

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	17 February 2020, 11:00am to 12:00pm
LOCATION	Penrith Council, Pasadena Room, 601 High Street, Penrith

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSSWC-45 – Penrith Council – DA19/0875 – 13 Park Road, Wallacia – Reconfiguration of Golf Course, Alterations and Additions to Country Club and Nepean Gardens 27,000 burial plots

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Justin Doyle (Chair), Nicole Gurran and Susan Budd
APOLOGIES	Ross Fowler
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	<p>Louise Camenzuli: Perceived conflict due to law firm's previously acting for proponent – did not participate in assessment.</p> <p>Jeni Pollard: The conflict arises from my employment at Penrith City Council that has endorsed the preparation of a Planning Proposal that will prohibit cemeteries and crematoria in areas including Wallacia.</p> <p>Glenn McCarthy: I was present at Council meetings held on 26 June 2017, 24 July 2017 and 28 August 2017 when the permissibility of cemeteries and crematoria in the Mulgoa Valley and Wallacia were considered.</p>

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Kathryn Sanders, Robert Craig and Wayne Mitchell
OTHER	Melissa Felipe

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- The initial matter to be resolved is whether the development is regional development. Advice from Council's legal officer on that subject is required.
- A second important matter is the status of the planning proposal which would prohibit the use of cemetery on the land, particularly as to whether the draft instrument is likely to be exhibited prior to determination of this DA.
- A third issue is the progress of the pending Class 1 merit appeal against the refusal of the more intensive proposal by the panel applying the decision and reasons of the IPC. The panel understands that this proposal is submitted entirely independently of the DA the subject of the appeal, but it may be that the conciliation processes of the Court allow a good means by which an acceptable compromise can be explored.
- Issues of permissibility will arise in relation to the proposal to alter, extend or change the existing use of the club house.

- The separation of the cemetery use from the township visually and in terms of the long term future development of Wallacia is an important consideration
- The Biodiversity Conservation Act will apply noting that a BDAR has been submitted. The impact on ecology generally on the site must be carefully considered.
- There are important ground water issues which will need to be explored.
- The social impact of the proposed expansion of the gaming use will need to be considered noting the potential for impacts on Wallacia as an isolated township.
- Overall the revised proposal does include a number of substantial amendments which pick up recommendations from the IPC reasoning.

TENTATIVE PANEL MEETING DATE: N/A