

Natural Environment Referral Response - Coastal

Application Number:	Mod2019/0480
Responsible Officer	Kent Bull
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 2 DP 878612 , 127 Riverview Road AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for land located within the Coastal Zone.

And as such, Council's Natural Environment Unit officers are required to consider the likely impacts on drainage regimes.

Officer comments

The application has been assessed in consideration of the Coastal Management Act 2016, State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018 and has also been assessed against requirements of the Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP.

Coastal Management Act 2016

The subject site has been identified as being within the coastal zone and therefore *Coastal Management Act 2016* is applicable to the proposed development.

The proposed development is in line with the objects, as set out under Clause 3 of the *Coastal Management Act 2016*.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018

As the subject site has been identified as being within the coastal zone and therefore SEPP (Coastal Management) 2018 is also applicable to the proposed development.

The subject land has been included on the 'Coastal Environment Area' and 'Coastal Use Area' maps but not been included on the Coastal Vulnerability Area Map under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018 (CM SEPP). Hence, Clauses 13, 14 and 15 of the CM SEPP apply for this Modifications..

Comment:

As assessed in the submitted Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) report prepared by Vaughan Milligan Development Consulting Ltd. dated October 2018 and Council accepts the assessment, the Modification Application satisfies requirements under clauses 13, 14 and 15 of the CM SEPP.

As such, it is considered that the application does comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018.

Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP

The subject property has also been identified as affected by estuarine wave action and tidal inundation on Council's Estuarine Hazard Mapping. As such, the Estuarine Risk Management Policy for Development in Pittwater (Appendix 7, Pittwater 21 DCP) and the relevant B3.7 Estuarine Hazard Controls will apply to any proposed development of the site.

Estuarine Risk Management

In accordance with the Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study (2015), a base estuarine planning level (EPL) of RL2.71m AHD would apply at the subject site. A reduction factor (RF) based upon the distance from the foreshore of proposed development may also apply at a rate of 0.06m reduction to the EPL for every 5.00m distance from the foreshore edge up to a maximum distance of 40.00m.

As assessed in the submitted Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) report prepared by Vaughan Milligan Development Consulting Ltd. dated October 2018 and also as assessed in the submitted Coastal Engineering Review prepared by Coastal Environment Pty. Ltd. dated 20/07/2018 and Council accepts the assessment. With the possible exception of the lower section of the relocated inclinor, development the subject of this application is proposed to be constructed above the adopted EPL.

The proposed development is therefore subject to conditions to satisfy the relevant estuarine risk management requirements of P21 DCP.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Refusal comments

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

**CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION
CERTIFICATE**

Estuarine Hazard Design Requirements

The following applies to all development:

All development or activities must be designed and constructed such that they will not increase the level of risk from estuarine processes for any people, assets or infrastructure in surrounding properties; they will not adversely affect estuarine processes; they will not be adversely affected by estuarine processes.

To ensure Council's recommended flood evacuation strategy of 'shelter-in-place', it will need to be demonstrated that there is safe pedestrian access to a 'safe haven' above the Estuarine Planning Level.

Reason: To minimise potential hazards associated with development in an estuarine habitat.

Estuarine Planning Level Requirements

An Estuarine Planning Level (EPL) of 2.71m AHD has been adopted by Council for the subject site and shall be applied to all development proposed below this level as follows:

- All structural elements below 2.71m AHD shall be of flood compatible materials;
- All electrical equipment, wiring, fuel lines or any other service pipes and connections must be located either above 2.71m AHD or waterproofed to this level; and
- The storage of toxic or potentially polluting goods, chemicals or materials, which may be hazardous or pollute the waterway, is not permitted below 2.71m AHD.
- All interior power supplies (including electrical fittings, outlets and switches) must be located at or above 2.71m AHD. All exterior power supplies (including electrical fittings, outlets and switches) shall be located at or above 2.71m AHD to avoid the likelihood of contact with splashing waves and spray.

Reason: To ensure aspect of the development are built at the appropriate level

Compliance with Estuarine Risk Management Report

The development is to comply with all recommendations of the Coastal Engineering Review Report prepared by Coastal Environment Pty. Ltd., dated 20/7/2018 and these recommendations are to be incorporated into construction plans.

Reason: To minimise potential hazards associated with development in an estuarine habitat.