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RE: DA2019/0677 - 11 Woolgoolga Street NORTH BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

Assessing Officer

Submission Considerations;

1) Privacy; the removal of the previous fencing and shrubbery for the instillation of the new swim spa has significantly reduced our privacy making our backyard and two back bedrooms visible to both No.11 and No.9 Woolgoolga. This was not previously the case.

Information I would like to understand concerning this;

- a) The proposed privacy screen that backs on to our property (8 Coramba) is 1.6m high. What is this height versus the current temporary screen that is in place and the previous fence?
- b) With the additional height of the decking will a person of average height be able to stand on the deck and see over the proposed privacy screen into our backyard?
- c) The proposed privacy screen facing No.9 Woolgoolga is 1.8m, why is that higher than the back-privacy screen and how does that compare to the previous tree height that was removed to install the swim spa?

2) Sound; the removal of the previous fencing and shrubbery for the instillation of the new swim spa has resulted in significantly increasing the amount of household sound that now travels into our backyard from the above neighbours. Unfortunately, the sound travels down into our backyard where previously neighbour household noise was almost inaudible. Further the addition of the swim spa close to the fence line means the sound of people enjoying the spa with limited fencing means that sounds travels across our backyard and into our house.

Information I would like to understand concerning this;

- a) Will any consideration be given to sound proofing the area and rear privacy screen?

2) Aesthetics; The previous fence line was covered in a vine and looked great from our yard, obviously this is still a possibility over time with the new privacy screen but in the interim I am concerned about the look of the new fence line.

Information I would like to understand concerning this;

- a) What materials will be used to construct the new privacy screen? Appreciate an effort was made to make the temporary screen look acceptable.
- b) The proposed height of the balustrade on the privacy screen is 1m. Will this balustrade be visible to our yard and if so, can a double-sided fence be constructed? i.e. can we avoid looking at a balustrade as our yard looks directly at the fence line.

We have no intention of being unreasonable but the addition of the swim spa and ensuing privacy screen has been a significant impost on our privacy and yard noise hence I am keen to understand the proposed development in more detail.

Please keep in mind that No.13 Woolgoolga (directly behind our property at 8 Coramba) has recently been demolished for a rebuild and our privacy from that development is also being challenged as tradesman almost daily look over the fence line into our backyard and main bedroom. Nothing like waking up in the morning to a man in high vis staring down at you! I appreciate that is unrelated but exacerbating our concerns.

Best Regards,
Richard Sweet