

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2020/0274
Date:	14/05/2020
Responsible Officer:	Nick England
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 1 DP 1205310 , 67 Marine Parade AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for the following:

- Construction / development works within 5 metres of a tree or
- New residential works with three or more dwellings. (RFB's, townhouses, seniors living, guesthouses, etc). or
- Mixed use developments containing three or more residential dwellings.
- New Dwellings or

Officer comments

The development application is for alterations and additions to the existing dwelling house, including driveway access, new ancillary facilities, tree removal and landscape works.

Council's Landscape Referral staff have assessed the proposal against Pittwater Local Environment Plan clause E4 Environmental Living, and the following Pittwater 21 DCP Controls:

B4.22 Preservation of Trees and Bushland Vegetation

C1.1 Landscaping

D1 Avalon Beach Locality

The proposal in terms of landscape outcome is acceptable subject to conditions of consent to provide tree replacement and a planted screen to common boundaries to satisfy the relevant landscape controls, and subject to the requirements to ensure the protection of trees and vegetation in proximity to the development works.

A Landscape Plan is provided with the development application in accordance with Council's Lodgement Requirements.

The proposal is therefore supported.

Note: Should you have any concerns with the referral comments above, please discuss these with the Responsible Officer.

Recommended Landscape Conditions:

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Tree removal within the property

In accordance with the Landscape Plan L-01 prepared by Serenescapes, a total of four existing trees impacted by development is granted approval for removal, including the following trees:

- T5 Blueberry Ash
- T6 Blueberry Ash
- T8 Old Man Banksia
- T9 Cheese Tree

All are subject to tree replacement within the site as conditioned.

Any request to remove a tree approved for retention under the development application is subject to a Section 4.55 modification application, or an assessment by a AQF level 5 Arborist that determines that the tree presents an imminent risk to life or property.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Tree and vegetation protection

a) Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained and protected, including:

- i) all trees and vegetation within in accordance with the Landscape Plan L-01 prepared by Serenescapes, excluding exempt vegetation under the relevant planning instruments of legislation,
- ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- iii) all road reserve trees and vegetation, including T1, T2 and T3.

b) Tree protection shall be generally undertaken as follows:

- i) all tree protection shall be in accordance with AS4970- 2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, including the provision of temporary fencing to protect existing trees within 5 metres of development,
- ii) removal of existing tree roots greater than 25mm is not permitted without consultation with a AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist,
- iii) existing ground levels shall remain under the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist,
- iv) any tree roots exposed during excavation with a diameter greater than 25mm within the tree protection zone must be assessed by an AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority,
- v) to minimise the impact on trees and vegetation to be retained and protected, no excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of trees and other vegetation required to be retained,
- vi) no tree roots greater than 25mm diameter are to be cut from protected trees unless authorised by a AQF minimum Level 5 Project Arborist on site,
- vii) all structures are to bridge tree roots greater than 25mm diameter unless directed by a AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist on site,
- viii) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree protection zone, without consultation with a AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist, including advice on root protection measures,
- ix) should either or all of vi), vii) and viii) occur during site establishment and construction works, a AQF minimum Level 5 Arborist shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist to the Certifying Authority,
- x) any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree

or any other tree to be retained during the construction works, is to be undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of AS 4970-2009,

xi) tree pruning to enable construction shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with AS4373-2009 Pruning of Amenity Trees.

c) All protected trees are to be retained for the life of the development, or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed by approval must be replaced with a locally native canopy tree.

Reason: to retain and protect significant planting on development and adjoining sites.

Protection of rock and sites of significance

All rock outcrops outside of the area of approved works are to be preserved and protected at all times during demolition excavation and construction works.

Should any Aboriginal sites be uncovered during the carrying out of works, those works are to cease and Council, the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council are to be contacted.

Reason: preservation of significant environmental features.

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

Landscape works completion

Landscape works are to be implemented in accordance with the following requirements:

- i) screen planting to achieve a height of at least 3 metres at maturity shall be planted along the common boundaries as shown on the Landscape Plan L-02 and L-03,
- ii) screen planting proposed along the common boundaries shall be planted at a minimum 300mm pot container size and planted no more than 1 metre apart.
- iii) any existing vegetation along the common boundaries removed during works shall be replaced with screen planting as per i) and ii) above,
- iv) tree planting as shown on the Landscape Plan L-03 shall consist of 1 replacement *Glochidion ferdinandi* (Cheese Tree), 1 replacement *Banksia serrata* (Old Man Banksia) and 4 other trees in accordance with the Landscape Plan L-02,
- v) all tree planting shall installed at 75 litre pot container size and each trees shall be at least 5 metres from existing or approved building under construction, and at least 4 metres from any existing or proposed tree.

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a landscape report prepared by a landscape architect or landscape designer shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority, certifying that the landscape works have been completed in accordance with the approved landscape plans and with any conditions of consent.

Reason: to ensure that the landscape treatments are installed to provide landscape amenity and soften the built form.

Condition of retained vegetation

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a report prepared by an Arborist with AQF minimum Level 5 qualifications in arboriculture/horticulture shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority, assessing the health and impact on all existing trees required to be retained, including the following information:

- i) compliance to any Arborist recommendations for tree protection and excavation works,
- ii) extent of damage sustained by vegetation as a result of the construction works,

iii) any subsequent remedial works required to ensure the long term retention of the vegetation.

Reason: to retain and protect significant planting on development and adjoining sites.

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

Landscape maintenance

Any existing landscaping including trees required to be retained together with any additional landscaping required by this consent is to be maintained for the life of the development.

A 12 month establishment period shall apply for all new landscaping. If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components. All planting must be maintained for the life of the development, or for their safe useful life expectancy. Planting that may die or is approved for removal must be replaced.

Reason: to maintain local environmental amenity and ensure landscaping continues to soften the built form.