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Planning Services,
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Attention: Manager - Industry Assessments

Dear Sir

Proposed Blayney Abattoir - SSD 6594

The Department of Planning and Environment wants the community to have a say on Metziya Pty Limited's plans to build the small stock goat abattoir within the Blayney SeaLink Cold Store Complex at 137 Newbridge Road, Blayney.

I make this submission in opposition to the proposed abattoir at the location on Newbridge Road, Blayney. We have been residents of the Blayney Shire for 20 years with a young family and our beef cattle farm overlooks the proposed Abattoir site.

I am not opposed to a new abattoir, but the location is completely inappropriate for the community of Blayney.

- The Abattoir proposed site does not meet the EPA recommendations in regards to distance from a town/populated area and on these grounds alone should not be even considered, let alone approved.
- I am extremely concerned about the health risks of transporting 4,500 goats per day through the streets of Blayney, passing many groups of children and elderly susceptible people. The trucks will go pass primary and secondary schools s as well as Day care centres, a retirement village and numerous shops and cafes.
- The EIS outlines esing the increase of truck and car movements per day which are very significant this will increase the noise pollution travelling thru town not to mention the congestion and safety risk as our small town has rear to kerb parking and which interferes with traffic flow. The traffic study only considers whether the roads are capable of handling the extra traffic; not a mention of other impacts. For example,
†The EIS fails to mention any provision for pedestrian safety around the main intersection of Adelaide St and Burns St. This intersection is where our Post Office is

with two banks across the street, at peak times there is already many pedestrians crossing the two Streets weaving between traffic. The increased traffic at this intersection will lead to a very dangerous situation where pedestrians (including many elderly from the nearby retirement village) will get frustrated and take risks when crossing, as the nearest pedestrian crossing is two blocks away.

- The EIS sample of noise from goats is under estimated I feel, having bred goats for 25 years, they are an animal which stresses easily, particular ferals. Upon their arrival they will already have increased stress levels to be further exacerbated ~~exhaberrated~~ with lights, confined yarding overnight before slaughter - these factors will greatly increase the noise the goats will make and affect all that surrounds this proposed Abattoir site .
- The Q fever risk is high with feral goats and the possible avenues of spreading the bacteria are numerous. The Air borne ability of the bacteria to spread, is risky when considering the truck movements but also the easterly winds which often prevail pushing dust and bacteria towards the town. Q Fever can also be transmitted thru water and considering the location of the proposed Abattoir and it's closeness to the Belubula River, is at real risk of bring contaminated and all the downstream users and Carcoar Dam recreation users.
- As the Belubula River curls around the proposed site and the access road has previously been affected by floods and would result in trucks and livestock not being able to be processed. Flooding in this area would be another cause of contamination of nearby waterways.
- We have a heritage listed building, in the Athol House-Homestead directly opposite this proposed site which would suffer a terrible fate if this Abattoir was to go ahead. This beautiful house could no longer provide the heritage surrounds to weddings and many charitable functions that occur there. Athol Gardens/House-Homestead offers tourism and employment to many visitors and locals. This Historical house that is shared with the Blayney Community and its ability to bring people to together for many charity events and wedding can't be replaced. It has stood the test of time for 140 years and we don't want it ruined by the environmental pollution of an Abattoir across the road from it.

The ramification of this Abattoirs going ahead would be catastrophic and the Blayney Township would suffer from having Abattoir and it's associated noise, lights, smell and health risks being so close to their CBD.

Yours sincerely,

