

RECORD OF BRIEFING

NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Thursday, 26 August 2021, 10:05am and 10:35am
LOCATION	MS Teams videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSNTH-103 – Gunnedah – DA2021/035 - 781 Wandobah Road, Gunnedah - Construction of a 5MW Electricity Generating Works (Solar Farm).

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Paul Mitchell (Chair), Penny Holloway, Stephen Gow and Jamie Chaffey
APOLOGIES	None
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Andrew Johns and Blake O'Mullane declared conflicts of interest due to their supervisory role at Gunnedah Shire Council

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Wade Hudson, Andrew Johns and Jack Morrissey
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Foley

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Scope and layout of proposed development
- Distance to town and surrounding residences
- Potential impacts on surrounding uses visual and acoustic, potential glare
- Proposed fencing and landscape screening
- Landscaping proposed on only 3 boundaries
- Development anticipated to have a thirty-five year lifespan
- Submissions received
- Zoning of site and surrounding area
- Impacts of construction phase noise
- Panel will need assessment to address maintenance of landscaping, decommissioning, long term strategic plans applying to the area and whether the two inverter stations pose a bushfire risk

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE TBC