

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 5 September 2018 – 9.55am and 11am
LOCATION	Christie Conference Centre, 100 Walker St, North Sydney

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

2017SNH066 – Ku-Ring-Gai – DA0307/17 – 950 Pacific Highway Pymble - Demolish existing structures, tree removal, earthworks, construct and use of hardware building supplies development (Bunnings Warehouse), signage, landscaping, consolidation and subdivision for widening of a classified road (Ryde Road) - heritage item - Integrated Development (Roads & Maritime Services under the Roads Act 1993), Integrated Development (Department of Primary Industries – Water under Section 91 of the Water Management Act 2000). Threatened Species Development under the Species Conservation Act 1995 (NSW).

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Peter Debnam (Chair), John Roseth, Cedric Spencer,
APOLOGIES	Sue Francis
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Sam Ngai declared a conflict of interest as he had previously voted on a related matter.

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Janice Buteux-Wheeler, Jamie Taylor, Joseph Piccollo, Tempe Beaven, Corrie Swanepoel, Selwyn Segall, Brian O'Connell
OTHER	Philip Drew – Bunnings, Brianna Cheeseman – Planning Panels Secretariat

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

The Panel listened to the issues in this application as presented by both parties. Janice Buteux-Wheeler spoke on the council's behalf saying that the two major issues were the demolition of the heritage-listed 3M building and the preservation of a significant tree. Both of issues justify the refusal of the application. The council planner preparing an assessment report to the Panel had been instructed in April 2018 to stop work on the report. Hence the application has not been before the Panel.

Philip Drew spoke on behalf of the applicant. He said that a previous application had been approved by the L & E Court; however, the applicant cannot proceed with it because the Court decision is on appeal to the Supreme Court. The current application before the council (and the Panel) is an amended version of the Court-approved application with the removal of the Ryde Road driveway in order to satisfy the requirements of the RMS. The current application is on

appeal before the Land and Environment Court. The date of the s 34 Conference is 14 November 2018.

Following the presentations, the Panel concluded that it can take two possible actions. The first is to direct the council to complete its assessment report on or before 26th September 2018 and to arrange a public meeting for 17 October 2018, thus allowing sufficient time for a decision before the s 34 Conference.

The second action is to engage an expert who is able to direct the council on behalf of the Panel at the s 34 Conference on 14 November 2018. The Panel intends to discuss both these possible actions with the Manager of the Secretariat, Stuart Withington.

TENTATIVE PANEL MEETING DATE: Wednesday, 17 October 2018