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Re: Rushes Creek Poultry Farm

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to lodge an objection to the proposed Rushes Creek Poultry Farm. Our family owns land on which we run a beef cattle enterprise approximately 2.2 kilometres South of the Proposed site.

This enormous project threatens to impact the entire local area from existing local farmers through to recreational users of Lake Keepit especially at the Manilla Ski Gardens.

Locals will tell you a Westerly to North Westerly wind is the predominate wind in this area/district/region, yet the wind rose presented in the EIS seems to indicate that they would like us to believe that the predominant wind is a North Easterly.

By their own admission, odour issues will impact the entire area depending on day to day weather conditions. The presented odour modelling seems to contradict wind modelling. That is wind modelling shows NE predominate winds yet odour modell shows residents to NE most affected by odour. Why have the proponents not collected weather data from the site for the past twelve months they have owned the land and included this information in the EIS.

The positioning of Farms 3 & 4 on the southern border of the property, just 1 km SE from R25 on the property Sugarloaf is just absurd. Considering Westerly to North westerly winds are predominate R25 will be in direct line of odour from farms 3 & 4. With 2000 or so acres of land surely there are other sites further away from neighbour that can be utilised.

A massive increase of vehicle movements especially large truck is a safety issue that has not been satisfactorily dealt with in this EIS. No allowance for a turning lane for traffic entering or existing the property onto Rushes Creek road is negligent considering the increase in traffic volumes that are going to be generated.

Residents along Rushes Creek road are going to be subject road noise from approximately 10,000 extra vehicle movements per annum, more than half of these are scheduled to be after dark movements.

Groundwater security is a massive worry. The EIS states water is to be sourced from the Namoi River or trucked in should the river fail to supply requirements. My concern is trucked in from what source? Is that source going to impact groundwater in the area.?

To ensure that at some point in the future the operators of this farm don't have a change in position regarding use of groundwater, I urge the DPE to place an outright ban on use of groundwater in the conditions of approval should this project go ahead to protect the fragile groundwater aquifers in the area and ensure current stock and domestic groundwater users supply is not impacted and remain secure.

Yours sincerely

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