

COUNCIL	Blacktown City Council
BRIEFING TIME/DATE	10:30am – 11:30am, 5 June 2025
PANEL MEMBERS	Abigail Goldberg (Chair), Steve Murray, Moninder Singh, Dorothy Del Villar
APOLOGIES	David Ryan
COUNCIL STAFF	Judith Portelli, Peter Conroy, Same Anghari
OTHER	Louise Collier (Rhelm)
PLANNING PANEL SECRETARIAT	Sharon Edwards, Tim Mahoney

MATTER DISCUSSED

PPSSCC-483 – Blacktown – DA-23-00740 - 36 Garfield Road, West Richards - Integrated Development for site wide civil works comprising staged ground profiling including importation of approximately 3.9 million cubic meters of fill, vegetation removal, demolition of existing structures and ancillary works consisting of a temporary haulage road and stormwater infrastructure including drainage swales and sediment detention basins.

KEY ISSUES

- The Panel called a meeting today with Blacktown Council and their flood management consultant, Rhelm, in order to better understand the status of Council's assessment and reasons for ongoing delays
- At this meeting Rhelm presented to their panel their understanding of the assessment, being that only two matters were now to be addressed. These matters are:
- Potential impact of flooding impacts on proposed TfNSW road infrastructure
- The design of the exit to the Bebo arch, and need to consider an 'alternative energy dissipator' at this exit to reduce water velocity and mitigate potential consequences to the riparian corridor as well as mitigating potential down- and up-stream flood impacts
- The Panel sought to understand the materiality and level of risk associated with these matters
- Rhelm advised that a report had been issued overnight to Council further explaining the matters, and clarifying those matters that are now resolved
- The Panel requested access to the report in parallel with Council, and sought to understand how much longer Council required to complete their assessment
- Council indicated approximately one more month was required
- The Panel expressed concern at the protracted timeline and agreed it would oversee Council's finalisation of outstanding matters so that their production of a final report and agreed conditions can be expedited
- The Panel requested a single contact point in Council, and one was nominated.