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Re Ecological Assessment, 34 Elanora Road, Elanora Heights.

On June 3, 2022, I undertook an inspection of 34 Elanora Road, Elanora Heights to determine likely impacts of the proposed deck under an existing new room of the site's dwelling.

The area proposed for the deck is mostly bare earth. The southern edge that may be affected by works interfaces with a Buffalo Grass (*Stenotaphrum secundatum*) lawn while to the east are various low growing weeds such as Panic Veldt Grass (*Ehrharta erecta*), Spurge (*Euphorbia sp*) and Black Nightshade (*Solanum nigrum*) beyond which is a garden bed vegetated with Golden Cane Palms (*Dypsis lutescens*).

No species or communities listed on the NSW *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016* or the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* occur or are likely to occur at the site.

The site is mapped on the Biodiversity layer of the Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014 requiring consideration of Clause 7.6 (3) and (4) of the LEP. In relation to these, the area that would be affected by the proposal is small, in poor condition and has no ecological value or significance to local fauna and flora. Therefore, the development would avoid any adverse environmental impact and the objective of the Clause 7.6, namely the maintenance of terrestrial, riparian and aquatic biodiversity, would be met.

Regards

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