

1.3.2 Site Analysis

Illustration 4 provides an overview of the significant site characteristics and existing vegetation.



Illustration 4 - Site Analysis

1.4 Site Character

The following illustration identifies key site character areas with a description of each character area type following.



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Figure 1 displays eight character area types, numbered 1 to 8, arranged in two columns. Each type is represented by a small rectangular frame containing a yellow circle with a blue shaded region. The types are labeled as follows:

- character area type 1
- character area type 2
- character area type 3
- character area type 4
- character area type 5
- character area type 6
- character area type 7
- character area type 8

Illustration 5 - Site Character Analysis

1.4.1 Character Area Type 1

existing access road and carparking

This character area type includes two locations. The first is the existing entry to the former Pelican Beach Resort, Italian restaurant and associated carparking. The second is located south of the lower resort building and is an elongated carparking area with landscaping. The existing character of these locations is of a highly modified landscape with a focus on built infrastructure including road pavement, kerbing, services, drainage and signage. Both areas include retaining walls along their southern extent. The landscape surrounds to these areas are also highly manipulated with a focus on gardens of exotic species, in particular, palms and sub-tropical species. The lower carparking area includes a number of shade trees, however, due to the limited size of planting beds these are mostly struggling with the growing conditions. These locations were, during operation, highly maintained, however, they now appear dated. Some garden areas includes species that are now environmental weeds or are deemed inappropriate plant choices by the local authority e.g. Umbrella Trees.



former Italian restaurant and carpark



entry to former Pelican Beach Resort



former resort entry



loop road outside former resort entry



retaining wall and landscaping between access & carpark



lower carpark

1.4.2 Character Area Type 2

elevated grassed area with isolated trees

This character area type is located on the highest part of the site, east of the former Italian restaurant. The area is a grassed spur with an easterly aspect. It overlooks the pocket of 7(a) vegetation and the lower part of the site. This area includes a scattering of isolated trees. The most visually obvious of these are a pair of Hoop Pines just to the south of the ridgeline, a single Hoop Pine further to the south and a line of four Hoop Pines on the southeastern extent of the grassed area. Other trees include a Lilly Pilly, Mango tree and a Norfolk Island Pine. Given the age and species of these trees, it appears that all the trees at this location have been planted at some stage. A number of the Hoop Pines are showing signs of illness with yellowing foliage. Features of this location are the elevation, the easterly aspect and the ocean views.



grassed spur with planted landscape trees and views to the ocean