

TOPIC: APPROVED DEVELOPMENT at 229-233 JESMOND ROAD, FIG TREE POCKET

Government Record

- Most development approval applications are assessed by local government.
- Consideration of wildlife impacted by a proposed development is only triggered for relevant state interests as defined in the State Development Assessment Provisions.
- However separate approvals under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* related to the lawful taking or management of wildlife impacted by approved developments are still required.
- A protected plant clearing permit or exemption is required if a high-risk area is shown on a flora survey trigger map over the proposed development.
- A species management plan is required if the proposed development will interfere with animal breeding place.

Key Facts

- The site was zoned as an emerging community area in Brisbane City Council approved City Plan 2014 signalling the intent to intensify the use of the land for urban purposes.
- Brisbane City Council subsequently issued a development approval to allow five dwellings to be developed on the site.
- Consideration of wildlife impacted, including protected plants was not part of the of the approval process.
- The developer applied for a protected plant clearing exemption that was issued automatically through the online system.
- A non-immediate cancellation of the exemption was served due to concerns with the application.
- The proponent has until 20 November to respond.
- A species management plan will be required if animal breeding places are going to be impacted by the proposed development.
- The department is attempting to work with the proponent to ensure the correct approvals required under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* are in place prior to further clearing on site.
- The proponent is currently not responding to communication from the department regarding the cancellation or requirement for a species management plan.

