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To: Council
Subject: Objection to proposed abattoir in Gillieston
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To Whom it may concern

I am writing to you this morning upon receiving the letter in the mail from the GSCC in regards to the planned abattoir in Gillieston.

As a small business owner located southeast of the listed addresses I have several grievances I wish to list in objection to this planning permit.

Gillieston Fresh Produce has a packing facility located less than 1 kilometre from the rear of the property on Mulcahy road. At this site we employ up to 25 staff for 6-8 months of the year

This doesn't not include the outdoor tomato crops we grow which in harvesting season employs a further 80-100 staff

I have modest fears that the effluent smell, particularly in summer will be a health hazard, not only for my staff but also for the residents in the area.

A colleague of mine in the same industry also has a packing shed located on the opposite side of the road directly south of the proposed site

As a grower of outdoor fresh tomatoes I have concerns about the increased traffic of both the animal and human variety.

By bringing in sheep/cattle/goats from long distances you run the risk of spreading diseases both of a bacterial and viral nature that could affect all types of agriculture in the surrounding area.

An example of this for the fresh tomato industry is the potato/tomato psyllid insect. The Psyllid which spreads a devastating virus has been found in the of WA region and south east Queensland.

Should an insect such as this arrive the effects on horticulture crops in the area would be irreversible.

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they have expressed concerns of animals arriving to the site and being held in holding pens for a period of time before being processed.

These animals are likely to be carrying diseases which could severely impact the health of their bovine and equine animals.

Another issue is the increased traffic of large trucks, which has a twofold effect.

With these trucks travelling large distances and no doubt visiting large rural areas hundreds to thousands of kilometres away, they run the risk in picking up wild and foreign matter in their tyres and introducing it to areas that have previously been weed free.

This then creates more work for the farmers in the area to control these foreign weeds, requiring more herbicides to be used. This is compromising both the health and budget of the farmer.

Then there is increased traffic not only to the main roads but the local/rural roads such as Mulcahy, McKenzie and Byrnside-Gillieston roads.

These roads most certainly do not have the infrastructure to handle large B-double trucks and in some cases only have enough room to let one vehicle pass at a time

It should be noted that a petition to block the approval of the planning permit was submitted to the council last year due to the serious concerns of the residents and business owners in the area.

I ask the members of the council to seriously consider the environmental, financial and quality of life impact when making the decision on the go ahead of this project.

Regards

