

STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Demolition, construction of a dual occupancy (attached) and strata subdivision

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1 Introduction

This Statement has been prepared in support of a development application proposing the demolition of the existing dwelling, the construction of a new 2 storey dual occupancy (attached) and strata subdivision.

The Architect has responded to the client brief to provide a site-specific design which appropriately acknowledges, and responds to, the constraints and opportunities associated with the sites corner location and the environmental characteristics of the site. The outcome is a development of appropriate design quality which will not give rise to any significant adverse amenity or environmental impacts, and which is compatible with development within the streetscape and local area generally. The proposed will contribute to the housing availability and typology within the former Warringah Local Government Area.

In addition to the Statement of Environmental Effects the application is also accompanied by the following:

- Boundary survey
- Architectural plans
- Erosion and sediment control plans
- Schedule of finishes
- Landscape plans
- Stormwater management plans
- Arborist report
- · Perspective image
- Waste management plan
- Estimated development cost summary
- BASIX Certificate

In preparation of this document, consideration has been given to the following:

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979.
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Sustainable Buildings) 2022
- Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011
- Warringah Development Control Plan 2011



The proposal succeeds when assessed against the Heads of Consideration pursuant to section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 as amended. It is considered that the application, the subject of this document, is appropriate on merit and is worthy of the granting of development consent for the following reasons:

- The application has considered and satisfies the relevant planning controls applicable to the site and the proposed development.
- The proposed dual occupancy is compatible with the streetscape characteristics established by existing development within the site's visual catchment.
- The proposed dual occupancy will not give rise to unacceptable impacts on the environmental quality of the land and the amenity of surrounding properties.
- The site is assessed as suitable for the proposal, having regard to the relevant land use and planning requirements.



2 Site Analysis

2.1 Site Description and Location

The application relates to Lot 1, DP 237377, 1 Neridah Avenue, Belrose. An aerial location/ context photograph is at **Figure 1**.



Figure 1: Site Location (Source: Six Maps)

The subject site is irregular in shape with primary frontage and address to Neridah Avenue of 37.49 metres, secondary frontage to Ralston Avenue of 17.452 metres and a site area of 708.2m². The site falls approximately 2 metres across its surface in southerly direction slopes gently across its surface towards the front boundary of the allotment and contains a tree within the setback to Ralston Avenue.

The existing development on the site comprises a single storey dwelling house with integrated garage accommodation accessed from Nerida Avenue. A timber picket fence delineates the front boundary the property.

Adjoining development is characterised by 1 and 2 storey detached dwelling houses within a landscaped setting. A I small shopping precinct is located to the west of the site along Ralston Avenue.



Figure 2: Subject property as viewed from the intersection of Neridah Avenue and Ralston Avenue.



Figure 3: Adjoining property to the north 3 Neridah Avenue

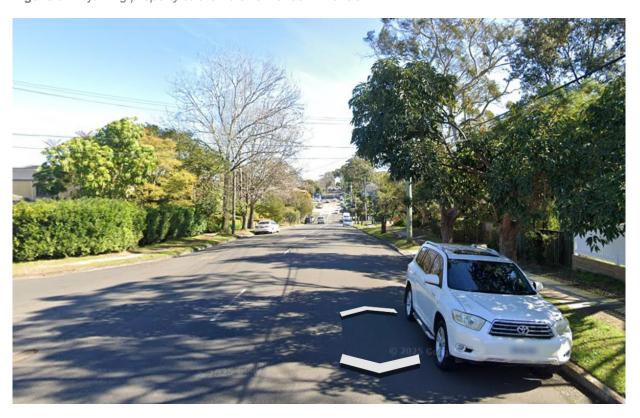


Figure 4: View looking west down Ralston Avenue past subject site towards the neighbourhood shops.



3 Description of Proposed Development

3.1 Details of the Proposed Development

The proposed works seek to demolish the current dwelling and construct a new two storey dual occupancy (attached) on the subject site. The application also seeks the Strata subdivision of the completed development. The works are detailed on the accompanying Revision A plans prepared by Dream Drafting Sydney with the following floor plan layouts proposed:

Strata Lot 1A

A lot size of 359.05 square metres

Ground Floor:

- Formal entrance
- Open plan kitchen, living and dining rooms opening onto private open space courtyard
- Guest bedroom
- Laundry
- Bathroom

First floor:

- 4 bedrooms the main with walk in robe and ensuite
- · Rumpus room opening onto a street facing balcony
- Bathroom

Strata Lot 1B

A lot size of 353.67 square metres

Ground Floor:

- Formal entrance
- Open plan kitchen, living and dining rooms opening onto private open space courtyard
- Guest bedroom
- Prayer room
- Laundry
- Bathroom

First floor:

- 3 bedrooms the main with walk in robe and ensuite
- · Rumpus room opening onto a street facing balcony
- Bathroom

The accompanying arborist report confirms the proposed tree removal.



Such tree loss is appropriately compensated for through the implementation of the landscape regime as detailed on the accompanying landscape plan. The landscape design will ensure that the development sits within a landscaped setting.

Stormwater will be drained to Ralston Avenue as depicted on the accompanying stormwater management plans prepared by Contrive Consultants.

A BASIX certificate is provided detailing consistency with the energy efficiency requirements.



4 Statutory Planning Framework

The following section of the report will assess the proposed development having regard to the statutory planning framework and matters for consideration pursuant to Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979 as amended. Those matters which are required to be addressed are outlined, and any steps to mitigate against any potential adverse environmental impacts are discussed below.

4.1 Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011

The Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 is the principal local planning instrument applicable to the land. The relevant provisions of the LEP and the manner in which they relate to the site and the proposed development are assessed below.

4.1.1 Zoning and Permissibility

The site is zoned R2 Low Density Residential pursuant to the provisions of the Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011.

- To provide for the housing needs of the community within a low density residential environment.
- To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.
- To ensure that low density residential environments are characterised by landscaped settings that are in harmony with the natural environment of Warringah.

Dual occupancies are permissible with consent pursuant to State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021 (SEPP Housing) which takes precedence over the Warringah LEP. Clause 166 in Chapter 6 of SEPP Housing permits dual occupancies within the R2 Low Density Residential zone.

4.1.2 Height of Buildings

Pursuant to clause 4.3 WLEP the height of any building on the land shall not exceed 8.5 metres above existing ground level. The stated objectives of this clause are as follows:

- (a) to ensure that buildings are compatible with the height and scale of surrounding and nearby development,
- (b) to minimise visual impact, disruption of views, loss of privacy and loss of solar access,
- (c) to minimise any adverse impact of development on the scenic quality of Warringah's coastal and bush environments,
- (d) to manage the visual impact of development when viewed from public places such as parks and reserves, roads and community facilities.



The development sits comfortably below the 8.5m height of buildings development standard as depicted on the section plan as reproduced below. As proposal satisfies the numerical height standard it is also deemed to comply with the associated objectives.

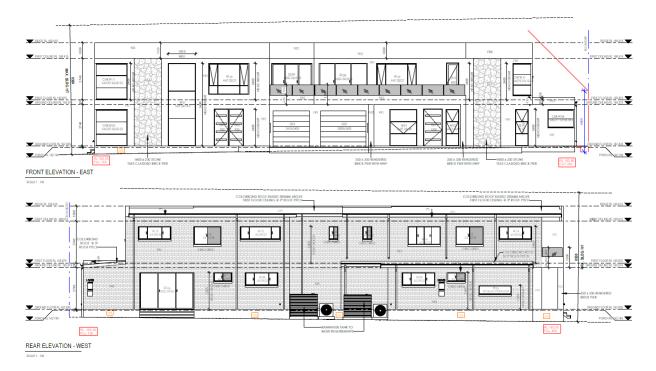


Figure 5: Plan extract depicting the compliant heigh of the development.

4.1.3 Development on Sloping Land

The site is identified as falling within Land Slip Risk Area A. The objectives of Clause 6.4 seek to:

- Avoid significant adverse impacts on development and on properties in the vicinity of development sites resulting from landslides originating either on or near sloping land;
- Ensure the impacts of storm water runoff from development or near sloping land are minimised so as to not adversely affect the stability of the subject and surrounding land;
- To ensure subsurface flows are not adversely affected by development so as to not impact on the stability of existing or adjoining land.

The subject site is relatively flat and does not show any signs of instability. As no significant excavation is proposed we do not consider a geotechnical assessment to be necessary to ensure the above objectives are achieved.

These provisions are satisfied.

4.1.4 Earthworks

Having regard to the considerations at clause 6.2 of WLEP we have formed the opinion that the proposed earthworks:

- (a) are unlikely to disrupt, or have any detrimental effect on, existing drainage patterns and soil stability in the locality,
- (b) will not effect the likely future use or redevelopment of the land,
- (c) will involve uncontaminated material,
- (d) will not effect the existing and likely amenity of adjoining properties,
- (e) will involve uncontaminated material that can be disposed of to landfill or a material recycling facility such as Kimbriki Tip,
- (f) are unlikely to disturb relics given the sits previously developed nature and absence of rock outcrop or middens,
- (g) will not adversely impact any watercourse, drinking water catchment or environmentally sensitive area.

Subject to a condition requiring the implementation of appropriate erosion and sedimentation controls these provisions are satisfied.

4.1.5 Stormwater Management

Stormwater will be drained to Ralston Avenue as depicted on the accompanying stormwater management plans prepared by Contrive Consultants.

The stormwater plans have been provided and have been designed with regard to Northern Beaches Council's Water Management Policy.



4.2 Warringah Development Control Plan 2011

The proposal relates to a new dual occupancy and the following relevant DCP controls have been addressed with respect to consideration of the proposed subdivision application.

4.2.1 DCP Compliance Table

A table demonstrating compliance with the relevant provisions of the Warringah DCP 2011 is detailed as follows:

Control	Requirement	Proposed	Compliance
Wall Height DCP Control B1	7.2 metres from ground level (existing) to the underside of the ceiling to the uppermost floor of the building (excluding habitable areas wholly located within a roof space).	The development incorporates a flat roof design. When measured to the underside of the uppermost ceiling the wall heights are compliant with the 7.2m wall height control.	Yes
Side Boundary Envelope DCP Control B3	Buildings must be sited within a building envelope determined by projecting planes at 45 degrees from a height above ground level (existing) at the side boundaries of 4 metres.	The dual occupancy is generally compliant with the side boundary envelope other than the western roof form which breaches by a relatively minor extent. This is depicted on the plans. The building envelope breaching elements will not give rise to adverse streetscape or residential amenity impacts in terms of views, privacy or solar access nor will they compromise the ability to appropriately landscape the site.	No – Acceptable on merit

Control Requirement **Proposed** Compliance The objectives of the control are not defeated. Such variation succeeds pursuant to section 4.15(3A)(b) of the Act which requires Council to be flexible in applying such provisions and allow reasonable alternative solutions that achieve the objects of DCP standards for dealing with that aspect of the development. **Front** Development is to Yes The primary facade of the Boundary maintain a front development is compliant with Setback setback of 6.5 the 6.5m front setback to metres to the Ralston Avenue with the **DCP Control** primary frontage porch and roof over extending **B7** with a 3.5m setback to within 5.362m of this to the secondary splayed boundary alignment. frontage able to be On average the 6.5m setback considered on is maintained. merit. A variable setback of between 3.5m and 6 metres is maintained to Neridah Avenue with the 6m setback at its northern end providing an appropriate visual transition to the dwelling house at 3 Neridah Avenue to the north. As the objectives of the front setback control are achieved the reduced setback to the secondary frontage is acceptable on merit.



Control Requirement **Proposed** Compliance Yes Rear Development is to Whilst the corner allotment **Boundary** maintain a minimum technically does not have a **Setback** rear boundary rear boundary a variable setback of 6 setback of between 1.504 and **DCP Control** metres. Swimming 7.07m is maintained to the **B9** pools are allowable western boundary of the encroachments for property. The setbacks are 50% of the required contextually appropriate setback area. having regard to the juxtaposition of adjoining dwellings and associated living and private open space areas. No unacceptable or noncompliant residential amenity impacts will arise in relation to privacy, solar access or views as a consequence of the side/ rear boundary setbacks proposed. To minimise: Yes Traffic, The development will not Access and significantly increase traffic a) traffic hazards; Safety generation with Neridah Avenue being a low traffic b) vehicles queuing C2 Local road able to on public roads accommodate the minor additional traffic generation. c) the number of vehicle crossings in The proposal utilises a single a street; driveway crossing to ensure no loss of available on street d) traffic, pedestrian parking. and cyclist conflict; e) interference with public transport facilities; and



Control Requirement **Proposed** Compliance f) the loss of "on street" kerbside parking. Yes **Parking** 2 off street parking 2 tandem off-street parking **Facilities** spaces must be spaces achieved to each located behind the dwelling. **DCP Control** front building alignment. C3 Stormwater To protect and Stormwater management Yes improve the plans have been prepared in **DCP Control** ecological condition accordance with the Northern C4 of Warringah's **Beaches Council Water** beaches, lagoons, management Policy. waterways, wetlands and surrounding bushla nd; to minimise the risk to public health and safety; Excavation **Excavation** and These matters have been Yes and Landfill landfill works must previously addressed. not result in any **DCP Control** adverse impact on **C7** adjoining land.



Control Requirement **Proposed** Compliance **Demolition &** A demolition and Yes A waste management plans is Construction waste management provided. plan must be **DCP Control** satisfactorily completed and **C8** submitted. Landscaped A minimum 40% Complies – Both lots in Yes **Open Space** landscaped open excess of 40% space is to be **DCP Control** provided. **D1 Private Open** >60m² achieved Yes Dwellings houses with 3 or more Space bedrooms are to **DCP Control** provide a minimum area of 60sqm of D2 private open space. Access to Pursuant to these Yes Shadow diagrams have been Sunlight provisions prepared and accompany this development is not application. The diagrams **DCP Control** to unreasonably show that compliant levels of D6 reduce sunlight to solar access will be surrounding maintained to the living areas properties. In the and private open spaces of case of housing: both adjoining properties on 21 June. At least 50% of the required area of private open space of each Dual Occupancy and at least 50% of the required area of private open space of



Control Requirement **Proposed** Compliance adjoining dwellings are to receive a minimum of 3 hours of sunlight between 9am and 3pm on June 21. Views To allow for the Having inspected the site and Yes its immediate surrounds to reasonable sharing **DCP Control** identify potential view of views. **D7** corridors and noting the fully To encourage compliant height of the innovative design proposal we are satisfied that solutions to improve the development will maintain the urban a view sharing outcome environment. amongst surrounding development consistent with To ensure existing the principals of view sharing canopy trees have pursuant to the planning priority over views. principal Tenacity vs Warringah Council. Yes **Privacy** Ensure the siting The dual occupancy has been and design of designed to minimised privacy **DCP Control** buildings provides a impacts. Side facing first floor **D8** high level of visual windows are limited to and acoustic bedroom and bathroom areas privacy for which can be fitted with occupants and privacy screens or obscure neighbours. glazing should Council consider additional privacy To encourage attenuation to be necessary. innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.



Control	Requirement	Proposed	Compliance
	To provide personal and property security for occupants and visitors.		
Building Bulk DCP Control D9	Encourage good design and innovative architecture to improve the urban environment. Minimise the visual impact of development when viewed from adjoining properties, streets, waterways and land zoned for public recreation purposes.	The development is 2 storeys as defined and sits well below the 8.5m building height development standard. A range of materials and finishes will be used to provide visual interest and break up the massing of the development. A high level of building articulation is provided via varying setbacks which will break up the massing of the building.	Yes
Building Colours and Materials DCP Control D10	Ensure the colours and materials of new or altered buildings and structures are sympathetic to the surrounding natural and built environment.	A range of materials and finishes is proposed and detailed on the architectural plans provided.	Yes

Control Requirement **Proposed** Compliance Roofs are to be A flat roof is provided and is Yes Roofs designed to consistent with more **DCP Policy** complement the contemporary development in D11 local skyline. the local area. D16 Pools are not to be N/A Yes **Swimming** located in the front **Pools and Spa** building setback. **Pools** Swimming pools and spas are to be setback from any trees. Australian Standard AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites is to be used to determine an appropriate setback. Developments shall N/A N/A E8 Waterways and Riparian comply with the Lands requirements of Council's Protection of Waterway and Riparian Land Policy and Water Management Policy. E11 Flood N/A N/A Development **Prone Land** on flood prone land requires the preparation of a Flood Management Report by a suitably



Control Requirement **Proposed** Compliance qualified professional. **G10.1 Dual** Complies. Both dwellings are Yes Site Layout Occupancies orientated to the street Semi-detached and Semidwellings and Dual Detached occupancy **Dwellings** (attached) - Both dwellings are to be oriented towards the street frontage. This layout reinforces the prevailing residential pattern of single street frontage properties, allowing for landscaped front gardens and larger rear yards. Setbacks and The slayed nature of the Yes Height western boundary and the squaring of the dual 1m to one side and occupancy to Neridah Avenue 2.5m to the other. frontage ensures that the This may be setbacks are well in excess of averaged across the combined 3.5m setback each boundary with average. a total combined of 3.5m Yes Nil setback to Complies – nil setback common wall proposed to common wall

Control Requirement **Proposed** Compliance The maximum The development is 2 storeys Yes number of storeys as defined. is 2. Windows to the Complies as previously Yes outlined. principal living area of the proposal and windows to the principal living area of adjoining dwellings, are to receive a minimum of 3 hours of sunlight between 9am and 3pm on June 21 (that is, to at least 50% of the glazed area of those windows). Yes R8 Each dwelling is Complies. Ample storage to have a storage provided within the dwellings. area of at least 8 cubic metres. Yes For every 225 m² of 5 trees are proposed across site area or part the site for a site which is well thereof, plant at in excess of this requirement. least 1 medium or large tree in the deep soil area. Well in excess of 25% of the Yes Minimum Deep Soil: site area has deep soil areas >600m²: 25% with having a minimum dimension dimension of 3m greater than 3 metres as nominated on plan 7.01.



Requirement Control **Proposed** Compliance Minimal excavation is Yes The development is to respond to the proposed on this relatively flat natural landform of site. the site to minimise The ground floor level is visual impact: generally at ground level A. Dwellings are to (existing). be designed to step No basement carparking is with the proposed. topography. B. The ground floor should not be more than 1.3 metres above ground level (existing) and no more than 1 metre below ground level (existing), except where a higher finished floor level is required to meet the applicable Flood Planning Level. c. Basements, including for car parking, should be avoided unless no other practical alternative exists, and are not to be provided within required building setbacks. The total width of garage Yes The total width of all openings complies with this garages, carports or hardstand areas, for control. both dwellings combined, facing a

Street frontage is not to exceed 50% of the lot frontage or 7 metres, whichever is the lesser.

Requirement Proposed Compliance

The proposal provides for compliant levels of parking and safe entry and exit. The basement design has mitigated the visual impact of the garages.



4.3 State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021

Chapter 4 - Remediation of Land

Sub-section 4.6 (1)(a) of Chapter 4 requires the Consent Authority to consider whether land is contaminated. Records indicate that the subject site has been used for residential purposes for a significant period of time with no prior land uses. In this regard, it is considered that the site poses minimal risk of contamination and therefore, no further consideration is required under sub-section 4.6 (1)(b) and (c) of this Chapter and the land is considered to be suitable for the residential land use.

4.4 State Environmental Planning Policy (Sustainable Buildings) 2022

The proposal has been assessed in accordance with the relevant provisions of the BASIX and Energy Efficiency.

A BASIX and NatHERS Certificate and assessment has been prepared and outlines the proposal's compliance with the provisions of BASIX and Energy Efficiency.

4.5 Matters for Consideration Pursuant to Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as amended

The following matters are to be taken into consideration when assessing an application pursuant to section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (as amended). Guidelines (in *italic*) to help identify the issues to be considered have been prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment. The relevant issues are:

(i) The provision of any Planning Instrument

The proposed alterations and additions are permissible and consistent with the intent of the Warringah Councils Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan as they are reasonably applied to the proposed works given the constraints imposed by the sites location, environmental and topographical constraints.

(ii) Any proposed instrument that is or has been the subject of public consultation under this Act and that has been notified to the consent authority (unless the Secretary has notified the consent authority that the making of the proposed instrument has been deferred indefinitely or has not been approved), and

N/A

(iii) Any development control plan

Warringah DCP applies



(iiia) Any Planning Agreement that has been entered into under section 7.4 or any draft planning agreement that a developer has offered to enter into under Section 7.4, and

N/A

(iv) The Regulations (to the extent that they prescribe matters for the purposes of this paragraph), and

N/A

(v) Any Coastal Zone Management Plan (within the meaning of the Coastal Protection Act 1979)

N/A

(b) The likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments and social and economic impacts in the locality,

Context and Setting

- i. What is the relationship to the region and local context in terms of:
- The scenic qualities and features of the landscape
- The character and amenity of the locality and streetscape
- The scale, bulk, height, mass, form, character, density and design of development in the locality
- The previous and existing land uses and activities in the locality

The proposed alterations and additions to the existing Dual Occupancy are entirely commensurate with that established by adjoining development and development generally within the sites visual catchment with no adverse residential amenity impacts in terms of views, privacy or overshadowing.

- ii. What are the potential impacts on adjacent properties in terms of:
- Relationship and compatibility of adjacent land uses?
- sunlight access (overshadowing)
- visual and acoustic privacy
- views and vistas
- edge conditions such as boundary treatments and fencing

These matters have been discussed in detail earlier in this report. The works have been designed such that potential impacts are minimal and within the scope of the built form controls.



Access, transport and traffic:

Would the development provide accessibility and transport management measures for vehicles, pedestrians, bicycles and the disabled within the development and locality, and what impacts would occur on:

- Travel Demand
- dependency on motor vehicles
- traffic generation and the capacity of the local and arterial road network
- public transport availability and use (including freight rail where relevant)
- conflicts within and between transport modes
- Traffic management schemes
- Vehicular parking spaces

The proposal provides for 2 off-street car spaces for each dwelling.

Public Domain

The proposed development will have no adverse impact on the public domain.

Utilities

Existing utility services will continue to service the dwellings.

Flora and Fauna

N/A

Waste Collection

Normal domestic waste collection will continue to the development

Natural hazards

A flood report is provided

Economic Impact in the locality

The proposed development will not have any significant impact on economic factors within the area notwithstanding that it will generate additional employment opportunities through the construction period with respect to the proposed works.

Site Design and Internal Design

- i) Is the development design sensitive to environmental considerations and site attributes including:
- size, shape and design of allotments



- The proportion of site covered by buildings
- the position of buildings
- the size (bulk, height, mass), form, appearance and design of buildings
- the amount, location, design, use and management of private and communal open space
- Landscaping

These matters have been discussed in detail earlier in this report. The potential impacts are considered to be minimal and within the scope of the general principles, desired future character and built form controls.

- ii) How would the development affect the health and safety of the occupants in terms of:
- lighting, ventilation and insulation
- building fire risk prevention and suppression
- building materials and finishes
- a common wall structure and design
- access and facilities for the disabled
- likely compliance with the Building Code of Australia

The proposed development can comply with the provisions of the Building Code of Australia. The proposal complies with the relevant standards pertaining to health and safety and will not have any detrimental effect on the occupants.

Construction

- i) What would be the impacts of construction activities in terms of:
- The environmental planning issues listed above
- Site safety

Normal site safety measures and procedures will ensure that no safety or environmental impacts will arise during construction.

- (c) The suitability of the site for the development
- Does the proposal fit in the locality
- Are the constraints posed by adjacent development prohibitive
- Would development lead to unmanageable transport demands and are there adequate transport facilities in the area
- Are utilities and services available to the site adequate for the development



Are the site attributes conducive to development

The site is located in an established residential area. The adjacent development does not impose any unusual or impossible development constraints. The proposed development will not cause excessive or unmanageable levels of transport demand.

The site being of moderate grade, adequate area, and having no special physical or engineering constraints is suitable for the proposed works.

(d) Any submissions received in accordance with this act or regulations

It is envisaged that Council will appropriately consider any submissions received during the notification period.

(e) The public interest

The proposed works are permissible and consistent with the intent of the LEP and DCP controls as they are reasonably applied to the proposed development. The development would not be contrary to the public interest.

5 Conclusion

The proposed New dual occupancy is permissible and consistent with the intent of the built form controls as they are reasonably applied. The dual occupancy will contribute positively to the streetscape character and is consistent with the scale and density of development within the local area.

The acknowledged non-compliances relating to the side boundary envelope has been justified and warrants Council being flexible in the application of those controls in accordance with clause 4.15(3A)(b) of the Act in this instance. The identified non-compliances do not give rise to any unreasonable streetscape or residential amenity impacts relating to solar access, privacy and view sharing.

Having given due consideration to the matters pursuant to Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979 as amended, it is considered that there are no matters which would prevent Council from granting consent to this proposal in this instance.