

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	Mod2018/0471
Responsible Officer	Rebecca Englund
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 135 DP 12749 , 35 Robertson Road SCOTLAND ISLAND NSW 2105

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 natural environment - biodiversity notes the arborists assessment and recommendation for the trees removal based on safety grounds. The Spotted Gum is a very large significant Spotted Gum with tree hollows that are being used by native fauna. On this basis, conditions have been applied including the supervised removal of the tree, presence of an experienced fauna handler and replacement of the tree with 2 semi advanced Spotted Gums on site.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

Project Ecologist - Experienced Fauna Handler

A Project Ecologist is to be employed to ensure fauna (such as possums) using tree hollows in the tree are safely relocated during or prior to the tree removal.

The Project Ecologist will provide certification to the principal certifying authority that all conditions relating to the tree removal are fully implemented.

The Project Ecologist must be an experienced wildlife handler and be a Practising member of the NSW Ecological Consultants Association.

Reason: Native Fauna Management.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Fauna re-location

During or prior to tree removal the Project Ecologist is to be present to rescue and re-locate any displaced fauna including the Possum using the tree hollow.

This is to be done by a qualified and experienced Arborist/tree climber, under the direction of the Project Ecologist.

Details prepared by the project ecologist in writing demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority.

Reason: Fauna Management

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

Tree Planting

Two (2) semi advanced 25 litre Spotted Gums are to be planted onsite to replace the tree approved for removal. Tree replacement plantings are to be certified by the project ecologist prior to occupation certificate.

Reason: Tree replacement.