

RECORD OF PUBLIC BRIEFING

HUNTER AND CENTRAL COAST REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Tuesday, 3 September 2024 – 1.00pm to 2.30pm
LOCATION	Cessnock Council Administration Building and via MS Teams Videoconference (Hybrid)

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Alison McCabe (Chair), Roberta Ryan, Tony McNamara, Robert Bisley
APOLOGIES	David Crofts
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Nil

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF:	Kerry Porter, Sue Page
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Holly McCann

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSHCC-254-Cessnock-DA~8/2016/557/2~at~220~Blackhill~Road,~Blackhill~2322-Waste~and~Resource~Management~Facilities

The Panel heard submissions from members of the public and other stakeholders on the matter and this is on the public record.

VERBAL SUBMISSIONS WERE HEARD FROM:

- Vicki Osborn
- Janet Murray and Greg Steele on behalf of Blackhill Environment Protection Group and the Buttai Community Development group
- Justin Hanson
- Coralie Lewis
- Jonathon Finch
- Alan Brown
- Steve Fraser
- Applicant Team Jamie Boswell, Philip Towler and Duncan Lowe.

PANEL COMMENTS:

The Panel viewed the site and heard submissions from members of the public and the applicant on the matter. The Panel has copies of all the written submissions lodged with the Council.

The Panel notes that submitters have raised issues of concern in relation to the suitability of the site for this type of development, environmental impacts particularly in relation to traffic and truck movements, health and safety concerns and lack of meaningful consultation.

The applicant provided an overview of the proposed operations, need for the facility, sources of waste and management of traffic and trucks.

Given the matters raised during the meeting and the observations at the site inspection the Panel requires Council to specifically consider and assess road safety impacts. To this end Council should request a road safety audit to accompany the application. The applicant is also requested to clarify waste sources as discussed by the applicant at the meeting.

The Panel will hold a further public meeting to determine the matter.