

RECORD OF BRIEFING NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Tuesday, 20 February 2024, 11.45am and 12.30pm
LOCATION	MS Teams Videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSNTH-259 – Port Macquarie-Hastings – DA 2023.678.1 – Oxley Highway Highway, Thrumster – 111 torrens title residential lots, earthworks, clearing, roads, infrastructure, landscaping, master lot and residue lot.

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Dianne Leeson (Chair), Stephen Gow, Michael Wright, Michael Mason and Chris Gee
APOLOGIES	Nil
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Nil

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Dan Croft and Ben Roberts
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Ellis
OTHER	Nil

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Site background and locality development context
- Existing approval and application under assessment on the site outlined
- Proposed development noted as residential subdivision and associated infrastructure works
- Minimum lot sizes; large central lot density
- Site is subject to existing voluntary planning agreement (VPA) for the dedication of environmental lands to Council
- Development site includes mapped coastal wetland and 100m buffer area in north-west part of the site
- Ecology to be considered, noting existing KPoM on site
 - Revised BDAR being assessed by Council staff
- Further earthworks anticipated on the site as part of the development
- Part of site is flood affected detailed assessment provided with application
- Neighbourhood centre near the development site (to the west), with commercial centre within 1km north of the site
- 5 Koala feed trees proposed to be removed, with majority of land clearing proposed in northern area (potential koala habitat)

- Stormwater management and urban runoff, noting detention basins
- Development subject to EPBC Act in relation to the koala
- Staging and construction management impacts

External Referrals

• NSW RFS – bushfire prone land – general terms of approval issued

Panel Questions

- Clarification of public connectivity through the development site
- Functionality of private fire trail to the Oxley Highway
- Koala habitation management existing KPoM and koala access/crossings to be incorporated into the development
- Central large future development lot indicative masterplan to identify vision for future development

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: June 2024 (tbc with Council)