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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 reasons:

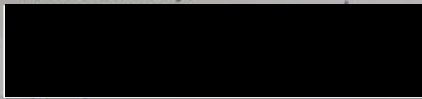
- The site selected by the Department is suitable for only 450 students. Projected population growth by QPRC Structure Plan 2018-2048 puts population growth from present 3300 to projected 12000. Clearly, the high school will quickly become inadequate to serve student, classroom and community needs.
- Bungendore Park is gazetted Crown Land and dedicated for public recreation. It is the central focus of the historic village. The whole Park needs to be protected for the community now and for future generations.
- Majara Street is a heavily used thoroughfare, apart from being part of Bungendore's unique and historically significant town plan. To close this portion of road and increase numbers of people descending on the site at school start and finish times will create traffic chaos and pose significant safety risks to primary school, high school, and pre-school students, parents, visitors and staff, as well as users of the train station and post office.
- Community funded amenities which will be removed, such as the swimming pool, community centre and library, site for Abbyfield, Mick Sherd Oval, all belong to the community. These assets should not be sacrificed for an inadequate high school.
- Bungendore Common, proposed for use by high school agriculture students, is subject to flooding. This area is Bungendore community's designated dog off-leash area and is well-used.

Alternative available sites which offer considerably more land, the potential for growth and with better connections to existing major road systems for students from new developments and outlying areas have been identified close to Bungendore.

- There is ample opportunity to insert a high school into one of the many peripheral greenfield sites slated for housing development in and around Bungendore. A greenfield site will deliver a faster build (no demolition, unlikely opposition to rezoning or land acquisition, no disruption to surrounding activities including access to the railway station, no road closure and no demolition of community amenities) with plenty of opportunity for expansion.

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,

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