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The Director
Industry Assessments
Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
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Attn: Jeffrey Peng

Dear Sir

RE: SSD-13855453 – Request for Secretary Environmental Assessment Requirements for an Intensive Livestock Agriculture (Poultry Farm) 1130 Gooloogong Road, Grenfell- Lot 1 DP1022013, Lots 1-3 DP1206485, Lot 22 DP866857

Thank you for the referral via the NSW Major Projects Portal dated 2 February 2021 requesting input to the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) for the abovementioned development proposal.

TfNSW understands based on the Scoping Report prepared by PSA Consulting that the proposed development will involve:

- Construction of a new 40 poultry sheds (across 4 separate farms) for the purposes of breeding and rearing chickens.
- Each farm will house a maximum of 140,140 birds (with a maximum capacity of 560,560 birds across the entire site).
- Ancillary buildings and supporting infrastructure, being manager residences, storage facilities, amenities blocks, cool rooms, egg packing facilities, water tanks and other services.
- Access to the property provided via Gooloogong Road (MR237)
- 50 full time equivalent positions will be provided upon operation of the development.
- Internal access roads will be constructed to provide access between the poultry sheds.

TfNSW requests that the Environmental Impact Statement be supported by a Traffic Impact Assessment prepared by a suitably qualified person in accordance with the *Austroads Guide to Traffic Management Part 12*, Roads and Maritime's *Supplements to Austroads* and the *RTA Guide to Traffic Generating Developments*. The TIA is to address the following.

Project schedule:

- Hours and days of work, number of shifts and start and end times.
- Phases and stages of the project, (construction, operation, decommissioning).

Traffic volumes:

- Existing background traffic.
- Project-related traffic for each phase or stage of the project.
- Projected cumulative traffic at commencement of operation, and a 10-year horizon post-commencement.

Traffic characteristics:

- Number and ratio of heavy vehicles to light vehicles.
- Peak times for existing traffic.
- Peak times for project-related traffic, including commuter periods.
- Proposed hours for transportation and haulage.
- Interactions between existing and project-related traffic.
- A description of all over size and over mass vehicles and materials to be transported.

The origins, destinations and routes for:

- Commuter (employee and contractor) light vehicles and pool vehicles.
- Heavy (haulage) vehicles.
- Over size and over mass vehicles.
- The impact of traffic generation on the public road network and any improvements/measures employed to ensure traffic efficiency and road safety during construction, operation and decommissioning of the project.
- Proposed road facilities, access and intersection treatments are to be identified and be in accordance with *Austroads Guide to Road Design* including provision of Safe Intersection Sight Distance (SISD).
- Local climate conditions that may affect road safety during the life of the project (e.g. fog, wet and dry weather, icy road conditions).
- Impact on public transport (public and school bus routes).
- Identification and assessment of potential impacts of the project, such as blasting, lighting, visual, noise, dust and drainage on the function and integrity of all affected public roads.
- Controls for transport and use of any dangerous goods in accordance with *State Environmental Planning Policy No. 33 – Hazardous and Offensive Development*, the *Australian Dangerous Goods Code* and *Australian Standard 4452 Storage and Handling of Toxic Substances*.
- Propose a Traffic Management Plan (TMP) to be developed following approval of the EIS, in consultation with relevant Councils and TfNSW. The TMP must identify strategies to manage the impacts of project related traffic, including any community consultation measures for peak haulage periods.

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Propose a Driver Code of Conduct for haulage operations which could include, but not be limited to:

- Safety initiatives for haulage through residential areas and/or school zones.
- An induction process for vehicle operators and regular toolbox meetings.
- A public complaint resolution and disciplinary procedure.

If you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Howard Orr on (02) 6861 1448.

Yours faithfully



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