

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2019/1157
Date:	14/01/2020
Responsible Officer:	Claire Ryan
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 66 DP 6248 , 353 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106 Lot 65 DP 6248 , 351 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106 Lot 64 DP 1090224 , 351 Barrenjoey Road NEWPORT NSW 2106

Reasons for referral

This application seeks consent for the following:

- Construction / development works within 5 metres of a tree or
- New residential works with three or more dwellings. (RFB's, townhouses, seniors living, guesthouses, etc). or
- Mixed use developments containing three or more residential dwellings.
- New Dwellings or

Officer comments

The proposal is not acceptable at this stage with the identification, and thereby the impacts of the existing tree within Robertson Road undetermined.

As advised following DA Pre-Lodgement, assessment of the existing tree located within the Robertson Road road reserve would provide an important criteria for the landscape outcomes of the proposal. The Arboricultural Impact Assessment report has incorrectly identified this tree (T1) as a Spotted Gum. A site review of the tree by Council's Senior Arborist confirmed that this tree is a *Corymbia citriodora* (Lemon Scented Gum).

To continue with the assessment, an accepted opinion is sought by Council on the significance and health of the Lemon Scented Gum and the potential to retain this tree with a basement setback, noting that the tree is the subject of recent dieback within the high canopy. Spotted Gum species are protected species within the Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest Community, subject to retention.

Upon clarification by a further arboricultural assessment of the Robertson Road tree species, removal of the species will be accepted should the tree species be assessed with a Low significance and a Short Life Expectancy.

The Landscape Plans submitted are acceptable, subject to clarification of the above issue, and subject to the following conditions of consent:

- public domain pavement along Robertson Road shall match the granite pavement existing within the Robertson Road south side road reserve,
- public domain pavement along Barrenjoey Road shall match the unit pavers existing along Barrenjoey Road,

- street tree planting shall be *Waterhousia floribunda*, to match existing species along Robertson Road, or a deciduous species in accordance with Appendix 12 - 4.8 Landscape Character, as advised by Council.

The proposal is therefore supported.

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

Recommended Landscape Conditions:

Nil.