

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 23 March 2022, 10am and 10:40am
LOCATION	Via MS Teams videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSNTH-140 – Port Macquarie-Hastings – DA2021 – 1001 - Longworth Rd, Dunbogan - Shared User Path - 'Beach to Beach' project

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Paul Mitchell (Chair), Stephen Gow, Penny Holloway, Michael Mason and Chris Gee
APOLOGIES	None
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Patrick Galbraith-Robertson and Dan Croft
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Foley

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- The Panel considered that the permissibility of the path on all sections of the proposed route needs to be examined as a first priority. If the use is not permissible on any section, resolution of how this would be address is required before proceeding further with the assessment.
- RFI has been issued regarding:
 - Response to submissions
 - Clarification on landowner's consent – Crown land
 - DPI Fisheries - boardwalk design and construction methodology detail required in regard to avoidance of mangroves and seagrass. A separate compensatory offset scheme for loss of habitat, may be considered. Consideration of alternative alignment (for D5 section) has been undertaken, with site inspection confirming that the most appropriate location has been included in application
 - BDAR – deficiencies in report identified by BCD (non-statutory referral) and Council's ecologists - species not identified
 - Permissibility to be confirmed in the different zones
 - Coastal Mapping issues at Pilot Beach (eastern end) identified – details are to be clarified in accordance to the CMP
 - Unintended consequences – mitigation measures to be identified in Construction Management Plan, with possibility of specialist consultation (ie. arborist) prior to construction

- Detailed cultural heritage report provided, with prior consultation undertaken and mitigation measures proposed. A more thorough consideration of the possible presence of Aboriginal items is required to avoid the possibility of unexpected Aboriginal item finds during construction and the subsequent requirement for an AHIP.
- Path width noted as 2.4m – consideration to be given to passing lanes (if required), to enable passing of motorised wheelchairs and scooters
- Treatment of pathway to be identified when within close proximity to vehicular traffic
- Security lighting and interpretative signage – required but need to consider any unintended consequences in bushland areas
- Planning for car parking to support end of trip and major point locations
- Accessibility of pathway to be outlined, including grades
- Endemic species required for vegetation replacement
- Consideration to visual impact if storage of rental motorised equipment is permitted
- Security and crime prevention - further detail required
- Proposal is considered important for safety links along road reserves
- Project subject to grant funding, with time limitations
- Fundamental issues relating to landowner's consent and permissibility to be confirmed

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR TBC

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