

# **Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity**

Application Number:	Mod2025/0157
Proposed Development:	Modification of Development Consent DA2023/0763 granted for Alterations and additions to a dwelling house
Date:	08/04/2025
Responsible Officer	Tess Johansson
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 5 DP 13686 , 940 Barrenjoey Road PALM BEACH NSW 2108

#### 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 comments in this referral relate to the following applicable controls and provisions:

- NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016
- NSW Biodiversity Conservation Regulation 2017
- SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 Littoral Rainforest and Proximity Area
- Planning for Bushfire Protection 2019
- Pittwater LEP Clause 7.6 Biodiversity Protection
- Pittwater 21 DCP Clause B4.2 Flora and Fauna Conservation Category 1 and Wildlife Corridor
- Pittwater 21 DCP Clause B4.4 Flora and Fauna Habitat Enhancement Category 2 and Wildlife Corridor

Portions of the site are identified on the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) Biodiversity Values Map (BV Map). Under the NSW Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016, any removal of native vegetation from within mapped areas will trigger the Biodiversity Offsets Scheme (BOS) and the requirement for a Biodiversity Development Assessment Report (BDAR).

However, the submitted plans and documentation indicate that the proposed works are located outside of the BV Map area and therefore will not trigger entry into the BOS.

The submitted modifications would take place in areas that have been previously cleared and on existing hardstand. It is unlikely that these modifications would impact upon native flora and fauna.

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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:**

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

### **Control of Domestic Dogs/Cats**

Domestic dogs and cats are to be kept from entering wildlife habitat areas at all times.

Dogs and cats are to be kept in an enclosed area and/or inside the dwelling, or on a leash such that they cannot enter areas of wildlife habitat, bushland or foreshore unrestrained, on the site or on surrounding properties or reserves.

Reason: To protect native wildlife and habitat.

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