#12 Multi-product drying platform for the lower North Island

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One only open-access spray drier is available to take sheep milk but it is in Hamilton. A second drier elsewhere might be viable if costs could be shared with other industries’ products such as meat hydrolysates, blood fractions, juices, honey and goat milk. Some are compatible with sheep milk and could share a drier. Others could share a serviced site. The lower North Island is heavily populated with these industries as well as having much land with sheep or goat milk potential. The Manawatu/Tararua locale is central to the region being within four truck hours of most plants and is home to skilled spray-drier operators. Cooperation might offer a route forward for sheep dairying.