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### Heritage Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2017/0591
То:	Daniel Milliken
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 2 DP 10757, 1138 Pittwater Road COLLAROY NSW 2097
	Lot 1 DP 10757, 1140 Pittwater Road COLLAROY NSW 2097
	Lot 1 DP 170202, 1126 Pittwater Road COLLAROY NSW 2097
	Lot 6 DP 111254, 1142 Pittwater Road COLLAROY NSW 2097
	Lot 7 DP 111254, 1144 Pittwater Road COLLAROY NSW 2097
	Lot 7351 DP 1166942, Pittwater Road COLLAROY NSW 2097
	Lot A DP 167490 , 1128 Pittwater Road COLLAROY NSW 2097
	Lot 1 DP 121939, 1130 Pittwater Road COLLAROY NSW 2097
	Lot 5 DP 10757, 1132 Pittwater Road COLLAROY NSW 2097
	Lot 4 DP 10757, 1134 Pittwater Road COLLAROY NSW 2097
	Lot 3 DP 10757, 1136 Pittwater Road COLLAROY NSW 2097

#### Officer comments

HERITAGE COMMENTS

Discussion of reason for referral

This application does not apply to a heritage item or conservation area listed in Schedule 5 of Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011, nor are the works located within the vicinity of any listed heritage items or conservation areas.

It is understood that this application has been referred due to the presence of WWII Tank Traps on Collaroy Beach, which were uncovered during the recent storms. These structures may be of heritage significance, but they have not been assessed and are not currently listed as a heritage item.

Details of heritage items affected

No listed heritage items or conservation areas are affected.

The WWII Tank Traps are concrete pyramid structures which were uncovered at the end of Frazer Street, during the storms in June 2016. These tetrahedron structures were used during WWII to impede invasion. On the Northern Beaches they were placed along beach fronts to stop enemy sea invasion. As mentioned, these Tank Traps have not undergone a heritage assessment. Research has revealed that tank traps were placed on the Collaroy beachfront in February 1946 to protect properties that had been affected by a major storm in June 1945.

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Therefore the Tank Traps uncovered at the end of Frazer Street by the 2016 storm, may not be insitu, as they would have been originally been placed during WWII. It is likely that they were more separated along the beachfront, but relocated into one spot in 1946 to protect certain properties. The storm of 1946 appears to have affected an area to the south of the most recently affected area, and therefore south of the area where this new seawall is proposed. This correlates with the uncovering of the Tank Trap concrete structures at the end of Frazer Street.

Other relevant heritage listings		
Sydney Regional	NO	Comment if applicable
Environmental Plan (Sydney		
Harbour Catchment) 2005		
Australian Heritage Register	NO	
NSW State Heritage Register	NO	
National Trust of Aust (NSW) Register	NO	
RAIA Register of 20th Century Buildings of Significance	NO	
Other	No	
Consideration of Application		

This application proposes the construction of a seawall between Ramsay Street and Stuart Street, Collaroy, on the seaward side of 10 residential properties, to provide protection from storms.

As outlined, there are no known heritage items in the area affected by the proposed works, nor are there any listed heritage items within the vicinity of the proposed works. The Tank Traps uncovered in the June 2016 storm were located at the end of Frazer Street, some 140 metres south of these proposed works. While no assessment has been undertaken of these structures, it is likely that they may be of local heritage significance.

It is considered unlikely that the proposed seawall construction will impact upon these concrete WWII Tank Trap structures, given their location. It is also considered unlikely that any Tank Traps will be uncovered in the area subject to the proposed works, given that when the area was exposed during the June 2016 storms, no such structures were uncovered.

Therefore, **no heritage objections are raised to this application**, however, it might be prudent to **add a condition** to the effect that should any concrete WWII Tank Trap structures be uncovered during construction, that work stop so that the structures can be assessed by an appropriately qualified heritage specialist.

Consider against the provisions of CL5.10 of WLEP.

Is a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Required? NO Has a CMP been provided? N/A Is a Heritage Impact Statement required? NO Has a Heritage Impact Statement been provided? N/A

**Further Comments** 

**COMPLETED BY: Janine Formica, Principal Planner** 

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### Recommended Heritage Advisor Conditions:

Nil.