

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 15 December 2021, 10:40am and 11.00am
LOCATION	MS Teams videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSNTH-122 – Narrabri – DA2022/0017– 262 Caloola Rd, Boggabri – Electricity Generating Facility with Associated Infrastructure (Solar)

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Penny Holloway
APOLOGIES	Paul Mitchell and Stephen Gow
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

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

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Overview of the proposed development and surrounding land uses, noting the adjacent development as a mining accommodation village and active quarry to the west, cleared dryland agricultural land to the north and east, residential development (Boggabri) located to the south
- Natural features of the site were outlined, including the location of the watercourse located across the site
- Consideration is to be given to any cumulative impacts from previously approved solar developments in the locality
- Landscaping is proposed on the southern and eastern boundaries
- External Referrals have been sent to:
 - Essential Energy
 - NRAR – application is not identified as controlled works
- Internal referrals –
 - Engineering (stormwater drainage and traffic) – conditions provided
 - Waste – conditions provided
- Application was notified from 31/08/21 to 14/09/21 – no submissions were received
- Key issues considered by Council are:
 - Visual impact
 - Glare

- Traffic impacts – cumulative impacts of existing uses (quarry and mining village) on the road network are to be identified and proposed management of traffic during construction phase
 - Stormwater
 - Suitability of the site
 - Construction
 - Decommissioning
- Impact of dust from existing adjoining land uses on solar farm operation

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR- January 2022