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Submission: Riverina Oils is an agricultural value-add company that manufacture onsite and employ a large, diverse, skilled labour force. We see the benefit of the Wagga Special Activation Precinct for our long term planning. Riverina Oils and BioEnergy (ROBE) has invested \$130 + million and international expertise into our Wagga Wagga Canola Oil and Seed plant which commenced commercial operations in February 2013 with a capacity to crush 200,000 Mt of canola seed p.a. The plant's site layout considered a doubling of the plant's capacity - an expansion that would make ROBE the largest Oilseeds facility in Australia at 30% of production ... although I note that even after our expansion Australian manufacturing would only be value adding to less than 50% of farmer production of canola seed (in an average year). In June 2020 ROBE was awarded a \$3 Million Federal government Cooperative Research Centres Project grant to complete a \$7.5 Million canola seed breeding program with Agriculture Victoria to deliver elite canola varieties whose protein is consumable for humans. This will be accomplished by reducing the levels of some antinutritional elements in the canola plant and will be a globally significant development in the rapidly growing plant-based protein market. The global plant-based protein market is rapidly growing, driven by rising demand for a protein-rich diet, a growing health and wellness trend and an increasing consumer focus on meat alternatives. Canola protein more closely matches the dietary requirements of humans than any other vegetable or legume protein. We will develop canola varieties that address constraints currently faced for extracting high-value protein for human foods from canola meal. By unlocking the true potential of Non-GMO canola protein, it will allow Australia to tap into the rapidly growing global plant protein market to realise a 6-fold increase in the current value of canola meal. The Wagga Wagga Special Activation Precinct will be a determining factor behind ROBE's future growth, investment and development decisions. The buffer zone surrounding the SAP provides us with sufficient space to operate without the threat of impacting others. I do note that we've been significantly impacted in the past due to planning restrictions, but the proposed planning processes and long term vision for the area will provide us with the certainty and growth opportunities that Riverina Oils need to succeed in a regional area. As a business we selectively chose Wagga Wagga based on it being a natural hub for the canola seed crop and an ideal distribution point to Melbourne and Sydney and we are excited by the pivotal support that will provided from the Special Activation Precinct.

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