

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 23 November 2022, 10.15am and 10.50am
LOCATION	MS Teams videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSNTH-163 – Moree Plains – DA2022/39 - 17339 Newell Hwy and Terry Hie Hie Road, Moree - Establishment of gravel quarry on the property 'Island Paddock'

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Paul Mitchell (Chair), Penny Holloway, Stephen Gow and Susannah Pearce
APOLOGIES	None
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Brooke Sauer – conflict of interest Susannah Pearce noted a non-pecuniary, non-significant COI

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Murray Amos
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Unauthorised existing operation on the site to be outlined
- Site location outlined, including proximity to the Inland Rail route and Moree
- Proposal outlined as
 - 130,000 t/pa over 30 years
 - 20ha extension to existing quarries
 - Upgrade to existing site access from Newell Highway
 - Removal of topsoil for rehabilitation
 - Establishment of bunds around development footprint
 - No blasting or onsite processing
- Proposal clarification required as application notes extension of existing unauthorised operations
- Local demand for gravel product due to the Inland Rail construction and Special Activation Precinct establishment
- Exhibition completed, with no submissions
- Referrals sent to:
 - RFS – outstanding
 - ARTC – no objection (condition noting any blasting notification, rail crossings to be reduced from 2 to 1 and any works requiring concurrence)
 - TfNSW – requested revised Traffic Impact Assessment and Level Crossing Feasibility Study

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- DPI Ag – no objection (recommended conditions to minimise land use conflict)
- EPA – further information requested on groundwater assessment and updated Operational Environmental Management Plan
- BCS – investigation into historic land use clearing – procedural no previous issues identified
- Noise – nearest neighbour approximately 1 km, ground level operation proposed with overburden able to be utilised for noise mitigation
- Dust – no crushing proposed with water suppression to be applied to trafficable areas
- Traffic – haulage route to incorporate turning lanes onto the Newell Highway
- Additional information provided by the applicant is yet to be reviewed

Panel Comments

- Clarification of proposed development required
- Water management and potential impacts on water aquifer to be identified, noting distance from the Gwydir River
- Rehabilitation to form part of the application and to be considered for the whole site
- Rehabilitation plan to specify the future agricultural use, which should be similar to the existing use
- Traffic management plan required and to include assessment of impacts on school buses and the required highway intersection works
- Limit in extraction operations to be imposed

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: February 2023

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