

Landscape Referral Response

Application Number:	DA2019/0625
Date:	13/09/2019
Responsible Officer:	Rhiannon McLardy
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 55 DP 36616 , 12 Akora Street FRENCHS FOREST NSW 2086

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

Additional Comment 13/9/2019

It is noted that the amended plans indicate the relocation of the swimming pool outside of the SRZ to the neighbouring trees on the adjoining properties. Subject to specific tree protection conditions, no objections are raised with regard to landscape issues.

Original Comment

The plans indicate removal of several trees along the western boundary of the site. the plans also indicate trees to be removed on adjoining properties on the north western corner of the site to accommodate the pool.

No Arborist's report addressing impacts on trees was sited with the application and removal of trees on adjoining properties to accommodate the works could not be supported.

In view of the impacts on trees by the proposed works an Arborist's report prepared by a qualified Arborist (AQF level 5) is required to enable proper assessment of the application.

At this stage the proposal is not supported with regard to landscape issues however if additional information is provided further assessment can be undertaken.

Referral Body Recommendation

Recommended for approval, subject to conditions

Refusal comments

Recommended Landscape Conditions:

CONDITIONS THAT MUST BE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO ANY COMMENCEMENT

Tree protection

- (a) Existing trees which must be retained
 - i) All trees not indicated for removal on the approved plans, unless exempt under relevant planning instruments or legislation
 - ii) Trees located on adjoining land
- (b) Tree protection
 - i) No tree roots greater than 25mm diameter are to be cut from protected trees unless authorised by a qualified Arborist on site.
 - ii) All structures are to bridge tree roots greater than 25mm diameter unless directed otherwise by a qualified Arborist on site.
 - iii) All tree protection to be in accordance with the Arboricultural Impact Assessment Report prepared by Aura Tree Services dated August 2019 and AS4970-2009 Protection of trees on development sites, with particular reference to Section 4 Tree Protection Measures.
 - iv) All tree pruning within the subject site is to be in accordance with WDCP2011 Clause E1 Private Property Tree Management and AS 4373 Pruning of amenity trees
 - v) All tree protection measures, including fencing, are to be in place prior to commencement of works.

Reason: To ensure compliance with the requirement to retain and protect significant planting on the site.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Trees Condition

During the construction period the applicant is responsible for ensuring all protected trees are maintained in a healthy and vigorous condition. This is to be done by ensuring that all identified tree protection measures are adhered to. In this regard all protected plants on this site shall not exhibit:

- (a) A general decline in health and vigour.
- (b) Damaged, crushed or dying roots due to poor pruning techniques.
- (c) More than 10% loss or dieback of roots, branches and foliage.
- (d) Mechanical damage or bruising of bark and timber of roots, trunk and branches.
- (e) Yellowing of foliage or a thinning of the canopy untypical of its species.
- (f) An increase in the amount of deadwood not associated with normal growth.
- (g) An increase in kino or gum exudation.
- (h) Inappropriate increases in epicormic growth that may indicate that the plants are in a stressed condition.
- (i) Branch drop, torn branches and stripped bark not associated with natural climatic conditions.

Any mitigating measures and recommendations required by the Arborist are to be implemented.

The owner of the adjoining allotment of land is not liable for the cost of work carried out for the purpose of this clause.

Reason: Protection of Trees.