

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2025/0923
Date:	08/08/2025
Proposed Development:	Demolition works and construction of a residential flat building
Responsible Officer:	Alex Keller
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 1 SP 478 , 1 / 92 North Steyne MANLY NSW 2095 Lot 2 SP 478 , 2 / 92 North Steyne MANLY NSW 2095 Lot 3 SP 478 , 3 / 92 North Steyne MANLY NSW 2095 Lot 4 SP 478 , 4 / 92 North Steyne MANLY NSW 2095 Lot 5 SP 478 , 5 / 92 North Steyne MANLY NSW 2095 Lot 6 SP 478 , 6 / 92 North Steyne MANLY NSW 2095 Lot CP SP 478 , 92 North Steyne MANLY NSW 2095

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for the following:

- Construction / development works within 5 metres of a tree or
- New residential works with three or more dwellings. (RFB's, townhouses, seniors living, guesthouses, etc). or
- Mixed use developments containing three or more residential dwellings.
- New Dwellings or

Officer comments

The proposal is supported with regard to landscape issues.

Council's Landscape Referral section have considered the application against SEPP Housing, the Manly Local Environment Plan (MLEP), and the following Manly DCP 2013 controls (but not limited to):

- 3.3.1 Landscaping Design
- 3.3.2 Preservation of Trees or Bushland Vegetation
- 4.1.5 Open Space and Landscaping

It is noted the adjoining land fronting the development is used for planting to help soften the proposed built form which is consistent with the properties to the south. No concerns are raised but this planting may need to be approved under a Minor Encroachments Application as determined by planning. Landscape referral will assess the proposed works within the legal property boundaries.

The Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) identified five trees. Three trees (1, 2 and 5) are located outside the property boundaries and must be retained. The retention of these three trees is supported by the findings in the AIA. Two trees (3 and 4) are located in the road reserve and are proposed to be removed. These trees are a low height and this species is usually used as a hedge. No concerns are raised with the removal of trees 3 and 4.

The landscape proposal is generally supported and the proposed tree planting satisfies the requirements of the Tree Canopy Guide for Low and Mid Rise Housing under Table 7. The proposed deep soil area to the rear of the dwelling will support the proposed planting. All on slab landscape planters must meet the minimum soil depth requirements outlined in the conditions of consent.

Note to planner:

It is suggested the "angled open steel blade screen 1500mm high" to the south of the pedestrian entry be deleted.

The proposal is therefore supported.

Note: Should you have any concerns with the referral comments above, please discuss these with the Responsible Officer.

Recommended Landscape Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

On Slab Landscape Planters

a) Details shall be submitted to the Certifier prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate indicating the proposed method of waterproofing and drainage to all planters over slab, over which soil and planting is being provided. Landscape treatment details shall be submitted to the Certifier prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate indicating the proposed soil type, planting, automatic irrigation, and services connections.

b) The following soil depths are required to support planting: 300-450mm for groundcovers; 500-600mm for shrubs; 800mm for small trees; 1000mm for medium trees.

c) Design certification shall be submitted to the Certifier by a qualified Structural Engineer, that the planters are designed structurally to support the 'wet' weight of landscaping (soil, materials and established planting).

Reason: To ensure appropriate soil depth for planting and ensure waterproofing and drainage is installed.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Tree Removal Within the Road Reserve

a) This consent approves the removal of existing trees within the road reserve as identified in the approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment (trees 3 and 4).

Reason: To enable authorised development works.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Tree and Vegetation Protection

a) Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained and protected, including:

- i) all trees within the site not approved for removal, including trees and vegetation nominated for retention on the approved Plans,
- ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- iii) all trees and vegetation within the road reserve.

b) Tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:

- i) tree protection shall be in accordance with AS 4970-2025 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment,

- ii) existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iii) removal of existing tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter is not permitted without consultation with an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iv) no excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of trees and other vegetation required to be retained,
- v) structures are to bridge tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter unless directed by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture on site,
- vi) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree protection zone, without consultation with an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture including advice on root protection measures,
- vii) should either or all of v) or vi) occur during site establishment and construction works, an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist/Project Arborist to the Principal Certifier,
- viii) any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree or any other tree to be retained during the construction works is to be undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of AS 4970-2025 Protection of trees on development sites,
- ix) the activities listed in section 4.2 of AS 4970-2025 Protection of trees on development sites, shall not occur within the tree protection zone of any tree on the lot or any tree on an adjoining site,
- x) tree pruning from within the site to enable approved works shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with AS 4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees,
- xi) the tree protection measures specified in this clause must: be in place before work commences on the site, be maintained in good condition during the construction period, and remain in place for the duration of the construction works.

c) The Principal Certifier must ensure that:

- i) If activated, the arboricultural works listed in a) and b) are undertaken and certified by an Arborist/Project Arborist as compliant to AS 4970-2025 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

Condition of Trees

a) During the construction period the applicant is responsible for ensuring all existing trees required to be retained are maintained in a healthy and vigorous condition. This is to be done by ensuring that all identified tree protection measures are adhered to, or by seeking arboricultural advice from an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture during the works. In this regard all protected trees shall not exhibit:

- i) a general decline in health and vigour,
- ii) damaged, crushed or dying roots due to poor pruning techniques,
- iii) more than 10% loss or dieback of roots, branches and foliage,
- iv) mechanical damage or bruising of bark and timber of roots, trunk and branches,
- v) yellowing of foliage or a thinning of the canopy untypical of its species,
- vi) an increase in the amount of deadwood not associated with normal growth,
- vii) an increase in kino or gum exudation,
- viii) inappropriate increases in epicormic growth that may indicate that the plants are in a stressed condition,
- ix) branch drop, torn branches and stripped bark not associated with natural climatic conditions.

b) Any mitigating measures and recommendations required by the Arborist/Project Arborist are to be

implemented.

c) The owner of the adjoining allotment of land is not liable for the cost of work carried out for the purpose of this clause.

Reason: Protection of trees.

CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

Landscape Completion

a) Landscape works are to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan(s) (drawing Planting Plan by Paul Scrivener dated 09/05/25 issue D), and inclusive of the following conditions:

- i) landscape works are to be contained within the legal property boundaries,
- ii) planting shall be installed as indicated on the approved Landscape Plan(s) unless otherwise imposed by any conditions,
- iii) all tree planting shall be a minimum pre-ordered planting size of 75 litres or as otherwise scheduled if greater in size; meet the requirements of AS2303 – Tree Stock for Landscape Use; planted into a prepared planting hole 1m x 1m x 600mm depth generally, backfilled with a sandy loam mix or approved similar, mulched to 75mm depth minimum and maintained, and watered until established; and shall be located at least 2.0 metres from buildings or more, at least 1 metre from common boundaries; and located either within garden bed or within a prepared bed within lawn,
- iv) mass planting shall be installed in a garden bed prepared with a suitable free draining soil mix and minimum 75mm depth of mulch,
- v) all proposed tree planting shall be positioned in locations to minimise significant impacts on neighbours in terms of blocking winter sunlight to living rooms, private open space and where the proposed location of trees may otherwise be positioned to minimise any significant loss of views from neighbouring and nearby dwellings and from public spaces.

b) Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, details (from a landscape architect, landscape designer or qualified horticulturalist) shall be submitted to the Principal Certifier, certifying that the landscape works have been completed in accordance with any conditions of consent.

Reason: Environmental amenity.

ON-GOING CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES

Landscape Maintenance

a) If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components.

b) Trees, shrubs and groundcovers required to be planted under this consent are to be mulched, watered and fertilised as required at the time of planting.

c) If any tree, shrub or groundcover required to be planted under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar species to maintain the landscape theme and be generally in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan(s) and any conditions of consent.

d) A maintenance activity schedule for on-going maintenance of planters on slab shall be incorporated to monitor and replenish soil levels as a result of soil shrinkage over time.

e) The approved landscape planted areas, whether containing lawn, gardens or planters shall in perpetuity remain as planting under the development consent, and shall not be replaced with any hard paved surfaces or structures.

Reason: To maintain local environmental amenity.