

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

Application Number:	DA2020/0586
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Responsible Officer:	Nick Keeler
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 4 DP 249261, 4 Laura Street SEAFORTH NSW 2092
Proposed Development:	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house
Zoning:	Manly LEP2013 - Land zoned E3 Environmental Management
Development Permissible:	Yes
Existing Use Rights:	No
Consent Authority:	Northern Beaches Council
Land and Environment Court Action:	No
Owner:	Marcelle Carr
Applicant:	Space Landscape Designs Pty Ltd Marcelle Carr

Application Lodged:	05/06/2020
Integrated Development:	No
Designated Development:	No
State Reporting Category:	Residential - Alterations and additions
Notified:	17/06/2020 to 01/07/2020
Advertised:	Not Advertised
Submissions Received:	1
Clause 4.6 Variation:	4.3 Height of buildings: 20%
Recommendation:	Approval

Estimated Cost of Works:	\$ 12,416.00
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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN DETAIL

The applicant seeks development consent for alterations and additions to the existing dwelling. The proposed works include the installation of a balustrade, roof and partition wall to an existing terrace on the eastern elevation of the uppermost level of the dwelling to make use of the space as a balcony.

ASSESSMENT INTRODUCTION

The application has been assessed in accordance with the requirements of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 and the associated Regulations. In this regard:

- An assessment report and recommendation has been prepared (the subject of this report) taking into account all relevant provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act

1979, and the associated regulations;

- A site inspection was conducted and consideration has been given to the impacts of the development upon the subject site and adjoining, surrounding and nearby properties;
- Notification to adjoining and surrounding properties, advertisement (where required) and referral to relevant internal and external bodies in accordance with the Act, Regulations and relevant Development Control Plan;
- A review and consideration of all submissions made by the public and community interest groups in relation to the application;
- A review and consideration of all documentation provided with the application (up to the time of determination);
- A review and consideration of all referral comments provided by the relevant Council Officers, State Government Authorities/Agencies and Federal Government Authorities/Agencies on the proposal.

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ISSUES

Manly Local Environmental Plan 2013 - 4.6 Exceptions to development standards

Manly Development Control Plan - 3.4.2 Privacy and Security

Manly Development Control Plan - 4.1.4 Setbacks (front, side and rear) and Building Separation

SITE DESCRIPTION

Property Description:	Lot 4 DP 249261 , 4 Laura Street SEAFORTH NSW 2092
Detailed Site Description:	<p>The subject site consists of one (1) allotment located on the southern side of Laura Street.</p> <p>The site is irregular in shape with a frontage of 4.875m along Laura Street and a depth of 55.1m. The site has a surveyed area of 976.2m².</p> <p>The site is located within the E3 Environmental Management zone and accommodates a four-storey residential dwelling with a number of ancillary structures including a large courtyard area with swimming pool at the rear of the dwelling, terraced gardens and multiple timber decks towards the foreshore and a timber jetty. Parts of the site is under construction subject to development consent DA148/2014 and subsequent modifications.</p> <p>The site falls approx. 21m from the front boundary towards the foreshore. The site falls steeply by approx. 9.5m from the southern side of the swimming pool area to the foreshore.</p> <p>The site contains a number of natural environment elements, including rock outcrops and the foreshore frontage. The site does not contain any significant canopy trees, but has a number of garden areas between the rear courtyard and foreshore. This area is currently under construction.</p> <p>Detailed Description of Adjoining/Surrounding</p>

Development

Adjoining and surrounding development is characterised by low density residential dwellings with ancillary structures and outbuildings, including swimming pools, jetties and boatsheds.

Map:



SITE HISTORY

The land has been used for residential purposes for an extended period of time. A search of Council's records has revealed the following relevant history:

Application **DA198/2010** for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including second floor addition, new roof and extend garage was approved on 28/09/2010 by the Manly Council Development Assessment Unit.

Application **DA148/2014** for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including new masonry sea wall and retaining walls to replace existing timber logs, new timber stairs, new decks, new decked landings, new walkways and increasing the depth of the existing boatshed was approved on 25/02/2015 by the Manly Council Development Assessment Unit.

Application **BC2019/0071** for changes from DA198/2010 to lower ground floor, ground floor, first floor and second floor was approved on 20/09/2019.

Application **Mod2019/0241** for modification of Development Consent DA148/2014 granted for alterations and additions to an existing dwelling including a sea wall was approved on 18/12/2019 by the Development Determination Panel.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979 (EPAA)

The relevant matters for consideration under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979,

are:

Section 4.15 Matters for Consideration'	Comments
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(i) – Provisions of any environmental planning instrument	See discussion on “Environmental Planning Instruments” in this report.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(ii) – Provisions of any draft environmental planning instrument	Draft State Environmental Planning Policy (Remediation of Land) seeks to replace the existing SEPP No. 55 (Remediation of Land). Public consultation on the draft policy was completed on 13 April 2018. The subject site has been used for residential purposes for an extended period of time. The proposed development retains the residential use of the site, and is not considered a contamination risk.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(iii) – Provisions of any development control plan	Manly Development Control Plan applies to this proposal.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(iia) – Provisions of any planning agreement	None applicable.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(iv) – Provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 (EP&A Regulation 2000)	<p><u>Division 8A</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the consent authority to consider "Prescribed conditions" of development consent. These matters have been addressed via a condition of consent.</p> <p><u>Clause 50(1A)</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the submission of a design verification certificate from the building designer at lodgement of the development application. This clause is not relevant to this application.</p> <p><u>Clauses 54 and 109</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 allow Council to request additional information. Additional information was requested in relation to a written request to vary a development standard.</p> <p><u>Clause 92</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the consent authority to consider AS 2601 - 1991: The Demolition of Structures. This matter has been addressed via a condition of consent.</p> <p><u>Clauses 93 and/or 94</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the consent authority to consider the upgrading of a building (including fire safety upgrade of development). This clause is not relevant to this application.</p> <p><u>Clause 98</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the consent authority to consider insurance requirements under the Home Building Act 1989. This matter has been addressed via a condition of consent.</p> <p><u>Clause 98</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the consent authority to consider the provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA). This matter has been addressed via a condition</p>

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	of consent. Clause 143A of the EP&A Regulation 2000 requires the submission of a design verification certificate from the building designer prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate. This clause is not relevant to this application.
Section 4.15 (1) (b) – the likely impacts of the development, including environmental impacts on the natural and built environment and social and economic impacts in the locality	(i) Environmental Impact The environmental impacts of the proposed development on the natural and built environment are addressed under the Manly Development Control Plan section in this report. (ii) Social Impact The proposed development will not have a detrimental social impact in the locality considering the character of the proposal. (iii) Economic Impact The proposed development will not have a detrimental economic impact on the locality considering the nature of the existing and proposed land use.
Section 4.15 (1) (c) – the suitability of the site for the development	The site is considered suitable for the proposed development.
Section 4.15 (1) (d) – any submissions made in accordance with the EPA Act or EPA Regs	See discussion on “Notification & Submissions Received” in this report.
Section 4.15 (1) (e) – the public interest	No matters have arisen in this assessment that would justify the refusal of the application in the public interest.

EXISTING USE RIGHTS

Existing Use Rights are not applicable to this application.

BUSHFIRE PRONE LAND

The site is not classified as bush fire prone land.

NOTIFICATION & SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED

The subject development application has been publicly exhibited from 17/06/2020 to 01/07/2020 in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 and the relevant Development Control Plan.

As a result of the public exhibition process council is in receipt of 1 submission/s from:

Name:	Address:
Watermark Planning	PO Box 445 FORESTVILLE NSW 2087

The following issues were raised in the submissions and each have been addressed below:

- Privacy
- Side setback
- Wall height
- Fire safety

The matters raised within the submissions are addressed as follows:

- *Concern is raised that the proposed balcony will unreasonably impact upon the privacy of 3 Laura Street.*

Comment:

Detailed assessment of the potential privacy impact of the proposal under Part 3.4.2 of MDCP is included in this report.

- *Concern is raised that the proposed development does not comply with the side boundary setback requirement.*

Comment:

Detailed assessment of the proposed side setback variation under Part 4.1.4 of MDCP is included in this report.

- *Concern is raised that the apparent wall height of the dwelling when viewed from 3 Laura Street will be increased.*

Comment:

The wall height of the proposed development is consistent with that of the existing dwelling. The only full height wall of the proposal is mostly located adjacent to the garage of 3 Laura Street. Any increase in the apparent wall height of the dwelling is considered to be negligible.

- *Concern is raised that the proposed development does not comply with BCA fire rating requirements.*

Comment:

Detailed assessment of the proposed development in accordance with BCA requirements are not conducted at the Development Application stage. A condition of consent requires that the approved development must demonstrate compliance with all relevant BCA and Australian Standards prior to the issue of a construction certificate.

REFERRALS

Internal Referral Body	Comments
NECC (Bushland and	The proposed development has been assessed against Manly LEP

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Biodiversity)	Clause 6.5 (Terrestrial Biodiversity). It is considered that the proposal complies, subject to conditions.
NECC (Coast and Catchments)	<p>The application has been assessed in consideration of the <i>Coastal Management Act 2016</i>, State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018, Sydney Harbour Catchment Regional Environment Plan, 2005 and Sydney Harbour Foreshores and Waterways Area Development Control Plan, 2005. It has also been assessed against requirements of the Manly LEP and DCP.</p> <p>The application has also been assessed using Northern Beaches SREP assessment template.</p> <p>Coastal Management Act 2016 The subject site has been identified as being within the coastal zone and therefore <i>Coastal Management Act 2016</i> is applicable to the proposed development.</p> <p>The proposed development is in line with the objects, as set out under Clause 3 of the <i>Coastal Management Act 2016</i>.</p> <p>State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018 As the subject site has been identified as being within the coastal zone and therefore SEPP (Coastal Management) 2018 is also applicable to the proposed development.</p> <p>The subject land has been included on the 'Coastal Environment Area' and 'Coastal Use Area' maps but not been included on the Coastal Vulnerability Area Map under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018 (CM SEPP). Clauses 13 (coastal environment area) and 14 (coastal use area) do not apply as the site is also located within the SREP area. Hence, only Clause 15 of the CM SEPP apply for this DA.</p> <p>Comment: On internal assessment and as assessed in the submitted Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) report prepared by Space Landscape Design Pty. Ltd dated 26 May 2020, the DA satisfies requirements under Clause 15 of the CM SEPP.</p> <p>As such, it is considered that the application does comply with the requirements of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Coastal Management) 2018.</p> <p>Sydney Regional Environment Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005</p> <p>Harbour Foreshores & Waterways Area</p> <p>The subject site is located within the Sydney Harbour Catchment and</p>

Internal Referral Body	Comments					
	<p>is identified as being within the Foreshores and Waterways Area. Hence Part 2, Clause 14 and Part 3, Division 2 apply in assessing this DA.</p> <p>On internal assessment, it is determined that the Planning Principles and Matters for Consideration of the Area have been met.</p> <p>Manly LEP 2013 and Manly DCP</p> <p>Foreshores Scenic Protection Area The subject site is shown to be as “Manly Foreshores Scenic Protection Area” on Council’s Foreshores Scenic Protection Area in Manly LEP 2013. As such, Clause 6.9 (Foreshores Scenic Protection Area) of the Manly LEP 2013 and Part 5, section 5.4.1 Foreshores Scenic Protection Area of the Manly DCP 2013 will apply to proposed development on the site.</p> <p>On internal assessment and as assessed in the submitted Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE) report prepared by Space Landscape Design Pty. Ltd dated 26 May 2020, the DA satisfies requirements under Clause 6.9 (Foreshores Scenic Protection Area) of the Manly LEP 2013 and Part 5, section 5.4.1 Foreshores Scenic Protection Area of the Manly DCP 2013.</p> <p>As such, it is considered that the application does comply with the requirements of the Clause 6.9 (Foreshores Scenic Protection Area) of the Manly LEP 2013 and Part 5, section 5.4.1 Foreshores Scenic Protection Area of the Manly DCP 2013.</p>					
NECC (Riparian Lands and Creeks)	<p>This application has been assessed against relevant legislation relation to the protection of waterways and aquatic ecosystems. This application proposes to make additions to an existing balcony. The application is unlikely to have an adverse impact on the integrity and resilience of the ecological, biophysical and hydrological environment. It is therefore recommended for approval without conditions.</p>					
Strategic and Place Planning (Heritage Officer)	<table><tr><th>HERITAGE COMMENTS</th></tr><tr><th>Discussion of reason for referral</th></tr><tr><td><p>This application has been referred as it adjoins a listed heritage item, being Item I1 - Harbour Foreshores, listed in Schedule 5 of Manly Local Environmental Plan 2013.</p></td></tr><tr><th>Details of heritage items affected</th></tr><tr><td><p>Details of this heritage item, as contained within the Manly Heritage Inventory are: Item I1 - Harbour Foreshores <u>Statement of Significance</u> Natural landscape type - Aesthetic. <u>Physical Description</u></p></td></tr></table>	HERITAGE COMMENTS	Discussion of reason for referral	<p>This application has been referred as it adjoins a listed heritage item, being Item I1 - Harbour Foreshores, listed in Schedule 5 of Manly Local Environmental Plan 2013.</p>	Details of heritage items affected	<p>Details of this heritage item, as contained within the Manly Heritage Inventory are: Item I1 - Harbour Foreshores <u>Statement of Significance</u> Natural landscape type - Aesthetic. <u>Physical Description</u></p>
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Internal Referral Body	Comments		
	Length of foreshore including natural and built elements of the landscape. Rocky sandstone ledgers, beaches, mud flats and sandstone retaining walls and timber structures.		
	Other relevant heritage listings		
	Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005	No	Comment if applicable
	Australian Heritage Register	No	
	NSW State Heritage Register	No	
	National Trust of Aust (NSW) Register	No	
	RAIA Register of 20th Century Buildings of Significance	No	
	Other	No	
	Consideration of Application		
	This application is for a minor building addition which proposes extension of an existing balcony, located on the eastern boundary of the site (adjoining garage of adjoining property). This addition is located approximately 35 metres from the harbour foreshore and separated by the existing multi-storey dwelling.		
	Therefore there will be no impact upon the heritage significance of the Harbour Foreshore heritage item.		
	No objections raised on heritage grounds and no conditions required.		
<u>Consider against the provisions of CL5.10 of MLEP2013:</u> Is a Conservation Management Plan (CMP) Required? No Has a CMP been provided? N/A Is a Heritage Impact Statement required? Yes Has a Heritage Impact Statement been provided? No - not required due to minor nature of proposed development.			

External Referral Body	Comments
Ausgrid: (SEPP Infra.)	The proposal was referred to Ausgrid who provided a response stating that the proposal is acceptable subject to compliance with the relevant Ausgrid Network Standards and SafeWork NSW Codes of Practice. These recommendations will be included as a condition of consent.

ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING INSTRUMENTS (EPIs)*

All, Environmental Planning Instruments (SEPPs, REPs and LEPs), Development Controls Plans and Council Policies have been considered in the merit assessment of this application.

In this regard, whilst all provisions of each Environmental Planning Instruments (SEPPs, REPs and LEPs), Development Controls Plans and Council Policies have been considered in the assessment, many provisions contained within the document are not relevant or are enacting, definitions and operational provisions which the proposal is considered to be acceptable against.

As such, an assessment is provided against the controls relevant to the merit consideration of the application hereunder.

State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) and State Regional Environmental Plans (SREPs)

SEPP 55 - Remediation of Land

Clause 7 (1) (a) of SEPP 55 requires the Consent Authority to consider whether land is contaminated. Council records indicate that the subject site has been used for residential purposes for a significant period of time with no prior land uses. In this regard it is considered that the site poses no risk of contamination and therefore, no further consideration is required under Clause 7 (1) (b) and (c) of SEPP 55 and the land is considered to be suitable for the residential land use.

SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007

Ausgrid

Clause 45 of the SEPP requires the Consent Authority to consider any development application (or an application for modification of consent) for any development carried out:

- within or immediately adjacent to an easement for electricity purposes (whether or not the electricity infrastructure exists).
- immediately adjacent to an electricity substation.
- within 5.0m of an overhead power line.
- includes installation of a swimming pool any part of which is: within 30m of a structure supporting an overhead electricity transmission line and/or within 5.0m of an overhead electricity power line.

Comment:

The proposal was referred to Ausgrid who provided a response stating that the proposal is acceptable subject to compliance with the relevant Ausgrid Network Standards and SafeWork NSW Codes of Practice. These recommendations will be included as a condition of consent.

SEPP (Coastal Management) 2018

Consideration and assessment of proposed in accordance of the requirements of the CM SEPP is included in the Coast and Catchments referral comments.

Manly Local Environmental Plan 2013

Is the development permissible?	Yes
After consideration of the merits of the proposal, is the development consistent with:	
aims of the LEP?	Yes
zone objectives of the LEP?	Yes

Principal Development Standards

Standard	Requirement	Proposed	% Variation	Complies
Height of Buildings:	8.5m	10.2m	20%	No
Floor Space Ratio:	0.4:1	No change	N/A	As existing

Compliance Assessment

Clause	Compliance with Requirements
4.3 Height of buildings	No
4.3A Special height provisions	Yes
4.4 Floor space ratio	Yes
4.6 Exceptions to development standards	Yes
6.2 Earthworks	Yes
6.4 Stormwater management	Yes
6.5 Terrestrial biodiversity	Yes
6.8 Landslide risk	Yes
6.9 Foreshore scenic protection area	Yes
6.12 Essential services	Yes

Detailed Assessment

4.6 Exceptions to development standards

Description of non-compliance:

Development standard:	Height of buildings
Requirement:	8.5m
Proposed:	10.2m
Percentage variation to requirement:	20%

Assessment of request to vary a development standard:

The following assessment of the variation to Clause 4.3 – Height of Buildings development standard, has taken into consideration the recent judgement contained within *Initial Action Pty Ltd v Woollahra Municipal Council [2018] NSWLEC 118*, *Baron Corporation Pty Limited v Council of the City of Sydney [2019] NSWLEC 61*, and *RebelMH Neutral Bay Pty Limited v North Sydney Council [2019] NSWCA*

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Clause 4.6 Exceptions to development standards:

(1) The objectives of this clause are as follows:

- (a) to provide an appropriate degree of flexibility in applying certain development standards to particular development,
- (b) to achieve better outcomes for and from development by allowing flexibility in particular circumstances.

(2) Development consent may, subject to this clause, be granted for development even though the development would contravene a development standard imposed by this or any other environmental planning instrument. However, this clause does not apply to a development standard that is expressly excluded from the operation of this clause.

Comment:

Clause 4.3 – Height of Buildings development standard is not expressly excluded from the operation of this clause.

(3) Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless the consent authority has considered a written request from the applicant that seeks to justify the contravention of the development standard by demonstrating:

- (a) that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case, and
- (b) that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.

(4) Development consent must not be granted for development that contravenes a development standard unless:

(a) the consent authority is satisfied that:

- (i) the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by subclause (3), and
 - (ii) the proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the particular standard and the objectives for development within the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out, and
- (b) the concurrence of the Secretary has been obtained.

Clause 4.6 (4)(a)(i) (Justification) assessment:

Clause 4.6 (4)(a)(i) requires the consent authority to be satisfied that the applicant's written request, seeking to justify the contravention of the development standard, has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by cl 4.6(3). There are two separate matters for consideration contained within cl 4.6(3) and these are addressed as follows:

- (a) that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case, and

Comment:

The Applicant's written request (attached to this report as an Appendix) has demonstrated that the objectives of the development standard are achieved, notwithstanding the non-compliance with the development standard.

In doing so, the Applicant's written request has adequately demonstrated that compliance with the development standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of this case as required by cl 4.6(3)(a).

(b) that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard.

Comment:

In the matter of Initial Action Pty Ltd v Woollahra Municipal Council [2018] NSWLEC 118, Preston CJ provides the following guidance (para 23) to inform the consent authority's finding that the applicant's written request has adequately demonstrated that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard:

'As to the second matter required by cl 4.6(3)(b), the grounds relied on by the applicant in the written request under cl 4.6 must be "environmental planning grounds" by their nature: see *Four2Five Pty Ltd v Ashfield Council* [2015] NSWLEC 90 at [26]. The adjectival phrase "environmental planning" is not defined, but would refer to grounds that relate to the subject matter, scope and purpose of the EPA Act, including the objects in s 1.3 of the EPA Act.'

s 1.3 of the EPA Act reads as follows:

1.3 Objects of Act(cf previous s 5)

The objects of this Act are as follows:

- (a) to promote the social and economic welfare of the community and a better environment by the proper management, development and conservation of the State's natural and other resources,
- (b) to facilitate ecologically sustainable development by integrating relevant economic, environmental and social considerations in decision-making about environmental planning and assessment,
- (c) to promote the orderly and economic use and development of land,
- (d) to promote the delivery and maintenance of affordable housing,
- (e) to protect the environment, including the conservation of threatened and other species of native animals and plants, ecological communities and their habitats,
- (f) to promote the sustainable management of built and cultural heritage (including Aboriginal cultural heritage),
- (g) to promote good design and amenity of the built environment,
- (h) to promote the proper construction and maintenance of buildings, including the protection of the health and safety of their occupants,
- (i) to promote the sharing of the responsibility for environmental planning and assessment between the different levels of government in the State,
- (j) to provide increased opportunity for community participation in environmental planning and assessment.

The applicants written request argues, in part:

The proposal seeks to provide a covered roof over the existing balcony. The area cannot be used as an outdoor entertaining area being less than 2m² and being located off a bedroom. It does not result in any adverse impacts on the area or any neighbours.

- *The contravention of the height control by the proposal does not give rise to any environmental effect of sufficient significance that would cause concern.*
- *There is no impact to existing quantity of sunlight to the neighbouring garage.*
- *The additional roof area is minor and will have no effect to the bulk of the existing building as it*

will not be visible from the street or foreshore.

It is concurred that the proposed development, by virtue of its limited scope and scale comparative to the existing dwelling, is not expected to cause any unreasonable environmental amenity impacts to adjacent properties, including solar access, privacy and view loss.

In this regard, the applicant's written request has demonstrated that the proposed development is an orderly and economic use and development of the land, and that the structure is of a good design that will reasonably protect and improve the amenity of the surrounding built environment, therefore satisfying cls 1.3 (c) and (g) of the EPA Act.

Therefore, the applicant's written request has adequately demonstrated that there are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify contravening the development standard as required by cl 4.6 (3)(b).

Therefore, Council is satisfied that the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the matters required to be demonstrated by cl 4.6(3).

Clause 4.6 (4)(a)(ii) (Public Interest) assessment:

cl 4.6 (4)(a)(ii) requires the consent authority to be satisfied that:

(ii) the proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the particular standard and the objectives for development within the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out

Comment:

In considering whether or not the proposed development will be in the public interest, consideration must be given to the underlying objectives of the Height of Buildings development standard and the objectives of the E3 Environmental Management zone. An assessment against these objectives is provided below.

Objectives of development standard

The underlying objectives of the standard, pursuant to Clause 4.3 – 'Height of buildings' of the MLEP 2013 are:

(1) The objectives of this clause are as follows:

a) to provide for building heights and roof forms that are consistent with the topographic landscape, prevailing building height and desired future streetscape character in the locality,

Comment:

The proposed works are not readily visible from the street or any other public domain. The works are consistent with the height of the existing dwelling and is not expected to cause any impact to the existing streetscape character.

b) to control the bulk and scale of buildings,

Comment:

The proposed works are contained within the existing envelope and footprint of the dwelling. The proposed roof above the terrace is to match the dwelling roof level.

c) to minimise disruption to the following:

- (i) views to nearby residential development from public spaces (including the harbour and foreshores),
- (ii) views from nearby residential development to public spaces (including the harbour and foreshores),
- (iii) views between public spaces (including the harbour and foreshores),

Comment:

The proposed development is not expected to cause any change to existing view corridors.

d) to provide solar access to public and private open spaces and maintain adequate sunlight access to private open spaces and to habitable rooms of adjacent dwellings,

Comment:

The proposed development is not expected to cause any significant change to existing solar access levels to adjacent dwellings and properties.

e) to ensure the height and bulk of any proposed building or structure in a recreation or environmental protection zone has regard to existing vegetation and topography and any other aspect that might conflict with bushland and surrounding land uses.

Comment:

The proposed development does not protrude above the ridge level of the dwelling roof. The bulk and scale of the proposed development is consistent with the existing dwelling and nearby dwellings.

Zone objectives

The underlying objectives of the E3 Environmental Management zone are:

- *To protect, manage and restore areas with special ecological, scientific, cultural or aesthetic values.*

Comment:

The proposed development is located within an existing built area. The development is not expected to unreasonably impact upon any special values of the site and surrounding land.

- *To provide for a limited range of development that does not have an adverse effect on those values.*

Comment:

The proposed development is limited in cope and scale and is not expected to impact upon any special values or environmental significance of the site and surrounding land.

- *To protect tree canopies and provide for low impact residential uses that does not dominate the natural scenic qualities of the foreshore.*

Comment:

The proposed development does not involve the alteration or removal of any existing vegetation or trees on the site.

- *To ensure that development does not negatively impact on nearby foreshores, significant geological features and bushland, including loss of natural vegetation.*

Comment:

The proposed development is located within the existing dwelling footprint. There will be no additional impacts to the foreshore, geological features or bushland and vegetation on the site or surrounding land.

- *To encourage revegetation and rehabilitation of the immediate foreshore, where appropriate, and minimise the impact of hard surfaces and associated pollutants in stormwater runoff on the ecological characteristics of the locality, including water quality.*

Comment:

No additional hard surface is proposed as part of the development. Existing levels of stormwater runoff and water management will be maintained.

- *To ensure that the height and bulk of any proposed buildings or structures have regard to existing vegetation, topography and surrounding land uses.*

Comment:

The height and bulk of the proposed development is consistent with the height and bulk of the existing dwelling. The proposed development is considered to appropriately respond to existing vegetation on the site, site topography and surrounding land uses.

Conclusion:

For the reasons detailed above, the proposal is considered to be consistent with the objectives of the E3 Environmental Management zone.

Clause 4.6 (4)(b) (Concurrence of the Secretary) assessment:

cl. 4.6(4)(b) requires the concurrence of the Secretary to be obtained in order for development consent to be granted.

Planning Circular PS 18-003 dated 21 February 2018, as issued by the NSW Department of Planning, advises that the concurrence of the Secretary may be assumed for exceptions to development standards under environmental planning instruments that adopt Clause 4.6 of the Standard Instrument. In this regard, given the consistency of the variation to the objectives of the zone, and in accordance with correspondence from the Deputy Secretary on 24 May 2019, Council staff under the delegation of the Development Determination Panel, may assume the concurrence of the Secretary for variations to

the Height of building Development Standard associated with a single dwelling house (Class 1 building).

Manly Development Control Plan

Built Form Controls

Built Form Controls - Site Area: 976.2m ²	Requirement	Proposed	% Variation*	Complies
4.1.2.1 Wall Height	E: 7.2m (based on gradient 1:9)	No walls proposed	N/A	N/A
4.1.4.1 Street Front Setbacks	Prevailing building line	No change to existing setback	N/A	As existing
4.1.4.2 Side Setbacks and Secondary Street Frontages	2.4m (based on wall height)	65mm (existing)	97.3%	No, as existing
4.1.4.5 Foreshore Building Lines and Foreshore Area	Above FSBL	Above FSBL	N/A	Yes
4.1.5.1 Minimum Residential Total Open Space Requirements Residential Open Space Area: OS4	Open space 60% of site area	57% (562.7m ²)	3.9% (23m ²)	No, as existing
4.1.5.2 Landscaped Area	Landscaped area 40% of open space	43.6% (98.1m ²)	N/A	Yes
4.1.5.3 Private Open Space	18m ² per dwelling	>18m ²	N/A	Yes

***Note:** The percentage variation is calculated on the *overall* numerical variation (ie: for LOS - Divide the proposed area by the numerical requirement then multiply the proposed area by 100 to equal X, then 100 minus X will equal the percentage variation. Example: 38/40 x 100 = 95 then 100 - 95 = 5% variation)

Compliance Assessment

Clause	Compliance with Requirements	Consistency Aims/Objectives
3.1 Streetscapes and Townscapes	Yes	Yes
3.1.1 Streetscape (Residential areas)	Yes	Yes
3.4 Amenity (Views, Overshadowing, Overlooking /Privacy, Noise)	Yes	Yes
3.4.1 Sunlight Access and Overshadowing	Yes	Yes
3.4.2 Privacy and Security	Yes	Yes
3.4.3 Maintenance of Views	Yes	Yes
3.5 Sustainability - (Greenhouse Energy Efficiency, Thermal Performance, and Water Sensitive Urban Design)	Yes	Yes
3.7 Stormwater Management	Yes	Yes
3.8 Waste Management	Yes	Yes
3.10 Safety and Security	Yes	Yes
4.1 Residential Development Controls	Yes	Yes
4.1.3 Floor Space Ratio (FSR)	Yes	Yes

Clause	Compliance with Requirements	Consistency Aims/Objectives
4.1.4 Setbacks (front, side and rear) and Building Separation	No	Yes
4.1.5 Open Space and Landscaping	Yes	Yes
4.1.6 Parking, Vehicular Access and Loading (Including Bicycle Facilities)	Yes	Yes
4.1.8 Development on Sloping Sites	Yes	Yes
5.4.1 Foreshore Scenic Protection Area	Yes	Yes

Detailed Assessment

3.4.2 Privacy and Security

Description of non-compliance

Objection has been raised that the balcony will cause overlooking and privacy impacts to the neighbouring property.

Merit consideration:

With regard to the consideration for a variation, the development is considered against the underlying Objectives of the Control as follows:

Objective 1) To minimise loss of privacy to adjacent and nearby development by:

- *appropriate design for privacy (both acoustical and visual) including screening between closely spaced buildings; and*
- *mitigating direct viewing between windows and/or outdoor living areas of adjacent buildings.*

Comment:

The balcony is located at the uppermost level of the dwelling, meaning there is potential for overlooking impact into the eastern adjacent property. However, the majority of overlooking impact is focused on the access pathway between the garage and dwelling. Overlooking from the balcony is unlikely to result in direct views of primary private open space or internal living areas. Nonetheless, a condition is recommended to require the glass portion of the balustrade incorporate frosting so as to limit overlooking of the adjacent properties given its close proximity to the boundary. This condition is expected to lessen the overlooking impact of users of the balcony when in a seated position.

Objective 2) To increase privacy without compromising access to light and air. To balance outlook and views from habitable rooms and private open space.

Comment:

Subject to condition, the proposed development adequately demonstrates a balance between maintaining privacy without unreasonably compromising outlook and views.

Objective 3) To encourage awareness of neighbourhood security.

Comment:

Subject to condition, the proposed development demonstrates appropriate levels of neighbourhood security

Having regard to the above assessment, it is concluded that the proposed development is consistent with the relevant objectives of MDCP and the objectives specified in s1.3 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. Accordingly, this assessment finds that the proposal is supported, in this particular circumstance.

4.1.4 Setbacks (front, side and rear) and Building Separation

Description of non-compliance

4.1.4.2 Side setbacks and secondary street frontages

Setbacks between any part of a building and the side boundary must not be less than one third of the height of the adjacent external wall of the proposed building.

As such, the minimum side setback requirement is 2.4m. The balcony roof and partition wall is proposed to be setback a minimum of 65mm from the eastern side boundary, representing a 97.3% variation.

It is noted the proposed development is consistent with the existing side setback of the eastern elevation of the dwelling.

Merit consideration:

With regard to the consideration for a variation, the development is considered against the underlying Objectives of the Control as follows:

Objective 1) To maintain and enhance the existing streetscape including the desired spatial proportions of the street, the street edge and the landscape character of the street.

Comment:

The proposed balcony and roof addition is not able to be directly viewed from the street. No impact to the streetscape is expected.

Objective 2) To ensure and enhance local amenity by:

- *providing privacy;*
- *providing equitable access to light, sunshine and air movement; and*
- *facilitating view sharing and maintaining adequate space between buildings to limit impacts on views and vistas from private and public spaces.*
- *defining and adding character to the streetscape including the provision of adequate space between buildings to create a rhythm or pattern of spaces; and*
- *facilitating safe and adequate traffic conditions including levels of visibility around corner lots at the street intersection.*

Comment:

Subject to condition, the proposed development is not expected to unreasonably impact upon the amenity of adjacent properties.

Objective 3) To promote flexibility in the siting of buildings.

Comment:

The proposed development is located within the existing dwelling footprint.

Objective 4) To enhance and maintain natural features by:

- *accommodating planting, including deep soil zones, vegetation consolidated across sites, native vegetation and native trees;*
- *ensuring the nature of development does not unduly detract from the context of the site and particularly in relation to the nature of any adjoining Open Space lands and National Parks; and*
- *ensuring the provisions of State Environmental Planning Policy No 19 - Urban Bushland are satisfied.*

Comment:

The proposed development does not change the existing landscaped area on the site.

Objective 5) To assist in appropriate bush fire asset protection zones.

Comment:

N/A

Having regard to the above assessment, it is concluded that the proposed development is consistent with the relevant objectives of MDCP and the objectives specified in s1.3 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act, 1979. Accordingly, this assessment finds that the proposal is supported, in this particular circumstance.

THREATENED SPECIES, POPULATIONS OR ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES

The proposal will not significantly affect threatened species, populations or ecological communities, or their habitats.

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN

The proposal is consistent with the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

POLICY CONTROLS

Northern Beaches Section 7.12 Contributions Plan 2019

As the estimated cost of works is less than \$100,001.00 the policy is not applicable to the assessment of this application.

CONCLUSION

The site has been inspected and the application assessed having regard to all documentation submitted by the applicant and the provisions of:

- Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979;
- Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000;
- All relevant and draft Environmental Planning Instruments;
- Manly Local Environment Plan;
- Manly Development Control Plan; and
- Codes and Policies of Council.

This assessment has taken into consideration the submitted plans, Statement of Environmental Effects, all other documentation supporting the application and public submissions, and does not result in any unreasonable impacts on surrounding, adjoining, adjacent and nearby properties subject to the conditions contained within the recommendation.

In consideration of the proposal and the merit consideration of the development, the proposal is considered to be:

- Consistent with the objectives of the DCP
- Consistent with the zone objectives of the LEP
- Consistent with the aims of the LEP
- Consistent with the objectives of the relevant EPIs
- Consistent with the objects of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Council is satisfied that:

1) The Applicant's written request under Clause 4.6 of the Manly Local Environmental Plan 2013 seeking to justify a contravention of Clause 4.3 Height of Buildings has adequately addressed and demonstrated that:

- a) Compliance with the standard is unreasonable or unnecessary in the circumstances of the case; and
- b) There are sufficient environmental planning grounds to justify the contravention.

2) The proposed development will be in the public interest because it is consistent with the objectives of the standard and the objectives for development within the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out.

It is considered that the proposed development satisfies the appropriate controls and that all processes and assessments have been satisfactorily addressed.

RECOMMENDATION

That Northern Beaches Council as the consent authority vary clause 4.3 Height of Building development standard pursuant to clause 4.6 of the MLEP 2013 as the applicant's written request has adequately addressed the merits required to be demonstrated by subclause (3) and the proposed development will be in the public interest and is consistent with the objectives of the standard and the objectives for development within the zone in which the development is proposed to be carried out.

Accordingly Council as the consent authority grant Development Consent to DA2020/0586 for Alterations and additions to a dwelling house on land at Lot 4 DP 249261, 4 Laura Street, SEAFORTH, subject to the conditions printed below:

DEVELOPMENT CONSENT OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS

1. **Approved Plans and Supporting Documentation**

The development must be carried out in compliance (except as amended by any other condition of consent) with the following:

a) Approved Plans

Architectural Plans - Endorsed with Council's stamp		
Drawing No.	Dated	Prepared By
DA-01 Rev B	01/06/2020	Space Landscape Designs
DA-02 Rev B	01/06/2020	Space Landscape Designs
DA-03 Rev B	01/06/2020	Space Landscape Designs
DA-04 Rev B	01/06/2020	Space Landscape Designs

b) Any plans and / or documentation submitted to satisfy the Conditions of this consent.

c) The development is to be undertaken generally in accordance with the following:

Waste Management Plan		
Drawing No/Title.	Dated	Prepared By
Waste Management Plan	28/05/2020	Space Landscape Designs

In the event of any inconsistency between conditions of this consent and the drawings/documents referred to above, the conditions of this consent will prevail.

Reason: To ensure the work is carried out in accordance with the determination of Council and approved plans.

2. **Compliance with Other Department, Authority or Service Requirements**

The development must be carried out in compliance with all recommendations and requirements, excluding general advice, within the following:

Other Department, Authority or Service	EDMS Reference	Dated
Ausgrid	Ausgrid Referral Response	10/07/2020

(NOTE: For a copy of the above referenced document/s, please see Application Tracking on Council's website www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au)

Reason: To ensure the work is carried out in accordance with the determination and the statutory requirements of other departments, authorities or bodies.

3. **Prescribed Conditions**

- (a) All building works must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the Building Code of Australia (BCA).
- (b) BASIX affected development must comply with the schedule of BASIX commitments specified within the submitted BASIX Certificate (demonstrated compliance upon plans/specifications is required prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate);
- (c) A sign must be erected in a prominent position on any site on which building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out:
 - (i) showing the name, address and telephone number of the Principal Certifying Authority for the work, and
 - (ii) showing the name of the principal contractor (if any) for any building work and a telephone number on which that person may be contacted outside working hours, and
 - (iii) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited.

Any such sign is to be maintained while the building work, subdivision work or demolition work is being carried out, but must be removed when the work has been completed.
- (d) Residential building work within the meaning of the Home Building Act 1989 must not be carried out unless the Principal Certifying Authority for the development to which the work relates (not being the Council) has given the Council written notice of the following information:
 - (i) in the case of work for which a principal contractor is required to be appointed:
 - A. the name and licence number of the principal contractor, and
 - B. the name of the insurer by which the work is insured under Part 6 of that Act,
 - (ii) in the case of work to be done by an owner-builder:
 - A. the name of the owner-builder, and
 - B. if the owner-builder is required to hold an owner-builder permit under that Act, the number of the owner-builder permit.

If arrangements for doing the residential building work are changed while the work is in progress so that the information notified under becomes out of date, further work must not be carried out unless the Principal Certifying Authority for the development to which the work relates (not being the Council) has given the Council written notice of the updated information.
- (e) Development that involves an excavation that extends below the level of the base of the footings of a building on adjoining land, the person having the benefit of the development consent must, at the person's own expense:
 - (i) protect and support the adjoining premises from possible damage from the excavation, and
 - (ii) where necessary, underpin the adjoining premises to prevent any such damage.
 - (iii) must, at least 7 days before excavating below the level of the base of the

footings of a building on an adjoining allotment of land, give notice of intention to do so to the owner of the adjoining allotment of land and furnish particulars of the excavation to the owner of the building being erected or demolished.

- (iv) the owner of the adjoining allotment of land is not liable for any part of the cost of work carried out for the purposes of this clause, whether carried out on the allotment of land being excavated or on the adjoining allotment of land.

In this clause, allotment of land includes a public road and any other public place.

Reason: Legislative requirement.

4. **General Requirements**

- (a) Unless authorised by Council:
Building construction and delivery of material hours are restricted to:

- 7.00 am to 5.00 pm inclusive Monday to Friday,
- 8.00 am to 1.00 pm inclusive on Saturday,
- No work on Sundays and Public Holidays.

Demolition and excavation works are restricted to:

- 8.00 am to 5.00 pm Monday to Friday only.

(Excavation work includes the use of any excavation machinery and the use of jackhammers, rock breakers, excavators, loaders and the like, regardless of whether the activities disturb or alter the natural state of the existing ground stratum or are breaking up/removing materials from the site).

- (b) Should any asbestos be uncovered on site, its demolition and removal must be carried out in accordance with WorkCover requirements and the relevant Australian Standards.
- (c) At all times after the submission the Notice of Commencement to Council, a copy of the Development Consent and Construction Certificate is to remain onsite at all times until the issue of a final Occupation Certificate. The consent shall be available for perusal of any Authorised Officer.
- (d) Where demolition works have been completed and new construction works have not commenced within 4 weeks of the completion of the demolition works that area affected by the demolition works shall be fully stabilised and the site must be maintained in a safe and clean state until such time as new construction works commence.
- (e) Onsite toilet facilities (being either connected to the sewer or an accredited sewer management facility) for workers are to be provided for construction sites at a rate of 1 per 20 persons.
- (f) Prior to the release of the Construction Certificate, payment of the Long Service Levy is required. This payment can be made at Council or to the Long Services Payments Corporation. Payment is not required where the value of the works is less than \$25,000. The Long Service Levy is calculated on 0.35% of the building and construction work. The levy rate and level in which it applies is subject to legislative change. The applicable fee at the time of payment of the Long Service Levy will apply.
- (g) The applicant shall bear the cost of all works associated with the development that occurs on Council's property.

- (h) No skip bins, building materials, demolition or excavation waste of any nature, and no hoist, plant or machinery (crane, concrete pump or lift) shall be placed on Council's footpaths, roadways, parks or grass verges without Council Approval.
- (i) Demolition materials and builders' wastes are to be removed to approved waste/recycling centres.
- (j) No trees or native shrubs or understorey vegetation on public property (footpaths, roads, reserves, etc.) or on the land to be developed shall be removed or damaged during construction unless specifically approved in this consent including for the erection of any fences, hoardings or other temporary works.
- (k) Prior to the commencement of any development onsite for:
 - i) Building/s that are to be erected
 - ii) Building/s that are situated in the immediate vicinity of a public place and is dangerous to persons or property on or in the public place
 - iii) Building/s that are to be demolished
 - iv) For any work/s that is to be carried out
 - v) For any work/s that is to be demolished

The person responsible for the development site is to erect or install on or around the development area such temporary structures or appliances (wholly within the development site) as are necessary to protect persons or property and to prevent unauthorised access to the site in order for the land or premises to be maintained in a safe or healthy condition. Upon completion of the development, such temporary structures or appliances are to be removed within 7 days.
- (l) A "Road Opening Permit" must be obtained from Council, and all appropriate charges paid, prior to commencement of any work on Council property. The owner/applicant shall be responsible for all public utilities and services in the area of the work, shall notify all relevant Authorities, and bear all costs associated with any repairs and/or adjustments as those Authorities may deem necessary.
- (m) The works must comply with the relevant Ausgrid Network Standards and SafeWork NSW Codes of Practice.
- (n) Requirements for new swimming pools/spas or existing swimming pools/spas affected by building works.
 - (1) Child resistant fencing is to be provided to any swimming pool or lockable cover to any spa containing water and is to be consistent with the following;

Relevant legislative requirements and relevant Australian Standards (including but not limited) to:

 - (i) Swimming Pools Act 1992
 - (ii) Swimming Pools Amendment Act 2009
 - (iii) Swimming Pools Regulation 2008
 - (iv) Australian Standard AS1926 Swimming Pool Safety
 - (v) Australian Standard AS1926.1 Part 1: Safety barriers for swimming pools
 - (vi) Australian Standard AS1926.2 Part 2: Location of safety barriers for swimming pools.
 - (2) A 'KEEP WATCH' pool safety and aquatic based emergency sign, issued by Royal Life Saving is to be displayed in a prominent position within the pool/spa area.
 - (3) Filter backwash waters shall be conveyed to the Sydney Water sewerage

system in sewerred areas or managed on-site in unsewerred areas in a manner that does not cause pollution, erosion or run off, is separate from the irrigation area for any wastewater system and is separate from any onsite stormwater management system.

- (4) Swimming pools and spas must be registered with the Division of Local Government.

Reason: To ensure that works do not interfere with reasonable amenity expectations of residents and the community.

FEES / CHARGES / CONTRIBUTIONS

5. Security Bond

A bond (determined from cost of works) of \$1,000 and an inspection fee in accordance with Council's Fees and Charges paid as security are required to ensure the rectification of any damage that may occur to the Council infrastructure contained within the road reserve adjoining the site as a result of construction or the transportation of materials and equipment to and from the development site.

An inspection fee in accordance with Council adopted fees and charges (at the time of payment) is payable for each kerb inspection as determined by Council (minimum (1) one inspection).

All bonds and fees shall be deposited with Council prior to Construction Certificate or demolition work commencing, and details demonstrating payment are to be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

To process the inspection fee and bond payment a Bond Lodgement Form must be completed with the payments (a copy of the form is attached to this consent and alternatively a copy is located on Council's website at www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au).

Reason: To ensure adequate protection of Council's infrastructure.

CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

6. Amendments to the approved plans

The following amendments are to be made to the approved plans:

- The glass portion of the balustrade is to be frosted.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the construction certificate.

Reason: To ensure development minimises unreasonable impacts upon surrounding land.

7. Boundary Identification Survey

A boundary identification survey, prepared by a Registered Surveyor, is to be prepared in respect of the subject site.

The plans submitted for the Construction Certificate are to accurately reflect the property boundaries as shown on the boundary identification survey, with setbacks between the property

boundaries and the approved works consistent with those nominated on the Approved Plans of this consent.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate.

Reason: To ensure all approved works are constructed within the subject site and in a manner anticipated by the development consent.

8. **Compliance with Standards**

The development is required to be carried out in accordance with all relevant Australian Standards.

Details demonstrating compliance with the relevant Australian Standard are to be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: To ensure the development is constructed in accordance with appropriate standards.

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

9. **Landscaping**

Any new landscaping is to include a minimum of 60% locally native species. No environmental weeds are to be planted on the site. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>).

Reason: To achieve compliance with Manly LEP Clause 6.5.

10. **Dead or Injured Wildlife – Manly LEP Clause 6.5**

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 mitigate potential impacts to native wildlife resulting from construction activity.