

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2019/1111
Responsible Officer	Adam Croft
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 2 DP 236331 , 135 Seaforth Crescent SEAFORTH NSW 2092

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 Natural Environment - Biodiversity section raises no objections to the proposed works, subject to conditions.

This application was assessed against Manly LEP Clause 6.5 Terrestrial Biodiversity and Foreshore Scenic Protection, and Coastal Management SEPP 2018 'Environment Area'.

This proposal is for alterations and additions to the existing structures including a new pool and associated works.

The submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment report (Standfast Tree Services, 2/10/2019) assesses 9 trees, only 4 of these are prescribed. Two prescribed trees will be removed, T6 and T8, both with low retention value. The remaining 2 prescribed trees will be retained and protected. The proposal is consistent with biodiversity controls subject to replacement canopy tree plantings.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Protection of Trees During Works

All trees specifically nominated for retention by notation or consent condition are to be maintained and protected during any vegetation clearing, demolition, excavation and construction on the site. Details of tree protection methods in accordance with the Arborist report are to be provided to the Principal

Certifying Authority prior to commencement of any works on the site.

Reason: To protect native vegetation, wildlife and habitats in accordance with relevant Natural Environment LEP/DCP controls.

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

Replacement of Canopy Trees

At least 2 locally native canopy trees are to be planted on site to replace prescribed trees approved for removal. Species are to have a minimum mature height of 8.5m and be consistent with Council's Native Gardening Guide. Tree plantings are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree. Replacement plantings are to be certified as being completed in accordance with these conditions of consent by a qualified landscape architect, and details submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To establish appropriate landscaping in accordance with relevant Natural Environment LEP/DCP controls

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

Control of Weeds

Prior to the completion of works, all priority weeds (as listed under the Biosecurity Act 2015) are to be removed/controlled within the subject site using an appropriately registered control method. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>). All environmental weeds are to be removed and controlled. Refer to Council website http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/environment/noxious_weeds

Reason: Weed management.

Replacement of Canopy Trees

Tree replacement plantings required under this consent are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree.

Reason: To replace locally native trees in accordance with relevant Natural Environment LEP/DCP controls.

No Planting Environmental Weeds

No environmental weeds are to be planted on the site. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>).

Reason: Weed management.

Works to cease if item found

If any Aboriginal Engravings or Relics are unearthed all work is to cease immediately and the Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) and Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) are to be notified.

Reason: To protect Aboriginal Heritage.

Dead or Injured Wildlife – Manly LEP Clause 6.5

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If construction activity associated with this development results in injury or death of a native mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian, a registered wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organisation must be contacted for advice.

Reason: To mitigate potential impacts to native wildlife resulting from construction activity.