

17 October 2025

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NSW Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure

Dear Ms Munk

RE: REQUEST FOR ADVICE - INTEGRATED OILSEED PROCESSING PLANT (MP07_0146-MOD-8)

Wagga Wagga City Council (Council) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Request for Advice - Integrated Oilseed Processing Plant (Mp07_0146-Mod-8) publicly exhibited from 2 October to 15 October 2025.

Outlined below is a summary of our key issues and requests, along with some positive aspects of the proposal that Council acknowledges and supports.

Economic Development

From an economic development perspective, the proposed modification is supported for the following reasons:

- The development is located within Wagga Wagga's Special Activation Precinct (SAP) and aligns with its strategic objectives.
- The proposal is expected to increase Riverina Oils and Bio Energy's (ROBE) existing food value-add manufacturing by 50%, with value-added manufacturing aligning to SAP's target industries.
- From a circular economy perspective, ROBE's finished oil products and waste outputs present opportunities for new or complementary industries to establish within the precinct.

Traffic and Transport

Byrnes Road is a sub arterial road that has been developed and classified to cater for this kind of industrial development with large numbers of heavy vehicle movements. Trahairs Road is a local road and is currently in poor condition. As per previous modifications and consultation, consideration should be given to the additional impacts of reducing the pavement design life of Trahairs Road.

ROBE is the only significant heavy vehicle traffic generator on Trahairs Road. Accordingly, any upgrades required to ensure that the residual design life of this road is not reduced due to increased loading and/or AB-Triple crossover movements, should be conditioned unless the Applicant can demonstrate that the impacts of the proposed modification are insignificant and further road deterioration will not occur.

The Applicant must ensure that Trahairs Road, between the site entrance and Byrnes Road (including the intersection with Byrnes Road), is upgraded to the satisfaction of Council, prior to the commencement of operations, with all costs to be borne by the Applicant.

Council appreciates the opportunity to comment and is available to collaborate on practical solutions that protect our communities while enabling critical State infrastructure.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Gray". The signature is stylized with a large, looping "S" and a cursive "Gray".

Scott Gray
Chief Operating Officer