

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2019/0998
Responsible Officer	Kye Miles
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 22 DP 219898 , 14 Capua Place AVALON BEACH NSW 2107

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

This application was assessed against Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 Biodiversity and Pittwater DCP B4.4 Flora and fauna habitat enhancement category 2 and wildlife corridors.

The proposal is for the alterations and additions to the existing dwelling, including a new detached double garage, a small secondary dwelling below the existing dwelling and associated retaining walls and external stairs.

The submitted Arborist Report "*Arboricultural Impact Appraisal and Method Statement*" (Naturally Trees, 03/06/2019) assessed 11 trees within the vicinity of the works. The proposal will remove 2 high category trees and could potentially adversely affect another 7 high category trees through disturbance within Tree Protection Zones (TPZ). Another 2 low category trees are proposed to be removed.

To comply with natural environment controls, a Landscape Plan is to be submitted which indicates the locations and species of replacement canopy trees (minimum replacement at a ratio of 1:1). Further photographs / site inspection to investigate the habitat value of the trees to be removed will also be required.

Council's Natural Environment - Biodiversity section cannot complete this assessment until further information is provided.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for refusal

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

Nil.