

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/0779
Date:	14/09/2020
Responsible Officer	Penny Wood
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 18 DP 21687 , 49 Elaine Avenue AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

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 alterations and additions will not remove any significant vegetation, and maintains the existing plantings throughout the site will be maintained. Although the site is mapped under P21 DCP as Littoral Rainforest - Endangered Ecological Community, item B4.17 does not apply as the works are proposed on parts of the site identified as not containing Littoral Rainforest, is unlikely to impact Littoral Rainforest on the site or adjoining properties, and there will be no net loss of Littoral Rainforest vegetation. The rear portion of the site is mapped as Biodiversity under PLEP 2014, however the proposed alterations and additions will not occur within the mapped area and the development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid any significant adverse environmental impact.

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:

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.

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/>).

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