

Natural Environment Referral Response - Coastal

Application Number:	DA2025/0490
Proposed Development:	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house including a swimming pool
Date:	29/05/2025
Responsible Officer	Anaiis Sarkissian
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 241 DP 16362 , 325 Whale Beach Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108 Lot 242 DP 16362 , 325 Whale Beach Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for land located within the Coastal Zone.

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

Officer comments

This application was assessed in consideration of:

- Supplied plans and reports;
- Coastal Management Act 2016;
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 (section 2.10, 2.11 & 2.12);
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Biodiversity & Conservation) 2021
- Relevant LEP and DCP clauses.

The proposed development is in line with the objects, as set out under Clause 3 of the Coastal Management Act 2016.

State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021

The subject land has been included on the 'Coastal Environment Area' and 'Coastal Use Area' maps under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021 (SEPP R & H). Hence, Clauses 2.10, 2.11 and 2.12 of the SEPP apply for this DA.

Comment:

On internal assessment and as assessed in the submitted Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) report prepared by BBF Town Planners dated April 2025 the DA satisfies requirements under clauses 2.10, 2.11 and 2.12 of the SEPP R&H.

As such, it is considered that the application is generally consistent with the requirements of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021.

Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP

The subject site is also shown to be affected by Coastline Bluff/Cliff Instability Hazard on Council's Coastal Risk Planning Map in Pittwater LEP 2014. As such, the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater (Appendix 5, Pittwater 21 DCP) and the relevant B3.4 Coastline (Bluff) Hazard controls in P21 DCP will apply to new development of the site.

Coastline Bluff Hazard Management

A Geotechnical Report by Crozier Geotechnical Consultants dated 15th April 2025 assessing coastline (bluff)/ coastal cliff or slope instability has been submitted with the DA. An impact assessment of the long term coastal processes on the coastline (bluff)/ coastal cliff or slope instability, prepared by The UNSW Water Research Lab dated 4th April 2025 has been appended with the Geotechnical. The report concluded that the proposed works will not increase the risk of coastal hazards for land on or surrounding the property.

As such, it is considered that the application is generally consistent with, subject to conditions, the requirements of the coastal relevant clauses of the Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP.

The proposal is therefore supported.

Note: Should you have any concerns with the referral comments above, please discuss these with the Responsible Officer.

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

Coastal Bluff Engineering Assessment Implementation

The advice and recommendations contained in the approved Geotechnical Risk Management Report prepared by Crozier Geotechnical Consultants dated 15th April 2025 submitted in support of the development application, must be incorporated as required into construction plans and structural specifications for the development.

Reason: To ensure potential hazards associated with development on a Coastal Bluff are minimised

Coastal Bluff Engineering Assessment Implementation

All development or activities must be designed and constructed such that they will not increase the level of risk from coastal processes for any people, assets or infrastructure in surrounding properties; they will not adversely affect coastal processes; they will not be adversely affected by coastal processes.

Reason: To ensure potential hazards associated with development on a Coastal Bluff are minimised