

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2018/1602
Responsible Officer	Adam Urbancic
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 121 DP 12749 , 57 Robertson Road SCOTLAND ISLAND NSW 2105

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 Bushland & Biodiversity division has assessed the proposal against Pittwater LEP 2014 Control 7.6 Biodiversity Protection & Pittwater 21 DCP 2014 Control B1.4 Aboriginal Heritage Significance, B4.7 Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest EEC, B4.15 Saltmarsh EEC and believes the proposed development complies subject to conditions, as recommended.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Fencing for Wildlife Passage

Any new fencing (with the exception of swimming pool fencing) is to be made passable to native wildlife. Hole dimensions are to be a minimum of 150mm wide x 100mm high at ground level spaced at 6 metre intervals.

Reason: Management of wildlife corridors

Arborist Recommendations to be Implemented

As there are existing trees to be retained within 5 metres of proposed development works, all recommendations as outlined in the supplied arborist report by Syncarpia Vegetation Management- Julia Stanton, dated September 2018 are required to be complied with before and throughout the

development period, particularly with regard to the following:

- a) Works, erection/demolition of structures, excavation or changes to soil levels within 5 metres of existing trees are not permitted unless part of the development as approved, and the storage of spoil, building materials, soil or the driving and parking of any vehicle or machinery within 5 metres of the trunk of a tree to be retained is not permitted;
- b) Where specified, tree guards are to be provided to all trees as indicated in the report, and are to be installed prior to the commencement of any work on the site. Tree guard materials and dimensions are specified in the arborist report;
- c) All works within 5 metres of existing trees including demolition, excavation, civil works, fencing and the like must be carried out by hand and under the supervision of an experienced and suitably qualified arborist. In the event that roots in excess of 40mm are encountered, the project arborist is to advise the builder to carry out appropriate action to ensure the retention of the tree.
- d) Signage is to be erected advising all contractors and visitors to the site that no works or storage is to take place within the calculated Tree Protection Zone (TPZ) of existing trees.

Any changes or alterations made to the tree management recommendations as outlined by the arborist report due to the discovery of new structural roots or underground services during development works must be reported to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to works recommencing.

Reason: To ensure the retention of the Urban Forest/Natural Environment and remain consistent with approved reports.

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.

Retention of Natural Features

All natural landscape features, including natural rock outcrops, natural vegetation, soil and watercourses, are to remain undisturbed except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To ensure the retention of natural features.

Tree Retention

In accordance with Pittwater 21 DCP Control B4.22 Protection of Trees and Bushland Vegetation, all existing trees as indicated in the Survey Plan authored by Stephan Crosby & Associates, dated August 2018, Site Plan & Elevations, drawing no. 2228-DA-01 shall be retained except where Council's prior written consent has been obtained, for trees that stand within the envelope of approved development areas and removal is approved through an arborist report. For all other tree issues not related to a development application, applications must be made to Council's Tree Management Officers.

Reason: To ensure the retention of the Urban Forest/Natural Environment.

Retention of Natural Ground Levels

The natural ground levels of private open space areas are not to be altered.

Reason: To reduce impacts on surrounding vegetation.

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.

Provision of Screen Planting

Screen planting, i.e planting of creepers/climbers along the steel section of the fence within the MHWM with locally native species is required. This screen planting is to be retained over the life of the development and replaced if any part of it should die or be destroyed or removed.

Reason: To retain privacy &/or soften the built form.