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Mr Jeffery Peng  
Department of Planning  
Major Project Assessment

C/ Major Projects Portal

Dear Mr Peng

**Grenfell Poultry Breeder Farm (SSD-13855453)**

Thank you requesting assessment of the above proposal via the Major Projects Planning Portal on 9 December 2021. The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture is committed to the protection and growth of agricultural industries, and the land and resources upon which these industries depend.

The Department has assessed the proposal. Our main intent is to provide an operational and technical overview including best practise management for such a facility to succeed as a rearing and breeder facility.

DPI Agriculture has the following comments on the proposal. Also attached are considerations in relation to the consent conditions for issues identified as requiring further attention to ensure the operations can be undertaken with minimal impacts:

1. **Setbacks** - The proposal notes the nearest farm/sheds are 50m from the boundary of neighbouring lands. The sheds located nearest to the boundary are in what is considered to be a low risk for land use conflict or biosecurity issues related to restricted buffers. Ideally setbacks from these boundaries should be maximised to provide the greatest practical buffer distances for the poultry operation to maximise biosecurity and reduce the risk of impact from neighbouring land use activity. This is a risk to the development that the proponent should be aware of.
2. **Flooding** - The flood impact assessment shows flooding will occur on road access routes and notes "flood risk management approaches should be adopted at the detailed design stage, with further consultation with NSW SES and council, to ensure occupants of the site are aware of their flood emergency management responsibilities and understanding of evacuation procedures."  
No provision is noted for impact of flooding on bird welfare if residents are required to evacuate, if feed supply is restricted, or farm workers are not able to attend the site to attend to management and husbandry. Ideally these should be considerations at the design stage to help deal with these issues.

In relation to those issues that can be dealt with as part of the development application consent the following is supplied.

Issue	Details	Comment
Water	1ML of water will be required per day for the proposed development	It should be a consent condition that approval is gained from Central Tablelands Water to provide a minimum of 1 ML/day, including assurances that this can be connected to supply reliable potable water at the volume required at all times.
Noise	Noise report state that providing recommendations detailed in this report are implemented, noise will be within permissible limits at sensitive receptors.	Consent requirements should include the recommendations in the report to minimise noise impacts.
Odour	Limited odour impacts are predicted on sensitive receptors. Where impacts do occur mitigation measures are noted to be available.	Consent Conditions should include requirements for a plan to address odour issues that cause exceedances that impact sensitive receptors.
Impact Management and Mitigation Measures	The proposal includes a table of the impact management and mitigation measures proposed to be implemented in associated with the proposed development.	These measures should be included in Consent Conditions.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please contact me on 0427 949 987 or [landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au](mailto:landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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