

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 23 March 2022, 9:30am and 10am
LOCATION	Via MS Teams videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSNTH-123 – Gwydir– DA 34/2021 – 5535 North Star Road, North Star – Extractive Industry - 490,000 tonnes per year for a period five (5) years to service the Inland Rail Project and associated road upgrade projects and then a maximum of 150,000 tonnes per year for a period of ten (10) years to service the general market in the local area

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Paul Mitchell (Chair), Penny Holloway, Stephen Gow, John Coulton and Catherine Egan
APOLOGIES	None
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Patsy Cox
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Foley

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Overview of project provided being an extractive industry - 490,000 tonnes/pa for 5 years and 150,000 tonnes/pa for 10 years
- Key issues include –
 - Vegetation removal – additional information requested for BDAR
 - Quarry proximity to lot boundary – buffer required, particularly to the east (noting owner interests in the neighbouring property)
 - Haulage roads are being utilised by 2 other 500,000 tonne quarries (other than Minilya Road) – cumulative impacts to addressed
 - Dust suppression – not addressed in application
 - Water source for dust suppression – details required (including an alternative supply to sediment ponds). Water from existing onsite bore will require a licence change.
- Large separation distances from sensitive receptors (dwellings)
- EPA have issued GTAs, including hours of operation
- Bushfire prone area – to be considered in the assessment report, including an Operational Management Plan
- Distance from creek clarified

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- Low Capital Investment Value identified on the application – noting the scale of the development
- TfNSW – additional information to be requested regarding the haulage route intersections design, capacity and any required upgrade
- Traffic on local roads to be considered in the assessment report
- Consultation with Moree Plains Shire Council regarding road contributions to be undertaken and outlined in the assessment report
- Engineering services – comments required, including road contributions (being equitable with existing developments)
- Road safety and maintenance to be assessed, including dust control along the road, noting the utilisation of haulage roads by other operators
- Blasting and proximity to the property boundary – assessment report to include consideration of fly rock. A blast management plan is required to set out procedures for safety, including consideration of the adjoining Lot 11 and its possible inclusion if appropriate measures are unable to be provided
- Cumulative impacts (on and off site) to be identified and management measures outlined
- Rehabilitation Plan – to be outlined in the assessment report, including measures to ensure works are undertaken at the cessation of the development
- Additional information to be requested, including keys issue impacts and blast management

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR TBC (8-10 weeks)