Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2019/1054

Responsible Officer	Adam Urbancic
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 121 DP 12749 , 57 Robertson Road SCOTLAND ISLAND NSW 2105

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

This application was assessed against Pittwater LEP Biodiversity and Pittwater DCP B4.7 Pittwater Spotted Gum EEC.

The proposal is for the construction of a new fence. No trees are proposed for removal.

Council's Natural Environment - Biodiversity section supports the application, subject to conditions.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Tree Protection during work - No Works within 5m/calculated Tree Protection Zone (TPZ)
The developer or contractor will take all measures to prevent damage to trees and root systems during site works and construction activities including provision of water, sewerage and stormwater drainage services. In particular, works, erection of structures, excavation or changes to soil levels within 5 metres of the trunks or the calculated TPZ of trees to be retained are not permitted, and the storage of spoil, building materials, soils or the driving or parking of any vehicle or machinery within 5 metres of the trunk or the calculated TPZ of a tree to be retained, is not permitted.

Reason: To protect and retain trees/the natural environment proposed for retention.

CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE

OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

Protection of Trees To Be Retained

All existing trees and trees on adjoining lands (except exempt trees) which are not approved for removal are to be retained. The following general tree protection measures are to be complied with:

- no tree roots greater than 50mm diameter are to be cut from protected trees unless authorised by the project arborist;
- all structures are to bridge tree roots greater than 50mm diameter unless directed otherwise by the project arborist;
- all tree protection measures are to be in accordance with AS4970-2009 'Protection of Trees on Development Sites';
- all tree pruning within the subject site is to be in accordance with AS 4373-2007 'Pruning of Amenity Trees' and AS4970-2009 'Protection of Trees on Development Sites';
- all tree protection measures are to be in place prior to commencement of works.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To protect trees proposed for retention in accordance with natural environment controls.

ON-GOING CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES

No Planting Environmental Weeds

No environmental weeds are to be planted on the site. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/).

Reason: Weed management.

Works to cease if item found

If any Aboriginal Engravings or Relics are unearthed all work is to cease immediately and the Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) and Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) are to be notified.

Reason: To protect Aboriginal Heritage.

Dead or Injured Wildlife

If construction activity associated with this development results in injury or death of a native mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian, a registered wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organisation must be contacted for advice.

Reason: To mitigate potential impacts to native wildlife resulting from construction activity.