

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION ASSESSMENT REPORT

Application Number:	DA2025/0114
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Responsible Officer:	Olivia Ramage
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 37 DP 6195, 45 Hillcrest Avenue MONA VALE NSW 2103
Proposed Development:	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house
Zoning:	C4 Environmental Living
Development Permissible:	Yes
Existing Use Rights:	No
Consent Authority:	Northern Beaches Council
Land and Environment Court Action:	No
Applicant:	Jitka Jankovec

Application Lodged:	12/02/2025
Integrated Development:	No
Designated Development:	No
State Reporting Category:	Residential - Alterations and additions
Notified:	20/02/2025 to 05/03/2025
Advertised:	Not Advertised
Submissions Received:	2
Clause 4.6 Variation:	Nil
Recommendation:	Approval

Estimated Cost of Works:	\$ 48,000.00
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PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT IN DETAIL

The proposed development consists of the extension of the existing first floor balconies towards the south-west to provide a single connected 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

Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014 - Zone C4 Environmental Living

Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan - C1.5 Visual Privacy

Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan - D9.11 Landscaped Area - Environmentally Sensitive Land

SITE DESCRIPTION

Property Description:	Lot 37 DP 6195 , 45 Hillcrest Avenue MONA VALE NSW 2103
Detailed Site Description:	<p>The subject site consists of one (1) allotment located on the south-western side of Hillcrest Avenue.</p> <p>The site is regular in shape with a frontage of 17.02m along Hillcrest Avenue and a depth of 70.935m. The site has a surveyed area of 1045m².</p> <p>The site is located within the C4 Environmental Living zone from PLEP 2014 and accommodates a dwelling house, swimming pool, and spa currently on the site.</p> <p>The site slopes from the front boundary downwards to the rear boundary over approximately 10 metres.</p> <p>The site contains lawn areas, plantings, and trees.</p> <p>Detailed Description of Adjoining/Surrounding Development</p> <p>Adjoining and surrounding development is characterised by one and two storey dwelling houses varying in architectural style and design.</p>

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:

DA2021/0078

Development Application for Construction of a swimming pool, retaining wall, deck and stairs.
Approved on 23 March 2021.

CC2021/1237

Construction Certificate for Construction of a swimming pool, retaining wall, deck and stairs.
Approved on 30 September 2021.

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	There are no current draft environmental planning instruments.
Section 4.15 (1) (a)(iii) – Provisions of any development control plan	Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan applies to this proposal.

Section 4.15 Matters for Consideration	Comments
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 2021 (EP&A Regulation 2021)	<p><u>Part 4, Division 2</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 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 29</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 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 36 and 94</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 allow Council to request additional information. No additional information was requested in this case.</p> <p><u>Clause 61</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 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 62 and/or 64</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 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 69</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 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 69</u> of the EP&A Regulation 2021 requires the consent authority to consider the provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA). This matter has been addressed via a condition of consent.</p>
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	<p>(i) Environmental Impact The environmental impacts of the proposed development on the natural and built environment are addressed under the Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan section in this report.</p> <p>(ii) Social Impact The proposed development will not have a detrimental social impact in the locality considering the character of the proposal.</p> <p>(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.</p>
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 Matters for Consideration	Comments
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 application has been publicly exhibited from 20/02/2025 to 05/03/2025 in accordance with the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2021 and the Community Participation Plan.

As a result of the public exhibition process council is in receipt of 2 submission/s from:

Name:	Address:
Mrs Catherine Mary Brailey	47 Hillcrest Avenue MONA VALE NSW 2103
SJB Planning Pty Ltd	490 Crown Street SURRY HILLS NSW 2101

One submission was received from the adjoining southern property 47 Hillcrest Avenue. The other submission was received from SJB Planning on behalf of the applicant in response to the submission from 47 Hillcrest Avenue.

The following issues were raised in the submissions:

- **Privacy**

The submission raised concerns that the proposed extended deck and balustrade (first floor) and balcony (second floor) have a 6 metre exposure directly parallel to the southern boundary and about 1 metre from it. The submission raises concern that the proposal will impinge upon the privacy of the first and second floors of 47 Hillcrest Avenue. In order to mitigate this privacy impact, the submission requests screens on this side of the proposed deck and balcony should be included as part of the approval for this Development Application.

Comment:

The proposed development comprises the extension of the existing first floor balconies to square it off and provide a single connected balcony. The proposed balcony extension provides between 6.9m-12.3m of spatial separation to the dwelling at 47 Hillcrest Avenue and direct

viewing is mitigated by existing palm trees. Furthermore, a condition is recommended requiring the height of the balustrade to be increased to 1.4m high for a length of 1.6m measured from bed 1. This portion of the balustrade is to be obscure glazed. This provides a barrier to direct occupants viewing towards the ocean view and away from the adjoining southern property without comprising view sharing or creating additional bulk. A detailed assessment on privacy is provided under C1.5 Visual Privacy of this report.

REFERRALS

Internal Referral Body	Comments
Landscape Officer	<p>The development application includes proposed alterations and additions associated with the proposed balcony extension.</p> <p>Landscape Referral raise no concerns subject to standard conditions for tree and vegetation protection.</p>
NECC (Coast and Catchments)	<p>The applicant seeks development consent to undertake the following:</p> <p>GROUND FLOOR LEVEL Proposed posts to support new extended balcony on First floor level</p> <p>FIRST FLOOR LEVEL A proposed balcony extension of the existing first floor balconies</p> <p>This application was assessed in consideration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supplied plans and reports; • Coastal Management Act (2016) • State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 (section 2.11 & 2.12); • Relevant LEP and DCP clauses. <p>Comment: SUPPORTED WITH CONDITIONS</p> <p>State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021</p> <p>The subject land has been included on the 'Coastal Use Area' maps under the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021 (SEPP R & H). Hence, Clauses 2.11 and 2.12 of the CM (R & H) apply for this DA.</p> <p>Comment:</p> <p>On internal assessment, the proposed development outlined within the DA satisfies requirements under clause 2.11, & 2.12 of the SEPP R&H. As such, it is considered that the application is consistent with the requirements of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience & Hazards) 2021.</p> <p>Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP</p>

Internal Referral Body	Comments
	<p>No other coastal related issues identified.</p> <p>As such, it is considered that the application is consistent with the requirements of the coastal relevant clauses of the Pittwater LEP 2014 and Pittwater 21 DCP</p>

External Referral Body	Comments
Ausgrid - SEPP (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021, s2.48	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 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 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 (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021

Ausgrid

Section 2.48 of Chapter 2 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 raised no objections, subject to conditions which have been included in the recommendation of this report.

SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021

Chapter 2 – Coastal Management

The site is subject to Chapter 2 of the SEPP. Accordingly, an assessment under Chapter 2 has been carried out as follows:

Division 4 Coastal use area

2.11 Development on land within the coastal use area

- 1) Development consent must not be granted to development on land that is within the coastal use area unless the consent authority:
 - a) has considered whether the proposed development is likely to cause an adverse impact on the following:
 - i) existing, safe access to and along the foreshore, beach, headland or rock platform for members of the public, including persons with a disability,
 - ii) overshadowing, wind funnelling and the loss of views from public places to foreshores,
 - iv) foreshores,
 - v) the visual amenity and scenic qualities of the coast, including coastal headlands, Aboriginal cultural heritage, practices and places, cultural and built environment heritage, and
 - b) is satisfied that:
 - i) the development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid an
 - ii) adverse impact referred to in paragraph (a), or
 - iii) if that impact cannot be reasonably avoided—the development is designed, sited and will be managed to minimise that impact, or if that impact cannot be minimised—the development will be managed to mitigate that impact, and
 - c) has taken into account the surrounding coastal and built environment, and the bulk, scale and size of the proposed development.

Comment:

The subject site is located within land identified as "coastal use area". The proposed development is not likely to cause an adverse impact to items listed under Clause 2.11(1)(a)(i-v) inclusive. The proposal has been designed, sited, and managed to avoid any adverse impacts as detailed under Clause 2.11(1)(a)(i-v) inclusive.

Division 5 General

2.12 Development in coastal zone generally—development not to increase risk of coastal hazards

Development consent must not be granted to development on land within the coastal zone unless the consent authority is satisfied that the proposed development is not likely to cause increased risk of coastal hazards on that land or other land.

Comment:

The proposed development is not likely to cause an increased risk of coastal hazards on the land or other land.

2.13 Development in coastal zone generally—coastal management programs to be considered

Development consent must not be granted to development on land within the coastal zone unless the consent authority has taken into consideration the relevant provisions of any certified coastal management program that applies to the land.

Comment:

There is no certified coastal management program applicable to the land.

As such, it is considered that the application complies with the requirements of Chapter 2 of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021.

Chapter 4 – Remediation of Land

Sub-section 4.6 (1)(a) of Chapter 4 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 sub-section 4.6 (1)(b) and (c) of this Chapter and the land is considered to be suitable for the residential land use.

Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014

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	4.2m	-	Yes

Compliance Assessment

Clause	Compliance with Requirements
1.9A Suspension of covenants, agreements and instruments	Yes
4.3 Height of buildings	Yes
7.1 Acid sulfate soils	Yes
7.2 Earthworks	Yes
7.7 Geotechnical hazards	Yes
7.10 Essential services	Yes

Detailed Assessment

Zone C4 Environmental Living

The subject site is located in Zone C4 Environmental Living of Pittwater Local Environmental Plan 2014.

The proposal has been assessed against the objectives of zone as detailed below:

- To provide for low-impact residential development in areas with special ecological, scientific or aesthetic values.*

Comment:

The proposal will provide for low-impact residential development in areas with special ecological, scientific, or aesthetic values.

- To ensure that residential development does not have an adverse effect on those values.*

Comment:

The residential development will not have any adverse effects on the special ecological, scientific or aesthetic values.

- To provide for residential development of a low density and scale integrated with the landform and landscape.*

Comment:

The proposal will provide a development of a low density and scale that will integrate with the landform, and landscape.

- To encourage development that retains and enhances riparian and foreshore vegetation and wildlife corridors.*

Comment:

The development will not impact upon any riparian, foreshore vegetation, or wildlife corridors.

Pittwater 21 Development Control Plan

Built Form Controls

Built Form Control	Requirement	Proposed	% Variation*	Complies
Front building line	6.5m (East)	23.7m	-	Yes
Rear building line	6.5m (West)	31.4m	-	Yes
Side building line	2.5m (North)	2.5m	-	Yes
	1m (South)	1.8m	-	Yes
Building envelope	3.5m (North)	Within envelope	-	Yes
	3.5m (South)	Within envelope	-	Yes
Landscaped area	60% (627m ²)	57.6% (602.2m ²)	4%	No

Compliance Assessment

Clause	Compliance with Requirements	Consistency Aims/Objectives
A1.7 Considerations before consent is granted	Yes	Yes
A4.9 Mona Vale Locality	Yes	Yes
B1.3 Heritage Conservation - General	Yes	Yes
B1.4 Aboriginal Heritage Significance	Yes	Yes
B3.1 Landslip Hazard	Yes	Yes
B3.6 Contaminated Land and Potentially Contaminated Land	Yes	Yes
B4.5 Landscape and Flora and Fauna Enhancement Category 3 Land	Yes	Yes
B5.15 Stormwater	Yes	Yes
B8.1 Construction and Demolition - Excavation and Landfill	Yes	Yes
B8.3 Construction and Demolition - Waste Minimisation	Yes	Yes
B8.4 Construction and Demolition - Site Fencing and Security	Yes	Yes
B8.5 Construction and Demolition - Works in the Public Domain	Yes	Yes
C1.1 Landscaping	Yes	Yes
C1.2 Safety and Security	Yes	Yes
C1.3 View Sharing	Yes	Yes
C1.4 Solar Access	Yes	Yes
C1.5 Visual Privacy	Yes	Yes
C1.6 Acoustic Privacy	Yes	Yes
C1.7 Private Open Space	Yes	Yes
C1.12 Waste and Recycling Facilities	Yes	Yes
C1.13 Pollution Control	Yes	Yes
D9.1 Character as viewed from a public place	Yes	Yes
D9.3 Building colours and materials	Yes	Yes
D9.6 Front building line	Yes	Yes
D9.7 Side and rear building line	Yes	Yes
D9.9 Building envelope	Yes	Yes
D9.11 Landscaped Area - Environmentally Sensitive Land	No	Yes
D9.14 Construction, Retaining walls, terracing and undercroft areas	Yes	Yes
D9.17 Scenic Protection Category One Areas	Yes	Yes

Detailed Assessment

C1.5 Visual Privacy

This control requires the following:

- Private open space areas including swimming pools and living rooms of proposed and any existing adjoining dwellings are to be protected from direct overlooking within 9 metres by building layout, landscaping, screening devices or greater spatial separation.
- Elevated decks and pools, verandahs and balconies should incorporate privacy screens where necessary and should be located at the front or rear of the building.

Comment:

The proposed development comprises the extension of the existing first floor balconies to square it off and provide a single connected balcony. A submission has been received from the adjoining southern property 47 Hillcrest Avenue raising concern that the proposal will impinge upon the privacy of the ground and first floor of their dwelling. The submission requests that privacy screens are included on the southern side of the balcony to mitigate the privacy impact.

The proposed balcony extension is setback 1.8m from the southern side boundary retaining the setback of the existing balcony and dwelling. The proposed extension provides a minimum of 6.9m of spatial separation from the eastern-most corner of the proposed balcony to the western-most corner of the existing first floor balcony and ground floor private open space area at 47 Hillcrest Avenue. The south-western corner of the proposed balcony provides 12.3m of spatial separation to the western-most corner of the existing first floor balcony and ground floor private open space area at 47 Hillcrest Avenue as shown in Figure 1 below.

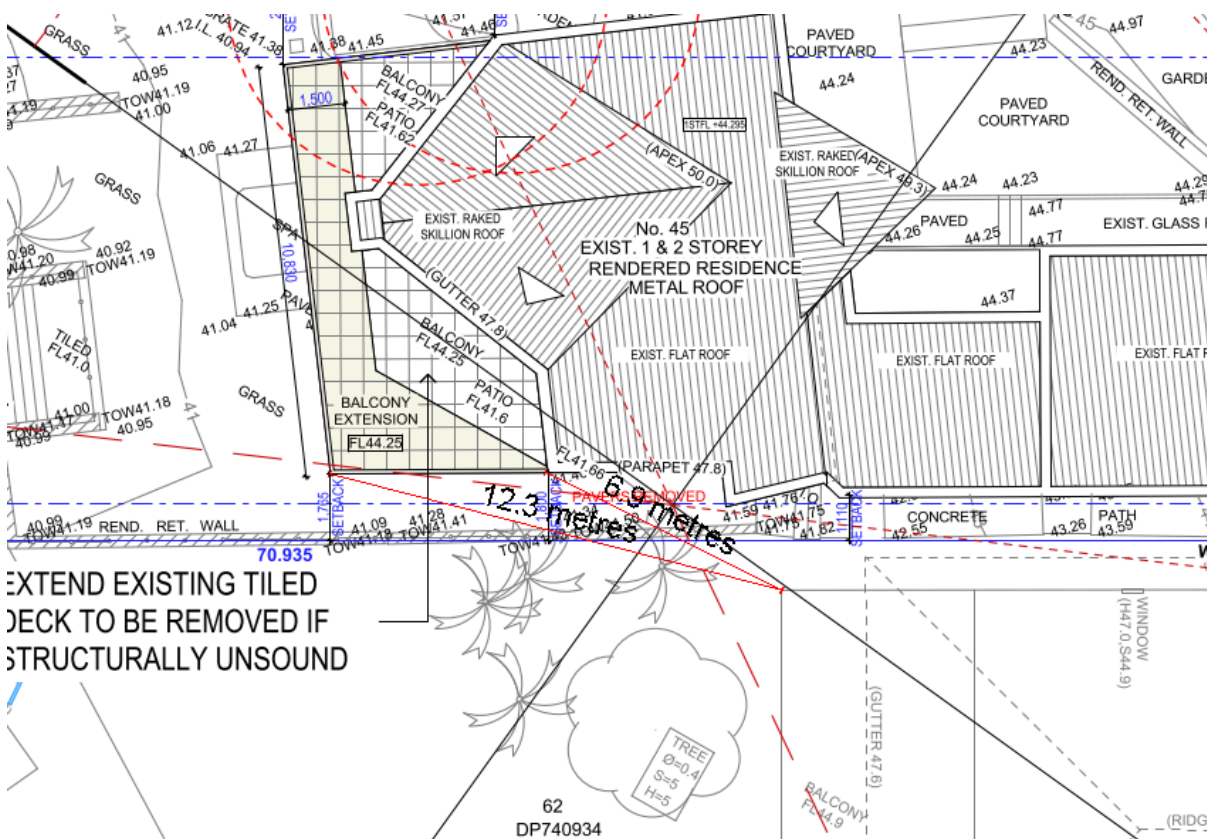


Figure 1 - Site analysis plan showing location of proposed development in relation to adjoining development

Existing palm trees are present on 47 Hillcrest Avenue separating the two dwellings. Figure 2 below shows the current view from the subject site when looking south-east towards 47 Hillcrest Avenue. Evidently, the existing vegetation protects the two properties from direct overlooking within 9 metres.



Figure 2 - View from existing first floor balcony at subject site looking south-east towards 47 Hillcrest Avenue

Additionally, Figure 3 and Figure 4 below indicate the current view from 47 Hillcrest Avenue looking north-west to the subject site and demonstrate that direct viewing is blocked by the vegetation.



Figure 3 - View from first floor balcony at 47 Hillcrest Avenue looking north-west



Figure 4 - View from ground floor private open space at 47 Hillcrest Avenue looking north-west

Furthermore, the proposed balcony is orientated to the south-west to enjoy the expansive views of Mona Vale Beach and beyond. Adjoining and surrounding properties are also orientated as such directing viewing towards the ocean views and away from adjoining properties. It is considered necessary to reinforce this by a form of screening at the eastern-most corner of the balcony so as to mitigate any opportunities to look back from into the adjoining southern property 47 Hillcrest Avenue. A condition is recommended requiring the height of the balustrade to be increased to 1.4m high for a length of 1.6m measured from bed 1. This portion of the balustrade is to be obscure glazed. This provides a barrier to direct occupants viewing towards the ocean view and away from the adjoining southern property without comprising view sharing or creating additional bulk.

As such, the above assessment finds the proposal complies with this control.

D9.11 Landscaped Area - Environmentally Sensitive Land

Detailed description of non-compliance

This control requires at least 60% of the site area to be landscaped. Provided the outcomes of this control are achieved, the following may be permitted on the landscaped proportion of the site:

- impervious areas less than 1 metre in width (e.g. pathways and the like);
- for single dwellings on land zoned R2 Low Density Residential, R3 Medium Density Residential or C4 Environmental Living, up to 6% of the total site area may be provided as impervious landscape treatments providing these areas are for outdoor recreational purposes only (e.g. roofed or unroofed pergolas, paved private open space, patios, pathways and uncovered decks no higher than 1 metre above ground level (existing)).

The proposal provides 57.6% (602.2m²) landscaped area including the above variation permitted for the swimming pool area.

Merit consideration

With regard to the consideration of a variation, the proposed development is considered against the underlying outcomes of the control as follows:

- *Achieve the desired future character of the Locality. (S)*

Comment:

The proposal maintains the low density residential form of the area and achieves the desired future character of the Locality.

- *The bulk and scale of the built form is minimised. (En, S)*

Comment:

The proposal comprises the extension of the existing first floor balconies to provide a single connected balcony. The balcony is an open unroofed structure that does not generate significant bulk and scale.

- *A reasonable level of amenity and solar access is provided and maintained. (En, S)*

Comment:

The balcony is setback 1.8m from the southern side boundary and is orientated to the rear towards the south-west to enjoy the ocean views. Additionally, conditions are recommended requiring a raised solid balustrade for a portion of the southern side of the balcony to assist with privacy. As demonstrated in the submitted shadow diagrams, the proposal maintains a compliant level of solar access.

- *Vegetation is retained and enhanced to visually reduce the built form. (En)*

Comment:

The proposal does not require the removal of any significant trees or vegetation and substantial landscaping is retained to visually reduce the built form.

- *Conservation of natural vegetation and biodiversity. (En)*

Comment:

The proposal does not require the removal of any natural vegetation and biodiversity is conserved.

- *Stormwater runoff is reduced, preventing soil erosion and siltation of natural drainage channels. (En)*

Comment:

The proposal does not significantly impact on stormwater runoff, soil erosion or siltation of natural drainage channels.

- *To preserve and enhance the rural and bushland character of the area. (En, S)*

Comment:

The proposal retains existing trees and vegetation to preserve the bushland character of the area.

- *Soft surface is maximised to provide for infiltration of water to the water table, minimise run-off and assist with stormwater management. (En, S)*

Comment:

Sufficient soft surface is maintained to provide for infiltration of water to the water table, minimise runoff and assist with stormwater management.

Having regard to the above assessment, it is concluded that the proposed development is consistent with the relevant objectives of PLEP 2014 / P21DCP 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 2024

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 2021;
- All relevant and draft Environmental Planning Instruments;
- Pittwater Local Environment Plan;
- Pittwater 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

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

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council as the consent authority grant Development Consent to DA2025/0114 for Alterations and additions to a dwelling house on land at Lot 37 DP 6195, 45 Hillcrest Avenue, MONA VALE, subject to the conditions printed below:

Terms and Reasons for Conditions

Under section 88(1)(c) of the EP&A Regulation, the consent authority must provide the terms of all conditions and reasons for imposing the conditions other than the conditions prescribed under section 4.17(11) of the EP&A Act. The terms of the conditions and reasons are set out below.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Approved Plans and Supporting Documentation

Development must be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans (stamped by Council) and supporting documentation, except where the conditions of this consent expressly require otherwise.

Approved Plans				
Plan Number	Revision Number	Plan Title	Drawn By	Date of Plan
DA.02	C	Site Analysis Plan	JJ Drafting	16 December 2024
DA.07	C	Proposed Ground Floor Plan	JJ Drafting	16 December 2024
DA.08	C	Proposed First Floor Plan	JJ Drafting	16 December 2024

DA.09	C	Proposed Elevations Sheet 1	JJ Drafting	16 December 2024
DA.10	C	Proposed Elevations Sheet 2	JJ Drafting	16 December 2024
DA.11	C	Proposed Elevations Sheet 3	JJ Drafting	16 December 2024
DA.12	C	Section A / Specification	JJ Drafting	16 December 2024

Approved Reports and Documentation			
Document Title	Version Number	Prepared By	Date of Document
Geotechnical Investigation	J5834	White Geotechnical Group	16 December 2024
Waste Management Plan	-	JJ Drafting	7 February 2025

In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans, reports and documentation, the approved plans prevail.

In the event of any inconsistency between the approved plans and a condition of this consent, the condition prevails.

Reason: To ensure all parties are aware of the approved plans and supporting documentation that applies to the development.

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	Undated

(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 Certifier 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 Certifier 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 Certifier 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) Construction certificate plans are to be in accordance with all finished levels identified on approved plans. Notes attached to plans indicating tolerances to levels are not approved.
- (c) 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.
- (d) At all times after the submission of 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 an Occupation Certificate. The consent shall be available for perusal of any Authorised Officer.
- (e) 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.
- (f) 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.
- (g) Prior to the release of the Construction Certificate, payment of the following is required:
- i) Long Service Levy - Payment should be made to Service NSW (online or in person) or alternatively to Northern Beaches Council in person at a Customer Service Centre. Payment is not required where the value of the works is less than \$250,000. The Long Service Levy is calculated on 0.25% 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.
 - ii) Section 7.11 or Section 7.12 Contributions Plan – Payment must be made to Northern Beaches Council. Where the subject land to which the development is proposed is subject to either a Section 7.11 or 7.12 Contributions Plan, any contribution to which the development is liable under the respective plan that applies is to be paid to Council. The outstanding contribution will be indexed at time of payment in accordance with the relevant Contributions Plan.
 - iii) Housing and Productivity Contribution - Payment must be made on the NSW Planning Portal for development to which this contribution applies. The amount payable is subject to indexation at the time of payment.

- (h) The applicant shall bear the cost of all works associated with the development that occurs on Council's property.
- (i) 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.
- (j) Demolition materials and builders' wastes are to be removed to approved waste/recycling centres.
- (k) No trees or native shrubs or understorey vegetation on public property (footpaths, roads, reserves, etc.), on the land to be developed, or within adjoining properties, shall be removed or damaged during excavation or construction unless specifically approved in this consent including for the erection of any fences, hoardings or other temporary works.
- (l) 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.
- (m) 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.
- (n) The works must comply with the relevant Ausgrid Network Standards and SafeWork NSW Codes of Practice.
- (o) Should any construction cranes be utilised on site, they are to be fitted with bird deterrents along the counterweight to discourage raptor (bird) nesting activity. Deterrents are to remain in place until cranes are dismantled. Selection of deterrent methods is to be undertaken in accordance with the recommendations of a suitably qualified ecologist.
- (p) 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 2018
 - (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 sewered areas or managed on-site in unsewered 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 \$2,000 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 Certifier 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.

BUILDING WORK – BEFORE ISSUE OF A CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

6. **Amendments to the approved plans**

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

- The balustrades to the south-eastern edge of the first floor balcony are to have a height of 1.4m above the finished floor level of the balcony for a length of 1.6m measured from bed 1 at the eastern end of the balcony.

- The section of balustrade with this increased height is to be obscure glazed or solid material to provide visual privacy.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifier prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: To require amendments to the plans endorsed by the consent authority following assessment of the development.

7. Geotechnical Report Recommendations have been Incorporated into Designs and Structural Plans

The recommendations of the risk assessment required to manage the hazards as identified in the Geotechnical Report referenced in Condition 1 of this consent are to be incorporated into the construction plans.

Prior to issue of the Construction Certificate, Form 2 of the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater (Appendix 5 of P21 DCP) is to be completed and submitted to the Certifier.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifier prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

Reason: To ensure geotechnical risk is mitigated appropriately.

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 Certifier prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

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

9. Sydney Water "Tap In"

The approved plans must be submitted to the Sydney Water Tap in service, prior to works commencing, to determine whether the development will affect any Sydney Water assets and/or easements. The appropriately stamped plans must then be submitted to the Certifier demonstrating the works are in compliance with Sydney Water requirements.

Please refer to the website www.sydneywater.com.au for:

- "Tap in" details - see <http://www.sydneywater.com.au/tapin>
- Guidelines for Building Over/Adjacent to Sydney Water Assets.

Or telephone 13 000 TAP IN (1300 082 746).

Reason: To ensure compliance with the statutory requirements of Sydney Water.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

10. Sediment and Erosion Controls

For developments that include more than 2500sqm of disturbance:

A Soil and Water Management plan (SWMP), in accordance with section 2.3 of the Blue Book, must be prepared and certified by a suitably qualified professional.

For sites larger than 250sqm and less than 2500sqm of disturbance:

An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) must be prepared by a suitably qualified person in accordance with the following considerations and documents:

- Sites that have slopes exceeding 20% (measured in any direction across the site), and/or where works are within the high-water mark or adjacent to a waterway or watercourses are considered environmentally sensitive areas. These sites require a site-specific ESCP which must be prepared and certified by a suitably qualified professional,
- The guidelines set out in the NSW Department of Housing manual 'Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction Certificate – Volume 1, 4th Edition (2004)' (the Blue Book), and
- The 'Guidelines for Erosion and Sediment Control on Building Sites' (Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure).

The ESCP must include the following as a minimum:

- Site Boundaries and contours,
- Approximate location of trees and other vegetation, showing items for removal or retention (consistent with any other plans attached to the application),
- Location of site access, proposed roads and other impervious areas (e.g. parking area and site facilities),
- Existing and proposed drainage patterns with stormwater discharge points,
- Locations and methods of all erosion and sediment controls that must include sediment fences, stabilised site access, materials and waste stockpiles locations, location of any stormwater pits on the site and how they are going to be protected,
- North point and scale,
- Type of erosion control measures to divert and slow run-off around and within the site.

Environmentally sensitive areas (i.e. Sites that have slopes exceeding 20% and/or where works are within the high-water mark or adjacent to a waterway or watercourses) must also consider:

- Identify and mark any environmentally sensitive areas on and immediately next to the site and how you will protect these, including any appropriate buffer zones (for example, marking them out as 'no-go' areas),
- Details on vegetation you will clear, as well as areas of vegetation you will keep (mark no go areas),
- Detail on soil information and location(s) of problem soil types, especially dispersive soils and potential or actual acid sulfate soils,
- Location of any natural waterways that could receive run-off and how these will be protected these from run-off.

For sites smaller than 250sqm or where the disturbance is less than 50sqm:

Run-off and erosion controls must be implemented to prevent soil erosion, water pollution or the discharge of loose sediment on the surrounding land by:

- Diverting uncontaminated run-off around cleared or disturbed areas, and
- Erecting a silt fence and providing any other necessary sediment control measures that will prevent debris escaping into drainage systems, waterways or adjoining properties,

- and
 - Preventing the tracking of sediment by vehicles onto roads, and
 - Stockpiling top soil, excavated materials, construction and landscaping supplies and debris within the lot.
 - Identifying any environmentally sensitive areas on and immediately next to the site, and demonstrating how these will be protected (for example, by designation as no-go areas).

Details demonstrating compliance with the relevant requirements above are to be submitted to the Certifier, and the measures implemented, prior to the commencement of works.

Reason: To ensure no substance other than rainwater enters the stormwater system and waterways.

DURING BUILDING WORK

11. **Tree and Vegetation Protection**

- a) Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained and protected, including:
 - i) all prescribed trees within the site, including trees and vegetation nominated for retention on the approved Plans,
 - ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
 - iii) all trees and vegetation within the road reserve.
- b) Tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:
 - i) tree protection shall be in accordance with AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment,
 - ii) existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
 - iii) removal of existing tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter is not permitted without consultation with an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
 - iv) no excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of trees and other vegetation required to be retained,
 - v) structures are to bridge tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter unless directed by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture on site,
 - vi) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree protection zone, without consultation with an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture including advice on root protection measures,
 - vii) should either or all of v) or vi) occur during site establishment and construction works, an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist/Project Arborist to the Principal Certifier,
 - viii) any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree or any other tree to be retained during the construction works is to be undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites,
 - ix) the activities listed in section 4.2 of AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, shall not occur within the tree protection zone of any tree on the lot or any tree on an adjoining site,
 - x) tree pruning from within the site to enable approved works shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees,
 - xi) the tree protection measures specified in this clause must: i) be in place before work commences on the site, and ii) be maintained in good condition during the construction period,

and iii) remain in place for the duration of the construction works.

The Principal Certifier must ensure that:

c) The arboricultural works listed in a) and b) are undertaken as compliant to AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of a Project Arborist as applicable.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

12. **Removing, Handling and Disposing of Asbestos**

Any asbestos material arising from the demolition process shall be removed and disposed of in accordance with the following requirements:

- Work Health and Safety Act;
- Work Health and Safety Regulation;
- Code of Practice for the Safe Removal of Asbestos [NOHSC:2002 (1998)];
- Guide to the Control of Asbestos Hazards in Buildings and Structures [NOHSC: 3002 (1998);
- Clause 42 of the Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2005; and
- The demolition must be undertaken in accordance with Australian Standard AS2601 – The Demolition of Structures.

Reason: For the protection of the environment and human health.

13. **Geotechnical Requirements**

All recommendations (if any) included in the Geotechnical Report referenced in Condition 1 of this consent are required to be complied with during works.

Reason: To ensure geotechnical risk is mitigated appropriately.

14. **Survey Certificate**

A survey certificate prepared by a Registered Surveyor is to be provided demonstrating all perimeter walls columns and or other structural elements, floor levels and the finished roof/ridge height are in accordance with the approved plans.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifier when the external structure of the building is complete.

Reason: To demonstrate the proposal complies with the approved plans.

15. **Maintenance of Sediment and Erosion Controls**

Erosion and sediment controls must be adequately maintained and monitored at all times, particularly surrounding periods of rain, and shall remain in proper operation until all development activities have been completed and the site is in a state where no substance other than rainwater can enter the stormwater system and waterways.

All sediment control measures must be maintained at, or above, their design capacity.

Where more than 2500 square metres of land are disturbed or if the site has a slope of more than 20%, a self-auditing program must be developed for the site. A site inspection using a log book or inspection test plan (ITP) must be undertaken by the site supervisor:

- at least each week

- immediately before site closure
- immediately following rainfall events that cause runoff.

Details demonstrating compliance must be provided to the Certifier during demolition and building works.

Reason: Protection of the receiving environment and to ensure no substance other than rainwater enters the stormwater system and waterways.

16. Waste Management During Development

The reuse, recycling or disposal of waste during works must be done generally in accordance with the Waste Management Plan for this development.

Details demonstrating compliance must be submitted to the Principal Certifier.

Reason: To ensure demolition and construction waste is recycled or reused and to limit landfill.

17. Stockpiling materials

During construction, all material associated with works is to be contained at source, covered and must be within the construction area. All material is to be removed off site and disposed of according to local regulations. The property is to be kept clean and any building debris removed as frequently as required to ensure no debris enters receiving waters.

Reason: To ensure pollution control measures are effective to protect the aquatic habitats within receiving waters throughout the construction period.

BEFORE ISSUE OF THE OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

18. Geotechnical Certification Prior to Occupation Certificate

The Applicant is to submit the completed Form 3 of the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy (Appendix 5 of P21 DCP) to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of the Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To ensure geotechnical risk is mitigated appropriately.

19. Waste Management Confirmation

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, evidence / documentation must be submitted to the Principal Certifier that all waste material from the development site arising from demolition and/or construction works has been appropriately recycled, reused or disposed of generally in accordance with the approved Waste Management Plan.

Reason: To ensure demolition and construction waste is recycled or reused and to limit landfill.

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

20. Geotechnical Recommendations

Any ongoing recommendations of the risk assessment required to manage the hazards identified in the Geotechnical Report referenced in Condition 1 of this consent are to be maintained and adhered to for the life of the development.

Reason: To ensure geotechnical risk is mitigated appropriately.

In signing this report, I declare that I do not have a Conflict of Interest.

Signed



Olivia Ramage, Planner

The application is determined on 02/04/2025, under the delegated authority of:



Adam Richardson, Manager Development Assessments