

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/0201
Date:	23/03/2020
Responsible Officer	Kye Miles
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 12 DP 24075 , 10 Willandra Road BEACON HILL NSW 2100

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

The proposed development has been assessed against the following provisions of the Warringah DCP:

- E1 Preservation of Trees or Bushland Vegetation
- E2 Prescribed Vegetation
- E4 Wildlife Corridors
- E6 Retaining Unique Environmental Features

The proposal will result in removal of one protected tree (*Angophora floribunda*) which has been assessed as having low retention value (Peake Arboriculture, 28 February 2020). Subject to compensatory planting to mitigate the loss of wildlife habitat/foraging resources, the proposal is considered to be consistent with the controls.

The proposal is therefore supported.

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

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Impacts to Protected Native Wildlife

Tree 1 (*Angophora floribunda*) is to be inspected for native wildlife prior to removal. If native wildlife is found within the tree to be removed, a registered wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organisation must be contacted for advice. Any incidents in which native wildlife are injured or killed as a result of works are

to be recorded, in addition to details of any action taken in response. Written evidence of compliance (including records of inspections and any wildlife incidents) is to be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of the Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To protect native wildlife in accordance with Section 2.1 of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

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

Replacement of Canopy Trees

At least one locally native canopy tree is to be planted on site to replace protected tree approved for removal. Species are to have a minimum mature height of 8.5m and be consistent with the Native Plant Species Guide for the Frenchs Forest Ward, available on Council's website. 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, 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

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.

Dead or Injured Wildlife

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.

Control of Domestic Animals

Domestic pet animals are to be kept from entering the adjoining bushland reserve at all times.

Reason: Wildlife protection