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Attention: Manager- Industry Assessments

Dear Mr Byrne

I am making this submission in opposition to the proposed abattoir at the location on the Newbridge road Blayney. I was born and bred on a farm in the western districts of this state. I move from the western district to my now home of thirty years Blayney to find employment. I am one of the owners of two small businesses in Blayney. Through those businesses I have spoken to many local people and passes by about the proposed abattoir. The overwhelming comment is "great idea wrong location".

I strongly object to the proposal for the following reasons.

The proposed abattoir will be built with in 500 metre of residence.

The proposed abattoir is to close to Blayney.

The noise and smell of wild goats and the build up of excrement from being held over weekends.

Trucks parked in the streets of Blayney waiting to be unloaded. The proponents say this will not happen but in the real world it will.

Traffic issue on the corner of Church Street and Adelaide Street, Adelaide Street and Burns street and the Newbridge road. Newbridge road is part of a local school bus run, has blind corners and badly alienated. School buses and B doubles are a bad combination as we found out on the corner of Adelaide street and Martha street a few years ago. Local knowledge will tell you that trying to get onto Adelaide Street from either Church Street or Burns street the day after the Bathurst car race will be impossible from 4am to around midday. That hasn't been considered in the traffic study produced in the EIS and will hold up traffic getting to the proposed site.

The prosed abattoir will be built in a flood plain allowing the possibility to cause environmental damage to water way and assisting the spread of Q fever virus.

Bring the Q fever virus from western district wild goats to and through much denser populated areas. These goats will be coming past an early child care centre, and primary school in Millthorpe, and two schools an early child care centre, and a retirement village in Blayney.

The EIS addresses the fatigue risk of employees who have not been able to find accommodation in Blayney or those who are living in Bathurst Orange or Cowra and travel to Blayney to work at the proposed abattoir. There has been no attempt to address the same risk of the heavy vehicle movements each week from the departure point where the goats are picked up to Blayney and the return trip back for the next load. We have in recent weeks had a stock float over turn just outside Bathurst and a similar accident in the past few years between the Shadforth turn off and Millthorpe. We have also not so recently had a stock float turn over in Blayney. The point I am making is that these heavy vehicle accidents do happen, what makes them worse under the proposed abattoir is that they will be carrying wild goats infected with Q fever virus. If there is an accident, emergency service personnel and residence involved in such an accident will have not only the risk associated with any other road accident rescue but the added biological hazard to deal with as well. This is not only a problem in the Blayney shire, but every shire from the point of pick up to the destination at the abattoir in Blayney.

The closure of the previous abattoir was going to be the end of the town at the time. Blayney is still here. Most of the people employed at the old abattoirs were from out of town. The town's reputation improved starting from the day the old abattoirs closed and has continued to improve to the point people want to move here. The Local council promoted tourism and still does. The local caravan park was in a state of disrepair that no tourist would stop there. Brought by a local, repaired and improved to the point that the now tourist park has a reputation with caravan clubs around the state and Australia as a place to not only stay over night but a place to stay for a while.

Local people are employees and trades are, and have continued to be employed here.

Athol gardens reception centre holds garden wedding, wedding receptions, fundraisers for charities, and tourist accommodation. Athol garden employee local people and trades and helps local businesses such as the supermarket, local motels bakers and alike. Athol gardens certainly has a Australian wide and after speaking to overseas visitors in our shop the day after wedding held at Athol Gardens I wouldn't hesitate to say it also has a world wide reputation.

I fear that the hard work and time placed into Athol Gardens and our local tourist park will be severely damaged by the opening a feral goat abattoir at the proposed site.

I fear the development of an abattoir so close to Blayney will decrease business and property values of the residents of Blayney. This has already happened to Athol gardens with already booked weddings cancelled on the thought of an abattoir being built over the road.

I fear for the health and safety of the residence in the shire of Blayney thought the risk of contracting Q fever the on going cost to business in town and lost productive due to illness caused by Q fever.

I fear that the proponent has a history of not conforming to Council conditions of approval on previous developments at the site. What assurance do I have that he will comply with any new condition of approval on the new development? Who will oversee noise, smell, and issues are complied to. I can see that a voluntary Planning Agreement between council and the proponent will be a total waste of time going on previous results.

Lack of consultation on the behalf of the proponent has increased my fears. Do I believe the proponent who has employed a consulting firm to produce documents which back his story on the state significant development that will employ up to 165 people and inject millions of dollars into the states, locals but more so into the investors pockets at little or no risk to Blayney according to the proponent, or

Do I believe Dr Shepherd who has first hand experience over many years as to the results that Q fever from feral goats can have on a community. Do I believe Dr Shepherd when he said the proponents consulting firm has glossed over or not used relevant data to enhance the proponent's case.

At this stage I do believe Dr Shepherd.

Bathurst, Orange, and Blayney removed sale yard from their towns to a regional sale yard between Blayney and Carcoar. Now it's a good Idea to put an abattoir on the edge of Blayney

I fear that Orange Bathurst and the proponent will gain much more and at the expense of Blayney.

I do agree we need the investment in our shire. Many of the concerns come from the proposed location.

Yours sincerely

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