

Reasons for Objection

We object to the granting of the permit on the following grounds.

1. Health Issues
2. Air and Water Pollution
3. Detrimental to Tourism
4. Went to mediation 15 years ago

Effect on the Objector

Our property is situated opposite the proposed boar station piggery. With the extra number of pigs come a big lagoon and more effluent to be treated and spread across the land. The offensive smell would constantly be in the air and would even hit the township of Lethbridge. With the piggery being situated on the Midland Highway, people driving through the area would only know it as a town that smelled instead of a town with beautiful wineries and breathtaking views of the valley.

We are very concerned about any excess water in wet years that may run off into the creek and our dam which then runs into the town lake (swimming pool). This water may contain effluent and the Moorabool River could also be degraded the same way, with many who fish off the bank no longer able to do so.

Lethbridge is a town that has grown in size in the last few years with many coming from the cities to enjoy that "country lifestyle". Over the years many wineries have been established around the area bringing with them employment and tourist dollars, while neither being offensive or intrusive to their surroundings. These tourists would not come if all they could smell was effluent in the air.

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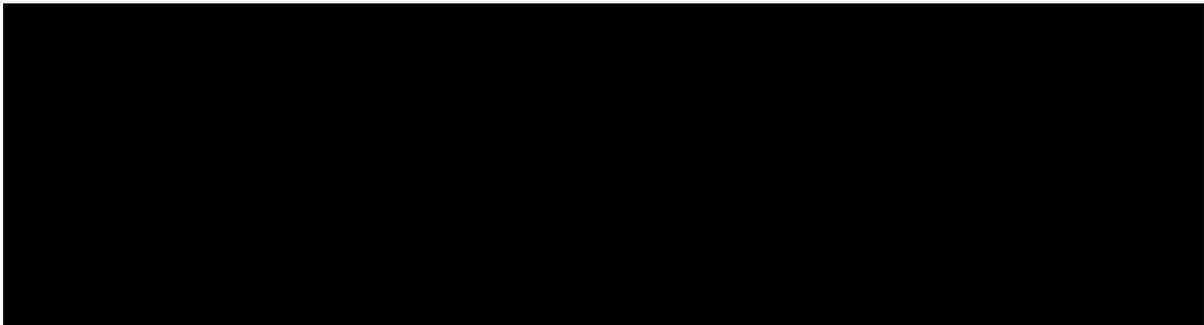
Our son has an asthma condition which is triggered by impurities in the air. With the constant smell in the air would not help him or many others who have breathing difficulties.

When this went to mediation 15 years ago, the company was made to truck the effluent out, which worked very well for all. We are not against having more boars but need the effluent to be trucked out as it has been.

We feel if this permit was allowed to go ahead, people would no longer choose to make Lethbridge their home.

People would no longer move here for that "fresh country air and lifestyle"

Signed



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Objection to GPS Granting of Planning Permit P02-102a



22 March 2018

Golden Plains Shire Planning Dept. re:
 Application # P02-102a
 3140 Midland Hwy., Lethbridge
 Piggery Expansion
 Chris Richards (Pork Storks)

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File No(s)	3A6G 0135
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Applicant is seeking to DOUBLE the number of pig boars held on the property and change the method of dealing with the wastes produced.

This is in contravention of the VCAT mediated agreement he entered into with myself and over 140 additional Lethbridge residents in June of 2003.

VCAT subsequently issued order P2724/2002 to GPS to issue a permit with these conditions:

- Number of pig boars to be no greater than 200
- That air scrubbers must be provided to the piggery shed to process and treat air discharges to minimize any odour generated from use, such that there is NO odour from the piggery off-site.
- There shall be NO lagoon to collect and store piggery wastes
- All waste to be collected and stored in sealed sump tank and piping with venting via shed through air scrubbers
- Waste to be removed from the site by vacuum extraction tanker fortnightly, with maximum period of 21 days.
- That all piggery waste generated from ANY activities on the land must NOT be placed on the land or on any other land within 10km of the intersection of Russell St. and the Midland Hwy. Lethbridge
- All waste must be contained within the piggery and/or transported off site and must NOT result in run-off of contaminated waste into any surface waters or contaminate any groundwater
- Further conditions stipulate vehicle ingress, parking, landscaping, soil removal, and other conditions that were not disputed by the objectors, Chris Richards, or GPS

There has been only a single breach of these conditions, above, during the approximately 15 years of operation, that I am aware of. In this case, it was only wet and rotting, chook manure was spread upon the paddocks.

The stench was awful!

It was difficult to be outside and you had to keep all windows closed.

If they had spread pig manure, it would have been even worse.

Since that was cleaned up, there have been no further incidents, that I am aware of.

We, the residents of Lethbridge have co-existed since then with Pork Storks amicably.

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GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE
2 POPE STREET
BANNOCKBURN

8-3-2018

Notice of objection for an amendment to
planning permit Number P02-102

The land affected by the application located
at lot 2 on plan of subdivision 3140
Midland Highway Lethbridge

The application for the amendment to the permit
is Chris Richards (Park Storks Australia PT LTD)

The application reference number is P02-102A
I object to the granting of the permit on the
following grounds

1/ With the increased number of boars from 200 to
400 doubles the excess treated liquid waste
being applied to the land adjacent to the
piggery, increasing smell/odour.

2/ Upon heavy rain the excess treated liquid
waste will pollute surrounding waterways
flowing through my property and to the
moorabool river.

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19-3-18

To Planning Dept, C.P.S.

This letter of Objection is in regards to the Planning Application PO2102A Piggery at Leithbridge, I have no issue with increase in the number of Pigs, but strongly object to spreading of their manure on the farm just north of the Township, North roads will carry the odour over the town, & North West will carry it over Maude Township.

Yours Faithfully



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YOUR DETAILS:

Golden Plains Shire Council
Blue Point

DETAILS OF THE PERMIT APPLICATION YOU ARE RESPONDING TO:

Application Number: P02 - 102A PROCESSED
26 MAR 2018

Address of Subject Land: 3140 midland H.W. Lethbridge Vic

Description of Proposal: Amend permit to allow a piggy shed extension, increase in numbers of pigs and application of treated pig effluent on land and construction of an orange lagoon.

Name of Applicant: Chris Richards

DETAILS OF SUBMISSION / OBJECTION:
(State reasons for objection and how you would be affected by the granting of a planning permit)

We strongly object to the granting of this planning permit -

The open lagoons and pig effluent spread on the paddock would create offensive odour impacting our outdoor lifestyle.

This property is close to the township of Lethbridge and we are concerned we will not be able to open our

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DETAILS OF SUBMISSION / OBJECTION: Continued

windows and doors to let fresh air in.

The Macarool River is close to this property and raises concerns for the native fauna and flora.

Attach additional pages if required

Are there any changes that could be made to the proposal to address your concerns? Yes No

If yes, what changes would you suggest that would meet your concerns:

Sign: [REDACTED] Date: 21/3/2018

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Golden Plains Shire Council
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 26 MAR 2018
 Manager: Robyn Keating
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22/03/2018

The Responsible Authority
Golden Plains Shire
2 Pope Street
Bannockburn.

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Ref: Application P02/102A
Increase in Number of Pigs.

Please be advised that I am lodging this objection to the above application to increase the number of animals to be kept in the piggery.

[Redacted] we were instrumental in developing and gaining acceptance of the best code of practice for the original establishment. I am very concerned that this is a renewed attempt to circumvent the conditions set by VCAT and accepted by Pork Storks Pty. Ltd.

My main concerns are the storage and disposal of the effluent on the property due to its close proximity to the Moorabool River. At the time of the original request EPA voiced its concerns of such, declaring the Moorabool River to already be "The most distressed river in Victoria".

VCAT order Ref: No. P2724/202
item 4 sub.2 (a) required the "Deletion of the lagoon".
(b) deletion of reference to "Land that may receive effluent".
(c) deletion of "Effluent disposal buffers".

This new application aims to remove these conditions and I firmly believe this would be detrimental to all. The piggery at Bamganie (a much greater distance from Lethbridge) operated under the proposed operation and we and others in the Lethbridge Community suffered many incidents of unbearable odours. Mostly on weekends when Shire Staff were off duty. I raised this at VCAT and they agreed that "All effluent must be transported away from the property". Furthermore a larger number of animals would require considerably larger and more efficient "Air Scrubbers and filters" to enable the effective removal of offensive odours.

Since its inception Pork Storks has been very good at monitoring its "clean" operation however I feel that such an increase would make it difficult to maintain its current excellent operation and good community co-operation.

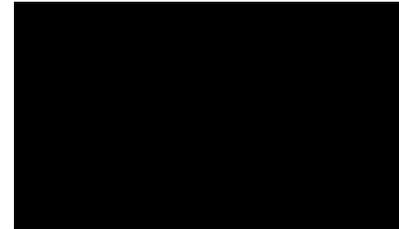
Furthermore, VCAT condition (12) clearly states, "The number of pigs kept on the site at any one time shall not exceed 200". This was based on VCAT's view that the site cannot sustain any greater numbers, the same reason the community was concerned about for our future. I trust you will accept that my concerns are for the future of the community and our "fresh air" environment.

Yours sincerely,



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Thanking you

Yours sincerely /



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Geelong NEWS

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 Rachel Taylor thought her knife-brandishing husband was going to kill her and her baby.



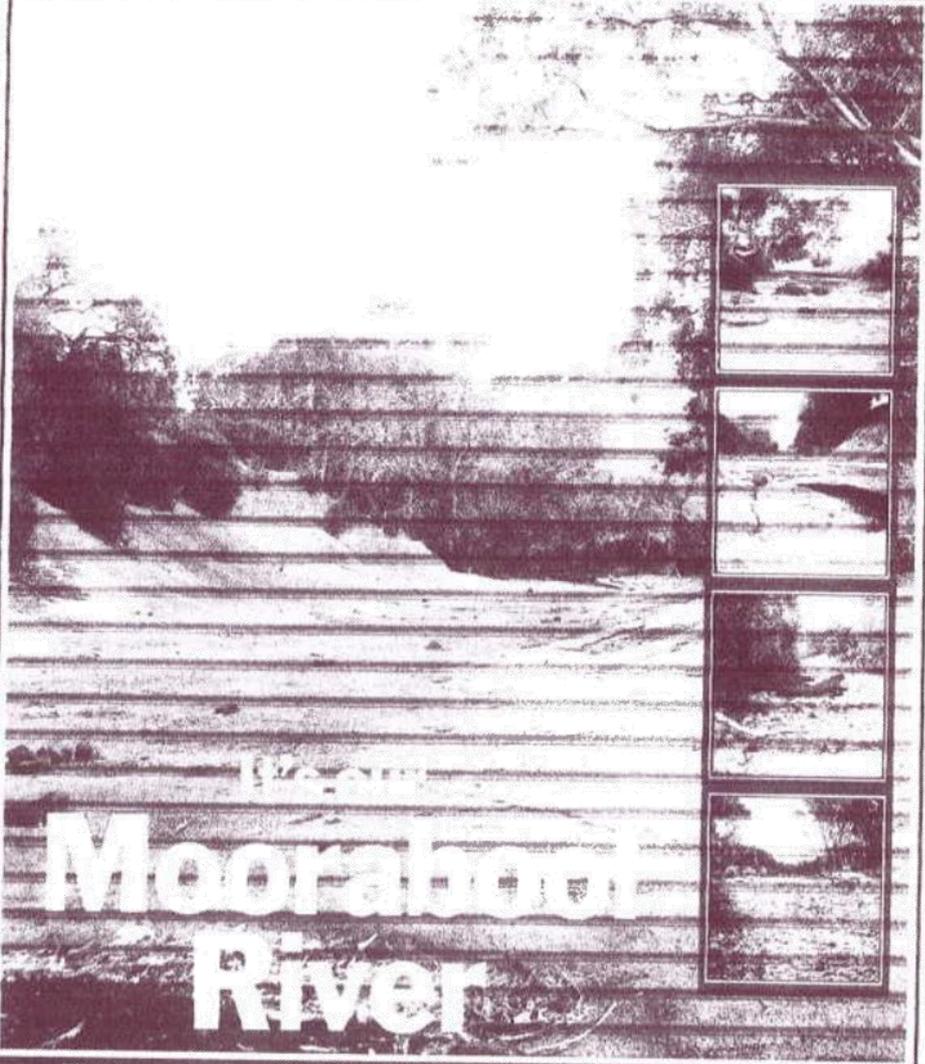
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 Looking good is a cliché for Nicky Rowwood's dog - the East Geelong man is a master dresser.



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bed cracks in the sun'



River stress: Steve Powell stands at a weir crossing the Moorabool River. Red duckweed covers the river at its last healthy section before it dries up for some kilometres.

The river stops, the sink hole sucking its life away.

This lifeless section severs upstream from down.

That's not good. Rivers must flow, they must link to the sea.

After it bypasses the quarry, the river picks up again with water pumped into a concrete channel.

It's not natural and wasn't always like this.

Steve Powell grew up at the river. It was his playground.

Eyes light up as he recalls the river of his youth and the platypus and the trout and the eel and the water rats.

The Moorabool remains the Batesford man's passion.

He has documented its demise.

And he can't believe it. A paradise lost.

"The ecosystem's dead," he says.

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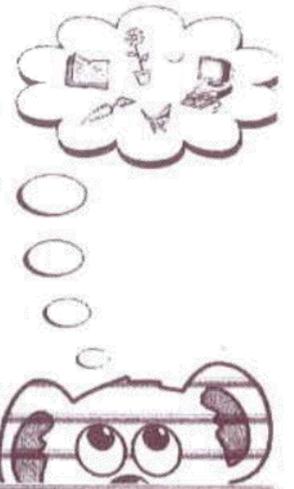
Slow going: The still water of the Moorabool River reaches the last point before it runs dry.

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it. A paradise lost'

The authorities have set priorities for the river's management which include preserving areas where there are resident fish populations and the number of platypus in other parts of the river is on the rise.

Fixing this stressed-out Batesford section therefore must take its place on a pecking list. And clearly it would cost.

So now the Moorabool dribbles to dust.

What price a river, hey?

There's no demand for it to be any different.

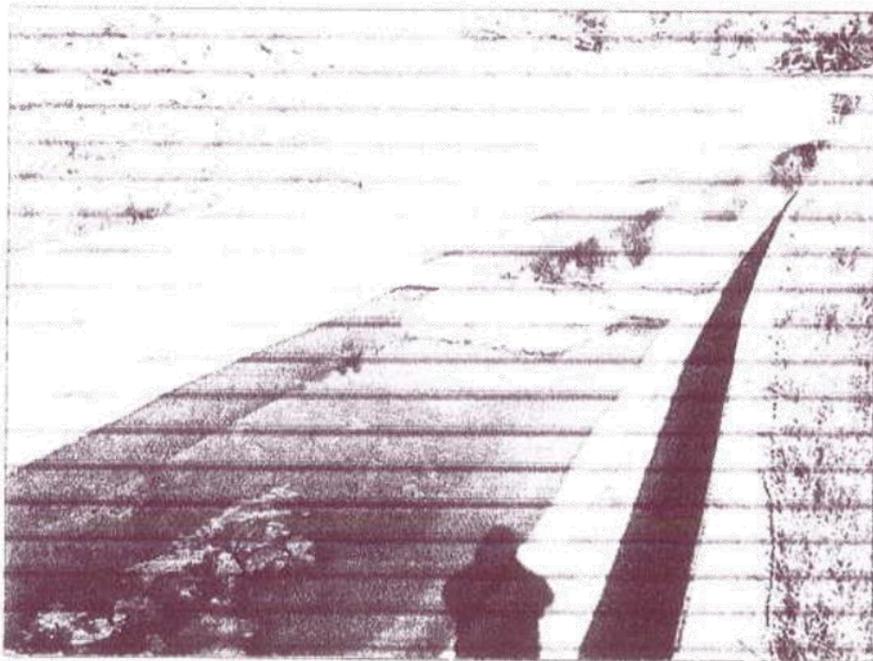
As depressing a picture as this all paints, there is one known certainty.

It is only October, it is about to get worse.

Yes, man has hurt the Moorabool River. This summer, it will suffer the consequences.



New course: Remnants remain from the broken bridge which flags where the river was recoured about 15 years ago.



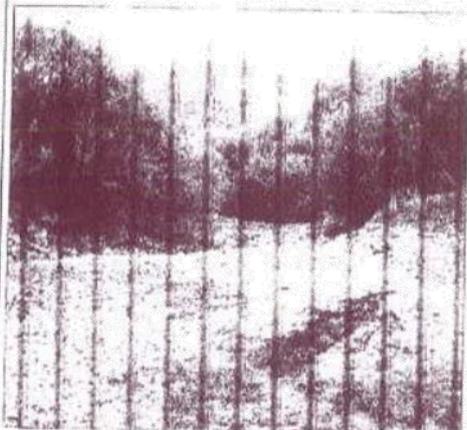
Heading for Geelong: On the other side of the quarry, water is pumped into this manmade channel, otherwise known as the Moorabool River.

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'He can't believe

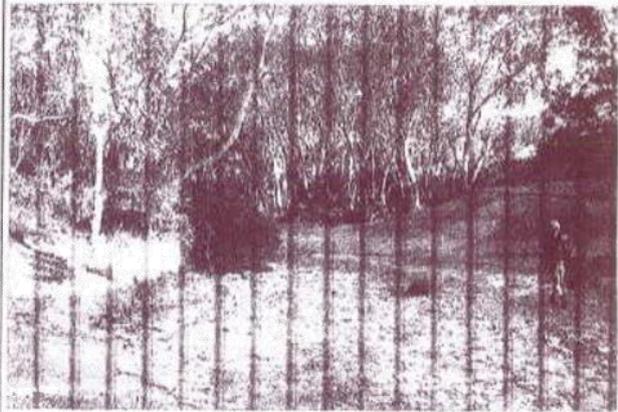


The road: The river disappears into the sink hole when water seeps through the soil.

"The river hasn't flowed here for at least three months."
 Steve mourns for his river,
 He is angry and he has his villains. Nature is only
 one of them.
 But how do you please everyone?
 Water from the Moorabool is a lifeblood to cities,
 farms and industries which harvest it to survive.
 Seventy per cent of the water in the Moorabool
 system is used for urban supplies and the river has
 been impacted by the Lal Lal reservoir built in the
 1970s which provides life-giving water to Ballarat.

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'... the naked river



Words: DAVID CAIRNS

THIS is our crippled Moorabool River. And, grief-stricken, all dried up. These shocking pictures are taken just kilometers from Geelong's outskirts. It is this side of Datoford. The drought on our doorstep. Water all but disappears in a two-kilometre section where the naked river bed cracks in the sun. Men has wounded this river, now nature is moving in for the last rites. Drought, its big brother, climate change, and pumping rights have slowed water flows in the stricken river to under 1.5 megalitres a day. But that is measured a huge distance. Here, on its death bed, the river is a no-flow zone. Having pushed past the checkweeds and more than 10 man-made weirs, the river strikes one hurdle too many. Near the quarry, in one of the areas where the river has been re-coursed, it hits a sink hole where the river seeps away through its dry, rocky bed.

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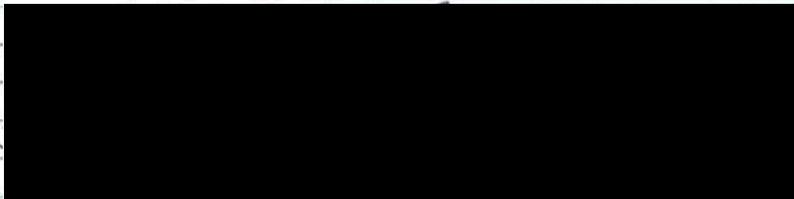
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Golden Plains Shire

Re Permit Application No. P02-102A

We would like to object to any extension of the present piggery. In 2003 a lot of Lethbridge residents put in objections for the piggery. Now Parkstorks want to break that agreement to double the amount of pigs and increase the shed. Our biggest objection is for the piggery waste and treated effluent being spread and also putting in a lagoon. As it is we often get bad smells in Lethbridge and we don't need anymore. The residents of Lethbridge should not be subjected to this. This application should be rejected for the good of the whole township, to honour the agreement of 2003 that VCAT mediated



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Golden Plains Shire

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Re Permit application no Pa2-102A

We would like to raise our objections to any extension of the present piggery. Most of Lethbridge residents objected to said piggery in 2003

Now in 2018 they want to break that agreement to double the amount of boars + increase the shed.

My biggest objection is to the lagoon for piggery waste + treated effluent being spread, there are too many bad smells in Lethbridge as is.

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I dont see why long term residents of Lethbridge should be subjected to this.

I certainly do not want to entertain outside with the stinking smell of pig waste.

This application should be rejected for the good of the whole township. Parkstorks should be made to honour the agreement of 2003 that VCAT mediated.



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YOUR DETAILS:

DETAILS OF THE PERMIT APPLICATION YOU ARE RESPONDING TO:

Application Number: PO2-102

Address of Subject Land: LOT 2 on plan subdivision 3140 Midland Hwy

Description of Proposal: Piggery extension + effluent field

Name of Applicant: Chris Richards

DETAILS OF SUBMISSION / OBJECTION:

(State reasons for objection and how you would be affected by the granting of a planning permit)

See attached

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DETAILS OF SUBMISSION / OBJECTION: Continued

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Are there any changes that could be made to the proposal to address your concerns? Yes No

If yes, what changes would you suggest that would meet your concerns:

The application should not be an amendment to the original, but a new planning permit application. The original VCAT rulings regarding management of effluent should be adhered to.

Date: 18-3-18

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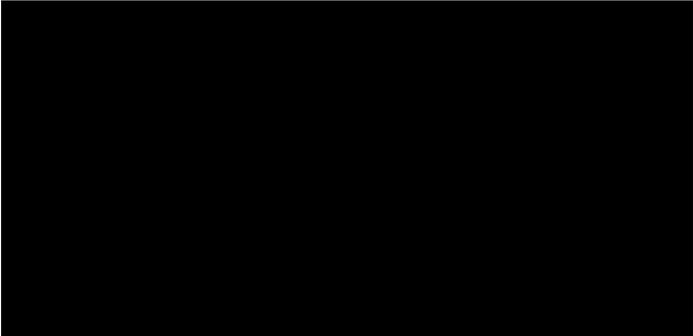
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To the Planning Department

Golden Plains Shire

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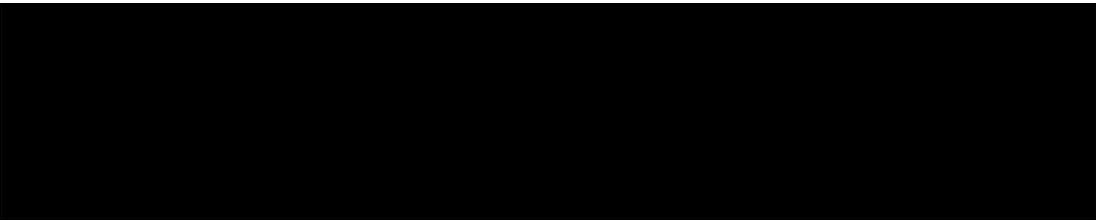
We were very concerned when we reviewed a letter, received by a Lethbridge resident from Agribiz Engineering, regarding the proposed Amendment to Pork Storks Australia P/L earlier Planning Permit.

We are opposed to the application for the following reasons:

It totally ignores the ruling from previous VCAT hearing (P2724/2002) on the initial planning application (P02-102), that Pork Storks were allowed only to establish a 200 boar facility **with NO EFFLUENT PONDS and were NOT permitted to spread the waste onto the nearby paddocks because of the possible environmental ramifications.** This ruling took into account the fears the Lethbridge citizens regarding effluent runoff into the Moorabool River, which is one of the most stressed rivers in the state, and the smells which will be blown toward nearby residents and business (including winery cellar doors).

Further, the application should be viewed as a new permit application, not an amendment, given the scope of the proposal (doubling the number of pigs and installing effluent ponds).

Given the experiences we have had in the past regarding the smell of chicken manure when spread onto paddocks, we should not have to be subject to further application of manure, including pig manure.



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