

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2022/0760
Date:	06/07/2022
Responsible Officer	Brittany Harrison
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 20 DP 221359 , 70 Nandi Avenue FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

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

There is insufficient information to assess the proposal at this time. The following biodiversity-related provisions apply to the subject site:

- Warringah DCP cl. E2 - Prescribed Vegetation
- Warringah DCP cl. E4 - Wildlife Corridors
- Warringah DCP cl. E6 - Retaining unique environmental features

The applicable controls require development to demonstrate compliance with the control objectives which include (but are not limited to):

- To provide habitat for local wildlife
- To retain and enhance native vegetation communities and the ecological functions of wildlife corridors
- To reconstruct habitat in non vegetated areas of wildlife corridors that will sustain the ecological functions of a wildlife corridor

The submitted application includes no details of landscaping despite proposing changes to the existing open space. In addition, works are proposed within 5m of trees on adjoining properties which may impact upon those trees. No arboricultural impact report assessing these impacts has been submitted.

In order to complete the Biodiversity referral, the following is required to be submitted:

- A Landscape Plan prepared by a suitably qualified landscape architect. The plan must include a

planting schedule and details of plant quantities, sizes, species, and staking details. The planting schedule is to be composed of at least 60% species from the Frenchs Forest Ward on the Native Gardening Guide, available on Council's website.

- An Arboricultural Impact Assessment, prepared by a minimum AQF Level 5 arborist. The report must assess all trees on site and within 5m of proposed works, and include recommendations to enable safe retention of trees on neighbouring sites.

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.