

21 February 2017

Golden Plains Shire Council
Planning Department
2 Pope Street
Bannockburn Vic. 3331
Attention: [REDACTED]

Re: Ausnovus Group Planning Application P15-171 Tall Tree Road, subject of VCAT Appeal no. P1937/2016

We are [REDACTED] who lodged a Statement of Grounds in relation to the above VCAT proceeding which is listed for a Compulsory Conference at VCAT on 26 April 2017.

As you know, we have been participating in without prejudice negotiations with the other parties to this proceeding in good faith, to try and resolve this matter by consent.

As a result of those negotiations, we have reached an in-principle agreement with the permit applicant that we will consent to the issue of VCAT orders directing the grant of a planning permit provided that such permit includes the following conditions to address biosecurity risk mitigation:

1. Before the use starts (whether as a pilot or permanent use), the permit holder must prepare and submit to Council for approval Operational Guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures aligned to existing and relevant codes, biosecurity manuals and poultry industry best practice protocols. Once approved by Council, the Guidelines and Procedures will be endorsed with the stamp of Council and form part of the Planning Permit.
2. Before the use starts (whether as a pilot or permanent use), the permit holder must prepare and submit to Council for approval, a series of Standard Operating Procedures and Work Instructions that cover:
 - operational and technical aspects of the bioremediation process
 - guidelines for the secure transport and handling of poultry waste to the processing facility
 - an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) incorporating biosecurity risk mitigation, as recommended by the Scolexia report. Once approved by Council, the Procedures and Instructions will be endorsed with the stamp of Council and form part of the Planning Permit.

We would be grateful if you could please confirm whether these conditions are also acceptable to Council prior to the compulsory conference. We would also be grateful if you could confirm that Council officers attending the compulsory conference will have authority to settle the matter on Council's behalf.

