

Letter of Appreciation – Re: Your article "Big Stink" dated 3 April 2009

*Dear editor,*

*Thank you for your "Big stink" article. I must applaud Wollondilly Councillors for their sensible decision and support to the farming community in Wollondilly Shire. The vast majority of farmers treasure and nurture their farms and the tranquillity of rural living, however there are times in running a farm that the tranquillity is broken by machinery and other noises and smells which are a normal part of farming.*

*So often new arrivals that have purchased "acres" to live away from suburbia, do not know or bother to understand that their newly purchased property is in a rural area and amongst established and developing farms. Somewhere in the conveyancing process they should be clearly advised that they are purchasing in a rural area where farming activities are conducted.*

*Once they discover that a farmer is working his farm in the locality, they complain to the farmer and other authorities including Council to try to have the farmer cease his activities. Responsible farmers not only care for their land they also produce our food, employment for locals and financial support to the community.*

*Good on Wollondilly Shire Councillors for being prepared to support responsible farming activities in the shire.*