

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2024/1362
Date:	26/05/2025
Proposed Development:	Demolition works and construction of mixed use hospitality venue with supporting car parking, servicing and landscaping works
Responsible Officer:	Claire Ryan
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 180 DP 752017 , 40 Myoora Road TERREY HILLS NSW 2084

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for the following:

- Construction / development works within 5 metres of a tree or
- New residential works with three or more dwellings. (RFB's, townhouses, seniors living, guesthouses, etc). or
- Mixed use developments containing three or more residential dwellings.
- New Dwellings or

Officer comments

The proposal is supported with regard to landscape issues.

Additional Information Comment 26/05/25:

The amended reports and plans are noted.

The landscape proposal has been slightly amended to satisfy the bushfire protection requirements and no concerns are raised with the changes.

It is noted the pedestrian pathway/ramp to Myoora Rd, between the property boundary and kerb, clashes with tree 8. Any new pedestrian pathway shall be realigned to allow the retention of tree 8, and the alignment must be supported by the Arborist. Amended plans will be conditioned.

Additional Information Comment 16/04/25:

The amended reports and plans are noted.

The Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) identified 42 trees within or surrounding the property. Trees 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 15, 24, 32, 47, and Stand 1 are within the property boundaries and recommended for removal. Tree Stand 1 includes 18 trees and all are exempt by species and as such may be managed or removed at the discretion of the applicant without consent. The remaining trees can be supported for removal as the landscape proposal shows extensive medium to large replacement tree planting. Tree 33 is now assessed as to be retained and works in its tree protection zone are to be supervised by a Project Arborist, as recommended in the AIA. The tree protection recommendations outlined in the AIA are supported.

The northern pedestrian pathway to Myoora Rd, between the property boundary and kerb, clashes with tree 8. Any new pedestrian pathway shall be realigned to allow the retention of tree 8, and the alignment must be supported by the Arborist. Amended plans will be conditioned.

The landscape proposal is generally supported and all proposed planting shall be installed in accordance with the requirements outlined in the conditions of consent. Cupaniopsis anacardioides and Pennisetum 'Nafray' shall be substituted with suitable alternatives. All on slab landscape planters shall meet Council's minimum soil depth requirements.

Original Comment:

The Arboricultural Impact Assessment identified tree 33 as having a major encroachment and requiring removal. It is noted tree 33 has poor health and structure, low landscape significance and retention value, and a short life expectancy. Tree 33 is located in the neighbouring property and therefore cannot be removed. Due to its condition, identified by the Arborist, if owners consent from the neighbouring property owner for the removal of tree 33 is obtained removal could be supported. It is noted that the adjoining property owner does not have any obligation to consent and may choose to not provide an agreement.

Landscape referral can continue their assessment upon receipt of further information regarding tree 33.

General comments:

- *Landscape referral notes the development does not achieve the 70% landscaped area under the WDCP requirement, and this matter shall be assessed and determined under merit consideration by the Assessing Planning Officer. Furthermore and as identified in PLM2024/0035, the calculations include areas that do not satisfy the definition of landscaped area under the WLEP and include areas less than 2m in width. It is also noted that the overflow carpark takes up a considerable portion of the available compliant landscaped area and the frequency of its use as a carpark rather than a landscaped area due to the shortfall of parking (DCP parking requirements) provided on site is questioned,*
- *Extensive medium to large tree replacement planting is proposed and as such the removal of the 11 prescribed trees within the property boundaries can be supported. Tree stand 1 is exempt by species and can be managed or removed at the discretion of the applicant without consent,*
- *An area of permeable paving is shown on landscape drawing LP02-D0224 within the front 10m setback to Myoora Rd and this shall be removed and replaced with mass planting.*

The proposal is therefore supported.

Note: Should you have any concerns with the referral comments above, please discuss these with the Responsible Officer.

Recommended Landscape Conditions:

**CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION
CERTIFICATE**

Amended Plans

a) amended Plan(s) shall be issued to the Certifier prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate to

include the following details:

i) realign the pedestrian pathway/ramp to Myoora Rd to allow the retention of tree 8,
ii) the Arborist shall provide confirmation to the Certifier that the alignment is supported and tree 8 can be retained.

b) certification shall be submitted to the Certifier that these amendments have been documented.

Reason: Landscape amenity.

On Slab Landscape Planters

a) details shall be submitted to the Certifier prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate indicating the proposed method of waterproofing and drainage to all planters over slab, over which soil and planting is being provided. Landscape treatment details shall be submitted to the Certifier prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate indicating the proposed soil type, planting, automatic irrigation, and services connections.

b) the following soil depths are required to support planting: 300mm for groundcovers, grasses, and lawn; 600mm for shrubs; and 1m for small trees.

c) design certification shall be submitted to the Certifier by a qualified Structural Engineer, that the planters are designed structurally to support the 'wet' weight of landscaping (soil, materials and established planting).

Reason: To ensure appropriate soil depth for planting and ensure waterproofing and drainage is installed.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Project Arborist

a) a Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall be engaged prior to any commencement of works on site to provide tree protection measures in accordance with AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment.

b) the Project Arborist shall be in attendance and supervise all works as nominated in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, and in particular the tree protection measures and works under section 7 Recommendations, and Figure 7 Tree Protection Plan. The Project Arborist shall also be in attendance and supervise all works involved with the construction of any pedestrian pathway in the tree protection zone of tree 8.

c) All tree protection measures specified must:

- i) be in place before work commences on the site, and
- ii) be maintained in good condition during the construction period, and
- iii) remain in place for the duration of the construction works.

d) the Project Arborist shall provide certification to the Certifier that all tree protection measures under AS 4970-2009 have been satisfied, and the recommendations listed for the protection of the existing tree(s) have been carried out satisfactorily to ensure no impact to the health of the tree(s).

Photographic documentation of the condition of all trees to be retained shall be recorded, including at commencement, during the works and at completion.

Note: any potential impact to trees as assessed by the Project Arborist will require redesign of any

approved component to ensure existing trees upon the subject site and adjoining properties are preserved and shall be the subject of a modification application where applicable.

Reason: Tree protection.

Tree Removal Within the Property

a) this consent approves the removal of existing prescribed trees on the subject site as listed below:

i) trees 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 - *Eucalyptus grandis*, tree 15 - *Ceratopetalum gummiferum*, tree 24 - *Casuarina glauca*, tree 32 - *Eucalyptus grandis*, and tree 47 - *Casuarina glauca*.

Reason: To enable authorised development works.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Protection of Existing Street Trees

a) all existing street trees in the vicinity of the works shall be retained during all construction stages, and the street tree(s) fronting the development site shall be protected by tree protection fencing in accordance with Section 4 of AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites. As a minimum the tree protection fencing for street tree(s) fronting the development site shall consist of standard 2.4m panel length to four sides and in accordance with Australian Standard 4687-2007 Temporary Fencing and Hoardings, unless otherwise directed by an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture. All fencing shall be located to allow for unrestricted and safe pedestrian access upon the road verge.

b) all street trees within the road verge are protected under Northern Beaches Council development control plans, except where Council's written consent for removal has been obtained. The felling, lopping, topping, ringbarking, or removal of any tree(s) is prohibited. No excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of street trees.

Reason: Street tree protection.

Tree and Vegetation Protection

a) existing trees and vegetation shall be retained and protected, including:

- i) all trees within the site not approved for removal, including trees and vegetation nominated for retention on the approved Plans,
- ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- iii) all trees and vegetation within the road reserve.

b) tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:

- i) tree protection shall be in accordance with AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment,
- ii) existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iii) removal of existing tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter is not permitted without consultation with an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iv) no excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of trees and other vegetation required to be retained,
- v) structures are to bridge tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter unless directed by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture on site,
- vi) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree

protection zone, without consultation with an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture including advice on root protection measures,

vii) should either or all of v) or vi) occur during site establishment and construction works, an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist/Project Arborist to the Principal Certifier,

viii) any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree or any other tree to be retained during the construction works is to be undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites,

ix) the activities listed in section 4.2 of AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, shall not occur within the tree protection zone of any tree on the lot or any tree on an adjoining site,

x) tree pruning from within the site to enable approved works shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with AS 4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees,

xi) the tree protection measures specified in this clause must: be in place before work commences on the site, be maintained in good condition during the construction period, and remain in place for the duration of the construction works.

c) the Principal Certifier must ensure that:

i) If activated, the arboricultural works listed in a) and b) are undertaken and certified by an Arborist/Project Arborist as complaint to AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

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

Landscape Completion

a) landscape works are to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan(s) (drawings DA02, DA03, DA04, DA05, DA06 by Dangar Barin Smith dated 13/05/25 revision H), and inclusive of the following conditions:

i) landscape works are to be contained within the legal property boundaries,

ii) planting shall be installed as indicated on the approved Landscape Plan(s) unless otherwise imposed by any conditions,

iii) substitute all *Cupaniopsis anacardioides* with a suitable native tree alternative, and substitute all *Pennisetum* 'Nafray' with a suitable alternative,

iv) all tree planting shall be a minimum pre-ordered planting size of 75 litres or as otherwise scheduled if greater in size; meet the requirements of AS2303 – Tree Stock for Landscape Use; planted into a prepared planting hole 1m x 1m x 600mm depth generally, backfilled with a sandy loam mix or approved similar, mulched to 75mm depth minimum and maintained, and watered until established; and shall be located at least 1.5 metres from common boundaries; and located either within garden bed or within a prepared bed within lawn,

v) mass planting shall be installed in a garden bed prepared with a suitable free draining soil mix and minimum 75mm depth of mulch,

vi) where the property is certified Bush Fire Prone Land, any new planting may be managed in accordance with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019.

b) prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, details (from a landscape architect, landscape designer or qualified horticulturalist) shall be submitted to the Principal Certifier, certifying that the landscape works have been completed in accordance with any conditions of consent.

Reason: Environmental amenity.

Condition of Retained Vegetation

a) prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a report prepared by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall be submitted to the Principal Certifier, assessing the health and impact on all existing trees required to be retained on the approved Plans or as listed in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, including the following information:

- i) compliance to any Arborist recommendations for tree protection generally and during excavation works,
- ii) extent of damage sustained by vegetation as a result of the construction works,
- iii) any subsequent remedial works required to ensure the long term retention of the vegetation.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

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

Landscape Maintenance

a) if any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components.

b) trees, shrubs and groundcovers required to be planted under this consent are to be mulched, watered and fertilised as required at the time of planting.

c) if any tree, shrub or groundcover required to be planted under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar species to maintain the landscape theme and be generally in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan(s) and any conditions of consent.

d) a maintenance activity schedule for on-going maintenance of planters on slab shall be incorporated to monitor and replenish soil levels as a result of soil shrinkage over time.

e) the approved landscape planted areas, whether containing lawn, gardens or planters shall in perpetuity remain as planting under the development consent, and shall not be replaced with any hard paved surfaces or structures.

Reason: To maintain local environmental amenity.