

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2021/2173
Date:	03/12/2021
Responsible Officer	Adam Mitchell
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 7094 DP 1059297 , 394 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106 Lot 1 DP 1139445 , 394 Barrenjoey 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

The application seeks approval for alterations and additions to a surf club building with an extension to the northern side and coastal protection works in the form of a buried seawall along the length of the building. 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 Development Control Plan (PDCP)

- B4.5 Landscape and Flora and Fauna Category 3 Land

The application does not seek approval for the removal of any native vegetation. The Arboricultural Impact Assessment (Tree Management Strategies 2021) has determined that no trees will be adversely impacted by construction, therefore no objection is raised by Council's Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity.

The submitted Landscape Plan (Adriano Pupilli Architects 2021) does not include environmental weeds, and although provides visual amenity rather than biodiversity value, no objection is raised given the landscape context of the proposed development. Landscaping is considered compliant with B4.5 of the PDCP.

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 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 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.

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.