

Natural Environment Referral Response - Riparian

Application Number:	DA2022/2107
Proposed Development:	Alterations and additions to an educational establishment (St Lukes Grammar School)
Date:	31/01/2023
To:	Gareth David
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot A DP 360274 , 1973 Pittwater Road BAYVIEW NSW 2104

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for the following:

- All Development Applications on land, and located within 40 metres of land, containing a watercourse, or
- All Development Applications on land containing a wetland, or located within 100m of land containing a wetland,
- All Development Applications on land that is mapped as “DCP Map Waterways and Riparian Land”.

And as such, Council's Natural Environment Unit officers are required to consider the likely impacts on drainage regimes.

Officer comments

Supported.

This application was assessed in consideration of:

- Supplied plans and reports;
- Coastal Management Act 2016;
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021;
- Relevant LEP and DCP clauses; and
- Northern Beaches Water Management for Development Policy

The site is near Pittwater estuary and as such the development must not significantly impact on the biophysical, hydrological or ecological integrity of the estuary, or the quantity and quality of surface and ground water flows that it receives.

Under the Water Management (General) Regulation 2018 hydro line spatial data mapping, a watercourse is mapped through the site within 40 metres of the proposal but it is piped. The Waterfront Land e-tool indicates that without a watercourse bed or bank, or any watercourse features, a controlled activity approval is not required – no watercourse. The Controlled activity exemption e-tool corroborates this outcome because the watercourse fits the description of concrete lined or piped channels.

Therefore, it appears unlikely that a controlled activity permit is required.

Geotechnical investigation found groundwater. Please see Water Management referral for comments. Appropriate sediment and erosion controls must be installed prior to any disturbance of soil on site and maintained until all work is complete and groundcover re-established.

On assessment the application on assessment meets the requirements of the relevant Environmental Planning Instruments and policies relating to waterways, riparian areas, and groundwater.

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 TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

Erosion and Sediment Control Plan

An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) shall be prepared by an appropriately qualified person and implemented onsite prior to commencement. The ESCP must meet the requirements outlined in the Landcom publication Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction - Volume 1, 4th Edition (2004). The ESCP must include the following as a minimum:

- Site Boundaries and contours
- Approximate location of trees and other vegetation, showing items for removal or retention (consistent with any other plans attached to the application)
- Location of site access, proposed roads and other impervious areas (e.g. parking areas and site facilities)
- Existing and proposed drainage patterns with stormwater discharge points
- Locations and methods of all erosion and sediment controls that must include sediment fences, stabilised site access, materials and waste stockpiles locations, location of any stormwater pits on the site and how they are going to be protected.
- North point and scale.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifier for approval prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: Protection of the receiving environment.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Installation and Maintenance of Sediment and Erosion Controls

Council proactively regulates construction sites for sediment management.

Sediment and erosion controls must be installed in accordance with Landcom's 'Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction' (2004) prior to commencement of any other works on site.

Erosion and sediment controls are to be adequately maintained and monitored at all times, particularly after periods of rain, and shall remain in proper operation until all development activities have been completed and vegetation cover has been re-established across 70 percent of the site, and the remaining areas have been stabilised with ongoing measures such as jute mesh or matting.

Reason: Protection of the receiving environment.