

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Wednesday, 7 August 2024, 9:45am – 11:10am
LOCATION	MS Teams

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSSTH-348 – Eurobodalla – DA0448/24 - 1 Bay Road LONG BEACH NSW 2536 - Retention Coastal Protection Works - Coastal Protection Works - Permitting the retention of existing coastal protection works for three years.

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Chris Wilson, Doug Lord, Bruce Thom
APOLOGIES	None
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Council interest

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Katrena Fuller
COUNCIL CONSULTANT ASSESSMENT PLANNER	To be appointed
APPLICANT REPRESENTATIVES	Mark Hitchenson (Navigate Planning), George Workman (ESC), Thomas Franzen (ESC), Cameron Whiting (ESC), Aaron Dunne (ESC)
DPHI	Amanda Moylan, Tracey Gillett

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

Council's planner briefed the Panel and the following matters were discussed:

- Relationship between the Part 5 Approval and the SEE dated 2022.
- Clarification of the works required to shore up the trees.
- Extent of beach scraping and beach nourishment referred to in the REF.
- The dynamic nature of the beach system.
- Concerns regarding the success of protecting small areas on a long sandy embayment and potential for further problems to be created into the future.
- Exhibition completed – 1 submission in support, 1 submission relating to protection of trees.

The applicant provided the Panel with a short presentation and the following matters were discussed.

- Outline of works undertaken in accordance with the REF.
- Clarification that;

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- Approval through current DA seeks the extension/retention of the use of the sandbags, which were placed as emergency coastal protection works with 90-day limit.
- No further works are being proposed as part of the DA.
- The SEE relates to the retention of the sandbag works only and no new works. The SEE dated March 2024 shows sandbags in place which were installed in approx. July 2023 (which have been removed, replaced and updated since that time). Sandbags were placed under the 90-day rule as emergency coastal protection works.
- The REF, which was prepared in 2022, relates to the Part 5 approval for works to move 2000m³ of sand to this part of the beach and allow for beach scraping.
- Status of the Coastal Management Plan (CMP) confirmed noting the CMP was endorsed on 7 Feb 2023 and certified by the NSW Minister for Local Government on 2 March 2023.
- Requirement for a new Marine Park permit.
- New policy for approval of sea walls on Crown Land.

The Panel raised the following matters to be addressed:

- Movement of sediment and sand since the Panel site visit, noting that at the far eastern end there are end effects that impact the existing trees (the lateral roots are visible), and trees are likely to be impacted in such a dynamic environment.
- Whilst noting that both the end effects and stormwater drainage outlet were rectified approximately 4 weeks, the effectiveness of managing end effects with temporary sandbags.
- A lack of coherent planning to cover the gap area identified and the end effects where the drain is located and stressed the importance of moving quickly to prevent further problems in these areas.
- Constraints and limitations regarding the Panel's consideration being limited to the location of the sandbags and their use beyond the 90-day period.

The Panel requested the following information be provided to enable a full and proper assessment of the application:

- A contemporary assessment which includes a chronology of works including edge effects and their management.
- Any relevant contextual information to understand the context in which the decision is being made.
- The SEE should be amended to address those relevant matters referenced in the REF.
- Photos of the protected and unprotected areas from the recent storm events.
- Photos of works completed since the Panel site inspection.

Next Steps

Following the briefing, and once additional information has been provided by the applicant, Council will engage an external planner to complete the assessment.

Council will contact the Planning Panel Team once an external planner has been appointed to allow for a final briefing and determination date to be scheduled.

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR TBA.

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