

Record of Briefing Hunter & Central Coast Regional Panel

PANEL REFERENCE, DA NUMBER & ADDRESS	PPSHCC-145 – MidCoast - DA2022/0390 – The Southern Parkway, Forster
APPLICANT / OWNER	Stuart Murray – Site Research & Development Pty Ltd Taree Christian School
APPLICATION TYPE	Development Application
REGIONALLY SIGNIFICANT CRITERIA	CIV > \$5M - Private infrastructure and community facilities
CIV	\$ 13,500,000.00 (excluding GST)
BRIEFING DATE	12 September 2023

ATTENDEES

PANEL CHAIR	Alison McCabe (Chair), Tony McNamara and Roberta Ryan and Alan Tickle
APOLOGIES	David West
COUNCIL OFFICER	Bruce Moore
CASE MANAGER	Leanne Harris
PLANNING PANELS SECRETARIAT	Holly McCann

COUNCIL:

- The applicant has been working through amended plans to provide for more appropriate drop off, parking and stormwater arrangements.
- Council is still not satisfied that the peak afternoon pick-up and parking arrangements have been satisfactorily resolved, noting that whilst the parking complies with the DCP there are potentially significant amenity impacts and implications for existing residents.
- Council understands that the Applicant has spoken to the adjoining owner to acquire land for an additional car park however this site is soon to be under new ownership / management arrangements and any decision regarding the sale of the land is likely to be several months away.
- At this stage Council is still waiting on the further amended plans.
- Council is of the view that there is limited scope to amend the current proposal to provide the required car parking and pick up arrangements on the existing site.

PANEL:

- The Panel reiterates its earlier comments that in the absence of additional land the proposal needs to be reduced in scale to provide for the functions that it needs on its own site, particularly given its location within an urban release area.
- The school should consider future intentions in relation to overall student numbers and scale of development and plan accordingly.
- Further delays to the finalisation of the application will not be supported.
- The Panel expects the Council to finalise its assessment and report the DA based on the plans currently before it.

The Panel will seek to schedule a determination meeting in October