

IDAP REPORT

Property:	152 Albert Road, Strathfield Lot: 1 DP: 232779 DA2021.64
Proposal:	Construction of an in-ground swimming pool.
Applicant:	P Norman
Owner:	C C Le & O Vo
Date of lodgement:	12 April 2021
Notification period:	20 April 2021 – 4 May 2021
Submissions received:	One (1)
Assessment officer:	J W Brown
Estimated cost of works:	\$94,500.00
Zoning:	R2-Low Density Residential - SLEP 2012
Flood affected:	Yes
RECOMMENDATION OF OFFICER:	APPROVAL



Figure 1: Aerial Image of subject site

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Proposal

Development consent is being sought for the construction of an in-ground swimming pool.

Site and Locality

The site is identified as 152 Albert Road, Strathfield and has a legal description of Lot: 1 DP: 232779. The site is a regular shaped parcel of land and is located on the southern side of Albert Road.

The site has an average width of 15.9m, a depth of 58m and an overall site area of 923m².

The locality surrounding the subject site contains a mixture of low density residential.

Strathfield Local Environmental Plan

The site is zoned R2-Low Density Residential under the provisions of Strathfield LEP 2012 and the proposal is a permissible form of development with Council's consent. The proposal satisfies all relevant objectives contained within the LEP.

Development Control Plan

The proposed development generally satisfies the provisions of Strathfield Consolidated DCP 2005. This is discussed in more detail in the body of the report.

Notification

The application was notified in accordance with Council's Community Participation Plan from 20 April 2021 to 4 May 2021, where one submission was received raising the following concerns:

- Replacing the boundary fence
- Consent of owners

Issues

- Landscaped area

Conclusion

Having regards to the heads of consideration under Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*, Development Application 2021/64 is recommended for approval subject to suitable conditions of consent.

REPORT IN FULL

Proposal

Council has received an application for the construction of an in-ground swimming pool. More specifically, the proposal includes a 9m (W) x 4.4m (D) swimming pool with an attached 2m (W) x 1.6m (D) spa.

The Site and Locality

The subject site is legally described as Lot: 1 DP: 232779 and is commonly known as 152 Albert Road, Strathfield. It is located off the southern side of Albert Road between Dickson Street and Homebush Road.

The site is rectangular in shape and has a frontage of 15.24m to the north, a rear boundary of 16.43m to the south, a side boundary length of 58.76m to the east, and a side boundary length of 58.6m to the west with an overall area of 923m².

The site slopes gradually from the rear to the front of the property.

The site is occupied by an existing dwelling house, secondary dwelling, cabana and shed. Vehicular access is provided to the site via an existing driveway from Albert Road to an existing carport located at the rear of the property.

The current streetscape is characterised by a variety of development types including single dwelling houses and multi dwelling developments. Directly adjacent to the proposed development is dwelling houses on both the east and west side of the property. Adjacent to the rear boundary is the school grounds of Strathfield Girls High School. The surrounding area includes a mix of residential with educational facilities.

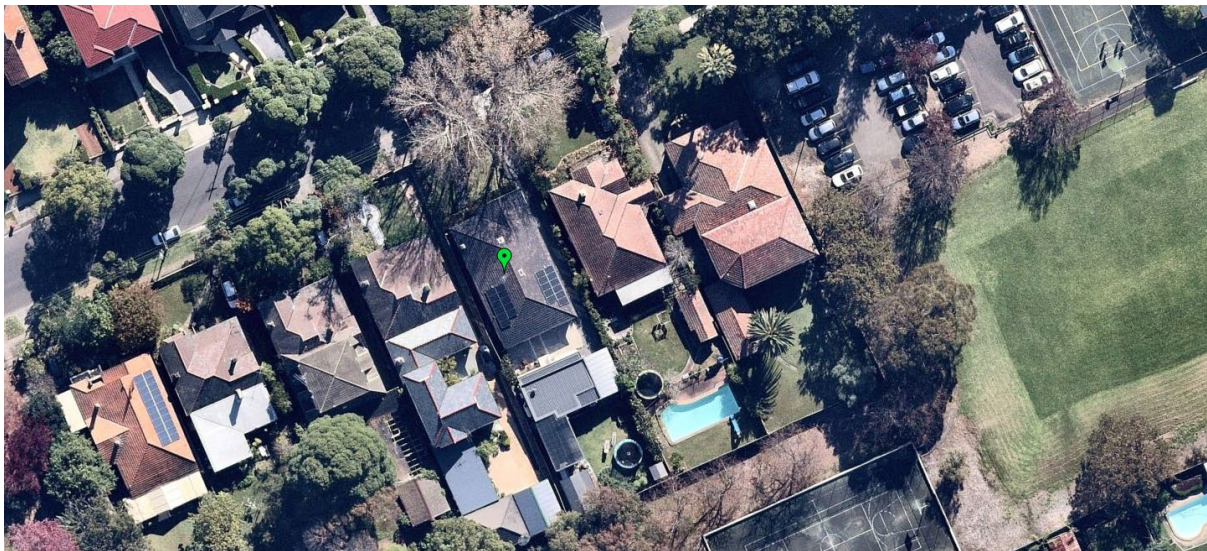


Figure 2: A closer imagery of the subject site and the immediate locality



Figure 3: Front Façade of 152 Albert Road



Figure 4: Driveway to rear backyard



Figure 4: Secondary Dwelling in the rear of the property



Figure 5: Location of the proposed pool and spa



Figure 6: Rear Backyard with shed and cabana

Background

12 April 2021	The subject development application (DA2021/64) was lodged with Council.
20 April 2021	The application was publicly exhibited until the 4 May 2021.
28 May 2021	Council's Planner carried out a site visit.
15 June 2021	Additional information relating to the Landscape area was requested.
17 June 2021	Requested information was received from applicant.

Referrals – Internal and External

Development Engineers Comments:

The application was referred to Council's Development Engineer due to it being within flood prone land. The Development Engineer offered no objection to the proposal.

Section 4.15 Assessment – EP&A Act 1979

The following is an assessment of the application with regard to Section 4.15 (1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*.

(1) *Matters for consideration – general*

In determining an application, a consent authority is to take into consideration such of the following matters as are of relevance to the development the subject of the development application:

- (a) *the provision of:***
- (i) *any environmental planning instrument,***

Strathfield Local Environmental Plan

The development site is subject to the Strathfield Local Environmental Plan 2012

Part 2 – Permitted or Prohibited Development

Clause 2.1 – Land Use Zones

The subject site is zoned R2-Low Density Residential and the proposal is a permissible form of development with Council's consent.

Part 4 – Principal Development Standards

The nature of the proposal does not trigger any of the principal development standards.

Part 5 – Miscellaneous Provisions

The nature of the proposal does not trigger any of the miscellaneous provisions under Part 5 of the SLEP 2012.

Part 6 – Additional Local Provisions

Acid Sulfate Soils

The subject site is identified as having Class 5 Acid Sulfate Soils but is not located within 500m of a Class 1, 2 3 or 4 soils. Therefore, Development Consent under the provisions of this section is not required and as such an Acid Sulfate Soils Management Plan is not required.

Earthworks

The proposal does not include any significant excavation or basement works. Any excavation for footings or levelling of the site is considered to be minor and will not have a detrimental impact on environmental functions and processes, neighbouring uses, cultural or heritage items or features of the surrounding land.

Flood Planning

The subject site has been identified as being at or below the flood planning level. The application has been reviewed by Council's Engineer who has advised that the development is considered compatible with the flood hazard of the land. The proposed development is considered to satisfy the objectives of this clause.

Essential Services

Clause 6.4 of the SLEP 2012 requires consideration to be given to the adequacy of essential services available to the subject site. The subject site is located within a well serviced area and features existing water and electricity connection and access to Council's stormwater drainage system. As such, the subject site is considered to be adequately serviced for the purposes of the proposed development.

It is considered that the proposed development satisfies the aims, objectives and development standards, where relevant, of the Strathfield LEP 2012.

SYDNEY REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN (SYDNEY HARBOUR CATCHMENT) 2005

All stormwater from the proposed development can be treated in accordance with Council's Stormwater Management Code and would satisfy the relevant planning principles of the Sydney Regional Environmental Plan (Sydney Harbour Catchment) 2005.

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY INDEX: BASIX) 2004

A BASIX Certificate has been issued for the proposed development and the commitments required by the BASIX Certificate have been satisfied.

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY NO. 55 – REMEDIATION OF LAND (SEPP 55)

SEPP 55 applies to the land and pursuant to Section 4.15 is a relevant consideration.

A review of the available history for the site gives no indication that the land associated with this development is contaminated. There were no historic uses that would trigger further site investigations.

The objectives outlined within SEPP55 are considered to be satisfied.

STATE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING POLICY (VEGETATION IN NON-RURAL AREAS) 2017

State Environmental Planning Policy (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017 replaces the repealed provisions of clause 5.9 of SLEP 2012 relating to the preservation of trees and vegetation.

The intent of this SEPP is consistent with the objectives of the repealed Standard where the primary aims/objectives are related to the protection of the biodiversity values of trees and other vegetation on the site.

The proposed development does not result in the removal or loss of any trees or vegetation subject to the provision of this SEPP.

The aims and objectives outlined within the SEPP are considered to be satisfied.

(ii) any draft environmental planning instrument that is or has been placed on public exhibition and details of which have been notified to the consent authority, and

There are no draft planning instruments that are applicable to this site.

(iii) any development control plan,

The proposed development is subject to the provisions of the Strathfield Consolidated Development Control Plan 2005. The following comments are made with respect to the proposal satisfying the objectives and controls contained within the DCP.

Applicable DCP Controls	DCP Controls	Development Proposal	Compliance/ Comment
Landscaping			
Landscaping/Deepsoil Provisions:	45% (415.35m ²)	41.7% (385.4m ²)	NO but acceptable
Fencing			
Height (overall/piers):	1.8m plus 300mm of Lattice	2.1m	NO but is conditioned to meet the control
Ancillary Development			
SWIMMING POOL Side/Rear Setback	1.0m	>1.3m	YES

Landscaping and Open Space

The minimum landscape requirement is deficient from the required 45%. The applicant improved this deficiency from 36% to 41.7% by identifying on the plans that further pavers be removed from in between the dwelling house and secondary dwelling. This will help to provide additional landscaped area for the property. Planting and landscaped area around the pool will help to soften its built form as well. Overall the development is acceptable due to the reasons above, thus the variation is supportable in its current form.

Fencing

The proposed side and rear fencing satisfies the relevant objectives within SCDCP 2005. The fence will be conditioned in the consent to meet the specific controls as it does not detail the materials in the plans, as well as considering the neighbours concern. Thus it is supportable subject to the conditions of consent.

Cut and fill

The proposed development is considered to satisfy the relevant objectives and controls of the SCDCP 2005, in that the need for cut and fill has been kept to a minimum and existing ground levels have been maintained where appropriate to reduced site disturbance.

Water and Soil Management

The proposed development satisfies the relevant objectives and controls of the SCDCP 2005 and complies with Council's Stormwater Management Code. A soil erosion plan has been submitted with the application to prevent or minimise soil disturbances during construction.

ANCILLARY STRUCTURES

Swimming Pools, Spas & Associated Enclosures

The proposed development satisfies the relevant objectives and controls with SCDCP 2005. The pool has been adequately setback from all adjoining boundaries, allowing for screen planting if required. The pool pump equipment has been located in a sound proof enclosure and the pool coping has been designed to suit the existing ground level of the site. The swimming pool fence/enclosure will comply with the swimming pools act and relevant standards.

PART H – Waste Management (SCDCP 2005)

In accordance with Part H of Strathfield CDGP 2005, a waste management plan was submitted with the application. The plan details measure for waste during demolition and construction, and the on-going waste generated by the development during its use. It is considered that this plan adequately address Part H and considered satisfactory.

(iv) Any matters prescribed by the regulations, that apply to the land to which the development application relates,

The requirements of Australian Standard AS2601–1991: *The Demolition of Structures* is relevant to the determination of a development application for the demolition of a building.

The proposed development does not involve the demolition of a building. Should this application be approved, appropriate conditions of consent may be imposed to ensure compliance with the requirements of the above standard.

(b) *the likely impacts of that development, including environmental impacts on both the natural and built environments, and social and economic impacts in the locality,*

The proposed development is of a scale and character that is in keeping with other developments being constructed in the locality. Accordingly, the proposal is not considered to have a significant impact on the natural and built environment or any negative social or economic impacts on the locality.

(c) *the suitability of the site for the development,*

It is considered that the proposed development is of a scale and design that is suitable for the site having regard to its size and shape, its topography, vegetation and relationship to adjoining developments.

(d) *any submissions made in accordance with this Act or the regulations,*

In accordance with the provisions of Councils Community Participation Plan, the application was placed on neighbour notification for a period of fourteen (14) days where adjoining property owners were notified in writing of the proposal and invited to comment. One submission was received raising the following concern:

1. *Replacing boundary fence and consent of owners:*

Comment: The north eastern neighbour is concerned about the replacement of the boundary fence and getting their consent. Correspondence with neighbour occurred during the assessment of the application explaining that any matter done through the Dividing Fences Act and must be managed civilly. Though a condition of consent will be added that a neighbouring properties owner's consent will be needed for a boundary fence in line with the control in the SCDP 2005.

(e) *the public interest.*

The proposed development is of a scale and character that does not conflict with the public interest.

Local Infrastructure Contributions

Section 7.13 of the EP&A Act 1979 relates to the collection of monetary contributions from applicants for use in developing key local infrastructure. A consent authority may impose a condition under section 7.11 or 7.12 only if it is of a kind allowed by, and is determined in accordance with, a contributions plan (subject to any direction of the Minister under this Division).

The proposed development involves the construction of swimming pool. This is not considered an intensification of the existing land use within the property. Therefore, Section 7.11 contributions do not apply. Also the cost of works for the proposed development is less than \$100,000 and thus, Section 7.12 contributions are not applicable.

Conclusion

The application has been assessed having regard to the Heads of Consideration under Section 4.15 (1) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the provisions of the SLEP 2012 and SCDCP 2005.

Following detailed assessment it is considered that Development Application No. 2021/64 should be approved.

Signed:

**J W Brown
Planner**

Date: 25/06/2021

- ☒ I confirm that I have determined the abovementioned development application with the delegations assigned to my position;
- ☒ I have reviewed the details of this development application and I also certify that Section 7.11/7.12 Contributions are not applicable to this development;

Report and recommendations have been peer reviewed and concurred with.

Signed:

**Patrick Santos
Planner**

Date: 25/06/2021

The following conditions of consent are imposed for the following reasons:

- (a) To ensure compliance with the terms of the relevant Environmental Planning Instrument and/or Building Code of Australia and/or Council's codes, policies and specifications.
- (b) To protect the environment.
- (c) To ensure that there is no unacceptable impact on the amenity of the area, or to private and public property.
- (d) It is in the public interest.

DEVELOPMENT DETAILS

(1) Approved Plans & Documentation

The development must be implemented in accordance with the approved plans and supporting documentation listed below which have been endorsed by Council's approved stamp, except where marked up on the plans and/or amended by conditions of this consent:

Description	Reference No.	Date	Revision	Prepared by
Site Plan/Site Analysis Plan	CRP21002 P1	6/4/21	A	Right Angle Design & Drafting Pty Ltd
Plan at Rear Yard	CRP21002 P2	6/4/21	A	Right Angle Design & Drafting Pty Ltd
Landscape Plan	CRP21002 P3	15/6/21	A	Right Angle Design & Drafting Pty Ltd
Pool Plan and Sections	CRP21002 P3	March 2021		Right Angle Design & Drafting Pty Ltd
Sediment Control Plan	CRP21002 P5	March 2021		Right Angle Design & Drafting Pty Ltd
Waste Management Plan		2/2/21		Paul Norman

SEPRARATE APPROVALS REQUIRED UNDER OTHER LEGISLATION

(2) Section 138 Roads Act 1993 and Section 68 Local Government Act 1993

Unless otherwise specified by a condition of this consent, this Development Consent does not give any approval to undertake works on public infrastructure.

Separate approval is required under Section 138 of the [Roads Act 1993](#) and/or Section 68 of

the [Local Government Act 1993](#) for any of the following activities carried out in, on or over a public road (including the footpath) listed below.

An application is required to be lodged and approved prior to the commencement of any of the following works or activities;

- (a) Placing or storing materials or equipment;
- (b) Placing or storing waste containers or skip bins;
- (c) Erecting a structure or carrying out work
- (d) Swinging or hoisting goods over any part of a public road by means of a lift, crane or the like;
- (e) Pumping concrete from a public road;
- (f) Pumping water from the site into the public road;
- (g) Constructing a vehicular crossing or footpath;
- (h) Establishing a “works zone”;
- (i) Digging up or disturbing the surface of a public road (e.g. Opening the road for the purpose of connections to utility providers);
- (j) Stormwater & ancillary works in the road reserve; and
- (k) Stormwater & ancillary to public infrastructure on private land
- (l) If any excavation is to be supported by the use of below ground (cable) anchors that are constructed under Council’s roadways/footways.

These separate activity approvals must be obtained and evidence of the approval provided to the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

The relevant Application Forms for these activities can be downloaded from Council’s website www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au. For further information, please contact Council’s Customer Service Centre on (02) 9748 9999.

REQUIREMENTS OF CONCURRENCE, INTEGRATED & OTHER GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES

(3) Sydney Water – Tap in™

The approved plans must be submitted to a Sydney Water Tap in™ to determine whether the development application will affect Sydney Water’s sewer and water mains, stormwater drains and/or easements, and if further requirements need to be met. The approved plans will be appropriately endorsed. For details please refer to ‘Plumbing, building and developing’ section of Sydney Water’s web site at www.sydneywater.com.au then see ‘Building’, or telephone 13000 TAP IN (1300 082 746). The Certifying Authority must ensure that a Tap in™ agent has appropriately stamped the plans prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate.

PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF A CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

(4) Required Design Changes

The following changes are required to be made and shown on the Construction Certificate plans:

Amendments made in red on approved plans	All changes made in red on the approved plans shall be updated and shown on the Construction Certificate plans. In particular the site plan and all other relevant plans, must be amended to reflect consistent landscaping as proposed in the landscape plan.
Fences	Side and rear fences (including any retaining walls) are to be no taller than 1.8m, but may be capped with a maximum 300mm of open weave timber lattice privacy screen where the consent of the neighbouring property owner has agreed.

(5) Fees to be Paid

The fees listed in the table below must be paid in accordance with the conditions of this consent and Council's adopted Fees and Charges applicable at the time of payment (available at www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au).

Payments must be made prior to the issue of the Construction Certificate or prior to the commencement of work (if there is no associated Construction Certificate).

A summary of the fees to be paid are listed below:

Fee Type	Fee
GENERAL FEES	
Long Service Levy (to Long Service Corporation) Or, provide evidence of Payment direct to the Long Service Corporation. See https://portal.longservice.nsw.gov.au/bci/levy/	\$ 330.00
Security Damage Deposit	\$2,700.00
Tree Bond	\$6,100.00
Administration Fee for Damage Deposit	\$130.00
Administration Fee for Tree Bond	\$130.00

(6) Damage Deposit – Minor Works

In order to insure against damage to Council property the following is required:

- (a) Pay Council, before the issue of the Construction Certificate, a damage security deposit for the cost of making good any damage caused to any Council property as a result of the development: \$2,700.00.
- (b) Pay Council, before the issue of the Construction Certificate, a non-refundable administration fee to enable assessment of any damage and repairs where required: \$130.00.
- (c) Submit to Council, before the commencement of work, a photographic record of the condition of the Council nature strip, footpath and driveway crossing, or any area likely to be affected by the proposal.

At the completion of work Council will inspect the public works, and the damage deposit will be refunded in full upon completion of work where no damage occurs. Otherwise the amount will be either forfeited or partly refunded according to the amount of damage.

(7) Tree Bond

A tree bond of \$6,100.00 (calculated in accordance with Council's adopted Fees and Charges) shall be paid to Council, prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate.

The deposit is required as security against any damage to existing trees to be retained on Council's road reserve, during works on the site. The applicant must bear the cost of all restoration works to Council's property damaged during the course of this development.

Payment may be accepted in the form of cash, bank guarantee, cheque or credit card (financial transactions fees apply). Note: Additional fees apply for the lodgement of a bank guarantee in lieu of cash bond applies in accordance with Council's adopted Fees and Charges.

A request for refund of the Tree Bond must be made in writing.

Tree Bonds may be forfeited if a tree is dead, made dangerous or has been terminally damaged, or will be held until tree/s have fully recovered from the construction damage or were replacement/planted trees have become fully established and are over 6 metres in height.

(8) Site Management Plan

Minor Development

A Site Management Plan detailing all weather access control points, sedimentation controls, waste management plans, fencing, builder's site sheds office, amenities, materials storage and unloading arrangements must be submitted with the application for the Construction Certificate.

(9) BASIX Commitments

The approved BASIX Certificate shall be submitted to the Accredited Certifier with the application for a Construction Certificate.

All measures and commitments as detailed in the BASIX Certificate No. A408542 must be implemented on the plans lodged with the application for the Construction Certificate.

(10) Erosion & Sedimentation Control

Erosion and sediment controls must be provided to ensure:

- (a) Compliance with the approved Erosion & Sediment Control Plan
- (b) Removal or disturbance of vegetation and top soil is confined to within 3m of the approved building area (no trees to be removed without approval)
- (c) All clean water run-off is diverted around cleared or exposed areas
- (d) Silt fences, stabilised entry/exit points or other devices are installed to prevent sediment from entering drainage systems or waterways
- (e) All erosion and sediment controls are fully maintained for the duration of demolition, excavation and/or development works
- (f) Controls are put into place to prevent tracking of sediment by vehicles onto adjoining roadway
- (g) All disturbed areas are rendered erosion-resistant by turfing, mulching, paving or similar
- (h) Compliance with [Managing Urban Stormwater – Soils and Construction \(Blue Book\) produced by Landcom 2004.](#)

These measures are to be implemented prior to the commencement of work (including demolition and excavation) and must remain until works are completed and all exposed surfaces are landscaped/sealed.

(11) Swimming Pools – Use and Maintenance

The following apply to the construction, use and maintenance of swimming pools and spas:

- (a) no ground level may be raised or filled except where shown specifically on the approved plans;
- (b) all pool/spa waste water is to be discharged to the sewer according to the requirements of Sydney Water;
- (c) the swimming pool must not be used for commercial or professional purposes;
- (d) drain paved areas to the landscaped areas or a suitable lawful drainage system; and
- (e) arrange any external pool/spa lighting to minimise glare nuisance to adjoining owners.

(12) Landscape Plans

All landscape works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved landscape plan. The landscaping shall be maintained in accordance with the approved plans in perpetuity.

(13) Tree Removal/Pruning Prohibited

This consent does not approve the removal or pruning (branches or roots) of any trees on the subject property, Council's public footway, public reserves or on neighbouring properties.

PRIOR TO THE COMMENCEMENT OF WORK (INCLUDING DEMOLITION & EXCAVATION)

(14) Dial Before You Dig

The applicant shall contact "Dial Before You Dig on 1100" to obtain a Service Diagram prior to the issuing of the Construction Certificate. The sequence number obtained from "Dial Before You Dig" shall be forwarded to Council's Engineers for their records.

DURING CONSTRUCTION

(15) Site Sign – Soil & Erosion Control Measures

Prior to the commencement of works (including demolition and excavation), a durable site sign, issued by Council in conjunction with this consent, must be erected in a prominent location on site. The site sign warns of the penalties which apply to pollution, storing materials on road or footpath and breaches of the conditions relating to erosion and sediment controls. The sign must remain in a prominent location on site up until the completion of all site and building works.

(16) Hours of Construction for Demolition and Building Work

Any work activity or activity associated with the development consent that requires the use of any tools (including hand tools) or any power operated plant and machinery that creates noise on or adjacent to the site shall not be performed, or permitted to be performed, except between the hours of 7.00 am to 5.00 pm, Monday to Friday and 8:00am to 1:00pm on Saturdays. No work or ancillary activity is permitted on Sundays, or Public Holidays.

Where the development involves the use of jack hammers/rock breakers and the like, or other heavy machinery, such equipment may only be used between the hours of 7:00am to 5:00pm Monday to Friday only.

Note: A penalty infringement notice may be issued for any offence.

(17) Swimming Pools – Filling with Water

The pool/spa shall not be filled until the safety fences have been completed in accordance with

the approved plans and specifications and inspected by the PCA.

PRIOR TO THE ISSUE OF THE OCCUPATION CERTIFICATE

(18) BASIX Certificate

All energy efficiency measures as detailed in the approved BASIX Certificate in the plans approved with the Development Consent, must be implemented before issue of any Occupation Certificate.

(19) BASIX Compliance Certificate

A Compliance Certificate must be provided to the PCA regarding the implementation of all energy efficiency measures as detailed in the approved BASIX Certificate before any Occupation Certificate is issued.

OPERATIONAL CONDITIONS (ON-GOING)

(20) Swimming Pools – Resuscitation Notice

An expired air resuscitation warning notice complying with the [Swimming Pools Act 1992](#) must be affixed in a prominent position adjacent to the pool.

(21) Private Swimming Pools & Spas – Pump Noise

The swimming pool/spa pump and associated equipment must be located so that the noise emitted does not exceed 5dB(A) above the background level. If this cannot be achieved, a ventilated and sound-proofed enclosure must enclose the pump to achieve the required noise levels.

Swimming pool is to be installed with a timer that limits the recirculation and filtration systems operation such that it does not emit noise that can be heard within a habitable room in any other residential premises (regardless of whether any door or window to that room is open):

- (a) before 8 am or after 8 pm on any Sunday or public holiday, or
- (b) before 7 am or after 8 pm on any other day.

OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT 1979

(22) Appointment of a PCA

The erection of a building must not commence until the applicant has:

- (a) appointed a PCA for the building work; and
- (b) if relevant, advised the PCA that the work will be undertaken as an Owner -Builder.

If the work is not going to be undertaken by an Owner - Builder, the applicant must:

- (c) appoint a Principal Contractor to undertake the building work. If residential building work (within the meaning of the [Home Building Act 1989](#)) is to be undertaken, the Principal Contractor must be a holder of a contractor licence; and
- (d) notify the PCA of the details of any such appointment; and
- (e) notify the Principal Contractor of any critical stage inspections or other inspections that are required to be carried out in respect of the building work.

(23) Requirement for a Construction Certificate

The erection of a building must not commence until a Construction Certificate has been issued.

(24) Notification of Critical Stage Inspections

No later than two days before the building work commences, the PCA must notify:

- (a) the consent authority and the Council (if not the consent authority) of his or her appointment; and
- (b) the applicant of the critical stage inspections and other inspections that are to be carried out with respect to the building work.

(25) Notice of Commencement

The applicant must give at least two days notice to the Council and the PCA of their intention to commence the erection of a building.

(26) Critical Stage Inspections

The last critical stage inspection must be undertaken by the PCA. The critical stage inspections required to be carried out vary according to Building Class under the Building Code of Australia and are listed in Clause 162A of the [Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000](#).

(27) Notice to be Given Prior to Critical Stage Inspections

The principal contractor for a building site, or the owner-builder, must notify the PCA at least 48 hours before each required inspection needs to be carried out.

(28) Occupation Certificate

A person must not commence occupation or use of the whole or any part of a new building

unless an Occupation Certificate has been issued in relation to the building or part.

PRESCRIBED CONDITIONS

(29) Clause 97A – BASIX Commitments

This Clause requires the fulfilment of all BASIX Commitments as detailed in the BASIX Certificate to which the development relates.

(30) Clause 98 – Building Code of Australia & Home Building Act 1989

Requires all building work to be carried out in accordance with the Building Code of Australia. In the case of residential building work to which the [Home Building Act 1989](#) relates, there is a requirement for a contract of insurance to be in force before any work commences.

(31) Clause 98A – Erection of Signs

Requires the erection of signs on site and outlines the details which are to be included on the sign. The sign must be displayed in a prominent position on site and include the name and contact details of the PCA and the Principal Contractor.

(32) Clause 98B – Home Building Act 1989

If the development involves residential building work under the [Home Building Act 1989](#), no work is permitted to commence unless certain details are provided in writing to Council. The name and licence/permit number of the Principal Contractor or Owner Builder and the name of the Insurer by which work is insured under Part 6 of the [Home Building Act 1989](#).

(33) Clause 98E – Protection & Support of Adjoining Premises

If the development involves excavation that extends below the level of the base of the footings of a building on adjoining land, this prescribed condition requires the person who benefits from the development consent to protect and support the adjoining premises and where necessary underpin the adjoining premises to prevent any damage.

(34) Clause 98F – Site Excavation

Excavation of the site is to extend only to that area required for building works depicted upon the approved plans. All excess excavated material shall be removed from the site.

All excavations and backfilling associated with the erection or demolition of a building must be executed safely and in accordance with appropriate professional standards.

All excavations associated with the erection or demolition or building must be properly guarded and protected to prevent them from being dangerous to life or property.

If the soil conditions require it, retaining walls associated with the erection or demolition of a building or other approved methods or preventing movement of the soil shall be provided and adequate provision shall be made for drainage.

ADVISORY NOTES

1. Review of Determination

Section 8.2 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act confers on an applicant who is dissatisfied with the determination of the application the right to lodge an application with

Council for a review of such determination. Any such review must however be completed within 6 months from its determination. Should a review be contemplated sufficient time should be allowed for Council to undertake public notification and other processes involved in the review of the determination.

Note: review provisions do not apply to Complying Development, Designated Development, State Significant Development, Integrated Development or any application determined by the Sydney East Planning Panel or the Land & Environment Court.

2. Appeal Rights

Division 8.3 (Reviews and appeals) Part 8 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 confers on an applicant who is dissatisfied with the determination of the application a right of appeal to the Land and Environment Court of New South Wales.

3. Lapsing of Consent

This consent will lapse unless the development is physically commenced within 5 years from the Date of Operation of this consent, in accordance with Section 4.53 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 as amended.

4. Long Service Levy

The Long Service Corporation administers a scheme which provides a portable long service benefit for eligible workers in the building and construction industry in NSW. All benefits and requirements are determined by the Building and Construction Industry Long Service Payments Act 1986. More information about the scheme and the levy amount you are required to pay to satisfy a condition of your consent can be found at <http://www.longservice.nsw.gov.au>.

The required Long Service Levy payment can be direct to the Long Service Corporation via their web site <https://online.longservice.nsw.gov.au/bci/levy>. Payments can only be processed on-line for the full levy owing and where the value of work is between \$25,000 and \$6,000,000. Payments will be accepted for amounts up to \$21,000, using either MasterCard or Visa.

Site Safety Fencing

Site fencing must be erected in accordance with SafeWork Guidelines, to exclude public access to the site throughout the demolition and/or construction work, except in the case of alterations to an occupied dwelling. The fencing must be erected before the commencement of any work and maintained throughout any demolition and construction work.

A demolition licence and/or a high risk work license may be required from SafeWork NSW (see www.SafeWork.nsw.gov.au).

Register your Swimming Pool

All swimming pools in NSW are required to be registered. Fines apply for pools that are not registered. To register please visit: www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au