

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2023/1757
Date:	23/01/2024
Proposed Development:	Demolition works and major alterations and additions to Forest Way shopping centre including road infrastructure works and a pedestrian overpass on Forest Way
Responsible Officer:	Gareth David
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 20 DP 1209801 , Forest Way FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

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 proposed alterations and additions to the Forestway Shopping Centre includes removal of eighteen existing trees as identified in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) report. Landscape Plans are submitted and indicates proposed hard and soft landscape works to external areas including replacement tree planting.

Landscape Referral raise no concerns with the recommendations of the AIA report that includes tree protection measures, and the Landscape Plans proposed landscape works to soften the bulk and scale of the development, and conditions shall be imposed should the application be approved. Any proposed landscape works beyond the site boundaries shall be subject to review as part of civil works under the Roads Act provisions of section 138 for works in the road reserve.

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 THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Tree Removal Within the Property

This consent approves the removal of existing prescribed trees on the subject site as identified in the

Arboricultural Impact Assessment, or approved Plans.

a) a qualified AQF level 5 Arborist shall identify these trees on site and tag or mark prior to removal.

Reason: To enable authorised development works.

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 prescribed trees within the site not approved for removal,
- ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- iii) all trees and vegetation within the road reserve.

b) Tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:

- i) tree protection shall be in accordance with AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and the recommendations of the approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment,
- ii) the following arboricultural requirements shall be adhered to unless authorised by an Arborist with minimum AQF level 5 qualifications: existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained; removal of existing tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter is not permitted; 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; and structures are to bridge tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter,
- iii) the activities listed in section 4.2 of AS4970-2009 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,
- iv) tree pruning from within the site to enable approved works shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees,
- v) 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.

The Principal Certifier must ensure that:

c) The arboricultural works listed in a) and b) are undertaken as compliance to AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and the recommendations of the approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

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

Landscape Completion

Landscape works are to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plans, and inclusive of the following conditions:

- a) landscape works are to be contained within the legal property boundaries,
- b) all tree planting shall be a minimum pre-ordered planting size of 75 litres or as otherwise scheduled if greater in size, and other planting shall conform to the listed spacing in the plant schedule,
- c) any landscape works within the road reserve shall be the subject of a section 138 application under the Roads Act.

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, details (from a landscape architect, landscape designer or qualified horticulturalist) shall be submitted to the Principal Certifier, certifying that the landscape works have been completed in accordance with any conditions of consent.

Reason: Landscape amenity.

Condition of Retained Vegetation

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a report prepared by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall be submitted to the Principal Certifier, assessing the health and impact on all existing trees required to be retained on the approved Plans or as listed in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, including the following information:

- a) compliance to any Arborist recommendations for tree protection generally and during excavation works,
- b) extent of damage sustained by vegetation as a result of the construction works,
- c) any subsequent remedial works required to ensure the long term retention of the vegetation.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

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

Landscape Maintenance

If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components. Trees, shrubs and groundcovers required to be planted under this consent are to be mulched, watered and fertilised as required at the time of planting. 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 Plans and any conditions of consent.

Reason: To maintain local environmental amenity.