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Planning Officer
NSW Department of Planning Industry and Environment

OBJECTION – DA SSD 9143 Proposed Chicken Farm at 52 Sinclair Street Goulburn

Dear Sir

I am writing to you as the convenor of the recently formed group Community Voice for Hume, CV4H, as I **OBJECT** to DA SSD_9143, the proposed Chicken Farm at 52 Sinclair Street Goulburn

I would respectfully like to bring to you CV4H members' concerns about the following issues:-

1. The scale of the development is out of proportion to the ability of Goulburn to sustain, the water usage requirements in particular, especially given the current widespread drought in NSW and the forecast of reduced rainfall over the longer term;
2. The lack of consideration for the Regional Community Strategic Plan;
3. The lack of consideration to Goulburn's classification as a "Water Sensitive City" and the recent report produced after community engagement;
4. The low level of community engagement for such a large development
5. Reputational damage to Goulburn given that the city is still known as the one that ran out of water and we already have a large abattoir and a prison.

Water Usage

1. Given the scale of the farm, current drought and the forecast of reduced rain due to climate change, Goulburn's water supply would be under risk from the requirements of the proposed factory. Estimates by Council officers and others suggest that the development could use 30 per cent of Goulburn's water supply. In times of water restrictions, will the factory have water guarantees that would at the expense of the residents?
2. The use of so much of Goulburn's water by one factory would likely inhibit further development, both commercial and residential in Goulburn.

Carbon Footprint and Sustainability

1. What consideration has been given to the impact of the increased carbon footprint of the proposed Chicken Farm to the Goulburn Mulwaree area? Especially as the most recent IPCC report highlights the risk to the Paris Accord 1.5c target of large scale meat production.

Regional Community Strategic Plan (RCSP). (This can be found on the GMC's Website).

The RCSP, that covers Goulburn Mulwaree, Upper Lachlan Shire and Yarra Valley Shire Councils, is not one of the documents listed as having been considered in the planning of this DA in section 5 of the EIS, pages 99-105.

Below is an extract of the parts of the Regional Community Strategic Plan with which the proposed Chicken Farm would seem to be at odds:-

“Strategy EN5 To investigate and implement approaches to reduce our carbon footprint.

- To support residents, businesses and industry in reducing their carbon footprints in their homes, businesses, and lifestyle choices.”

In its current form, this DA will have a major impact on Goulburn’s sustainability due to its water requirements.

“Strategy EC4 Foster and develop a diverse, adaptive and innovative agricultural Industry

- To promote sustainable agricultural practices
- To ensure access to secure quality water supply services across the region”

In its current form this DA is not based on sustainable agricultural practices such as regenerative farming.

In its current form this DA will significantly reduce water supply.

“Strategy IN5 Ensure high quality water supply options for the towns in the region.

- To ensure access to secure quality water supply services across the region.”

In its current form this DA significantly diminishes water supplies.

I look forward to receiving a response to the objections raised in this letter.

Yours sincerely
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Convenor CV4H