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Proposed Feral Goat Abattoir Blayney

Dear Sir or Madam

I make this submission as per request by the Department of Planning and Environment for the community to respond to the application by Metziya Pty Ltd to build a small stock abattoir in Blayney.

I am **strongly opposed** to this facility to be built in the proposed location. I do think that the abattoir may be good for Blayney but the location is FAR TOO CLOSE to town.

My business is Blayney Post Office. It is located on the corner of Burns and Adelaide streets in Blayney. I am a struggling small business striving to provide a valuable service to the community. As you would be aware, Post Office customers are declining significantly and this proposed development would have a further detrimental effect on my business. I also have a development application at Blayney council to operate a Bed and Breakfast in the upstairs portion of the Post Office building.

Listed below are my reasons for relocation much further away from the town of Blayney.

MAJOR FACTORS

1. NOISE

The geographic layout of Blayney is not suited to a development of this kind so close to town. During colder months, significant noises can already be heard all over Blayney. On cold still foggy nights, sound reflects from the inversion layer of the atmosphere

and moves sideways instead of up. I believe that the unloading of animals will create a significant increase in the level of noise which will cause sleep deprivation to residents on the east side of Blayney. I have been advised that noise levels could be in excess of 80 decibels.

The refrigeration motors at Blayney Foods can already be heard during the night. Whilst this noise is slight and does not disturb town residents, it can be heard none the less.

I am aware that Blayney Council has made a suggestion to restrict the movement of trucks to Monday to Friday. This will not make any impact on reducing noise. Do they think that we sleep on Friday Saturday and Sunday only?

My business and residence are located less than 1km from the proposed site. My business as a bed and breakfast will be significantly disadvantaged if my guests are subjected to such noises of trucks reversing, dropping decks, dogs and the sounds from distressed goats.

Residents of Blayney Retirement village will also suffer as they are even closer to the proposed site.

2. SMELL

I have been advised that there have been significant improvements in abattoir processing and procedures which has reduced omission of odours.

HOWEVER... there has been no changes to the way animals defecate and when they are held for any length of time, there will be odours from the holding yards at the site and the transport vehicles.

Water holding tanks/dams will still be in operation, 7 days a week, for normal operations of an abattoir. I lived in Young for 9 years, approximately 2km from the abattoir there, and the odour was, at times, disgusting when the wind blew from the east. I am sure that the developing company for the abattoir in Blayney cannot ensure that the wind blows only from the west.

The smell from the increase of livestock traffic on the intersection of Burns and Adelaide streets will also be detrimental to my business, with the significant increase in the number of stock trucks, literally passing by my front door.

3. INTERSECTION OF ADELAIDE ST AND BURNS ST

I make note that there are plans to develop this intersection.

As previously stated, my business is on this intersection. If modifications are to be made to allow for a turning lane from the south side of this intersection then I suspect

that most, if not all, parking places on Adelaide street around this area will be removed.

Again... a SIGNIFICANT IMPACT on my business. If customers cannot park outside my business they will choose to go elsewhere.

4. Q FEVER

I am aware that most employees that work in abattoirs are vaccinated against Q fever. My concern is due to the significant increase in stock movement through Blayney. They will pass the public school, high school, preschool and day care centres as well as my Post Office.

Is the State government prepared to vaccinate all the residents of Blayney?

This abattoir is proposed to be constructed immediately adjacent to the existing complex of Blayney Foods (also owned by George Tanos). This is a major distributor of Frozen food throughout NSW as well as holding contracts to pack and distribute Christmas Hampers.

Blayney foods workers would be working in very close proximity to the proposed abattoir. If one incident was to occur at the abattoir and Q fever spores were to become airborne at this site, it would be highly likely that Blayney foods workers could be infected or become a carrier.

Would you like your Christmas Hamper delivered to your home, wherever you live in NSW, knowing that there could be Q fever spores inside?

OTHER FACTORS

As reported in local media in 2014, the State Government published a tourism brochure for Central West NSW... They forgot to include Blayney.

How can a small rural town become visible and/or known when even the government forgets it? Until now, when they consider a proposal that will negatively affect the town if this proposal is built too close.

Many small businesses in Blayney struggle from year to year with the lure to the larger centres of Bathurst and Orange.

This proposal has documented that workers will be brought into Blayney from Bathurst and Orange due to closures of other businesses such as Electrolux. Workers will commute to and from, and this will not boost the local economy of Blayney.

The proximity of the proposed development to another local business, namely Athol Gardens is extremely disappointing. No two businesses could be more ill-suited.

Athol Gardens is a beautiful venue and I have attended many functions there. They employ local people and support many local industries including local chefs and my own business.

Finally...

I do believe that this development may be good for the district but the largest negative factor is its proximity to town.

If the location is approved then the State Government will again be responsible for putting small businesses OUT of business.

I have been advised to declare the following...

I have not made any political donations in the past