

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2023/1536
Proposed Development:	Alterations and additions to a Place of Public Worship (Bahai Temple)
Date:	14/11/2023
Responsible Officer	Olivia Ramage
Land to be developed (Address):	Part Lot 52 DP 1152609 , 173 Mona Vale Road INGLESIDE NSW 2101

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

The proposed development has been assessed against the objectives and requirements of Pittwater LEP cl 7.6 Biodiversity and Pittwater 21 DCP Control B4.9 Duffys Forest Endangered Ecological Community.

While the plans indicate removal of one tree, the species has not been determined. I note the request for an arborist report to assess the impacts to trees in close proximity to the proposed works. The vegetation surrounding the temple is also mapped as the endangered ecological community Duffys Forest, and numerous threatened flora species including *Grevillea caleyi* occur within this community. While the majority of the works will remove the landscaped garden areas, any impacts to remnant native vegetation including threatened biodiversity must be avoided and minimised.

Biodiversity Referral can continue their assessment upon receipt of an Arboricultural Impact Assessment.

The proposal is therefore unsupported.

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

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

Nil.