

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2021/2628
Date:	04/02/2022
Responsible Officer	Adam Croft
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 44 DP 29792 , 7 Altona Avenue FORESTVILLE NSW 2087

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

The application seeks approval for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling, including construction of a new garage for increased car parking, entry and access stairs up to the entry deck, new refurbished internal areas to the existing ground floor, and new upper floor additions. The application also seeks to establish an Asset Protection Zone (APZ) over the entirety of the site in perpetuity. Council's Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity referral team have reviewed the application for consistency against the relevant environmental legislation and controls, including:

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) Warringah Development Control Plan (WDCP)

- Clause E2 Prescribed Vegetation
- Clause E5 Native Vegetation
- Clause E6 Retaining unique environmental features

The application does not require the removal of prescribed trees or vegetation, nor is it likely to impact on nearby biodiversity values. No objection is raised to the proposed APZ, as it is noted that the site already benefits from an approved APZ (DA2012/0348) and from the 10/50 clearing eligibility. Subject to conditions the Bushland and Biodiversity referral team find the application to be consistent against relevant environmental controls.

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

No Weeds Imported On To The Site

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan 2019 – 2023) 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.

ON-GOING CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES

Protection of Habitat Features

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation, soil and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

Maintenance of Asset Protection Zones

Vegetation clearing for ongoing APZ maintenance must only occur within the surveyed and marked APZ boundaries. No clearing is to be undertaken outside of the APZ boundaries.

Reason: To protect native vegetation and wildlife.