

THE LOCAL

M E A T C O

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Notice of Intent

1. Sam Trethewey *Managing Director of The Local Meat Co Pty Ltd*
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Address: 35 Sadlers Rd Dunorlan TAS 7304
2. **Claude Road Abattoir Capacity Increase** - at 1178 Claude Rd, Claude Road TAS 7306
3. The Local Meat Co is owned by Sam and Stephanie Trethewey who run three beef properties in the Deloraine area. Both have years of extensive farm, business, finance, and marketing experience. In early 2022 they set up The Local Meat Co following an opportunity to acquire the Claude Rd abattoir to not only secure their own red meat supply chain, but improve the facility to add more value to local food service, farm gate brands, butchers and wholesalers predominantly in Tasmania, with customers in Melbourne too. Whilst informal reports suggest that for many years, the abattoir has been run far surpassing its annual limit of 100 tonnes without any obvious signs of environmental strain, Sam and Stephanie are committed to doing the right thing to ensure the business's social licence and service to local industry is maintained in accordance with local, state and any federal obligations. With this in mind, given the demand and interest from local butchers, food service and of course our Tasmanian farmers, The Local Meat Co plans to increase the permitted/licenced capacity of the facility above our current 100 tonne operation.
The Local Meat Co has been the tenant of the above address since 6th March 2022 and has a binding 'lease to purchase' legal agreement with the landlord that will be executed on or before 6th March 2024.
4. The Local Meat Co plans to increase the permitted capacity of the Claude Road Abattoir from its 100 tonne limit to 500 tonnes per annum. There are no plans or requirements of the facility and therefore the Project to increase the physical footprint of the current operation in order to meet the additional capacity/throughout. Previous operators of the facility have shown that the current design and management of product, effluent and solid waste has not overloaded the capability of the facility.
Currently, effluent is collected and plumbed through large purpose-built underground PVC pipes into (two) lined settling ponds to the buildings north-west. As the ponds reach their capacity the liquid is irrigated onto nearby pasture adjoining the abattoir (under our management and on the same title). Appropriate

withholding periods are strictly followed for grazing stock on these paddocks after irrigation.

Solid waste is currently collected by a purpose built truck (owned by us) and transported to our nearby farm (our home and also owned by us) where it is buried. We are currently in the process of building a composting area/system to receive the solid waste from the abattoir combining with local waste sources of carbon to use privately on our own farms.

Our position at this point in time given our knowledge is that the current management of effluent and solid waste will be suitable for the increased capacity from the Project.

5. As detailed above, The Local Meat Co conducts its operations on 13.1ha (32 acres) which is leased with its abattoir at 1178 Claude Rd Claude Road, Tas

Fig 1

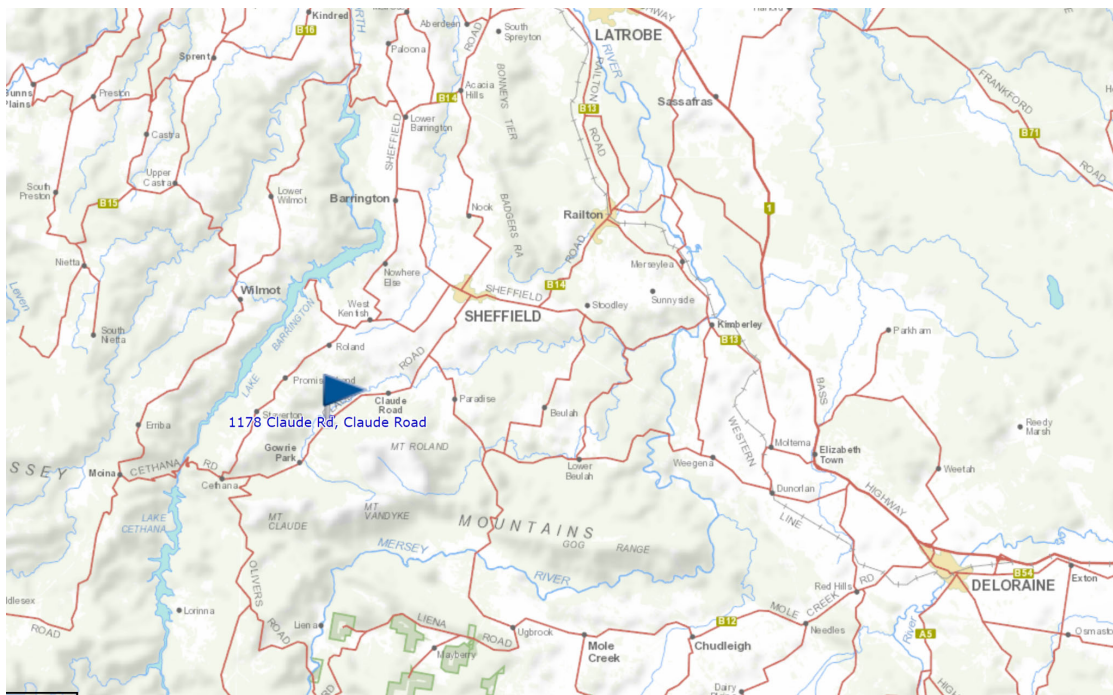


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6. The Local Meat Co is willing to consult with whatever stakeholders are deemed relevant to the increase of capacity at the facility. Operationally, we foresee little to no changes in day to day operations. Prior to our management, the facility already demonstrated the operational capacity that would meet our new target of 500 tonnes a year, however this has been without former operators seeking EPA approval. As with point 4, we expect that this process will help us understand which, if any, stakeholders we need to consult, and with what. If anything, we see the increase in capacity and subsequent improved management of waste to be net positive of the current operation.
7. With an increase in throughput, we see an effect of:
 - More effluent from both stock yards and the slaughter floor
 - Increase in solid waste (skins, offal, paunch etc)As for how these increases will affect the environment will no doubt come down to the new process and protocols adhered to through and post approval.
8. Aside from ensuring waste is dealt with in a satisfactory manner, we don't see any environmental, social, health or economic issues with the project. In fact, we only see benefits and opportunities in all four areas.
9. There has been no obvious need or reason for surveys or studies for this project at this point in time.
10. The proposed timetable for the project is mostly dictated by the EPA with council and ourselves working around the EPA's process.
The EPA's timeline includes but is not limited to;
 1. 14 days to respond to the Noi
 2. 21 days to make a decision and advise what compliance the Project must meet
 3. We're then given 12 months to come back with an appropriate report that details how the operations will comply with the demands of the EPA.
 4. A month or so following that to fine tune and update the report with further information requested by the EPA.
 5. The EPA would advertise for 2 weeks
 6. Following this there would be time spent aggregating the report, feedback and other information to submit to the Board and recommend an outcome.
 7. In and amongst this process the council have advised they need 42 days to run and report on an advertising process that they believe would be after the EPA have given them permission to proceed. They have not advised us at what stage of this (EPA) process, however indicated it would be "once the EPA are happy".

Ultimately the process and timeline is what it is and we have only control over our swim-lane which is developing the compliance report. Given our knowledge of the process and nominated timelines by stakeholders, we would like to aim for Project completion July 2023.

11. Upon researching the likelihood of any approval required under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act) via the Protected Matters Search Tool and other associated information, we believe this Project does NOT require approval as we are not increasing the size of the operations footprint and therefore clearing or changing the impact of the current operation.
12. The below email confirms that the Project will require a planning/development application with the Kentish Council. They have also advised that they cannot start any work or receive any applications from us relating to the Project until they're contacted and instructed by the EPA on next steps.

Intensification to Level 2 Activity at 1178 Claude Road



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11:40 (3 hours ago)



Hi Sam

I write to advise that a Discretionary Development Application is required for your proposed intensification of the existing abattoir at 1178 Claude Road. Whilst Council intends on sending more detailed advice when we have available resources, I understand that this advice is sufficient to progress your EOI with the EPA.

Thanks

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