

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2019/0673
Date:	21/08/2019
Responsible Officer:	Alex Keller
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot C DP 415908 , 132 Crescent Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for the following:

- Construction / development works within 5 metres of a tree or
- New residential works with three or more dwellings. (RFB's, townhouses, seniors living, guesthouses, etc). or
- Mixed use developments containing three or more residential dwellings.
- New Dwellings or

Officer comments

The development proposal involves construction of a new dwelling, detached garage, detached carport, swimming pool and associated landscaping.

Existing vegetation as documented on the survey have been subsequently removed under the advice of an Arborist, who confirmed the vegetation as Exempt species. From aerial views, it is confirmed that these were in fact Exempt species - either Alexander Palms or Bangalow Palm.

An updated Landscape Plan is provided that satisfies the DA Lodgement Requirements, and includes sufficient proposed canopy tree planting to support the application, subject to conditions.

Additional screening planting is required along the eastern boundary where palm planting is proposed.

Council's Landscape section has assessed the proposal against the following Pittwater 21 DCP Controls:

B4.22 Preservation of Trees and Bushland Vegetation
C1.1 Landscaping
D10 Newport Locality

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Refusal comments

Recommended Landscape Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Tree and vegetation protection

- a) Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained and protected as identified in the architectural site plans, including:
- i) all trees and vegetation within the site not approved for removal, excluding exempt vegetation under the relevant planning instruments of legislation,
 - ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties.
- b) Tree protection shall be generally undertaken as follows:
- i) all tree protection shall be in accordance with AS4970- 2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, including the provision of temporary fencing to protect existing trees within 5 metres of development,
 - ii) removal of existing tree roots greater than 25mm is not permitted without consultation with a AQF Level 5 Arborist,
 - iii) existing ground levels shall remain under the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by AQF Level 5 Arborist,
 - iv) any tree roots exposed during excavation with a diameter greater than 25mm within the tree protection zone must be assessed by an AQF Level 5 Arborist. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority,
 - v) to minimise the impact on trees and vegetation to be retained and protected, no excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of trees and other vegetation required to be retained,
 - vi) no tree roots greater than 25mm diameter are to be cut from protected trees unless authorised by a AQF Level 5 Project Arborist on site,
 - vii) all structures are to bridge tree roots greater than 25mm diameter unless directed by a AQF Level 5 Arborist on site,
 - viii) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree protection zone, without consultation with a AQF Level 5 Arborist, including advice on root protection measures,
 - ix) should either or all of vi), vii) and viii) occur during site establishment and construction works, a AQF Level 5 Arborist shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist to the Certifying Authority,
 - x) any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree or any other tree to be retained during the construction works, is to be undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of AS 4970-2009,
 - xi) tree pruning to enable construction shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with AS4373-2009 Pruning of Amenity Trees.

- c) All protected trees are to be retained for the life of the development, or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed by approval must be replaced with a locally native canopy tree.

Reason: to retain and protect significant planting on development and adjoining sites.

CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

Landscape works

Landscaping is to be implemented in accordance with the Planting Plan DA200 issue E, prepared by Grant Clement Landscape Architecture, inclusive of the following requirements:

- i) all tree planting is to be installed at 75 litre container size,
- ii) all tree planting shall be positioned in locations to minimise significant impacts on neighbours in

terms of blocking winter sunlight, or where the proposed tree locations may otherwise be positioned to minimise any significant loss of views,

iii) all tree planting shall have a minimum individual soil area wholly within the site of 3 metres x 3 metres, and shall be located a minimum of 5 metres from existing and proposed built structures, or minimum of 3 metres where pier and beam footings are used,

iv) screening planting to achieve a mature height of 3 metres shall be planted along the eastern boundary under the proposed *Howea* palm planting, installed at no more than 1 metre apart, and at a minimum pot container size of 300mm.

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a landscape report prepared by a landscape architect or landscape designer shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority, certifying that the landscape works have been completed in accordance with the approved plan and inclusive of any conditions of consent.

Reason: to ensure that the landscape treatments are installed to provide landscape amenity and soften the built form.

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

Landscape maintenance

Any existing landscaping including trees required to be retained together with any additional landscaping required by this consent is to be maintained for the life of the development.

A 12 month establishment period shall apply for all new landscaping. If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components. All planting must be maintained for the life of the development, or for their safe useful life expectancy. Planting that may die or is approved for removal must be replaced.

Reason: to maintain local environmental amenity and ensure landscaping continues to soften the built form.

Environmental and priority weed control

All weeds are to be removed and controlled in accordance with the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015.

Reason: preservation of environmental amenity.