

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2021/0164
Date:	16/03/2021
Responsible Officer	Gareth David
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 113 DP 6937 , 91 Florida Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

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 Unit - Biodiversity referral team have reviewed the application for consistency against the relevant environmental legislation and controls, including:

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) Pittwater Local Environmental Plan (PLEP)

- 7.6 Biodiversity Protection

Pittwater Development Control Plan (PDCP)

- B4.4 Flora and Fauna Habitat Enhancement Category 2 and Wildlife Corridor

The application seeks to remove two (2) prescribed trees, Turpentine (*Syncarpia glomulifera*).

An options report submitted within the DA indicates that three alternate designs considered would result in additional tree loss. The submitted Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Bradshaw 2021), designates the trees to be removed (#39 & #40) to have a low and moderate retention value, with a short and medium Safe Useful Life Expectancy.

These trees are to be replaced in accordance with the submitted landscape plan (Robert Jones Architects 2020) which includes a minimum of 3 *Syncarpia glomulifera*. The provision of these replacement plantings ensures consistency with B4.4 of the Pittwater DCP.

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 THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

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 protect native wildlife.

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

Certification of Landscape Plan

Landscaping is to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plans (Robert Jones Architects 2020) and these conditions of consent.

Tree plantings are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be prepared by the landscape architect and provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of the Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the requirement to retain and protect significant planting on the site.

No Weeds Imported On To The Site

No Priority or environmental weeds 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.