

## Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

<b>Application Number:</b>	DA2024/0844
<b>Proposed Development:</b>	Construction of a retaining wall
<b>Date:</b>	26/07/2024
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Olivia Ramage
<b>Land to be developed (Address):</b>	Lot 68 DP 25341 , 6 Kemble Place BILGOLA PLATEAU NSW 2107

### 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 comments in this referral relate to the following applicable controls and provisions:

- Biosecurity Act 2015
- Pittwater LEP - Clause 7.6 Biodiversity Protection
- Pittwater DCP - Clause B4.6 Wildlife Corridors

The proposal will not require the removal of any trees and would take place in previously disturbed areas. Given the highly disturbed nature of the site conditions are recommended to avoid the introduction and/or propagation of weeds.

No native vegetation or fauna habitat would be impacted, the development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid any significant adverse environmental impact.

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 TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

### No Clearing of Vegetation

Unless otherwise exempt, no vegetation is to be cleared prior to issue of a Construction Certificate.

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

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

## CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

### Wildlife Protection

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

Reason: To protect native wildlife.

### Protection of Habitat Features

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed during the construction works, except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

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

### Native Landscaping

Any new landscaping is to incorporate a minimum 80% locally native vegetation species as a proportion of the total number of plants. Locally native species are to be consistent with the relevant section of the Native Planting Guide available on Council's website.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be provided to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the requirement to retain and protect native planting on the site.

### No Weeds Imported On To The Site

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan) are to be imported on to the site prior to or during construction works.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To reduce the risk of site works contributing to spread of Priority and environmental weeds.

### Priority Weed Removal and Management

All Priority weeds (as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan) within the

development footprint are to be removed using an appropriate control method.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To reduce the risk of site works contributing to spread of Priority weeds.