



# Connecting Darwalla



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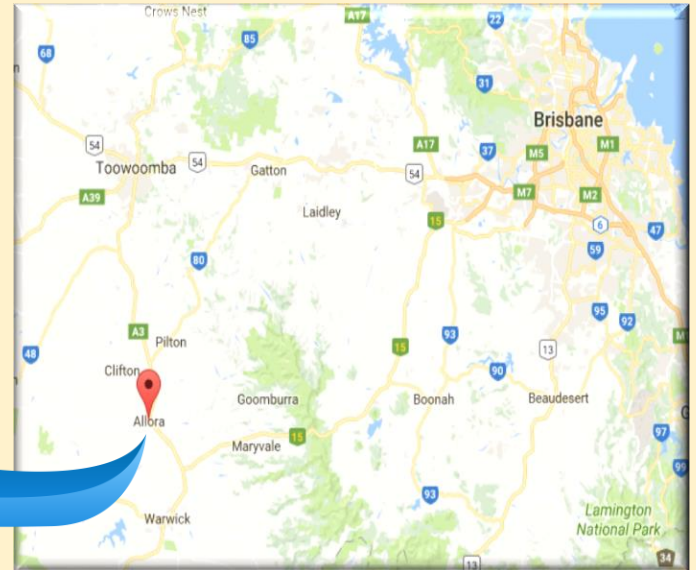
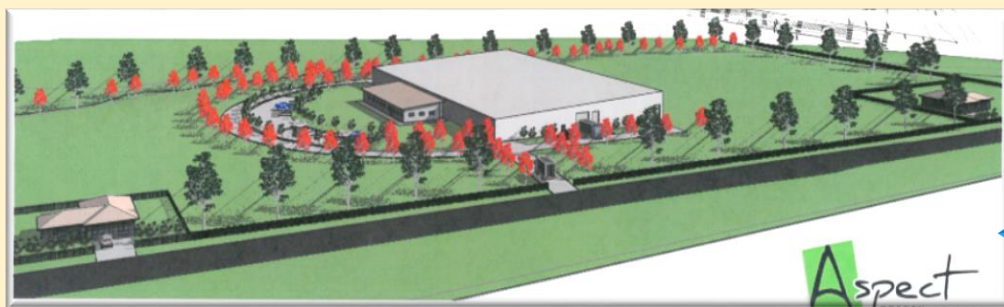
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## DARWALLA TO BUILD NEW HATCHERY

Consistent with our strategy to transform Darwalla into a more modern, innovative operation we are finalising arrangements for the construction of a new hatchery at Allora. This investment in technology, equipment and infrastructure will ensure we remain cost competitive and prepared for the future growth of our customers.

We are both proud and excited to finally make this announcement after the considerable effort that has gone into planning over the last year. The new facility, to be located on the outskirts of Allora near Warwick, will be completed by mid 2017. As a greenfield site it will be a quiet, clean and green operation designed to integrate into its natural surrounds.



Darwalla is proud to be working with Badge Constructions to construct a state of the art facility incorporating the latest technology from Petersime.

The new Allora hatchery will comprise of a 5000m<sup>2</sup> building, 600 metres from an entry off Bradfield Road and will process up to 800,000 live chicks per week in the final phase. The building will be purpose built for energy efficiency, comprising the latest heat recovery technology to minimise carbon emissions. Heat energy produced by the chicks will be harnessed to create heating and cooling.

The Allora operations will be conducted almost entirely undercover in a purpose-built, self contained facility specifically designed to minimise radiated noise and odour. Around 60% of its workings will comprise hatchers and setters where fertilised eggs will be maintained in a controlled environment behind sealed doors until chicks are hatched.



Darwalla has worked closely with the local Council to ensure this operation delivers significant economic benefits to the Southern Downs region and the local Allora community. We have also consulted with current hatchery staff to ensure that they were the first to be told about this plan and to offer them priority in seeking employment in the new hatchery. We have also offered support for those that choose not to transfer and incentive for those remaining in the current hatchery until production ceases.

We will keep you all informed of this projects progress as it occurs.

*"At Darwalla we grow quality chickens, our business, our customers business and above all else we grow our people"*