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Dear committee members,

**RE: Long Bow Point Golf Course SSD 8406**

I am a resident of Culburra Beach and would like to register my strong and incredulous objection to the Long Bow Point Golf Course proposal currently under independent review.

I have been visiting the Culburra Beach area for more than 30 years and have fallen in love with its natural beauty and rich cultural heritage — especially the beach, wetlands and coastal communities surrounding Lake Wollumboola. Ten years ago, my husband and I bought our first home in Culburra Beach and are now raising two young children who share our love of this important natural environment.

The Long Bow Point Golf Course development proposal by Halloran Planning Trust should be refused in the strongest and most absolute terms for its complete disregard of existing cultural heritage and outstanding environmental value.

In objecting to the development proposal, I particularly note that:

- The lake and its catchment offer immense natural and cultural conservation value, recognised under Australian legislation and international migratory bird agreements as internationally significant habitat for migratory birds. The lake is also recognised by Birdlife International and the International Union for Conservation of Nature as a globally important Key Biodiversity Area, supporting more than 100 bird species including at least 23 threatened species.
- The golf course proposal has been lodged in the face of consistent, long-term expert advice, as well as NSW Government policy, that the Lake Wollumboola catchment is unsuitable for urban development and should be rezoned for 'Environment Protection'. Its catchment and surrounding coastal wetlands are already part of the Jervis Bay National Park. That such a development proposal — which involves the clearing of 32 ha of high-conservation value coastal vegetation and threatens more than 65 vulnerable native species — has even been allowed to remain in the public domain for the past eight years seems ridiculous at best, and, at worse, grossly offensive to the community's collective intelligence.
- Long Bow Point is an important site for local Aboriginal people, with several significant cultural places identified within the proposed development zone. Indeed, the recent recommendation handed down

by the NSW Department of Land and Environment acknowledges that several Aboriginal middens and historic meeting places would be destroyed in the development of a golf course, causing further destruction of indigenous heritage and cultural displacement for local Jerrinja people.

For these reasons, I urge the commission to refuse the Long Bow Point Golf Course development proposal by Halloran Planning Trust, as recommended by the NSW Department of Land and Environment, and as supported by many Culburra Beach residents and future generations.

Yours sincerely,

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