



BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	20 May 2020 at 3:05 pm to 3:35 pm
LOCATION	Via teleconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSNTH-30 – Armidale Regional Council – DA17-2020

1060 Grafton Road, Metz

To build and operate a utility-scale photo-voltaic (PV) solar farm 12 km east of Armidale, NSW. The proposed solar farm would have capacity of no more than 29.9 megawatts (MW) per annum, producing enough energy to power the equivalent of approximately 15,500 typical NSW households each year.

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Paul Mitchell (Chair), Penny Holloway, Diane Gray and Simon Murray
APOLOGIES	
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Stephen Gow declared a conflict of interest as the owner is personally known to him

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	John Goodall
OTHER	

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Relationship with solar farm on adjoining site and the need to consider cumulative impacts.
- The panel agreed that the two solar farms are separate developments each subject to individual approvals.
- The consent for the Stringy Bark facility needs to be reviewed to see if modification of the consent is required to enable use of its substation by the currently proposed Olive Grove facility.
- The panel noted that the amended proposal, ie having a single shared substation, was materially the same development application as that originally lodged and therefore there was no need for it to be re-exhibited particularly as no submissions had been received on the original application.

TENTATIVE PANEL DETERMINATION MEETING DATE: 8 July 2020