

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2021/2372
Date:	14/12/2021
Responsible Officer	Gareth David
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 1 DP 124062 , 56 Attunga Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

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 Biodiversity Referrals Team have assessed the Development Application for compliance against the following applicable biodiversity related provisions:

- Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act)
- Pittwater 21 DCP cl. B4.5 Landscape and Flora and Fauna Enhancement Category 3 Land
- Coastal Management SEPP 2018 cl. 11 Development on land in proximity to coastal wetlands or littoral rainforest

The Development Application seeks consent for alterations and additions to the existing dwelling.

The Statement of Environmental Effects states that the proposal does not require the removal of any protected vegetation. This is confirmed by the recommendations of the Arborist (Selena Hannan Landscape Design, November 2021), who states that "Trees 1, 2 and 3 are all recommended for removal. They are all 'Exempt' under Council's DCP and are in a 'designated 10/50 vegetation entitlement clearing area' for fire safety (NSW Rural Fire Service). None of these species are significant species, none are locally native species".

As the proposal does not require the removal of any native prescribed trees or vegetation, Council's Biodiversity Referrals team raise no objections, subject to conditions.

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

No Clearing of Vegetation

Unless otherwise exempt, no vegetation is to be cleared prior to issue of a Construction Certificate.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to issue of Construction Certificate.

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

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

No Weeds Imported On To The Site

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan 2019 – 2023) 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.