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PLANNING UNDER WAY FOR PROTEIN PRODUCTION HUB AT COOMINYA

Brisbane Valley Protein Precinct Pty Ltd (BVPP) is preparing a Development Application for a multi-million dollar master planned protein production hub on more than 1100 hectares at Coominya in the Brisbane Valley.

BVPP is a family-owned company, stretching back through four generations of farmers in the region. It recently attracted a project partner in South African-based investment house Safika Holdings, which is a significant minority shareholder in BVPP.

The Brisbane Valley Protein Precinct site is designated as the Coominya Food Production Investigation Area under Somerset Regional Council's Strategic Framework and BVPP Director Duncan Brown said plans were well advanced to lodge a Development Application for the project in mid-2016.

"This will be a staged development that includes intensive livestock production with poultry, game birds and beef, processing, training, research and hospitality facilities," Mr Brown said.

"The Brisbane Valley Protein Precinct will be the first dedicated protein production hub in Australia, with on-site training and R&D facilities, and will deliver on State and local government visions for a strategic food production area at Coominya.

"It will provide jobs for Queenslanders by putting food on the plates of emerging middle classes in Asia and beyond."

Mr Brown said BVPP was committed to local buy policies for staffing and procurement in support of Somerset Regional Council's Economic Development Plan 2015-2020.

Executives from Safika Holdings visited the Coominya site and spoke at a Somerset Regional Business Alliance breakfast today.

"BVPP is the first Australian agricultural investment for Safika and demonstrates the new international capital that innovative projects like ours can bring to Queensland," Mr Brown said.

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