

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2019/0798
Responsible Officer	Nick Keeler
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 2 DP 30255 , 35 Wesley Street ELANORA HEIGHTS 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

This application was assessed against Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 and Pittwater DCP B4.4 Flora and fauna habitat enhancement category 2 and wildlife corridor.

The proposal includes a new concrete driveway, decking paths, retaining walls, a swimming pool and landscaping works.

The submitted Arborist report (New Leaf Arboriculture, 16/07/2019) assesses 4 trees, 2 within Council's road reserve (T1 and T3). No trees are proposed to be removed, however, 2 trees T1 and T2 will both incur major encroachments as a result of the proposed new driveway. The Arborist has recommended minimising the width of driveway and also to install above existing the existing grades.

These design changes are recommended and further comments from the Arborist to ensure the long-term safe retention and protection of trees to be retained.

Council's Natural Environment - Biodiversity section cannot complete this assessment until further information is provided.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for refusal

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

Nil.