

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2021/0039
Date:	10/02/2021
Responsible Officer	Jordan Davies
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 47 DP 12749 , 7 Richard Road SCOTLAND ISLAND NSW 2105

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 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 and Wagstaffe Spotted Gum Forest in the Sydney Basin Bioregion - endangered ecological community

State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management)

- Coastal Environment Area

Pittwater Local Environmental Plan (PLEP)

- 7.6 Biodiversity Protection

Pittwater Development Control Plan (PDCP)

- B4.7 Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest - Endangered Ecological Community

The application seeks to remove 3 Spotted Gum (*Corymbia maculata*), including Tree 7 to facilitate the development, and Tree 6 & 9 due to poor health (Syncarpia 2020). Tree 8, described as in "*fair health & condition & of poor form, with a short SULE & moderate health & condition rating. This tree could potentially be retained in the short term, with minor relocation of shed a minimum 1m towards rear of*

property...". In preference Tree 8 is to be retained, unless an AQ5 Arboriculturalist determines it must be removed for safety concerns.

All trees removed are to be replaced with advanced plantings of the same species (Spotted Gum) in an appropriate location elsewhere within the property in accordance with the recommendations of Syncarpia (2020) and PDCP B4.7. 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 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

Replacement of Canopy Trees

At least 3 Spotted Gum (*Corymbia maculata*) are to be planted on site to replace protected trees approved for removal. Species are to have a minimum mature height of 8.5m and be consistent with Council's Native Gardening Guide. Plantings are to be sourced from a local nursery, and to be of advanced stock (preferably 200mm).

Tree plantings are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree.

Replacement plantings are to be certified as being completed in accordance with these conditions of consent by a qualified landscape architect, and details submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To establish appropriate native landscaping.

No Weeds Imported On To The Site

No Priority or environmental weeds 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.