

# *Statement Of Environmental Effects*

*For Proposed Alterations and a First floor addition*

*Property: 3 Paruna Place, Cromer*

**Introduction:**

This Statement of Environmental Effects has been prepared to form part of a Development Application to Northern Beaches / Warringah Council.

A development application is submitted pursuant to the provisions of Warringah Local Environment Plan 2011 and Warringah DCP Amendment 22. This Statement of Environmental Effects has been undertaken to assess the proposed development in terms of Section 79C of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act and surmises that the proposal is worthy of approval on its merits.

**Overview of proposed development:**

Development Consent is sought for Alterations and Additions including a First Floor Addition to an existing dwelling consisting of:

A First Floor Addition providing a Living area, Master Bedroom with Walk in robe, Ensuite and Deck, Two Bedrooms and a Family bathroom.

Ground floor alterations consist of Re roofing the home in Colorbond Corro and the installation of a staircase accessing the First Floor Addition.

**Site Analysis:**

Legal description: Lot 42 DP 239139

The site is situated within a residential zone.

The site is Irregular in shape, The land has a cross slope from the West down to the Northeastern front Boundary.

**Site area:** 563.5m<sup>2</sup>

The subject site is surrounded by substantial 1, 2 and 3 storey residential dwellings.

**Project aims and objectives**

- To integrate the proposed First Floor Addition with the existing building, the surrounds and the desired future character of the locality.
- To achieve a development that enhances not only the existing building but hence the visual amenity of the area, whilst integrating into the local street-scape.
- To create additional space and amenity for the occupants, while creating a building which meets or exceeds the architectural standard of the area.

**Design/Streetscape Statement:**

The design aims to achieve a positive architectural and aesthetic contribution to the character of the area. The design of the building is sympathetic to surrounding development and makes allowances for environmental objectives (i.e. solar penetration, cross ventilation, minimising of shadows etc).

Proposed finishes are varied between lightweight cladding, existing Brickwork, and glass, to reduce the bulk and more clearly articulate the architectural forms. This, coupled with existing pergolas, sun screening devices, and decks, and the articulation of building elements results in a dwelling of appropriate scale and architectural relief so as to be readily absorbed into the context.

The proposed building integrates within the established pattern of the local context by maintaining the predominant scale and bulk of surrounding dwellings. Thus, the development is in keeping with the surrounding scale of developments and local morphology (footprints and space) of the area and the predominant 'subdivision' pattern.



## WLEP 2011 Considerations (as relevant)

### **Part 4.3 Height of Buildings**

(1) The objectives of this clause are as follows:

- (a) to ensure that buildings are compatible with the height and scale of surrounding and nearby development,
- (b) to minimise visual impact, disruption of views, loss of privacy and loss of solar access,

(2) The height of a building on any land is not to exceed the maximum height shown for the land on the Height of Buildings Map.

#### **Comment:**

Variation to the building height is sought in this instance for the purpose of a first floor addition that partially exceeds the building height plane. The encroachment is contained to the roof area above the lower level garage. The breach diminishes along the fall of the roof line and rise of the land.

Please refer to provided Clause 4.6 variation within this application.

### **Part 6.1 Acid Sulphate**

(1) The objective of this clause is to ensure that development does not disturb, expose or drain acid sulfate soils and cause environmental damage.

(2) Development consent is required for the carrying out of works described in the Table to this subclause on land shown on the [Acid Sulfate Soils Map](#) as being of the class specified for those works.

#### **Comment:**

N/A

### **Part 6.2 Earthworks**

(1) The objectives of this clause are as follows:

- (a) to ensure that earthworks for which development consent is required will not have a detrimental impact on environmental functions and processes, neighbouring uses, cultural or heritage items or features of the surrounding land,
- (b) to allow earthworks of a minor nature without requiring separate development consent.

#### **Comment:**

N/A

### **Part 6.3 Flood Planning**

#### **Comment:**

N/A

### **Part 6.4 Development on sloping land**

(1) The objectives of this clause are as follows:

- (a) to avoid significant adverse impacts on development and on properties in the vicinity of development sites resulting from landslides originating either on or near sloping land,
- (b) to ensure the impacts of storm water runoff from development on or near sloping land are minimised so as to not adversely affect the stability of the subject and surrounding land,

(2) This clause applies to land shown as Area A, Area B, Area C, Area D and Area E on the [Landslip Risk Map](#).

#### **Comment:**

Subject site has been identified as "Landslip Risk Area B", A preliminary Geotechnical assessment has been carried out by "Ascent Geotechnical Consulting". Please see attached documents for Geotechnical report.

### **Part 6.5 Coastline Hazards**

#### **Comment:**

N/A

## DCP Plan 2011 Amendment 20 Considerations (as relevant)

### **DCP Part B1 Wall Heights**

To provide a reasonable sharing of views to and from public and private properties, To minimise the visual impact of development when viewed from adjoining properties, streets, waterways and land zoned for public recreation purposes.

#### **Requirements**

1. Walls are not to exceed 7.2 metres from ground level (existing) to the underside of the ceiling on the uppermost floor of the building (excluding habitable areas wholly located within a roof space).

#### **Comment:**

The first floor addition exceeds the wall height limit along the Eastern side boundary external wall. Wall heights vary between 6.94m - 8.09m located along the Eastern side boundary external wall and 5.8m - 6.64m Located along the Western side boundary external walls. Variation of the wall height control arises due to the topography of the land and elevated nature of the existing home accommodating off street parking below contributes to the non compliance of the wall height control, the breach is compensated in this instance as;

- The breach occurs due to the proposed first floor addition (as acceptable under WLEP2011).
- Where the breach occurs articulation has been introduced into the design of the First floor addition by "stepping in" and "terracing" the external walls reducing perceived Bulk and scale when viewed from public or private spaces.
- There is more than adequate separation between dwellings allowing for sufficient ventilation and open space to not appear 'crowded' or over-developed.
- Neighbouring dwellings will have adequate access to sunlight to private open space.
- The breach occurs due to the limited space for creating a viable, economic and structurally sound First Floor addition.
- Demolition of the existing roof results in reduced bulk. (see section and elevation plans for reference).
- The proposal does not result in any unreasonable loss of privacy or over shadowing to private open space.

Strict compliance is unreasonable in this case as the required space and structural requirements needed for a First Floor Addition would not be achieved, resulting in an unuseable dwelling for the owners and will hinder the promotion of social and economic welfare of the community and stop the economic use of the land.

### **DCP Part B3 Side Boundary Envelope**

To ensure that development does not become visually dominant by virtue of its height and bulk, To ensure adequate light, solar access and privacy by providing spatial separation between buildings.

#### **Objectives**

- To ensure that development does not become visually dominant by virtue of its height and bulk.
- To ensure adequate light, solar access and privacy by providing spatial separation between buildings.
- To ensure that development responds to the topography of the site.

#### **Requirements**

1. Buildings on land shown coloured on the DCP Map Side Boundary Envelopes must be sited within a building envelope determined by projecting planes at 45 degrees from a height above ground level (existing) at the side boundaries of 5 metres

#### **R2 Side Boundary Envelope Exceptions**

Existing dwelling house: Consent may be granted for the addition of a second storey to an existing dwelling house that to a minor extent does not comply with the requirement of this control.

#### **Comment:**

The site requires a side boundary envelope of 4m at 45 degrees. A variation is proposed to the side boundary envelope as illustrated on the plans. A variation to the side boundary envelope is considered appropriate, in this case and the development remains consistent with the objectives and will be readily absorbed into the built environment and landscaped setting of the locality, despite the variation

- The breach occurs due to the proposed first floor addition (as acceptable under WLEP2011), which in this instance is reasonable as its effect is extremely limited on neighbouring dwellings, if not immaterial.
- Existing site constraints and the home being built up off the ground due to the slope of the land and allowance for off street parking located underneath the home.
- There is more than adequate separation between dwellings so there is sufficient light, ventilation and open space to not appear 'crowded' or over-developed.
- The breach occurs due to the limited space for creating a viable, economic and structurally sound First Floor addition for a growing family.
- The proposal does not result in any unreasonable loss of privacy or over shadowing to private open space as noted on submitted DA plans
- The shadow diagrams included with this application, demonstrate that the development maintains compliant solar access

When taking into consideration the scale and form of surrounding developments within the immediate vicinity the proposed First Floor addition is considered appropriate in this case and will be readily absorbed into the built environment and landscaped setting of the locality. Existing trees, vegetation and Boundary fences will be maintained keeping the streetscape consistent. The Breach in this case is reasonable, Therefore; its effect is extremely limited on neighbouring dwellings, if not immaterial.

### **DCP Part B4 Site Coverage**

*To minimise the bulk and scale of development, To reduce the stormwater runoff, preventing soil erosion and siltation of the natural drainage network.*

#### **Comment:**

N/A

### **DCP Part B5 Side Boundary Setbacks**

*To ensure that the scale and bulk of buildings is minimised, To provide adequate separation between buildings to ensure a reasonable level of privacy, amenity and solar access is maintained. To provide reasonable sharing of views to and from public and private properties.*

#### **Comment:**

Proposed First Floor Addition Complies with Requirements identified on DCP Map / DCP Controls while complimenting the existing home with increased setbacks to the proposed addition,

### **DCP Part B7 Front Boundary Setbacks**

*To maintain the visual continuity and pattern of buildings and landscape elements. To protect and enhance the visual quality of streetscapes and public spaces.*

#### **Comment:**

Proposed First Floor Addition Complies with Requirements identified on DCP Map / DCP Controls while complimenting the existing home with increased setbacks and terracing of the proposed addition.

### **DCP Part B9 Rear Boundary Setbacks**

*To preserve the amenity of adjacent land, particularly relating to privacy between buildings. To maintain the existing visual continuity and pattern of buildings, rear gardens and landscape elements.*

#### **Comment:**

Proposed First Floor Addition Complies with Requirements identified on DCP Map / DCP Controls while complimenting the existing home with increased setbacks and terracing of the proposed addition.

### **DCP Part C3 Parking Facilities**

*To provide adequate off street carparking. To site and design parking facilities (including garages) to have minimal visual impact on the street frontage or other public place.*

#### **Comment:**

Complies with Requirements identified on DCP Map/ DCP Controls, off street parking spaces will remain.

### **DCP Part C4 Stormwater**

*To ensure the appropriate management of stormwater. To minimise the quantity of stormwater run-off.*

#### **Comment:**

The proposed addition is over the existing dwelling / within the existing roofed area and will drain to existing stormwater services directed into the street kerb and gutter along Paruna Place. All stormwater services are hooked up and connected to the stormwater system, No additional load on the existing storm-water system will be created.

### **DCP Part C5 Erosion and Sedimentation**

*To reduce the potential for soil erosion and adverse sedimentation impacts upon the environment.*

#### **Comment:**

No excavation required, Erosion and sediment prevention measures will be in place on site if required.

### **DCP Part C7 Excavation and landfill**

*To ensure any land excavation or fill work will not have an adverse effect upon the visual and natural environment or adjoining and adjacent properties. To require that excavation and landfill does not create airborne pollution.*

#### **Comment:**

N/A

### **DCP Part C8 Demolition and Construction**

*To promote improved project management by minimising demolition and construction waste and encouraging source separation, reuse and recycling of materials. To assist industry, commercial operators and site managers in planning their necessary waste management procedures through the preparation and lodgement of a Waste Management Plan*

#### **Comment:**

Waste Materials to leave site will be separated and taken to appropriate waste facilities to be recycled. Waste materials stored onsite will be located in an undisturbed area any covered if required.

**DCP Part C9 Waste Management**

*To facilitate sustainable waste management in a manner consistent with the principles of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD). To achieve waste avoidance, source separation and recycling of household and industrial/commercial waste.*

**Comment:**

Appropriate waste management procedures will be implemented during the construction phase. See Waste, Construction management plan.

**DCP Part D1 Landscape open space and Bushland setting**

*To enable planting to maintain and enhance the streetscape. To conserve and enhance indigenous vegetation, topographical features and habitat for wildlife.*

**Comment:**

Existing open space to be maintained and enjoyed. Proposal is for a First floor addition only.

**DCP Part D2 Private open space**

*To ensure that all residential development is provided with functional, well located areas of private open space. To ensure that private open space is integrated with, and directly accessible from, the living area of dwellings.*

**Comment:**

Complies with Requirements identified on DCP Map/ DCP Controls. Existing Private open space to remain as is.

**DCP Part D3 Noise**

*To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment. To ensure that noise emission does not unreasonably diminish the amenity of the area or result in noise intrusion which would be unreasonable for occupants, users or visitors.*

**Comment:**

The proposal is reasonably offset from adjoining properties. No adverse noise is anticipated from a typically domestic use.

**DCP Part D4 Electromagnetic radiation**

*To ensure the safety of the community from electromagnetic radiation.*

**Comment:**

N/A

**DCP Part D5 Orientation and energy efficiency**

*To consider the placement of buildings within sites to maximise solar access and natural ventilation. To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*

**Comment:**

Provision has been made for natural light and daylight into the design.

**DCP Part D6 Access to sunlight**

*To ensure that reasonable access to sunlight is maintained. To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*

**Comment:**

Refer to submitted shadow diagrams showing shadows cast on "June 21" with additional shadows provided for March 20 noting a reduction in shadowing during the March equinox. (No adverse effect on neighbours has been created by the first floor addition).

**DCP Part D7 Views**

*To allow for the reasonable sharing of views. To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment.*

**Comment:**

The subject site is not situated in a recognised view corridor. The First Floor addition has been designed to incorporate lower pitched roofs along with articulation and Terracing of the design allowing for greater view corridors to be retained around the property which is a reasonable and appropriate response.

District views from 4 Paruna Place are obtained in Northeast direction from a ground floor and upper level deck and windows, these views will be maintained. District views from the upper level deck and windows to the East across the side boundary overlooking the proposed First Floor addition will be maintained, the protection of views across side boundaries from the ground floor deck is more difficult than the protection of views from front and rear boundaries.

The proposal does not result in any unreasonable loss of privacy with minimal impact or disruption of views of neighbouring properties, There is no impact on the coastal or bushland environment.

**DCP Part D8 Privacy**

To ensure the siting and design of buildings provides a high level of visual and acoustic privacy for occupants and neighbours.

**Comment:**

The proposed development does not result in any significant loss of privacy to adjoining dwellings.

**DCP Part D9 Building Bulk**

To minimise the visual impact of development when viewed from adjoining properties, streets, waterways and land zoned for public recreation.

**Comment:**

The proposed design reduces perceived bulk due to:

- increase front setback respective of height
- articulation and manipulation of the design, enhancing the existing facade.
- use of light-weight materials.

**DCP Part D10 Building colours and materials**

To ensure the colours and materials of new or altered buildings and structures are sympathetic to the surrounding natural and built environment.

**Comment:**

The colours and materials used for alterations and additions to The first floor addition shall complement the existing external building façade.

**DCP Part D11 Roofs**

To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment. Roofs are to be designed to complement the local skyline.

**Comment:**

The proposed roofline complements the local skyline and integrates with existing development.

**DCP Part D12 Glare and Reflection**

To ensure that development will not result in overspill or glare from artificial illumination or sun reflection. To maintain and improve the amenity of public and private land.

**Comment:**

The proposed development will not result in undue glare from artificial illumination or sun reflection. The proposed roof will be in the medium to dark colour range and the external wall finishes will be non-reflective finish.

**DCP Part D14 Site Facilities**

To provide for the logical placement of facilities on site that will result in minimal impacts for all users, particularly residents, and surrounding neighbours.

**Comment:**

All site facilities are currently available to the site. It is not proposed to alter the current arrangement in terms of site facilities.

**DCP Part D20 Safety and Security**

To ensure that development maintains and enhances the security and safety of the community.

**Comment:**

Surveillance is maximised by orienting the outlook from the building towards the street.

**DCP Part D21 Provision and location of utility services**

To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment. To ensure that adequate utility services are provided to land being developed.

**Comment:**

Existing utilities and services to remain as per existing and will be used for the First floor Addition.

**DCP Part D22 Conservation of energy and water**

To encourage innovative design solutions to improve the urban environment. To ensure energy and water use is minimised.

**Comment:**

First floor Addition to intergrate:

- Site layout to allow for reasonable solar access for the purposes of water heating and electricity generation and maintain reasonable solar access to adjoining properties.
- Buildings are to be designed to minimize energy and water consumption.
- Landscape design is to assist in the conservation of energy and water.

**DCP Part E3 Threatened Species**

To protect and promote the recovery of threatened species, populations and endangered ecological communities. To protect and enhance the habitat of plants, animals and vegetation communities with high conservation significance.

**Comment:**

N/A

**DCP Part E4 Wildlife Corridor**

To provide natural habitat for local wildlife, maintain natural shade profiles and provide psychological & social benefits.

**Comment:**

N/A

**DCP Part E8 Waterways and Riparian lands**

Encourage development to be located outside waterways and riparian land. Avoid impacts that will result in an adverse change in watercourse or riparian land condition. Minimise risk to life and property from stream bank erosion and flooding by incorporating appropriate controls and mitigation measures.

**Comment:**

N/A

**DCP Part E10 Landslip Risk**

To ensure development is geotechnically stable. To ensure good engineering practice.

**Comment:**

Subject site has been identified as "Landslip Risk Area B", A preliminary Geotechnical assessment has been carried out by "Ascent Geotechnical Consulting". Please see attached documents for Geotechnical report.

**DCP Part E11 Flood prone Land**

To ensure the development is compatible with the flow regime of the waterway. To ensure that existing development is not adversely affected through increased flood damage and / or flood hazard as a result of new development.

**Comment:**

N/A

**WLEP Schedule 15 Summary**

The proposed addition is designed to enhance the resultant home and integrate within the local context and is therefore consistent with the existing and desire future character of the area. The proposed development is consistent with the general principles of Warringah development control plan and WLEP2011, namely:

- Design takes into consideration neighbouring dwellings with regard to access to light, ventilation bulk and scale;
- There are no adverse effects of the proposed development on the environment, either biophysical, economical, or social.
- There is no significant overshadowing to adjoining private open space (ref. shadow diagrams) or neighbouring residential properties.
- The design, colour, and materials used are in keeping with the style of the surrounding area.
- The proposed addition maintains the visual pattern and predominant scale of buildings in the locality and the immediate context.

**Summary**

The proposed addition is designed to enhance the existing dwelling and integrate within the local residential area and is therefore consistent with the objectives of Warringah Council's LEP and DCP

Hence, it is our professional opinion that there would be no detrimental impact to the surrounding built environment in this instance.

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