

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2019/1449
Responsible Officer	Ashley Warnest
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 2 DP 833902 , 141 Riverview Road AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent development on land, or within 40m of land, containing:

- All Development Applications on
- Actual or potential threatened species, populations, ecological communities, or their habitats;
- Wildlife corridors;
- Vegetation query stipulating that a Flora and Fauna Assessment is required;
- Vegetation query - X type located in both A & C Wards;

And as such, Council's Natural Environment Unit officers are required to consider the likely potential environmental impacts.

Officer comments

Council's Natural Environment - Biodiversity section raises no objections to the proposed carport, subject to conditions.

This application was assessed against Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 and Pittwater DCP B4.7 Pittwater Spotted Gum EEC.

The proposal is for the construction of a carport. The submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment Report (Damian Green, 01/12/19) assesses 9 trees nearby the works, only 3 being prescribed trees. All three prescribed trees are to be removed being T1, T2 and T3 (all likely to be *Allocasurina torulosa*). These trees must be replaced with locally native canopy tree plantings at a suitable location within the property to comply with controls.

The proposal is therefore supported.

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

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

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

Replacement of Canopy Trees

At least 3 locally native canopy trees are to be planted on site to replace protected trees approved for removal. Species are to have a minimum mature height of 8.5m and species chosen from the following

list: *Allocasuarina littoralis*, *Allocasuarina torulosa*, *Angophora costata*, *Corymbia gummifera*, *Corymbia maculata*, *Eucalyptus botryoides*, *Eucalyptus paniculata*, *Eucalyptus punctata*. Tree plantings are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree. Replacement plantings are to be certified as being completed in accordance with these conditions of consent by a qualified landscape architect, and details submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To establish appropriate landscaping in accordance with relevant Natural Environment LEP/DCP controls

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

Control of Weeds

Prior to the completion of works, all priority weeds (as listed under the Biosecurity Act 2015) are to be removed/controlled within the subject site using an appropriately registered control method. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>). All environmental weeds are to be removed and controlled. Refer to Council website http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/environment/noxious_weeds

Reason: Weed management.

Replacement of Canopy Trees

Tree replacement plantings required under this consent are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree.

Reason: To replace locally native trees in accordance with relevant Natural Environment LEP/DCP controls.

No Planting Environmental Weeds

No environmental weeds are to be planted on the site. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>).

Reason: Weed management.