

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2019/0255
Responsible Officer	Rhiannon McLardy
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 1 DP 27095 , 782 Barrenjoey Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

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

The proposal has been assessed against Pittwater LEP 7.6, DCP B4.3, and B4.7. The proposal includes a side and rear boundary fence. The controls require fencing to be "passable by native wildlife." The proposed fence will contain 150mm x 150mm opening every 5m at ground level to be accessible for ground dwelling animals. The design is consistent with the controls.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Tree Protection - Arborist Supervision of Works

All works within 5 metres of the existing trees to be retained including pruning, demolition, excavation, civil works, fencing and the like must be carried out by hand under the supervision of an experienced and minimally AQF Level 5 qualified Arborist. Should roots larger than 50mm be encountered all excavation works are to cease immediately and a qualified Arborist is to advise on the impacts of the roots removal on the tree's survival and report to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to works recommencing. If tree roots are present a pier and beam method of footing construction is to be adopted so as to bridge/span any identified lateral roots.

Reason: To ensure protection and retention of the Urban Forest/Natural Environment.

Tree Protection Fencing

Tree guards are to be provided around all trees within 5m of the proposed works, as indicated on

Survey Plan No. P4909DWG prior to the commencement of any work on the site. The tree guards shall be a minimum 1200mm high at least four (4) metres from the base of the nominated tree/s and constructed from timber posts and rails or posts and suitable plywood panels.

Reason: To protect and retain trees proposed for retention.

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

No Planting Environmental Weeds

No environmental weeds are to be planted on the site. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>).

Reason: Weed management.

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 in accordance with Section 2.1 of the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

Fencing for Wildlife Passage

Any new fencing (with the exception of swimming pool fencing) is to be made passable to native wildlife. Hole dimensions are to be a minimum of 150mm wide x 150mm high at ground level spaced at 5 metre intervals.

Reason: Management of wildlife corridors