

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/0174
Date:	29/04/2020
Responsible Officer	Kelsey Wilkes
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 58 DP 12749 , 121 Florence Terrace SCOTLAND ISLAND NSW 2105

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 the following provisions:

- SEPP (Coastal Management) - Coastal Environment Area
- Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 (Biodiversity Protection)
- Pittwater DCP Clause B4.7 (Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest EEC)
- NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

The property is mapped as containing Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest Endangered Ecological Community (EEC). While the proposal will result in the removal of several trees diagnostic to this community, the trees proposed to be removed have been assessed by the consultant arborist as exempt by size, species and/or condition. Accordingly, the proposal can be supported subject to measures to safely retain significant trees.

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**

Arborist's recommendations to be implemented

Recommendations 1-7 outlined in Section 6.0 of the submitted arboricultural impact assessment (Syncarpia Vegetation Management, January 2020) are to be implemented at the appropriate stage of development. Compliance with this condition is to be certified by the consultant arborist and written evidence provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of the Occupation Certificate. Reason: To safely retain significant trees of the Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest endangered ecological community.

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

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.