

RECORD OF BRIEFING

NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Monday, 23 October 2023, 3:45pm and 4:30pm
LOCATION	MS Teams Videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSNTH-232 – CLARENCE VALLEY – DA2023/0402 – 2801 SUMMERLAND WAY DILKOON – Sand extraction industry

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Dianne Leeson (Chair), Stephen Gow, Michael Wright, Peter Johnstone
APOLOGIES	Nil
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Greg Clancy

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Jessica Summerhayes, Murray Lane, James Hamilton
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt, Louisa Agyare and Lisa Ellis
OTHER	Nil

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Development application lodged includes extraction, stockpiling and processing facility.
- Development is designated and integrated development requiring general terms of approval to be issued by relevant public authorities.
- Outstanding Referrals/Concurrence
 - o Crown Lands
 - o Transgrid issues can be managed
 - Transport for NSW
 - Environment Protection Agency
 - Department of Primary Industries Fisheries
 - o Department of Planning and Environment Biodiversity and Conservation Division
 - Department of Planning and Environment Water
- Council consideration of proposal includes the following key issues:
 - Biodiversity insufficient information provided to enable assessment of potential serious and irreversible impacts on 2 endangered plant species, unsatisfactory evidence of avoidance of

impacts, BDAR not in accordance with BAM, and impact on threatened Koala species and Koala habitat

- Impact on key fish habitats
- o Landuse conflict and impact on environmental sensitive areas
- Air quality impacts
- o Agricultural impacts
- o Residential landuse conflict
- Water quality impacts
- Downstream impacts
- Panel notes Council's 21 day offer of withdrawal to the Applicant, given the number and extent of outstanding issues identified by Council (due date 26 October 2023).
- RFI issued to applicant on 5/10/2023 (100 days provided due 15/01/2024). Additional information has been requested from referral agencies. These will be addressed within a second RFI if the application not withdrawn.
- 24 submissions received in objection to proposal. These have been provided to the applicant.
- Panel questions and discussion:
 - o Downstream impacts on adjacent Everlasting Swamp National Park
 - Fish habitat and stream hierarchy
 - SEARs supporting documentation
 - o Impact of recent bushfires on further biodiversity survey methodology and timing
- The Panel agrees with Council's position that withdrawal of the application is appropriate.
- Next steps: Council to follow up with applicant regarding potential withdrawal.

TENTATIVE PANEL DETERMINATION DATE: February 2024