

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2022/0761
Date:	25/05/2022
Responsible Officer:	Dean Pattalis
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 15 DP 240297 , 3 Briony Place MONA VALE NSW 2103

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 development application is for alterations and additions to the existing dwelling, a new garage and driveway, and associated works, as described and illustrated in the reports and plans.

Council's Landscape Referral is assessed against the Pittwater Local Environment Plan clause C4 zone Environmental Living, and the following Pittwater 21 DCP controls (but not limited to):

- B4.22 Preservation of Trees and Bushland Vegetation
- C1.1 Landscaping
- D9 Mona Vale 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, including the retention of natural landscape features and existing trees, to satisfy the landscape objectives of the C4 Environmental Living zone.

The property adjoins Briony Reserve that is located upslope of the property. The property contains an established landscape setting with gardens, lawn, and tree coverage. The Statement of Environmental Effects, Site Plans and the Landscape Plan all indicate retention of the existing trees and landscaping not impacted by development works, which is generally upon existing built and hardstand areas and existing landscape area is maintained. A Arboricultural Impact Assessment titled Arboriculture Construction Impact Assessment is provided for prescribed trees (ie. protected under the DCP) within proximity to development works.

A Landscape Plan is submitted indicating the retention of existing hard and soft landscape elements and no concerns are raised

The Arboriculture Construction Impact Assessment report includes investigation of potential impacts to three existing trees and determines that the development proposal does not impact upon the health and condition of such trees subject to recommended tree protection measures. The report acknowledges additional trees and vegetation within the subject site but these are not discussed as they are identified to be exempt by either or both size and species or not impacted upon by the proposed works. The

report indicates that the proposed works will require some canopy pruning for tree/s within Briony Reserve, however upon review of the site Council affirm that the high canopies are at a height higher than the proposed roof and thus unlikely to impact construction and that existing canopy over buildings may only be pruned to 10%, and conditions shall be imposed.

It is noted that the proposed front fencing is higher than the control under D9.12 Fences - General, which limits front and side fences (within the front building setback) to a maximum height of 1 metre above existing ground level, or otherwise be compatible with the streetscape character. The existing streetscape character is predominately a landscaped setting with no fences along the front boundary, and otherwise a minority of properties have fencing in the range of only 1 metres above ground level. Only one property at the corner is seen with a fence higher than 1 metre, as permitted for corner properties under D9.12 Fences - General (e). Acceptance of a higher fence as proposed will change the existing streetscape character where currently landscape dominates over built form and this matter shall be considered and determined by the Assessing Planning Officer.

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

Tree and Vegetation Protection

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

- i) all trees and vegetation within the site, excluding exempt trees and vegetation under the relevant planning instruments of legislation,
- ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties including within Briony Reserve,
- iii) all road reserve trees and vegetation.

b) Tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:

- i) tree protection shall be in accordance with Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, including the provision of temporary fencing to protect existing trees within 5 metres of development,
- ii) existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by an 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 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 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 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 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 to the Certifying Authority,
- 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 Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection

of Trees on Development Sites,

ix) the activities listed in section 4.2 of Australian Standard 4970-2009 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 Australian Standard 4373-2007 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.

c) Tree protection shall specifically be undertaken in accordance with the recommendations in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, as listed in the following sections:

i) section 5 Discussions

ii) section 6 Preliminary Site Specific 'Tree Plan of Management'

The Certifying Authority must ensure that:

d) The arboricultural works listed in c) are undertaken and certified by an Arborist as compliant to the recommendations of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment.

e) The activities listed in section 4.2 of Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, do not occur within the tree protection zone of any tree, and any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree, or any other tree to be retained on the site during the construction, is undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of that standard.

Note: All street trees within the road verge and trees within private property 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(s) is prohibited.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

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

Condition of Retained Vegetation

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a report prepared by an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority, assessing the health and impact on all existing trees required to be retained, including the following information:

i) compliance to any Arborist recommendations for tree protection generally and during excavation works,

ii) extent of damage sustained by vegetation as a result of the construction works,

iii) any subsequent remedial works required to ensure the long term retention of the vegetation.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.