

RECORD OF BRIEFING

HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Thursday, 3 March 2022, 11:30am and 12:35pm
LOCATION	MS Teams videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSHCC-108 - Newcastle - DA2021/01515 - Maitland Road, Newcastle - Hexham Road Widening

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Alison McCabe (Chair), Juliet Grant, Sandra Hutton
APOLOGIES	Peta Winney-Baartz and John Mackenzie
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Brian Cameron, Amy Ryan, Damian Jaeger, Priscilla Emmett and Olivia Magrath
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Leanne Harris, Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Foley

OVERVIEW:

- Context of DA and relationship between the Part 4 (EIS) and Part 5 (REF) applications
- Council is unclear as to why the stormwater / drainage outlets /clearing works need to be so large
- Land is road reserve and owned by the Crown
- 12 submissions received most not relevant as they relate to the REF rather than the DA before the Panel

KEY ISSUES:

- SEPP55 has not been satisfied only a phase 1investigation provided and it identifies moderate risk (further investigation work proposed prior to construction so threshold not satisfied)
- Inconsistency with plans extent of works vs removal of vegetation. Panel wants to understand 'disturbance area'
- Conflicting position Biodiversity / Fisheries Act. Clearance of mangroves. Panel does not want jurisdictional issues and this will require further assessment.
- No Acid Sulfate Soil Management Plan LEP requires this before consent
- Flooding relationship between REF and EIS small amount of impact overall. Requires further clarification as EIS report not clear

- Consultation is being undertaken with NSW Heritage
- Concurrent REF / EIS exhibition two submissions specific to EIS impacts on flora and fauna and general remarks about flooding
- Coastal management –small area of existing public access to foreshore will be lost but this is road reserve and informal. Demonstrate alternatives still available to satisfy the SEPP

TfNSW – response to submissions – yet to be submitted to Council

TfNSW significantly further advanced with the REF process

Council to issue RFI as a priority and the Panel will schedule a further briefing with the applicant.

APPLICANT BRIEFING SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 2022
TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR MAY 2022