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Department of Planning, Industry and Environment
GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Via: NSW Planning and Environment – Major Projects Assessment Portal

**RE: BAIADA OAKBURN PROCESSING PLANT PROPOSED
DEVELOPMENT (SSD9394)**

Attn: Director – Industry Assessments

This correspondence is provided in relation to the proposed construction and operation of an integrated poultry processing site in Westdale (Tamworth LGA) ref SSD9394.

Teys support the proposed development, as the proposed use does not conflict with that which already exists in this industrial area. Westdale is an established and thriving industrial hub, responsible for major contribution to the regional economy. There continues to be investment into industrial purpose within Westdale from mostly private industry and it is on this basis that Teys welcomes further industrial development.

Teys is committed to taking a role as a sustainability leader; continually improving energy and water productivity, and creating sustained value for our customers and stakeholders including the communities in which we operate.

Teys understand that the proposed development may generate some undesirable impact, and increased burden on environmental aspects such as Odour Nuisance and Potable Water Availability. Notably:-

- 1. The odour generated by the proposed process may cumulate with impacts from existing nearby livestock intensive industries and this can have a detrimental impact on residential experience; and,**
- 2. The net increase of 6ML of potable water per day places undue burden on already impacted water availability – Tamworth LGA have recently implemented Level 4 water restriction for existing usage, and have advised this is likely to worsen based on forecast weather and water scarcity. It is noted that Baiada propose implementation of an advanced water treatment system however this will not impact the net daily demand on potable, town water.**

Teys understand these concerns are shared by other key industrial facility operators within Westdale, as the proposed impact on these aspects may constrain future growth of existing industrial use and investment within the Westdale area. Teys makes supplication to the Department for careful consideration of these aspects when preparing development consent.

Sincerely,



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