

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2019/0191
Responsible Officer	Adam Croft
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 22 DP 739842 , 2 A West Street BALGOWLAH NSW 2093

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

Vegetation on the site comprises a degraded form of Coastal Sandstone Gully Forest. Key biodiversity impacts relate to proposed removal of existing native trees. Council's Senior Landscape Architect has recommended conditions of consent for protection of significant trees. It is considered that the proposal will not have a significant impact to biodiversity, subject to recommended conditions.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Pre-clearance Survey Required

A pre-clearance survey for native wildlife is required prior to the removal of any vegetation, material or debris stockpiles. Clearing may only proceed if the survey concludes that no wildlife are present within the area to be cleared. Machinery may only be used once it has been confirmed that no wildlife are sheltering within the area to be cleared. A record of each inspection is to be made in the daily inspection register log-book. The log-book is to be made available to the Principal Certifying Authority.

Reason: To avoid injury or death of native wildlife which may be utilising stockpiles of vegetation, materials or debris.

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.

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.