

RECORD OF BRIEFING

NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 21 August 2024, 1.35pm and 2.23pm
LOCATION	MS Teams Videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

 $PPSNTH-299-Richmond\ Valley-MA2024/0008-1465\ Bentley\ Road,\ Bentley-Modification\ to\ an\ Extractive\ Industry-$

- Amend the staging of extraction to a two stage approach with Stage 1 encompassing the clearing and lowering of the northern half of the quarry, and Stage 2 the progression of extraction to the southern extent of the quarry.
- Deleting of condition 60(b)(ii) from the consent. This condition restricts the hours of trucks entering or exiting the quarry (for one hour at peak school pick up and one hour at peak school drop off times)

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Dianne Leeson (Chair), Stephen Gow, Michael Wright, Robert Hayes and Brendan Logan
APOLOGIES	Eber Butron
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Brendan Logan advised that he is accountable for the Council owned quarries in the Lismore City Council local government area in his role but has a non-pecuniary not significant interest in this application as it is located in the Richmond Valley Council area.

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Cherie Smith, Travis Eggins and Andy Edwards
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Ellis
APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVES	Ben Luffman

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

Council briefing - 1.35pm - 2.30pm

- Overview of proposal, noting original application approval
- Proposal includes:
 - Change of extraction sequencing
 - Amendment of hours of operation
- Justification for proposed modification outlined and to be assessed by Council, noting concerns raised by Council in relation to the provision of adequate justification

- Reasoning for imposition for hours of operation condition, relating to safety of road users and school children
- 31 Submissions unique 28 objecting
- Request for Information in relation to support for justification

Referrals

- Transport for NSW outstanding
- Council internal referrals to be resolved

Panel Questions

- Clarification requested in regard to reasoning for original condition, noting operation of preschool in community hall
- Current traffic movements, noting recent commencement of operations
- Operation and utilisation of contract truck drivers

Applicant briefing – 2.03pm – 2.23pm

- Outline of proposed modification
- Consultation undertaken with bus companies

Panel Questions

- Consideration of options for modification to request
- Community consultative committee advised of modification application, with no other community engagement for modification proposal
- Current operation not at maximum truck movement capacity
- Compliance with conditions of consent impact on operation of quarry, particularly truck movements in afternoon
- Preparing response to submissions

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: October/late 2024 – to be confirmed with Council