

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/1780
Date:	16/03/2021
Responsible Officer	Kent Bull
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 1 DP 1229229 , 145 A Crescent Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

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 Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity referral team have reviewed the application for consistency against the relevant environmental legislation and controls, including:

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act) Pittwater Local Environmental Plan (PLEP)

- 7.6 Biodiversity Protection

Pittwater Development Control Plan (PDCP)

- B4.4 Flora and Fauna Habitat Enhancement Category 2 and Wildlife Corridor

The application seeks to remove two (2) Turpentine (*Syncarpia glomulifera*) each determined to be High Significance within the submitted Arborist Report (Growing My Way 2020). These two trees constitute the only remaining native vegetation within the property, the removal of which would not be consistent with the controls of B4.4 of the PDCP which are applicable to the site. "*Development shall provide an adequate buffer to wildlife corridors. Development shall result in no significant onsite loss of canopy cover or net loss in native canopy trees.*" The proposal in its current form would effectively fragment an existing, mapped wildlife corridor.

Additionally, no suitable replacement plantings (Turpentine) are proposed within the submitted Landscape Plan (Banksia Design Group 2020).

Suitable design alternatives should be considered within the rear of the property to avoid the remaining

high value trees within 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.