

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	Mod2022/0287
Date:	23/09/2022
Responsible Officer	Maxwell Duncan
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 40 DP 8075 , 7 Bower Street MANLY NSW 2095

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

Updated Biodiversity Referral (23 September 2022)

This updated referral is based on the ecological report (GIS Environmental Consultants, 15 September 2022) provided as additional information. The report states:

"It is considered that the Modification Application would not impact access to important potential foraging or sheltering habitat and does not further reduce potential foraging or sheltering habitat for the endangered North Head population of the Long-nosed Bandicoot at the subject address. It is considered that the Modification Application would not further impact or restrict access to significant potential Bandicoot foraging or sheltering habitat, and would not impede any access-way between the adjoining Sydney Harbour National Park and potential foraging habitat elsewhere within the declared endangered population area."

Based on this advice, there are no further objections to the proposed modification, subject to retention of existing biodiversity conditions for DA2020/0921 which are: Conditions 11, 12, 13, 14, 14, 19, 26, 27, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38.

Original Biodiversity Referral (5 July 2022)

There is insufficient information to complete the biodiversity assessment at this time. The modification application proposes a number of changes to landscaping which may impact access to important habitat and reduce habitat for the endangered population of Long-nosed Bandicoots. Given the previous importance of the subject site for bandicoot foraging habitat, and as an accessway between the adjoining National Park and foraging habitat elsewhere within the declared population area, it is considered appropriate that the proposed modification be subject to ecologist's review.

An updated ecological impact statement/report, confirming any potential additional impacts arising from the modification, is required to be submitted before assessment can be finalised. The ecological statement/report must be prepared by a suitably qualified ecological consultant, and must consider

bandicoot habitat both within and adjoining the development area, including Lot 2 at the rear of the site.

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:

Nil.