

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2025/0401
Date:	16/05/2025
Proposed Development:	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house including a swimming pool
Responsible Officer:	Simon Ferguson Tuor
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 11 DP 227863 , 25 Aranda Drive DAVIDSON NSW 2085

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 supported with regard to landscape issues.

Additional Information Comment 16/05/25:

The amended plans are noted.

It is noted the proposed works in the front setback have been removed from the proposal with the exception of widening the existing driveway.

No concerns are raised with the removal of exempt trees (trees 4, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17) and prescribed trees (trees 5 and 7) subject to tree replacement planting. Exempt trees may be managed or removed at the discretion of the applicant without consent. A Project Arborist shall be engaged to supervise the works in the tree protection zone of the neighbouring tree (tree 3) and the driveway shall be designed in a tree sensitive manner under advice from the Arborist following tree root investigations.

The landscape proposal is generally supported and all proposed planting shall be installed in accordance with the requirements outlined in the conditions of consent.

Original Comment:

The Arboricultural Impact Assessment identified major tree protection zone encroachment to the street trees (trees 1 and 2), and to the neighbouring tree (tree 3). Trees 1, 2, and 3 are outside the property boundaries and must be retained and protected during works. The site analysis should identify these trees as a constraint and any proposal shall be designed in a way to enable the viable retention of these trees (as a general principle, the site planning layout shall be determined following arboricultural investigations and recommendations). Collaboration is required with the Arborist to allow a design

solution which enables the retention of tree 2, and any advice from the Arborist shall be incorporated into an amended design. Furthermore, concern is raised with the proposed tree protection zone encroachment for trees 1 and 3, and should the Arborist accept major encroachments well above the 10% standard, non-destructive tree root investigations will need to be completed to ensure that the viable retention of these trees is possible.

No concerns are raised with the removal of exempt trees (trees 4, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17) and prescribed trees (trees 5 and 7) subject to tree replacement planting.

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:

CONDITIONS TO BE SATISFIED PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

Driveway Design Near Trees to be Retained

- a) Structural layout plans for the works including the driveway widening shall be developed in co-ordination with an Arborist with AQF minimum Level 5 qualifications in arboriculture, and a qualified Structural Engineer, following a non-destructive tree root investigation (if deemed necessary by the Arborist), complying with clause 3.3.4 of AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, near existing tree(s) 2 and 3, to locate critical tree roots and recommend footing design and locations for the construction works.
- b) The Arborist shall review, comment, recommend design revision as required and approve the driveway layout, to ensure the location of the driveway will be manageable in terms of tree protection measures.
- c) The Arborist shall submit certification to the Certifier that the proposed driveway design is accepted.
- d) The agreed driveway structural layout plans shall be submitted to the Certifier for approval prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

Reason: Tree protection.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Project Arborist

- a) A Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall be engaged prior to any commencement of works on site to provide tree protection measures in accordance with AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment.
- b) The Project Arborist shall be in attendance and supervise all works as nominated in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, and in particular:
 - i) works in the tree protection zone of trees 2 and 3.
- c) All tree protection measures specified must:
 - i) be in place before work commences on the site, and

- ii) be maintained in good condition during the construction period, and
- iii) remain in place for the duration of the construction works.

d) The Project Arborist shall provide certification to the Certifier that all tree protection measures under AS 4970-2009 have been satisfied, and the recommendations listed for the protection of the existing tree(s) have been carried out satisfactorily to ensure no impact to the health of the tree(s).
Photographic documentation of the condition of all trees to be retained shall be recorded, including at commencement, during the works and at completion.

Note: any potential impact to trees as assessed by the Project Arborist will require redesign of any approved component to ensure existing trees upon the subject site and adjoining properties are preserved and shall be the subject of a modification application where applicable.

Reason: Tree protection.

Tree Removal Within the Property

- a) This consent approves the removal of existing prescribed trees on the subject site as listed below:
 - i) tree 5 - *Camellia sasanqua*, and tree 7 - *Ceratopetalum gummiferum*.
- b) A qualified AQF level 5 Arborist shall identify these trees on site and tag or mark prior to removal.

Reason: To enable authorised development works.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Protection of Existing Street Trees

- a) All existing street trees in the vicinity of the works shall be retained during all construction stages, and the street tree(s) fronting the development site shall be protected by tree protection fencing in accordance with Section 4 of AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites. As a minimum the tree protection fencing for street tree(s) fronting the development site shall consist of standard 2.4m panel length to four sides and in accordance with Australian Standard 4687-2007 Temporary Fencing and Hoardings, unless otherwise directed by an Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture. All fencing shall be located to allow for unrestricted and safe pedestrian access upon the road verge.
- b) All street trees within the road verge are protected under Northern Beaches Council development control plans, except where Council's written consent for removal has been obtained. The felling, lopping, topping, ringbarking, or removal of any tree(s) is prohibited. No excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of street trees.

Reason: Street tree protection.

Tree and Vegetation Protection

- a) Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained and protected, including:
 - i) all trees within the site not approved for removal, including trees and vegetation nominated for retention on the approved Plans,
 - ii) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
 - iii) all trees and vegetation within the road reserve.
- b) Tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:
 - i) tree protection shall be in accordance with AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites,

and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment,

- ii) existing ground levels shall be maintained within the tree protection zone of trees to be retained, unless authorised by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iii) removal of existing tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter is not permitted without consultation with an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture,
- iv) no excavated material, building material storage, site facilities, nor landscape materials are to be placed within the canopy dripline of trees and other vegetation required to be retained,
- v) structures are to bridge tree roots at or >25mm (Ø) diameter unless directed by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture on site,
- vi) excavation for stormwater lines and all other utility services is not permitted within the tree protection zone, without consultation with an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture including advice on root protection measures,
- vii) should either or all of v) or vi) occur during site establishment and construction works, an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall provide recommendations for tree protection measures. Details including photographic evidence of works undertaken shall be submitted by the Arborist/Project Arborist to the Principal Certifier,
- viii) any temporary access to, or location of scaffolding within the tree protection zone of a protected tree or any other tree to be retained during the construction works is to be undertaken using the protection measures specified in sections 4.5.3 and 4.5.6 of AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites,
- ix) the activities listed in section 4.2 of AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, shall not occur within the tree protection zone of any tree on the lot or any tree on an adjoining site,
- x) tree pruning from within the site to enable approved works shall not exceed 10% of any tree canopy, and shall be in accordance with AS 4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees,
- xi) the tree protection measures specified in this clause must: be in place before work commences on the site, be maintained in good condition during the construction period, and remain in place for the duration of the construction works.

c) The Principal Certifier must ensure that:

i) If activated, the arboricultural works listed in a) and b) are undertaken and certified by an Arborist/Project Arborist as complaint to AS 4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

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

Landscape Completion

a) Landscape works are to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan(s) (drawing DA10 by JAH dated 14/05/25), and inclusive of the following conditions:

- i) landscape works are to be contained within the legal property boundaries,
- ii) planting shall be installed as indicated on the approved Landscape Plan(s) unless otherwise imposed by any conditions,
- iii) one (1) native tree shall be installed within the property boundaries; be a minimum pre-ordered planting size of 75 litres; generally selected from Northern Beaches Council's Native Planting Guide, or Council's Tree Guide; to achieve at least 6 metres height at maturity; meet the requirements of AS2303 – Tree Stock for Landscape Use; planted into a prepared planting hole 1m x 1m x 600mm depth generally, backfilled with a sandy loam mix or approved similar, mulched to 75mm depth minimum and maintained, and watered until established; and shall be located at least 3.0 metres from buildings and other trees or more, at least 1.5 metres from common boundaries; and located either within garden bed or within a prepared bed within lawn,

- iv) mass planting shall be installed in a garden bed prepared with a suitable free draining soil mix and minimum 75mm depth of mulch,
 - v) all proposed tree planting shall be positioned in locations to minimise significant impacts on neighbours in terms of blocking winter sunlight to living rooms, private open space and where the proposed location of trees may otherwise be positioned to minimise any significant loss of views from neighbouring and nearby dwellings and from public spaces,
 - vi) where swimming pools are part of the development works, selected planting shall comply with the planting and care requirements of AS1926.1 for a non-climbable zone.
- b) Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, details shall be submitted to the Principal Certifier, certifying that the landscape works have been completed in accordance with any conditions of consent.

Reason: Environmental amenity.

Condition of Retained Vegetation

- a) Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, a report prepared by an Arborist/Project Arborist with minimum AQF Level 5 in arboriculture shall be submitted to the Principal Certifier, assessing the health and impact on all existing trees required to be retained on the approved Plans or as listed in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, including the following information:
- i) compliance to any Arborist recommendations for tree protection generally and during excavation works,
 - ii) extent of damage sustained by vegetation as a result of the construction works,
 - iii) any subsequent remedial works required to ensure the long term retention of the vegetation.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

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

Landscape Maintenance

- a) If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components.
- b) Trees, shrubs and groundcovers required to be planted under this consent are to be mulched, watered and fertilised as required at the time of planting.
- c) If any tree, shrub or groundcover required to be planted under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar species to maintain the landscape theme and be generally in accordance with the approved Landscape Plan(s) and any conditions of consent.
- d) The approved landscape planted areas, whether containing lawn, gardens or planters shall in perpetuity remain as planting under the development consent, and shall not be replaced with any hard paved surfaces or structures.

Reason: To maintain local environmental amenity.