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Att: Director - Social and Other Infrastructure Assessments

RE: Objection to New Grafton Correctional Centre

Application no: SSD 7413



Dear Director,

I am writing to you in regards to your letter sent out on 10th August 2016, my name is Rodney Fallon and I am writing on behalf of MJ&RS Fallon partnership. We are a multi-generation established farm and grazing producer with multiple properties along Avenue Road, Ulmarra including 927 Avenue Road, to where this letter was addressed.

My concern is regarding my current stock route permit (**Stock Permit no: 209331537**) this permit, issued by NSW Government Local Land Service Department, has been annually renewed for over 25 years. This permit allows us to walk our stock to and from our properties including 136, 660, Lot 90, DP 844088, Lot 121, DP 751376, 741 and 927 Avenue Road, between the hours of sunrise and sunset, daily.

The letter you have sent detailing a car park of approximately 500 cars spaces as well as a major infrastructure project of 1700 beds - all being constructed over the following 3 years, leaves me to question; **How I will now be able to move livestock between my properties for now and in the future?** Obviously, with the facilities to store 500+ cars, I would take it that there will obviously be at least another 500 cars travelling along Avenue Road, not including prison transport vehicles, construction vehicles, equipment and multiple delivery vehicles. As this permit has been on-going for over 25 years, the properties which have been mentioned above do not have the facilities to transport livestock via vehicle, nor do I have a vehicle to transport them with. Apart from the obvious of outlaying greater than \$100,000.00 to invest in adequate equipment to now continue on doing the same thing I have been doing, for the previous years I don't see a future for my children to carry on the same legacy.

Flooding - In the event of a major flood, which has been a common occurrence over the last 10 years - **Will we still have the right of way to walk cattle out of low lying areas along Avenue road?** As stated in our current permit. During flood times, approximately 2500 head of cattle walk this road, as well as large numbers of transportation vehicles to remove livestock from flood prone areas.

Access - I have noticed surveyors' pegs either side of Avenue Road. Obviously with the amount of carparks noted in your letter there will be an increase in traffic. **Is this road being widened?** And if so, **Will I still be able to access my property once this road has been widened?** With your plans for this infrastructure work, **will access to any of my properties be required?** As, there has been no notification of this.

- With the commencement of the Correctional Centre, ongoing construction work and possible newly zoned industrial area, **will my land be devalued?** Also, **is my property at 660 Avenue Road, going to have permanent security lighting and rotating lights showering my property 24/7?**

As a resident of this area for some time, and having many properties along Avenue Road, I would appreciate being kept up to date with information regarding this facility, and the impacts it may have on my family and livelihood.

Your prompt response to this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R.S. Fallon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rodney Fallon