

To The Independent Planning Commission NSW
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Comment on Long Bow Point Golf Course SSD 8046

Dear Commission Members

I am writing to advise of my objection to the proposal to build a golf course at Long Bow Point and request that the Planning Commission denies approval.

I am a long term resident of the Shoalhaven, live at St Georges Basin and often visit and value the wonderful environment of Lake Wollumboola, an environment that attracts migratory birds. The lake is listed under Australian legislation and international migratory bird agreements as internationally significant habitat for the wonderful birdlife that I travel to Lake Wollumboola to see. Many of my friends are attracted to the area for the same reasons, as are many other birdwatchers.

They value and recognise its importance. This natural wonder of outstanding natural and cultural conservation value is too precious to be put at risk by a golf course. Also the lake is recognised by Birdlife International and the International Union for Conservation of Nature as a globally important KBA (Key Biodiversity Area) as it supports over 100 bird species, with at least 23 Threatened Species.

The lake, sandbar and parts of its catchment are included in Jervis Bay National Park and must be protected.

I would like to submit my objections:

- The application does not demonstrate that no adverse impacts on the lake's sensitive ecology would occur due to pollution of surface and ground water from golf course fertilisers, herbicides and pesticides commonly used on golf courses
- Long-term expert advice and NSW Government policy consistently shows that the Lake catchment (especially Long Bow Point) is unsuitable for urban development.
- The natural surface and ground water runoff from Long Bow Point and surrounds is critical in maintaining the Lake's water quality, its wetlands and aquatic environment and abundant wildlife.
- Lake Wollumboola should be zoned for 'Environment Protection'.
- It is totally unacceptable that potential impacts on the Lake and its wildlife were not assessed. In the absence of such evidence, the precautionary principle should apply and the application be refused.
- The application does not include a Club House that would require a further development application, with likely impacts shown so the precautionary principle should again apply and the application be justifiably refused.
- The fact that the Golf course would involve clearing 32.2 ha of high conservation value coastal vegetation that would impact on Threatened Ecological Communities and at

least 65 Threatened Species of plants and animals extensively is again unacceptable.
The surveys conducted did not meet required standards.

Thank you

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