

Goolgowi Public Meeting

Question	Response
Just on the water, will those dams be lined?	We are going to do a Geotech test to see whether or not they are likely to be leaking, if they are then they will be lined.
Do those dams cater for all your storm runoff, roof runoff and everything?	All water coming off the farm is going to be collected either in a series of smaller reservoirs or straight into the dam and brought back. There will be no discharge outside the dam, outside the facility at all. It becomes technically clean water, very little treatment required to feed it back into the birds.
When you say Origin Energy are supporting, are they supporting for instance that they are going to build it for you?	Origin are going to install the solar units at their cost.
At their cost? Why don't they do that for us?	I don't know. I don't know what your power bills are, but I can assure you that the applicants' power bills are frightening.
How do you go with like McRaes Road that's going through the entire road?	I'm not intending to use McRaes Road at all, the intersection with the Mid Western Highway is not safe.
But if you did develop it?	I'd have to go and rebuild it.
At whose expense? The Shire?	No at the developer's expense.
You say this is worth more than 30 million, how much more? And where is the money actually coming from? I'm just wondering what's going on? Who is coming to this district?	James Muscat. He's bought into the land and he has friends and relatives in this district already. The project will go into the hundred million dollars, and that's why it's State Significant Development. The trigger is at \$30 million, and its \$100 million.
And is he selling up to come out here? Where is the money coming from?	He is not necessarily selling up. He will run a series of farms. He already has 2 and we are doing a Designated one at Cawdor. James' intention at the moment is to have this operation and for it to be a family operation – he has 4 children; there are 5 farms. He is going to keep it in the family, he is not interested in building it for anybody else.
Does the developer use the local processor in other geographical areas or anything?	No there are other processors involved.

He's already got chicken farms?	Yes. He's a Cordina grower. The owner here is a family operation, it's a family company.
So the developer is obviously going to supply Baiada?	Yes, there is only 1 processor in this region.
Has James got a contract with Baiada or a commitment from Baiada?	They are things that are being negotiated. I have nothing to do with that at all. Baiada needs feed stock for the processing plant; this is one of the answers for it. That is why there is a high demand for poultry sheds going in at the moment in this region.
There's a rumour that they may set up a big processing thing at Tabbitta, is that included?	I don't know anything about it. Feed mills etc. would be essentially a Baiada-type operation; and again, they are the only ones that are going to be using a feed mill.
You talked about, the farming community and what it's going to be for developers here and obviously you are going to be part of a family company. What I'd like to see is the property developer putting something back into the community itself, for a sustainable community. With the Managers and Assistant Managers and all of the people working on the farms etc., we would like to see the families be to supporting our local primary school. We want to see them sort of people be encouraged to come here and be a part of the community. We have a lot of chicken development going on now from other companies, and the workers come in, take all the accommodation that is here (they might rent out a house to 3 or 4 men who go out do their job) then when they get their money they go back to South Australia where they come from. This does not really help our community as such - it's becoming like a fly in fly out town.	It is one of the questions that we have put to Shane Wilson – about let's have a discussion that sits slightly outside the EIS process to see whether or not there is that opportunity for this sort of development to be a trigger for enhanced community involvement. The owner is committed to the area and that will include the local community.
We are losing too many services. The way the drought affected the community it really took a toll to not utilise what we have here first, and just drag it all everywhere else.	I have no trouble about the community if you wanted to form yourself into a group and start having a serious discussion with council, and use Shane as the contact to get to me that's fine.
We would like the developer (the person that owns the farm) to be a member of the community and ask us what they can do to help the	He will. He will stay out of this planning process, but he won't be staying out of town.

community.	
Your proposed commitments to access off the Mid-Western Highway; are you aware of the amount of truck movements on and off Greenhills Road?	No we haven't modelled. I have a traffic guy who is looking at that, but if there are any stats, you can throw them at me.
We have 20 B-Double movements each way, a day, from peak hay season. It's not just us there is another grower further down the road.	Most of the large-scale operations inside the poultry farm are night-time operations. That will be accommodated with whatever intersection upgrades that we need to do with Greenhills etc.
It's a school bus stop as well, were you aware of that?	Not aware of it as a school bus stop, but that's normally considered. It is expected in the country that every road has a child pick up at it. It is something that needs to be put into the farm management plans for truck drivers and all of the other bits and pieces. But it's also something that needs to talk about that Greenhills intersection. If we are forced by RMS to do that, it's just a condition of consent and it just comes at our cost.
What sort of time frame are they looking at to start construction?	We worked on a couple of time frames today, it's unlikely that the approval through the Department of Planning would occur this time next year, but after that construction would start from the first farm.
So 24 months?	Yep for the first farm.
We live fairly close and the neighbour is obviously on our minds and the health and safety guidelines and the winds, how far will odour travel? How many days in the year?	Farm 1 was dropped as it did not comply due to the proximity of the neighbours. Our experts are very conservative.
What about the one north of there?	Cumulative impacts have been assessed.
In a scale how many kilometres? We want to know how many kilometres it is from the sheds with the odour?	Until I get those odour models we are modelling a cumulative impact on odour from ProTen down to our farm, which is approximately 10 kilometres. The odour models have a series of contours around it and those contours are odour levels inside. There is a concentration of above 7 and it works out at 1 kilometre. The contours are not lineal, they are not circular – they depend on topographic conditions and wind direction. When I am able to release those reports to for public

	viewing, you will see that there is a cumulative impact. We are modelling to see if there is an odour impact cumulative back to Proten.
So we have a 'put up with factor', and then once we get over the 'put up with factor' where is that? Where is that limit? We've got to put up with it and then what?	No. There is an odour unit level that we are allowed to go up to (and it depends on the number of receptors). It does impact on how close you are to it; but if you cannot achieve the figures below the odour impact your farm is dead in the water. Simple as that. So we pulled Farm 1 out and then we did some more modelling and we could show, according to 'the rules', that 5 farms can operate. I do expect the draft copy of the odour report in the next 2 months and I will try and release that to council for comment. Both the department and council are interested in the receptors – who are we likely to impact on? I can tell you from Day One that none of you are outside the limit. So everyone currently is designed inside the rules. The one person that was causing the problem was a very simple decision - delete the farm. So that farm was just taken out.
What about the fan noise?	Mostly negated by the mounds. Noise in this operation is not a major concern at all. You have road traffic noise but there are different rules that apply for road traffic noise where trucks are on road, as against trucks onsite. The allowable noise onsite is a lot lower than the allowable noise on a public road, because the guys that make the rules for the public roads is RMS. The rules that apply inside the farm are different rules, and those rules are the ones that are used to mitigate those noises.
So if we end up getting it in and we end up getting stunk out and the clothes stink and all that sort of stuff, what come back have we got? What's the solution there?	These farms are going to be given an Environmental Protection Licence by the EPA that will have a series of conditions on it, and one of those conditions is that a monitoring station is going to be installed on the farm to show compliance. The monitoring station registers second-by-second for

	every day that the farm operates, and those licence reporting's are sent back to the EPA for compliance issues with the farm. If there are exceedances the stations can be set for sending out warnings to the operator that something is going wrong – so we should know about it before you do. The way these farms are run, if something is going wrong they are going to be outside the contractual arrangements that the processor has the major food chains and the RSPCA.
Murrumbidgee Irrigation, what's the encouragement or otherwise from MI?	I don't know. I've already had dealings with them they didn't turn up today for discussions. Those shed designs that I've shown you is about storing our own water for 2 years. The minimum storage we would allow for on this farm from the owner's point-of-view would be 1 years storage. Which means the minimum-sized dams are around 125 meg; but at the moment they're designed at 300 meg. We would potentially re-use some of that water if I pulled it out of the channel – it is dependent on what guarantees Murrumbidgee Irrigation are going to give me for the availability of that water when we need it.
Your are not going to use Carrathool Road but have your own road onto the Highway. I think that is a good idea because that intersection is scary even for the locals and especially at harvest and hay carting time with the cars coming from Hay.	It is our intention to have our own road because the Carrathool intersection does not meet the Australian Standards and it would take a major road realignment to get it to work.