

## Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2019/0373
Responsible Officer	Ashley Warnest
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 9 DP 8184 , 19 Wallumatta Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

### 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

This application was assessed under Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 and Pittwater DCP B4.7 Pittwater Spotted Gum EEC.

The proposal is for a new swimming pool and cabana. The SEE states, "*No trees will need to be removed.*" and "*All significant trees will be retained, and the proposal allows for future planting to provide privacy and visually reduce the built form.*".

There are large native trees within 5m of the works, including excavation for retaining walls and the pool. No Arborist Report was provided to support the application.

Council's Natural Environment - Biodiversity section cannot complete it's assessment until further information is provided.

### Required Information

An **Arborist Report** survey and assessment which must identify the location, species, health and size of all trees within 5m of the proposed development and meet the following requirements:

- Survey and assessment all trees in accordance with the AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, including consideration of direct and likely indirect impacts (including demolition and construction access) and any required root mapping to support the assessment;
- Prepared by a suitably qualified arborist with minimum AQF Level 5;
- Prepared based on the actual plans and documentation submitted in support of the DA;
- Take into account all above- and below-ground works and structures that are ancillary to the development, including any changes in soil/ground level around the base of canopy trees;
- A tree protection and management plan with specific tree protection measures to enable safe retention of all trees proposed for retention, including mapping Tree Protection Zones, Structural Root Zones and any encroachments.

**Referral Body Recommendation**

Recommended for refusal

**Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:**

Nil.