

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2024/0248
Proposed Development:	Demolition works and construction of a dwelling house, detached garage and swimming pool
Date:	02/05/2024
Responsible Officer	Nick Keeler
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 1 DP 509163 , 2 Brighton Street CURL CURL NSW 2096 Lot 1 DP 652342 , 2 Brighton Street CURL CURL NSW 2096

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 provisions:

- Warringah DCP cl. E2 Prescribed Vegetation
- Warringah DCP cl. E6 Retaining Unique Environmental Features
- SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 cl. 2.10 Development on land within the coastal environment area

The proposed development does not require the removal of any native, prescribed trees or areas of remnant vegetation, however it will require excavation into the existing rock outcrops, which are highly modified as a result of previous development. Areas of rock outcrops will be retained including in the front setback and in the rear garden. The Landscape Plan will require amendments to remove *Raphiolepis* as it is listed as a weed under the Biosecurity Act 2015.

No objections from a biodiversity perspective, subject to conditions.

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 Certifier prior to issue of Construction Certificate.

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

Amendment of Landscape Plans

The submitted Landscape Plan is to be amended in accordance with the following:

- Deletion of *Raphiolepis* sp. and inclusion with a suitable native replacement.

The Landscape Plan is to be amended by a qualified landscape architect and provided to the Certifier prior to issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: To maintain and replace habitat on the site.

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.

Protection of Habitat Features

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed during the construction works, except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

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

Protection of Habitat Features

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

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

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

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.