

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/1303
Date:	23/12/2020
Responsible Officer	Kelsey Wilkes
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot A DP 443867 , 50 Bardo Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

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 Referral team have reviewed the application for consistency against the relevant environmental legislation and controls, including:

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act)

Pittwater Local Environmental Plan (PLEP)
- 7.6 Biodiversity Protection

Pittwater Development Control Plan (PDCP)
- B4.6 Wildlife Corridors

Subject to conditions the 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 TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

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

Replacement of Canopy Trees

The applicant seeks to remove seven (7) trees, including two (2) prescribed trees (Urban Arbor 2020):

- Tree 2 - *Livistona australis*
- Tree 6 - *Glochidion ferdinandi*

In order to meet the controls of clause B4.6 of the Pittwater DCP, specifically *Development shall not result in a significant loss of canopy cover or a net loss in native canopy trees.*

At least 2 locally native canopy trees (1 *Livistona australis* and 1 *Glochidion ferdinandi*) are to be planted on site to replace protected trees approved for removal. Species are to have a minimum mature height of 8.5m and be consistent with Council's Native Gardening Guide.

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 with another locally native canopy tree.

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.

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

No Weeds Imported on to 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.

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