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Planning Services,
Department of Planning & Environment,
GPO Box 39
SYDNEY NSW 2001
Attention: Manager - Industry Assessments

Dear Sir

Proposed Blayney Abattoir - SSD 6594

I am writing to you to express my concerns in the proposed feral goat abattoir at Blayney SeaLink Cold Store Complex, 137 Newbridge Road, Blayney.

I came to Blayney 38 years ago as a young girl and am now enjoying bringing up my children in the same town. Blayney has seen a lot of changes in those years and is a town always looking to improve itself. Especially recently, with our Blayney Town committee, local farmer's markets and proposed main street beautification program. I believe the proposed goat abattoir is a step in the wrong direction.

I have three children attending school in Blayney. I have concerns over the amount of traffic that is going to be passing those schools. Being a small town, many children (including mine) walk to and from school, increasing the volume of traffic in turn increases the risk to those children. The intersection of Adelaide Street and Newbridge Road is, at present, a busy dangerous intersection as it is the location of our local Post Office. I can't imagine what it would be like with a lot more traffic, let alone trucks.

Blayney did have an abattoir when I first moved to Blayney. I can tell you first hand that abattoirs do produce a horrible smell. This is not a smell I would like reintroduced into our town.

My husband and son both work at Athol Gardens, a wedding and function venue on Newbridge Road directly across from the proposed abattoir. It is a beautiful home and garden and a perfect venue for a country wedding. With most of their functions held outside, the smell and noise from a goat abattoir would most certainly put them out of business. A business which generates tourism and money into our town and local area.

Q fever is another risk to Blayney if the proposed goat abattoir goes ahead. Whether the risk is big or small, this is not something that I want my family exposed to.

I am disappointed in our local council and councillors that we as Blayney residents don't feel as if we have a say in what happens in our town. Our councillors are supposed to represent us and our concerns and I don't believe they are doing this.

I strongly object to the proposal for a feral goat abattoir in Blayney. It is a wonderful place to live and raise a family, let's keep it that way.

(I have not made any reportable political donations in the previous two years)

Yours sincerely

Amanda Townsend

cc Blayney Shire Council

Mayor Scott Ferguson, Blayney Shire Council