

## BRIEFING DETAILS

<b>BRIEFING DATE / TIME</b>	Wednesday, 23 April 2025, 9.00am and 9.46am
<b>LOCATION</b>	MS Teams Videoconference

## BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSNTH-411 – Moree Plains - DA2025/6- 2910 Gwydir Highway, Moree - Wathagar Solar Farm Stage 2 - Construction of a 27MW solar farm, ancillary battery storage and associated plant, fencing and associated landscaping

## PANEL MEMBERS

<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	Dianne Leeson (Chair), Stephen Gow, Michael Wright
<b>APOLOGIES</b>	Nil
<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	Nil

## OTHER ATTENDEES

<b>COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF</b>	Paul Sio
<b>DEPARTMENT STAFF</b>	Carolyn Hunt and Ilona Ter-Stepanova
<b>OTHER</b>	Nil

## KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Traffic and access –
  - existing primary access and secondary access (bushfire management)
  - Transport for NSW request for further information noted, with Council querying the required level of detail given the requirements of the existing solar development on the site (and potential overlapping with proposed state significant development proposal for the Ammonia and Green Hydrogen Production facility on the site)
- Proposed change of land ownership proposed
  - Requirement for landowner's consent at time of determination
- Flooding
  - existing levee, constructed at 1 in 100 year flood event
- Visual impact from the highway
  - No supplementary landscaping proposed
  - Partial screening by levee
- 2 lot subdivision approved by Council (awaiting registration), separating the existing and proposed solar farm from the cotton gin

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- Bushfire
  - APZ proposed and requirement for APZs to be located within site
- Minimal stormwater runoff noted
- Decommissioning outlined in submitted documentation
- NSW Rural Fire Service to comment on proposed Fire Management Plan
- No submissions

#### **Referrals**

- External –
  - Essential Energy and NSW Rural Fire Service - received
  - Transport for NSW – not yet received
- Internal
  - Engineering, Traffic – not yet received
  - Building – can comply

#### **Panel Questions**

- Detailed site plans requested to confirm the location of the security fence, levee, BESS and transformer and solar panel footprint
- Section plan across the site (including solar array, levee, security fence and road) requested
- Fire control management of Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) to be confirmed
- Groundcover under the solar panels to be confirmed and the proposed land management under the solar arrays (including weeds and stormwater)
- Waste management plan requested for the installation and decommissioning
- Clarification of where construction workforce will be sourced and if temporary accommodation is required
- Fire Management Plan requested, identifying the product details of the BESS, relevant standards applicable to fire suppression and management

**TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR:** to be confirmed with Council