

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2020/1129
Date:	29/10/2020
Responsible Officer:	Nick Keeler
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 51 DP 9853 , 2 Montague Street NORTH MANLY NSW 2100

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 for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling.

The landscape character of the existing site is of a suburban garden with predominately lawn area and scattered gardens, with numerous native and exotic trees within the site. Existing trees and vegetation exist within adjoining properties and within the road verge. Existing rock outcrops occur and are not impacted by the development proposal and shall be preserved.

The application is assessed by Landscape Referral against Warringah Development Control Plan 2011, including but not limited to the following clauses:

- D1 Landscaped Open Space and Bushland Setting
- E1 Preservation of Trees or Bushland Vegetation
- E6 Retaining unique environmental features

One existing protected tree (ie. over 5 metres in height) is located approximately 3 metres from the proposed works. No arboricultural assessment is included with the development application. A 10% encroachment upon the tree protection zone is calculated by Council, and under Australian Standard 4970-2009 'Protection of trees on development sites' this is considered minor and manageable through tree protection measures. It is noted that this area of encroachment includes proposed works above the ground (ie. new stairs and family room) rather than upon the surface and as such the encroachment is reduced and acceptable, subject to conditions of consent for location of isolated piers to support the proposed works. Additionally conditions of consent shall be imposed for the protection of existing trees and vegetation within adjoining properties and within the road verge.

The Statement of Environmental Effects notes that no trees are to be removed The proposal does not alter the existing landscape setting and thus clause D1 and E1 are satisfied, and clause E6 is satisfied through retention of the rock outcrops. Landscape Referral raise no objection to the development proposal subject to conditions of consent to protect existing trees and vegetation.

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

Tree Protection Plan

a) A Tree Protection Plan shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority for approval prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate, demonstrating tree protection measures to protect the following trees:

- i) existing trees located within 5 metres of the proposed development works, including the existing tree located in close proximity to the south west corner of the proposed works,
- ii) existing street tree.

b) The Tree Protection Plan shall be prepared by an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture, incorporating the following:

- i) layout of the development, including existing and proposed underground services,
- ii) location of all trees identified for retention, including extent of canopy,
- iii) access routes throughout the site for construction activity,
- iv) location of tree protection fencing / barriers,
- v) root protection in the form of mulching or boards proposed within the tree protection zone,
- vi) trunk and branch protection within the tree protection zone,
- vii) location of stockpile areas and materials storage, clearly identified to be outside of the tree protection zones of existing trees,
- viii) other general tree protection measures.

c) Tree protection methods are to be in accordance with AS4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites.

Reason: tree protection.

Pier footing design near trees to be retained

a) A pier footing structural layout plan for the construction works associated with new stairs and building extension above the ground shall be developed in co-ordination with an Arborist with AQF minimum Level 5 qualifications in arboriculture, and a qualified Structural Engineer, to locate pier footing away from structural tree roots of nearby trees.

b) The Arborist shall review, comment, recommend design revision as required and approve the pier footing layout, to ensure the locations of piers will be manageable in terms of tree protection measures.

c) The Arborist shall submit certification to the Certifying Authority, that the locations of the pier footings are accepted.

d) The agreed pier footing structural layout plans shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority for approval prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

Reason: tree protection.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Tree and vegetation protection

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

- i) all trees and vegetation within the site, excluding exempt trees and vegetation under the relevant planning instruments of legislation,
- ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- iii) all road reserve trees and vegetation.

b) Tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:

- i) tree protection shall be in accordance with Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, including the provision of temporary fencing to protect existing trees within 5 metres of development,
- ii) existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by an 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 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 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 with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture including advice on root protection measures,
- vii) should either or all of v), vi) and vii) occur during site establishment and construction works, an 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 to the Certifying Authority,
- 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 Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites,
- ix) the activities listed in section 4.2 of Australian Standard 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 Australian Standard 4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees.
- xi) the tree protection measures specified in this clause 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.

The Certifying Authority must ensure that:

- c) The activities listed in section 4.2 of Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, do not occur within the tree protection zone of any tree, and any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree, or any other tree to be retained on the site during the construction, is undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of that standard.

Note: All street trees within the road verge and trees within private property 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.

Reason: tree and vegetation protection.

Condition of trees

During the construction period the applicant is responsible for ensuring all existing trees required to be retained are maintained in a healthy and vigorous condition. This is to be done by ensuring that all identified tree protection measures are adhered to, or by seeking arboricultural advice from an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture during the works. In this regard all protected trees shall not exhibit:

- i) a general decline in health and vigour,
- ii) damaged, crushed or dying roots due to poor pruning techniques,
- iii) more than 10% loss or dieback of roots, branches and foliage,
- iv) mechanical damage or bruising of bark and timber of roots, trunk and branches,
- v) yellowing of foliage or a thinning of the canopy untypical of its species,
- vi) an increase in the amount of deadwood not associated with normal growth,
- vii) an increase in kino or gum exudation,
- viii) inappropriate increases in epicormic growth that may indicate that the plants are in a stressed condition,
- ix) branch drop, torn branches and stripped bark not associated with natural climatic conditions.

Any mitigating measures and recommendations required by the Arborist are to be implemented.

The owner of the adjoining allotment of land is not liable for the cost of work carried out for the purpose of this clause.

Reason: Protection of trees.

Protection of rock and sites of significance

All rock outcrops outside of the area of approved works are to be preserved and protected at all times during demolition excavation and construction works.

Should any Aboriginal sites be uncovered during the carrying out of works, those works are to cease and Council, the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council are to be contacted.

Reason: preservation of significant environmental features.

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

Condition of retained vegetation

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a report prepared by an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority, assessing the health and impact on all existing trees required to be retained, including the following information:

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

Reason: tree protection.