

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2024/0460
Date:	17/12/2024
Proposed Development:	Demolition works and construction of shoptop housing
Responsible Officer:	Adam Croft
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 188 DP 16719 , 3 Gondola Road NORTH NARRABEEN NSW 2101 Lot 187 DP 16719 , 1 Gondola Road NORTH NARRABEEN NSW 2101

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 development application is assessed by Council's Landscape Referral against the following relevant landscape objectives and controls:

• Chapter 4 of State Environmental Planning Policy (Housing) 2021, including: (a) Clause 147(1)(a) requires the proposal to be assessed against the 9 design quality principles contained in Schedule 9 and specifically for Landscape Referral, Principle 5 - Landscape; and (b) Clause 147(1)(b) requires the consent authority to take into consideration the Apartment Design Guide - 3E Deep soil zones, 4O Landscape design, and 4P Planting on structures.

An Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) is submitted and recommends removal of two prescribed trees within the property (trees 4 and 5) and four exempt species within the property (1, 2, 3 and 6). Should the application be approved Landscape Referral raise no objections to the recommended tree removal. Tree 7 (Eucalyptus) as reported in the AIA shall be protected and it is noted that this is located within property number 4 Rickard Road at some distance from development works.

Landscaped Plans are submitted and are generally co-ordinated with the architectural plans and propose landscape outcomes within both (i) natural ground deep soil areas and (ii) on structure. It is noted that the previous concern regarding the identification of an awning over the deep soil area is now removed in the Architectural Plans but remains on the Landscape Plans. No awnings over deep soil areas are to be approved and conditions shall be imposed on the Landscape Plans. The requirement for deep soil area under the Apartment Design Guide (ADG), part 3E Deep soil areas, is satisfied.

Should the development proposal be approved, Landscape Referral provide conditions of consent.

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

On Slab Landscape Works

Details shall be submitted to the Certifier prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate indicating the proposed method of waterproofing and drainage to all planters over slab, over which soil and planting is being provided. Landscape treatment details shall be submitted to the Certifier prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate indicating the proposed soil type, planting, automatic irrigation, and services connections. The following soil depths are required to support landscaping: as detailed on the Landscape Plans.

Design certification shall be submitted to the Certifier by a qualified Structural Engineer, that the planters are designed structurally to support the 'wet' weight of landscaping (soil, materials and established planting).

Reason: To ensure appropriate soil depth for planting and ensure waterproofing and drainage is installed.

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Tree Removal Within the Property

This consent approves the removal of existing prescribed trees on the subject site as identified in the Arboricultural Impact Assessment, approved Plans, or as listed below:

- a) tree 4 and tree 5,
- 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

Tree and Vegetation Protection

a) Existing trees and vegetation shall be retained and protected, including:

- i) all trees and vegetation located on adjoining properties,
- ii) all trees and vegetation within the road reserve.

b) Tree protection shall be undertaken as follows:

- i) tree protection shall be in accordance with AS4970-2009 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 AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites,
- ix) the activities listed in section 4.2 of AS4970-2009 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 AS4373-2007 Pruning of amenity trees,
- xi) the tree protection measures specified in this clause 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.

The Principal Certifier must ensure that:

- c) The arboricultural works listed in a) and b) are undertaken as compliant to AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, and any recommendations of an approved Arboricultural Impact Assessment and/or Project Arborist as applicable.

Reason: Tree and vegetation protection.

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

Landscape Completion

Landscape works are to be implemented in accordance with the approved Landscape Plans, and inclusive of the following conditions:

- a) landscape works are to be contained within the legal property boundaries.

Prior to the issue of an Occupation Certificate, details (from a landscape architect, landscape designer or qualified horticulturalist) 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.

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

Landscape Maintenance

If any landscape materials/components or planting under this consent fails, they are to be replaced with similar materials/components. 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. 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 Plans and any conditions of consent.

A maintenance activity schedule for on-going maintenance of planters on slab shall be incorporated to monitor and replenish soil levels as a result of soil shrinkage over time.

The approved landscape planted areas consisting of lawn, planting at grade, and planting on structure 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.