

# **DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

# STATEMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS

Alterations and Additions to an existing dwelling house including a new swimming pool, studio, cabana and carport

**57 Lantana Avenue, Wheeler Heights** 

November 2022

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# **PROJECT DETAILS**

Client: Mr Victor Pismensky and Mrs Anna Pismensky

Subject land: 57 Lantana Avenue, Wheeler Heights

Lot Description: Lot D/DP 103725

Proposed development: Alterations and additions including a first-floor addition and

swimming pool, studio, cabana and carport.

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I certify that the contents of the Statement of Environmental Effects to the best of my knowledge, has been prepared as follows:

- In accordance with Section 4.12 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and Clause 24 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021;
- The statement contains all available information that is relevant to the environmental impact assessment of the proposed development;
- To the best of my knowledge the information contained in this report is neither false nor misleading.

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#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Statement of Environmental Effects has been prepared for Mr Victor Pismensky and Mrs Anna Pismensky to accompany a Development Application (DA) to Northern Beaches Council for a first-floor addition and various alterations at 57 Lantana Avenue, Wheeler Heights.

More specifically, the proposed development comprises:

Alterations and Additions to an existing dwelling house including:

- First floor addition
- Swimming pool,
- Studio,
- Cabana and
- Double carport

The proposal is permissible with consent and is suitable for the site and the area. The proposal has been designed to relate to its site and to the streetscape in terms of appearance, envelope, setbacks, bulk and scale. The proposal will operate without any significant impact to the amenity of neighbouring properties.

The purpose of this SEE is to:

- Describe the site to which the application applies and its context;
- Describe the proposed development
- Describe the legislative framework against which the application is to be assessed and determined; and
- Provide an assessment of the environmental impacts in accordance with the Section 4.15 of the EP&A Act 1979.

This Statement has been prepared in reference to the following:

Document	Author	Date
Architectural Plans	Corona Projects	September 2022
Survey	C&A Surveyors	27 September 2022
Geotechnical investigation letter	Ascent Geo	24 November 2022
Arborist Report	Bluegum Tree Care and Consultancy	November 2022
Stormwater Plan	D.T. Civil	

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# 2.0 SITE ANALYSIS & CONTEXT

## 2.1 The Site

The site is located at 57 Lantana Avenue, Wheeler Heights and is legally described Lot D in Deposited Plan 103725. The site is located on the southern side of Lantana Avenue, between Veterans Parade and Rose Avenue.

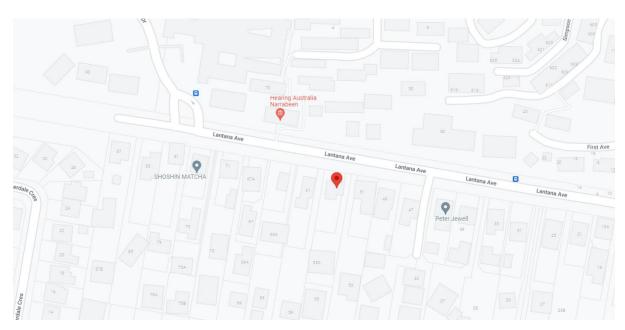


Figure 1: Site locality map (Google Maps 2022)



Figure 2: Aerial Map (NSW SIX Maps 2022)

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The site is rectangular with a total area of 710.7 square metres (by calculation), with a 15.54 metre street frontage to Lantana Avenue. The eastern side boundary measures 45.72 metres and the western side boundary measures 45.72 metres. The rear boundary measures 15.54 metres. The site falls towards the street from the rear by approximately 2.5 metres.

The site currently contains a single storey brick building with a tile roof. The building contains a living/dining area, kitchen, 2 bedrooms and a study. The rear of the site is landscaped with shrubs and grass. Vehicular access is available from Lantana Avenue.

The land is zoned R2 under the provisions of Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 (LEP). The site is not identified as a Heritage Item, nor is it located within a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA). It is also not considered to be located within the close vicinity of any Item or HCA, or as a contributory item.



Figure 3: Subject site as viewed from Lantana Avenue (Corona Projects 2022)

#### 2.2 The Locality

The site is located within the established residential area of Wheeler Heights. The locality comprises a mix of residential developments and contains buildings heights typically of one to two storeys.

Access to No. 55 and No. 55A Lantana Avenue is situated immediately towards the east of the site, however both properties are situated towards the rear. The site adjoins a one-storey dwelling to the

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west at No. 61 Lantana Avenue with access handles laying to the east and west to the principal dwelling which leads to. This site is not a heritage item but is located in proximity of a heritage item.

As per figures 5, carports forward of the building line are a present in the street.



Figure 4: 2-storey property, eastward of subject site and viewed from Lantana Avenue (Google Maps 2022)



Figure 5: Extended carport forward of the building line as seen at 77 Lantana Avenue (Google Maps 2022)

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**Figure 6:** First floor balcony facing West to subject site, 51 Lantana Ave (Google Maps)

# **2.4 Development History**

A search on Council's DA Tracker returned the following results for development applications associated with the site.

- NOC2021/1411 Application Type: Principal Certifier Notification of Commencement Dwelling Alterations and Covered Deck 00004490 Status: Completed
- CDC2021/1103 Application Type: Complying Development Certificate Private SEPP Dwelling Alterations and Covered Deck 00004490 Status: Completed Determined: 01/11/2021 (Private PCA (For Private CDC's Only))
- DA2009/0835 Application Type: Development Application Tree Application Tree Removal
   x 1 Status: Approved Determined: 08/07/2009 (Council Staff)

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#### 3.0 THE PROPOSAL

#### 3.1 Overview

The Development Application proposes the demolition of select internal and external walls along with a shed and two trees in the ear yard. The first-floor addition, studio, swimming pool and cabana, 2 car carport and an expanded driveway crossing are the proposed construction aspects of this proposal. More specifically, the proposed first-floor addition comprises 2 bathrooms (1 ensuite), a storage space and 3 bedrooms oriented north. The second floor comprises of a storage attic.

The proposal has been designed to relate to its site and to the streetscape in relation to appearance, envelope, setbacks, bulk and scale. The contemporary design utilises high quality materials and detailing to present an unobtrusive visual outcome for the locality.

Please refer to plans prepared by Corona Projects.

# **3.2 Development Configuration**

The proposed development comprises the following:

Level	Use	
Ground Floor	Swimming Pool	
	Cabana	
	Studio	
	Living/Dining (Extension)	
	Study (Extension)	
	Internal staircase	
	2 Car Carport	
	Driveway crossing (Expansion)	
First Floor	Internal staircase	
	Balcony	
	Bathrooms (1 ensuite)	
	Storage space	
	Attic access ladder	
Second Floor	Storage Attic	
	Attic access ladder	

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## **Ground Floor (Internal)**

The internal ground floor contains an interconnected living/dining and kitchen area with a proposed extension for the living/dining space. An expansion to the study area is proposed, along with the creation of an internal staircase leading to the first-floor addition.

#### **Ground Floor (External)**

The external ground floor contains a proposed 2 car carport, expanded driveway crossing at the front of the site. The rear of the site contains a cabana, swimming pool, and studio for proposed development.

#### **First Floor**

The first floor consists of the continuation of the internal stair case along with a balcony, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, one being an ensuite, a storage space, and an attic access ladder.

#### **Second Floor**

The second floor of the proposed dwelling contains an attic access ladder and storage attic. This is situated above bedrooms 2 & 3 as well as one of the bathrooms.

## 3.3 Numerical Overview

A brief numerical overview of the development parameters for the proposed development is included in the following table

**Table 1: Key development components** 

Proposal
710.7m <sup>2</sup>
219m²
0.31:1
3 storeys - 8.5m
15.54 m
45.72m
45.72m
15.54m
2

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# 4.0 STATUTORY PLANNING FRAMEWORK AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

This Chapter provides an environmental assessment in accordance with Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

# **4.1 Statutory and Policy Compliance**

The relevant matters for consideration under Section 4.15(a) of the EP&A Act, 1979, are identified as:

- State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004
- Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011
- Warringah Development Control Plan 2011

The primary statutory document that relates to the subject site and the proposed development is Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011. The primary non-statutory plan relating to the subject site and the proposed development is Warringah Development Control Plan 2011.

## 4.1.1 State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021

This Policy is to provide for a state-wide planning approach to the remediation of contaminated land. Subject to Clause 4.6, considerations should be given to the suitability of land in terms of contamination.

The subject site has a long history of being used for the residential purpose. Thus, the land is not likely to be contaminated and, given that no change of use is proposed, no further consideration is required under Clause 4.6(1)(b) and (c) of the Resilience and Hazards SEPP.

# 4.1.2 State Environmental Planning Policy (Building Sustainability Index: BASIX) 2004

SEPP (BASIX) 2004 applies to the proposed development. A BASIX Certificate is submitted with the application and confirms that the proposal will comply with the water, thermal comfort and energy efficiency requirements of the policy.

#### 4.1.3 Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011

The development complies with the provisions of Warringah Local Environmental Plan 2011 (LEP 2011).

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## Zoning and permissibility

The site is located in Zone R2 Low Density Residential.

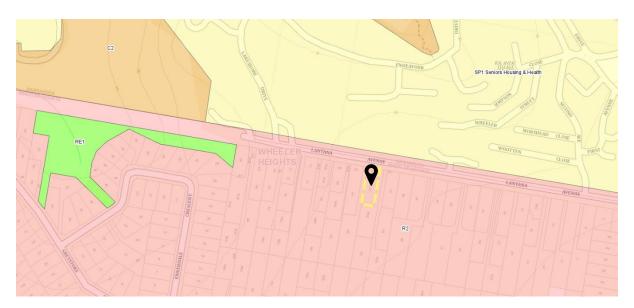


Figure 4: Land Zoning Map (NSW Spatial Planning Viewer 2022)

The development is identified to be first-floor addition and various alterations, which is permitted with consent in the R2 zone.

The objectives of the zone are:

- To provide for the housing needs of the community within a low-density residential environment.
- To enable other land uses that provide facilities or services to meet the day to day needs of residents.
- To ensure that low density residential environments are characterised by landscaped settings that are in harmony with the natural environment of Warringah.

The proposed alterations and additions to an existing dwelling supports the objectives of the zone by providing for the housing needs by increasing amenity through the provision of the swimming pool, cabana, and detached studio. The resultant development is compatible with the environmental and built character Wheeler Heights as the land use of the site will not change nor that of adjoining sites.

# **Clause 4.3 Height of buildings**

The LEP Height of Building Map stipulates that the maximum building height permitted for the site is 8.5 metres. The proposed height of the development is 8.5 metres.

#### **Clause 5.10 Heritage Conservation**

The site is not identified as a Heritage Item, nor is it located within a Heritage Conservation Area (HCA). The site is located across the road from heritage item I30, specifically the 'ANZAC War

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Memorial" which holds a local significance. Given the minor scale of the proposed works, no impact is anticipated to the heritage item. Accordingly, no further heritage assessment is deemed necessary.



Figure 5: Heritage Map (NSW Spatial Planning Viewer 2022)

## 6.4 Development on sloping land

The LEP Landslip Risk Map stipulates the subject site as 'Area D' with a small area of the site residing in 'Area A'. The development is adherent to the objectives of this clause as the alterations and additions proposed for this site will have minimal impact on storm water run-off or sub-surface flows. A Geotechnical Investigation Letter has been prepared by Ascent Geo and accompanies this application. The proposal will not impede on the listed criteria and is therefore compliant.



Figure 6: Landslip Risk Map, LSR\_009 (WLEP)

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# 4.1.6 Warringah Development Control Plan 2011

The development achieves a high level of compliance with the provisions of Warringah Development Control Plan 2011.

Cont	rol	Comment	Compliance		
Part	Part B Built Form Controls				
B1 W	/all Heights				
1	Walls are not to exceed 7.2 metres from	The wall height on the eastern	Merit		
	ground level (existing) to the underside of the	elevation is greater than 7.2m. The	assessment		
	ceiling on the uppermost floor of the building	numerical non-compliance is not			
	(excluding habitable areas wholly located	considered to be detrimental to the			
	within a roof space).	overall design and development			
		outcome on the site. The dwelling			
		follows the natural topography of the			
		land, given the slope falling from east			
		to west. The side elevation provides a			
		change in materials from painted			
		render to cladding for visual interest.			
		Furthermore, the side setback			
		provided of 1.35m is in excess of the			
		required 0.9m minimum.			
B2 N	umber of Storeys				
1	Buildings on land shown coloured on the DCP	Subject site is not included within the	-		
	Map Number of Storeys must comply with the	DCP Map Number of Storeys and is			
	maximum number of storeys identified on the	therefore not applicable			
	DCP Map Number of Storeys.				
B3 Si	de Boundary Envelope				
1	1. Buildings on land shown coloured on the	Part of the proposed additions will	Merit		
	DCP Map Side Boundary Envelopes must be	extend beyond the prescribed	Assessment		
	sited within a building envelope determined by	building envelope. At the western			
	projecting planes at 45 degrees from a height	elevation, this a minor extension of			
	above ground level (existing) at the side	the roof eaves and roof area, which is			
	boundaries of:	considered acceptable as the			
	• 4 metres	additions are of a contemporary			
		design and do not utilise a traditional			
		roof pitch.			
		While the eastern portion of the			

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Cont	rol	Comment	Compliance
		dwelling presents a larger non-	
		compliance, this is considered	
		acceptable given consistency with the	
		objectives of the control and absence	
		of adverse environmental impact. The	
		built form is of a contemporary	
		design with a low-pitched skillion roof	
		that does not exceed the maximum	
		height limit. There are no windows	
		facing side elevations in the area of	
		non-compliance, therefore, the	
		neighbour's privacy is not anticipated	
		to be compromised as result. The	
		shadow diagrams demonstrate that	
		all adjoining properties achieve	
		compliant levels of solar access to	
		the living areas and private open	
		space. Furthermore, the site is	
		surrounded by battle-axe handles on	
		each side of the site which provides	
		for significant building separation in	
		excess of approximately 11m to the	
		nearest dwelling to the east and	
		approximately 10m from the nearest	
		dwelling to the west.	
B4 Si	te Coverage		
1	Development on land shown coloured on the	The proposed development is not	-
	DCP Map Site Coverage shall not exceed the	outlined on the DCP Map for Site	
	maximum site coverage shown on the map.	Coverage and is therefore not	
	Where shown on the map as:	applicable.	
	33.3% - the total building footprint(s) must not		
	cover more than 33.3% of the site area, and		
	200/ _ 2 500m2 or 200/ /2 500m2 _ 4b - 4-4-1		
	20% = 3,500m2 or 30% <3,500m2 - the total		
	building footprint(s) must not cover more than		

20% of the site area except on allotments

Cont	rol	Comment	Compliance
	having an area of less than 3,500m2 where the total building footprint/s must not cover more than 30% of the site area.		
B5 S	ide Boundary Setbacks		
1	Development on land shown coloured on the DCP Map Side Boundary Setbacks is to maintain a minimum setback from side boundaries as shown on the map.	The subject site is under the land shown on the DCP Map Side Boundary Setbacks under the minimum set back of 0.9m. The proposed development has side setbacks of 1.35m at the closest point.	Complies
2	Side boundary setback areas are to be landscaped and free of any above or below ground structures, car parking or site facilities other than driveways and fences.	The site does not propose any above or below ground structures of any kind and the site will remain landscaped.	Complies
B7 F	ront Boundary Setbacks		
1	Development is to maintain a minimum setback to road frontages.	The proposed development does not alter the current position of the principal dwelling which leaves a front setback in excess of the 6.5m outlined in the DCP.	Complies
2	The front boundary setback area is to be landscaped and generally free of any structures, basements, carparking or site facilities other than driveways, letter boxes, garbage storage areas and fences.	The front boundary will remain free of any structures and will remain landscaped after the proposed removal of a single tree.	Complies
B9 R	ear Boundary Setbacks		
1	Development is to maintain a minimum setback to rear boundaries	Refer to Exception 1 below	-
2	The rear setback area is to be landscaped and free of any above or below ground structures.	The rear setback is proposed to remain predominantly landscaped with consideration of control 1 and the relevant exception	
Exce	otions		
1	On land zoned R2 Low Density Residential, and land zoned RU4 Rural Small Holdings that has frontage to "The Greenway", Duffy's Forest,	The proposed development contains a swimming pool and outbuilding that does not exceed 50% of the rear	

Cont	rol	Comment	Compliance
	where the minimum rear building setback is 6	setback area.	
	metres, exempt development, swimming pools		
	and outbuildings that, in total, do not exceed		
	50% of the rear setback area, provided that the		
	objectives of this provision are met.		
Part	C Siting Factors		
C2 Tr	raffic, Access and Safety		
1	Applicants shall demonstrate that the location	The proposed development will meet	Complies
	of vehicular and pedestrian access meets the	the outlined objectives of the DCP	
	objectives	and have no further interference	
		through its proposed location	
5	Vehicle crossing construction and design is to	The proposed vehicle crossing is to be	Complies
	be in accordance with Council's Minor works	constructed in accordance with	
	specification.	Council's Minor works specification.	
C3 Pa	arking Facilities		
1	The following design principles shall be met:	The proposed carport intended for	Complies
	Garage doors and carports are to be	the dwelling meets the following	
	integrated into the house design and to not	requirements:	
	dominate the façade. Parking is to be located	The proposed carport will not	
	within buildings or on site.;	dominate the façade of the	
	Laneways are to be used to provide rear	subject site as its proximity	
	access to carparking areas where possible;	towards the West is aligned with	
	Carparking is to be provided partly or fully	the proposed new front door.	
	underground for apartment buildings and	The proposed carport will be	
	other large scale developments;	within the site	
	• Parking is to be located so that views of the	Parking is located in a manner in	
	street from front windows are not obscured;	which the views of the street	
	and	from front windows are not	
	• Where garages and carports face the street,	obscured.	
	ensure that the garage or carport opening	The opening of the proposed	
	does not exceed 6 metres or 50% of the	carport does not exceed 6m	
	building width, whichever is the lesser.		
2	Off street parking is to be provided within the	The intended carport provides off	Complies
	property demonstrating that the following	street parking while considering:	
	matters have been taken into account:	• the land use;	
	• the land use;	the availability of public transport;	
	• the hours of operation;	• the availability of alternative car	

Cont	rol	Comment	Compliance
	the availability of public transport;	parking; and	
	• the availability of alternative car parking; and		
	the need for parking facilities for courier		
	vehicles, delivery / service vehicles and		
	bicycles.		
C4 St	cormwater		
1	Stormwater runoff must not cause downstream	Given the scale of the proposed	Complies
	flooding and must have minimal	works, no adverse impacts are to be	
	environmental impact on any receiving	expected on the applicable	
	stormwater infrastructure, watercourse, stream,	stormwater infrastructure or drainage	
	lagoon, lake and waterway or the like.	systems. The site will maintain its	
	The stormwater drainage systems for all	current compliance in regard to this	
	developments are to be designed, installed	control	
	and maintained in accordance with Council's		
	Water Management for Development Policy.	Refer to the provided stormwater	
		plan.	
C7 E2	। ccavation and Landfill		
2	Excavation and landfill works must not result in	The excavation works are for the	Complies
	any adverse impact on adjoining land.	swimming pool proposed within the	
		development and will not have an	
		adverse impact on the adjoining	
		residencies.	
3	Excavated and landfill areas shall be	Adverse effects on the surrounding	Complies
	constructed to ensure the geological stability	environment and infrastructure will	
	of the work	not result from the excavation works	
4	Excavation and landfill shall not create siltation	due to the minor scale of the work.	
	or pollution of waterways and drainage lines,		
	or degrade or destroy the natural environment.		
Part	D Design		
D1 La	andscaped Open Space and Bushland Setting		
1	The required minimum area of landscaped	The proposed landscaped area of the	Complies
	open space is shown on DCP Map Landscaped	subject site 378m <sup>2</sup> (53.3%).	
	Open Space and Bushland Setting. To measure		
	the area of landscaped open space:		
	a) Driveways, paved areas, roofed areas,		
	tennis courts, car parking and stormwater		

Cont	rol		Comment	Compliance
	areas with a dimension are excluded from the original by The water surface impervious surfaces whas rock outcrops calculation;  c) Landscaped oper ground level (finished); d) The minimum soil be included as landsometre.	of swimming pools and nich occur naturally such are included in the en space must be at and I depth of land that can caped open space is 1		
1		nt is to include private	This proposal provides private open space for the sole dwelling on site	Complies
2	open space for each dv		The proposed development will have	Complies
۷	The minimum area and dimensions of private		a total of 4 bedrooms apart of the	Compiles
	open space are as follo  DWELLING Type	Area and Minimum	principal dwelling and will contain	
	SWILLING Type	Dimensions per dwelling	POS that will exceed 60m <sup>2</sup> and a 5 m	
	Dwelling houses (including dual occupancy) and attached dwellings with 1 or 2 bedrooms Dwelling houses (including dual occupancy) and	A total of 35m2 with minimum dimensions of 3 metres  A total of 60m2 with minimum dimensions of 5 metres	dimension	
	attached dwellings with 3 or more bedrooms  Multi dwelling housing (not located at ground level); residential flat buildings and shop top housing	A total of 10m2 with minimum dimensions of 2.5 metres		
3		to be directly accessible	POS is directly accessible from the	Complies
	from a living area of a	dwelling and be capable	ground floor living/dining area and is	
	of serving as an exten	sion of the dwelling for	capable of being used as an extension	
	relaxation, dining, en	tertainment, recreation	for the aforementioned activities	
	and children's play.			
4	Private open space	is to be located and	POS have been situated so that the	Complies
	designed to ensure private	vacy of the occupants of	privacy of adjacent buildings and	
	adjacent buildings a	nd occupants of the	current occupants will remain while	
	proposed development	<u> </u>	using the allotted space.	_
5	Private open space sha	all not be located in the	The POS will not be located in the	Complies
	primary front building s	setback.	primary front building setback	

Cont	rol	Comment	Compliance	
6	Private open space is to be located to maximise solar access.	POS will maximise solar access as its northern orientation allows for adequate solar access.	Complies	
	D6 Access to Sunlight			
1	Development should avoid unreasonable overshadowing any public open space	The current position of the primary dwelling along with the proposed alterations and additions will not overshadow any public open space	Complies	
2	At least 50% of the required area of private open space of each dwelling and at least 50% of the required area of private open space of adjoining dwellings are to receive a minimum of 3 hours of sunlight between 9am and 3pm on June 21.	The POS of the principal dwelling along with the adjoining dwellings will receive adequate sunlight for a minimum of 3 hours of sunlight between 9am and 3pm on June 21.	Complies	
D7 V	iews			
1	Development shall provide for the reasonable sharing of views.	Given the natural topography of the street compliance with the maximum building height and building separation, existing views enjoyed by neighbouring properties are not anticipated to be adversely affected.	Complies	
D8 P	rivacy			
1	Building layout should be designed to optimise privacy for occupants of the development and occupants of adjoining properties.	Due to the gradient of the street running downwards from east to west, the proposed development will maintain privacy given the sufficient building separation as a result of the access handle, servicing the battle-axe block at 59 Lantana Avenue running between the sites.	Complies	
2	Orientate living areas, habitable rooms and windows to private open space areas or to the street to limit overlooking.	The orientation of living areas, habitable rooms and windows have been situated in a manner that reduces overlooking, while considering the access handles to adjoining properties creating	Complies	

Cont	rol	Comment	Compliance
		sufficient building separation.	
3	The effective location of doors, windows and	The current placement of doors within	Complies
	balconies to avoid overlooking is preferred to	the proposed development minimises	
	the use of screening devices, high sills or	overlooking possibilities as most are	
	obscured glass.	oriented towards the street and POS.	
		Due to the gradient of the street	
		running downwards from east to	
		west, the proposed development will	
		maintain privacy given the sufficient	
		building separation as a result of the	
		access handle, servicing the battle-axe	
		block at 59 Lantana Avenue running	
		between the sites.	
4	The windows of one dwelling are to be located	All current and proposed windows of	Complies
	so they do not provide direct or close views (ie	the dwellings have a separation of	
	from less than 9 metres away) into the	larger than 9m between each	
	windows of other dwellings.	dwelling, therefore direct or close	
		views are not available.	
D9 B	uilding Bulk		
1	Side and rear setbacks are to be progressively	Side and rear setbacks of the dwelling	Complies
	increased as wall height increases	are more than compliant as existing	
		and maintained setbacks are in excess	
		of the required minimum and are	
		considered acceptable.	
2	Large areas of continuous wall planes are to be	Large areas of continuous wall planes	Complies
	avoided by varying building setbacks and	are avoided through the varying	
	using appropriate techniques to provide visual	building setbacks and techniques	
	relief	employed which consist of:	
		The rear set back being greater	
		from the first-floor addition	
		compared to the ground floor.	
		The existing side setbacks are	
		greater than minimum	
		requirements outlined in the	
		DCP which provide for sufficient	
		access and opportunity for	

Control	Comment	Compliance
	<ul> <li>landscaping in future instances.</li> <li>The proposed development intends to implement a variety of colours and materials</li> </ul>	
	amongst the first floor and attic additions. This will provide visual interest for the site as it remains consistent with the current character of the area but provides visual relief through the	
	external façade being segmented accordingly.  • Along the western elevation a first-floor balcony is provided which articulates the building as relief is provided through	
	breaking up the façade and eliminating large areas of continuous walls.  • Subject site adjoins the access handles of 51 Lantana Avenue and 59 Lantana Avenue, these	
	two sites are situated behind the subject site out of view from the proposed works. Further adjoining properties of 61 Lantana Avenue and 53 Lantana Avenue are not likely to be	
	<ul> <li>impacted through sufficient building separation between the sites.</li> <li>Due to the building separation between the subject site and adjoining ones, the proposed</li> </ul>	
	development will not have a significant visual impact when viewed from adjoining	

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3	On sloping land, the height and bulk of development (particularly on the downhill side) is to be minimised, and the need for cut and fill reduced by designs which minimise the building footprint and allow the building mass to step down the slope. In particular:  The amount of fill is not to exceed one metre in depth.  Fill is not to spread beyond the footprint of the building.  Excavation of the landform is to be minimised.	properties or the public domain.  The property adjoining to the north is a senior living site, the location of the dwellings are setback significantly from the front boundary and do not have a direct view of the subject site, additionally the front boundary is heavily tree lined which does not visually impact the seniors living site.  The proposed works step down from 3rd floor and does not continue downwards. Fill is not to spread beyond the footprint of the building and minimal excavation is proposed for the development.	Complies
4	Building height and scale needs to relate to topography and site conditions	The proposed development will step with the land and will comply with maximum building height	Complies
5	Orientate development to address the street.	The dwelling will continue to address the street.	Complies
6	Use colour, materials and surface treatment to reduce building bulk	The proposed materials and finishes are cohesive with that present in the street. Additionally, the proposed finishes serve to further articulate the building bulk. Refer to provided schedule of colours and materials.	Complies
7	Landscape plantings are to be provided to reduce the visual bulk of new building and works	Existing planting is to be retained and is deemed to be sufficient to screen any additional bulk towards the rear	Complies

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		of the site.	
8	Articulate walls to reduce building mass.	The balcony provided on first floor in	Complies
		conjunction with the variety of	
		colours and materials proposed for	
		the development results in	
		appropriate articulation of the	
		building. Articulation is achieved as	
		the façade is appropriately broken up	
		which assists in a reduction in	
		building mass.	
D10	Building Colours and Materials		
1	In highly visible areas, the visual impact of new	The proposed new development will	Complies
	development (including any structures	minimise visual impact through	
	required to retain land) is to be minimized	sympathetic choices of colour,	
	through the use of appropriate colours and	building materials and landscaping to	
	materials and landscaping.	the surrounding neighbourhood.	
2	The colours and materials of development on	The subject site is not within close	NA
	sites adjoining, or in close proximity to,	proximity of the listed areas and	
	bushland areas, waterways or the beach must	therefore, it is not applicable	
	blend in to the natural landscape		
3	The colours and materials used for alterations	The proposed development intends	Complies
	and additions to an existing structure shall	to use colours and materials that will	
	complement the existing external building	complement the external façade of	
	façade.	the dwelling.	
D11	Roofs		
2	Roofs should complement the roof pitch and	The new roof proposed will contain a	Complies
	forms of the existing buildings in the	pitch and form which is suitable	
	streetscape	within the streetscape.	
3	Articulate the roof with elements such as	The proposed alterations and	Complies
	dormers, gables, balconies, verandahs and	additions will support a balcony on	
	pergolas.	the first-floor addition, which is	
		situated under the proposed new	
		roof.	
4	Roofs shall incorporate eaves for shading	The proposed development includes	Complies
		eaves for shading with the new roof.	
5	Roofing materials should not cause excessive	Roofing materials proposed will not	Complies
	glare and reflection	create an excessive glare and	
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		reflection.	
D12 (	Glare and Reflection		
3	Sunlight reflectivity that may impact on surrounding properties is to be minimised by utilising one or more of the following:  • Selecting materials for roofing, wall claddings and glazing that have less reflection eg medium to dark roof tones;  • Orienting reflective materials away from properties that may be impacted;  • Recessing glass into the façade;  • Utilising shading devices;  • Limiting the use of glazing on walls and glazed balustrades and avoiding the use of highly reflective glass; and  • Selecting windows and openings that have a vertical emphasis and are significantly less in proportion to solid massing in walls.	<ul> <li>The proposed alterations and additions for the subject site have:         <ul> <li>selected materials for roofing, wall cladding and glazing that reflect less sunlight</li> <li>oriented reflective materials away from neighbouring properties</li> <li>Limited use of highly reflective materials and glasses</li> <li>Windows contain a vertical emphasis and are significantly less in proportion to solid massing walls.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Complies
D16 9	Swimming Pools and Spas		l
1	Pools are not to be located in the front	The proposed swimming pool will be	Complies
	building setback.	located in the rear building setback.	
3	Swimming pools and spas are to be setback from any trees. Australian Standard AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites is to be used to determine an appropriate setback.	The proposed swimming pool is sufficiently setback from trees on site, refer to the accompanying arborists report.	Complies
Part I	E The Natural Environment		
E1 Pr	eservation of Trees or Bushland Vegetation		
6	Development is to be sited and designed to minimise the impact on remnant native vegetation, including canopy trees and understorey vegetation, and on remnant native ground cover species.	The development proposes the removal of 2 trees and has minimal impact on remnant native vegetation including canopy trees and understorey vegetation. Refer to the arborist report which accompanies this application.	Complies
7	Where the applicant demonstrates that no reasonable alternative design exists and a tree	The arborist report provided by Bluegum Tree Care and Consultancy	Complies

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	must be removed, suitable compensatory tree	outlines that no suitable alternative	
	planting is required. Details including	design layouts were possible for the	
	proposed species and the location of	retention of Cheese Tree located at	
	replacement planting are to be provided.	the rear of the site. The Cotoneaster	
		tree located at the front of the site is	
		recommended for removal	
		irrespective of the proposed works	
		given it is an invasive weed species.	
8	Development must also avoid any impact on	The proposed development will not	Complies
	trees on public land.	impact trees residing on public land	
		and is therefore not applicable	
E10 I	Landslip Risk		
1	The applicant must demonstrate that:	The proposed development has minor	
	The proposed development is justified in	implications on the geotechnical	
	terms of geotechnical stability; and	stability of the subject site and will be	
	The proposed development will be carried	conducted in accordance with good	
	out in accordance with good engineering	engineering practice. Refer to the	
	practice.	Geotechnical Letter which	
		accompanies this application.	
2	Development must not cause detrimental	The scope of the proposed additions	Complies
	impacts because of stormwater discharge from	and alterations are minor and would	
	the land.	likely not create a detrimental impact	
3	Development must not cause detrimental	on the stormwater discharge or	
	impact on the existing subsurface flow	subsurface flow from the subject site.	
	conditions including those of other properties.		
4	To address Requirements 1 to 3:	A preliminary geotechnical	Complies
	ii) For land identified as being in Area B or Area	assessment has been conducted by	
	D:	Ascent Geo on the 24 November 2022	
	A preliminary assessment of site conditions	and has prepared an assessment of	
	prepared in accordance with the Checklist for	site conditions in accordance with the	
	Council's assessment of site conditions (see	outlined checklist. The preliminary	
	Notes) must be carried out for development.	report has concluded that the	
	The preliminary assessment must be prepared	proposed development constitutes an	
	by a suitably qualified geotechnical engineer/	'acceptable' risk to life and a 'low' risk	
	engineering geologist and must be submitted	to property and does not require a	
	with the development application.	report, along with the hydrological	
		assessments and appropriate risk	
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If the preliminary assessment determines that a	assessments provided the	
geotechnical report is required a report must	recommendations outlined in Table 2	
be prepared by a suitably qualified	of the preliminary report (pages 5-8)	
geotechnical engineer / engineering geologist	are adhered to.	
and must be submitted with the development		
application.		
Also, if the preliminary assessment determines		
that a geotechnical report is required a		
hydrological assessment of stormwater		
discharge and subsurface flow conditions,		
prepared by a suitably qualified geotechnical/		
hydrological engineer, must be submitted with		
the development application.		
iv) When a geotechnical report is required to		
be submitted, (determined in accordance with		
i) to iii) above), the report must include a risk		
assessment of landslip in relation to both		
property and life. The risk assessment must		
have regard to any guidelines published by the		
Australian Geomechanics Society.		

## 4.2 Impacts of the Development

As noted in the above assessment against the provisions of the relevant Environmental Planning Instruments and Development Control Plan, the development is of a reasonable scale and nature, and does not present unreasonable environmental, social and economic impacts.

#### 4.2.1 Natural and Built Environment Impacts

The development involves the removal of two trees of minor landscape value and this is considered to be of acceptable environmental impact. Refer to provided arborist report for further details.

# 4.2.2 Social and Economic Impacts

The development increases the amenity of the property with the new alterations and additions. The development will thus also upgrade the presentation of the site to the street and improve aesthetic quality of the streetscape. The proposal does not engender any negative social or economic outputs.

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#### 4.3 Suitability of the Site

The subject site is considered suitable in size and shape to accommodate the development. The proposal does not introduce any incompatible uses to the site. The works are permissible under the R2 Low Density Residential zone.

#### 4.3.1 Access to Services

The site is located within an established residential area with excellent access to services and public transport. As the site is within an established urban area, electricity, sewer, telephone, and water services are readily available to the subject site.

#### 4.3.2 Parking and Access

The on-site parking provided complies with the parking requirements as prescribed by Warringah Development Control Plan 2011. It provides a logical and considered approach to the provision of off-street car parking. The impacts arising as a result of the likely traffic generated by the proposal have been considered.

#### 4.3.3 Hazards

The site is in an area recognised by Council as being subject to landslip. The proposed development is not likely to increase the likelihood of such hazards occurring and is considered appropriate in this instance. a Geotechnical investigation letter has been prepared by Ascent GEO dated 24/11 which concludes that;

"With reference to the Australian Geomechanics Society's definitions, the existing conditions and proposed development are considered to constitute an 'ACCEPTABLE' risk to life and a 'LOW' risk to property provided that the recommendations outlined in Table 2 are adhered to."

The proposal is considered satisfactory in this regard.

#### **4.4 The Public Interest**

The proposal is considered to be in the public interest as it produces nominal environmental, social and economic impacts. Furthermore, it complies with the objectives and controls of the WLEP 2011, WDCP 2011.

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The proposed development has been designed to relate to the size, shape and context of the site and has been designed in accordance with the desired future character for development in the area.

The proposal seeks to provide an additions and alterations development that makes efficient use of space on the site in a prime location that is in high demand for residential accommodation. In addition, the proposal has been designed to minimise as far as practical any adverse effects on existing and future neighbouring properties. The proposal is consistent with the applicable LEP and DCP provisions except where identified and justified in this Statement of Environmental Effects. Accordingly, the proposed development is considered to be in the public interest.

#### **5.0 CONCLUSION**

The Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) has been prepared to consider the environmental, social and economic impacts of the development at 57 Lantana Avenue, Wheeler Heights. The report has addressed the applicable policies and plans, and has provided an environmental assessment in accordance with Section 4.15 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

The application proposes a permissible development within the subject site locality. The proposal incorporates appropriate design considerations to minimise any adverse impacts on the natural and built environment, and the amenity of the surrounding neighbourhood.

Given the benefits of the development and compliance with the relevant policies and plans, we conclude that the proposed development at 57 Lantana Avenue, Wheeler Heights as described in this application is reasonable and supportable, and worthy of approval by Northern Beaches Council.

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