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Department of Planning
23-33 Bridge Street
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Dear Sir/ Madam

I write in support of the Application submitted by Metzuya Pty Ltd to build the Blayney Goat and Small Stock Abattoir, Blayney NSW.

While the abattoir itself is located within the Blayney LGA, Cowra Council is the neighbouring LGA and the town of Cowra is located approximately 70kms from the business.

I understand that the abattoir is seeking consent for the continued operation of Blayney SeaLink, and to develop a small stock abattoir within the current SeaLink site, with a target operation of a 4,500/head/goat and small stock meat abattoir facility. The annual additional business spend is targeted at \$100m per annum by Year 3, with a total investment of over \$38m. I further understand that they project 210 direct jobs by Year 3.

This will provide a boost for the local economy, and will allow for the long-term growth of the farming operation which will result in further job creation for the region. As you are aware, rural communities have generally been experiencing downturns in recent years. It is imperative that regional job creation be supported and encouraged for the benefit of the entire community, and I strongly believe that the flow-on effects from this business benefits us all.

Whilst there would appear to be economic benefits to the region as a result of this development I would also acknowledge residents of Blayney LGA will have a range of significant concerns over the proposal.

In offering support for the economic benefits I would expect the process would ensure any concerns identified are given due consideration and thoroughly addressed. I would also expect the appropriate stringent environmental regulations are required prior to any approval being granted.

I support this application but in doing so acknowledge the appropriate planning process to be undertaken.

Yours faithfully



Cr Bill West
Mayor