

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 24 May 2023, 1pm and 1:20pm
LOCATION	MS Teams videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSNTH-194 – Moree - DA2023/6 - Windmill Rd, Garah and 2761 Carnarvon Hwy, Ashley - Erection of a 4.99MW Solar Farm

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Dianne Leeson (Chair), Michael Wright, Brooke Sauer and Susannah Pearce
APOLOGIES	Stephen Gow
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Paul Sio and Ian Arnott
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt, Louisa Agyare and Lisa Foley

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Existing site characteristics and infrastructure outlined
- Proposed development detailed, including access and supplementary planting
- Confirmed the application for the 4.99MW facility encompasses both Stage One and Two arrays and battery systems although the construction will be staged.
- Traffic – cumulative traffic report requested by TfNSW, additional information provided noting traffic generation and construction to occurring during timeframe when cotton gin is less operational. Awaiting response from TfNSW.
- Battery storage and potential fire risk – RFS conditions have been provided
- Supplementary plantings to be provided to minimise any visual impact from the highway
- Rehabilitation and decommissioning strategy to be outlined in the assessment report and including timeframe
- Retention of existing koala feed trees to the south
- Flooding – Surface Water Assessment submitted with application
- Noted the Department of Planning has previously issued draft standard conditions for solar farms

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: 11/12 July 2023