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## Media Statement

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I have been briefed by School Infrastructure NSW which has advised it is currently amending the existing State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for the new Bungendore High School following last year's Land and Environment Court ruling.

While work toward a new permanent high school is welcome, it means the community will be waiting for longer than we had hoped due to necessary planning processes.

The amended SSDA, which will keep the permanent Bungendore High School in the same location and footprint at the Majara / Gibraltar Streets Precinct, is being finalised and will be lodged with the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure (DPHI) in May 2024.

There are several additional technical reports that need to be undertaken, including further community consultation to update the Social Impact Assessment.

Over the coming weeks, there will be opportunities for stakeholders and the community to participate in the updated Social Impact Assessment process. I encourage you all to get involved and have your say.

I have also asked School Infrastructure NSW to ensure the site is maintained to a much higher standard while the planning process is finalised.

As I have said several times, the former government's secrecy around its planning for the new school failed to meet the community's expectations.

I have also expressed my frustration with overly 'optimistic' advice from School Infrastructure NSW, firstly on the likely outcome of legal proceedings and then on the time it might take to for the next steps.

The project is now a long way behind where it should be.

As there will be another delay I have also asked the Department of Education to discuss with QPRC reopening access to the footpath and Council has been advised that the swimming pool will be able to be opened again for the 2024-25 summer season.

The NSW Labor Government remains committed to delivering a new permanent high school for the Bungendore community as soon as possible.

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