

## Landscape Referral Response

<b>Application Number:</b>	DA2022/0602
<b>Date:</b>	13/05/2022
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Olivia Ramage
<b>Land to be developed (Address):</b>	Lot 2 DP 30455 , 28 Meehan Road CROMER NSW 2099

### Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for the following:

- Construction / development works within 5 metres of a tree or
- New residential works with three or more dwellings. (RFB's, townhouses, seniors living, guesthouses, etc). or
- Mixed use developments containing three or more residential dwellings.
- New Dwellings or

### Officer comments

The development application is for alterations and additions to the existing dwelling, a new garage and driveway, and associated works, as described and illustrated in the reports and plans. A Landscape Plan and a Arboricultural Impact Assessment accompany the application and are assessed as part of this Landscape Referral.

The application is assessed by Landscape Referral against Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 and the following Warringah Development Control Plan 2011 controls (but not limited to): D1 Landscaped Open Space and Bushland Setting; E1 Preservation of Trees or Bushland Vegetation; and E2 Prescribed Vegetation.

The Arboricultural Impact Assessment notes that no prescribed trees (ie. protected by the WDCP) exist within the property, and the land is otherwise characterised by existing exotic trees, gardens and lawn. Standard conditions for tree and vegetation protection shall be imposed.

A Landscape Plan is submitted and identifies existing trees to be retained as well as additional landscape planting to establish a landscape setting to satisfy control D1. Conditions shall be imposed requiring the proposed new tree at the rear to be a native species and additionally a native tree shall be located within the front setback as replacement planting.

The proposal is therefore supported.

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

### Recommended Landscape Conditions:

#### **CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK**

### Tree and Vegetation Protection

a) Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained and protected, including:

- i) all trees and vegetation within the site as shown on the Landscape Plan,
- ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- iii) all road reserve trees and vegetation.

b) Tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:

- i) tree protection shall be in accordance with Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, including the provision of temporary fencing to protect existing trees within 5 metres of development,
- ii) existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iii) removal of existing tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter is not permitted without consultation with an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iv) no excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of trees and other vegetation required to be retained,
- v) structures are to bridge tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter unless directed by an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture on site,
- vi) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree protection zone, without consultation with an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture including advice on root protection measures,
- vii) should either or all of v) or vi) occur during site establishment and construction works, an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist to the Certifying Authority,
- viii) any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree or any other tree to be retained during the construction works is to be undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites,
- ix) tree pruning from within the site to enable approved works shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with Australian Standard 4373-2007 Pruning of Amenity Trees, and should additional pruning be required an application to Council's Tree Services shall be submitted for approval or otherwise.

The Certifying Authority must ensure that:

- c) The activities listed in section 4.2 of Australian Standard 4970-2009 Protection of Trees on Development Sites, do not occur within the tree protection zone of any tree, and any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree, or any other tree to be retained on the site during the construction, is undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of that standard.

Note: All street trees within the road verge and trees within private property are protected under Northern Beaches Council development control plans, except where Council's written consent for removal has been obtained. The felling, lopping, topping, ringbarking, or removal of any tree(s) is prohibited.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

## **CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE**

### **Landscape Completion**

Landscaping is to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan, inclusive of the following conditions:

- i) one (1) locally native tree capable of attaining at least 6 metres in height at maturity shall be planted within the front setback, and likewise the proposed new tree planting to the rear of the property shall achieve at least 6 metres in height at maturity, and the species shall be as selected from Northern Beaches Council's Native Plant Species Guide - Frenchs Forest Ward, or Council's Tree Guide,
- ii) all tree planting shall be a minimum pre-ordered planting size of 75 litres, and shall meet the requirements of Natspec - Specifying Trees, planted into a prepared planting hole 1m x 1m x 600mm depth, backfilled with a sandy loam mix or approved similar, mulched to 75mm depth minimum and maintained, and watered until established, and shall be located at least 3.0 metres from buildings, and at least 1.5 metres from common boundaries, and located either within garden bed or within a prepared bed within lawn, and shall be no taller at maturity than the height of the approved building,
- iii) mass planting shall be installed at minimum 1 metre intervals for shrubs of a minimum 200mm container size at planting or as otherwise scheduled if greater in size, and shall be in a garden bed prepared with a suitable free draining soil mix and minimum 50mm depth of mulch.

Prior to the issue of any Occupation Certificate details shall be submitted to the Principal Certifying Authority certifying that the landscape works have been completed in accordance with any conditions of consent.

Reason: Environmental amenity.

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

##### **Landscape Maintenance**

If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components. Trees, shrubs and groundcovers required to be planted under this consent are to be mulched, watered and fertilised as required at the time of planting.

If any tree, shrub or groundcover required to be planted under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar species to maintain the landscape theme and be generally in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan and any conditions of consent. All weeds are to be removed and controlled in accordance with the NSW Biosecurity Act 2015.

Reason: To maintain local environmental amenity.