

Natural Environment Referral Response - Flood

Application Number:	DA2021/1183
Date:	09/08/2021
То:	Catriona Shirley
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot E DP 399909, 8 Bate Avenue ALLAMBIE HEIGHTS NSW 2100

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for the following:

- All Development Applications on land below the 1 in100 year flood level;
- All Development Applications located on land below the Probable Maximum Flood levels.

And as such, Council's Natural Environment Unit officers are required to consider the likely impacts on drainage regimes.

Officer comments

The proposed development seeks consent for a secondary dwelling at 8 Bate Avenue, Allambie Heights. A pool and associated landscaping elements are the subject of a separate application. The application is accompanied by a Flood Management Report prepared by Horizon Engineers dated 13 July 2021. The secondary dwelling floor level is located above the relevant Flood Planning Level for the site. Conditions are included to ensure that the perimeter of the subfloor is open and therefore flood storage is maintained and there are no adverse flooding impacts on neighbouring properties.

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

Flooding

In order to protect property and occupants from flood risk the following is required:

Flood Effects Caused by Development – A2

There is to be no filling of the land or any other reduction of the available flood storage which results in a net loss of storage below the relevant 1% AEP flood level.

Building Components and Structural Soundness - B1

All new development below the Flood Planning Level of shall be designed and constructed as flood compatible buildings in accordance with Reducing Vulnerability of Buildings to Flood Damage:

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Guidance on Building in Flood Prone Areas, Hawkesbury-Nepean Floodplain Management Steering Committee (2006).

Building Components and Structural Soundness – B2

All new development must be designed to ensure structural integrity up to the Flood Planning Level of 24.77m AHD, taking into account the forces of floodwater, wave action, flowing water with debris, buoyancy and immersion.

Building Components and Structural Soundness – B3

All new electrical equipment, power points, wiring, fuel lines, sewerage systems or any other service pipes and connections must be waterproofed and/or located above the Flood Planning Level. All existing electrical equipment and power points located below the Flood Planning Level must have residual current devices installed to cut electricity supply during flood events.

Floor Levels – C1

New floor levels within the development shall be set at or above the Flood Planning Level of 24.77m AHD.

Floor Levels - C3

The underfloor area of the dwelling below the 1% AEP flood level is to be designed to allow clear passage of floodwaters. At least 50% of the perimeter of the underfloor area must be of an open design from the natural ground level up to the 1% AEP flood level.

Flood Emergency Response – E1

The shelter-in-place refuge must:

- a) Have a floor level at or above the Probable Maximum Flood level; and
- b) Have a floor space that provides at least 2m² per person where the flood duration is long (6 or more hours) in the Probable Maximum Flood event, or 1m² per person for less than 6 hours;
- c) Is intrinsically accessible to all people on the site, plainly evident, and self-directing, with sufficient capacity of access routes for all occupants without reliance on an elevator.

Fencing – F1

New fencing (including pool fencing, boundary fencing, balcony balustrades and accessway balustrades) shall be open to allow for the unimpeded movement of flood waters. It must be designed with a minimum of 50% open area from the natural ground level up to the 1% AEP flood level. Openings should be a minimum of 75mm x 75mm.

Storage of Goods – G1

Storage areas for hazardous or potentially polluting materials shall not be located below the Flood Planning Level unless adequately protected from floodwaters in accordance with industry standards.

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

Reason: To reduce the impact of flooding and flood liability on owners and occupiers of flood-prone property and reduce public and private losses in accordance with Council and NSW Government policy.

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