

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2020/0085
Date:	15/04/2020
Responsible Officer	Adam Croft
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 14 SP 4266 , 14 / 108 Bower Street MANLY NSW 2095

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 is within the declared habitat area for the endangered population of Long-nosed Bandicoots at North Head, as listed under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 (BC Act). As such, assessment of potential impacts in accordance with Section 7.3 of the BC Act is required. This assessment concluded that the proposal will not result in significant impact to the endangered population, subject to conditions to manage construction-related impacts.

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 THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Site Induction Required – Penguin and Bandicoot Habitat

All workers, including site inspectors and sub-contractors, are to be made aware of the potential presence of endangered bandicoots through a site induction prior to commencement of works. The site induction is to include information about their conservation significance, potential activities on-site, means of identification and the measures to be implemented for their protection. A confirmation of induction is to be signed by every worker and the site manager.

Evidence of the site induction is to be documented and provided to the Principal Certifying Authority.

Reason: To prevent impacts to threatened species, endangered ecological communities and their

habitats in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Pre-clearance Survey Required – Bandicoot Habitat

A pre-clearance survey for Long-nosed Bandicoot activity and presence is required prior to the removal or relocation of any vegetation, material or debris stockpiles. Clearing may only proceed if the survey concludes that no Long-nosed Bandicoots are present within the area to be cleared. A record of each inspection is to be made in the daily inspection register log-book. The log-book is to be made available to the Principal Certifying Authority.

Reason: To avoid injury or death of Long-nosed Bandicoots which may be utilising stockpiles of vegetation, materials or debris.

Report Dead or Injured Bandicoots – Bandicoot Habitat

Any injured or dead Long-nosed Bandicoots found within the worksite must be reported to the National Parks & Wildlife Service (9457 9577) or Northern Beaches Council (1300 434 434).

Reason: To prevent impacts to Long-nosed Bandicoots in accordance with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016.

Protect Grassed Foraging Areas – Bandicoot Habitat

There is to be no off-loading or storage of construction materials or debris on the grassed lawn or grassed road verge adjacent to the property. The integrity of the grass must be preserved at all times.

Reason: To prevent direct physical injury to Long-nosed Bandicoots and allow for foraging activity. This area is likely to be used by bandicoots for foraging.

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

Dead or Injured Wildlife – Manly LEP Clause 6.5

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.