

## Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

<b>Application Number:</b>	DA2023/0405
<b>Proposed Development:</b>	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house
<b>Date:</b>	29/05/2023
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Nick England
<b>Land to be developed (Address):</b>	Lot 65 DP 16212 , 117 Rickard Road NORTH NARRABEEN NSW 2101

### 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 seeks approval for alterations and additions to a single dwelling.  
The comments in this referral relate to the following controls and provisions:

- Pittwater LEP - Part 7.6 Biodiversity Protection
- Pittwater 21 DCP - Clause B4.4 Flora and Fauna Habitat Enhancement Category 2 and Wildlife Corridor

The proposal has been submitted with an Arboricultural Impact Assessment that has concluded that a total of 3 trees could be impacted by the proposed alterations and additions. The AIA has recommended the removal of T1 (*Plumaria acutifolia*) and its removal raises no objections subject to its replacement with a native tree for improved biodiversity outcomes.

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 COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK**

**Wildlife Protection**

If construction activity associated with this development results in injury or displacement of a native mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian, a licensed 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****Replacement of Canopy Trees**

At least 1 locally native canopy tree is to be planted on the site to replace trees approved for removal. Species are to have a minimum mature height of 8.5m and be consistent with the Native Planting Guide available on Council's website.

Tree plantings are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree.

Replacement plantings are to be certified as being completed in accordance with these conditions of consent by a qualified landscape architect, and details submitted to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To establish appropriate native landscaping.

**No Weeds Imported On To The Site**

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

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

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