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Attention: Manager - Industry Assessments

Dear Sir

Proposed Blayney Abattoir - SSD 6594

The Department of Planning and Environment wants the community to have a say on Metziya Pty Limited's plans to build the small stock goat abattoir within the Blayney SeaLink Cold Store Complex at 137 Newbridge Road, Blayney.

I make this submission in opposition to the proposed abattoir at the location on Newbridge Road, Blayney. I am a resident of Millthorpe and have commenced a successful boutique business in the village. Le Billot de Boucher (The Butcher's Block), a boutique offering tourists and locals French inspired home wares.

Le Billot de Boucher is situated in the picturesque historic village of Millthorpe, in Central NSW. Millthorpe is the pivotal hub of a dynamic food and cool climate wine region and is home to a vibrant community of local artists with a diverse range of talent. Set in a rural landscape with cobbled, bluestone bordered streets, Millthorpe boasts award winning restaurants, arts and antiques, a museum, hotels and wine tasting.

I strongly object to the proposal for the following reasons:

- The EIS discloses that the residents nearest the abattoir together with those in the town will be exposed to pollution from odour and noise and there will be serious exposure to airborne diseases such as Q fever.

- Millthorpe township is on the transport route and as I mentioned above boasts award winning restaurants, arts and antiques, a museum, hotels and wine tasting, not to mention cafés, a market that attracts in excess of 3,000 people and a smaller more regular market. As Millthorpe is on the transport route it too will be exposed to pollution from odour and noise and there will be serious exposure to airborne diseases such as Q fever. If a Q fever outbreak occurred at one of the market events in excess of 3,000 people would be at risk along with those who live in the town.
- Millthorpe boasts a wonderful public school at which approximately 260 students attend. Some of the daily activities are held outside, such as netball, soccer, touch football, cricket and softball. These same student cross the busy street at a pedestrian crossing, the same pedestrian crossing will have trucks with goats known to carry the disease Q Fever which puts them more at risk.
- The number of heavy vehicles through the main street of Millthorpe will double. The number of trucks is already too high.
- Millthorpe is a clean, safe town. It is a beautiful part of the Central West and is very safe to live and raise children
- Athol Gardens is a beautiful venue for weddings, birthdays, high teas and any such occasion. This proposal does not seem to take into account that Athol Gardens employs locals and that they will lose their jobs if this abattoir goes ahead as I cannot believe that people would enjoy a function with 14,000 bleating goats in the background. This noise is totally unacceptable. I for one would not get married opposite an abattoir and I am concerned that it may mean the closure of the Athol Gardens wedding reception centre business which is a great asset to town and brings many visitors to Millthorpe boosting tourism in the area.
- I am opposed to the slaughter of goats!!!
- The number of feral goats to be slaughtered is quite disturbing. Mr Hornery has said that goats only make noise when they are under pressure. What greater pressure is there than being cooped up in a truck

for 8-10 hours, and then being confined to pens with no food or water then shackled upside-down, forced up a 'race' by kicking, pushing or even an electric prodder before finally being killed. These goats will be "under pressure" from the moment they are caught, therefore they will be noisy!

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

Yours sincerely

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