

Goolgowi Council Meeting

Question	Response
What road is the farm going to be on? Is it Greenhills Road?	Mid-Western Highway, Carrathool Road, McReas Road. The farms will be impacting on Green Hills Road. We are proposing to have an intersection on Mid-Western Highway.
Will the new road going into the farm be right on the boundary?	The farms are reasonably isolated away from the Mid- Western Highway, and there will be a new road leading in which will be situated on the boundary.
Regarding the plant, does it need gas or is it electricity driven?	Usual poultry farm that uses both energies.
Is the noise the issue with regards to the position of the house on the farm?	Odour is the issue because of the level of concentration and there is a combined odour impact from ProTen as well.
Is it actually the mound that gets the vegetation?	Vegetation goes on the mound.
Not like ProTen did right around the outside?	Yep that's on the outside of the farm etc. After mounds are constructed there is no opportunity to actually see it.
Where is the dam located?	The dam is located down the bottom of the farms.
Are they going to do the composting onsite?	The composting facility is down the bottom and it is done onsite. There is very little odour that comes out of those because it is aged litter.
Does the water ever come out of the dam?	Any water that comes out is fed back into the birds.
How big is the dam?	This farm has been designed as a 300-mega litre dam.
Each farm has a 300-mega litre dam?	Yes.
How many silos to a shed?	3 silos per 2 sheds. They are standard 60-100 tonnes and they stand about 10 metres high.
How far do you have to have the noise restrictions; the closest house is over 2kms away?	Under the Industrial Noise Policy this farm easily complies with it.
Why can't you get the sixth farm in?	Designed odour is the physical limit at the moment, we haven't designed the technology. We need to present real data to the EPA if we want the additional farm into the future.
Are the sheds air conditioned?	They are air conditioned. You need the air conditioning because of the heat of the birds later on.

Where will the feed come from, and won't that be a significant amount of feed required?	The poultry industry is run by processors. Processors own the birds and provide the feed. They process the birds for consumption. The grower rents shed space and technology. The feed is a feed mill problem and Baiada controls it
A question about the increase of trucks on the road delivering feed and then taking the birds away – wondering if the roads are going to get upgraded?	It is the Mid-Western Highway so it is an RMS issue. The additional trucks are well within the capacity of the road.
Do the chickens climb the walls of the sheds?	No, they live their life on the ground.
Why are the sheds only basic initially and then retro-fitted later? Why not do it in the initial stage?	Cost factors. There is no need to do it until you have actually built the third farm.
Where is the channel located? The main extension? Right through the middle of it?	We have just left it where it is. We don't need to move it.
How much money do you need to take out that channel?	Well at the moment that channel provides a 1800 mega litre irrigation water license to the farm. There are 6 farms and we are going to allocate 300 mega litres to each farm. For poultry production, we need 125 mega litres, without whatever is recovered back into the turkey nest dam from rainfall 125 mega litres per year per farm is needed.
Can you use that water for anything else other than poultry?	You can use it for irrigation. It is about agriculture.
So you don't get that whole argument 'it depends on high security'? If you are going to convert it into high security you cut it in half.	300 cut in half is 150. I need 125 still in excess.
Would it be worth putting it into a drain on that system?	Absolutely not. We are just going to work within that system.
Do you treat the water that runs off the roofs of each shed?	Yes.
What is your turnover on the market gardens?	We have yet to think about the potential market gardens but you work every day, some of them you are harvesting every day, week or month, depends what vegetable and it depends what time of the year too.
The biggest problem with the waste that comes out of the sheds (and that's what has happened a bit around here) is that it is not a lot of manure, it's more husks	Rice hulls don't break down. In Sydney saw dust is used and dust shavings are under 5%.
I'm assuming you are going to use what Baiada wants you to use out here?	Generally that's right.
We would have to build a new feed mill somewhere with a rail run. The amount	I don't know. I don't have to think about it, but it will be something that we

that is going out now is just phenomenal.	will discuss with will have to put on the table and start some discussions going on.
Origin Energy that they are going to put on solar panels on each of the farms, are they doing it at their cost?	They are doing that at their cost. And then you buy their power out of it.
What are you going to do on the other side of Carrathool Road? You don't have to?	I'm not going to do anything on the other side of the road. No.
Only just when you are turning in to the site?	This is being looked at by RMS.
So most of your traffic is coming back to Goolgowi and back into Griffith?	Yes.
So you are going the long way to Griffith?	Yes.
None of them will go back down to Taverner Lane and in?	I don't think so.
I'd like to keep them on the main roads, because Taverner Lane won't stack up.	It won't stack up.
So at that intersection, that's going to be a stop sign at your side, not a give way sign? On your farm?	For me it is a stop sign. Sight distances at the proposed intersection are good Yes.
What happens in a mass mortality? Who looks after the birds?	Mass mortalities have now been given back to the industry to solve on an industry basis. So ultimately the processor owns the birds. Mass mortalities are a processor issue and there are agreed processes now for dealing with mass mortalities.
What is the time frame to build the whole 5 farms?	5 years, possibly longer.
So why are these farms a State Development?	Because of the 5 farms. Its \$100 million worth of development.
Time frame of approval of approval? When are you looking at submitting your application?	Realistically I would think that we would lodge in about 4-6 months.
You're really looking at Christmas?	Yes.
So you're looking at this time next year before you are even looking at putting in any construction certificates?	Yes.
So if any neighbours were concerned about any particular issue, is there any way that you object?	You can object on anything. The process is open and transparent.
Given that the world's desperately short of protein and Australia obviously is too with the way you were talking, and the processing plant in Griffith (Baiada) they talked sort of about a 70km radius of the plant is about the limit of where the	No.

sheds can be established because of the proximity of the plant process. Is that a correct assessment?	
How far away can the actual sheds be from the processing?	A caged animal is effectively a catchment limitation for a processing plant. So 70km is not correct. I'm dealing with a processor looking at 3 hours. Now, 3 hours is what they want from farm to processor. So it's about bird welfare.