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<p>(3) In determining whether or not to grant development consent under this Plan to development for the purpose of intensive livestock agriculture, the consent authority must take the following into consideration—</p>	
<p>(a) the adequacy of the information provided in the statement of environmental effects or (if the development is designated development) the environmental impact statement accompanying the development application,</p>	<p>Complies. A detailed EIS has been prepared by PSA Consulting and various technical specialists to provide a thorough assessment against all relevant matters of consideration.</p>
<p>(b) the potential for odours to adversely impact on the amenity of residences or other land uses within the vicinity of the site,</p>	<p>Complies. An Odour and Dust Impact Assessment has been prepared by Astute Environmental and is included in the EIS appendices. The conservative modelling undertaken for the proposed rearing farm shows clear compliance with the NSW EPA odour Impact Assessment Criteria of 5 ou and indicates that the proposed site would not lead to any exceedances of the odour criterion of 5 ou at the nearest sensitive locations.</p>
<p>(c) the potential for the pollution of surface water and ground water,</p>	<p>Complies. A Stormwater Management Plan has been prepared for the project. Stormwater detention and quality treatment will be provided for each of the four proposed farms. Farm 1 will have two bioretention/detention basins located to treat stormwater runoff prior to discharge from the site, whilst Farms 2, 3 and 4 will have a single bioretention/detention basin to treat each site. The basins have been oversized to compensate for the area of internal road which bypasses detention.</p> <p>Swales located between the sheds within the farms will convey the stormwater and roof water runoff to the basins. A roadside swale is also proposed along the low side of the internal roads to provide stormwater treatment and ensure “non-worsening” before discharging to Wallah Creek. Stormwater diversions and roadside swales will be conveyed under the new access roads by culvert systems which are sized to ensure conveyance of flows whilst achieving an appropriate level of flood immunity.</p>
<p>(d) the potential for the degradation of soils,</p>	<p>Complies. The site has a small footprint and is located within an agricultural paddock historically used for cropping and grazing.</p> <p>The site will be constructed and operated in manner to ensure there is minimal impact on the receiving</p>

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	environment and no degradation of surrounding soils.
(e) the measures proposed to mitigate any potential adverse impacts,	Complies. As demonstrated in this EIS, the proposed development is not expected to generate any unacceptable adverse impacts. Management and mitigation measures with respect to the various considerations have been identified and will be adopted by the operator to ensure the farm operates as intended.
(f) the suitability of the site in the circumstances,	Complies. The site has an existing approval for poultry farms. The site has sufficient water available and has sufficiently cleared area for farms to be established. The site is in a rural area with few sensitive receptors and the site is of sufficient size to provide for all four farms.
(g) whether the applicant has indicated an intention to comply with relevant industry codes of practice for the health and welfare of animals,	<p>Complies. The relevant codes of practice which will be applied to the farm include the National Farm Biosecurity Manual (NFBM) and Guidelines issued by DAFF, The NFBM for Chicken Growers issued by Australian Chicken Meat Federation (ACMF), Baiada's own Biosecurity Manual and Baiada's National Livestock Animal Welfare and Biosecurity Manual, the relevant breed guidelines "Breeder Management Guide", as well as all legal requirements governing animal welfare and biosecurity including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Regulation 2012</i> • <i>The Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Land Transport of Livestock) Standards 2013</i> • <i>Model Code of Practice: Domestic Poultry</i> • <i>National Water Biosecurity Manual – DAFF</i> • <i>National Animal Welfare Standards - ACMF</i> • <i>Land Transport of Poultry – Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals</i> <p>With respect to biosecurity, proposed rearing farm will operate in accordance with the <i>Code of Practice for Biosecurity in the Egg Industry</i>.</p> <p>With respect to animal welfare, the proposed rearing farm will be operated in accordance with the <i>Model Code of Practice for the Welfare of Animals, Domestic Poultry 4th Edition SCARM Report 83</i> as well as additional internal standards and customer requirements.</p> <p>Farms are subject to regular independent audits and inspections in accordance with the above standards</p>

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	and hence are well run, highly managed, and regularly audited operations.
<p>(h) the consistency of the proposal with, and any reasons for departing from, the environmental planning and assessment aspects of any guidelines for the establishment and operation of relevant types of intensive livestock agriculture published, and made available to the consent authority, by the Department of Primary Industries (within the Department of Industry) and approved by the Planning Secretary.</p>	<p>Complies. The proposed farms will be operated in accordance with the Egg Standards of Australia (ESA) for Rearing and Laying Farms.</p> <p>ESA is a voluntary quality assurance program developed through an extensive consultation process with industry and represents a robust, credible and workable QA standard that meets the needs of regulators and retailers.</p> <p>The proposed farm will be certified as Level 3 – Comprehensive, which is an advanced level suited to egg farmers with a fully developed compliance system and record keeping procedures, to meet the requirements of major retail customers. Egg farms certified at this level must be audited against all three levels of compliance criteria.</p> <p>Farms are subject to regular independent audits and inspections in accordance with the above standards and hence are well run, highly managed, and regularly audited operations.</p>