

RECORD OF BRIEFING

NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 25 August 2021, 4:20pm and 4:30pm
LOCATION	MS Teams videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSNTH-100 – Narrabri – DA2021/0082 - 11498 Newell Highway, Narrabri - Solar farm with two 3MW inverter stations, temporary car parking and materials laydown area, security fencing and perimeter landscaping

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Paul Mitchell (Chair) and Robert Kneale
APOLOGIES	Penny Holloway, Stephen Gow and Cameron Staines
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Gunther Weidenmann
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Foley

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Location and context of site
- Waiting for response from Transport for NSW
- Flooding issues including any potential flood diversion from proposed structures
- Site is at intersection of two highways large volume of traffic movements and potential for visual impacts
- Panel will require assessment of adequacy of landscaping layout, species and maintenance
- Council to confirm ownership of land that proposed access route is located on
- Decommissioning consideration of decommissioning bond to ensure completion of decommissioning works as imposed on previous solar development, being a percentage of the decommissioning cost estimate provided by the applicant

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 2021