

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2019/0085
Responsible Officer	Adam Urbancic
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 121 DP 12749 , 57 Robertson Road SCOTLAND ISLAND NSW 2105

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 proposal has been assessed against Pittwater LEP 7.6, and DCP B4.4. The site is not on the Pittwater Spotted Gum EEC map, and the works are outside the 50m buffer zone for seagrass in Pittwater.

The proposal includes a poultry fowl house and housing 5 bantam fowl. Pursuant to B4.4, domestic animals are not permitted to enter bushland. The small size of the fowl house (1.5m x 1.5m), raises concern that the fowl will roam outside of the enclosure, which poses a risk of the fowl entering nearby bushland. A condition will be imposed to ensure the fowl are kept enclosed and do not enter wildlife habitat.

No trees are proposed for removal. Native shrubs are proposed for screening along the western boundary. Pursuant to B4.4, at least 60% of new planting is to incorporate native vegetation from the Shale Slopes vegetation type. A condition will be imposed.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

New vegetation planting

Landscaping is to incorporate a minimum of 60% locally native vegetation species from the Shale Slopes vegetation type (as per species listed in the Native Gardening Booklet available on Councils website)

Reason: To maintain native vegetation in accordance with relevant Natural Environment LEP/DCP controls. (DACNEEDW1)

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

New vegetation planting

Prior to the issue of any Occupation Certificate, evidence that the new vegetation planting comprises a minimum of 60% locally native vegetation species from the Shale Slopes vegetation type (as per species listed in the Native Gardening Booklet available on Councils website) is to be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority.

Reason: To maintain native vegetation in accordance with relevant Natural Environment LEP/DCP controls. (DACNEFPOC1)

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

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.

Works to cease if item found

If any Aboriginal Engravings or Relics are unearthed all work is to cease immediately and the Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) and Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) are to be notified.

Reason: To protect Aboriginal Heritage.

Dead or Injured Wildlife

If construction activity associated with this development results in injury or death of a native mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian, a registered wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organisation must be contacted for advice.

Reason: To protect native wildlife in accordance with Section 2.1 of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

Control of Domestic Animals

Domestic animals are to be kept from entering bushland and foreshore areas on the site and on surrounding properties at all times. Fowl and poultry are to be kept in an enclosed area on the site such that they cannot enter areas of bushland or foreshore. Dogs and cats are to be kept in an enclosed area, or on a leash such that they cannot enter areas of bushland or foreshore. Ferrets and rabbits are to be kept in a locked hutch/run at all times.

Reason: Wildlife protection

