

Appendix 9

Interested and Affected Parties Comments

Hi Ivan,

Obviously we are very concerned about this matter.
Eco Key don't seem to be bios or mutual to this particular case.

Could we not ask our own appointed surveyor to do the survey and testing etc. as a community?
It seems like their "impact study" was based on 120 000 chickens. Although at the meeting they said it was done on the 360 000 when I asked.
Also with the water drainage system that is a worry.
Another question I put to them is the impact of the value of our properties that will be affected.
They could not answer me.

I do believe the residence of WFF want to make it an Estate. The owners of this poultry farm was not informed of this when they purchased the land. It seems the estate agent misinformed them of many factors.

Is there anything else that I can contribute or do? I don't want this occurring in our area.

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Hi Charline

Some things to consider

Environmental assessment can cost anything up to R100000, we've had a couple of quotes done for our factory and they are in the region of R250000 although ours are for more complicated than this I would imagine

If the plant is fully automated the staff working there would be qualified technicians etc, these people would need a place to live and would be buying in the area, thereby increasing the value of the properties.

My concerns are these:

360000 birds in 6 weeks = 60000 birds a week = 8600 birds a day. Assumption of 1000 birds a truck = 9 trucks a day = 1 truck per hour.....that's just to take birds away, would also need to consider feed trucks, manure trucks, birds that getting carted away that die before fully grown etc etc.....can the roads handle this? Do we want this type of traffic in the area? Also need to remember birds being

brought in in week 1, so you can double this figure. If you can only fit 500 birds to the truck you can then double it again....4 trucks per hour, 7 days a week

While the crime may decrease due to employment in the area by the poultry farm, while construction is underway it may increase as labour would have to be brought in from other areas to do the actual construction. That is a lot of opportunity crime if you have 100 people busy with construction.

Don't know how much a chicken drinks but on 500ml per day that is 180 000l a day....think this figure is conservative on my side, if borehole water is used for this all the other borehole owners are going to have no water as the water table drops.

My major concern however is how quietly this has been kept until now, no public consultation, even local estate agents only heard about it on the 13th Feb 2013, if there was nothing to worry about, why the silence?

While WFF is considered an agricultural area this is not small scale agriculture, this is a factory / business with high volumes of product; despite this and all the facts above, I think it best to wait until we have all the facts and figures before this project is killed completely, there may be benefits to the area that we could miss out on by objecting before we know all the facts. (although I am struggling to see what they may be)

Regards

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I have already voiced my concerns to Moses. Midvaal Council seems to do little to enforce regulations and compliance unless you are late paying your water and rates account. There are lofty promises now, but what will happen in the future. I agree with your points. When the project fails, as it undoubtably will, a totally useless eyesore of a plot will be left (look at the poultry farm in Foothill road). The small farmer cannot compete with the likes of Rainbow and Farmer Brown and the imports which are probably dumped on SA.

One thing that bothers me is reference to aligning the access to the property with fencing-off WFF. What is the clown who proposed the fencing been smoking? (I suspect D&D Tactical). I am totally opposed to such a move. Apart from the astronomical cost, it has not worked in Walkerville boomed area other than to inconvenience residents and their visitors. As horse riders we want to access the common wherever. We have 4 or 5 security companies operating in the area yet there have still been two murders. People must take responsibility for their own security

Good afternoon Ivan

I hereby object to the chicken farm to be erected in foot hill road Walkers Fruit farms

- 1) We use borehole water and the amounts to be taken for use by the factory is excessive
- 2) dead chickens are to be buried on the property , again this will affect the ground water
- 3) According to experts there will always be a bad smell emitting from said factory
- 4) The roads can't handle the traffic that is proposed and the roads are marked for 5 ton loads only
- 5) Has the EIA considered the fragile fauna and flora
- 6) If the chicken factory does not work how will the owners rehabilitate the area as it takes over 100 years to come back to normal. And if it dose not work and the factory is bankrupt where do the owners get the funds to rehabilitate the area?
- 7) Eskom has a huge problem in this area with out ages occurring often how do the owners propose solving this problem
- 8) The property is within 800m of a watercourse that eventually ends up in the vaal river . All run-off water will end up in this watercourse
- 9) South africa imports chicken from Brazil as a result south african farmers can't compete price wise which has in turn left similar factories bankrupt and an eyesore to the surrounding environment
- 10) We don't want the noise or smell and associated crime in Fruit Farms

So to end off "HANDS OFF FRUIT FARMS"

Many thanks and kind regards

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