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Subject:

Submission - Warragamba Dam Raising Project – SS-8441

We at Pepe's Ducks Ltd support the Raising of the Dam Wall

Pepes Ducks Ltd are the leading producer of ducks in Australia, based in South Windsor.

Our market covers all of Australia, from the east coast to the west coast, with a growing market in the U.S.A, as well as a fast-growing market for the export of breeder stock to Asia, in conjunction with our French supplier of genetics, who see Australia as a leading country in Bio Security, animal welfare and animal husbandry.

Our investment in the Hawkesbury over the past 30 years has been immense, from initially employing 32 staff until today with a total of 200 employees.

With the growth of business, investing in upgrading our factory has been ongoing in keeping up with global technology, along with a \$20,000,000 investment in building one of the most modern duck hatcheries in the world here in the Hawkesbury.

Continuous investment in our breeder farm at Glossodia (Hawkesbury) has also been necessary due to the continuing demand for our duck.

We at Pepe's Ducks are very proud to be the leading producer in Australia, with out inhouse IP, knowledge, experience, technical no how and vision has European duck machinery design and manufactures engage us in many of their new design projects.

Disruption to Business – Due to Flooding

The experience of the past two floods has been of great concern to us in the disruption to our business.

- Staff Availability
- Transporting of day old ducklings from hatchery to farms
- Transporting of fertile eggs from farm to hatchery
- Disruption of domestic market from fresh and frozen duck's products
- Disruption to export of breeder livestock
- Major animal welfare issues in the disruption of delivering feed to farms (The last flood 2021 helicopters were used to transport feed to our farm to keep our breeder stock alive, the loss of breeder stock would have put our business at risk)
- Disruption to livestock has major ramifications, health, animal welfare, Bio security and market.

Summary

As written, flooding is a major concern with the investment we have in the Hawkesbury, and the need to reduce our concerns is by Raising the Warragamba Dam Wall.

The continue growth of Pepe's Ducks and the duck industry here in Australia has a great future, however with the next stage of investment being a new factory, the questions we ask ourselves is the Hawkesbury the ideal location to make a \$35,000,000 investment with the ongoing threat of flooding.

As many of our farms around Badgerys Creek are being consumed by the airport we are gradually moving further west, where we have made a large investment in building one of the largest duck farms in the world, one has got to think where we invest next.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Houston', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Houston
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