

RECORD OF SITE INSPECTION AND BRIEFING

HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Thursday, 12 May 2022, 1:30pm and 3pm Site inspection undertaken during briefing
LOCATION	On site

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSHCC-110 – Lake Macquarie City Council – DA/3015/2021 - 34 and 50C Alick St, 11 Brandt Close and 12 Andra Close, Belmont and 36 Ellen St, Belmont South

Community Facility and Road - Shared pathway to connect an existing shared pathway at Railway Parade, Belmont (being the existing Fernleigh Track), to another section of shared pathway being constructed along Green Street on the northern side of Ocean Park Road, Belmont South. The proposed shared pathway comprises the construction of a 1.5km pathway including sections of boardwalk bridges and a viewing platform

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Alison McCabe (Chair), Juliet Grant, Sandra Hutton
APOLOGIES	Christina Buckley, Roberta Ryan
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Jason Pauling

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Glen Mathews, Jonathon Ford
APPLICANT	Tony Farrell and Tess Dziwulski (Lake Macquarie Council), Kentan Procter and Carol Procter (Bahtabah Local Aboriginal Land Council)
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Leanne Harris

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

Briefing with Applicant and representatives from Bahtabah LALC (1.30 to 2.00pm):

- Overview of proposed pathway location and existing connection point.
- Bahtabah LALC representatives provided an overview of their involvement in the project, the cultural and physical importance of the locality, the Song Line story and connections and sharing of stories through the proposed design.
- Opportunities for interpretation as part of the project (bus stops, QR codes etc)

Briefing with Council Assessment Officers (2.00 to 3.00pm)

- The Panel viewed the proposed pathway from key locations, specifically where it approached the boundaries of residential properties and from where submissions had been received.
- Proposed changes as a result of construction details will require amended plans and documentation.
- Additional information in relation to biodiversity impacts required due to proposed changes
- Contamination matters still to be fully addressed

The Panel requested Council proceed with an RFI as soon as possible.

Given the detailed site visit the Panel do not consider a further assessment briefing will be required.

As this is a Council project the Panel will hold a public determination meeting so that there is a public record of the decision

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE TO BE SCHEDULED