

Natural Environment Referral Response - Coastal

Application Number:	DA2025/0603
Proposed Development:	Construction of an inclinor and associated works
Date:	19/06/2025
Responsible Officer	Brittany Harrison
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 1 DP 1180405 , 33 Sturdee Lane ELVINA BAY NSW 2105 Lot LIC 645182 , 31 Sturdee Lane ELVINA BAY NSW 2105 Lot 2 DP 1180405 , 31 Sturdee Lane ELVINA BAY NSW 2105

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 (Resilience & Hazards) 2021 and has also been assessed against requirements of the Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP.

This referral has focussed on the impact of the proposal on coastal processes and hazards. The assessment of compliance with controls applying to visual amenity, scenic qualities or aesthetic appearance of the foreshore or surrounding coastal environment will be undertaken by the development assessment officer assessing this development application.

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 (Resilience & Hazards) 2021

The subject land has been included on the 'Coastal Environment Area' and 'Coastal Use Area' maps under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021 (SEPP R & H). Hence, Clauses 2.10, 2.11 and 2.12 of the CM (R & H) apply for this DA.

Comment:

On internal assessment, the DA satisfies requirements under clauses 2.10, 2.11 and 2.12 of the SEPP R&H. As such, it is considered that the application is generally consistent with the requirements of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021.

Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP

Estuarine Risk Management

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.

In accordance with the Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study (2015), a base estuarine planning level (EPL) of RL 2.71m 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.

On internal assessment, part of the proposed development is below the derived EPL for the site. The proposed development is therefore subject to conditions to satisfy the relevant estuarine risk management requirements of P21 DCP.

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 TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

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:

1. All structural elements below 2.71m AHD shall be of flood compatible materials;
2. 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
3. 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.

Reason: To ensure vulnerable components of the development are built at the appropriate level.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Installation and Maintenance of Sediment and Erosion Control

Sediment and erosion controls must be installed in accordance with Landcom's 'Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction' (2004). Techniques used for erosion and sediment control on site are to be adequately maintained and monitored at all times, particularly after periods of rain, and shall remain in proper operation until all development activities have been completed and the site is sufficiently stabilised with vegetation.

Reason: To protect the surrounding environment from the effects of sedimentation and erosion from the site

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Stockpiling materials

During construction, all material associated with works is to be contained at source, covered and must be within the construction area. All material is to be removed off site and disposed of according to local regulations. The property is to be kept clean and any building debris removed as frequently as required to ensure no debris enters receiving waters.

Reason: To ensure pollution control measures are effective to protect the aquatic habitats within receiving waters throughout the construction period.

Pollution Control

All stockpiles, materials, waste and slurry associated with works (including excavated material) is to be contained at source within the construction area and enclosed in waterproof covering and/or sediment and erosion control while not in use. All waste/debris is to be removed off site and disposed of as frequently as required in accordance to local regulations.

Reason: To protect the surrounding environment, and ensure that pollutants and building associated waste do not leave the construction site.