

July 29, 2018

To Commission members,

Objection to Long Bow Point Golf Course SSD 8406

I strongly object to the **Long Bow Point Golf Course (SSD 8406)** and recommend that the Independent Planning Commission refuse it.

I have been a part-time resident in Culburra Beach for the past fifteen years having purchased a modest house on the lake shore of Lake Wollumboola. I am also a member of the Lake Wollumboola Protection Association and support the submission by its President in this matter.

I was attracted to the beauty of the area and the natural values provided by the Lake. The biirdlife and wildlife is abundant and the ecological communities that support them are very precious, much too precious to be put at risk by a golf course. I also enjoy the small village character of this south coast town.

I am a member of Birdlife Australia and am aware of the value of Lake Wollumboola both as a Key Biodiversity Area and that it is a contender for Ramsar listing in the future. The Lake, the sandbar and parts of its catchment are included in Jervis Bay National Park.

I object to this development application because

- Long Bow Point has been identified by the NSW Government as being unsuitable for urban development and should be zoned for Environmental Protection. This Development application seems to ignore this and the expert advice underpinning it. The natural surface and groundwater runoff from Long bow Point and surrounding area is critical for the Lake's water health and that of its wetlands and sensitive ecology and of course biirdlife.
- The application does not address how it would prevent pollutants (fertilisers, herbicides and pesticides) reaching the Lake therefore putting its delicate and unique ecology at risk.
- It is unacceptable that this application has not given serious consideration to these possible and probable impacts on the Lake and its wildlife. The need for extensive clearing of land necessary for the development would mean the destruction of Threatened Ecological Communities and the surveys submitted by the developer do not indicate how this can be mitigated.
- There are also issues of no parking facilities, club house which would compound the already mentioned risks and would require a further Development Application.
- There is no evidence that it would have a positive impact on the community economically; a nature-based tourism together with Aboriginal activities would seem to be a preferable option in this regard and therefore environmental protection should be a priority.

As someone who is committed to protection of natural values and resources it is my opinion that this Development Application for a golf course at Long Bow Point is not appropriate and I believe that this area should be zoned for environmental protection. In this instance the Precautionary Principle should prevail. The Halloran Planning Proposal which is currently underway will resolve the future of the Lake Wollumboola Catchment.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Yours sincerely,

Jacky Lawes.

