

## Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/0233
Date:	30/04/2020
Responsible Officer	Kye Miles
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 140 DP 12749 , 23 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

The proposed development has been assessed against the following provisions:

- SEPP (Coastal Management) - Coastal Environment Area
- Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 (Biodiversity Protection)
- Pittwater DCP Clause B4.7 (Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest EEC)
- NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

The property is mapped as containing Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest Endangered Ecological Community (EEC). While the proposal will result in the removal of two trees diagnostic to this community, replacement planting will enable the objective of no net native tree loss to be achieved. Accordingly, the proposal can be supported, subject to measures to safely retain other significant trees.

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**

### Arborist's recommendations to be implemented

All recommendations outlined in Section 5 of the submitted arboricultural impact assessment (H2O Consulting Group, February 2018) are to be implemented at the appropriate stage of development. Compliance with this condition is to be certified by the consultant arborist and written evidence provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of the Occupation Certificate.

**Reason:** To safely retain significant trees of the Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest endangered ecological community.

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

### **No Planting Environmental Weeds**

No environmental weeds are to be planted on the site. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>).

**Reason:** Weed management.

### **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 mitigate potential impacts to native wildlife resulting from construction activity.