

I am writing in objection to the proposed abattoir operation at 630 Lancaster Mooroopna Road, Undera. Planning application 2018-218.

I am concerned about the disruption and noise caused by the increased traffic as a result of the development, particularly with the workers who will be rostered to start at 5am. If these workers are to start work at 5am, they will be required to arrive even earlier. As our house is situated close to the Lancaster Mooroopna Road, this is particularly relevant in our situation in creating further traffic movement and noise.

There is also a concern in regard to the increased flow of heavy vehicles, creating noise as they decelerate and accelerate on entering and exiting the proposed abattoirs. There is mention made of 5 B-double trucks making livestock deliveries at various times every day. This in particular will be a concern for our residence with the possibility of livestock deliveries at night and the possibility of other heavy vehicles accessing the site at night causing disruption to our peace and quiet? In regard to the delivery of livestock, there will be an increase of noise in regard to the unloading of the animals, with voices raised to move the animals out of the truck, possibly dogs barking, the trucks gates opening and closing and also the noises of the sheep themselves as they are moved out of the vehicle and into an unfamiliar location. All of these factors will impact our quality of life, particularly in the summer months when our windows are open at night and more likely to be impacted by these noises.

The proposal mentions the kill number of animals to be 3,000 small sheep, but there is the mention in a number of documents of also goats killed in the abattoir. The EPA report makes no mention whatsoever of goats, only referring to lambs and some low numbers of adult sheep. However in a number of other of the reports available, such as in the report by Project Planning & Development, item 1.1 "process 3000 sheep and goats per day" and in the 'Air Noise Environment' report on page 36, item 2.2 it states "processing of up to 3000 small stock sheep and goat per day". Can you please clarify this discrepancy of the proposed operation as I am of the understanding that the Council Permit was to be for a sheep abattoir only?

There appears to be a discrepancy of the proposed hours of operation:

- In the report to GSCC Part 3 of 3, from Project Planning & Development, item 1.3.1 it states, "The operation would be 6 days per week 12 hours per day involving two shifts of 50 employees"
- In the report submitted by Traffic Works Part 3 of 3, Item 3.3 Operation it states: "The new abattoir in Gillieston is proposed to operate six days a week between 5.00 am – 7.00 pm."
- In the report submitted in Part 3 of 3, from Watson, Moss Growcott Acoustics, in item 1, the introduction it states, "The facility will operate 24 hours per day, 7 days per week."
- In the report submitted in Part 3 of 3, from Air Noise Environment, in item 2.2 Description of Operations, it states, "The proposed abattoir will operate 12 hours a day, 6 days per week."
- In the report submitted in Part 1 of 3, from CAF Consulting, page 3 it states, "operating a proposed 5am to 7pm Monday to Friday, and Saturday 5am to 3pm"
- The EPA report refers to the operating hours under 'What Does the Application Propose' as being 12 hours per day, 5-6 days per week.
- In the EPA report 2.2 Overview of Proposed Operations, it states the operation will take place, operating Monday to Friday, and some Saturdays. Processing will occur over 1 shift each working day, starting early morning with plant and yard washdown activities finishing mid-afternoon.

Can you please again clarify these discrepancies in the operating hours that are proposed in the varying reports?

I am also concerned about the potential for odour contamination as a result of the water storage situated close to our place of residence, and also the increased risk of mosquitos as a result of these water pondages holding still water.

Can you also please provide assurance that our property will not be affected by light emissions as a result of this operation? With the projected hours of operation and the anticipated security lighting, this is a very real concern.

[REDACTED]. Therefore there is the very real likelihood that the abattoir in its operation is going to affect our quality of life and enjoyment of our rural situation.

We have been advised by a Real Estate Agent, that the expected resale of our property as a result of this proposed development has the potential to reduce it from \$2,200 per acre to \$1,600 per acre. This is also of great concern to us as well.

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