

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2022/0494
Date:	07/06/2022
Responsible Officer:	Thomas Prosser
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 6 DP 209493 , 35 Therry Street AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

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

Additional Information Comment 07/06/2022:

Landscape Referral has been made aware the Arboricultural Impact Assessment prepared by Our Garden Path (08/03/2022) shall be the assessable report for the application. As outlined in the AIA, trees 1 to 6 will be required to be removed for the proposed works. Should the development application be approved, trees 1 to 6 are exempt species thus do not require consent for their removal. All other trees assessed in the AIA are proposed to be retained and as such the recommendations for tree protection are supported, subject to the imposed conditions.

Any new landscaping should be implemented in accordance with the Asset Protection Zone requirements as specified within Appendix 4 of Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019, and the recommendations of the Bushfire Assessment Report.

Original Comment:

The development application is for construction of a secondary dwelling, and associated works, as described and illustrated in the reports and plans.

Council's Landscape Referral section have assessed the application against the Pittwater Local Environment Plan, and the following Pittwater 21 DCP controls (but not limited to):

- B4.7 Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest – Endangered Ecological Community
- B4.22 Preservation of Trees and Bushland Vegetation
- C1.1 Landscaping
- D1 Avalon Beach Locality

Two Arboricultural Impact Assessments (AIA) are included in the application and for clarity Landscape Referral will be referring to the AIA prepared by rainTree Consulting. It is noted the proposal requires the removal of exempt palms, T5 and T6, and all other trees are proposed to be retained and protected. Landscape Referral supports the tree protection recommendations in the AIA subject to the imposed conditions. A project Arborist shall be engaged to supervise all works within tree protection zones as recommended in the AIA. A mature garden exists within the front setback, adjacent to the road reserve,

which shall be protected during the works to help satisfy D1.1 of Pittwater DCP.

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 SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION
CERTIFICATE**

Pier Footing Design Near Trees to be Retained

Pier footing structural layout plans for the secondary dwelling shall be developed in co-ordination with an Arborist with AQF minimum Level 5 qualifications in arboriculture, and a qualified Structural Engineer, following a tree root mapping investigation near existing tree(s) identified in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment as tree numbers 8 and 9, to locate critical tree roots and recommend pier footing locations for the construction of the secondary dwelling. The Arborist shall review, comment, recommend design revision as required and approve the pier footing layout, to ensure the locations of piers will be manageable in terms of tree protection measures.

A non-destructive root investigation shall be conducted complying with clause 3.3.4 of AS 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites.

The Arborist shall submit certification to the Certifying Authority, that the locations of the pier and post footings are accepted. The agreed footing structural layout plans shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority for approval prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

Reason: Tree protection.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Project Arborist

A Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall be engaged to provide tree protection measures in accordance with Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, and the recommendations of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment prepared by Our Garden Path.

The Project Arborist shall be in attendance and supervise all works as nominated in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, and in particular:

- i) tree protection measures under section 5 Conclusions and Recommendations and 6 Site Specific Tree Protection,
- ii) works under section 6 Site Specific Tree Protection,
- iii) any landscaping works within the TPZ of existing trees to be retained.

Existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by the Project Arborist.

All tree protection measures specified must:

- a) be in place before work commences on the site, and
- b) be maintained in good condition during the construction period, and
- c) remain in place for the duration of the construction works.

The Project Arborist shall provide certification to the Certifying Authority that all recommendations listed for the protection of the existing tree(s) have been carried out satisfactorily to ensure no impact to the health of the tree(s). Photographic documentation of the condition of all trees to be retained shall be recorded, including at commencement, during the works and at completion.

Note:

- i) A separate permit or development consent may be required if the branches or roots of a protected tree on the site or on an adjoining site are required to be pruned or removed.
- ii) Any potential impact to trees as assessed by the Project Arborist will require redesign of any approved component to ensure existing trees upon the subject site and adjoining properties are preserved and shall be the subject of a modification application where applicable.

Reason: Tree protection.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Protection of Existing Street Trees

All existing street trees in the vicinity of the works shall be retained during all construction stages, and the street tree fronting the development site shall be protected by tree protection fencing in accordance with Section 4 of Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites.

All street trees within the road verge are protected under Northern Beaches Council development control plans, except where Council's written consent for removal has been obtained. The felling, lopping, topping, ringbarking, or removal of any tree(s) is prohibited.

No excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of street trees.

Should any problems arise with regard to the existing or proposed trees on public land during construction, Council's Tree Services section is to be contacted immediately to resolve the matter to Council's satisfaction and at the cost of the applicant.

Reason: Street tree protection.

Tree and Vegetation Protection

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

- i) all trees and vegetation within the site, excluding exempt trees and vegetation under the relevant planning instruments of legislation,
- ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- iii) all road reserve trees and vegetation,

b) Tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:

- i) tree protection shall be in accordance with Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, including the provision of temporary fencing to protect existing trees within 5 metres of development,
- ii) existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained,

unless authorised by an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
iii) removal of existing tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter is not permitted without consultation with an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
iv) 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,
v) structures are to bridge tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter unless directed by an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture on site,
vi) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree protection zone, without consultation with an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture including advice on root protection measures,
vii) should either or all of v) or vi) occur during site establishment and construction works, an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist to the Certifying Authority,
viii) any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree or any other tree to be retained during the construction works is to be undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites,
ix) tree pruning from within the site to enable approved works shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with Australian Standard 4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees, and should additional pruning be required an application to Council's Tree Services shall be submitted for approval or otherwise.

The Certifying Authority must ensure that:

c) The activities listed in section 4.2 of Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, do not occur within the tree protection zone of any tree, and any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree, or any other tree to be retained on the site during the construction, is undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of that standard.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

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

Condition of Retained Vegetation - Project Arborist

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a report prepared by the project arborist shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority, assessing the health and impact on all existing trees required to be retained, including the following information:

- i) compliance to any Arborist recommendations for tree protection generally and during excavation works,
- ii) extent of damage sustained by vegetation as a result of the construction works,
- iii) any subsequent remedial works required to ensure the long term retention of the vegetation.

Reason: Tree protection.