

RECORD OF BRIEFING

NORTHERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 11 December 2024, 9.01am and 9.23am
LOCATION	MS Teams Videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSNTH-360 – Moree Plains – DA2024/50 – 408 Burrington Road, Moree – Erection of a 4.95MW Solar Farm

PANEL MEMBERS

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

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Paul Sio
DEPARTMENT STAFF	Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Ellis
OTHER	Nil

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Overview of proposal, being a solar farm, battery storage, associated plant and landscaping, with a lifespan of 30 years; rehabilitation
- Water supply no reticulated water available and no on site water tanks proposed. This would be conditioned in any approval as part of bushfire management
- Stormwater assessment and management
- Site contamination Hazards and Resilience SEPP jurisdictional issue
- Landscaping proposed on 3 sides, noting existing vegetation of surrounding areas
- Site is relatively level, with minimal potential for overlooking from neighbouring properties
- Traffic management during construction, noting Burrington Road is not a significant grain/harvest haul road. Likely minimal impacts
- Tree removal proposed south-west corner
- Electricity connection point/capability opposite site on Burrington road
- 2 submissions received impact on land use in rural zone and local ecological systems, air quality and soil erosion, flooding, visual amenity, glare, traffic, local Aboriginal heritage, use of reticulated water, effects on neighbouring land value/capital growth, weather and natural phenomena

Referrals

- NSW Rural Fire Service emergency management plan requested
- Essential Energy requested inclusion of conditions
- National Parks & Wildlife Service resolved
- Outstanding internal referrals engineering, traffic

Panel Questions

- Assessment report to include a detailed assessment on the following:
 - o Onsite stormwater management to be confirmed
 - Ongoing land management operational land management plan requested (erosion, weed management, etc)
 - o Site remediation to be investigated
 - o Unexpected finds condition requested
 - Rehabilitation
 - o Waste management
 - Visual impact

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: March 2024