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DA2022-10 Ravensworth Ramps Ridge Feedlot, 32570 Sturt Highway, Hay NSW 2711

Dear Jo-Ann

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the DA2022-10 Ravensworth Ramps Ridge Feedlot Bio Nutrient Facility.

The NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI) Agriculture collaborates and partners with our stakeholders to protect and enhance the productive and sustainable use and resilience of agricultural resources and the environment.

NSW DPI has reviewed the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and provides the following advice:

While the concept may be appropriate use of the onsite organics waste streams, information is limited on where and how the process has been “proven” and what monitoring and quality assurance will be undertaken:

- The fertiliser is to be developed from vermiculture, however there is limited information on what oversight or regulation of fertiliser production/processing and quality assurance (eg biosecurity/pathogens) will be undertaken
- Electricity production from biogas and reducing carbon emissions are considered energy efficiency solutions and could contribute to climate change mitigation but no details have been provided on how the carbon/water/energy balance modelling will be monitored and analysed to demonstrate these outcomes.

The proponent also needs to clarify how this is not a Designated Development (as less than 5000 tonnes will be processed per year) because elsewhere in the document it states that 7600 tonnes of fertiliser will be produced.

Should you require clarification on any of the information contained in this response, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0427812508 or by email at landuse.ag@dpi.nsw.gov.au

Yours sincerely

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Signed 17-10-2022