

Objection to Golf Course Proposal SSD 8406

I live in Sydney and own a holiday house in Culburra Beach. I fully support the submission made by the Lake Wollumboola Protection Association on the Golf Course Proposal and the Assessment Report by the Department of Planning and Environment that the proposal is not consistent with the objectives of ecologically sustainable development, is not in the public interest and should be refused.

I attended The Independent Planning Commission Meeting on Tuesday, 24 July, and listened to the submissions. Most denied that there were any water quality issues or potential impacts on threatened flora and fauna species but the proponents haven't proved that there would *not* be significant impacts on the Long Bow Point environment and on Lake Wollumboola. Environmental damage seems very likely from what is planned and history has proved that human beings are not very good at correcting damage done.

Mr Toon, representing the Halloran Trust, said in his address that there were about six jobs in maintaining the golf course, and that money would come into the village from people who stayed overnight to play golf. This is not a significant contribution to the local economy when compared with the loss of habitat and the possible damage to the lake ecology. There are several golf courses close by that visitors can use and still stay in Culburra Beach to enjoy the beaches and surf.

People do come to Culburra Beach to enjoy the tranquil beauties of the lake and its surroundings. It is one of the things that draws me and my family to Culburra and on the first morning there I always take my binoculars down to see which birds are around and watch them flying in, wading in the lake, digging on the sand bars, or simply resting after a round of fishing. It's a joy to watch the ever changing landscape and species of birds. They vary with the seasons and the weather. My grandchildren love wandering down to the lake, having a paddle and checking out the birds, the hermit crabs, gathering shells and feathers. I hope this will be here for future generations to enjoy and that the lake will continue to provide a place for endangered species as well as the many well known birds.

I hope that the Commission sees fit to turn down the Long Bow Point Golf Course application. The Lake Catchment is unsuitable for urban development and should be zoned for Environmental Protection as recommended in previous government inquiries.

The Halloran Planning Proposal process offers a greater potential to resolve future environment protection and development.

Yours sincerely

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