

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2021/0545
Date:	19/07/2021
Responsible Officer	Alex Keller
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 806 DP 752038 , 8 Lady Penrhyn Drive BEACON HILL NSW 2100

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 application seeks approval for the construction of a new building in the existing retirement village, including new soft landscaping. Council's Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity referral team have reviewed the application for consistency against the relevant environmental legislation and controls, including:

- Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act)
- Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2000
- B2 Oxford Falls Valley Locality

The application does not require the removal of prescribed trees or vegetation, nor is it likely to impact on nearby biodiversity values. NEU-Biodiversity have no objections to the proposed landscaping (Paul Scrivener Landscape 2021). Subject to conditions the Bushland and Biodiversity referral team find the application to be consistent against relevant environmental controls.

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:

**CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE
OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE**

Certification of Landscape Plan

Landscaping is to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plans (Paul Scrivener Landscape 2021) and these conditions of consent.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be prepared by the landscape architect and provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of the Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the requirement to retain and protect significant planting on the site.

ON-GOING CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES**Protection of Habitat Features**

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

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

Replacement of Canopy Trees

Tree plantings required under this consent are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life.

Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree.

Reason: To replace locally native trees.

Maintenance of Asset Protection Zones

Vegetation clearing for ongoing APZ maintenance must only occur within the surveyed and marked APZ boundaries. No clearing is to be undertaken outside of the APZ boundaries.

Reason: To protect native vegetation and wildlife.