

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2023/0720
Proposed Development:	Alterations and additions to Recreation Facility Outdoors
Date:	06/10/2023
Responsible Officer	Olivia Ramage
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 1432 DP 752038 Lot 1431 DP 752038 Part Lot 7147 DP 1023285 , 0 Vista Avenue BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS NSW 2093 Lot 1432 DP 752038 Lot 1431 DP 752038 Part Lot 7147 DP 1023285 , 0 Vista Avenue BALGOWLAH HEIGHTS NSW 2093

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 proposal seeks approval for Alterations and additions to Recreation Facility Outdoors. The comments in this referral relate to Manly LEP Clause 6.5 Terrestrial Biodiversity.

A total of eight poles to accommodate 12 LED back shield lights are proposed in order to allow for the extended use of three tennis courts located in Bareena Park. The proposal has been submitted with a Biodiversity Statement (Du Plessis + Du Plessis, March 2023) in consideration of the National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife (Department of the Environment and Energy, January 2020).

In order to mitigate potential light impacts to native wildlife (including long-nosed bandicoots which have been recorded near the subject site), the lighting design is to be assessed by a suitably qualified ecologist and certified as complying with the principals of the National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife (Department of Environment and Energy, May 2023).

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

Light Spillage mitigation measures

New lighting must be consistent with the principles of the National Light Pollution Guidelines for Wildlife (May 2023) and designed to ensure that light spillage into non-target areas is minimised.

Plans are to be certified by a suitably qualified ecologist as complying with this condition and written evidence provided to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Construction Certificate.

Reason: To mitigate potential light pollution impacts on wildlife.

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.