

## Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

<b>Application Number:</b>	DA2024/1327
<b>Proposed Development:</b>	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house including secondary dwelling, garage and lift
<b>Date:</b>	24/10/2024
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Anne-Marie Young
<b>Land to be developed (Address):</b>	Lot 401 DP 19651 , 7 Pacific Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

### 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 Biodiversity Referrals team have assessed the Development Application for compliance against the following applicable provisions:

- Pittwater 21 DCP cl. B4.5 Landscape and Flora and Fauna Enhancement Category 3 Land

An Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Treeism, August 2024) was submitted with the application. The Arborist assessed seven trees located within the boundaries of the subject lot. Two trees are proposed for removal including Tree 4 and Tree 5, both of which are locally native *Syzygium australe*. No objections to the removal of these trees, subject to their replacement at a 2:1 ratio. Replacement species are to be selected from Council's Native Planting Guide.

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 SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE**

### **No Clearing of Vegetation**

Unless otherwise exempt, no vegetation is to be cleared prior to issue of a Construction Certificate.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifier prior to issue of Construction Certificate.

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

## **CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK**

### **Wildlife Protection**

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

Reason: To protect native wildlife.

### **Protection of Habitat Features**

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed during the construction works, except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

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

### **Replacement of Canopy Trees**

At least 4 locally native canopy trees are to be planted on the site to replace protected trees approved for removal. Species are to have a minimum mature height of 8.5m and be consistent with the Native Planting Guide 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 by a qualified landscape architect, and details submitted to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To establish appropriate native landscaping.

### **No Weeds Imported On To The Site**

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan) are to be imported on to the site prior to or during construction works.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To reduce the risk of site works contributing to spread of Priority and environmental weeds.