

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2019/1046
Responsible Officer	Thomas Burns
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 91 DP 13643 , 42 Elanora Road ELANORA HEIGHTS NSW 2101

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

This application was assessed against Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 Biodiversity and Pittwater DCP B4.4 Flora and fauna habitat enhancement category 2 and wildlife corridor.

The proposal is for the construction of a secondary dwelling, garage and driveway. No significant native trees or vegetation will be impacted. The most significant large rock outcrops will be retained and protected. Proposed landscaping complies with biodiversity controls.

Council's Natural Environment - Biodiversity section raises no objections, subject to conditions.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Recommended Natural Environment Conditions:

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Implementation of Landscape Plan

Landscaping is to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plans (Serenescapes 14/08/2019) and these conditions of consent. The new landscaping is to be certified in accordance with approved Landscape Plans and these conditions of consent by a qualified landscape architect, arborist or ecologist prior to issue of the Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To ensure landscaping is consistent with relevant Natural Environment LEP/DCP controls.

Protection of Habitat Features

All natural landscape features, including rock outcrops, native vegetation, and soil, are to remain undisturbed during the construction works, except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans. Details demonstrating compliance are to be provided to the Principal Certifying Authority prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat in accordance with relevant Natural Environment LEP/DCP controls.

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

Certification of Landscape Plan

Landscaping is to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plans (Serenescapes 14/08/2019) and these conditions of consent. The new landscaping is to be certified as complete and in accordance with approved Landscape Plans and these conditions of consent by a qualified landscape architect, arborist or ecologist prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To ensure landscaping is consistent with relevant Natural Environment LEP/DCP controls.

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

Control of Weeds

Prior to the completion of works, all priority weeds (as listed under the Biosecurity Act 2015) are to be removed/controlled within the subject site using an appropriately registered control method. Information on weeds of the Northern Beaches can be found at the NSW WeedWise website (<http://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/>). All environmental weeds are to be removed and controlled. Refer to Council website http://www.pittwater.nsw.gov.au/environment/noxious_weeds

Reason: Weed management.

Canopy Tree Plantings

Canopy tree plantings required under this consent are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree.

Reason: To replace locally native trees in accordance with relevant Natural Environment LEP/DCP controls.

Retention of Natural Features

All natural landscape features, including natural rock outcrops, natural vegetation, soil and watercourses, are to remain undisturbed except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To ensure the retention of natural features.

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.

Works to cease if item found

If any Aboriginal Engravings or Relics are unearthed all work is to cease immediately and the Aboriginal Heritage Office (AHO) and Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH) are to be notified.

Reason: To protect Aboriginal Heritage.

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.

Domestic Animals Exclusion

For the life of the development, cats are to be kept in a cat run and/or inside the dwelling such that they are prevented from entering wildlife habitat areas at all times. Dogs are to be kept in an enclosed area such that they cannot enter areas of bushland, unrestrained, on surrounding properties.

Reason: Wildlife protection

Fencing for Wildlife Passage

Any new fencing (with the exception of swimming pool fencing) is to be made passable to native wildlife. Hole dimensions are to be a minimum of 150mm wide x 100mm high at ground level spaced at 6 metre intervals.

Reason: Management of wildlife corridors