

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2018/1769
Responsible Officer	Kent Bull
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 2 DP 830669 , 1167 Barrenjoey Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

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

This application was assessed under Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 Biodiversity, and Pittwater 21 DCP Clauses B4.6 Wildlife Corridor and B4.17 Littoral Rainforest. The frontage of the property is very steep while the rear adjoins Pittwater so sediment and erosion control must be installed and maintained during construction works. Due to past disturbance only limited shrub and vine flora species characteristic of the Littoral Rainforest EEC are present on site and impact to the community as a result of the proposal is not considered to be significant.

Minor excavation of the steep embankment and other tree removal is proposed.

It is recommended that a requirement for weed management works, in addition to the implementation of the proposed Landscape Plan, is included in order to mitigate the impacts of the development on the biodiversity values of the site, including wildlife corridors and native vegetation communities.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

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

Weed Removal and Management

No weeds are to be imported on to the site.

All invasive and priority weeds on the site are to be removed and managed continuously, in accordance with the Biosecurity Act 2015.

Details demonstrating the removal and management of weeds are to be prepared by the project ecologist in writing and submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to occupation certificate.

Reason: Weed management and biosecurity

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

Control of Weeds

Prior to the completion of works, all priority weeds (as listed under the Biosecurity Act 2015) are to be removed/controlled within the subject site using an appropriately registered control method. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>). All environmental weeds are to be removed and controlled. Refer to Council website http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/environment/noxious_weeds

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.