

Smallstock Abattoir SSD 9564

Summary of matters discussed

Community Information Session 14.05.15

Questions asked by community are shown in bold.

- If Council directly responded, the response is given underneath the question.
- **Will decision be made by PAC?**
 - Approval will proceed to a PAC as NSW Department of Planning has advised there is a disclosure of a Political Donation from proponent
- **Current development existing compliance matters**
 - Council submission seeks clarification as to previous DA consents issued by Blayney Shire Council and possible superseding by new project approval
- **Concern over the number of trucks**
 - Council recommendation for Conditions of Consent seeks to address this issue Adelaide Street/Burns Street Intersection and Newbridge Road upgrades and requesting a Transportation Safety Management Plan be implemented.
- **How can the community support Council?**
- **Landscaping issues regarding existing development, they have not been addressed for past 10 years for the site?**
 - Council has asked that one Landscaping Plan to be enforced by NSW Department of Planning for the entire site
 - Council recommendation for Conditions of Consent seeks to address this issue by a single Landscaping Plan
- **Good idea, bad logistics, particularly for;**
 - Transport
 - Q Fever
 - vicinity of Retirement Village <1km
 - Traffic
- **Blayney has got away from been an Abattoir town**
 - Jobs will be from ex Electrolux, Simplot and Cadia redundant employees not Blayney
 - \$ will not be spent in Blayney
 - Workers will be subsidised to work here from where they are made redundant.
- **Young Abattoir – Qestion was asked how many Q Fever outbreaks in Young which processes Goats and that abattoir is in town?**
- **Concern for local farmers and potential spread of Q Fever to livestock**
- **Original development signed off by previous Blayney Shire Council General manager who is now consultant for Metzys**

- **Glasson Bridge was constructed not by Sealink as part of DA consent, but by Rate Payers and Government Grants**
- **Is the bunding concrete or dirt?**
 - Concrete
- **Has the potential flooding of the site been considered? Will Q Fever spread as a result of flooding?**
 - Council will assess the proposed development against the Blayney Flood Study and include any comment in Councils submission (assuming the Flood Study is endorsed at the extraordinary meeting on 18 May 2015).
- **Odour concerns, very close to IGA and main street – negative impact upon every businesses**
- **Is there potential for abattoir to expand to beef?**
 - EIS is for a smallstock Abattoir, any modification would be subject to another EIS and assessment
- **Representative for the project are not present**
 - This is a lynch mob against Council for doing their job
 - Successful Goat abattoirs in Beenleigh Qld, Geraldton WA
- **There are only 22k Goats sold on the eastern seaboard per week, at 4k goats a day the abattoir will run out of goats**
- **EIS is not sufficient, Council are the elected representatives and should represent the whole community who do not want the smell and issues relating to an abattoir town, Council must highlight these issues as coming from Council has more weight**
- **Why is Council supporting the proposal?**
- **Has Council done any assessment of the economic benefit?**
 - Blayney Shire Council has not undertaken any economic assessment. That is the job of the proponent and it is contained within the EIS.
- **Does NSW Planning visit the site?**
 - NSW Planning and the PAC should and will be encouraged by Council to visit Blayney and the site
 - Council will encourage the PAC to conduct a public meeting
- **Damage to transport infrastructure. VPA request of \$20K, this will not address the damage expected for the 15k truck movements per year.**
- **Council needs to put in a submission to protect the interests of the community. The location is wrong, cannot sabotage a town for the sake of \$. There is no way that no-one will be affected**

- **Proposed VPA – not nearly enough of a request for the potential impact upon roads**
- **Where will the water be sourced from?**
 - Central Tablelands Water
- **Where is the waste water going?**
 - The proponent has a signed agreement with Cadia to take the treated water
- **Q Fever first hand experience – in hospital 1 week, off work 3 months, continual outbreaks for past 20 years, anniversary flu like symptoms that make bed ridden**
- **Wind flows**
 - EIS has got it wrong, actually come from an easterly direction
 - This is a windy area, prevailing winds from easterly direction
 - Impact of feral goat smell to amenity is not addressed in EIS
- **Past experiences and reality, Goats will escape trucks, particularly at Millthorpe. Trucks should be fully covered**
- **Restriction of Truck delivery times appreciated, however will not prevent Trucks stopping in mainstreet or along the way for comfort breaks/rest stops before unloading**
 - With no onsite amenities for Truck Drivers to shower, eat and rest, as currently happens trucks will park at Heritage Park and in Adelaide Street for comfort stops.
- **Q Fever**
 - Major risk recommended distance to a town of an Abattoir is 5km within prevailing winds
 - EIS questionable research on risk factor of Q Fever – heart disease, old and young high risk
 - Blayney is a home for Seniors and at risk of Q Fever
 - Is the developer going to vaccinate the whole community
 - Trucks are moving past Childcare Centres in Blayney and Millthorpe – babies and children are vulnerable to Q Fever
 - Why are Feral Goats more risk of Q Fever than sheep. Breeding programs are not controlled, riddled with ticks and contact with other feral animals who are carriers – Feral Goats 52% of population of Q Fever spores
 - Workers will be vaccinated against Q Fever and any person who goes on site – however concern is for rest of the community
 - Retirement Units is less than 1km from Abattoir
- **There has been no community consultation by the proponent as required by NSW Department Planning SSSD conditions**
- **Flooding issue is not addressed**
 - in past 10 years 2 floods where water reached retirement units wall, Newbridge Road closed
 - Site is unsuitable due to being in a Flood Plain

- Whole area has vulnerable ground water that flows into the Belubula River and Carcoar Dam which is a potential potable water supply
- EIS shows relocating 1/3 of the water course to the worst point for additional water from run off on slowest part of the river will result in flooding
- **Blayney LEP**
 - Was originally Rural Protection Zone, to protect the surrounding landscape.
 - Need to protect Tourism and Heritage potential
 - Planning proposal was approved to change to Industrial use
 - A Rural Industry is not a form of Industrial Use
- **Why can't the project be located at CTLX**
 - Can Council include in their submission the view that site is not appropriate
 - Council needs to be supportive of an Abattoir, but not the location
- **Noise of reversing trucks has not been addressed**