

RECORD OF BRIEFING

NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Tuesday, 12 December 2023, 11:45 and 12:05pm
LOCATION	MS Teams Videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSNTH-265 – Clarence Valley – DA2023/0627 – 419 Airport Road, Glenugie – Construction of the new Grafton Fire Control Centre which will consist of the following: Administrative building, Stores shed with seven bays, Internal access loop road with carparking and hardstand areas and Associated infrastructure such as drainage controls and landscaping.

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Dianne Leeson (Chair), Stephen Gow, Michael Wright
APOLOGIES	None
	Peter Johnstone declared a conflict of interest as he is a firefighter within Rural Fire Service brigade to which the control centre relates.
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	lan Tiley declared a conflict of interest as he participated in Council's decision regarding the provision of land for the fire control centre.
	Greg Clancy had conflict of duties since this is a council project.

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Carmen Landers, James Hamilton, and Scott Moore
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt, Louisa Agyare, and Lisa Ellis
OTHER	None

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Application will be peer reviewed
- Grant funding
- 4 submissions, with concerns including:
 - Access and safety
 - o Road narrow / upgrades
 - o Additional traffic
 - o Contamination
 - Adequacy of on-site wastewater disposal system
 - Distance of building to refuelling area
 - o Overall suitability of site

- Onsite wastewater disposal report being prepared
- Public works are the applicant and crown development
- Contamination applicant to provide soil sampling report/testing for wider area, with possible requirement for a remediation action plan
- Fill pad site previously utilised as a waste disposal point for other activities, with proposed development unlikely to use fill pad for construction
- Noted that site is moving towards an emergency services site. Currently no commercial air services operating
- CASA referral. No concerns

Panel Comments

- Site history clarified and proposed works on the site identified
- Car parking requirements to be clarified
- Groundwater and Acid Sulfate soils consider legislative requirements
- Wastewater sizing to be confirmed

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: Early 2024