

vegetation management plan - proposed rezoning & subdivision 8 forest rd, warriewood

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Background

The site is part of the Warriewood Valley land release project and the site, known as 8 Forest Road Warriewood, is referred to as Sector 5 in the land release project. An application was made to Pittwater Council seeking rezoning and subdivision of the site. In the Council's consideration of the application the Council requested that additional information be submitted including a Vegetation Management Plan.

This Vegetation Management Plan has been prepared in response to Council's request and addresses the management of the creekline corridor and the requirements for establishing asset protection zones both for the existing dwelling on the site and for future development on the site.

Whilst this report provides some information on the existing vegetation and habitats on the site, detailed field surveys and impact assessments have been carried out as part of the Flora & Fauna Assessment - Proposed Sub-division at 8 Forest Road, Warriewood (Footprint Green 20/11/08).

Scope of Vegetation Management Works

The scope of the works associated with this Vegetation Management Plan involves:

- the rehabilitation of the riparian areas on the southern bank of Narrabeen Creek, and
- establishment of bushfire asset protection zones for the existing dwelling, and
- establishment of bushfire asset protection zones associated with future development of Lot 1.

Objective of the plan

The objectives for the vegetation management for the riparian areas of Narrabeen Creek are consistent with the guidelines for controlled activities Vegetation Management Plans (NSW Department of Water & Energy, Feb, 2008) being: "to provide for a stable watercourse and riparian corridor which emulates the native vegetation communities in the area".

The objectives for management of the vegetation in the bushfire asset protection zones is consistent with the intent of Planning for Bush Fire Protection (NSW Rural Fire Service, 2006) being: "to provide sufficient space and maintain reduced fuel loads, so as to ensure radiant heat levels at buildings are below critical limits and to prevent direct flame contact with a building."

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