

Interest in meat processing plant extended



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POTENTIAL investors for a proposed new meat processing facility in the Central Highlands now have until the end of May to show their interest.

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"We've been pleased with the level of interest so far, particularly from off-shore, and decided to extend the closing date to the May 29 to take advantage of the international visitors in the region attending Beef Australia 2015 in Rockhampton," Cr Maguire said.

The mayor, CEO, councillors and representatives from the Central Highlands Development Corporation are in Central Queensland's capital this week for the beef expo speaking with industry representatives and building momentum for the project.

Forecast to capture an approximate 100,000 head share of the high value Queensland Wagyu, organic and Meat Standards Australia beef products market, the mid-sized plant, earmarked for a site near Emerald, will employ 168 full time staff and service Australian and export markets.

The Central Highlands Regional Council has undertaken a comprehensive feasibility study of a facility, which could be developed quickly following investment approval.

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