

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2024/1760
Date:	09/01/2025
Proposed Development:	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house including a swimming pool
Responsible Officer:	Brittany Harrison
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 4 DP 210149 , 146 Whale Beach Road WHALE BEACH NSW 2107

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for the following:

- Construction / development works within 5 metres of a tree or
- New residential works with three or more dwellings. (RFB's, townhouses, seniors living, guesthouses, etc). or
- Mixed use developments containing three or more residential dwellings.
- New Dwellings or

Officer comments

The application as described in reports and as illustrated on plans is assessed by Landscape Referral against the Pittwater Local Environment Plan (PLEP) clause C4 zone Environmental Living, and the following Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan (PDCP) controls (but not limited to): B4.22 Preservation of Trees and Bushland Vegetation; C1.1 Landscaping; and D12 Palm Beach Locality. The site is located in the C4 Environmental Living zone, requiring development to achieve a scale integrated with the landform and landscape, and to minimise impact on the natural environment with ecological, scientific or aesthetic values, including the retention of natural landscape features and existing trees, to satisfy the landscape objectives of the C4 Environmental Living zone.

An Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) and a Landscape Plan accompany the application and are assessed as part of this Landscape Referral. The AIA report identifies that trees identified for removal are exempt species and these do not require Council consent. The Landscape Plan includes identification of existing vegetation to be retained as well as the extent of natural landscape features such as the rock outcrop to be retained, and provides for a landscape setting scheme comprising low height vegetation. Self-seeding species nominated shall be replaced and conditions shall be imposed. The existing street tree identified in the AIA as tree 8 shall be protected and conditions shall be imposed. It is noted that the proposed landscape area is under the C4 zone requirements.

It is Landscape Referral's opinion that proposals under the 60% 'landscaped area' limit the capability of the property to satisfy the landscape outcome intent of the C4 Environmental Living zone and PDCP control C1.1 as reduced areas of deep soil is available and this alters the landscape outcome such as capacity for tree canopy development. Should the proposed landscape area be acceptable to the Assessing Planning Officer on merit, Landscape Referral shall impose conditions to soften the built form and minimise the bulk and scale by the addition of small native tree planting to satisfy control

C1.1.

The proposal is therefore supported.

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

Recommended Landscape Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Protection of Existing Street Trees

All existing street trees in the vicinity of the works shall be retained during all construction stages, and the street tree (identified as tree 8) fronting the development site shall be protected by tree protection fencing in accordance with Section 4 of AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites.

All street trees within the road verge are protected under Northern Beaches Council development control plans, except where Council's written consent for removal has been obtained. The felling, lopping, topping, ringbarking, or removal of any tree is prohibited. No excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of street trees.

Reason: Street tree protection.

Tree and Vegetation Protection

a) Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained and protected, including:

- i) all prescribed trees within the site, including trees and vegetation nominated for retention on the approved Plans,
- ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- iii) all trees and vegetation within the road reserve.

b) Tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:

- i) tree protection shall be in accordance with AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment, and in particular Sections 5,
- ii) existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iii) removal of existing tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter is not permitted without consultation with an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iv) no excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of trees and other vegetation required to be retained,
- v) structures are to bridge tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter unless directed by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture on site,
- vi) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree protection zone, without consultation with an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture including advice on root protection measures,
- vii) should either or all of v) or vi) occur during site establishment and construction works, an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist/Project Arborist to the Principal Certifier,
- viii) any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree or any other tree to be retained during the construction works is to be undertaken using the

protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites,

- ix) the activities listed in section 4.2 of AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, shall not occur within the tree protection zone of any tree on the lot or any tree on an adjoining site,
- x) tree pruning from within the site to enable approved works shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees,
- xi) the tree protection measures specified in this clause must: i) be in place before work commences on the site, and ii) be maintained in good condition during the construction period, and iii) remain in place for the duration of the construction works.

The Principal Certifier must ensure that:

- c) The arboricultural works listed in a) and b) are undertaken as complaint to AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment and/or Project Arborist as applicable.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

Landscape Completion

Landscape works are to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan, and inclusive of the following conditions:

- a) landscape works are to be contained within the legal property boundaries,
- b) planting shall be installed as indicated on the approved Landscape Plan, unless otherwise imposed by conditions,
- c) two small locally native trees installed at a minimum pre-ordered planting size of 75 litres shall be installed within the property; planted into a prepared planting hole 1m x 1m x 600mm depth generally, backfilled with a sandy loam mix or approved similar, mulched to 75mm depth minimum and maintained, and watered until established; and shall be located at least 3.0 metres from buildings or more, at least 1.5 metres from common boundaries; and located either within garden bed or within a prepared bed within lawn,
- d) mass planting shall be in a garden bed prepared with a suitable free draining soil mix and minimum 75mm depth of mulch,
- e) nominated Pennisetum and Raphiolepis species shall not be planted and shall be replaced with non self-seeding species of similar size and form,
- f) all proposed tree planting shall be positioned in locations to minimise significant impacts on neighbours in terms of blocking winter sunlight to living rooms, private open space and where the proposed location of trees may otherwise be positioned to minimise any significant loss of views from neighbouring and nearby dwellings and from public spaces.

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, details (from a landscape architect, landscape designer or qualified horticulturalist) shall be submitted to the Principal Certifier, certifying that the landscape works have been completed in accordance with any conditions of consent.

Reason: Environmental amenity.

ON-GOING CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE COMPLIED WITH AT ALL TIMES

Landscape Maintenance

If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components. Trees, shrubs and groundcovers required to be planted under this

consent are to be mulched, watered and fertilised as required at the time of planting. If any tree, shrub or groundcover required to be planted under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar species to maintain the landscape theme and be generally in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan and any conditions of consent.

The approved landscape area shall in perpetuity remain as planting under the development consent, and shall not be replaced with any hard paved surfaces or structures.

Reason: To maintain local environmental amenity.