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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 am a holiday visitor to Culburra Beach. I particularly value Lake Wollumboola because it is a wonderful place to observe a wide variety of birds at all times of the year. The Lake is listed under Australian legislation and international migratory bird agreements as internationally significant habitat for migratory birds. The lake is recognized also by Birdlife International and the International Union for Conservation of Nature as a globally important Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) particularly for Black Swan and Chestnut Teal. It supports over 100 bird species, at least 23 of which are categorized as threatened. The lake, sandbar and parts of its catchment are included in Jervis Bay National Park.

The golf course proposal is inappropriate in a number of ways. First and foremost its location flies in the face of consistent, long term expert advice and NSW Government policy that the Lake Wollumboola catchment, especially Long bow Point, is unsuitable for urban development and should be zoned for "Environment Protection".

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. The application needs to demonstrate that no adverse impacts on the lake's sensitive ecology will occur due to pollution of surface and ground water from golf course fertilisers, herbicides and pesticides. The proposal needs to include a comprehensive study of the potential impacts on the Lake and its wildlife.

Surveys into the impacts of clearing 32.2 ha of high conservation value coastal vegetation on Threatened Ecological Communities and at least 65 Threatened Species of plants and animals need to be redone to meet required standards.

The proposal should include impacts of constructing and running a Club House, and any other structures and disturbances planned as part of the completed development so that a more realistic assessment of the proposal's impacts can be made.

Together, the Lake and its catchment are a natural wonder of outstanding natural and cultural conservation value, too precious to be put at risk by a golf course.

Yours sincerely,

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