

Q&A

Where will the Howlong Industrial Precinct be?

The project would involve the expansion of the Howlong Industrial Park, and new freight and logistics infrastructure on Cool Off's neighbouring Jude Road site, in line with the current industrial estate.

What impact will the project have on the local environment?

The project will ensure full accordance with Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

Does Federation Council support the project?

Federation Council has congratulated the local businesses for their willingness to pursue an opportunity for funding that will expand not only their businesses but potentially bring more businesses to the area. Council will review the proposal and discuss it further, with the view to exploring partnering with them if there are clear benefits to the local economy and jobs.

Who will build and operate the Howlong Industrial Precinct?

It is proposed that the new industrial land will be developed by the Federation Council, with blocks sold at competitive rates to bring new business to the region.

Cool Off, Killen Trucking, and VK Logic will be undertaking the construction of the logistics and freight facilities at Cool Off's Jude Road site.

Will the expansion impact traffic in Howlong?

The project will improve the productive capacity of Howlong businesses, including Cool Off. The majority of deliveries to Cool Off from NSW-based abattoirs will continue to enter the Howlong Industrial Park without having to pass through Howlong. The majority of production leaving the Cool Off facility is delivered to Mars Petcare in Wodonga, with trucks driving via Albury and not passing through Howlong. Deliveries to other domestic customers are to Sydney and

Brisbane, and also do not pass through the main street of Howlong.

Will the expanded industrial area involve increased odour?

The project is primarily around releasing new industrial land behind the existing Howlong industrial estate, targeting business-to-business, trade services and support, and light industry sectors, separate to the pet food business. Establishment of an export logistics hub under the project will involve new freezer store capacity, dried goods warehousing, and transport facilities with no impact on odour.

Is the project a public or private sector facility?

The proposed project would be a partnership of public and private investment into the Howlong Industrial Estate, supported by Federal government grant assistance. The resulting operations would be a significantly improved industrial hub in Howlong with new industrial land available for new business to move to Howlong, and expanded facilities to remove bottlenecks to the growth of existing businesses and third-party users of the new export hub infrastructure.

How many jobs will the Howlong Industrial Precinct create?

A proposal to expand, develop, and enhance the Howlong Industrial Estate will directly create more than 60 new local jobs at Howlong with flow-on benefits to economic activity for businesses throughout the Riverina region.

Will road, water, electricity infrastructure be upgraded in Howlong Industrial Precinct?

The expanded industrial estate would be supported by new sealed road access, drainage, and gutters.

The project will have no direct impact on electricity infrastructure, as Cool Off has recently invested heavily in improving the electrical infrastructure to the industrial estate.

There will be no impact on town water

Have your say

We are keen to hear what you have to say on the proposed Howlong Industrial Precinct Project. Please visit www.cooloff.com.au, click on the 'Precinct' tab and fill out the anonymous survey.

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