

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Tuesday, 8 March 2022, 9.30am and 9.50am
LOCATION	Videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER(S)

PPSWES-123 – Mid-Western – DA0170/2022

33 Blain Road Caerleon

5 MW solar photovoltaic (PV) power generation plant connected to the grid with associated road and fencing upgrades.

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Garry Fielding (Chair), Sandra Hutton, Peter Shelly, Katie Dicker
APOLOGIES	Graham Brown
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Clr Peter Shelly and Clr Katie Dicker – Council is the landowner and applicant

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL ASSESSMENT STAFF	Kayla Robson
OTHER	Carolyn Hunt, Brianna Cheeseman - DPE

KEY ISSUES DISCUSSED

- Overview of proposal provided –
 - access from Hill End and Blain Roads via the Waste Management Facility/ Sewage Treatment Plant access
 - future battery storage option
 - existing use of the site for grazing
- Development to facilitate Council's operations, generating electricity into grid
- Site is subject to mapped constraints - bushfire prone land, groundwater vulnerability, high sensitive biodiversity, visually sensitive land and Mudgee Airspace Operations (OLS)
- Existing surrounding development outlined, including residential precinct is located to the east of the site, with consideration to be given to potential for visual, glint and glare impacts
- 1 submission received outlining access, visual, glint and glare, noise and dust impacts, landscaping effectiveness, sediment and erosion control measures, stormwater management and detention basing details
- Landscaping is proposed on the eastern and southern side of the site, with the topography of the site also reducing potential visual impacts
- DCP variation to the eastern boundary setback is proposed

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- Referral to TransGrid (site easement) – initial submission related to implications on infrastructure and access road as a result of the development. Amended plans referred, with response yet to be received.
- Detailed landscaping plan, including a detailed plan view, section drawing, species mix and planting density to be provided and considered in assessment report
- Consideration of Caerleon future development and zone boundary interfaces to be outlined in the assessment report

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR – 05/04/2022

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