Tuesday, 28 April 2015

Planning Services, Department of Planning & Environment, GPO Box 39 SYDNEY NSW 2001

Attention: Manager – Industry Assessments

Dear Sir

## Proposed Blayney Abattoir – SSD 6594

I make this submission in opposition to the proposed abattoir at the location on Newbridge Road, Blayney. I am a resident of Blayney Shire, work in the Blayney CBD and I am a practicing marriage celebrant in Blayney and surrounds and have lived here 15 years.

## I strongly object to the proposal because

I have strong concerns about the health risks of transporting 4,500 goats per day through the Blayney Shire main roads. The proposed travel route will pass by Millthorpe Public School, Blayney Public School, Blayney High School, the Blayney Early Learners Centre and the Blayney Anglican Retirement Village, not to mention cafes, shops, churches and banks and sporting grounds.

I cannot stress enough my concerns for the Blayney Shire school students, school staff, owners and staff of community businesses and community members being exposed and subjected to raw feral goat's effluent spillage and emissions.

With an additional 56 open style livestock trucks on our roads driving directly pass schools and passing over school crossings will increase the risk of feral goat effluent spillage with the high hazardous risk of Q fever spore and emissions to our school students and staff.

The additional proposed 56 open style livestock trucks will amount to a doubling of heavy vehicles through the already stressed main street of town which is the main pedestrian and shopping street with rear to kerb parking. The number of trucks is already too high.

Athol Gardens which is situated directly across from the proposed Feral Goat Abattoir site is Blayney's main Iconic Reception Centre. Athol was built in 1875 and is one of Blayney's few 19<sup>th</sup> century homesteads still surrounded by its original gardens and is the home to many weddings.

Athol Gardens attract many visitors from afar as city folk personally source out such exclusive destination to celebrate their marriage and wedding reception. Athol Gardens provides for a unique atmosphere with country style in a beautiful garden setting. This unique and exclusive setting will be taken away from the proprietors of Athol Gardens as for ' *What bride will want to be married or celebrate their wedding reception*' opposite an abattoir, toasting the marriage whilst smelling feral goat odours, breathing in spores & emissions of Q Fever.

I myself as an authorise civil marriage celebrant will lose work and will have a negative impact on my business resulting in a loss of income and I personally cannot afford a financial loss. I am one of many wedding and reception services in town however there are many more businesses in town such as photographers, videographers, caterers, florist, car rentals, hotels, motels in the wedding business that will feel the negative result of this proposed FERAL GOAT ABBATTIOR.

I cannot stress how concerned I am and strongly object to this FERAL GOAT ABBATIOR proposal.

I confirm that I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous two years.

Yours sincerely

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