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Attention: Manager Industry Assessments
Planning Services
Department of Planning & Environment
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Dear Sir

**BLAYNEY EXPORT SMALLSTOCK ABATTOIR
SSD 6594**

Declarations:

- I object to the proposed development, for the reasons outlined below
- Declaration regarding reportable political donations-N/A.

Reasons for objection to the proposed development:

1. Inappropriate location for an abattoir

The proposed location of the abattoir is way too close to Blayney township, being within under 1 kilometre of Blayney IGA supermarket, the Inala retirement village and other houses. The proposed location is virtually "in the middle of town". From what I can ascertain, there are regulations worldwide placing abattoirs 5 kilometres from towns. This apparently does not apply to NSW.

2. Increased traffic

The main street (Adelaide Street) and surrounding streets such as Church Street & Burns Street will be poorly placed to facilitate the extra traffic flows caused by the additional B Doubles moving all day & night throughout the town. No doubt the upkeep of roads will fall to Council, who are unable to keep up at present. The Inala retirement village residents will be adversely affected by traffic noise & odour which will be detrimental to their living standards.

3. Negative impact on tourism

Over the past 10 years Blayney has progressively moved to encourage tourism in the town through:

- 1) Beautification programmes
- 2) Council forums to explore ways to grow tourism
- 3) Encouragement to local businesses

The location of an abattoir so close to the town centre is not conducive to any of these activities. It may also have a negative effect on land values.

4. Risk to community health

I am concerned about what I understand may very well be the uncontrolled spread of diseases such as Q Fever from untreated wild goats as they are transported through town and close the aforementioned supermarket and other retail shops. This would appear to be a real danger as it appears that once someone catches Q Fever there is only treatment for the consequences but no cure. There is also the added possibility of pollution to the Belubula River and downstream sources.

5. Noise & smell from abattoir/trucks

I am very concerned about the large number (4,500/day) of herded goats will have on smell & noise in the town. The EIS skips over these ongoing issues that the town will have to live with if this proposal is accepted as lodged.

6. Water table

The earthworks required to construct the abattoir will have a negative impact on the surrounding areas and may negatively impact on water levels in the town, when heavy rains cause the Belubula River to flood.

Yours faithfully



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