

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 15 November 2023, 11:00am and 11:40am
LOCATION	MS Teams Videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSNTH-251 – Gunnedah – 10.2023.00000066.001 – 262 Hunts Road, Gunnedah – Installation of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) ancillary to the approved Solar Farm

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Dianne Leeson (Chair), Stephen Gow, Michael Wright, Rob Hooke, and Donna Ausling
APOLOGIES	None
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Wade Hudson and Prasanth van Houten
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt, Louisa Agyare, and Lisa Ellis
OTHER	None

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Background
 - Development is proposed to be located within extent of site previously approved solar farm development
 - Solar farm is not yet constructed
 - Management of two potential concurrent consents for site – alignment of conditions if approved
- Electricity infrastructure – transmission line located adjacent to development
- Landscaping – already required as part of solar farm consent
- Public exhibition has been undertaken - one (1) unique submission received
- Fire and hazard risk – to be addressed
- Operational noise impacts – to be addressed
- Waste management – construction related
- Bushfire risk
- Potential future contamination and potential bunding/containment
- Outstanding referral - Essential Energy

- A Request for Information will be provided to the applicant and cover the following key issues:
 - Vegetation and biodiversity
 - Koala habitat protection – relevant legislative provisions to be addressed
 - Landscaping and visual impact
 - Management of concurrent approvals for site
 - Noise impact
 - Fire risk
 - Possible future contamination
 - Development life expectancy
- Lifecycle of the development and linkage to solar farm
- Noise assessment required
- Associated hazards to be identified (ie. fire and explosion) and identification of buffer zone requirements

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: April 2024