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**Re: Proposed Goat Abattoir, Newbridge Rd, Blayney.**

As a meat inspector of forty plus years and life resident of Blayney, I will put forward my favorable comments towards the above proposal.

The previous abattoir, Blayney Abattoir County Council, was established in 1956 lasting some 45 constant years with only minor seasonal downturns in production. In comparison, local downturn in the mining industry has employees without work who have left the area seeking employment, thus leaving housing vacant.

At its height of production Blayney Abattoir County Council employed some 650 employees from the local area and neighboring cities of Orange and Bathurst. During this time a shortage of housing prompted Blayney Council to take a positive move of acquiring land, then building some 100 homes for the growing demand of employees. This gave local builders etc. more employment. The construction of the proposed abattoir will again give local construction companies, concreters, plumbers, electricians etc. the opportunity to contract for work.

The previous abattoir had a peak production of around 7 000 lamb, sheep and goat, 500 cattle and 300 pigs daily, which I am sure would have created more truck movements than the proposed goat abattoir. The close proximity to town had very few townsfolk people complain of noise, with an odd occasion smell could be noted when certain weather conditions prevailed. As to noted complaints of zoonotic disease namely Q Fever, all these trucks did pass Millthorpe Local School, Blayney Public School and Blayney Catholic School and to my knowledge no children were infected with such diseases of Brucellosis, Leptospirosis or Q Fever from passing truck movements. As to this proposed project, shedding together with more modern technology should and can reduce noise and smell.

Summing up I consider this project should be given favorable consideration as to the need of some 150 employment jobs. With the closure of Electrolux in 2016 this may help employees seeking employment. There is also the possibility of export which will only help Australia's balance of trade.

Having attended a meeting held for the local community on 14/05/2015 convened by Blayney Council. I asked a question of guest speaker Dr Shepherd, concerning Q Fever. Dr Shepherd addressed a concern that atomized Q fever was possible to travel 20 KLMS.

If that is indeed the case why wasn't all or at least half of the township affected when the previous Blayney Abattoir was in service? To which I did not receive an answer!

Sincerely,

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