

9th October 2015

**RE: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED BEEF CATTLE FEEDLOT ON THE
PROPERTY "GOONDARIN"**

Dear Resident/Landowner,

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If you would like to provide some comments and feedback on the proposed development before Friday 30th October 2015, we would like to hear from you.

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Yours faithfully,

Rod Davis
Engineering and Environment Manager
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Rod Davis,

Engineering and Environment Manager,

Ostwald Bros,

Dalby.

Dear Sir,

I wish to advise concern regarding this development for the following reasons –

1/ effect on other landholders within this valley

2/ effect on the environment

3/ effect on existing infrastructure

Landholders in this locality are already aware of the quality of life effects of the existing feedlot and this will be increased by an additional feedlot. Issues are odour and dust with prevailing winds resulting in a reduction in land values particularly for those on lifestyle properties.

Environmentally the location is adjacent to a major floodplain and with the build up of nutrient on land used for waste disposal there will be an adverse effect on the Dumaresq River. The flood channel that exists to the north of the feedlot and in close proximity to the manure stockpile and carcass decomposing site is also a water catchment area for stock water dams lower down and nutrient run off will cause a lowering of water quality with resultant algae problems.

Feedlots are an attraction to feral pigs who have a natural habitat in the adjacent National Park. They cause major losses to landholder's crops and livestock.

Logistically there is no economic benefit to the local Shire but the cost of upgrade of Tarwoona Road to carry heavy transport particularly when Cunningham Weir Crossing is cut for extended periods during floods and/or for shorter periods quite frequently after heavy rain events. No doubt the relative authorities will take this into account in their determinations.

Sincerely,

Neville Shannon.

PS Could you please notify us by return email of your receipt and reading of this letter to our email address braelyn@bigpond.com

Rod Davis

From: Margaret Brassington <margaretbrassington@yahoo.com.au>
Sent: Sunday, 25 October 2015 12:22 PM
To: Rod Davis
Subject: Environmental Impact Statement for Proposed Cattle Feedlot on "Goondarin"

Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter dated 09 October 2015, regarding the above proposed intensive livestock development, I am writing to express my deep concern this development will have on the amenity and liveability of my property, located to the north west of the proposed development at 2765 Tarwoona Road, Camp Creek.

My husband (now deceased) and I purchased this 300 acre property in 2001 to maintain a quiet rural lifestyle. However, if this development goes ahead, there is little doubt that the lifestyle I currently enjoy will be immeasurably reduced. The social impacts such a development will have, including offensive odours, increased dust, noise and traffic levels, will erode not only my lifestyle, but the financial value of my property as well.

The increase in light and heavy vehicles using the single lane bitumen road will adversely impact and deteriorate Tarwoona Road, increase noise levels and will be a hazard to other road users.

Positioning an intensive development so close to the Dumaresq River, poses a significant hazard to the ecology of the river and the health of downstream users should waste and nutrient run off not be managed effectively. In addition, flooding, both from the river breaking its banks and from overland flow, will further exacerbate this hazard with larger flood events generating fast and turbulent flows in the area.

With such significant detrimental impacts to the amenity and liveability of my home possible, I must raise my serious concerns for such a development so close to my house.

Please acknowledge receipt of these concerns via return email. I can be contacted on 07 4653 6220.

Regards

Margaret Brassington

19th November 2015

NJ & DE Shannon
Property Owner - "Hurford Downs" (2883 Tarwoona Rd)
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This feedback will enhance the ongoing planning for the proposed development as well as ensure the EIS is a comprehensive document that thoroughly considers potential issues and mitigation measures for the proposed development.

Some of the key issues raised during consultation include operation impacts such as traffic generation, infrastructure capacity, access during flood events; social impacts (amenity, liveability - odour, dust, noise); environmental impacts (flooding, ecology of the Dumaresq River, nutrient buildup on waste utilisation areas, liquid waste runoff) and proliferation of pest animals.

Rabremo Pty Ltd ATF Ostwald Rural Trust (trading as Ostwald Bros Rural Operations) is now working through all of the comments received and will address issues raised in the EIS document which is expected to be lodged with the Inverell Shire in early December 2015.

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Group Manager – Environment
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