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Considering the possibilities for Corryong's saleyards

The views of local farmers and community stakeholders are being sought as part of a study exploring the future operation and management options for Corryong's livestock saleyards. Towong Shire Council has engaged independent consulting firm, GHD, to develop the Corryong Saleyards Futures Study in collaboration with local producers, industry groups and the community.

Upper Murray primary producers and members of the community are encouraged to submit their views by participating in a survey which is available online or from Council's offices.

"Everyone in the Upper Murray community is invited to participate in this study," said Cr David Wortmann, Towong Shire Council Mayor. "To explore all options available for a viable and sustainable future at the Saleyards, we need to understand how they are currently viewed and utilised and whether there is support for a future facility that adds value to producers and the local economy".

Raising the Upper Murray's profile as a premium livestock producing region through marketing initiatives has been raised as a theme through the Upper Murray 2030 Vision Plan consultation process.

"The Saleyards study will explore the opportunities for local primary producers to showcase their quality product and do business locally," explained Cr Wortmann.

Among the options under consideration is how Corryong's facilities could link with the new livestock exchange in Barnawartha using innovative technology solutions. The study will also include what the economic and social impacts could be if the Saleyards were to close.

"Council will be making a decision about the future of the Saleyards this year," advised Cr Wortmann. "We urge members of the Upper Murray community to have their say through this study and assist us to determine the best way forward,".

Visit www.towong.vic.gov.au or contact the Council office on 02 6071 5100 for further information. Surveys need to be completed by 13 February.