

## Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

<b>Application Number:</b>	DA2020/0502
<b>Date:</b>	17/07/2020
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Renee Ezzy
<b>Land to be developed (Address):</b>	Lot 34 DP 4689 , 36 Bardo Road NEWPORT NSW 2106 Lot 33 DP 4689 , 34 Bardo Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

### 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 Pittwater LEP 2014 cl.7.6 Biodiversity and P21 DCP B4.6 Wildlife Corridors. As identified within the Landscape Referral response, impacts of the development on trees, likely issues with trees to be retained, and the landscape treatment proposed is insufficient. The site is mapped as part of the high priority wildlife corridor, and therefore the development is to be amended to satisfy the objective to provide wildlife corridors via creation, restoration, and / or regeneration of habitat. The proposal is to address the relevant controls to ensure no net loss in native canopy trees, ensure that at least 60% of any new planting incorporates native vegetation (as per species listed in Native Plant Species Guide available on the Council website), not include environmental weeds, and maximise linkage within the wildlife corridor.

Based on the information provided I am not satisfied that the development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid, minimise or appropriately manage any adverse environmental impact.

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.