

# TPL Community Liaison Group Meeting

5<sup>th</sup> September 2018

6:30pm – Johnsonville Community Centre – Room 2

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**Attendees:** John Taylor (TPL)  
Lynette Harper (TPL – Minute Taker)  
Hugh (Greater Wellington Regional Council)  
David Lawrence (Resident)

**Apologies:** David Clarke

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**Welcome:** Welcome to the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the TPL Community Liaison Group.

**Discussion: Hours of work**

Currently the Mutton Chain are running at a slaughter speed of 4 animals per minute with only a dayshift in operation.

The Beef Chain are running at a slaughter speed of 8 animals per minute. Both of our chains are currently processing at the slowest speed in the 26 years that Taylor Preston Ltd has been operating.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 the Mutton Chain will move to a slaughter speed of 8 animals per minute.

**Number of people on site**

Recruitment for the upcoming season is currently under way. Due to the seasonal type vacancies available, this will be another hard recruitment season and retention will be key to having a fully staffed team when the peak season approaches.

Across our plant we are currently operating a dayshift only with the lowest number of processing staff on site (400) in the last 26 years of operation.

At the end of October, the beginning of November, we will start a night shift Mutton Chain at a slaughter rate of 8 animals per minute. Farmers are currently holding stock back from processing so a definite date is yet to be determined.

**New ownership**

Taylor Preston Ltd have not seen a lot of influence under the new ownership of Craig Hickson (51%) from Hawkes Bay Meats. Business continues to run as per usual.

**Planned Improvements**

Enclosed Belt Press - Complete

Expelling odour off hydrolyser - Complete

At the end of September our Rendering department will be downsized with a Hawkes Bay company taking over our Ovine Rendering. This will see an increase in value to our current product with the move to having it rendered off-site. Product will be PH controlled for bin transportation to the Hawkes Bay with the PH level being maintained at 5.

Trucks will leave site loaded with Hyde's for processing and trailers with material to be rendered. During our peak season this means we can increase our transportation of product off-site depending on processing demand.

Changing the Rendering process saves on labour in this department, as well as labour savings (7-8 people) in the Mutton Slaughter Department by saving only the Pituitary Gland and Brains during processing.

The GWC review is due one month either side of the 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018. The Taylor Preston website has been updated and will be maintained to GWC hearing standard. Previous concerns were taken on board by John Taylor and have been rectified.

Taylor Preston Ltd are currently looking at being able to blast more product on-site with the loss of our cool store in the previous earthquakes. Currently sending product off-site to the Whakatu and Longburn is costing TPL between 2 and 2.5 million dollars extra per year. Expanding our blast facilities on-site could see more savings being made.

### **Odours**

From the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2017 through until 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018 there have been a total of 11 odour complaints lodged with the GWC. The odours varied from chemical, stockyards and rendering odour.

In December 2017 advice was given that best practise in the Rendering department would be to run with an open door. An open door proposal was submitted to Hugh at GWC and approved for trial. During the open door trial only one odour complaint was received and this was not rendering related.

The report has been submitted to the GWC in regard to the open door trial as requested, and a new proposal will be made for full time open door running operation by John Taylor.

In the summer time this also sees an improved working environment for our staff by reducing the heat in the department by 10 degrees, and also helps maintain fresher product for longer.

### **General Business**

Hugh (GWC) is happy with the continual progress being made by Taylor Preston Ltd in regard to the aspects of their operation.

David Lawrence has not had any negative feedback from residents since the last meeting. GWC stated that with no feedback from the public and a turnout of 1 resident at the meeting, that GWC and TPL can have faith that things are progressing well.

Meeting concluded at 6.58pm.