

## Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

<b>Application Number:</b>	DA2022/0549
<b>Date:</b>	12/05/2022
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Lashta Haidari
<b>Land to be developed (Address):</b>	Lot 102 DP 1224100 , 2 Wyadra Avenue FRESHWATER NSW 2096

### 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 application seeks approval for the demolition of existing gazebo and stairs, proposed new residential dwelling with carport and turntable.

Council's Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity referral team have reviewed the application for consistency against the relevant environmental legislation and controls, including:

#### **Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) Warringah Development Control Plan (WDCP)**

- Clause E2 Prescribed Vegetation
- Clause E5 Native Vegetation
- Clause E6 Retaining unique environmental features

Vegetation within the site appears to be non-native, which is supported by historical, aerial imagery which shows consistent slashing of the vegetation, and uptake of invasive species. It is noted that the proposal will retain the rock outcrop on which it is sited, therefore, remains consistent with WDCP E6 Retaining Unique Environmental Features.

No objection is raised to the submitted Landscape Plan which proposes to reestablish native vegetation within the site.

Subject to conditions the Bushland and Biodiversity referral team find the application to be consistent against relevant environmental 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 TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE**

**No Clearing of Vegetation**

Unless otherwise exempt, no vegetation is to be cleared prior to issue of a Construction Certificate.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to issue of Construction Certificate.

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

**CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT**

**Protection of Habitat Features**

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed during the construction works, except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

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

**Protection of Habitat Features**

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

**Certification of Landscape Plan**

Landscaping is to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plans (Jane Irwin Landscape Architecture 2022) and these conditions of consent.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be prepared by the landscape architect and provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of the Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the requirement to retain and protect significant planting on the site.

**No Weeds Imported On To The Site**

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan 2019 – 2023) are to be imported on to the site prior to or during construction works.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To reduce the risk of site works contributing to spread of Priority and environmental weeds.

#### **Priority Weed Removal and Management**

All Priority weeds as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan 2019 – 2023) within the development footprint are to be removed.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To reduce the risk of site works contributing to spread of Priority weeds.

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

#### **Protection of Habitat Features**

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation, soil and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.