

RECORD OF BRIEFING

WESTERN REGIONAL PLANNING PANEL

BRIEFING DETAILS

BRIEFING DATE / TIME	Tuesday, 29 April 2025
LOCATION	MS Teams Videoconference

BRIEFING MATTER

PPSWES-256 – Warrumbungle – DA17/2024 – Newell Highway, Coonabarabran – Solar Farm with Battery Energy Storage System

PANEL MEMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE	Garry Fielding (Chair), Natasha Harras, Graham Brown
APOLOGIES	Nil
DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	Donna Rygate

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNCIL STAFF	Melinda Ryan, Kelly Dewar, Shonelle Gleeson-Willey and Mark Hitchenson (consultant)
APPLICANT	Allen Grimwood, Jou Jong, Albert Ngo
PLANNING PANELS TEAM	Lillian Charlesworth, Jade Buckman

KEY MATTERS DISCUSSED

- Applicant has provided Council with a traffic assessment for two alternative vehicle access options. Advice from Council's engineers and TfNSW is pending. TfNSW may require concurrence. Only access works required will be to upgrade and extend the internal access track.
- Revised visual impact assessment provided to Council and additional vegetation screening may be required.
- Stormwater management issues can be conditioned.
- Connection to the grid will align with the chosen access option.

NEXT STEPS

- Owners' consent for both access options is expected to be secured by the applicant this week and provided to Council.
- The applicant is to amend the development application and advise Council of the nature of the changes as well as the name, number and date of the plans that have changed. Council indicated that renotification will not be required.
- Council assessment report due to be submitted by 13 May.

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION DATE SCHEDULED FOR: 20 May 2025 (dependant on obtaining TfNSW/response and owners concent)

TfNSW response and owners consent)