

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2021/0301
Date:	12/04/2021
Responsible Officer	Thomas Burns
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 1 DP 1076755 , 12 Corniche Road CHURCH POINT 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

Council's biodiversity referrals team have assessed the Development Application for compliance against the following applicable biodiversity related provisions:

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

The Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) submitted with the Application (JJ Drafting 2021) states that no vegetation will require removal in order to facilitate the proposed additions to the existing dwelling. As such, these conditions of consent require that all native trees be retained and protected, including all *Corymbia maculata* (Spotted Gum) in proximity to the proposed additions. Retention of all existing native trees within the site demonstrates that the development shall not have an adverse impact on Pittwater Spotted Gum Endangered Ecological Community which is required for compliance with P21DCP cl. B4.7.

Any future landscaping should ensure that at least 80% of any new planting incorporates native vegetation (as per species found on the site or listed in Pittwater Spotted Gum Endangered Ecological Community) for compliance with P21DCP cl. B4.7.

Subject to these conditions of consent, Council's biodiversity referrals team are satisfied that the proposed development complies with the above listed biodiversity provisions.

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

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.

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

No Weeds Imported On To The Site

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified on the NSW WeedWise website) 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.