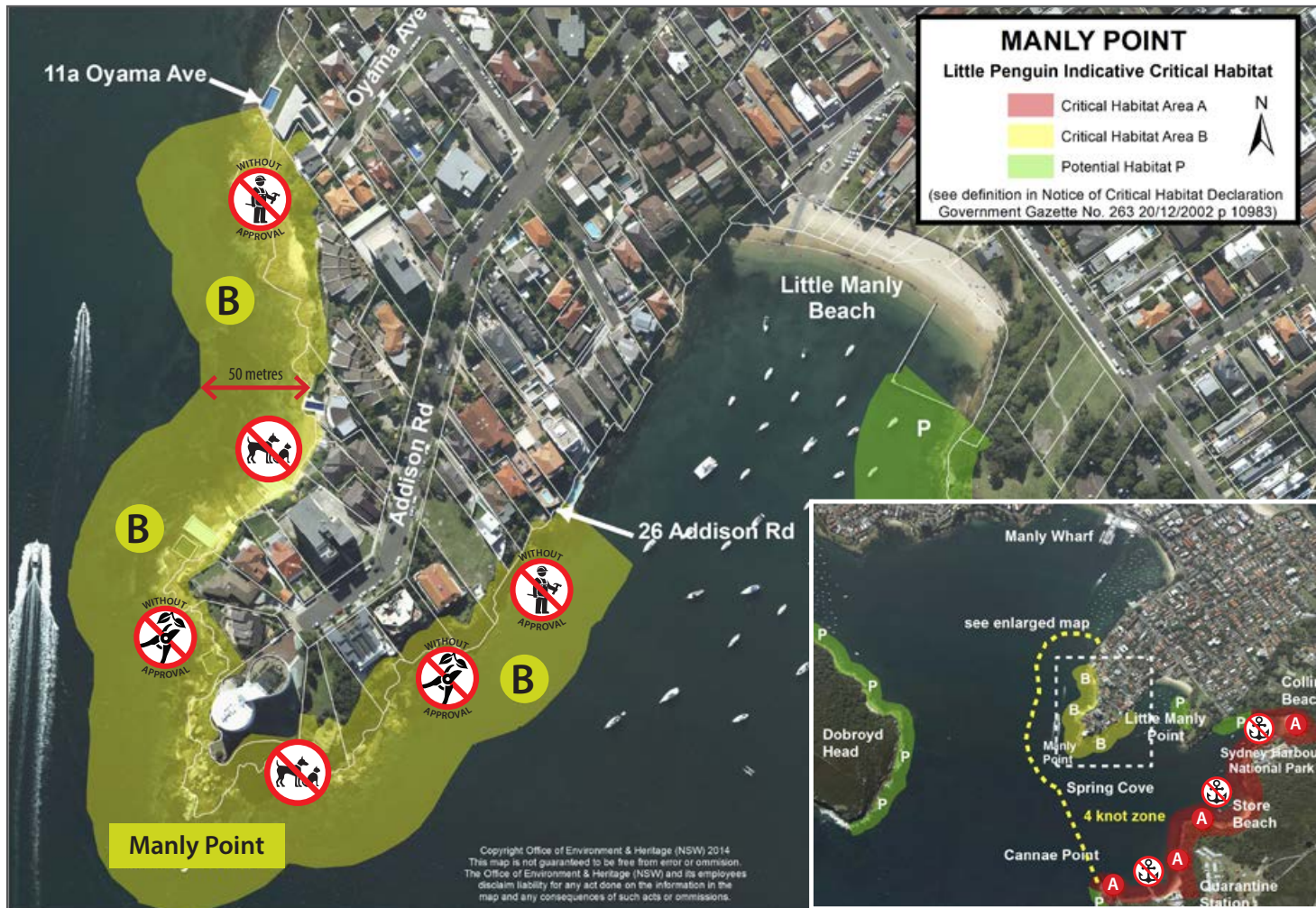





Does your Manly Point home have little penguin habitat?

If you live at or between 11A Oyama Avenue and 22–26 Addison Road, your home borders or includes little penguin critical habitat B. Your help is essential in protecting these endangered penguins.








These laws help protect Manly's little penguins

All year round:

-  No companion animals (except assistance animals) in critical habitats A & B
-  No vegetation removal without approval in critical habitat B
-  No building works without approval in critical habitat B

During breeding season (1 July – 28 Feb):

-  No touching or damaging little penguin nest boxes/burrows or being within 5 metres of a little penguin on land in critical habitats A & B
-  No anchoring or mooring a vessel in critical habitat A (or anchoring in a way that enters habitat A). No anchoring applies at National Park beaches all year round
- Between sunset and sunrise:**
-  No fishing in critical habitats A & B
-  No motorised vessels in critical habitat A
-  No non-motorised vessels (except a tender from a parent boat) in critical habitat A



Dense vegetation provides penguins with shade, shelter from predators and maintains the perfect nest temperature.

Manly Point little penguin habitat

In Manly Point, little penguin habitat includes any area used by one or more penguins at any time throughout the year. They may nest under decking, stairs, wood piles, house foundations, rocky crevices and overhanging dense vegetation. Little penguins also come ashore to moult on rocky shelves and under vegetation, which is when they are most vulnerable.

Little penguin habitat includes critical habitat, which is the land declared to be of critical importance for the survival of the endangered population in the Manly Harbour area (see *critical habitat areas A & B on the map on the previous page*).

It is illegal to damage ANY little penguin habitat, unless you have applied for and been granted an approval from Manly Council or the Office of Environment and Heritage (OEH).

Don't harm little penguin habitat

Unless you have applied for, and received development consent from Manly Council, or you have applied for a Section 91 licence and been issued a certificate from OEH, it is an offence to:

- remove or prune any vegetation in little penguin habitat or critical habitat (including weeds and planted vegetation)
- build or carry out landscaping within the area
- dump grass/garden clippings or rubbish.

Low, dense and/or overhanging plants in your backyard or under any decks that are within declared critical habitat

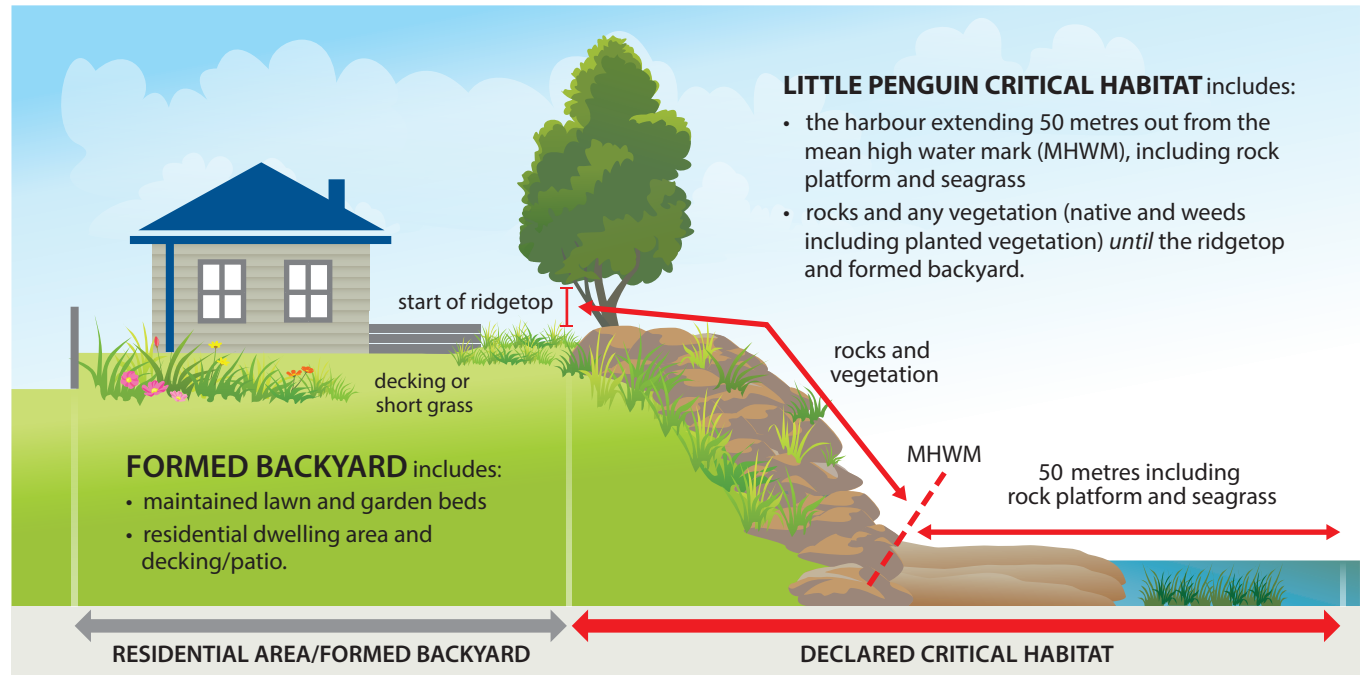
cannot be altered in any way without approval from OEH or Manly Council, as these areas may be habitat for little penguins. If any areas of your formed backyard (see *diagram below*) are used by little penguins at any time, you cannot alter it in any way without approval.

Please minimise the use of any pesticides, fertilisers or chemicals in these areas as they can also harm little penguins.

Development works must be approved

All works that may impact on little penguin habitat, including critical habitat B require approval from Manly Council or OEH, regardless of whether a Development Application is required.

Any works within your backyard must consider spill-over effects on critical habitat, such as lighting impacts, sediment run-off and intense vibration from construction works or cutting of vegetation that may impact on any little penguin habitat.



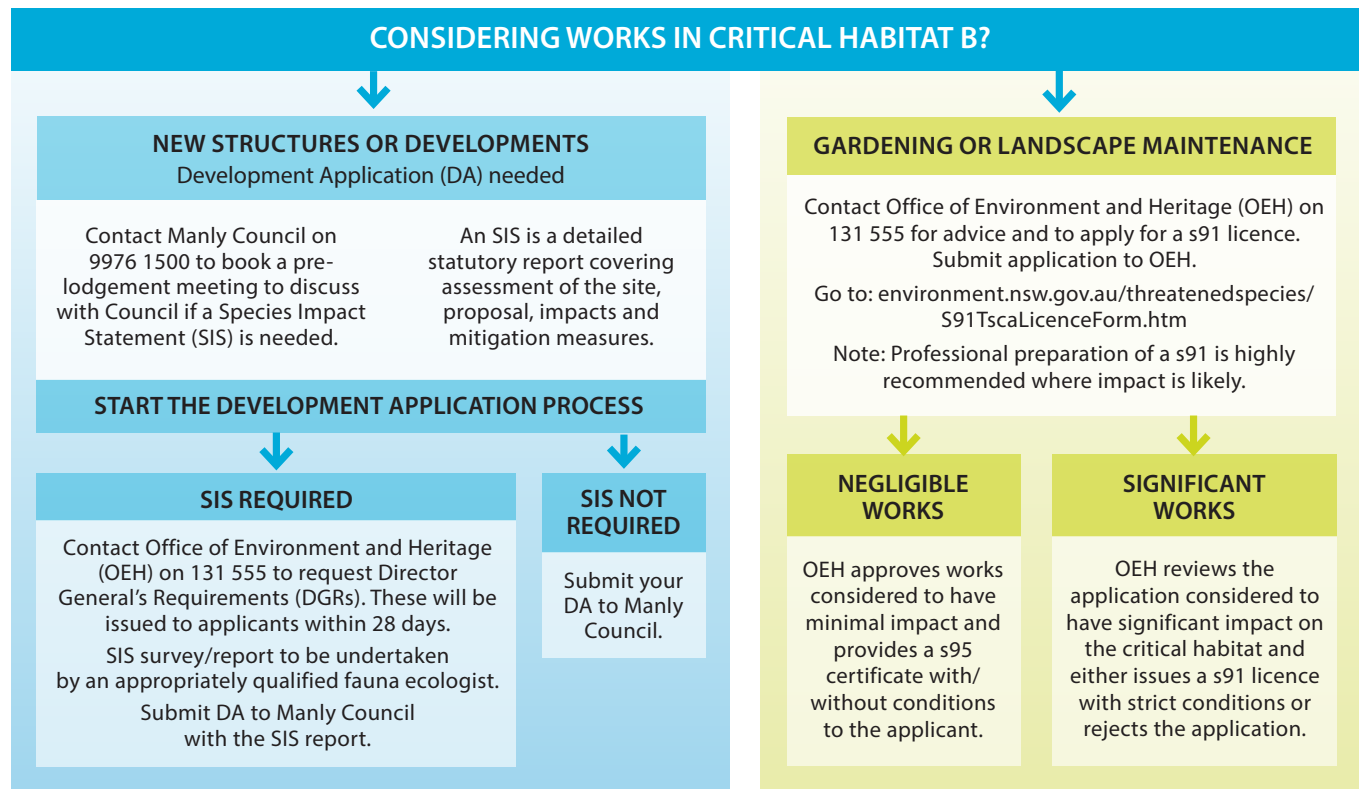
If your deck is a known nesting site for little penguins and is outside declared critical habitat it is still deemed habitat and you may not alter it in any way without approval.

If you are submitting a Development Application for works in, or adjacent to critical habitat, please contact Manly Council, as you may need to provide extra information.

A penguin with chicks



Approvals process for development works in Critical Habitat B



Note: Any approved works impacting on critical habitat must be done in the non-breeding period from 1 March – 31 May.

Little penguins – what they're doing and when*

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Finding a nest and mating											
	First clutch of eggs laid and incubated				Second clutch of eggs laid and incubated						
	First round of hatching, chick rearing and fledging				Second round of hatching, chick rearing and fledging						
								Adults moult			
											Most penguins have left

* Recent monitoring has shown that breeding can begin from June.

Let's give Manly penguins happy feet

Manly is home to little penguins (*Eudyptula minor*), which are the smallest species of penguin in the world.

Every May, little penguins return to breed and raise their young. They inhabit the area through to the following March, in an almost year-long season.

Manly is special because it is the only mainland little penguin breeding spot in NSW – right on Sydney's doorstep.

Over the past twenty years, the small local population of little penguins has slowly built from 17 to around 70 breeding pairs. The dedicated effort of local residents, Volunteer Penguin Wardens, Manly Environment Centre, Manly Council, National Parks and Wildlife Service, and Taronga Zoo is paying off.

Little penguins are also fully protected by law and there are limits on certain activities in areas of declared critical habitat. This allows the penguins to safely build their nests, breed, raise their young, feed and moult.

However there is still work to do, as the Manly little penguins are at risk of injury or death from dog attacks, boat strikes, fishing lines and hooks, rubbish, and damage to their habitat.

You can help

By reading this brochure you will learn where Manly's little penguin habitat is, and the simple rules that can help these special residents live happily alongside the Manly community.



Pets and penguins don't mix

Please keep your pets away from critical habitat and keep them indoors or secure your backyard at night. Fines of up to \$5500 apply for owners if domestic pets are found within the critical habitat area.

Call Manly Council on (02) 9976 1500 or National Parks and Wildlife Service duty officer on (02) 9457 9577 to report any dogs, cats or foxes in critical habitat areas or anyone disturbing little penguins and their nests.

If you find an injured or dead penguin

Injured or dead little penguins should be taken to Taronga Wildlife Hospital at the end of Whiting Beach Road, Mosman between 8am and 3pm. Please call (02) 9969 2777.

Keep injured or sick animals contained in a box, and make sure they are warm, quiet and away from pets. Do not offer any food or water. If outside business hours or you require assistance, call the National Parks and Wildlife Service duty officer on (02) 9457 9577, available 24 hours, 7 days a week.

Dead little penguins should be placed in a secure plastic bag and refrigerated (do not freeze).

Report anyone harming penguins or their habitat

It is an offence to harm little penguins, their habitat or critical habitat.

You can help prevent harm to little penguins and their habitat by reporting anyone undertaking illegal activities or causing harm to a little penguin including hunting, shooting, poisoning, netting, snaring, spearing, pursuing, capturing or trapping them.

**Remember – whatever you do,
little penguins live here too.**

Fines apply

Persons found guilty of damage to little penguins, their habitat or critical habitat can incur on-the-spot fines of up to \$1500, or if the matter goes to court, up to \$220,000 or two years imprisonment, or both.

People conducting unapproved development works are also liable for these fines.

Manly Council may also require the offending party to remediate the affected areas at the owner's expense.

Phone Manly Council on (02) 9976 1500 or the National Parks and Wildlife Duty Officer on (02) 9457 9577 to report any dogs, cats or foxes in critical habitat areas or anyone disturbing little penguins and their nests.

Visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/animals/LittlePenguinsSydneyHarbour.htm for more information.



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