

**STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS**

**1973 PITTWATER ROAD, BAYVIEW**

**PROPOSED ALTERATION TO AN EXISTING EDUCATIONAL  
ESTABLISHMENT**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This application seeks approval for the refurbishment of the existing hall building and relocation of the canteen within an existing educational establishment upon land at Lot A in DP 360274, Lot 1 in DP304830 and Lot 20 in DP 635214 which is known as **1973 Pittwater Road, Bayview.**

In preparation of this development application consideration has been given to the following:

- Environmental Planning & Assessment Act, 1979.
- Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014.
- Pittwater Development Control Plan 2014.

The following details and documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this document:

- Partial Identification Survey prepared by RPS, Job No. AU213006715, Version A and dated 31/03/2023.
- Detailed Survey prepared by RPS, Job No. AU213006715, Version A and dated 06/03/2023
- Architectural Plans prepared by Glendenning Szoboszlay Architects, Project No. 1403, Revision 02 and dated 05/04/2023.
- Geotechnical Investigation prepared by Green Geotechnics, Report No. GG10708.001A and dated 15/03/2023.

This Statement describes the subject site and the surrounding area, together with the relevant planning controls and policies relating to the site and the type of development proposed. It provides an assessment of the proposed development against the heads of consideration as set out in Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979. As a result of that assessment it is concluded that the development of the site in the manner proposed is considered to be acceptable and is worthy of the support of the Council.

## 2. SITE DESCRIPTION AND LOCALITY

The site is identified as Lot A in DP 360274, Lot 1 in DP304830 and Lot 20 in DP 635214 and is a parcel of land which is known as 1973 Pittwater Road, Bayview. The site is irregular in shape and is located on the western side of Pittwater Road. The locality is depicted in the following map:



Site Location Map

The site is a sloping allotment with fall from the north to the south towards Loquat Valley Road. The site which is occupied by St Luke's Grammar School. The site comprises a number of single and two storey buildings, with playing fields and parking. The subject site comprises several school buildings.

The proposed works are located within the existing hall building and the building to the west.

The proposed works do not impact on any existing vegetation.

The site is depicted in the following photographs:



View of Subject Site from Pittwater Road





**View of Site from Cnr of Pittwater and Loquat Valley Roads**



**View of Site from Loquat Valley Road**

The existing surrounding development comprises of a mix of original housing stock interspersed between larger more modern two storey dwellings. The sites relationship with the surrounding properties is depicted in the following aerial photograph:



**Aerial Photograph of the Subject Site**

### **3. THE DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL**

This proposal seeks approval for the construction alterations/additions to the existing educational establishment. The proposal is described in detailed in the architectural plans submitted with the application and are summarised below:

#### **Ancillary Works**

- A new tiered seating area is proposed to the north of the existing hall. This provides for outdoor seating to replace the existing timber teared seating in the same location.
- Relay existing paving to the north of the existing wall.
- New stair to replace existing stair between hall building and classroom building to the west. A new roof will be provided over the stair to provide all weather access and connection between the two buildings.

#### **Hall Building**

##### Lower Level

- Extend office at northwest corner, within the existing footprint.

##### Ground Level

- Delete existing store to the northeast corner of hall to provide for additional floor area for the hall.
- Addition to the northwest corner of hall over existing hard surface area to provide for additional floor area for the hall.
- Demolish stage.
- New bi-folding doors to northern elevation of hall.
- Addition to southwest corner to extend library.
- Internal alterations to the library including removal of canteen and store room.

#### **Canteen**

It is proposed to provide a new canteen within the existing basement level of the central classroom building. The canteen is contained within the existing footprint, retaining existing floor levels and provides for a fit out and new doors and windows as detailed on the architectural plans.

All works are located over existing hard surface areas and do not reduce the area of landscaping on site.

## 4. ZONING & DEVELOPMENT CONTROLS

The proposed development is identified as development requiring the consent of the Council under the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, as amended. The following is an assessment of the proposal against the relevant provisions of the Act and all of the relevant planning instruments and policies of Pittwater Council.

### 4.1 Planning for Bushfire Protection

The subject site is not identified as bushfire prone land and therefore the provisions of Planning for Bushfire Protection Guidelines do not apply.



Extract of Bushfire Map

### 4.2 Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014

The site is zoned predominantly SP2 Educational Establishment, with the northern allotment zoned R2 Low Density Residential under the provisions of the PLEP 2014. Development for the purposes of alterations and additions to educational establishment is permissible with the consent of Council within the SP2 zone.

In relation to the land zoned R2 Low Density Residential, State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport & Infrastructure) 2021 at clause 3.36 provides:

#### *3.36 Schools—development permitted with consent*

- (1) *Development for the purpose of a school may be carried out by any person with development consent on land in a prescribed zone.*

Where a prescribed zone is defined in Clause 3.34 as:

*prescribed zone means any of the following land use zones—*

...

- (f) *Zone R2 Low Density Residential,*

...



Therefore, the works proposed are permissible in both the R2 and SP2 zones.

The relevant provisions of the PLEP which relate to the proposed development are detailed in the attached table:

Clause	Development Standard	Proposal	Compliance
Clause 4.3 Height of Buildings	8.5 metres	All new work (maximum height approx. 7.902m) complies with the maximum 8.5m height control.	Yes, and achieves objectives

The following clause also applies:

### 5.21 Flooding

A portion of the site is identified as a flood risk, however, the proposed works are located within the existing building footprint and do not result in additional hard surface areas. The proposal is considered to comply with this clause.

### Clause 7.1 Acid Sulfate Soils

The site is identified as part Class 3 and 5 on Council's Acid Sulfate Soil map. A geotechnical report has been submitted with the application. No further information is required in this regard.

### Clause 7.6 Biodiversity

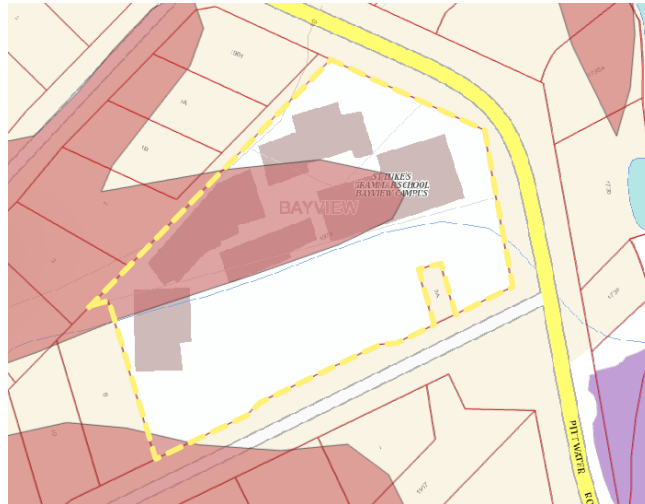


Extract of Biodiversity Map

The site is identified on Council's Biodiversity Map, however it is not identified on the NSW BDAR map. The proposed works are located over existing hard surfaces and do not impact on any existing vegetation. The proposal complies with this clause.



## Clause 7.7 Geotechnical Hazards



**Extract of Geotechnical Hazards Map**

The site is identified on Council's Geotechnical Hazard map. A Geotechnical Investigation has been submitted with the application.

*Based on the observations made during the site walkover and the risk assessment undertaken, it has been determined that the site has a low risk of slope instability. The site is suitable for the proposed development provided good hillside building practices are followed. There are no geotechnical constraints for the proposed development of the site; however, Section 5 of this report provides advice and recommendations that should be taken into consideration and applied to any future development.*

*The recommendations presented in this report include specific issues to be addressed during the construction phase of the project. In the event that any of the construction phase recommendations presented in this report are not implemented, the general recommendations may become inapplicable and Green Geotechnics accept no responsibility whatsoever for the performance of the structure where recommendations are not implemented in full and properly tested, inspected and documented.*

There are no specific other provisions of the LEP that apply to the proposed development.

### **4.2 Pittwater Development Control Plan 2014**

Council's Pittwater DCP 2014 Part B (General Controls), Part C (Design Criteria) and Part D4 Church Point and Bayview Locality Statement provides a range of outcomes and controls which form the primary criteria for the control for development within the subject locality.

#### **4.2.1 Section A Introduction**

##### **A4.4 Church Point and Bayview Locality**

*The Church Point and Bayview locality will remain a low-density residential area with dwelling houses a maximum of two storeys in any one place in a natural landscaped setting, integrated with the landform and landscape. Secondary dwellings can be established in conjunction with another dwelling to encourage additional opportunities for more compact and affordable housing with minimal environmental impact in appropriate locations. Any dual occupancy dwellings will be located on lowlands in the locality on land that has less tree canopy coverage, species and habitat diversity and fewer other constraints to development. Retail, community and recreational facilities will serve the community.*

*Future development is to be located so as to be supported by adequate infrastructure, including roads, water and sewerage facilities, and public transport. The locality is characterised by steeply sloping blocks so the provision of facilities such as inclinator, driveways and carparking need to be sensitively designed. The shared use of vehicular/pedestrian access, and the use of rooftops as parking areas can be solutions that minimise the physical and visual impact on the escarpment or foreshore.*

*Future development will maintain a building height limit below the tree canopy, and minimise bulk and scale. Existing and new native vegetation, including canopy trees, will be integrated with the development. Views from the buildings shall be maintained below the tree canopy level capturing spectacular views up the Pittwater waterway. Contemporary buildings will utilise facade modulation and/or incorporate shade elements, such as pergolas, verandahs and the like. Building colours and materials will harmonise with the natural environment. Development on slopes will be stepped down or along the slope to integrate with the landform and landscape, and minimise site disturbance. Development will be designed to be safe from hazards.*

It is considered that the proposal is consistent with the desired character of the locality. The proposal provides for minor alterations/alterations to an existing school building. The proposed additions to the existing buildings retain the existing boundary setbacks. The new stair with roof over has been designed to complement the building. The proposal does not require the removal of any existing vegetation. The proposed works do not have any detrimental impact on the amenity of the surrounding properties.

#### **4.2.2 Part B General Controls**

The General Controls applicable to the proposed dwelling are summarised as:

##### **B3.1 Landslip Hazard**

A Geotechnical Investigation has been submitted with the application.

### **B3.11 Flood Prone Land**

A portion of the site is identified as a flood risk, however, the proposed works are located within the existing building footprint and do not result in additional hard surface areas. The proposal is considered to comply with this clause.

### **B4.6 Wildlife Corridors**

The proposal does not require the removal of any protected vegetation. All works are contained over existing hard surface areas. The proposal complies with this clause.

### **B6 Access and Parking**

The proposal does not propose to alter the existing access or parking arrangements. The proposal does not seek to increase student or staff numbers. No further information is required in this regard.

### **B8.1 Construction & demolition – excavation and landfill**

The controls seek to achieve the outcomes:

*Site disturbance is minimised.*

*Excavation and construction not to have an adverse impact.*

*Excavation operations not to cause damage on the development or adjoining property.*

The proposal does not result in any significant excavation or fill. Appropriate sedimentation and erosion measures will be implemented prior to works commencing on site. A geotechnical report has been submitted with the application with respect to excavation.

### **B8.2 Construction & Demolition – Erosion and Sediment Management**

The controls seek to achieve the outcomes:

*Waterways, coastal areas, watercourses, drainage systems and the public domain are protected from the transportation of sedimentation from development sites. (En)*

*Reduction of waste throughout all phases of development. (En)*

*Public safety is ensured. (S)*

*Protection of the public domain. (S, En)*

Erosion and Sediment controls will be implemented prior to works commencing on site.

### **4.2.3 Part C Design Criteria**

The Design Criteria applicable to the proposed development and are summarised over as:

#### **C1.4 Solar Access**

The controls seek to achieve the outcomes:

*Residential development is sited and designed to maximise solar access during mid-winter.*

*A reasonable level of solar access is maintained to existing residential properties, unhindered by adjoining development.*

*Minimal need for artificial lighting.*

The required controls to achieve the outcomes are to ensure that private open spaces of the subject and adjoining dwellings maintain a minimum of 3 hours of solar access in mid winter.

The proposed additions are provided with ample setback to all boundaries of the site. The proposal will not result in any additional overshadowing to adjoining properties.

The proposal complies with the requirements of this clause.

#### **C5.1 Landscaping**

The proposal does not require the removal of any vegetation on site with all works located over the existing hard surface areas.

#### **C5.2 Safety and Security**

The existing development will continue to provide appropriate safety and security and achieve the principals of CPTED.

#### **C5.4 View Sharing**

The controls seek to achieve the outcomes:

*A reasonable sharing of views amongst dwellings.*

*Views and vistas from roads and public places to water, headland, beach and/or bush views are to be protected, maintained and where possible, enhanced.*

*Canopy trees take priority over views.*

The proposed additions are relatively minor and do not extend above the height of the existing building. The proposal does not result in any view loss.

#### **C5.5 Accessibility**

The proposed additions have been designed to improve accessibility.

## **C5.8 Waste and Recycling Facilities**

The controls seek to achieve the outcomes:

*Waste and recycling facilities are accessible and convenient, and integrate with the development.*

*Waste and recycling facilities are located such that they do not adversely impact upon amenity of the adjoining development or natural environment.*

There is no alteration to the existing waste facilities on site. The proposal complies with the requirements of this clause.

## **C5.10 Protection of Residential Amenity**

The proposed additions are located centrally on site and within the existing hall building. These elements are well separated from surrounding residential properties. The proposal does not increase staff or student numbers and will not impact on existing traffic or infrastructure.

### **4.2.4 Part D Design Criteria**

A summary of the DCP controls for the **D4 Church Point and Bayview Locality** is provided below:

#### **D4.1 Character as Viewed from a Public Place & D1.4 Scenic Protection - General**

The proposal provides for additions to the existing hall building and alterations to create a canteen within an existing footprint. The new stair with roof over and roof alterations to the hall have been designed to complement the existing structures on site. The proposal does not require the removal of any vegetation. The proposal provides for an appropriate outcome as viewed from the public domain.

#### **D4.3 Building Colours and Materials**

The proposed will complement the existing development on site and not detract from the character of the locality.

#### **D4.5 Front Building Lines**

The controls seek to achieve the outcomes:

*Achieve the desired future character of the Locality.*

*Equitable preservation of views and vistas to and/or from public/private places.*

*The amenity of residential development adjoining a main road is maintained.*

*Vegetation is retained and enhanced to visually reduce the built form.*

*Vehicle manoeuvring in a forward direction is facilitated.*



*To enhance the existing streetscapes and promote a scale and density that is in keeping with the height of the natural environment.*

*To encourage attractive street frontages and improve pedestrian amenity.*

*To ensure new development responds to, reinforces and sensitively relates to the spatial characteristics of the existing urban environment.*

This clause specifies that land zoned SP2 will be assessed on merit. The proposed additions maintain existing setbacks to all street frontages.

#### **D4.6 Side and Rear Building Lines**

The controls seek to achieve the outcomes:

*Achieve the desired future character of the Locality.*

*The bulk and scale of the built form is minimised.*

*Equitable preservation of views and vistas to and/or from public/private places.*

*To encourage view sharing through complimentary siting of buildings, responsive design and well-positioned landscaping.*

*To ensure a reasonable level of privacy, amenity and solar access is provided within the development site and maintained to residential properties.*

*Substantial landscaping, a mature tree canopy and an attractive streetscape.*

*Flexibility in the siting of buildings and access.*

*Vegetation is retained and enhanced to visually reduce the built form.*

*To ensure a landscaped buffer between commercial and residential zones is achieved.*

The proposed works retain existing setbacks to the boundaries of the site.

#### **D4.8 Building Envelope**

The controls seek to achieve the outcomes:

*To achieve the desired future character of the Locality.*

*To enhance the existing streetscapes and promote a building scale and density that is below the height of the trees of the natural environment.*

*To ensure new development responds to, reinforces and sensitively relates to spatial characteristics of the existing natural environment.*

*The bulk and scale of the built form is minimised.*

*Equitable preservation of views and vistas to and/or from public/private places.*

*To ensure a reasonable level of privacy, amenity and solar access is provided within the development site and maintained to residential properties.*

*Vegetation is retained and enhanced to visually reduce the built form.*

The required controls to achieve the outcomes are to maintain the development within a height envelope which provides for a height of 3.5m with an angle projected at 45°. The proposed works comply with this clause.

#### **D4.10 Landscaped Area – Environmentally Sensitive Land**

The controls seek to achieve the outcomes:

*Achieve the desired future character of the Locality.*

*The bulk and scale of the built form is minimised.*

*A reasonable level of amenity and solar access is provided and maintained.*

*Vegetation is retained and enhanced to visually reduce the built form.*

*Conservation of natural vegetation and biodiversity.*

*Stormwater runoff is reduced, preventing soil erosion and siltation of natural drainage channels.*

*To preserve and enhance the rural and bushland character of the area.*

*Soft surface is maximised to provide for infiltration of water to the water table, minimise run-off and assist with stormwater management.*

This clause requires a landscaped area of 60% of the site. All works are located over the existing hard surfaces and does not result in the loss of any vegetation or landscaped areas.

All collected stormwater water will continue to be discharged to the street gutter, and the proposal does not result in additional runoff to adjoining properties.

There are no other provisions of the DCP that are relevant to the proposed development.

## **5. EP & A ACT - SECTION 4.15**

### **The Provisions of any Environmental Planning Instruments**

The proposal is subject to the provisions of the Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014 and Pittwater Development Control Plan 2014. It is considered that the provisions of these documents have been satisfactorily addressed within this report.

There are no other environmental planning instruments applying to the site.

### **The Likely Impacts of the Development**

It is considered that the development provides for additions to an existing educational establishment without detrimentally impacting on the character of the area. The proposal is well separated from surrounding dwellings and does not require the removal of any protected vegetation.

### **The Suitability of the Site for the Development**

The subject site is zoned SP2 Educational Establishment and the construction of additions to an existing educational establishment in this zone is permissible with the consent of Council. The resultant development is of a bulk and scale that is consistent with the existing surrounding development.

For these reasons it is considered that the site is suitable for the proposed development.

### **The Public Interest**

It is considered that the proposal is in the public interest in that it will provide for additions to an existing educational establishment that is consistent with other development in this locality without impacting the amenity of the adjoining properties or the public domain.

## 6. CONCLUSION

This application seeks approval for the construction of additions to an existing educational establishment as demonstrated in this report the proposal is consistent with the aims and provisions of the Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater DCP 2014. The proposed development does not have any detrimental impact on the amenity of the adjoining properties or the character of the locality.

It is therefore considered that the proposed construction of additions to an existing educational establishment upon land at **No. 1973 Pittwater Road, Bayview** is worthy of the consent of Council.

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