

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	Mod2022/0523
Date:	30/11/2022
Responsible Officer	Tony Collier
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 2 DP 1157981 , 11 Grandview Drive NEWPORT NSW 2106

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

The modifications have been assessed against the following provisions:

- NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
- Pittwater LEP 2014 - cl. 7.6 Biodiversity Protection
- Pittwater 21 DCP - cl B4.7 Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest - Endangered Ecological Community

Portions of the site have been mapped as Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest and have also been mapped within the Biodiversity Values Map on the Department of Planning and Environment's Biodiversity Values Map (BV Map). Under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act, any removal of native vegetation from within mapped areas will trigger the Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS) and the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR).

However, the submitted plans and documentation indicate that the proposed works are located outside of the BV Map area and therefore will not trigger entry into the BOS.

Additionally, most of the proposed modifications are internal, with an unlikely impact to native flora and fauna. Conditions set in the previous Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity (12/05/2021) still apply but otherwise, the modifications raise no objections.

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:

Nil.