

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Thursday, 22 April 2021 – 2pm and 2:30pm
LOCATION	Videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSNTH-76* – Cessnock – 8/2020/20875 - 127 Wills Hill Rd, Lovedale - Installation of a 4.95MW AC Solar Farm

** Despite having 'NTH' instead of 'HCC', this is the correct reference; the reference was generated incorrectly due to a website error*

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Alison McCabe (Chair), Juliet Grant and Anne Sander
APOLOGIES	Robert Pynsent
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Sandra Hutton

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Hamish MacKinnon, Janine Maher, Peter Giannopoulos and Richard Forbes
DEPARTMENT	Leanne Harris, Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Foley

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Description of proposed application
- Variation in height of panels across site
- Current condition of site – clearing proposed
- One submission received – heritage and visual impact
- No known European heritage impact, but aboriginal heritage management plan required.
- Panel supported requiring that plan
- Impact on visual amenity in area, including from neighbouring properties
- Airport is nearby and has requested a glare assessment
- Boundary conditions – fencing and set backs
- Decommissioning plan – no specific timeframe specified by applicant
- Council will consult soil classification map - land in a viticultural area
- Panel requests that assessment report address any impact to residential properties in locality
- Council hasn't sent RFI to applicant yet – will send out shortly

TENTATIVE PANEL MEETING DATE: June 2021 (pending submission of additional information)