

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2023/1448
Proposed Development:	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house and associated works
Date:	26/10/2023
Responsible Officer	Claire Ryan
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 25 DP 8075 , 38 Bower Street MANLY NSW 2095

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 a dwelling house and associated works. The comments in this referral relate to the following applicable controls and provisions:

- SEPP (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 - Coastal Environment Area
- Manly LEP - Clause 6.5 Terrestrial Biodiversity
- Manly DCP - Clause 5.4.2 Threatened Species and Critical Habitat Lands
- Manly DCP Clause 3.3.1.iv) (Landscaping in Bandicoot Habitat).

The proposal has been submitted with an arboricultural impact assessment that has assessed the condition of a total of 26 trees and recommended the removal of a single tree (Tree 8) which is an exempt species. No objections are raised in relation to this removal.

The property is located within known habitat for the endangered population of Long-nosed Bandicoots at North Head; as such, the development is to be accompanied by a 'test of significance' prepared in accordance with Section 7.3 of the BC Act. Given that the proposal is largely within the existing footprint, Council's Biodiversity referral body have conducted a threatened species test of significance and are satisfied that the proposed development will not represent a significant impact, subject to recommended conditions to maintain bandicoot access and mitigate construction-related impacts.

The proposed landscape plan will have to be amended to avoid the inclusion of any plants identified as weeds, specifically related to Pennisetum "nafray" and also to provide adequate habitat and foraging

opportunities in line with MDCP 3.3.1 iv).

The development is designed, sited and will be managed to avoid any significant adverse environmental impact.

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

No Clearing of Vegetation

Unless otherwise exempt, no vegetation is to be cleared prior to issue of a Construction Certificate.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of Construction Certificate.

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

Fencing for Wildlife Passage

Any new permanent fencing (with the exception of swimming pool fencing) is to be made passable to native fauna through the provision of access gaps or raised fencing to provide appropriate ground clearance. Any access gaps are to be a minimum of 150mm wide x 100mm high at ground level and distance between gaps is not to exceed more than 6 metres.

Plans are to be certified as complying with this condition and provided to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: To preserve wildlife corridors.

Amendment of Landscape Plans

The submitted Landscape Plan is to be amended in accordance with the following:

- Replacement of Pennisetum "Nafray" with a suitable alternative as per Manly DCP Clause 3.3.1.iv) (Landscaping in Bandicoot Habitat).

The Landscape Plan is to be amended by a qualified landscape architect and provided to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of the Construction Certificate.

Reason: To maintain and replace habitat on the site.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Pre-clearance Survey

Before any vegetation/materials/debris stockpiles are removed, a pre-clearance survey for Long-nosed Bandicoot activity and presence is required. Clearing should ideally be carried out at dusk and completed within one day so that Long-nosed Bandicoots do not reoccupy partially cleared areas overnight. A record of each inspection is to be made in the daily inspection register log-book.

The logbook is to be made available to Principal Certifying Authority.

Written evidence of compliance (including records of inspections and any wildlife incidents) is to be provided to the Principal Certifier prior to any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To protect native wildlife.

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.

Protection of Habitat Features

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed during the construction works, except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

**CONDITIONS WHICH MUST BE COMPLIED WITH PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE
OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE****No Weeds Imported On To The Site**

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan) are to be imported on to the site prior to or during construction works.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To reduce the risk of site works contributing to spread of Priority and environmental weeds.

Bright Lighting

No bright lighting or motion detectors are to be installed to illuminate the lawn or garden areas. A modest amount of low lighting may be used for safety purposes only.

Details demonstrating compliance are to be submitted to the Certifying Authority prior to any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: Bright lighting disturbs Long-nosed Bandicoots and disrupts normal Bandicoot foraging, sheltering and nesting activity.

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

Protection of Habitat Features

All natural landscape features, including any rock outcrops, native vegetation, soil and/or watercourses, are to remain undisturbed except where affected by necessary works detailed on approved plans.

Reason: To protect wildlife habitat.

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.