

Natural Environment Referral Response - Riparian

Application Number:	DA2024/0303
Proposed Development:	Demolition of existing structures, removal of trees and subdivision of one lot into three lots.
Date:	17/05/2024
To:	Anne-Marie Young
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 5 DP 222134 , 337 Lower Plateau Road BILGOLA PLATEAU NSW 2107

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for the following:

- All Development Applications on land, and located within 40 metres of land, containing a watercourse, or
- All Development Applications on land containing a wetland, or located within 100m of land containing a wetland,
- All Development Applications on land that is mapped as “DCP Map Waterways and Riparian Land”.

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

Officer comments

Unsupported

This application was assessed in consideration of but not limited to:

- Supplied plans and reports;
- Northern Beaches Water Management for Development Policy.
- Relevant LEP and DCP clauses with specific attention to:

Pittwater LEP 2014 C4 Environmental Living objective: to encourage development that retains and enhances riparian and foreshore vegetation and wildlife corridors.

Pittwater 21 DCP section B5.13 Outcome: An appropriate setback between waterways and development .

Pittwater 21 DCP sB5.13 Controls:

- Any waterfront land (as defined in the Water Management Act 2000) on the property shall be retained in their natural state to: carry stormwater/flood flows, maintain aquifers, retain stability, and provide habitat functions.
- Development within waterfront land shall incorporate appropriately sized riparian corridor zones into the design (now based on Controlled activities – Guidelines for riparian corridors on waterfront land (NSW DPE, May 2022)).
- No encroachments or low lying overhangs of the development are permitted over natural water courses.

The proposal is for demolition of all existing site improvements, tree removal, subdivision of one lot

into three, internal driveway, and infrastructure.

The site is located in a C4 Environmental Living Zone and includes two watercourse with associated vegetated riparian corridor.

The proposal is subject to a control activity permit for waterfront land.

The site opportunities for development are limited by the lot shape, topography, geology and the presence of the watercourses. The proposed three lot arrangements and indicative building pad is detrimental to the site setting due to the impacts on the riparian corridor. The encroachments in the five meter inner riparian corridor compromise the riparian functions.

The indicative building layout encroachments over and adjacent the watercourses would not be acceptable under future development applications.

The catchment team is not supporting the applications as the proposal is too extensive for the site natural constraints.

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.