

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/0198
Date:	16/04/2020
Responsible Officer	Gareth David
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 2 DP 1118329 , 43 C Edgecliffe Boulevarde COLLAROY PLATEAU NSW 2097

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 following biodiversity-related controls of the Warringah DCP apply to the subject site:

- E1 Preservation of Trees or Bushland Vegetation
- E2 Prescribed Vegetation
- E3 Threatened species, populations, ecological communities listed under State or Commonwealth legislation, or High Conservation Habitat
- E4 Wildlife Corridors
- E5 Native Vegetation
- E6 Retaining unique environmental features

The proposal seeks to remove a significant prescribed native tree which is the only tree on site and is likely to provide foraging resources for threatened species and other wildlife. Removal of this tree has not been justified by an arboricultural assessment and no provision has been made for replacement plantings to compensate for its removal. Given that the assessed controls seek to conserve existing native vegetation and wildlife habitat by designing and siting developments to avoid and minimise impacts, it is considered that the proposal does not comply with the controls.

The proposal is therefore unsupported.

Note: Should you have any concerns with the referral comments above, please discuss these with the Responsible Officer.

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

Nil.