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Dear Secretariat

I am writing in regards to a question asked during the recent Portfolio Committee 3 Education and Early Learning Budget Estimates hearing on 2 March 2022.

While this issue was not highlighted in the transcript (page 67) for a response by the Department of Education, we are writing to extend an answer to the question asked.

The question was regarding the resolution of Aboriginal land claims relating to the project to provide a new high school in Bungendore and I am advised the Department of Education has reached an in-principle agreement with all parties, and is in the process of finalising the Aboriginal Land Claim Deed of Agreements, in order to formally resolve the Aboriginal land claims on the proposed site for the new high school.

The Department is committed to delivering the best possible educational facilities for the Bungendore community, including upgraded facilities at Bungendore Public School.

Information regarding the project will continue to be communicated to the local community, as it becomes available, through regular updates on the project webpage at <u>https://www.schoolinfrastructure.nsw.gov.au/projects/n/new-high-school-in-bungendore.html</u>.

Yours sincerely

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