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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 grew up in Blayney and I now live in Sydney but continue to visit Blayney on a very regular basis as my mother still resides in the town, as she has done her whole life.

I strongly object to the proposal because:

- I do not believe the process undertaken by Blayney Council to approve the first stage of this development was legitimate. Ray Hornery who worked for Blayney council in a senior capacity was involved in an initial approval process for the abattoir but is now working as a consultant for the developer, George Tanos. It seems like a serious conflict of interest as he has also engaged the consultants to undertake the EIS report.
- The location proposed for the new abattoir is very close to the town, within walking distance. The number of large trucks carting 4,500 feral goats per day to the abattoir, or 22,500 goats per week, plus the large number of trucks taking away the huge amount of waste, meat, skin and other debris is enormous and these trucks will all be travelling through the main part of Blayney which is a one lane road in each direction. Blayney is a small country town, a large number of trucks travelling through the main street will be dangerous and very disruptive to the peaceful community. They will be travelling through the main shopping street which is rear to kerb parking and also the main pedestrian street.
- I attended the recent town meeting held by Council in relation to this proposal and was told that an estimated 58 trucks will be travelling through the town each day, that means 116 trucks travelling through each day as they have to depart as well.
- As there is a designated industrial area for projects such as these, which can be accessed without entering the main town, why can't that be used? Please note, that Orange has been lobbying for years to get a by-pass to stop heavy traffic travelling through the main street. Why should Blayney now have this same problem forced upon the town.
- I grew up in Blayney when the old abattoir was working. The smell on killing day was horrendous and blanketed the town with a horrible stench.
- Feral goats can cause Q fever which is an airborne disease and can lead to death. The trucks carrying the goats will pass by the primary school, the high school, through the main part of town and past an aged care unit, exposing children and the elderly to Q fever. The proposed site, as mentioned, is right on the outskirts of town, very, very close to town. The one and only supermarket where food is unpacked is also close to the site as is a playing field where

local children play sport. The high risk to the town of an outbreak of Q fever is a major concern and should be seriously considered by the government .

- The developer of the abattoir already has a history of environmental pollution. I refer to the case in the Land and Environment Court of EPA v Metziya Pty Ltd BC200305236, where Metziya caused pollution into the local Belubula river and Carcoar Dam, by not adhering to DA requirements.
- The Developer, George Tanos holds large acreage outside of Blayney but a good distance from the town, which may be a more suitable site if the government approves this.
- The Environmental Protection Authority recommends strict buffer distances around abattoirs and the best and surest way to minimise local residents being exposed to pollution, smell, noise and airborne diseases. Surely the proposed site for this abattoir being so close to town and also across the road from the local wedding and conference centre is not adhering to the EPA guidelines of strict buffer zones.
- The abattoir site is very close to the Belubula River which can flood with heavy rain. This flooding can extend to the area of the proposed abattoir site. Meaning the river could be exposed to very toxic waste from the abattoir.
- At the local town meeting I asked the Mayor if an economic impact assessment had been undertaken in relation to the abattoir and its impact on the town, as the Mayor was stating that it would be good for the town. The mayor replied in a public forum that no economic impact assessment had been undertaken. I ask then, how he can claim it will be good for the town? Many businesses are concerned they will be negatively impacted as people won't want to stop in what will become a smelly, dirty town with lots of big trucks and a high risk of Q fever.
- I would like to request that the relevant planning and approval officers undertake a visit to Blayney to view the site and it's proximity to the town, to aged care units, to the river, to the supermarket and the roads that the large number of trucks carrying disease ridden feral goats will be travelling on and the local schools they will be passing on a daily basis.

Yours sincerely

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