

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2024/1796
Date:	14/01/2025
Proposed Development:	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house
Responsible Officer:	
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 75 DP 13643 , 74 Elanora Road ELANORA HEIGHTS NSW 2101

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 proposed development is for alteration and additions as described in reports and as illustrated on plans.

Existing trees within the property are indicated for retention on the plans, with the exception of two exempt species identified as E4 and E5 on the Landscape Plan. The proposed works at the rear located adjoining RE1 Recreation zone land are in proximity to existing trees however the proposed works are essentially over existing hardstand that is to be removed for the proposed works consisting of paved area with fire pit and bench seating. Regardless any excavation will be subject to imposed conditions to ensure protection of existing trees within the adjoining RE1 Recreation zone land.

The Landscape Plan submitted indicates existing natural landscape features retained (rock outcrops and gardens, and includes additional planting that are selected as locally native species. No concerns are raised by Landscape Referral subject to imposed conditions regarding the planting sizes that shall be increased above the nominated sizes.

To satisfy Warringah DCP control E7 Development on land adjoining public open space, the proposed landscape buffer at the rear of the property shall provide taller shrub planting in addition to the proposed low groundcover planting as a physical and visual transition.

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 COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

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 (MLALC) are to be contacted.

Reason: Preservation of significant environmental features.

Tree and Vegetation Protection

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

- i) all prescribed trees within the site, or otherwise existing trees nominated for retention on the approved plans,
- ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- iii) all trees and vegetation within the road reserve.

b) Tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:

- i) tree protection shall be in accordance with AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites,
- ii) the following arboricultural requirements shall be adhered to unless authorised by an Arborist with minimum AQF level 5 qualifications: existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained; removal of existing tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter is not permitted; 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; and structures are to bridge tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter,
- iii) the activities listed in section 4.2 of AS4970-2009 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,
- iv) tree pruning from within the site to enable approved works shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees,
- v) 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 Principal Certifier must ensure that:

- c) The arboricultural works listed in a) and b) are undertaken as complaint to AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

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

Landscape Completion

Landscape works are to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan, and inclusive of the following conditions:

- a) landscape works are to be contained within the legal property boundaries,
- b) planting shall be installed as indicated on the approved Landscape Plan, unless otherwise imposed by conditions,
- c) all shrub planting shall be installed at a minimum 200mm container size at planting, and all groundcovers at a minimum 140mm container size at planting, and shall be in a garden bed prepared

with a suitable free draining soil mix and minimum 75mm depth of mulch,
d) the proposed landscape buffer at the rear of the property shall support fire-resistant shrub planting in addition to the proposed groundcover planting,
e) where the property is certified Bush Fire Prone Land, any new planting may be managed in accordance with Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019.

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, details shall be submitted to the Principal Certifier, certifying that the landscape works have been completed in accordance with any conditions of consent.

Reason: Environmental amenity.

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

Landscape Maintenance

If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components. Trees, shrubs and groundcovers required to be planted under this consent are to be mulched, watered and fertilised as required at the time of planting. If any tree, shrub or groundcover required to be planted under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar species to maintain the landscape theme and be generally in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan and any conditions of consent.

The approved landscape area shall in perpetuity remain as planting under the development consent, and shall not be replaced with any hard paved surfaces or structures.

Reason: To maintain local environmental amenity.