

Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

Application Number:	DA2022/1719
Proposed Development:	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house including secondary dwelling
Date:	25/01/2023
Responsible Officer	Megan Surtees
Land to be developed (Address):	Lot 6 DP 8260 , 150 Queenscliff Road QUEENSCLIFF NSW 2096

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

Council's Biodiversity Referrals Team have assessed the Development Application for compliance against the following applicable biodiversity related provisions:

- Warringah DCP cl. E2 Prescribed Vegetation
- Warringah DCP cl. E4 Wildlife Corridors
- Warringah DCP cl. E6 Retaining Unique Environmental Features
- State Environmental Planning Policy (Resilience and Hazards) 2021 Chapter 2 - Coastal Management

The Development Application seeks consent for alterations and additions to the existing dwelling.

The Arborist Report submitted with the application recommends the removal of one *Callistemon viminalis* due to the location of the proposed driveway. As the property is mapped within a Wildlife Corridor under the Warringah DCP, cl. E4 of the WDCP applies. One of the objectives of the clause is to retain and enhance native vegetation and the ecological functions of wildlife corridors. As the tree proposed for removal is native and provides habitat for native fauna, Council's Biodiversity referrals team recommend retention of the tree where possible. Where retention is not possible, the tree is to be replaced with an advanced stock *Callistemon viminalis*.

Subject to conditions, Council's Biodiversity Referrals team are satisfied that the proposed development complies with the above listed controls.

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 Certifier prior to issue of Construction Certificate.

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

Dead or Injured Wildlife

If construction activity associated with this development results in injury or death of a native mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian, a registered wildlife rescue and rehabilitation organisation must be contacted for advice.

Reason: To protect native wildlife.

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

Replacement of Canopy Trees

At least 1 locally native canopy tree (*Callistemon viminalis*) is to be planted on site to replace protected trees approved for removal.

Tree plantings are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life. Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree.

Replacement plantings are to be certified as being completed in accordance with these conditions of consent by a qualified landscape architect, and details submitted to the Principal Certifier prior to issue of any Occupation Certificate.

Reason: To establish appropriate native landscaping.

No Weeds Imported On To The Site

No Priority or environmental weeds (as specified in the Northern Beaches Local Weed Management Plan 2019 – 2023) 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.

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.

Replacement of Canopy Trees

Tree replacement plantings required under this consent are to be retained for the life of the development and/or for their safe natural life.

Trees that die or are removed must be replaced with another locally native canopy tree.

Reason: To replace locally native trees.