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Blayney Export Meats Smallstock Abattoir: - Application No. SSD6594

As an experienced meat worker in the old Blayney Abattoir for 31 years, 9 of those years as a leading hand in the chillers and 7 years as a foreman before I moved onto other employment, I wish to submit my concerns over the above proposal.

My concerns are:

The possibility of locals picking up airborne diseases. All Abattoir workers and Livestock drivers are vaccinated against Q Fever – I have lifetime immunity but what about my children and grandchildren and the rest of the community?

Effluent reaching the Belubula River. As a born and bred Blayney man I know the proposed site is subject to regular flooding up to and including the roadway on Henry Street.. The area proposed for entry to the site was previously the original site of the Vet Practice, but it was found to be too wet to build up the business and they moved into town.

The amount of town drinking water to be used. How many mega litres per week? Blayney has grown since the old abattoir closed in 1998 and Rowland Dam from where our water supply is sourced – the dam wall has not been increased since it was built 80 years ago. Although when the dam gets very low, there is then talk of increasing the wall, but nothing happens.

The noise and smell from this proposal. In my experience of killing goats, for this many to be slaughtered per day would take 2 shifts at least. The trucks could be arriving all night, with lights from the Abattoir, men yelling, dogs barking, the sounds of terrified goats when they smell blood, possible escapes, all within a kilometre by road, not as the crow flies, of a retirement village, residences, the post office, the supermarket, the main street etc etc.

As a resident of the Retirement Village, I do not find the idea of a Small animal Slaughter house so close to town, a pleasant one.