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D249/21  
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**ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT ACT, 1979 AS AMENDED**  
**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION - Approval**

<b>Development Application Number:</b>	<b>249/21</b>
<b>Land to which this applies:</b>	130 Blue Point Road, McMahons Point Lot No.: 3, DP: 233986
<b>Applicant:</b>	COSO Architecture
<b>Proposal:</b>	New dormer window to the rear of the dwelling
<b>Determination of Development Application:</b>	Subject to the provisions of Section 4.17 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, approval has been granted subject to conditions in the notice of determination.
<b>Date of Determination:</b>	26 November 2021

**Reasons for Approval**

The proposal was considered under the relevant Environmental Planning Instruments and policies including NSLEP 2013 and NSDCP 2013 and generally found to be satisfactory. The application proposes a new dormer window to the existing dwelling, which is a permissible form of development in R3 Medium Density Residential.

The development application has taken into consideration community views and has adequately addressed the characteristic built elements of the McMahons Point North Conservation Area. The proposal will not result in any adverse effects on the local built and natural environment and will not impose any unreasonable social or economic impacts.

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Having regard to the provisions of Section 4.15 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, the proposed development will not have any unreasonable amenity or environmental impacts, subject to conditions. The application is considered to be satisfactory and therefore can be **approved** subject to conditions.

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**Consent to operate from:** 9 December 2021

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**Consent will lapse on:** 9 December 2026

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**Period of Consent**

Subject to Section 4.20 of the Act, this consent becomes effective and operates from the date listed above. The consent lapses five years after the date of consent in accordance with Section 4.53 of the Act and cannot be extended. To activate this consent, works must physically commence onsite 9 December 2026.

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**How community views were taken into account:**

The application was notified to adjoining properties and the Union/Lavender Bay Precinct. Council received no submissions as part of the notification period.

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**Review of determination and right of appeal:**

Within six months after the date of notification of the decision, a review of this determination can be requested under Division 8.2 of the Act or an appeal to the Land and Environment Court made pursuant to the provisions of Section 8.7 of the Act. A review of determination should be lodged as soon as possible, and preferably no later two months after the date of notification of the decision to enable the review to be completed within the six-month period.

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Plans endorsed by the consent authority - please refer to condition A1.

**Endorsed for and on behalf of North Sydney Council**

**9 December 2021**

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DATE

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Signature on behalf of consent authority  
DAVID HOY  
**TEAM LEADER - ASSESSMENTS**

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(i) **Conditions**

Consent is granted subject to the following conditions imposed pursuant to Section 4.17 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 ("the *Act*") and the provisions of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000 ("the *Regulation*") such conditions being reasonable and relevant to the development as assessed pursuant to Section 4.17 of the Act.

(ii) **Definitions**

Unless specified otherwise, words have the same meaning as defined by the *Act*, the *Regulation* and the *Interpretation Act* 1987 as in force at the date of consent.

***Applicant*** means the applicant for this consent.

***Approved Plans*** means the plans endorsed by Council referenced by this consent as amended by conditions of this consent.

***AS*** or ***AS/NZS*** means Australian Standard® or Australian/New Zealand Standard®, respectively, published by Standards Australia International Limited.

***NCC*** means the National Construction Code as published by the Australian Building Codes Board as in force at the date of issue of any *Construction Certificate*.

***Council*** means North Sydney Council.

***Court*** means the Land and Environment Court.

***Local Native Plants*** means species of native plant endemic to North Sydney LGA.

***Stormwater Drainage System*** means all works, facilities and documentation relating to:

- The collection of stormwater,
- The retention of stormwater,
- The reuse of stormwater,
- The detention of stormwater,
- The controlled release of stormwater; and
- Connections to easements and public stormwater systems.

***Owner*** means the owner of the *site* and successors in title to the *site*.

***Owner Builder*** has the same meaning as in the *Home Building Act* 1989.

***Principal Certifier*** for building or subdivision work means the certifier appointed as the principal certifier for the building work under section 6.6 (1) or for the subdivision work under section 6.12 (1).

**Principal Contractor** for building work means the person responsible for the overall coordination and control of the carrying out of the building work.

Note: If any residential building work is involved, the principal contractor must be the holder of a contractor licence under the *Home Building Act 1989*.

**Professional Engineer** has the same meaning as in the *NCC*.

**Public Place** has the same meaning as in the *Local Government Act 1993*.

**Road** has the same meaning as in the *Roads Act 1993*.

**SEE** means the final version of the Statement of Environmental Effects lodged by the *Applicant*.

**Site** means the land being developed subject to this consent.

**NSLEP 2013** means *North Sydney Local Environmental Plan 2013*

**NSDCP 2013** means *North Sydney Development Control Plan 2013*

**Work** for the purposes of this consent means:

- the use of land in connection with development,
- the subdivision of land,
- the erection of a building,
- the carrying out of any work,
- the use of any site crane, machine, article, material, or thing,
- the storage of any waste, materials, site crane, machine, article, material, or thing,
- the demolition of a building,
- the piling, piercing, cutting, boring, drilling, rock breaking, rock sawing or excavation of land,
- the delivery to or removal from the *site* of any machine, article, material, or thing, or
- the occupation of the *site* by any person unless authorised by an *occupation certificate*.

Note: **Interpretation of Conditions** - Where there is any need to obtain an interpretation of the intent of any condition this must be done in writing to Council and confirmed in writing by Council.

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**A. Conditions that Identify Approved Plans**

**Development in Accordance with Plans/Documentation**

- A1. The development must be carried out in accordance with the following drawings and documentation and endorsed with Council's approval stamp, except where amended by the following conditions of this consent.

Plan No.	Rev	Description	Prepared by	Dated
DA003	A	Existing Ground Floor Plan	COSO Architecture	July 2021
DA004	A	Existing First Floor Plan	COSO Architecture	July 2021
DA005	A	Existing Attic Plan	COSO Architecture	July 2021
DA006	A	Existing Roof Plan	COSO Architecture	July 2021
DA007	A	Existing Front + Rear Elevation	COSO Architecture	July 2021
DA101	A	Proposed Site Plan	COSO Architecture	November 2021
DA102	A	Proposed Attic Plan	COSO Architecture	November 2021
DA103	A	Proposed Roof Plan	COSO Architecture	November 2021
DA104	A	Proposed Rear Elevation	COSO Architecture	November 2021
DA105	A	Proposed Section A	COSO Architecture	November 2021

(Reason: To ensure that the form of the development undertaken is in accordance with the determination of Council, Public Information)

**Plans on Site**

- A2. A copy of all stamped approved plans, specifications and documents (including the plans, specifications and documents submitted and approved with the Construction Certificate) must be kept on site at all times so as to be readily available for perusal by any officer of Council or the Principal Certifying Authority.

All documents kept on site in accordance with this condition must be provided to any officer of the Council or the certifying authority upon their request.

(Reason: To ensure that the form of the development undertaken is in accordance with the determination of Council, Public Information and to ensure ongoing compliance)

**No Demolition of Extra Fabric**

- A3. Alterations to, and demolition of the existing building shall be limited to that documented on the approved plans.

(Reason: To ensure compliance with the approved development)

**C. *Prior to the Issue of a Construction Certificate (and ongoing, where indicated)***

**Dilapidation Report Damage to Public Infrastructure**

- C1. A dilapidation survey and report (including photographic record) must be prepared by a suitably qualified consultant which details the pre-developed condition of the existing public infrastructure in the vicinity of the development site. Particular attention must be paid to accurately recording any pre-developed damaged areas so that Council is fully informed when assessing any damage to public infrastructure caused as a result of the development. A copy of the dilapidation survey and report is to be submitted to the Certifying Authority for approval prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate.

The developer may be held liable for all damage to public infrastructure in the vicinity of the site, where such damage is not accurately recorded and demonstrated as pre-existing under the requirements of this condition.

The developer shall bear the cost of carrying out works to restore all public infrastructure damaged as a result of the carrying out of the development, and no occupation of the development shall occur until damage caused as a result of the carrying out of the development is rectified.

A copy of the dilapidation survey and report must be lodged with North Sydney Council by the Certifying Authority with submission of the Construction Certificate documentation.

(Reason: To record the condition of public infrastructure prior to the commencement of construction)

**Structural Adequacy of Existing Building**

- C2. A report prepared by an appropriately qualified and practising structural engineer, certifying the structural adequacy of the property and its ability to withstand the proposed additional, or altered structural loads during all stages of construction shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority for approval prior to issue of any Construction Certificate. The certified report must also include all details of the methodology to be employed in construction phases to achieve the above requirements. The methodology in the certified report must be complied with at all times.

(Reason: To ensure the structural integrity of the building is maintained)

**Waste Management Plan**

- C3. A Waste Management Plan is to be submitted for approval by the Certifying Authority prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate. The plan must include, but not be limited to:
- a) The estimated volume of waste and method of disposal for the construction and operation phases of the development;
  - b) The design of the on-site waste storage and recycling area; and
  - c) Administrative arrangements for waste and recycling management during the construction process.

The approved Waste Management Plan must be complied with at all times in the carrying out of the development.

(Reason: To encourage the minimisation of waste and recycling of building waste)

**Colours, Finishes and Materials (Conservation Areas)**

- C4. The finishes, materials and exterior colours shall be complementary to the architectural style of the original building and sympathetic to the character of the Conservation Area. A schedule of finishes, materials and external colours shall be submitted to the Certifying Authority for approval prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate. The Certifying Authority must ensure that the building plans and specifications submitted fully satisfy the requirements of this condition prior to the release of the Construction Certificate.

(Reason: To ensure that the completed colours, finishes and materials are complementary to the Conservation Area)

**Stormwater Disposal**

- C5. Stormwater runoff generated by the approved development must be conveyed by gravity to the existing site stormwater drainage disposal system. A licensed tradesman shall install plumbing components to achieve this requirement in accordance with the BCA and current plumbing standards and guidelines. Plans and specifications which comply with this condition must be submitted to the Certifying Authority for approval prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate. The Certifying Authority must ensure that the building plans and specifications submitted, referenced on and accompanying the issued Construction Certificate, fully satisfy the requirements of this condition.

(Reason: To ensure appropriate provision for disposal and stormwater management arising from the development)

**Security Deposit/Guarantee Schedule**

- C6. All fees and security deposits/guarantees in accordance with the schedule below must be provided to Council prior to the issue of any Construction Certificate:

<b>Security Deposit/Guarantee</b>	<b>Amount (\$)</b>
Others	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL BONDS</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>

The security required by the above schedule must be provided by way of a deposit with the Council; or other such guarantee that is satisfactory to Council (such as a bank guarantee). Any guarantee provided as security must name North Sydney Council as the nominated beneficiary and must not be subject to an expiry date.

(Reason: Compliance with the development consent)



***D. Prior to the Commencement of any Works (and continuing where indicated)***

**Public Liability Insurance - Works on Public Land**

- D1. Any person or contractor undertaking works on public land must take out Public Risk Insurance with a minimum cover of \$20 million in relation to the occupation of public land and the undertaking of approved works within Council's road reserve or public land, as approved by this consent. The Policy is to note and provide protection/full indemnification for North Sydney Council, as an interested party. A copy of the Policy must be submitted to Council prior to commencement of any works. The Policy must be valid for the entire period that the works are being undertaken.

Note: Applications for hoarding permits, vehicular crossings etc will require evidence of insurance upon lodgement of the application.

(Reason: To ensure the community is protected from the cost of any claim for damages arising from works on public land)

**Commencement of Works' Notice**

- D2. Building work, demolition or excavation in accordance with this development consent must not be commenced until the developer has given at least two days' notice to North Sydney Council of the person's intention to commence building work, demolition or excavation in accordance with this development consent.

(Reason: To ensure appropriate safeguarding measures are in place prior to the commencement of any building work, demolition or excavation)

***E. During Demolition and Building Work***

**Parking Restrictions**

- E1. Existing public parking provisions in the vicinity of the site must be maintained at all times during works. The placement of any barriers, traffic cones, obstructions or other device in the road shoulder or kerbside lane is prohibited without the prior written consent of Council. Changes to existing public parking facilities/restrictions must be approved by the North Sydney Local Traffic Committee. The Developer will be held responsible for any breaches of this condition and will incur any fines associated with enforcement by Council regulatory officers.

(Reason: To ensure that existing kerbside parking provisions are not compromised during works)

**Road Reserve Safety**

- E2. All public footways and roadways fronting and adjacent to the site must be maintained in a safe condition at all times during the course of the development works, with no obstructions caused to the said footways and roadways. Construction materials and plant must not be stored in the road reserve without approval of Council. A safe pedestrian circulation route and a pavement/route free of trip hazards must be maintained at all times on or adjacent to any public access ways fronting the construction site.

Where public infrastructure is damaged, repair works must be carried out in when and as directed by Council officers (at full Developer cost). Where pedestrian circulation is diverted on to the roadway or verge areas, clear directional signage and protective barricades must be installed in accordance with AS1742-3 (1996) "Traffic Control Devices for Work on Roads". **If pedestrian circulation is not satisfactorily maintained across the site frontage, and action is not taken promptly to rectify the defects, Council may undertake proceedings to stop work.**

(Reason: Public Safety)

#### **Temporary Disposal of Stormwater Runoff**

- E3. During construction, stormwater runoff must be disposed in a controlled manner that is compatible with the erosion and sediment controls on the site. Immediately upon completion of any impervious areas on the site (including roofs, driveways, paving) and where the final drainage system is incomplete, the necessary temporary drainage systems must be installed to reasonably manage and control runoff as far as the approved point of stormwater discharge. Such ongoing measures must be to the satisfaction of the Certifying Authority.

(Reason: Stormwater control during construction)

#### **Removal of Extra Fabric**

- E4. Should any portion of the existing building, trees, or curtilage of the site which is indicated on the approved plans to be retained be damaged for whatever reason, all the works in the area of the damaged portion are to cease and written notification of the damage is to be given to Council forthwith. No work is to resume until the written approval of Council to do so is obtained. Failure to comply with the provisions of this condition may result in the Council taking further action including legal proceedings if necessary.

(Reason: To ensure compliance with the terms of this development consent)

#### **Dust Emission and Air Quality**

- E5. The following must be complied with at all times:

- (a) Materials must not be burnt on the site.
- (b) Vehicles entering and leaving the site with soil or fill material must be covered.
- (c) Dust suppression measures must be carried out to minimise wind-borne emissions in accordance with the NSW Department of Housing's 1998 guidelines - Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction.
- (d) Odour suppression measures must also be carried out where appropriate so as to prevent nuisance occurring at adjoining properties.

(Reason: To ensure residential amenity is maintained in the immediate vicinity)

**Noise and Vibration**

- E6. The works must be undertaken in accordance with the “Interim Construction Noise Guideline” published by the NSW Environment Protection Authority, to ensure excessive levels of noise and vibration do not occur so as to minimise adverse effects experienced on any adjoining land.

(Reason: To ensure residential amenity is maintained in the immediate vicinity)

**No Work on Public Open Space**

- E7. No work can be undertaken within adjoining public lands (i.e., Parks, Reserves, Roads etc) without the prior written consent of Council. In this regard the developer is to liaise with Council prior to the commencement of any design works or preparation of a Construction and Traffic Management Plan.

(Reason: Protection of existing public infrastructure and land and to ensure public safety and proper management of public land)

**Applicant's Cost of Work on Council Property**

- E8. The developer must bear the cost of all works associated with the development that occurs on Council's property, including the restoration of damaged areas.

(Reason: To ensure the proper management of public land and funds)

**Special Permits**

- E9. Unless otherwise specifically approved in writing by Council, all works, processes, storage of materials, loading and unloading associated with the development must occur entirely on the property.

The developer, owner or builder may apply for specific permits available from Council's Customer Service Centre for the undermentioned activities on Council's property. In the event that a permit is granted by Council for the carrying out of works, processes, storage of materials, loading and unloading associated with the development on Council's property, the development must be carried out in accordance with the requirements of the permit. A minimum of forty-eight (48) hours' notice is required for any permit:

**1) On-street mobile plant**

E.g., cranes, concrete pumps, cherry-pickers, etc. - restrictions apply to the hours of operation, the area of operation, etc. Separate permits are required for each occasion and each piece of equipment. It is the developer's, owner's and builder's responsibilities to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure that the use of any equipment does not violate adjoining property owner's rights.

(Reason: Proper management of public land)

**2) Hoardings**

Permits are required to erect Class A and Class B hoardings. If an 'A' Class hoarding is to alienate a section of Council's property, that section will require a permit for the occupation of Council's property.

(Reason: Proper management of public land)

**3) Storage of building materials and building waste containers (skips) on Council's property**

Permits to utilise Council property for the storage of building materials and building waste containers (skips) are required for each location. Failure to obtain the relevant permits will result in the building materials or building waste containers (skips) being impounded by Council with no additional notice being given. Storage of building materials and waste containers on open space reserves and parks is prohibited.

(Reason: Proper management of public land)

**4) Kerbside restrictions, construction zones**

Attention is drawn to the existing kerbside restrictions adjacent to the development. Should alteration of existing kerbside restrictions be required, or the provision of a construction zone, the appropriate application must be made and the fee paid to Council. Alternatives to such restrictions may require referral to Council's Traffic Committee and may take considerable time to be resolved. An earlier application is suggested to avoid delays in construction programs.

(Reason: Proper management of public land)

**Construction Hours**

E10. Construction activities and works approved under this consent must be carried out only within the hours stipulated in the following table:

<b>Standard Construction Hours</b>		
<b>Location</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Hours</b>
<b>All Other Zones</b>	Monday - Friday	7.00 am - 5.00 pm
	Saturday	8.00 am - 1.00 pm
	Sunday, Public holiday	No work permitted

Construction activities for development approved under this consent must be carried out in accordance with the standard construction hours above and any Construction Noise Management Plan required under this consent.

In the event of breach to the approved hours of construction Council take may take enforcement action under Part 9 of the EP&A Act 1979 and in accordance with Council's adopted Compliance and Enforcement Policy.

(Reason: To ensure that works do not interfere with reasonable amenity expectations of residents and the community)

### **Site Amenities and Facilities**

- E11. Where work involved in the erection and demolition of a building is being carried out, amenities which satisfy applicable occupational health and safety and construction safety regulations, including any WorkCover Authority requirements, must be provided and maintained at all times. The type of workplace determines the type of amenities required.

Further information and details can be obtained from the Internet at [www.workcover.nsw.gov.au](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au).

(Reason: To ensure the health and safety of the community and workers on the site)

### **Health and Safety**

- E12. All work undertaken must satisfy applicable occupational health and safety and construction safety regulations, including any WorkCover Authority requirements to prepare a health and safety plan. Site fencing must be installed sufficient to exclude the public from the site. Safety signs must be erected that warn the public to keep out of the site and provide a contact telephone number for enquiries.

Further information and details regarding occupational health and safety requirements for construction sites can be obtained from the internet at [www.workcover.nsw.gov.au](http://www.workcover.nsw.gov.au).

(Reason: To ensure the health and safety of the community and workers on the site)

### **Prohibition on Use of Pavements**

- E13. Building materials must not be placed on Council's footpaths, roadways, parks or grass verges, (unless a permit is obtained from Council beforehand). A suitable sign to this effect must be erected adjacent to the street alignment.

(Reason: To ensure public safety and amenity on public land)

### **Plant and Equipment Kept Within Site**

- E14. All plant and equipment used in the undertaking of the development/ works, including concrete pumps, wagons, lifts, mobile cranes, hoardings etc, must be situated within the boundaries of the site (unless a permit is obtained from Council beforehand) and so placed that all concrete slurry, water, debris and the like must be discharged onto the building site, and is to be contained within the site boundaries.

Details of Council requirements for permits on public land for standing plant, hoardings, storage of materials and construction zones and the like are available on Council's website at [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au).

(Reason: To ensure public safety and amenity on public land)

**Asbestos Removal**

- E15. All demolition works involving the removal and disposal of asbestos cement must only be undertaken by contractors who hold a current WorkCover Asbestos or “Demolition Licence” and a current WorkCover “Class 2 (Restricted) Asbestos Licence and removal must be carried out in accordance with National Occupational Health and Safety Commission.

(Reason: To ensure works are carried out in accordance with relevant WorkCover requirements)

**F. Prescribed Conditions imposed under EP&A Act and Regulations and other relevant Legislation**

**National Construction Code**

- F1. All building work must be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the National Construction Code.

(Reason: Prescribed - Statutory)

**Home Building Act**

- F2. 1) Building work that involves residential building work (within the meaning and exemptions provided in the Home Building Act 1989) for which the *Home Building Act 1989* requires there to be a contract of insurance under Part 6 of that Act must not be carried out unless the Principal Certifying Authority for the development to which the work relates has given North Sydney Council written notice of the contract of insurance being issued and of the following:
- a) in the case of work for which a principal contractor is required to be appointed:
    - i) the name and licence number of the principal contractor, and
    - ii) the name of the insurer by which the work is insured under Part 6 of that Act, or
  - (b) in the case of work to be done by an owner-builder:
    - (i) the name of the owner-builder, and
    - (ii) if the owner-builder is required to hold an owner-builder permit under that Act, the number of the owner-builder permit.
- 2) If arrangements for doing residential building work are changed while the work is in progress such that the information submitted to Council in accordance with this conditions is out of date, work must cease and no further work may be carried out unless the Principal Certifying Authority for the development to which the work relates (not being the Council), has given the Council written notice of the updated information.

Note: A certificate purporting to be issued by an approved insurer under Part 6 of the Home Building Act 1989 that states that a person is the holder of an insurance policy issued for the purposes of that Part is, for the purposes of this clause, sufficient evidence that the person has complied with the requirements of that Part.

(Reason: Prescribed - Statutory)

**Appointment of a Principal Certifying Authority (PCA)**

F3. Building work, demolition or excavation in accordance with the development consent must not be commenced until the developer has appointed a Principal Certifying Authority for the building work in accordance with the provisions of the EP&A Act and its Regulations.

(Reason: Statutory: To ensure appropriate safeguarding measures are in place prior to the commencement of any building work, demolition or excavation)

**Construction Certificate**

F4. Building work, demolition or excavation in accordance with the development consent must not be commenced until a Construction Certificate for the relevant part of the building work has been issued in accordance with the provisions of the EP&A Act and its Regulations.

(Reason: Statutory: To ensure appropriate safeguarding measures are in place prior to the commencement of any building work, demolition or excavation)

**Occupation Certificate**

F5. A person must not commence occupation or use of the whole or any part of a new building (*new building* includes an altered portion of, or an extension to, an existing building) unless an Occupation Certificate has been issued in relation to the building or part. Only the Principal Certifying Authority appointed for the building work can issue an Occupation Certificate.

(Reason: Statutory)

**Site Sign**

- F6. 1) A sign must be erected in a prominent position on the site
- a) stating that unauthorised entry to the work site is prohibited;
  - b) showing the name of the principal contractor (or person in charge of the work site), and a telephone number at which that person may be contacted at any time for business purposes and outside working hours; and
  - c) showing the name, address and telephone number of the Principal Certifying Authority for the work.
- 2) Any such sign must be maintained while building work or demolition work is being carried out but must be removed when the work has been completed.

(Reason: Prescribed - Statutory)

**G. *Prior to the Issue of an Occupation Certificate***

**Infrastructure Repair and Completion of Works**

G1. Prior to the issue of any Occupation Certificate any and all works relating to the development:

- a. in the road reserve must be fully completed; and
- b. to repair and make good any damaged public infrastructure caused as a result of any works relating to the development (including damage caused by, but not limited to, delivery vehicles, waste collection, contractors, sub-contractors, concrete vehicles) must be fully repaired;

to the satisfaction of Council Engineers at no cost to Council.

(Reason: Maintain quality of public assets)

**Damage to Adjoining Properties**

G2. All precautions must be taken to prevent any damage likely to be sustained to adjoining properties. Adjoining owner property rights and the need for owner's permission must be observed at all times, including the entering onto land for the purpose of undertaking works.

(Reason: To ensure adjoining owner's property rights are protected)