

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Thursday, 17 June 2021, 1pm and 1:20pm
LOCATION	Via videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSNTH-84 – Tamworth – DA2021-0295 - 329 Country Road, Warral

Construction and use of a 5MW solar PV electricity generation plant with associated infrastructure

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Paul Mitchell, Stephen Gow, Stephen Bartlett and James Treloar
APOLOGIES	Penny Holloway
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Mitch Gillogly, Anna La and Sam Lobsey
DEPARTMENT	Carolyn Hunt and Lisa Foley

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Local context
- Visual impact – additional information required in regard to landscaping
- Anticipated lifespan of solar farm operation
- Site is identified as part of future growth area in Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement (Blueprint 100), but not in New England North West Regional Plan, and site has significant constraints
- Chair requested that the report address the relationship between the anticipated lifespan of solar farm and future land use requirements
- Issues raised in 5 submissions

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR August 2021