

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/1549
Date:	06/01/2021
Responsible Officer	Jordan Davies
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot B DP 390788 , 1744 Pittwater Road BAYVIEW NSW 2104 Lot PO 164136 , 1744 Pittwater Road BAYVIEW NSW 2104

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 this development application against relevant environmental legislation and controls, including the following:

- Pittwater LEP cl. 7.6 Biodiversity Protection
- Pittwater 21 DCP cl. B4.7 Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest - Endangered Ecological Community
- Coastal Management SEPP

The Arborist Report (Tree Survey 2020) identifies five (5) trees that require removal as a result of the proposed application, including Tree 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. These five (5) trees are considered exempt in accordance with the Pittwater 21 DCP and as such can be removed without Council consent. All other trees are to be retained and protected. In accordance with the Arborist Report, any loss of trees will be offset with replacement planting at a ratio of 2:1 (10 trees), with native species suitable to the area. Species should be selected from the Native Plant Species Guide - Pittwater Ward, which can be found on Council's website (<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/node/34932>).

Any additional future landscaping associated with the development application (other than tree replacement) should ensure that at least 80% of any new planting incorporates native vegetation, selected from the guide discussed above.

The proposed development will not impact upon any prescribed native vegetation, Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest EEC, Saltmarsh EEC or Seagrass. Subject to this consent notice and the conditions listed below, the proposal is supported.

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 and Rehabilitation

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 mitigate potential impacts to native wildlife resulting from construction activity.