

# Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2022/0281
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Date:	21/03/2022
Responsible Officer	Olivia Ramage
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#### 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 Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity referral team have reviewed the application for consistency against the relevant environmental legislation and controls, including:

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act)
Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017
State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021

Coastal Environment Area

### Pittwater Local Environmental Plan (PLEP)

7.6 Biodiversity Protection

### **Pittwater Development Control Plan (PDCP)**

B4.7 Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest - Endangered Ecological Community

The site is located within the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment's (DPIE) Biodiversity Values mapping:

https://www.lmbc.nsw.gov.au/Maps/index.html?viewer=BOSETMap

Any removal of native vegetation from within mapped areas will trigger the Biodiversity Offset Scheme (BOS).

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As the development proposal requires the removal of native vegetation as defined under s60B of LLS Act 2013, the proposal must be accompanied by a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR) prepared by an Accredited Assessor: https://customer.lmbc.nsw.gov.au/assessment/AccreditedAssessor
On receipt of the required BDAR, Council's Natural Environment Unit - Biodiversity can reassess the application.

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.

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