

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2021/0976
Date:	13/07/2021
Responsible Officer	Julie Edwards
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot A DP 324113 , 184 Whale Beach Road WHALE BEACH NSW 2107

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 has assessed the Development Application for compliance against the following applicable biodiversity related controls:

- Pittwater 21 DCP cl. B4.3 Flora and Fauna Habitat Enhancement Category 2 Land

The Development Application seeks consent for the construction of a new swimming pool, associated hard and soft landscaping works and minor alterations and additions to the existing dwelling.

The proposal requires the removal of trees from within the rear yard as demonstrated in the Architectural Plans (Contour Landscape Architecture, June 2021). It is currently unclear whether these trees are prescribed and require consent for removal. I refer to the Landscape Referral requesting specific documentation regarding the removal of trees from within the site.

Upon receipt of additional information included in the Statement of Environmental Effects, Landscape Plan and/or Arboricultural Impact Assessment, assessment of the DA will recommence.

The proposal is therefore unsupported.

Note: Should you have any concerns with the referral comments above, please discuss these with the Responsible Officer.

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

Nil.