

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

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| Application Number: | DA2020/1574 |
| Date: | 02/02/2021 |
| Responsible Officer | Lashta Haidari |
| Land to be developed (Address): | Lot 80 DP 11784 , 12 Ingleside Road INGLESIDE NSW 2101 |

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

Council's biodiversity referrals team have assessed the development application for compliance against the following relevant provisions:

- Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 Biodiversity Protection
- Pittwater 21 DCP Clause B4.1 Flora and Fauna Conservation Category 1 Land
- Pittwater 21 DCP Clause B4.11 Land Adjoining Bushland
- Pittwater 21 DCP Clause B4.18 Heathland/Woodland Vegetation

The proposed development will require the removal of six (6) prescribed trees, including:

- Tree 6: *Eucalyptus botryoides*
- Tree 7: *Glochidion ferdinandi*
- Tree 8: *Glochidion ferdinandi*
- Tree 9: *Eucalyptus haemastoma*
- Tree 10: *Eucalyptus haemastoma*
- Tree 18: *Leptospermum grandiflorum*

The removal of these trees will be compensated by the planting of replacement trees at a 1:1 replacement ratio within proposed landscaping.

On internal assessment, Council's biodiversity referrals team are satisfied that the development application complies with the above mentioned provisions, subject to these conditions of consent.

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 THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Impacts to Protected Native Wildlife

Habitat for native wildlife including vegetation and trees to be removed are to be inspected for native wildlife prior to removal by a qualified Ecologist. If native wildlife is found within habitat to be removed, a registered wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organisation must be contacted for advice.

Any incidents in which native wildlife are injured or killed as a result of works are to be recorded, in addition to details of any action taken in response.

Written evidence of compliance (including records of inspections and any wildlife incidents) is to be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority.

Reason: To protect native wildlife.

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 protect native wildlife.

Temporary Protection Fencing – Exclusion Zones

Prior to the commencement of any works onsite, temporary mesh construction fencing is to be erected surrounding areas of retained native vegetation on the site as mapped in the approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Naturally Trees 2020).

Details demonstrating compliance must be prepared by the Project Ecologist and submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to any commencement.

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

**CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE
OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE**

Certification of Landscape Plan

Landscaping is to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plans (Clarendon Homes 2020) and these conditions of consent.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be prepared by the landscape architect and provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of the Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the requirement to retain and protect significant planting on the site.

Replacement of Canopy Trees

At least 3 locally native canopy trees are to be planted on site to replace protected trees approved for removal. Species are to have a minimum mature height of 8.5m and be consistent with Council's Native Gardening Guide.

Tree plantings are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree.

Replacement plantings are to be certified as being completed in accordance with these conditions of consent by a qualified landscape architect, and details submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To establish appropriate native landscaping.

No Weeds Imported On To The Site

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified on the NSW WeedWise website) are to be imported on to the site prior to or during construction works.

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

Reason: To reduce the risk of site works contributing to spread of Priority and environmental weeds.