

4 March 2019

NSW Department of Planning and Environment

GPO Box 39
Sydney NSW 2001

Attention: Ania Dorocinska

Dear Ania,

RE: RESPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUESTS FOR s4.55(1A) MODIFICATION APPLICATION FOR BAIADA POULTRY PROCESSING FACILITY (DA 53/97 MOD 6) – OAKBURN RENDERING PLANT

On behalf of the Applicant, please find outlined below a complete response to the further information requested by the Tamworth Regional Council and the Department of Industry.

INFORMATION REQUESTED AND APPLICANT'S RESPONSE

Tamworth Regional Council

It is requested that consideration is given to the following matters that do not appear to have been addressed in the submitted statement of environmental effects:

- *Any potential biosecurity impacts as a consequence of additional heavy vehicle movements to and from the facility: and*
- *Whether the proposal will increase the potential for bird strike given the proximity of the facility to the Tamworth Regional Airport.*

Applicants Response:

Biosecurity Impacts

As noted in the submitted Planning Report, the proposed increase will not result in any significant changes to existing operations, or physical changes at the Oakburn Rendering Plant. As such, all existing biosecurity measures currently undertaken will remain in place and are sufficient to accommodate the increase in production. With respect to traffic volumes, the additional production will result generate 6 additional trucks per day carrying incoming material (12 trips) and 3 additional trucks (6 trips) carrying finished product out of the site.

The small number of increased trips are expected to have negligible change to bio-security risks as:

- All existing biosecurity measures for transport and handling of product will be maintained;
- No changes to the existing haulage routes and access points are proposed;
- As per existing operations, raw material is transported in sealed containers to the site where it is weighed before being unloaded within the internal raw material handling area; and
- Finished product is loaded in an internal area and transported in sealed truck or enclosed containers ensuring rendered material.

Bird Strike

As per the comments above, the proposed increase will not result in any significant changes to existing operations, or physical changes at the Oakburn Rendering Plant. As such, there is no increase in the risk of bird strikes associated with the modification application. In this regard the following points are noted:

- The operation of the existing rendering plant is almost completely internalised in accordance with food safety, bio-security, and amenity considerations with no raw material or finished product stored externally on the site in a manner that would attract birds and other wildlife;

- The risk of bird strike associated with the approved waste water treatment ponds at the rear of the rendering plant was considered as part of the assessment of DA2018-0443. No physical changes to these waste water treatment ponds are proposed as part of this operation.

Department of Industry

Confirmation is requested of the ability of Council to supply the additional water demands for the project via Councils reticulated network.

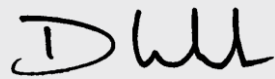
Applicants Response: As outlined in the submitted planning report, water use will increase from 2.0ML to 2.3ML per week. This increase will be provided via existing water access arrangements on site. No changes to water supply infrastructure is proposed or required. In response to DOI's request, the Applicant has been in contact Tamworth Regional Council who have confirmed that there is no issue with the increase in water usage at the site. It is understood that Lucy Walker from Tamworth Regional Council has also advised the Department of Council's position on this matter.

I trust this information allows the Department to finalise their assessment. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss, please feel free to contact me via email david@psaconsult.com.au or phone (07) 3220 0288.

Yours sincerely,



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