

## Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	Mod2022/0287
Date:	05/07/2022
Responsible Officer	Maxwell Duncan
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 40 DP 8075 , 7 Bower Street MANLY NSW 2095

### 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

There is insufficient information to complete the biodiversity assessment at this time. The modification application proposes a number of changes to landscaping which may impact access to important habitat and reduce habitat for the endangered population of Long-nosed Bandicoots. Given the previous importance of the subject site for bandicoot foraging habitat, and as an accessway between the adjoining National Park and foraging habitat elsewhere within the declared population area, it is considered appropriate that the proposed modification be subject to ecologist's review.

An updated ecological impact statement/report, confirming any potential additional impacts arising from the modification, is required to be submitted before assessment can be finalised. The ecological statement/report must be prepared by a suitably qualified ecological consultant, and must consider bandicoot habitat both within and adjoining the development area, including Lot 2 at the rear of the site.

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.