

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2023/0008
Proposed Development:	Construction of a secondary dwelling
Date:	25/01/2023
Responsible Officer	Grace Facer
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 2 DP 200907 , 27 Philip Road MONA VALE NSW 2103

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 proposal seeks approval for the construction of a secondary dwelling.

The comments on this referral relate to the following controls and provisions:

- Pittwater LEP 2014 Clause 7.6 Biodiversity Protection
- Pittwater 21 DCP Clause B4.6 Wildlife Corridors

The proposal has been submitted with an accompanying Arborist report that has assessed six trees within proximity to the proposal. No objection is raised in regards to the removal of trees 2 (*Phoenix canariensis*), 3 (*Archontophoenix cunninghamiana*) and 4 (*Syagrus romanzoffiana*). Protection measures have been recommended to avoid and/or minimise impacts to trees 5 and 6 (*Corymbia maculata*) which are to be adhered to during construction. It is noted that efforts have been made to minimise potential impacts on these trees by setting the secondary dwelling on piers as opposed to using a concrete slab.

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 COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK



Wildlife Protection

If construction activity associated with this development results in injury or displacement 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.

Protection of Habitat Features

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

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

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 2021 – 2026) are to be imported on to the site prior to or during construction works.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifier 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.