


BUNGENDORE NSW 2621

18 October 2021

Director - Social and Infrastructure Assessments
Planning and Assessment
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
Locked Bag 5022
Parramatta NSW 2124

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 reasons:

- It will result in a dangerous and chaotic traffic situation on Gibraltar Street and Turallo Terrace and Butmaroo Street (including significant impact on Bungendore Public School and Bungendore Preschool);
- It is inappropriate to build a new school on land which is being investigated for serious lead contamination;
- It is not permissible under the Crown Land Management Act;
- It is not permissible under the Roads Act;
- The Applicant is proposing to use compulsory acquisition powers to subvert the policy and legislative requirements around the sale of Council and Crown Land assets;
- It is inappropriate in style and scale for the centre of an historic town;
- The EIS has not addressed the requirements set out in the SEARs;
- The applicant has failed to consider the school catchment appropriately;
- It will be too small and overcrowded. It is forecast to exceed design capacity within 3 years (maximum) of opening. It does not appear to have taken into account population growth associated with proposed subdivisions outside the Bungendore town centre;
- There has been no meaningful community consultation. The community is strongly opposed to the proposal;
- It is damaging to the heritage assets of Bungendore. There has never been a proper assessment undertaken of the non-building heritage of Bungendore, despite recommendations prepared by heritage advisors retained by the local Council;
- It will involve the destruction of community assets and a reduction in community amenity;
- The site is smaller than the minimum required under Department of Education guidelines; and
- The planning process has been opaque and appears to have been improperly influenced by the outgoing Member for Monaro and Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council.

I have not, and no associate of mine, has made any political donation to any person in the two years preceding this submission.

Yours faithfully,

