

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2021/1636
Date:	12/10/2021
Responsible Officer	David Auster
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 2 DP 514296 , 7 Crown Road QUEENSCLIFF NSW 2096

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 biodiversity related controls:

- Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
- Warringah DCP cl. E2 Prescribed Vegetation
- Warringah DCP cl. E4 Wildlife Corridors
- Warringah DCP cl. E5 Native Vegetation
- Warringah DCP cl. E6 Retaining Unique Environmental Features
- Coastal Management SEPP 2018 cl. 13 Development on land within the coastal environment area

The Development Application seeks consent for alterations and additions to the existing dwelling.

An Arborist Report has been submitted with the application and recommends the removal of two (2) prescribed trees in the rear of the site, Trees 20 and 21 both identified as *Banksia integrifolia*. Numerous trees classified as exempt based on height, species or location have also been recommended for removal. The removal of Trees 20 and 21 has been mitigated through replacement planting of three (3) *Banksia integrifolia* within landscaping in the rear of the house, as identified within the Landscape Plan. It is noted that a range of suitable natives have been included in the Landscape Plan.

Subject to these conditions, Council's Biodiversity referrals team are satisfied that the proposed development complies with the above listed biodiversity related legislation and controls.

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 Certifying Authority prior to issue of Construction Certificate.

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Dead or Injured Wildlife

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

Reason: To protect native wildlife.

**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 Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

Certification of Landscape Plan

Landscaping is to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plans (The Garden Social, August 2021) and these conditions of consent.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be prepared by the landscape architect and provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of the Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the requirement to retain and protect significant planting on the site.

No Weeds Imported On To The Site

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management

Plan 2021 – 2026) are to be imported on to the site prior to or during construction works.

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

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

Priority Weed Removal and Management

All Priority weeds as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan 2021 – 2026) within the site are to be removed.

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

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

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

Protection of Habitat Features

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

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

Replacement of Canopy Trees

Tree replacement plantings required under this consent 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.

Reason: To replace locally native trees.