

9.5.3 BARHAM MICRO ABATTOIR UPDATE

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council

1. Approve the lease document and delegate authority to the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer to sign and apply the council seal.

BACKGROUND

At councils monthly meeting held on 26 October 2020 council resolved to:

1. *Accept the \$2,209,000 total funding offered through the Growing Local Economies Program, the Drought Communities Program and the Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program and authorise the CEO and Mayor to sign the funding agreements and apply the council seal where required.*
2. *Approve proceeding with the Barham Micro-Abattoir Project.*

At that same meeting council were provided with a copy of the proposed draft lease agreement between MRC and Murray Plains Meat Cooperative.

DISCUSSION

In the intervening time council solicitors have completed purchase of the 4Ha abattoir site on Lot 1 DP1267277 at 123 Gonn Road Barham NSW 2732 and finalised the lease agreement with Murray Plains Meat Cooperative.

A copy of the lease is an attachment to this report.

Tender documentation for design and construction has been prepared and issued and acceptance of tenders close on 23 March 2021.

On the ground, the site has been fenced and quotes for the site access road construction, electricity supply and water supply have been sought.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

4 - Strategic Theme 4: Economic Growth

4.1 - Encourage and support economic development across a range of sectors

4.1.3 - Identify new opportunities and actively encourage investment in agriculture, agribusiness, value added manufacturing, alternate and renewable energy, health, wellbeing, aged care, and education

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

The project is fully funded by grant funds through the following programs:

Drought Communities Program

Murray Darling Basin Economic Development Program and

Growing local Economies Program

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

LEGISLATIVE IMPLICATIONS**RISK ANALYSIS**

- **What can happen?**
Insufficient funds
- **How can it happen?**
Tendered costs greater than funds available.
- **What are the consequences of the event happening?**
Murray Plains Meat Cooperative will have to source additional funds
- **What is the likelihood of the event happening?**
Possible
- **Adequacy of existing controls?**
Adequate
- **Treatment options to mitigate the risk?**
Manage

CONCLUSION

Murray Plains Meat Cooperative (MPMC) have provided council with freehold title to the proposed micro abattoir site at 123 Gonn Road Barham 2732. To conclude the contractual arrangements between Council and MPMC council is required to approve and sign the lease agreement.

ATTACHMENTS

1. **Murray Plains Meat Cooperative Draft Lease Agreement - Confidential**