

## Natural Environment Referral Response - Biodiversity

<b>Application Number:</b>	DA2024/1028
<b>Proposed Development:</b>	Alterations and additions to a dwelling house
<b>Date:</b>	19/08/2024
<b>Responsible Officer</b>	Lachlan Rose
<b>Land to be developed (Address):</b>	Lot 39 DP 5659 , 30 Surf Road NORTH CURL CURL NSW 2099

### 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:

- Warringah DCP Clause E2 Prescribed Vegetation
- Warringah DCP Clause E4 Wildlife Corridors
- Warringah DCP Clause E6 Retaining unique environmental features

The proposal would require the removal of a number of native trees which are considered exempt by either species or height. However, it is unlikely that their removal will have a significant impact on the natural environment. The submitted landscape plan includes a number of native plants consistent with applicable controls. However, an additional Banksia will be requested in order to compensate for the loss of foraging habitat in order to provide habitat for local habitat as per the objectives of WDCP E2 and E4.

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 Certifier prior to issue of Construction Certificate.

Reason: To protect native vegetation.

### CONDITIONS TO BE COMPLIED WITH DURING DEMOLITION AND BUILDING WORK

#### 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

#### Replacement of Canopy Trees

At least 1 additional Banksia is to be planted to provide habitat for local wildlife, generate shade for residents and provide psychological & social benefits. Species are to have a minimum mature height of 8.5m and be consistent with the Native Planting Guide available on Council's website.

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) 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**

#### **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.