

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2019/1463
Date:	12/06/2020
Responsible Officer:	Phil Lane
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 44 DP 11214 , 95 Gurney Crescent SEAFORTH NSW 2092

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 plans indicate construction of building works over an existing building footprint.

A landscape plan has been provided, however, no details of treatment of the environmentally sensitive area between the foreshore and the works has been provided. It is evident that clearing works have occurred in this area.

In order to address the planning controls, conditions have been included requiring preparation of a landscape plan to revegetate the lower portion of the site with requirements for certification following completion.

Subject to the above, no objection are raised to approval subject to conditions.

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 SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

On slab landscape planting and associated works

- a) Details shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate indicating the proposed method of waterproofing to all internal walls and slab, and drainage of the concrete slab over which soil and planting is being provided.
- b) Landscape treatment details shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate indicating the proposed soil volume, soil type, planting, automatic

irrigation, services connections, and maintenance activity schedule.

c) The following soil depths are required in order to be counted as landscaping:

- 300mm for lawn
- 600mm for shrubs
- 1metre for trees

Reason: To ensure appropriate and secure waterproofing and drainage is installed to direct water flow into the drainage system, and away from habitable areas.

Amendments to the Landscape Plan

a) Landscape Plans are to be amended as follows:

- i) Detailed landscape plans are to be prepared by a suitably qualified landscape consultant/horticulturist or ecologist incorporating revegetation of the site between the foreshore and the approved building works
- ii) Plans are to incorporate local native species only at a minimum rate of 1 tree per 20m², 1 shrub per 1m² and 4 groundcovers/grass species per 1m² within planting spaces as available between existing rock outcrops.
- iii) Plans are to include planting, mulching and maintenance specifications.
- b) Details shall be submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: To ensure the provision of suitable landscape amenity and character.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Tree protection

(a) Existing trees which must be retained

- i) All trees not indicated for removal on the approved plans, unless exempt under relevant planning instruments or legislation
- ii) Trees located on adjoining land

(b) Tree protection

- i) No tree roots greater than 25mm diameter are to be cut from protected trees unless authorised by a qualified Arborist on site.
- ii) All structures are to bridge tree roots greater than 25mm diameter unless directed otherwise by a qualified Arborist on site.
- iii) All tree protection to be in accordance with AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, with particular reference to Section 4 Tree Protection Measures.
- iv) All tree pruning within the subject site is to be in accordance with relevant local planning controls and AS 4373 Pruning of amenity trees
- v) All tree protection measures, including fencing, are to be in place prior to commencement of works.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the requirement to retain and protect significant planting on the site.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Trees Condition

During the construction period the applicant is responsible for ensuring all protected trees are maintained in a healthy and vigorous condition. This is to be done by ensuring that all identified tree protection measures are adhered to. In this regard all protected plants on this site shall not exhibit:

- (a) A general decline in health and vigour.
- (b) Damaged, crushed or dying roots due to poor pruning techniques.
- (c) More than 10% loss or dieback of roots, branches and foliage.
- (d) Mechanical damage or bruising of bark and timber of roots, trunk and branches.
- (e) Yellowing of foliage or a thinning of the canopy untypical of its species.
- (f) An increase in the amount of deadwood not associated with normal growth.
- (g) An increase in kino or gum exudation.
- (h) Inappropriate increases in epicormic growth that may indicate that the plants are in a stressed condition.
- (i) Branch drop, torn branches and stripped bark not associated with natural climatic conditions.

Any mitigating measures and recommendations required by the Arborist are to be implemented.

The owner of the adjoining allotment of land is not liable for the cost of work carried out for the purpose of this clause.

Reason: Protection of Trees.

Protection of rock and sites of significance

- a) All rock outcrops outside of and below the area of approved works are to be preserved and protected at all times during demolition excavation and construction works.
- b) Should any Aboriginal sites be uncovered during the carrying out of works, those works are to cease and Council, the NSW Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) and the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council are to be contacted.

Reason: Preservation of significant environmental features.

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

Landscape completion certification

- a) Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a landscape report prepared by a landscape consultant/horticulturist or ecologist shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority, certifying that the landscape works have been completed in accordance with the approved landscape plan and inclusive of any conditions of consent.
- b) Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a landscape report prepared by a landscape consultant/horticulturist or ecologist shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority, certifying that the landscape works have been established and maintained in accordance with the approved landscape plan and inclusive of any conditions of consent.

Reason: To ensure that the landscape treatments are installed to provide landscape amenity.

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

Environmental and priority weed control

All weeds are to be removed and controlled in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

Reason: Preservation of environmental amenity.

Landscape maintenance

- i) Trees shrubs and groundcovers required to be planted under this consent are to be mulched, watered and fertilized as required at the time of planting.
- ii) 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.

Reason: To maintain local environmental amenity.