

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2022/1425
Date:	16/11/2022
Responsible Officer	Jordan Davies
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 1 DP 395093 , 132 A Queens Parade East 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

There is insufficient information to assess the proposal for compliance with the applicable biodiversity control, namely Pittwater DCP Clause B4.5 'Landscape and Flora and Fauna Enhancement Category 3 Land'.

In accordance with PDGP B4.5:

- Development shall retain and enhance habitat for threatened species, endangered populations, endangered ecological communities and locally native species
- Development shall provide flora and fauna habitat by active restoration, regeneration, and/or creation.
- Development shall result in no significant onsite loss of canopy cover or a net loss in native canopy trees.

The submitted plans identify a number of trees proposed for removal, however no arboricultural impact assessment has been submitted to justify their removal. In addition, no landscape plan has been submitted to demonstrate how trees proposed for removal will be compensated for through new tree planting.

The following information is required to be submitted:

- Arboricultural impact assessment, prepared by a minimum AQF Level 5 arborist, which assess all trees proposed for removal and those within 5m of works, and provides justification for those proposed to be removed.
- Landscape plan which identifies the locations, sizes and species of replacement tree plantings,

provided to compensate for prescribed trees proposed for removal. New tree plantings must be locally native (refer to the Native Planting Guide for the Pittwater Ward, available on Council's website).

In addition, it is noted that the Pittwater DCP Clause C1.1 'Landscaping' also applies to the site and that assessment by the Landscape referral body may therefore be required.

The proposal is therefore unsupported.

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

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

Nil.