

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2021/1612
Date:	27/09/2021
Responsible Officer	Kye Miles
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 1 DP 7417 , 1 Clarke Street NARRABEEN NSW 2101 Lot C DP 312655 , 1194 Pittwater Road NARRABEEN NSW 2101 Lot CP SP 2808 , 1192 Pittwater Road NARRABEEN NSW 2101 Lot CP SP 971 , 1204 Pittwater Road NARRABEEN NSW 2101 Lot B DP 312655 , 1196 Pittwater Road NARRABEEN NSW 2101

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

The application seeks approval for the construction of upgraded coastal protection works at 1190-1196 and 1204 Pittwater Road Narrabeen. 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) State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management)

- Coastal Environment Area

Warringah Development Control Plan (WDCP)

- Clause E2 Prescribed Vegetation
- Clause E4 Wildlife Corridors
- Clause E6 Retaining unique environmental features

The proposal requires the removal of one Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*). Although not

locally native, the species has value to a number of protected and threatened avian species in the Northern Beaches.

Siting options to the retain this tree are limited due to the nature of the proposal, therefore Council's Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity have no objections to its removal subject to replacement. Subject to conditions the Bushland and Biodiversity referral team find the application to be consistent against relevant environmental 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 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.

New Vegetation Planting

Landscaping is to be undertaken in accordance with section 4.3 Revegetation of the Statement of Environmental Effects (Horton Coastal Engineering 2021)

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

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

Replacement of Canopy Trees

At least 1 Norfolk Island Pine (*Araucaria heterophylla*) is to be planted on site to replace protected trees approved for removal.

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.

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 Certifying Authority 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 2019 – 2023) 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.

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 Norfolk Island Pine.

Reason: To replace locally native trees.