

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 9 March 2022, 12:45pm - 1:30pm
LOCATION	Video conference

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSSTH-136 – Shoalhaven – RA21/1002 – Flatrock Road, Mundamia – Construction of Materials Recycling Facility as an Addition to an Existing Waste Resource Management Facility

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Chris Wilson (Acting Chair), Renata Brooks and Susan Budd
APOLOGIES	None
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Rebecca Lockart, Andrew Vernez
DPE	Amanda Moylan, Verity Rollason

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

Proposed operation of the facility

- Primary use relates to sorting of materials for separation for recycling with residual being disposed to landfill. Primary aim of facility is to divert waste from landfill.
- No processing is proposed on site (preparation (i.e., sorting) of waste for processing or disposal).
- Electricity generation through on-site gas capture and expansion to solar generation proposed in the future.
- Percentage of waste diversion and targets required to be identified with documentation.
- Operation of facility to work within licensed operating hours of adjoining facility
- Proposed to employ up to 17 staff
- The panel requested clarification around the method used to calculate throughput of waste.

Existing operations

- Proposal would be an addition and collocated with the existing approved and operational West Nowra Waste Management Facility.
- Earth works and clearing for the proposed Materials Recycling Facility have commenced on site.
- Further advice to be provided around this work and separation between proposed and existing works.

Assessment Pathway

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- RSDA assessment pathway triggered because Council owns the land and will operate the facility
- The application has been prepared and submitted on Councils behalf by PDC Lawyers & Town Planners
- Council confirmed that the application could not be dealt with as an amendment to the existing waste management facility as the categorisation of the proposed Materials Recycling Facility is not consistent and they result in different impacts.
- Clarification as to whether the proposed use and development is designated development is required.
- The Panel indicated they would need to be satisfied, as consent authority, that the alterations and additions do not have the potential for significant environmental impacts as per Part 2 of Schedule 3 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation*.
- Council advised that valid landowners consent has been provided under delegation.

Concurrence and referrals

- EPA has raised concerns regarding the operation of the waste facility and consistency with its license.
- Awaiting on response from Applicant to EPAs comments.
- Council biodiversity team has advised application to be assessed in pre-cleared state.
- Awaiting responses on internal referrals from engineers.
- Shoalhaven Water has provided a response.
- Biodiversity currently being assessed by Councils environmental assessment team noting that clearing for bushfire risk management will need to be considered.
- TfNSW – Traffic impact statement required

Other matters

- Scenic protection area
- Location of proposed bypass
- Flora and fauna
- The Panel requested Council confirm if the site contains SEPP 44 (Koala habitat)
- The Panel requested that Council ensure no further works occur on site whilst this DA is under assessment.
- Council confirmed that the final assessment will be undertaken by an external consultant (Cardno).

Timeframes and next steps

- Awaiting technical comment from the EPA around environmental impact and TfNSW following provision of a traffic impact assessment
- A further briefing is to be held following receipt of RFI and Council legal advice to confirm the proposal is not designated.
- External assessment consultants to attend next briefing.

TENTATIVE DATE SCHEDULED FOR FURTHER BRIEFING AND SITE INSPECTION: MAY 2022

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