

RECORD OF BRIEFING

HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Thursday, 31 March 2022, 1pm – 2pm
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 and Peta Winney-Baartz
APOLOGIES	Sandra Hutton and John MacKenzie
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVES	Andrew Thompson, Matthew Mate, Elle Hutchinson and Angela Hardy
COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Brian Cameron, Priscilla Emmett, Olivia Magrath and Steven Masia
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

Council

- Response to RFI provided and being reviewed by Council:
 - o Acid sulphate management plan submitted
 - Flooding detailed design to be provided at the construction stage but statement noted that work in EIS had negligible impact off site on flood levels. Concept plans provided for the bridge raising minor pavement level rise (pier and spanning on approach to Iron Bark Creek) amount of earthworks are considered minor. EIS contains the same flood model. Modelling at 20m grid level but normally at a more refined level but risk considered more attached to the Part 5 application
 - Biodiversity modelling undertaken on the assumption that all wetland vegetation in and around Iron Bark Creek is being removed (worst case scenario). Amended site plans received
 - Heritage referral sent, noting that the remnants of 1850 bridge are not listed as a heritage
 - Contamination Contaminated Land Management Plan to be reviewed
- 12 submissions received key issues relating to flora/fauna and flooding, relating more to the REF project rather this application

Transport for NSW

- REF project update provided
 - o Response to submissions
 - Exhibition 16/11/21-14/12/21 and online info sessions and online portal
 - 38 submissions
 - Key issues traffic and property access (Shamrock St/closure of median island), noise and vibration (construction and operational), drainage (stormwater), socio-economic and land use (access to business and homes), the proposal (suggested changes to design)
 - Submissions report estimated to be finalised by 08/04/22 and internal approval by 22/04/22.
 Approval by Minister's Office required before available to the public
 - o Estimated timeframe for REF decision is April
- Additional footpath included in the proposal western side of Maitland Road (Shamrock St and McDonalds) – western verge of REF

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: (late May/early June)