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Independent Planning Commission NSW  
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Attention: Commission Members

### **Objection to Long Bow Point Golf Course SSD 8406**

We object to the plan for the Long Bow Golf Course SSD8406 and strongly recommend that the Independent Planning Commission refuse it.

We are frequent visitors to Culburra Beach and Lake Wollumboola to stay with friends and enjoy walks in the unspoiled environment and watch the migratory birds visiting the lake and surrounding areas.

Lake Wollumboola is listed under Australian legislation and international migratory bird agreements as internationally significant habitat for migratory birds. It is recognized as a globally important Key Biodiversity Area for the Black Swan and Chestnut Teal by Birdlife International and the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The lake and surrounding areas which are part of the Jervis Bay National Park support over 100 bird species which include at least 23 threatened species.

The natural surface and ground water runoff from Long Bow Point and surrounds are critical to the maintenance of the lake's water quality. The wetlands and aquatic environment and wildlife are reliant on this natural eco system. According to expert advice and NSW Government policy, the Lake catchment is not suitable for urban development and should be zoned for "Environment Protection".

Plans for a golf course would include the clearing of 32.2 hectares of high conservation value coastal vegetation. Potential impacts on the Lake and its wildlife have not been assessed. Therefore, in the absence of this assessment we believe refusal of the application is justified. The threat to ecological communities and at least 65 threatened species of plants and animals cannot and must not be ignored.

The many surveys that were conducted did not meet the required standards. The application does not guarantee that the Lake or wildlife will not be adversely affected by the development. Therefore a precautionary approach must be taken.

There is no mention of a club house in the application which would require a further development application.

We believe the Halloran Trust Planning Proposal process has a greater potential to resolve the future of the Lake catchment.

Kind regards,

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