

Landscape Referral Response

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| Application Number: | DA2019/0341 |
| Date: | 03/06/2019 |
| Responsible Officer: | Megan Surtees |
| Land to be developed (Address): | Lot 37A DP 17087 , 1633 Pittwater Road MONA VALE NSW 2103 |

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, in terms of landscape outcome, is acceptable subject to the protection of the existing trees and vegetation, and the completion of landscaping.

Council's Landscape section has assessed the proposal against the following Pittwater21 DCPControls:
B4.22 Preservation of Trees and Bushland Vegetation
C1.1 Landscaping
D9 Mona Vale Locality

An Arboricultural Impact Assessment report is provided to justify proposed vegetation removal.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Refusal comments

Recommended Landscape Conditions:

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Tree protection measures

A Project Arborist with AQZ Level 5 qualification in arboriculture/horticulture is to be appointed to supervise and certify tree protection measures for the existing trees nominated for retention and protection in the Arboricultural Assessment Impact report prepared by Hugh The Arborist, including complying with section 10. Recommendations, section 11. Tree Protection Requirements, and section 12. Hold Points.

The Project Arborist shall attend site during excavation and construction works within the tree protection zone (TPZ) of existing trees.

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 Project Arborist shall submit certification during all stages of the works (excavation and construction) and prior to Occupation Certificate to the Certifying Authority that all tree protection measures as listed above have been completed prior to the commencement of excavation and construction works, and have been appropriately maintained during the works.

Reason: to ensure tree protection is provided and maintained.

Tree removal

In consideration of the assessment of development impact, the following existing trees/vegetation are granted approval for removal, based on the recommendations of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment report prepared by prepared by Hugh The Arborist:

- Tree T1 (exempt Frangipani), and T2 (exempt Ponytail Palm).

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Tree and vegetation protection

A) Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained and protected as follows:

- i) all trees and vegetation identified for retention on the plans and in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment prepared by Hugh The Arborist, excluding exempt trees and palms under the relevant planning instruments of legislation,
- ii) all other trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- iii) all road reserve trees and vegetation,

B) Tree protection shall be generally undertaken as follows:

- i) all tree protection shall be in accordance with AS4970- 2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites,
- ii) removal of existing tree roots greater than 25mm is not permitted without consultation with a AQF Level 5 Arborist,
- iii) existing ground levels shall remain under the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by AQF Level 5 Arborist,
- iv) any tree roots exposed during excavation with a diameter greater than 25mm within the tree protection zone must be assessed by an AQF Level 5 Arborist. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority,
- v) to minimise the impact on trees and vegetation to be retained and protected, 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,
- vi) no tree roots greater than 25mm diameter are to be cut from protected trees unless authorised by a AQF Level 5 Project Arborist on site,
- vii) all structures are to bridge tree roots greater than 25mm diameter unless directed by a AQF Level 5 Arborist on site,
- viii) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree protection zone, without consultation with a AQF Level 5 Arborist, including advice on root protection

measures,

ix) should either or all of vi), vii) and viii) occur during site establishment and construction works, a AQF Level 5 Arborist shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist to the Certifying Authority,

x) 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,

xi) tree pruning to enable construction shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with AS4373-2009 Pruning of Amenity Trees.

Reason: to retain and protect significant planting on development and adjoining sites.

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

Landscape works

Landscaping is to be implemented to the extent as documented on drawing AR/373/07, with the additional garden bed along the frontage to be inclusive of the following requirements:

i) a range of native shrub planting shall be installed within the frontage to soften the built form and achieve at least 3 metres at maturity.

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a landscape report prepared by a landscape architect or landscape designer shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority, certifying that the landscape works have been completed in accordance with any conditions of consent.

Reason: to ensure that the landscape treatments are installed to provide landscape amenity and soften the built form.

Condition of retained vegetation

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a report prepared by an AQF Level 5 Arborist (or equivalent), shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority, assessing the health and impact of trees and vegetation required to be retained as a result of the proposed development, including the following information:

- i) compliance to Arborist recommendations for tree protection and 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: to retain and protect significant planting on development sites.

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

Landscape maintenance

Any existing landscaping required to be retained together with any additional landscaping required by this Consent is to be maintained for the life of the development.

A 12 month establishment period shall apply for all new landscaping. If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components.

Reason: to maintain local environmental amenity and ensure landscaping continues to soften the built form.

Environmental and priority weed control

All weeds are to be removed and controlled in accordance with the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015.

Reason: preservation of environmental amenity.