

# **Record of Kick-Off Briefing**

# **Hunter & Central Coast Regional Planning Panel**

PANEL REFERENCE, DA NUMBER & ADDRESS	PPSHCC-144 - DA2022/0804 - 70 Carmona Lane Forster Lot 2 DP614397 and Lot 305- DP1240455 Cape Hawke Drive Forster
APPLICANT / OWNER	Serenitas Management Pty Ltd c/o Land Dynamics
APPLICATION TYPE	Ross Andrews Hillcross Pty Ltd, William Edward Kneebone, Craig Andrews Southforster Pty Ltd, MidCoast Council
REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT CRITERIA	Development Application, Clause 3, Schedule 6 of the Planning Systems SEPP: CIV > \$5M - Council interest
KEY SEPP/LEP	SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021, SEPP (Biodiversity and Conservation) 2021, SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021, Great Lake LEP 2014
CIV	\$12,090,000
BRIEFING DATE	5 October 2022

# **ATTENDEES**

APPLICANT	Donna Clarke, Ben Tebbutt, Dean Walker, Michael Summers, Anthony Landro and Susan Blake
PANEL MEMBERS	Juliet Grant, Alan Tickle and David West
COUNCIL OFFICER	Bruce Moore, Emily Nicholson, Kieran Woodall, April McKay, Mathew Bell and Chris Ross
CASE MANAGER	Leanne Harris
PLANNING PANELS SECRETARIAT	Lisa Foley

Council is yet to undertake its full application assessment, so this record is not a final list of the issues they will need to consider in order to draft their recommendation.

The application is yet to be considered by the Hunter & Central Coast Regional Planning Panel and therefore future comment will not be limited to the detail contained within

DA LODGED: 15 August 2022

**EXHIBITION DATES: 29 August 2022 to 10 October 2022** 

**TENTATIVE PANEL DETERMINATION DATE: February 2023** 

# **KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED FOR CONSIDERATION**

#### Council:

- The land has been previously rezoned for residential and conservation purposes.
- Council noted the application has been the subject of pre DA discussions.
- The site is currently the subject of LEC proceedings over the deemed refusal of an application for a Manufactured Home Estate.
- Council has an interest in part of the site which the applicant seeks to use for road access. Council is yet to provide owner's consent to the DA.
- The land owned by Council is an identified future collector road. The road is identified in the Council's 7.11 Plan however there is no construction timeframe for it at present. A VPA has been suggested however Council considers works in kind may be more appropriate.
- Council's preliminary assessment has identified a number of issues, many of which are currently being worked through via the LEC proceedings:
  - Insufficient detail regarding the proposed road to properly assess potential ecological and flooding impacts
  - o Appropriateness of construction access via Carmona Lane
  - Site filling and potential impacts on adjoining land and whether all owners have consented to the application.
  - Servicing of the site via the use of Council owned land and the impacts on a natural wetland
  - Stormwater management, quality, quantity and location of proposed basins and how these are intended to work including management of upstream water
  - Flooding analysis and information is required it was noted that Council is currently undertaking a flood study but this is at a preliminary stage only.
  - o NRAR position required in relation to works within a mapped watercourse
  - Potential contamination from adjacent industrial activities and presence of a fuel tanker on the land.
  - Ecological impacts on the conservation land including direct and indirect impacts on groundwater dependent ecosystems
- Council will issue a detailed RFI following this briefing, noting that many of the above issues have been the subject of negotiation as part of the current court proceedings.

# Applicant:

- The proposal is for Torrens Title subdivision to create 126 lots is proposed with a new road connection to the Lakes Way which will ultimately link through to the Southern Parkway.
- The applicant provided an overview of the site noting there are two lots, one of which is owned by Council (Lot 305 future collector road)
- Current access off Carmona Lane which is a vegetated track
- Applicant understands they will need to construct the new road to and within their site and a VPA has been suggested as a consent condition.

- The subdivision has been designed to meet the minimum lot size and APZs are wholly contained on the site in the residential zoned portion of the land.
- Overview of the site context including:
  - o surrounding land uses including rural, industrial and conservation lands.
  - South Forster Structure Plan (2006) used to inform the current zoning, road connections buffers and drainage
- Integrated development:
  - o NRAR as works within 40 m of a mapped watercourse
  - o RFS as the land is bushfire prone.
- Stormwater hydrologic analysis to assessment quantity and quality of runoff.
  Detention along western boundary site will be filled and basins discharge at natural ground level
- Land is above the 1% flood level including the proposed access road.
- Ecology historical work informed the rezoning and the subdivision does not encroach into C2 land. A BDAR has been prepared and submitted with the application.
- Pre-lodgement in May 2022. DA lodged 15 August 2022.
- Appeal currently in s.34 conferencing and working to a resolution. The applicant acknowledges that this process would inform changes to the residential subdivision DA (if needed)

#### Panel:

- Owner's consent is a threshold issue and needs to cover drainage, servicing and filling as well as the Council owned land for the road.
- If a VPA is to form part of the application the offer needs to be progressed and supported by Council and is not something that can be conditioned.
- The Panel notes that an RFI will follow this briefing and encourages the applicant to work with Council's assessment team to resolve issues raised.
- The Panel needs to understand drainage /flooding including the proximity to and hydrological impacts on the wetland as well as flood free access and the implications for road levels and related filling of the site.
- The Panel will view the site and a further assessment briefing with the Council will be required.

# **KEY ISSUES IN RELATION TO PUBLIC EXHIBITION**

Public exhibition is currently underway. The Panel needs to be advised of the results of this process.