

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Monday, 17 August 2020, 12:00pm and 12:33pm
LOCATION	Teleconference Call

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSSWC-90 – Penrith City Council – DA20/0360 – 2235-2249 Castlereagh Road, Penrith – Installation of Electricity Generating Works (Battery Storage) and facilitating Torrens Title Subdivision x 2 Lots

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Justin Doyle (Chair), Nicole Gurran, Louise Camenzuli and Ross Fowler
APOLOGIES	Glenn McCarthy
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Jane Hetherington, Kate Smith and Gavin Cherry
OTHER	Mellissa Felipe – Panel Secretariat

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- The Panel notes what it understands to be a unique demand for siting this use adjacent to the Endeavour Energy substation and will look to see that the usual requirements of clause 4.6 have been met.
- An assessment of the visual impact of the development would assist, particularly where the proposed batteries are visible from any public vantage (including potentially the Museum of Fire grounds noting that they include a heritage item and what appears to be a significant area of green open space adjoining the larger DA site).
- The Panel would look for some means of the Council being confident that the intended use will taken up in the long term before a subdivision certificate issues for the undersized lot.
- The long term future availability of the site for other uses after the battery use ceases might also be relevant, particularly the potential for any long term contamination.
- While the applicant is (the Panel understands) a private operator, the public infrastructure utility of locating the proposed use in conjunction with the Endeavour Energy site may warrant consideration.
- Notably, while an undersized lot below the LEP minimum is proposed, the corollary will be an oversized lot of 3,000 square metres more than 50% more than the minimum.
- Flooding has been identified as a significant issue, and a flood report is to be provided.

TENTATIVE PANEL MEETING DATE: N/A