

RECORD OF BRIEFING

NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 9 February 2022, 9:30am and 11am
LOCATION	MS Teams videoconference

BRIEFING MATTERS

PPSNTH-135 – Byron Shire Council 10.2021.698.1 - 1 Lighthouse Road, Byron Bay - Coastal Protection Works - Geobags, Seawall and Dune Rebuilding/Beach Coastal Protection Works - Geobags, Seawall and Dune Rebuilding/Beach Nourishment Works to the front of Reflections Holiday Park, Clarkes Beach

PPSNTH-136 – Byron Shire Council 10.2021.630.1 - 2 Massinger Street and Bay Street Byron Bay - Coastal Protection Works - Geobags, Seawall and Dune Rebuilding/Beach Nourishment Works at Clarkes Beach

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Paul Mitchell (Chair), Hannah Power, Angus Gordon, David Brown and Joe Vescio
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Mike Svikis (consultant planner), Chris Larkin and Chloe Dowsett
DEPARTMENT	Stuart Withington, Cameron Brooks, Jane Gibbs, Verity Rollason and Lisa Foley

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

Briefly discussed the history of the sites, the main differences between the two applications, the temporary nature of the works as installed.

The proximity of middens in relation to the works at the Reflection site was discussed. It was noted that this application was not lodged as integrated development, although additional approvals are likely to be required.

The Panel noted the need to consider end effects on adjoining properties of the proposed works, and and clarify what the implications for properties to the north may be. Additional coastal engineering advice is required.

Panel queried whether beach nourishment is a reasonable mitigation measure or condition.

Given the two sites are directly adjoining each other, Council confirmed their understanding that the applicants worked together on some aspects of their proposals. However, the EIS reports were undertaken by separate consultants. The Panel queried whether there are any inconsistencies in the technical aspects

of the two applications, given their close interdependence, that would have material implications or impacts. Council to investigate and address in its assessments.

Panel noted the need to have a clear understanding of:

final use and rehabilitation of the land.

how removal of bags would occur, the timeframes for removal and whether any flexibility should be allowed for these activities and, if so, how much and under what circumstances.

Council advised that no submissions have been received.

The Department of Planning and Environment's Biodiversity Conservation Division provided correspondence to Byron Shire Council in relation to these two DAs. The letters contain recommendations on further information requirements in relation to coastal processes and erosion. This correspondence was circulated among Panel members.

The applicants should be aware of the recommendations and respond appropriately.

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR April 2022