

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2019/0673
Responsible Officer	Alex Keller
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot C DP 415908, 132 Crescent Road NEWPORT NSW

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent development on land, or within 40m of land, containing:

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- 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

This application was assessed against Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 Biodiversity.

The proposal is for the demolition of the existing dwelling and the construction of a new three-storey dwelling, detached garage, detached carport, swimming pool, and associated landscaping. The proposal will result in the removal of some trees (as indicated by the proposal plans), and also proposes stormwater trenching and masonary walls within 5m of neighbouring trees. The Landscape Plan (Grant Clement, 15/11/2018) indicates the provision of three canopy tree plantings, one *Eucalyptus punctata*, one *Angophora floribunda* and one *Syncarpia glomulifera*, which is supported by Biodiversity.

Council's Natural Environment - Biodiversity section cannot complete this assessment until an Arborist Report is provided to support the application. The Arborist Report must be prepared by a minimum AQF level 5 Arborist and assesses impacts to all prescribed trees (including neighbouring trees) within 5m of the proposed works, including stormwater infrastructure.

I defer to Coast & Catchments team for assessment against B4.15 Saltmarsh EEC, B4.16 Seagrass conservation, B4.19 Estuarine habitat, and B4.20 Protection of esturaine water quality.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for refusal

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

Nil.