

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/0123
Responsible Officer	Georgia Quinn
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 41 DP 14630 , 82 Bynya Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

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 development has been assessed against the following controls - Pittwater LEP 2014 Cl. 7.6 Terrestrial Biodiversity and Pittwater 21 DCP Cl. B4.6 Wildlife Corridors.

As the excavation for the pool may impact/remove native trees within the wildlife corridor a tree survey and Arborist Report indicating location, species, health and size of all trees within 5m of proposed development is required. The landscape referral body has already requested that an Arborist Report be submitted.

Based on the potentials impacts, including the possible tree removal, it is considered that the development has been designed, sited and will be managed to avoid any significant adverse environmental impact to the biodiversity values of the site. The development shall not result in a significant loss of canopy cover or a net loss in native canopy trees, and shall ensure that at least 60% of any new planting incorporates native vegetation species listed for the Pittwater Ward in the Native Plant Species Guide available on the Council website. Landscaping is to not include environmental weeds.

The proposal is therefore supported.

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

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

**CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE
OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE**

Tree Planting

At least two locally native canopy trees are to be planted onsite to replace trees approved for removal. Canopy tree species are to be as per the approved Landscape Plan, consistent with locally native species growing onsite and/or selected from the list pertaining to the vegetation community growing in the locality as per the vegetation mapping and Pittwater Ward Native Plant Species Guide available on the Northern Beaches Council website. All native trees are to be retained for the life of the development, or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree. Tree replacement plantings are to be certified by the project arborist.

Reason: Tree replacement.

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

Control of Weeds

Prior to the completion of works, all priority weeds (as listed under the Biosecurity Act 2015) are to be removed/controlled within the subject site using an appropriately registered control method. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>). All environmental weeds are to be removed and controlled. Refer to Council website http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/environment/noxious_weeds

Reason: Weed management.

No Planting Environmental Weeds

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: Weed management.

Works to cease if item found

If any Aboriginal Engravings or Relics are unearthed all work is to cease immediately and the Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) and Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) are to be notified.

Reason: To protect Aboriginal Heritage.

Dead or Injured Wildlife

If construction activity associated with this development results in injury or death of a native mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian, a registered wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organisation must be contacted for advice.

Reason: To mitigate potential impacts to native wildlife resulting from construction activity.