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Letter of Support, Jardana Feedlot
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To Glen Innes Council, the community, and our farmers,

I believe that this feedlot will be beneficial in our town to show our support for farmers in this community, especially after the drought and bushfires. The backbone of Glen Innes has been founded in agriculture, and the farming families that have been here for generations supporting growth of this town.

The Pedlow family has owned this farm for GENERATIONS and is taking on this initiative of a feedlot to recover from the losses incurred by the drought. It was testing on all farmers within Glen Innes, across NSW, and throughout Australia. People took their own lives from the stress and hopelessness that crippled the farming community from this year's past events, but the opposers who have ignorantly assumed greed to be the reason for this application have lost sight of the reality of what's occurred within these past few years of drought. This is how we repay them?

Did any opposers visit farms in our local community within drought to offer a hand to our farmers? Did anyone see Mr. Pedlow struggle through the drought or what his family had to go through?

The opposers of this application who have moved to the subdivisions claim to be for the community, but have been divisive in their accusations against this family.

From reading the DA's submitted to council, it clearly shows the dedication Mr. Pedlow has in order for the feedlot to follow all necessary protocols and legislation for NSW and Feedlots Australia.

The separation distances noted in the DA comply with regulations and take into consideration neighbouring residents (despite them MOVING into RU 1 primary production property), show the necessary considerations for their animals and welfare, and infrastructure to catch effluent from the feedlot. The neighbouring residents complaining about the feedlot should have realized the area in which they were buying. These farms were not new, and have been existing for nearly a century carrying out farming activities. It is legal and lawful for farmers to carry out the practice of Intensive Livestock Agriculture on zoned RU1 primary production land. Regardless if people (who are not primary producers themselves) decide to move on RU1 primary production land in the nearby area.

The neighbouring residents cannot enjoy the view of farmer's properties, enjoy the exclusivity of being out of town, but then try to pick and choose what farming practices a farmer can and can't do that suit them.

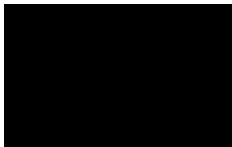
The DA clearly states the effluent caught by the feedlot will be used as fertilizer to utilize its nutrients for the crops and for the land. I am not sure why people are assuming it's just a toxic concoction that will harm the town, waterways, and neighbouring communities? People pay for manure and urea for their gardens and land because it's a natural fertilizer for plants to grow. It is a sustainable way to recycle effluent, for plant life to flourish. This is a practice that ALL farmers use for crops, not just feedlot applicants.

The sediment dams would be in place to stop direct flow of effluent into any waterways, as all feedlots operate. Not only would allowing effluent to directly run into the Beardy be irresponsible, but not in the best interest of a primary producer. This feedlot isn't the only one in Australia or the world to be in a water catchment, which is why there is infrastructure in place to make it safe.

The applicant's family also has the only grain roaster in Australia, which would cook the cattle's feed to yield the highest protein content, and is not "filler" as some complainers in town claim it to be. They will be fed a high quality diet. This investment alone shows a care for the animal's wellbeing.

The trickle down affect and stimulus to the economy from this feedlot will be beneficial to the town. Two family members have moved to Glen Innes with their partners to settle a life in this town to support agriculture and have been contributing to the town. Investments in our local schools, grocery stores, boutique shops, community events, will all benefit from these families growing and settling here. The feedlot itself would also contribute construction jobs in the building phase, jobs for truck drivers, potentially a job for the feedlot itself, additional grain harvesters, mechanics, tyre shop owners, our local rural stores, etc. It can be easy to overlook the trickle down economy affect ANY business carries with itself. At what size of contribution to Glen Innes economy do we deem as valuable or not?


We should be rallying together as a community to support our farmers, not to tear them down and assume the worst. For anyone who truly knows the applicant you would know his moral compass, understand his level of farming expertise, and have assurance that he will do this right. The details provided in the DA are evident of this. Farmers we stand with you.



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Person's interest in the application (circle relevant option)		You are the APPLICANT? You are a PERSON MAKING A SUBMISSION IN RELATION TO AN APPLICATION?		YES / NO <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES / <input type="radio"/> NO	
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 26 November 2020 4:30 PM
To: Council Email
Subject: DA Application 25/20-21 Submission Letter.
Attachments: DA Application 2520-21.pdf

To whom it may concern,
I believe there may have been a mix up in what was submitted in person, on my behalf today, [REDACTED]
and what I would like to submit an electronic copy for consideration as I believe this may have been a draft with
written notes on it, or nothing at all.

Please find attached my formal submission.

Thank you and kind regards,

24th November 2020

Mr. Craig Bennett
General Manager
Glen Innes Severn Council
Glen Innes NSW 2370.

Subject: Development Application No. 25/20-21

For the attention of Mr. Bennett and fellow councilors,

I am writing this letter in favour of the Development Application No. 25/20-21.

Although many people have considered this feedlot a small business expansion by Mr. Pedlow with little economic benefit to Glen Innes, I hope to inform you of its importance.

Understandably, I must outline that this feedlot is quite personal to me as I am in a long-term relationship with [REDACTED] and it is because of that, that I am writing this letter.

During the drought [REDACTED] moved to Brisbane to seek alternative employment as the farm could no longer financially sustain the number of employees. [REDACTED] acquired a full-time job in the city and often times travelled back and forth to help ease the burden on [REDACTED]. This feedlot will not only provide Mr. Pedlow with a form of drought proofing but provides job security for [REDACTED] and future generations of the family. Mr. Pedlow must expand his business in order to allow [REDACTED] both job opportunities in the future where they can secure a life for their future families.

On the conclusion of the drought [REDACTED] returned to Glen Innes where [REDACTED] accompanied him. We since both work here, live here, dine, and drive here. We pay for groceries, shop down the main street, buy hardware, stop by the mechanics, attend the markets, visit local farms, pay a mortgage, and signed a home building contract. All of which is money spent in Glen Innes because of 1 job. I am currently studying within the growing field of Exercise Physiology and hope to start my own clinic or join the hospital here in Glen Innes on conclusion of my studies.

Although the feedlot will only employ 2 people, the construction and operation of the feedlot relies on existing business goods and services such as concreting, civil engineers, tradesman, Combined Rural Traders (CRT), and truck drivers.

National statistics indicate that small businesses play a large role in the economy with an injection of an additional \$79 billion over a five-year period due to increases in job growth and employment. So, to some the innovation, growth, and employment of Mr. Pedlow's DA may seem inconsiderable, however I hope this outlines the importance of small business expansions within our local and national economies.

Having addressed the economic and employment benefits of the feedlot, I would like to detail some further benefits and arguments for the development of the feedlot.

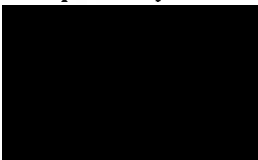
Agriculture is one of Australia's highest productivity growth sectors as farmers need to compete with competitive international markets and environmental volatility. Feedlots are used all over the country for drought mitigation measures with many farmers relying on them for early destocking. During the drought, regional feedlots were filled to capacity with farmers having to wait months. This feedlot will not only benefit the applicants own cattle but cattle farmers of the greater New England area.

It is important to give consideration to the feedlot's effect on surrounding residents, properties, and the greater community. Mitigation measures have been outlined in the DA so as to decrease impacts on neighboring amenities and fulfill legislative requirements. Farmers throughout the region fertilize their paddocks with manure, urea, and superphosphate seasonally, and there has been no previous concern associated with this spreading polluting the waterways.

The Pedlow family have owned and farmed this land for years and hope to continue passing it on for future generations. In the time since, subdivisions have occurred within the region that have brought new homes and new neighbours. These subdivisions were, and still are zoned by the GISC as being Primary Production RU1 and thus the individuals should be aware of the GISC RU1 Land Use Table and objectives when purchasing their properties. An excerpt taken from the *New South Wales Right To Farm Policy Summary 2019* states "People who want to live in rural and agriculture areas need to understand that land is used for productive purposes, such as agriculture. The reality is that normal farming practices can have impacts on neighbours ranging from residual noise, light, dust and other impacts."

I believe this DA is well researched, reviewed and certainly scrutinized, and fulfils the requires outlined within *Part 5.18 Intensive livestock agriculture* of the *Glen Innes Severn Local Environmental Plan 2012*. I am confident that the applicant and regulating bodies will operate and monitor this feedlot with the highest caution as to maintain the desired efficiency, safety, and standards to ensure the protection of Glen Innes.

Respectfully,



The below references were used when writing this letter;

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- Gilfillan, Geoff. 2020. "Small Business Sector Contribution To The Australian Economy". *Parliament Of Australia*.
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- *Glen Innes Severn Local Environmental Plan 2012*. 2020. New South Wales Legislation.
- Jackson, Tom, Steve Hatfield-Dodds, and Kirk Zammit. 2020. "Snapshot Of Australian Agriculture 2020". *Department Of Agriculture, Water And The Environment*.
<https://www.agriculture.gov.au/abares/publications/insights/snapshot-of-australian-agriculture-2020#australian-farmers-manage-significant-risk-and-variability>.

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From:

Sent:

[REDACTED]
Thursday, 26 November 2020 9:02 AM

To:

Council Email

Subject:

Attention Mr Craig Bennett

Attachments:

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Dear Mr Bennett,

Please find attached letter of support for the DA No. 25/20-21 Jardana Feedlot

Kind Regards
[REDACTED]

To

The General Manager, Councillors and Glen Innes Community

Glen Innes Severn Council

Glen Innes NSW 2370

24th November, 2020

Re: Jardana Pty Ltd Development Application; DA No. 25/20-21 Lot 1/DP7243 1000 Head Feedlot.

I write in support of the proposed 1000 head feedlot Development by Owen Pedlow (Jardana Pty Ltd)

This development application is worthy of approval as the applicant, Owen Pedlow, who is also [REDACTED] has a thorough understanding and extensive knowledge of how to manage such an operation. He has been in the agricultural industry for many years, with the family farming business moving into its fifth generation of operation.

The feedlot application shows that it has been designed in accordance with the National Guidelines, the Glen Innes Severn Council Local Environmental Plan 2012(LEP) and Glen Innes Severn Council Development Control Plan (DCP) and relevant State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPPs) to ensure that it will be run effectively and sustainably throughout its lifetime. Further to this, it is suitably located on the applicant's land which is zoned as RU1- Primary Production. The land in which the feedlot location will be built is already being utilized for cropping and grazing on the property with infrastructure already in place to assist in the running of the feedlot.

[REDACTED] family have lived and worked in the Glen Innes area, supporting the community and other businesses for many years through both employment and voluntary work.

The extension of the feedlot to the already well run operation will have many positive flow on effects, one being that [REDACTED] two sons can also continue to work in the family business. Their partners have recently moved here and are already working in Glen Innes. They have plans to make Glen Innes their home. The same applies also to the other employees currently working for Jardana Pty Ltd. It will allow them to stay in the Glen Innes area rather than having to find work elsewhere, possibly in another town. There will also be more employment created both directly and indirectly during the construction phase and during its operation.

Feedlot's have a very essential role in "drought proofing" Australia's beef industry by enabling a consistent supply of beef to local and overseas markets. The agricultural industry

can be very volatile and unpredictable at times, such that we have just experienced in the recent drought /fire event, (the worst drought in living history)

This proposal will assist the applicant in ensuring he can continue to operate and to grow a profitable and sustainable agricultural operation, providing quality beef to consumers.

Glen Innes residents should be encouraging and celebrating new business and growth of existing businesses to our area, not tear them down.

I would urge all concerned residents to look to the facts surrounding this development application and not allow yourself to be coerced and railroaded by false and misleading information which has been dispersed amongst some residents. Those of which bring no evidence to their farfetched, unsubstantiated claims.

Yours Sincerely,

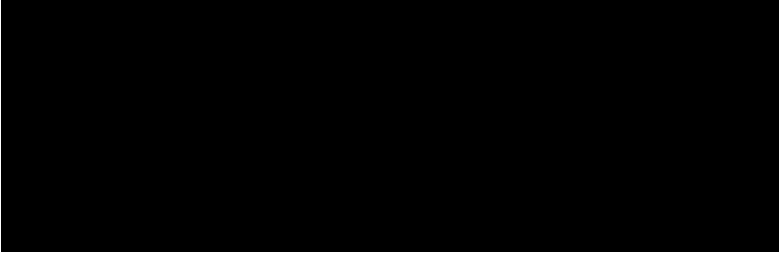
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 26 November 2020 7:32 AM
To: Council Email
Subject: letter concerning Jardana Feedlot proposal
Attachments: Jardana_Feedlot.pdf; img-201126073043.pdf

Please find attached letter of support for the Jardana Feedlot and accompanying disclosure form.

Cheers from [REDACTED]



The General Manager
Glen Innes Severn Council
PO Box 61, Glen Innes NSW 2370

26th November 2020

Dear Sir

Our Partnership would like to show support to the Jardana Feedlot application #25/20-21


Our family are 4th generation Farmers and Graziers in the Glen Innes district. We have always seen the benefit in value adding locally - it spreads money and wealth in our shire and this benefits the entire community.

The Feedlot industry has progressed significantly in recent years to state of the art management - they need to maintain high environmental standards and run the operation efficiently for financial viability.

I believe Mr Pedlow will run this feedlot efficiently and comply with strict environmental protection conditions. Frankly, it would be stupid for a feedlot operator to ignore the concerns of the community as this just creates a lot of unnecessary hassle.

However, the long list of concerns raised in the "Important Notice" protest notice that has been very widely distributed recently appears to be just a long list of potential problems without reference to the actual facts. We have got two of these notices so far in our mailbox encouraging people to protest against the development - I suggest that a great number of responses will be "cut and paste" from the letter without consideration of the mitigation measures that will be enforced if approval is given for the development.

In my view, it would be a better outcome for the community if a development of this type is given approval with sensible oversight and regulation to ensure compliance with environment standards. At the moment, any grazier can have quite a large number of cattle on feed within the water catchment without any approval at all - it is surely better to ensure this type of activity is monitored closely to make sure it does not cause problems.

We have in the past lived close by a small feedlot (of similar size to this development) - we did not feel there was any negative effect on our lifestyle, land value, etc. Our youngest  now works at Rangers Valley (one of the larger employers in the district) - we have visited that site many times over the past few years and it is notable for its lack of offensive smell/noise/dust only a short distance away from the cattle pens. As long as this proposed development is run correctly, there is no reason to believe that there will be any significant effect on neighbours (noise, odour, etc) or water quality in the Glen Innes water supply.

#1 We believe regulation by controlling authorities including the EPA and Council is extremely important but if Jardana Feedlot meet or exceed these, there can be no reason to stop a development

that will benefit the local community and region. This is a small operation - many cattle producers in the region would wean and feed similar numbers and not have any approval. It is appropriate given the location of this development that approval be sought and appropriate regulation imposed by relevant authorities.

#2 In the earlier days of feedlots smell was a big issue - uneaten feed is a major cause of odour as it ferments. However, these days, high feed costs encourage feedlot operators to maximise feed utilisation so that there is very little uneaten feed. Correct formulation of rations and efficient feeding methods almost entirely eliminate the odour problem. Currently, feedlot best practice ensures that every part of the ration is designed and blended to be eaten to maximise its use and minimise emissions and waste. In the feedlots we have visited in the past decade, smell is really not a problem.

#3 While this is a very small feedlot compared to many, it will benefit the local region through increased economic activity/employment. Even one extra job today with more to follow as the feedlot gets to capacity in the Glen Innes area will have an important benefit and the addition of a new successful business will help other businesses in town - both directly (eg. freight carriers, livestock producers, rural suppliers, etc) and more widely via the multiplier effect. As long as Council is satisfied there will be minimal negative effects and ensure this through adequate regulation, then the economic boost to the local economy is an important reason to approve the development.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature block]

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What a wonderful thing for such a lay back community. Too many councils say no to such foresight. No one drinks tap water anymore they buy it in bottles. The odour wouldnt be any worse then the stink for open + overflowing garbage cans lining the streets. If it is spoiling some ones view I say suck it up or sell out + go somewhere where you will not have to put up with such.
 Too bad, too bad.

It is important that the whole Community is informed as this impacts us all.

This is the 3rd application for this Development, the last attempt resulting in a legal challenge by the Community.

In addition to Planning Instruments and Regulations, Published DPI, MLA 2012a, and Government Guidelines; Council must also consider in their evaluation;

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- (1) (b) the likely impacts of that development including environmental impacts on the natural and built environments and social and economic impacts in the locality,
- (c) the suitability of the site for the Development
- (d) any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the Regulations
- (e) the public interest.

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At this stage it is important for the Community to send submissions to council as they must consider all submissions put forth in this process.

Note- Unfortunately most submissions through the last process were disregarded as they were grouped 'Pro-forma'.

A 1000 Head Intensive Cattle Feedlot...

Should not be in OUR Town's Drinking Water Catchment!

It will be in close proximity to Residential and Tourist Sites

It will Destroy the Amenity

It will have detrimental consequences, effecting - Air, odour, Water, Visual, Noise & Vibration

It will be socially and economically detrimental to the Community and Ratepayers!

It will Be an enormous Biosecurity Hazard to Local Farmers and our Environment!

Council must stop this!

Plans are available for inspection at Councils Church Street Office or

Online at Glen Innes Severn Council Website - Building and Development - Advertised Development

Submissions are Due to Council by 4.30pm Thursday NOVEMBER 26th