associate of mine, has made a political donation to any person.

Yours faithfully,

A solid black rectangular box used to redact the signature of Carol Thornton.

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