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ATTENTION: Manager Industry Assessments

**Blayney Export Meats Smallstock Abattoir: - Application No. SSD6594**

I wish to submit my objection to the proposed smallstock (feral goat) abattoir to be located within 1km of residences and businesses and main street. My objections are many and various.

Councillor Bradden, at the extraordinary council meeting on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup>, stated that Blayney was "an industrial town and that the old abattoir employed half the town" and that if we the objectors "didn't like it we could pack our bongos and go somewhere else" It is true the old abattoir employed many townsfolk. However it was a different time and Blayney was certainly a different place to what it is today. There is a new estate comprising 35, three or four bedroom homes, that has been built and occupied in the past 5 years. Another area adjacent the old abattoir boasts substantial homes on larger parcels of land, and on the western edge of the town similar homes. I do not believe this would have occurred if the abattoir was operational. New blood has come to town and this can be seen in the innovative businesses now located here. Please find attached copies of recent newspaper cuttings. Would they stay if they had to put up with 50 plus truck movements a day approximately half those movements carrying feral goats, offal, blood, skins etc. The noise, the odour, not to mention the smell of "death" that is emitted from an abattoir even without rendering occurring on site.

Water usage. I note the proponents estimate water usage of **580 kl per day**. This is to come from our town Drinking Water. Our household uses approximately **220 kl a year**. The Rowland dam, source of our water supply has not had any improvements since it was built some 80 years ago. In summer we already incur water restrictions. To restrict household consumption to provide this amount of water to an abattoir, will it mean our water rates and availability charges increase??

The land on which this slaughter house is proposed is prone to flooding all the way to the retirement village on Henry street. No amount of manmade ponds and waste water storage can guarantee that effluent seepage, overflow or flooding does not occur.

And on the subject of waste water. Cadia (Newcrest Mining) who it is proposed to take the recycled water, has started building. I understood this development had not been approved yet. What do they know??? Is it a done deal like many people tell me??



The transport of these animals disturbs me immensely. Rounded up, trapped, starved, forced onto trucks, kids separated from does, sick and or injured. Trucked for 10 to 12 hours. Forced into holding pens, terrified, awaiting death of which they can smell. *Ask any abattoir slaughterman.* Mr Hornery, part of the consortium proposing this development, has stated goats don't make a noise. I disagree. They make plenty of noise and to make it worse kids sound like babies crying. There is also the risk of Q fever along the transport route which takes in Millthorpe. Dr Jack Sheppard has expertly covered this in his critique of Q fever.

I note, council has recommended that stock movements be restricted through Millthorpe and Blayney to times that do not coincide with children going to or leaving school. Also that stock movements through Millthorpe and Blayney are restricted to Monday to Friday so as not to interfere with the tourist trade at the weekend. Tourists visit Monday to Friday as well, so these recommendations are not worth the paper they are written on. It is naive of the council even to think these recommendations would be complied with. To slaughter up to 4,500 goats a day, with 2 day's supply held on site, there has to be at any one time about 10,000 goats on the road.

I find this whole proposal abhorrent, starting with the probable inhumane treatment of these animals having to suffer 10 - 12 hours in transport to their death. The repugnant odour, the risk of Q Fever, the massive increase in traffic. I am concerned that businesses will fold and that the vitality and improvements I have witnessed over the past 10 years will slowly disappear and that Blayney will revert to an Abattoir town and not a tourist destination.

p.s. Blayney Caravan park opened about 5 years ago and is very successful.

Yours faithfully,

