

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/0395
Date:	03/06/2020
Responsible Officer	Claire Ryan
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 3 DP 1018621 , 6 Namona Street NORTH NARRABEEN NSW 2101

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

The application has been assessed in consideration of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018 the requirements of the Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP.

The subject site has been identified as being within the coastal zone and therefore SEPP (Coastal Management) 2018 is applicable to the proposed development. The subject land has been included on the 'Coastal Environment Area' map hence, Clause 13 of the CM SEPP applies for this DA. The site is also mapped as 'Biodiversity' under the Pittwater LEP 2014, and hence cl. 7.6 applies.

The southern boundary of the school lot is also mapped on the Biodiversity Values Map. The area is included on the BV map as the area is mapped as a wetland under the Coastal Management Act 2016. The proposed development is outside the BV mapped area, and therefore the Biodiversity Offset Scheme does not apply.

On internal assessment , the development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid any significant adverse environmental impact, including native vegetation and fauna and their habitats and the integrity and resilience of the ecological environment. Therefore the DA satisfies requirements under clauses 13 of the CM SEPP and cl. 7.6 of PLEP..

Item B4.4 Flora and Fauna Habitat Enhancement Category 2 and Wildlife Corridor of P21 DCP 2014 also applies. The proposed demountable building requires the removal of one tree, and is therefore proposed in the area of minimal impact on native vegetation, and a tree replacement condition is proposed to ensure no net loss of native vegetation.

As such, it is considered that the application complies with the requirements of the relevant clauses of the 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 WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE
OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE**

Tree Planting

At least two locally native canopy trees are to be planted onsite to replace the tree approved for removal. Canopy tree species are to be selected from the list pertaining to the vegetation community growing in the locality as per the vegetation mapping and Narrabeen Ward native species planting information available on the Northern Beaches Council website. All native trees are to be retained for the life of the development, or for their safe natural life. Tree replacement plantings are to be certified by the project arborist.

Reason: Tree replacement.

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

Control of Weeds

Prior to the completion of works, all priority weeds (as listed under the Biosecurity Act 2015) are to be removed/controlled within the subject site using an appropriately registered control method. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>). All environmental weeds are to be removed and controlled. Refer to Council website http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/environment/noxious_weeds

Reason: Weed management.

Works to cease if item found

If any Aboriginal Engravings or Relics are unearthed all work is to cease immediately and the Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) and Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) are to be notified.

Reason: To protect Aboriginal Heritage.