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Planning Services,
Department of Planning & Environment,
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001
Attention: Manager – Industry Assessments

Dear Sir,

Proposed Blayney Abattoir – SSD 6594

Opposed to the proposal.

I have noted that the Department of Planning and Environment is interested in seeking community feedback regarding the proposed goat abattoir within the Blayney SeaLink Cold Store Complex at 137 Newbridge Road, Blayney.

I am writing to lodge my strong opposition to the proposed abattoir and I would certainly question how the matter has even got this far.

I am not opposed to a new abattoir and I have interests within the livestock industry, however the location is wrong. The proposed site is too close to town. The noise, environmental impact and broader effect of on the local community are reasons enough why the proposed application should be rejected.

From what I have been able to read, local residents and those on the transport route will be exposed to pollution from odour and noise as well as airbourne diseases. As I am sure you are well aware all employees of an abattoir must have Q fever injections. Local residents cannot be expected to do the same yet if the proposal goes ahead, they would be placed at risk.

Transporting thousands of goats per day through Blayney, close to public facilities, a school, a retirement village poses significant health risks.

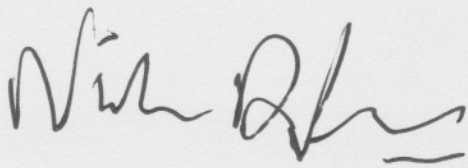
The proposed number of feral goats to be slaughtered is disturbing especially when you consider the noise. Mr Hornery is quoted in an article by journalist Bryant Hevesi on 25 September 2014 as saying "the animals only make noise when they're under pressure". Even if the animals have lived a happy life, the slaughter process will always involve some level of stress, fear or pain, whether it's when they're herded and packed onto the transport truck, during transport itself or unloading at the abattoir, when they're confined to holding pens (often without food or water) or shackled upside-down, forced up the 'race' or along the shackle line by kicking, punching, pushing or electric prod, or when they're finally

killed. With such large numbers of animals being killed. The feral goats will be under pressure from the moment they are loaded into the trucks in Cobar to the time they are slaughtered. By this admission Mr Hornery is admitting that the goats will be making a considerable amount of noise.

Blayney and the surrounding region is likely to benefit from the development of a new gold mine in the not too distant future and the region has seen significant growth as a tourism destination over the last few years. An abattoir this close to Blayney is a negative move for the region and I am certain that I would not be the only person to feel strongly enough to write to you about this matter.

I confirm that I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous two years.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Debere'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent 'N' and 'D'.

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