

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2025/0463
Proposed Development:	Demolition works and construction of a two semi-detached dwellings and subdivision of one (1) lot into two (2)
Date:	27/05/2025
Responsible Officer	Thomas Burns
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 108A DP 36755 , 22 Karingal Crescent FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

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

Council's Biodiversity Referrals team have assessed the Development Application for compliance against the following applicable provisions:

- NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
- NSW Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017
- Warringah DCP cl. E2 Prescribed Vegetation
- Warringah DCP cl. E6 Retaining Unique Environmental Features

Portions of the site are identified on the NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Biodiversity Values Map (BV Map). Under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, any removal of native vegetation from within BV mapped areas will trigger the Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS) and the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR).

A number of trees have been recommended for removal by the Arborist (Arborsaw, March 2025) including Trees 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, all of which are considered exempt due to size or species. The Landscape Plan (Site Image Landscape Architects, April 2025) has proposed two replacement canopy trees which are locally native, as well as a range of suitable native trees, shrubs and groundcovers which are supported by Biodiversity referrals.

As the proposed development does not require the removal of native vegetation from within the BV mapped area, the proposal does not trigger the BOS or the requirement for a BDAR. There are no

objections in relation to biodiversity, subject to conditions.

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**

No Clearing of Vegetation

Unless otherwise exempt, no vegetation is to be cleared prior to issue of a Construction Certificate.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifier prior to issue of Construction Certificate.

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Wildlife Protection

If construction activity associated with this development results in injury or displacement of a native mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian, a licensed wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organisation must be contacted for advice.

Reason: To protect native wildlife.

Protection of Habitat Features

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed during the construction works, except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

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

Protection of Habitat Features

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be provided to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

Replacement of Canopy Trees

At least 2 locally native canopy trees are to be planted on the site to replace protected trees approved

for removal. Species are to have a minimum mature height of 8.5m and be consistent with the Native Planting Guide available on Council's website.

Tree plantings are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree.

Replacement plantings are to be certified as being completed in accordance with these conditions of consent by a qualified landscape architect, and details submitted to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To establish appropriate native landscaping.

No Weeds Imported On To The Site

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan) are to be imported on to the site prior to or during construction works.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To reduce the risk of site works contributing to spread of Priority and environmental weeds.