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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):

- The proposed site is not suitable as it is too small (based on the Department of Education's recommendations for the land size for new high school developments.) The site is projected to be able to accommodate 450 students, which is far too small. Furthermore, people do not move to Bungendore and send their children to school there so they can attend a high school with inadequate space and green space. The oval (which is to be 'shared' with the community.) Would be the only green space available for students- a look at any other high school in the district or state shows that the students of Bungendore will be being disadvantaged and let down by a school on this site.
- The proposed site would see the use of the oval limited for the community. This resource is a valuable green space in the centre of our village and is used often by the community, including on school days and during school time. Under this proposal the oval would no longer be able to be utilised in this way. Furthermore, the Department of Education cannot manage the resources it already has in town, the current public school is in a sad state of disrepair and that school oval is a disgrace (and too dangerous for children to play on in some areas.) It is not maintained and not looked after. Judging from this neglect of their own resources already in Bungendore the oval (Mick Sherd Oval) would no doubt be similarly neglected and destroyed.
- The proposed site, in the centre of the village closes a road and will have negative traffic impacts on both the primary school and the preschool. The traffic assessment done was inadequate.
- There seems to be a callous disregard for the older members of the community and the community group that has been trying for years to build Abbeyfield House. The proposed site of the high school takes away land that was allocated for Abbeyfield House and the site that we have been told is going to be allocated instead is woefully inadequate, and an insult to a community group that is trying to actually make a positive change in the community for community members.
- There are other, more suitable sites available.

- Finally, the other high schools in the catchment area, which are not at capacity, deserve to be adequately funded and maintained before money is spent on an new, unnecessary project.

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,

Anna Taylor