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Dear Sir

BLAYNEY EXPORT MEATS SMALLGOODS ABATTOIR (Application number :SSD65894)

I have been a Blayney resident for 38 years. Jim Maher Agencies is a real estate, stock and station agency and property management business, which has successfully operated in Blayney for 38 years. The success of our business relies on the fortunes of the farming and livestock industries in the Central West and the strength of the local Blayney economy.

Metizya Pty Ltd's proposal to invest to invest **AN ENORMOUS \$ 38 million** in the local community, in a new goat and small stock (lamb and sheep) abattoir, will be a significant boost for economic and employment opportunities in Blayney and the surrounding area. This project will create more avenues to access export markets for lambs, sheep and rangeland goat, and this will be good for livestock producers and associated service industries across the Central West.

I understand that the new abattoir will increase local jobs, with over **50 CONSTRUCTION AND WORKER JOBS**, being created during the construction stage, with a further **150 FULL TIME JOBS**, once this is operation. This type of economic impact will have promising follow on impacts to the local housing and residential services market in Blayney, providing an important boot, since the downturn in the mining sector has negatively impacted the community.

There has been much reported about the impact of traffic flows through Blayney as a result of inbound deliveries for daily livestock kills related to the new abattoir. Blayney is an industrial town and its highway accesses enable numerous traffic movements relating to the central Tablelands Livestock Exchange (CTLX), Nestle Purina, the Industrial estate and Australian Native Landscapes along with the forestry logging trucks. The additional traffic movements from the transportation of sheep, lambs and goats to the new abattoir will not, in my view, cause any additional undue impact on the residents of Blayney, as the infrastructure is already in place for this volume of traffic to be managed affectively. Furthermore it is worth noting that the road transport and livestock transport industries are heavily regulated form the point of **ROAD SAFETY, VEHICLE MAINTENANCE, LOAD MANAGEMENT and RESIDUE CONTAINMENT FROM LIVESTOCK WITH ONBOARD HOLDING TANKS TO CONTROL ODOUR AND ANIMAL WELFARE PERSPECTIVE, THEREFORE CONCERNS ABOUT SMELL, SAFETY AND DISEASE ARE COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED.**

We encourage the Department of Planning to positively considered the development application and give its approval, without burdening it with costly and irrelevant conditions where laws already exist to protect the residents and the community. This development will be good for both Blayney and the entire Central West of NSW.

Please contact me on 0428 637339 if I can be of further assistance.

Yours Faithfully


Jim Maher