

INTRODUCTION

Following the previous community newsletter dated October 2021, the purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with an update on ProTen's poultry farm.

All background documents, including (but not limited to) the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) and Greenhouse Gas assessment (GHG) can be viewed and downloaded from:

- DPE's Major Projects Portal - <https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/major-projects>
- ProTen's company website - <https://proten.com.au/Sustainability/Environmental-Documents>

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Since the last Newsletter dated October 2021, the poultry farm development has begun construction and aims to begin operations in sheds 1-8 in August 2022. Stage 1 comprises of the construction and operation of Farm 2 and associated ancillaries, and Stage 2 comprises the construction and operation of Farms 1, 3 and 4 and associated ancillaries. The timeframes for Stage 2 are unknown at this point.

Construction of Stage 1 has made great progress in part construction of eight (8) sheds, including the construction of the detention dam, four rainwater tanks, and installation of electrical systems (as demonstrated in Photo 1).



CONSTRUCTION HOURS

The construction hours in NSW Government's *Environmental Planning and Assessment (COVID-19 Development-Construction Work Days) Order 2020*, were effective until 31 March 2022. Following this date, earthworks and construction are to be carried out during the following hours:

- Monday to Friday - 7:00 am to 6:00 pm; and
- Saturday - 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Works may be permitted outside of these hours under the following circumstances:

- (a) Works that are inaudible at the nearest sensitive receivers;
- (b) For the delivery of materials by the NSW Police Force or other authorities for safety reasons; and/or
- (c) Where required in an emergency to avoid the loss of lives, property or to prevent environmental harm.

ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

An Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) was prepared to manage potential air quality impacts associated with the operational phase of the Development. The AQMP outlined contributing factors to odour and dust as part of the operation and strategies to control and monitor these impacts. The AQMP was recently approved by the DPE.

The final Emergency Plan (EP) was prepared for the operation phase. It addresses the high-level overview of the fire safety strategy, related fire safety issues and emergency procedures for the facility located at Rushes Creek NSW.

PROPOSED MODIFICATION

Previously advised modifications in Newsletter October 2021 have been approved. This has provided for us to commence operations on Farm 2 during construction for a period of up to 10 months. We anticipate that construction activities for stage 1 will be completed by early 2023.

An application will be submitted to the DPE in the coming weeks to further modify Stage 1 of the approved Rushes Creek poultry farm development. In summary, the modification comprises the following components:

- a) The establishment of an 'off-grid' electricity generating system comprising increased solar capacity, a large battery and diesel generators, in place of connecting to the grid supplied from the Manilla sub-station.
- b) Solar panels will be installed on the roofs of the poultry sheds (instead of on the ground) and have a capacity of approximately 0.9 Megawatts (MW). There will be no mirrors or lenses used and the panels will have anti-reflective treatment.
- c) A lithium battery will be positioned within an enclosure in the ancillary's area and have capacity of around 1.2MWh that shall cover overnight energy use. In the event that the battery runs out before the solar kicks in again, generators with air quality control systems would be triggered for use.
- d) These two generators, which will be separate to the farm's standby emergency generators, will be positioned within an acoustic enclosure in the ancillary's area and have a capacity of 440kVA per generator and will generate up to 17% of the overall power.
- e) These 440kVA generators with air quality control systems, will initially be used to provide electricity to the site while the off-grid system is being considered by DPE. In the event that the off-grid proposal is not approved, the traditional on-grid supply will be installed in the manner approved in current DA.

The proposed modification will have a positive impact on the site's air quality and greenhouse gas emissions, as outlined in the approved Air Quality Management Plan and the Greenhouse Gas Assessment.

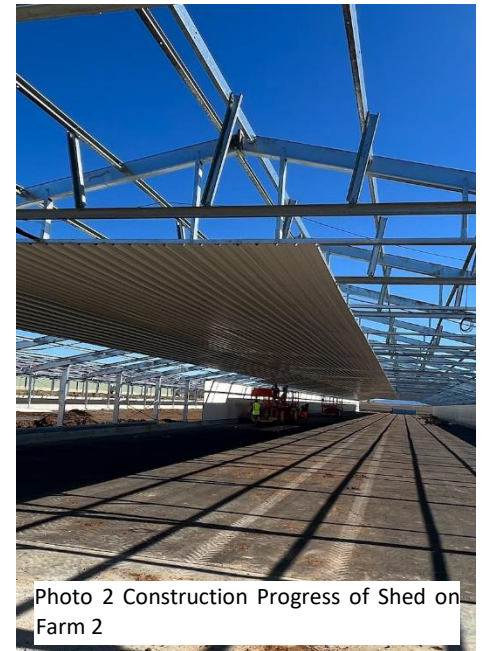


Photo 2 Construction Progress of Shed on Farm 2



Over the coming weeks, a Pollution Incident Response Management Plan (PIRMP), an Operation Environmental Management Plan (OEMP) and Emergency Disposal & Biosecurity Strategy (EDBS) are to be finalised for lodgement with DPE. The PIRMP aims to minimise the risk of pollution incident occurring as a result of the licensed activities, establish clear and effective notification, action and communication procedures in the event of a pollution incident, and ensure employees are appropriately inducted and trained in relation to risk management and incident response. The OEMP aims to assist ProTen to minimise the potential for impact to the local environment and surrounding populace during the operational phase of the development. Finally, the EDBS provides guidance on planning practices and processes that could be followed during the response to biosecurity incidents.

Queries, concerns, additional information - if you have any queries/concerns or would like additional information regarding this update, ProTen contact details are provided at the end of this newsletter.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND COMMUNICATION

ProTen is committed to open communications and fostering good relationships with the surrounding community. As such, a Community Consultation Meeting is being scheduled for the 4th August 2022 at Manilla. There will be more details to come closer to the date.

The Community Consultation Plan (CCP), which has been approved by DPE for use throughout the construction and operational phases, is available on ProTen’s website (link provided on page 1).

The key community resources and communications tools for the construction phase are summarised in the below table.

Resource / Tool	Description
Development webpage	Dedicated webpage on ProTen’s website (www.proten.com.au) where key documents and information relevant to the development have been made publicly available. These include the EIS, RTS, development consent, CEMP, CTMP, other management plans/strategies, CCP, community newsletters, etc.
Community information session	A Community Consultation Meeting is being scheduled for the 4th August 2022 at Manilla.
Community newsletters	Newsletters issued from time-to-time to keep the local community informed and up-to-date with development-related matters and provide contact details for feedback/queries/complaints. The newsletter will be distributed by mail/letterbox drop and will also be uploaded on the development webpage.

Site signage	A clearly visible sign has been installed adjacent to the Stage 1 construction site access off Rushes Creek Road providing relevant site information and contact details.
Emails, phone/video calls, face-to-face meetings	ProTen is happy to engage with residents and recreation facilities as requested via emails, phone/video calls and/or face-to-face meetings in relation to construction works, operations, environmental management, complaints, etc. See ProTen contact details on the following page.
ProTen environmental hotline	ProTen operates a toll-free number where the community can provide feedback and submit queries and/or complaints for follow-up. Hotline number – 1800 776 994.
Complaints management strategy	ProTen has a system to ensure that all complaints will be promptly and effectively received, handled and addressed. Investigative work and remedial action will be reported back to the complainant.

PROTECT CONTACT DETAILS

If you have any queries or concerns regarding Stage 1 of the poultry farm development, please contact (in the first instance) -

ProTen’s Regional Operations Manager, Graeme Attwell - graemea@proten.com.au / 0447 048 321

Graeme is based in Tamworth and is the nominated “central contact person” for this development. He will be available for emails, phone/video calls and face-to-face meetings (subject to Covid restrictions).

Other relevant contacts:

ProTen’s National Construction Manager – Dern Pease – dernp@proten.com.au / 0438 070 927

ProTen environmental hotline (toll-free) – 1800 776 994

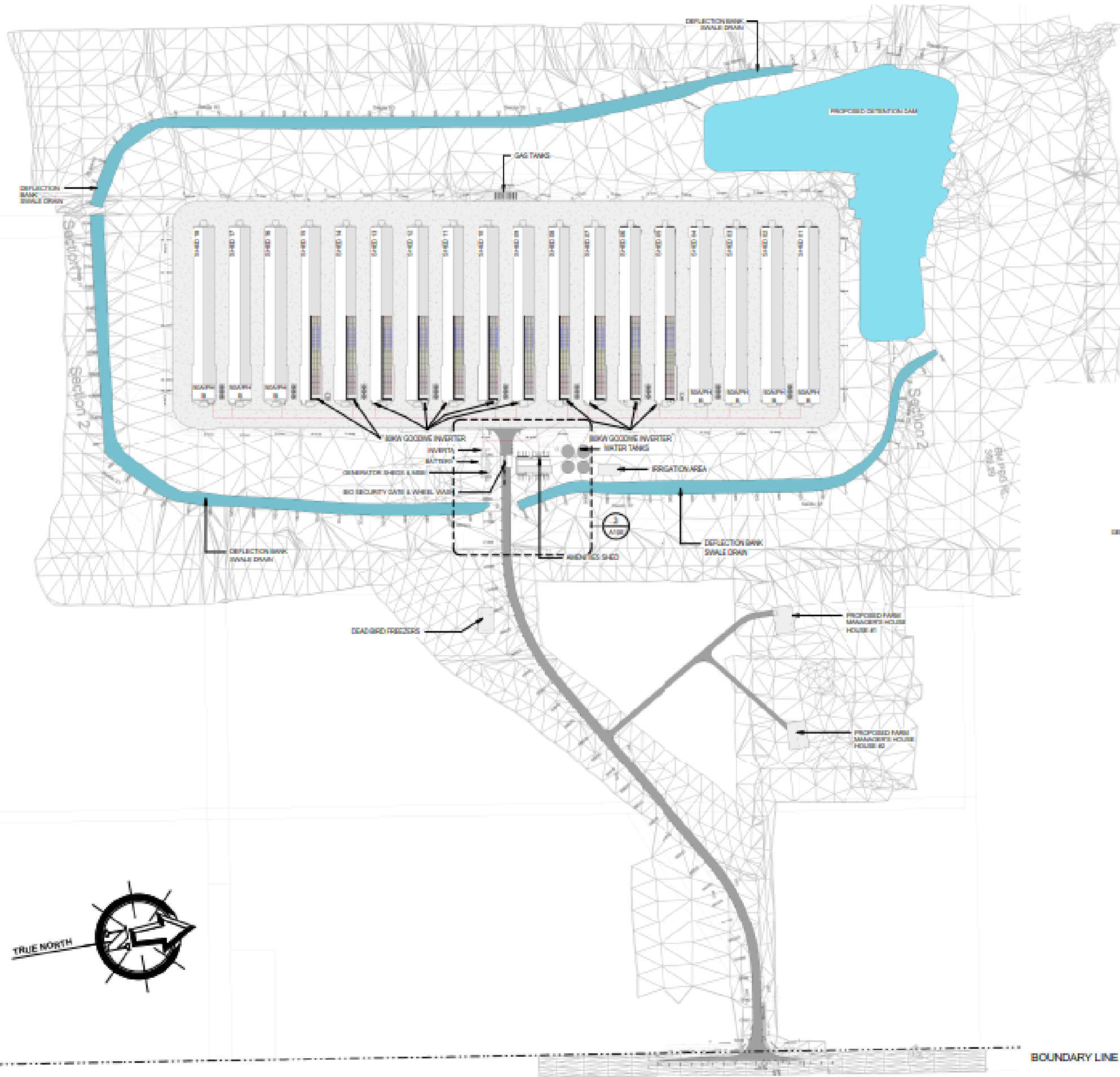
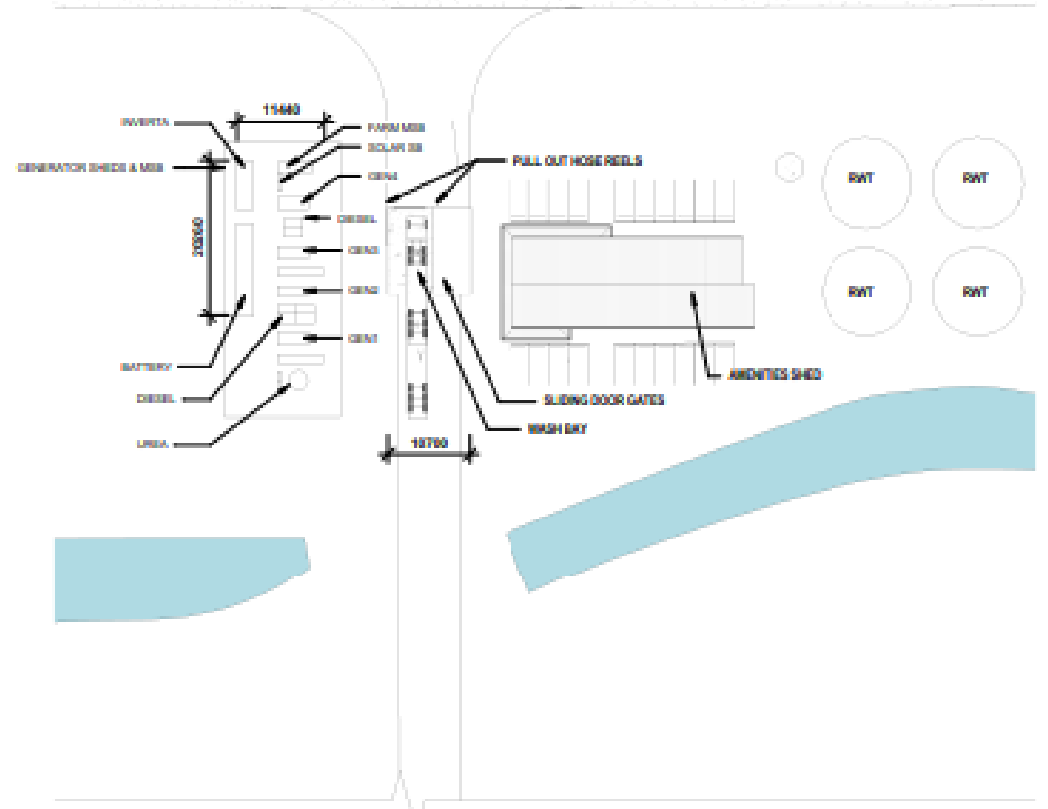


Figure 1
Rushes Creek Poultry Farm Development
Updated Farm 2 Layout
Proposed Modification 4 – Solar Power Solution



PART SITE PLAN
 1: 500 @ A1

PROPOSED SITE PLAN
 1: 2000 @ A1

SCALE 1:2000

DOCUMENTATION IN PROGRESS
 NOT TO BE USED FOR CONSTRUCTION PURPOSES

ISSUED FOR COMMENT
PROTEN / AGRIBIZ
AGRIBIZ NEW POULTRY FARM RUSHES CREEK
RUSHES CREEK RD. RUSHES CREEK NSW 2346



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