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Dear Commission Members

I write in support of the Department of Planning and Environment's recommendation to **refuse the Long Bow Point Golf Course Application**.

The report prepared by the Department identifies significant environmental concerns associated with the proposed development. These risks have been thoroughly investigated by both the relevant government bodies and the applicants, but have not been able to be adequately addressed or mitigated, hence the recommendation that the Independent Planning Commission refuse the application.

Nevertheless, the arguments made in favour of the development have merit. The Culburra area would benefit from increased job opportunities, and tourism is an important income generator. However, the proposed golf course is unlikely to deliver these outcomes in any significant way, while at the same time, it risks the environmental integrity of Lake Wollumboola which itself could be a major job provider and income generator for the area. It could further be argued that another golf course in the area has the potential to jeopardise those that are already in operation eg Worrigeer.

As an alternative to the proposed golf course, please consider the eco value of the lake as a potential boost to tourism and employment in the area: guided eco tours, access to board walks, possibly a 'study hub' that schools could access linked to environmental features, but also exploring the Indigenous history and knowledge of the area.

Please also consider the local oyster and fishing industries which are critical to the growing 'food tourism' sector, and therefore local employment. South Coast seafood features prominently at celebrated restaurants all around Australia – damage to water quality in Lake Wollumboola could risk reputational damage to the South Coast Oyster/Seafood brand, with consequential harm to employment.

It appears inevitable that some form of development will occur on the extensive land holding of the Halloran Trust. However, it's critical this occurs in a way/form that supports, protects, and enhances the local environment and community. The current proposal seems to target short term gain, yet risks future, and far more significant, potential.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission and, as a concerned resident, I sincerely hope the Independent Planning Commission will endorse the recommendation of the Department of Planning and Environment, and **refuse the Long Bow Point Golf Course application**.

Sincerely,

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