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Dear Tahlia,

State Significant Development – New High School in Bungendore

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this exciting development proposed for Bungendore. After many years there appears to be a real opportunity to finally realise a dream of a much-needed high school in Bungendore.

The BCCI supports the proposed development:

1. A high school will provide a drawcard for businesses to establish in the village and potential business owners to establish family life in the area.
2. The additional professional and support staff associated with a high school will enrich the community and add to the vibrancy of village businesses.
3. The proposed location will encourage development of under-utilised commercial land along Gibraltar Street.
4. The subsequent relocation of the Council Customer Service Centre to the very centre of the business district will be a bonus for traders including cafes and service venues.
5. The flow on effects from a high school and the new Council premises will importantly increase commercial activity in non-tourist periods.
6. The high school in Bungendore will mean that local families will not have to travel out of the area for their children's education and will subsequently be more inclined to shop locally and utilise local services.
7. The high school will enhance the primary school facilities that need refurbishment.
8. The high school will enable other infrastructure facilities to be initiated, such as the new sporting hub west of the village and the development of a new "open space" environment at Frog's Hollow.
9. We also understand that this initiative is the first step for an eventual site to be established in an out-of-town, more spacious environment in the future.

We wish you well with this venture, urgently needed.

Kind regards

Murray Gough

BCCI President