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We would like to provide you – the producers and users of the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets as well as the rate payers of the Dubbo Regional LGA – with an update on the Dubbo Regional Council plans for this facility. The Dubbo Regional Council (DRC) held its monthly General Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> of March 2024. On their Agenda was item:

## **CCL24/49**

### **REPORT OF THE DUBBO REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKETS ADVISORY COMMITTEE - MEETING 5 MARCH 2024 (ID24/502) 105**

**The Council had before it the report of the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets Advisory Committee meeting held 5 March 2024.**

**The discussion and vote surrounding the above was moved to the Closed Section of the Council Meeting**  
**MOTION**

## **ITEM CCL24/71**

### **DUBBO REGIONAL LIVESTOCK MARKETS BUSINESS STRUCTURE SERVICE REVIEW**

- 1. That an Expression of Interest process be undertaken for either the Lease or Sale of the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets facility.**
- 2. That, following the outcome of the Expression of Interest process, the Chief Executive Officer provide a report to Council for consideration.**
- 3. That all documentation in relation to this matter remain confidential to Council.**

## **CARRIED**

**The results of the motion from the Closed Session of Council were 7 votes for and 2 votes against. The Expression of Interest (EOI) process is not a decision to lease or sell, the process will obtain actual market data for Council's further consideration. The EOI is expected to be placed on display mid to late April and will be open for 28 days. The report on the outcome of the EOI process will be provided to Council for consideration by the June council meeting that the earliest.**

The Dubbo Stock & Station Agents have had what we thought was an exceptionally long and healthy association with the Dubbo Regional Council going back over 60 years. Understandably, the DSSA are upset with the plans that the DRC have for the DRLM as extraordinarily little, if any, feedback was asked for from Producers/Users of the DRLM facility or the Rate Payers of the Dubbo LGA. The DRC have not reached out for any data or statistics whatsoever in relation to what areas the livestock come from or what states and towns support the DRLM facility.

This shows that the DRC have no interest at all in the Dubbo Regional Livestock Markets with the DRC holding four workshops to help with their decision making on this matter. During those 4 workshops not 1 councilor stepped foot into the DRLM to see how the business runs or reached out to an Agent for any information or statistics at all to help them reach their decision which to us, again, shows little or no interest by the DRC in the DRLM facility that bought in over \$3.3 million dollars to the Dubbo Regional Council for the Financial year ending 30.6.2023. Based on the DRC Financial Statements, the DRLM came in second to the Dubbo Regional Airport with \$3.9 million. The DRC only spent 9% of their operating expenditure which was \$162 million in 2022/2023 on their Corporate Businesses (including the DRLM, Dubbo Regional Airport, property, land, and economic development).

With a Council Election to take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2024, we feel that the needs of the Rural Community, the business community – local as well from outside the Dubbo LGA and towns surrounding Dubbo who benefit from the Dubbo Regional Livestock facility have not been brought into consideration regarding this decision. The DRLM not only supports local business, the facility on a sale day also provides employment for many people from the Dubbo area as well as those who travel for a day's work from areas like Trangie, Mudgee, Peak Hill, Wellington

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AP', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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