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Independent Planning Commission NSW  
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To Commission Members

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

My mother, my family and I, consisting of my husband, our two adult children and their partners and four grandchildren are very strongly opposed to the Long Bow Point Golf Course and request most strongly that the IP Commission refuse it.

My grandparents bought land in Eastbourne Avenue in the very early 1950's and retired here. I am now 68 and have spent many years, at times living with my grandparents in the 50's and my parents in the 60's after my parents built a home here. My mother still lives here. My husband and I built our home here in 1985. My daughter and her family also have a home here since 2008. My son and his family are also planning on living here when they obtain teaching positions in the Shoalhaven.

I remember being horrified as truckloads full of sand were taken, in the 1970's or early '80's, from the south eastern foreshores of the Lake and also some along the foreshore, parallel to Princes Edward Avenue. There were large dunes, with masses of Aboriginal middens that you walked through to get to the lake, at the end of Eastbourne Avenue, which were destroyed by the sand removal. It completely altered the entrance and northern foreshore.

We all love and value Culburra Beach and particularly Lake Wollumboola, with its magnificent wildlife, migratory birds, the beautiful black swans, the changes that occur with weather patterns and the opening and closing of the lake naturally, giving opportunities for us to go swimming, picnicking with families or just wandering around the shores, freely watching nature.

**A golf course will kill it.**

The development proposal will necessitate clearing of 30 hectares or high conservation value coastal vegetation, use of fertilisers, herbicides, etc; introduction of grasses, groundcovers, trees and shrubs foreign to this area, clearing for roads, walkways foot bridges, fairways, practice grounds, the list goes on..... All for what? A few privileged people paying a game and some people making a lot of money. There are already eight working golf courses within 40 minutes drive from Culburra Beach in every direction except east. Some of them are struggling and one actually closed in Worrigeen, Nowra, (The Vineyards) through lack of golfers.

There have been various development proposals of Long Bow Point over the last 25 years. They show many reasons why these development applications have failed, particularly in regards to native unique coastal vegetation, wildlife and birds. This area is precious and unique, let's keep it for future generations to experience. Make it part of Jervis Bay National Park and keep it for all to share.

The Halloran Planning Proposal offers greater potential to resolve the future environment of the lake.

Yours sincerely

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