

APPLICATION FOR MODIFICATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

Application Number:	Mod2020/0359
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Responsible Officer:	Thomas Prosser
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot A DP 431747, 1131 Barrenjoey Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108
Proposed Development:	Modification of Development Consent N0356/08 granted for redevelopment of the property for the purposes of a new single dwelling that incorporates partial retention of existing structure
Zoning:	E4 Environmental Living RE1 Public Recreation
Development Permissible:	Yes
Existing Use Rights:	No
Consent Authority:	Northern Beaches Council
Land and Environment Court Action:	No
Owner:	Joseph Edward Chadwick Deborah Bonnie Chadwick
Applicant:	Lance Doyle

Application Lodged:	12/08/2020
Integrated Development:	No
Designated Development:	No
State Reporting Category:	Residential - Alterations and additions
Notified:	21/08/2020 to 04/09/2020
Advertised:	Not Advertised
Submissions Received:	0
Clause 4.6 Variation:	Nil
Recommendation:	Approval

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN DETAIL

The proposal is to modify the development consent to provide for an as-built rear spa area with steps and a wall.

ASSESSMENT INTRODUCTION

The application has been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the associated Regulations. In this regard:

- An assessment report and recommendation has been prepared (the subject of this report)

taking into account all relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and the associated regulations;

- A site inspection was conducted and consideration has been given to the impacts of the development upon the subject site and adjoining, surrounding and nearby properties;
- Notification to adjoining and surrounding properties, advertisement (where required) and referral to relevant internal and external bodies in accordance with the Act, Regulations and relevant Development Control Plan;
- A review and consideration of all submissions made by the public and community interest groups in relation to the application;
- A review and consideration of all documentation provided with the application (up to the time of determination);
- A review and consideration of all referral comments provided by the relevant Council Officers, State Government Authorities/Agencies and Federal Government Authorities/Agencies on the proposal.

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ISSUES

Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan - C1.5 Visual Privacy

Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan - D12.6 Side and rear building line

SITE DESCRIPTION

Property Description:	Lot A DP 431747 , 1131 Barrenjoey Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108
Detailed Site Description:	<p>The subject site consists of an allotment located on the western side of Barrenjoey Road.</p> <p>The site is regular in shape with a frontage of 11.5m along Barrenjoey Road and a depth of 60m. The site has an approximate area of 690m².</p> <p>The site is located within the E4 Environmental Living zone and accommodates a dwelling house on site.</p> <p>The site is relative flat and adjoins Pittwater at the rear.</p> <p>Detailed Description of Adjoining/Surrounding Development</p> <p>Adjoining and surrounding development is characterised by residential development.</p>

Map:



SITE HISTORY

The land has been used for residential purposes for an extended period of time. A search of Council's records has revealed the following relevant history:

- N0156/00 - Sole occupancy dwelling approved on 17.09.01.
- N0955/02 - Addition of ground and first floor decks and pergola refused on 20.12.02.
- N0356/08 - Redevelopment of the property for the purposes of a new single dwelling that incorporates partial retention of existing structure approved on 27.03.2009. This is the consent in which this application seeks to modify.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979 (EPAA)

The relevant matters for consideration under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, are:

The application has been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the associated Regulations. In this regard:

- An assessment report and recommendation has been prepared and is attached taking into all relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and associated regulations;
- A site inspection was conducted and consideration has been given to the impacts of the development upon all lands whether nearby, adjoining or at a distance;
- Consideration was given to all documentation provided (up to the time of determination) by the applicant, persons who have made submissions regarding the application and any advice given by relevant Council / Government / Authority Officers on the proposal;

In this regard, the consideration of the application adopts the previous assessment detailed in the Assessment Report for N0356/08, in full, with amendments detailed and assessed as follows:

The relevant matters for consideration under Section 4.55(1A) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, are:

Section 4.55(1A) - Other Modifications	Comments
<p>A consent authority may, on application being made by the applicant or any other person entitled to act on a consent granted by the consent authority and subject to and in accordance with the regulations, modify the consent if:</p>	
<p>(a) it is satisfied that the proposed modification is of minimal environmental impact, and</p>	<p>Yes The modification, as proposed in this application, is considered to be of minimal environmental impact for the following reasons: The proposed spa area is in a location which is an existing and approved area used for private open space. The addition of a spa to this area will not cause substantial environmental impact, subject to a condition to mitigate privacy impact.</p>
<p>(b) it is satisfied that the development to which the consent as modified relates is substantially the same development as the development for which consent was originally granted and before that consent as originally granted was modified (if at all), and</p>	<p>The development, as proposed, has been found to be such that Council is satisfied that the proposed works are substantially the same as those already approved under N0356/08 for the following reasons: The proposal maintains the use of the site as a dwelling house and does not introduce any substantial bulk or substantial intensification of use through the addition of the spa. As such, the proposed development is considered to be substantially the same as was originally approved.</p>
<p>(c) it has notified the application in accordance with: (i) the regulations, if the regulations so require, or (ii) a development control plan, if the consent authority is a council that has made a development control plan under section 72 that requires the notification or advertising of applications for modification of a development consent, and</p>	<p>The application has been publicly exhibited in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000, Pittwater Local Environment Plan 2011 and Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan.</p>
<p>(d) it has considered any submissions made concerning the proposed modification within any period prescribed by the regulations or provided by the development control plan, as the case may be.</p>	<p>No submissions were received in relation to this application.</p>

Section 4.15 Assessment

In accordance with Section 4.55 (3) of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, in

determining an modification application made under Section 4.55 the consent authority must take into consideration such of the matters referred to in section 4.15 (1) as are of relevance to the development the subject of the application.

The relevant matters for consideration under Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979, are:

Section 4.15 'Matters for Consideration'	Comments
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(i) – Provisions of any environmental planning instrument	See discussion on “Environmental Planning Instruments” in this report.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(ii) – Provisions of any draft environmental planning instrument	Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Remediation of Land) seeks to replace the existing SEPP No. 55 (Remediation of Land). Public consultation on the draft policy was completed on 13 April 2018. The subject site has been used for residential purposes for an extended period of time. The proposed development retains the residential use of the site, and is not considered a contamination risk.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(iii) – Provisions of any development control plan	Pittwater Development Control Plan applies to this proposal.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(iiia) – Provisions of any planning agreement	None applicable.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(iv) – Provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (EP&A Regulation 2000)	<p><u>Division 8A</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the consent authority to consider Prescribed conditions of development consent. These matters have been addressed via a condition in the original consent.</p> <p><u>Clause 92</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the consent authority to consider AS 2601 - 1991: The Demolition of Structures. This clause is not relevant to this application.</p> <p><u>Clauses 93 and/or 94</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the consent authority to consider the upgrading of a building (including fire safety upgrade of development). This clause is not relevant to this application.</p> <p><u>Clause 98</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the consent authority to consider the provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA). This matter has been addressed via a condition in the original consent.</p>
Section 4.15 (1) (b) – the likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on the natural and built environment and social and economic impacts in the locality	<p>(i) Environmental Impact The environmental impacts of the proposed development on the natural and built environment are addressed under the Pittwater Development Control Plan section in this report.</p> <p>(ii) Social Impact The proposed development will not have a detrimental social impact in the locality considering the character of the proposal.</p>

Section 4.15 'Matters for Consideration'	Comments
	<p>(iii) Economic Impact The proposed development will not have a detrimental economic impact on the locality considering the nature of the existing and proposed land use.</p>
Section 4.15 (1) (c) – the suitability of the site for the development	The site is considered suitable for the proposed development.
Section 4.15 (1) (d) – any submissions made in accordance with the EPA Act or EPA Regs	See discussion on “Notification & Submissions Received” in this report.
Section 4.15 (1) (e) – the public interest	No matters have arisen in this assessment that would justify the refusal of the application in the public interest.

EXISTING USE RIGHTS

Existing Use Rights are not applicable to this application.

BUSHFIRE PRONE LAND

The site is not classified as bush fire prone land.

NOTIFICATION & SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

The subject development application has been publicly exhibited from 21/08/2020 to 04/09/2020 in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 and the relevant Development Control Plan.

As a result of the public exhibition of the application Council received no submissions.

REFERRALS

Internal Referral Body	Comments
NECC (Coast and Catchments)	<p>The modification application has been assessed in consideration of the Coastal Management Act 2016, State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018 and has also been assessed against requirements of the Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP.</p> <p>Coastal Management Act 2016 The subject site has been identified as being within the coastal zone and therefore <i>Coastal Management Act 2016</i> is applicable to the proposed development.</p> <p>The carried out development is in line with the objects, as set out under Clause 3 of the <i>Coastal Management Act 2016</i>.</p> <p>State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management)</p>

Internal Referral Body	Comments
	<p>2018</p> <p>As the subject site has been identified as being within the coastal zone and therefore SEPP (Coastal Management) 2018 is also applicable to the proposed development.</p> <p>The subject land has been included on the 'Coastal Environment Area' and 'Coastal Use Area' maps but not been included on the Coastal Vulnerability Area Map under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018 (CM SEPP). Hence, Clauses 13, 14 and 15 of the CM SEPP apply for this DA.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>On internal assessment, the DA satisfies requirements under clauses 13, 14 and 15 of the CM SEPP.</p> <p>As such, it is considered that the application does comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018.</p> <p>Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP</p> <p>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 B 3.7 Estuarine Hazard Controls will apply to any proposed development of the site.</p> <p>Estuarine Risk Management</p> <p>In accordance with the Pittwater Estuary Mapping of Sea Level Rise Impacts Study (2015), a base estuarine planning level (EPL) of RL 2.74m 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 0.08m reduction to the EPL for every 5.00m distance from the foreshore edge up to a maximum distance of 40.00m. It is estimated that the location of spa is approximately 25.00m. Hence the derived EPL is 2.34m AHD. The ground level of the spa is 2.38m AHD and tiled patio level is 2.69m AHD.</p>

Internal Referral Body	Comments
	<p>On internal assessment, the ground floor level of the constructed spa is above the applicable EPL for the site.</p> <p>The proposed development is therefore able to satisfy the relevant estuarine risk management requirements of P21 DCP.</p> <p>Development on Foreshore Area</p> <p>A section of the subject property is within the foreshore building line. Part 7, Clause 7.8 –Limited development on foreshore area of the Pittwater LEP 2014 applies for any development within the foreshore area.</p> <p>The Modification DA for constructed spa is partially located within the foreshore area. This work is consistent with Clause 7.8(2)(b).</p> <p>On internal assessment and as assessed in the submitted Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) report prepared by Lance Doyle dated July 2020, the DA satisfies the objectives and requirements of Part 7, Clause 7.8 of the Pittwater LEP 2014.</p>

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING INSTRUMENTS (EPIS)*

All, Environmental Planning Instruments (SEPPs, REPs and LEPs), Development Controls Plans and Council Policies have been considered in the merit assessment of this application.

In this regard, whilst all provisions of each Environmental Planning Instruments (SEPPs, REPs and LEPs), Development Controls Plans and Council Policies have been considered in the assessment, many provisions contained within the document are not relevant or are enacting, definitions and operational provisions which the proposal is considered to be acceptable against.

As such, an assessment is provided against the controls relevant to the merit consideration of the application hereunder.

State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) and State Regional Environmental Plans (SREPs)

SEPP 55 - Remediation of Land

Clause 7 (1) (a) of SEPP 55 requires the Consent Authority to consider whether land is contaminated. Council records indicate that the subject site has been used for residential purposes for a significant period of time with no prior land uses. In this regard it is considered that the site poses no risk of contamination and therefore, no further consideration is required under Clause 7 (1) (b) and (c) of SEPP 55 and the land is considered to be suitable for the residential land use.

SEPP (Coastal Management) 2018

11 Development on land in proximity to coastal wetlands or littoral rainforest

(1) Development consent must not be granted to development on land identified as “proximity area for coastal wetlands” or “proximity area for littoral rainforest” on the Coastal Wetlands and Littoral Rainforests Area Map unless the consent authority is satisfied that the proposed development will not significantly impact on:

(a) the biophysical, hydrological or ecological integrity of the adjacent coastal wetland or littoral rainforest, or

(b) the quantity and quality of surface and ground water flows to and from the adjacent coastal wetland or littoral rainforest.

Comment:

The alterations involve works involving a spa area to the rear of the site. This would not have an unreasonable impact on coastal wetlands or rainforest.

12 Development on land within the coastal vulnerability area

Development consent must not be granted to development on land that is within the area identified as “coastal vulnerability area” on the Coastal Vulnerability Area Map unless the consent authority is satisfied that:

(a) if the proposed development comprises the erection of a building or works—the building or works are engineered to withstand current and projected coastal hazards for the design life of the building or works, and

(b) the proposed development:

(i) is not likely to alter coastal processes to the detriment of the natural environment or other land, and

(ii) is not likely to reduce the public amenity, access to and use of any beach, foreshore, rock platform or headland adjacent to the proposed development, and

(iii) incorporates appropriate measures to manage risk to life and public safety from coastal hazards, and

(c) measures are in place to ensure that there are appropriate responses to, and management of, anticipated coastal processes and current and future coastal hazards.

Comment:

The proposal will not have a detrimental impact on the above and is not likely to alter coastal processes. This is a result of the lack of additional bulk proposed and the reasonable physical separation of the works from the coast.

13 Development on land within the coastal environment area

(1) Development consent must not be granted to development on land that is within the coastal environment area unless the consent authority has considered whether the proposed development is likely to cause an adverse impact on the following:

- (a) the integrity and resilience of the biophysical, hydrological (surface and groundwater) and ecological environment,
- (b) coastal environmental values and natural coastal processes,
- (c) the water quality of the marine estate (within the meaning of the Marine Estate Management Act 2014), in particular, the cumulative impacts of the proposed development on any of the sensitive coastal lakes identified in Schedule 1,
- (d) marine vegetation, native vegetation and fauna and their habitats, undeveloped headlands and rock platforms,
- (e) existing public open space and safe access to and along the foreshore, beach, headland or rock platform for members of the public, including persons with a disability,
- (f) Aboriginal cultural heritage, practices and places,
- (g) the use of the surf zone.

Comment:

The proposal will not have an adverse impact on the above as the proposed works do not involve excavation, substantial addition of bulk, or any other change to the natural environment which could cause an unreasonable impact on the coastal environment area.

(2) Development consent must not be granted to development on land to which this clause applies unless the consent authority is satisfied that:

- (a) the development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid an adverse impact referred to in subclause (1), or
- (b) if that impact cannot be reasonably avoided—the development is designed, sited and will be managed to minimise that impact, or
- (c) if that impact cannot be minimised—the development will be managed to mitigate that impact.

Comment:

This physical separation from the coastline along with the proposed works being maintained close to the existing siting of the dwelling, provides a circumstance in which potential impact is sufficiently minimised.

As such, it is considered that the application complies with the requirements of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018.

Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014

Is the development permissible?	Yes
After consideration of the merits of the proposal, is the development consistent with:	
aims of the LEP?	Yes
zone objectives of the LEP?	Yes

Compliance Assessment

Clause	Compliance with Requirements
4.3 Height of buildings	Yes

Clause	Compliance with Requirements
5.10 Heritage conservation	Yes
7.1 Acid sulfate soils	Yes
7.2 Earthworks	Yes
7.3 Flood planning	Yes
7.8 Limited development on foreshore area	Yes
7.10 Essential services	Yes

Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan

Compliance Assessment

Clause	Compliance with Requirements	Consistency Aims/Objectives
A1.7 Considerations before consent is granted	Yes	Yes
A4.12 Palm Beach Locality	Yes	Yes
B1.3 Heritage Conservation - General	Yes	Yes
B1.4 Aboriginal Heritage Significance	Yes	Yes
B3.11 Flood Prone Land	Yes	Yes
C1.1 Landscaping	Yes	Yes
C1.2 Safety and Security	Yes	Yes
C1.3 View Sharing	Yes	Yes
C1.4 Solar Access	Yes	Yes
C1.5 Visual Privacy	Yes	Yes
C1.6 Acoustic Privacy	Yes	Yes
C1.13 Pollution Control	Yes	Yes
C1.14 Separately Accessible Structures	Yes	Yes
C1.17 Swimming Pool Safety	Yes	Yes
D12.1 Character as viewed from a public place	Yes	Yes
D12.3 Building colours and materials	Yes	Yes
D12.5 Front building line	Yes	Yes
D12.6 Side and rear building line	No	Yes
D12.8 Building envelope	Yes	Yes
D12.11 Fences - General	Yes	Yes
D12.13 Construction, Retaining walls, terracing and undercroft areas	Yes	Yes
D12.14 Scenic Protection Category One Areas	Yes	Yes

Detailed Assessment

C1.5 Visual Privacy

A condition is imposed to ensure appropriate visual and acoustic privacy. This condition is as follows:

Condition 1B Privacy screening to spa area

The roll down screen is to be rolled down at all times when the spa area is in use.

Reason: To ensure appropriate privacy between the subject site and the neighbouring property.

D12.6 Side and rear building line

The proposed spa follows the approved setback of the existing dwelling at the southern elevation (0m). This does not comply with the numerical control. However, the location of the spa at the rear of the property and the imposition of a condition for screening to this spa ensures the area would not have any unreasonable visual impact or amenity impact. As such, the proposal is consistent with the underlying outcomes of the numerical control.

THREATENED SPECIES, POPULATIONS OR ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES

Refer to Assessment by Council's Natural Environment Unit elsewhere within this report.

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

The proposal is consistent with the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

POLICY CONTROLS

Northern Beaches Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2019

Section 7.12 contributions were levied on the Development Application.

CONCLUSION

The site has been inspected and the application assessed having regard to all documentation submitted by the applicant and the provisions of:

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000;
- All relevant and draft Environmental Planning Instruments;
- Pittwater Local Environment Plan;
- Pittwater Development Control Plan; and
- Codes and Policies of Council.

This assessment has taken into consideration the submitted plans, Statement of Environmental Effects, all other documentation supporting the application and public submissions, and does not result in any unreasonable impacts on surrounding, adjoining, adjacent and nearby properties subject to the conditions contained within the recommendation.

In consideration of the proposal and the merit consideration of the development, the proposal is considered to be:

- Consistent with the objectives of the DCP
- Consistent with the zone objectives of the LEP
- Consistent with the aims of the LEP

- Consistent with the objectives of the relevant EPIs
- Consistent with the objects of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

It is considered that the proposed development satisfies the appropriate controls and that all processes and assessments have been satisfactorily addressed.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council as the consent authority grant approval to Modification Application No. Mod2020/0359 for Modification of Development Consent N0356/08 granted for redevelopment of the property for the purposes of a new single dwelling that incorporates partial retention of existing structure on land at Lot A DP 431747, 1131 Barrenjoey Road, PALM BEACH, subject to the conditions printed below:

A. Add Condition No.1A - Modification of Consent - Approved Plans and supporting Documentation to read as follows:

The development must be carried out in compliance (except as amended by any other condition of consent) with the following:

a) Modification Approved Plans

Architectural Plans - Endorsed with Council's stamp		
Drawing No.	Dated	Prepared By
Identification Survey Sketch	2/06/2020	True North Surveys
Elevations of Spa Area	11/06/2020	True North Surveys

Reason: To ensure the work is carried out in accordance with the determination of Council and approved plans.

B. Add Condition 1B Privacy screening to spa area for to read as follows:

The roll down screen is to be rolled down at all times when the spa area is in use.

Reason: To ensure appropriate privacy between the subject site and the neighbouring property.

In signing this report, I declare that I do not have a Conflict of Interest.

Signed



Thomas Prosser, Planner

The application is determined on 15/12/2020, under the delegated authority of:



Lashta Haidari, Acting Development Assessment Manager