

Acid Sulphate Assessment

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Ideal Geotech has undertaken a Preliminary Acid Sulphate Soils Assessment for the proposed pool development located at 20 Watergum Drive, Warriewood. It is understood that a proposed inground pool is to be constructed with minimal cut and fill with possible excavation for footings.

2.0 OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE OF WORK

The objectives of the work are outlined below:

- Summarise the relevant environmental characteristics of the site that may impact Actual Acid Sulphate Soils (AASS) and result in the release of acidity and the potential leaching and transport of contaminants.
- Outline potential environmental impacts associated with the proposed works.
- Summarise the presence or the absence of AASS and Potential Acid Sulphate Soils (PASS).
- Summarise soil aggressiveness to steel and concrete.

The scope of work includes the following:

- Review of soils and geological maps.
- A Preliminary soil sampling and analysis program to investigate the presence and distribution of AASS and PASS within the site.
- Analysis (SPOCAS suite) by a NATA accredited laboratory.
- Assessment of the results of the chemical analysis against the appropriate guidelines to assess if management is required so as to minimise potential environmental impacts caused by the disturbance of ASS.
- Provide recommendations for the need to undertake an ASS Management Plan.

3.0 SITE DETAILS

Site Address	20 Watergum Drive, Warriewood
Client	Annelise Rushton
Council Area	Warringah Council

3.1 Geology

Reference to the Sydney 1:100,000 geological map (Geological Series Sheet 9130) indicates that the site is underlain by quaternary deposits consisting of silty to peaty quartz sand, silt and clay. Ferruginous and humic cementation in places, and common shell layers.



Image 1: Geological Series Map

3.2 Site Description

The subject site is rectangular in shape and approximately 390m² in area and is bound by Watergum Drive to the west and by residential dwellings on all other sides.

The site is currently occupied an existing residential dwelling. The site is located on gently sloping terrain with slopes falling towards the east at a gradient of approximately 2-3° with vegetation consisting of trees, shrubs and grass cover.

4.0 Subsurface Conditions

Fieldwork was undertaken on 25 October 2024 and included drilling two boreholes (BH1 & BH2) using a hand auger to a maximum depth of 1.6m at the locations shown on Figure 1, attached in Appendix A.

Borehole logs and field observations are presented in Appendix B.

4.1 Soil Profile

A general summary of the subsurface conditions encountered across the site is presented in Table 2 below.

Table 1: Summary of Subsurface Conditions

Borehole	Depth of fill/topsoil (m)	Depth to (DW) rock (m)	Termination depth (m)	Summary of sub-surface profiles
BH1	1.6	NE	1.6	Fill- Silty Gravelly CLAY trace Sand
BH2	1.0	NE	1.0	Fill- Silty Gravelly CLAY trace Sand

NE Not Encountered

Groundwater was not observed at the time of investigation. It should be noted that groundwater levels are likely to fluctuate with variations in climatic and site conditions.

4.2 Acid Sulphate Soils

Acid Sulphate Soils (ASS) are naturally occurring and usually form in low lying coastal areas, creeks, rivers and flood plains. The sulphates present in the soil are stable when in the saturated/waterlogged state, but react to form sulphuric acid when disturbed and exposed to oxygen.

Maps showing the areas identified as being affected by ASS have been prepared by the Department of Land and Water Conservation. These maps identify the probability of acid sulphate soils occurring in these areas and as such any areas should be specifically investigated before a particular site is classified.

Disturbance of these soil materials will result in an environmental risk that will vary with elevation and depth of disturbance. Any works below natural ground surface or affecting the water table has a risk of being contaminated with acid sulphate soils.

Reference to the Acid Sulphate Soils Map of Hornsby-Mona Vale indicates that the site is located within an area of high probability of occurrence of acid sulphate soil material within 1.0m of the ground surface.

The acid sulphate soil risk mapping sourced from the NSW Department of Planning and Environment indicates the site is located within a Class2 Acid Sulphate Soil Area. Acid sulfate soils in a class 2 area are likely to be found below the natural ground surface.

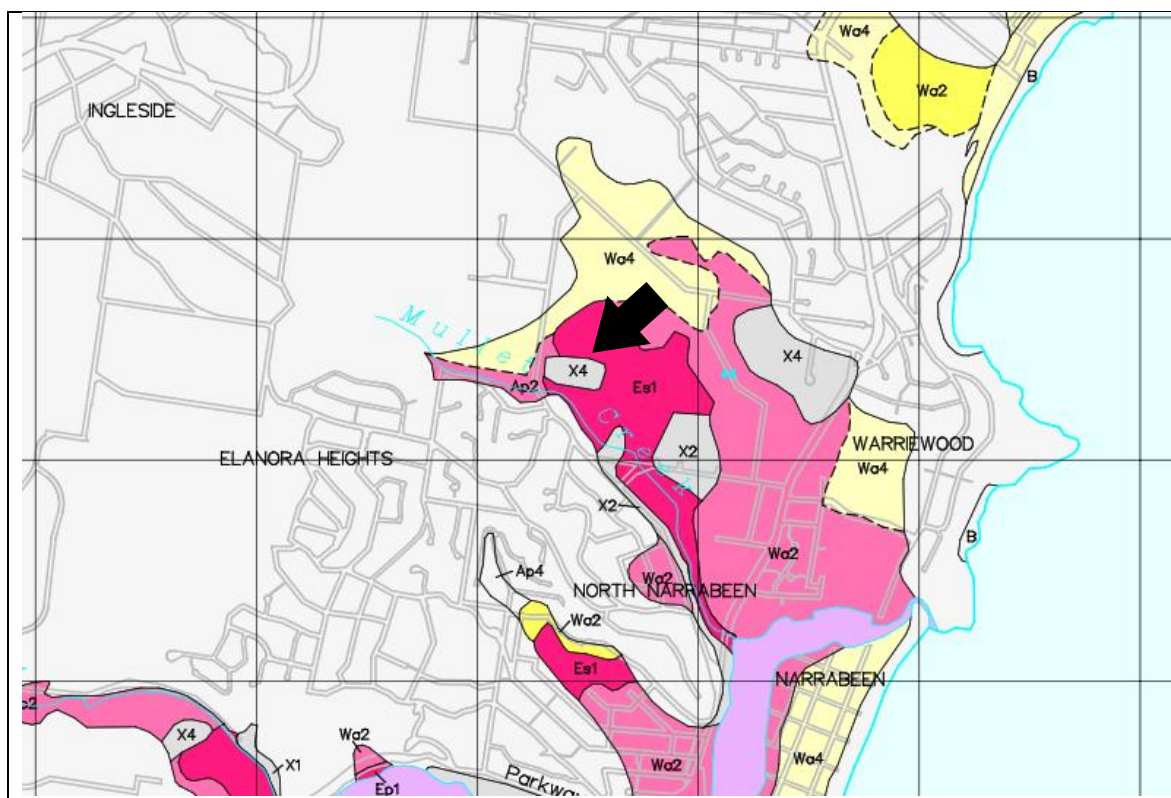


Image 2: Acid Sulphate Soils Risk Map

**Site marked with arrow*

5.0 SAMPLING & ANALYSIS PLAN

Sampling and analysis were undertaken in order to assess the presence or absence, location and likely distribution of any AASS or PASS present at the subject site in the area of the proposed development.

5.1 Sampling

Soil sampling was undertaken in general accordance with the Acid Sulphate Soil Guidelines (Refer to Figure 1 for the borehole locations). Test results were compared to the relevant New South Wales Environment Protection Authority (NSW EPA) criteria.

BH1 was terminated at a depth of approximately 1.6m below ground level with two samples collected at 0.5m and 1.5m below ground level. BH2 was terminated at a depth of approximately 1.0m below ground level with one sample collected at 1.0m below. The samples were placed directly into labelled clean zip lock bags and placed on ice until delivery to the laboratory for testing. All analyses were performed by a NATA registered laboratory using NATA accredited methods.

6.0 ACID SULPHATE SOILS ASSESSMENT

6.1 Field Screening

The field screening involved the testing of samples for field pH and peroxide pH, using 30% hydrogen peroxide to oxidise the soil, and comparing both results.

A positive peroxide test, indicating the potential presence of acid sulphate soil, may include one or more of the following.

1. Change in colour from grey tones to brown tones.
2. Effervescence.
3. Release of sulphurous odours.
4. pH following oxidation with H_2O_2 (pH_{fox}) <3.
5. Lowering of the pH ($pH_f - pH_{fox}$) by 1 or greater.
6. Field pH (pH_f) <4.

The results of the field and peroxide tests are provided in Table 1 below

Table 2: Results of Field Screening Tests

Location/Depth	Field pH	Peroxide pH	Reaction to 30% H_2O_2
BH1/0.5m	7.4	3.7	Strong
BH1/1.5m	7.5	3.3	Strong
BH2/1.0m	7.3	3.6	Strong

Based on findings of the field screenings, indications of PASS were observed. The samples were tested by quantitative laboratory analysis to confirm the presence or absence of acid sulphate soil.

6.2 Laboratory Test Results

The samples were analysed for SPOCAS to confirm the presence or absence of ASS or PASS in the soil. The samples were dispatched to ALS Environmental services for the quantitative analysis for Suspension Peroxide Oxidation Combined Acidity & Sulphate (SPOCAS).

6.3 Assessment Criteria for Acid Sulphate Soils (Laboratory)

The results of analysis for the soils are compared to the below ASSMAC assessment criteria. It is assumed that <1000 tonnes of material would be disturbed hence the action criteria for less than 1000 tonnes have been applied.

6.4 NSW ASSMAC Action Criteria

The NSW ASSMAC action criteria is detailed in Table 2 below for less than 1000 tonnes of disturbance.

Table 3: NSW ASSMAC Action Criteria

Type of Material Texture	Approx Clay Content (% <0.002mm)	Action Criteria <1000 tonnes Sulfur Trail Spos or Stos%	Action Criteria <1000 tonnes Acid Trail TPA or TSA mole H+/t
Coarse e.g. sands	< 5	0.03	18
Loams/light clays	5 – 40	0.06	36
Fine clays/silts	≥ 40	0.1	62

Note: The assessment values chosen are based on sands which are in bold

6.5 SPOCAS Test Results

The SPOCAS testing identified no exceedances of the threshold criteria in any of the samples which suggests there is no presence of acid sulphate soils. Refer to Table 3 below.

Table 4: Results of SPOCAS Testing

Sample	pH _{ox}	TAA pH 6.5 moles H+/tonne	TPA pH 6.5 moles H+/tonne	TSA pH 6.5 moles H+/tonne	Spos %w/w
BH1/0.5m	5.5	<2	<2	<2	<0.020
BH1/1.5m	4.8	<2	<2	<2	<0.020
BH2/1.0m	5.3	<2	<2	<2	<0.020

6.6 Aggressiveness to Steel and Concrete

The aggressiveness or erosion potential of an environment in building materials, particularly concrete and steel is dependent on the levels of pH and types of salts present. In order to determine the degree of aggressiveness, the test values obtained are compared to tables 6.4.2 (C) and 6.5.2 (C) in AS2159 Piling - Design and Installation and tables 5.1 to 5.4 in AS2870-2011 "Residential Slabs and Footings". The following testing suite was undertaken with results summarised within table 4 below;

- pH
- Electrical Conductivity (EC μ S/cm)
- Chloride (Cl)
- Resistivity (ohm.cm)
- Sulphate

Table 5: Results of Aggressivity Testing

Location/Depth	pH	EC _e dS/m	Resistivity Ohm.cm	Cl mg/kg	Sulphate mg/kg
BH1/0.5m	6.3	0.357	5680	10	<10
BH1/1.5m	7.6	0.884	3530	20	40

Based on test results detailed in Table 4 the soil conditions are considered to be non-aggressive to concrete and non-aggressive to steel in high permeability soils above groundwater. An exposure classification of A2 for concrete has been determined.

7.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Ideal Geotech has undertaken a Preliminary Acid Sulphate Soils Assessment for the proposed pool development at 20 Watergum Drive, Warriewood. Our preliminary site investigation included site observation of the soil retrieved from the borehole and sampling of soil for laboratory testing. Upon completion of our onsite investigation and laboratory analysis the following conclusions are made:

- An exposure classification of A2 for concrete with the soil non-aggressive to concrete and non-aggressive to steel structures.
- Laboratory sample analysis indicates that test levels did not exceed the action criteria in SPOCAS testing and it has been determined that an acid sulphate management plan will not be required for excavation activities on the site.

This report is based on a limited sampling and testing regime. It is possible that acid sulphate soils and differing ground conditions may be present between sampling locations, or in the remainder of the site not intrusively investigated.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

For and on behalf of Ideal Geotech



Dane Dwyer
Geotechnical Engineer

8.0 REFERENCES

- *Geological Series Sheet 9130, Map of Sydney, scale 1:100,000*
- *Acid Sulphate Soil Risk Map – Edition 2, Hornsby-Mona Vale*
- *Stone, Y, and Hopkins G (1998). Acid Sulphate Soils Planning Guidelines.*
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- *Ahern C R, Stone, Y, and Blunden B (1998). Acid Sulphate Soils Assessment Guidelines*
Published by the Acid Sulphate Soil Management Advisory Committee, Wollongbar, NSW, Australia

9.0 APPENDICES

9.1 Appendix A – Borehole Location Plan



NORTH POINT

Title	Borehole Location Plan	Council	Warringah Council	Drawn By	Ben
Project	Acid Sulphate Soil Assessment	Job Number	73756-IDF	Checked By	Dane
Site Address	20 Watgum Drive, Warriewood	Figure Number	Figure 1	Date	Nov-24

9.2 Appendix B – Borehole Logs

5.1 FIELD LOG

Water		Samples	Depth	Material Origin	FILL Depth	Classification Code	Material Description	Moisture	Density / Consistency
No water observed		Sample 1	0.5	FILL		CI	Silty Gravelly CLAY with trace Sand Brown	Slightly Moist m<Wp	Hard
			1.0						
		Sample 2	1.5						
			2.0				End Bore (Hand Auger) 1.6m		
			2.5						
<div> <div>Water Table</div> <div>UTP - Unable to penetrate</div> <div>DCP - 9kg Dynamic Cone Penetrometer</div> <div>PP - Pocket Penetrometer</div> </div>									
SAND – Density Index vs Approx. Penetrometer results				SILTS & CLAY – Cu vs Approx. Penetrometer results				MOISTURE	
DENSITY	Density Index	DCP Blow Count (blows/100mm)		CONSISTENCY	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)		DCP Blow Count (blows/100mm)		
VL Very Loose	< 15 %	< 1		VS Very Soft	0 – 12		< 1	D Dry	
L Loose	15 – 35 %	1 – 3		S Soft	12 – 25		1 – 2	M Moist	
MD Medium Dense	35 – 65 %	3 – 9		F Firm	25 – 50		2 – 3	W Wet	
D Dense	65 – 85 %	9 – 15		St Stiff	50 – 100		3 – 5	W _P Plastic Limit	
VD Very Dense	> 85 %	> 15		VSt Very Stiff	100 – 200		5 – 8	W _L Liquid Limit	
				H Hard	> 200		> 8	m Moisture	

Date: 25/10/2024
Customer Job: -
Ideal Job: 7532-73756
Site Address: 20 Watergum Drive,
 WARRIEWOOD, NSW, 2102

Borehole: BH2
Surface RL:
Easting:
Northing:

5.2 FIELD LOG

Water		Samples	Depth	Material Origin	FILL Depth	Classification Code	Material Description	Moisture	Density / Consistency
No water observed			0.5	FILL		CI	Silty Gravelly CLAY with trace Sand Brown	Slightly Moist m<Wp	
		Sample 1	1.0						
			1.5				End Bore (Hand Auger) 1m		
			2.0						
			2.5						
<div> <div> <div>Water Table</div> <div>UTP - Unable to penetrate</div> </div> <div> <div>DCP - 9kg Dynamic Cone Penetrometer</div> <div>SAND – Density Index vs Approx. Penetrometer results</div> </div> <div> <div>PP - Pocket Penetrometer</div> <div>SILTS & CLAY – Cu vs Approx. Penetrometer results</div> </div> </div>									
DENSITY		Density Index	DCP Blow Count (blows/100mm)	CONSISTENCY		Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	DCP Blow Count (blows/100mm)	MOISTURE	
VL	Very Loose	< 15 %	< 1	VS	Very Soft	0 – 12	< 1	D	Dry
L	Loose	15 – 35 %	1 – 3	S	Soft	12 – 25	1 – 2	M	Moist
MD	Medium Dense	35 – 65 %	3 – 9	F	Firm	25 – 50	2 – 3	W	Wet
D	Dense	65 – 85 %	9 – 15	St	Stiff	50 – 100	3 – 5	W _P	Plastic Limit
VD	Very Dense	> 85 %	> 15	VSt	Very Stiff	100 – 200	5 – 8	W _L	Liquid Limit
				H	Hard	> 200	> 8	m	Moisture

9.3 Appendix C – Laboratory Test Results



CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

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C-O-C number : ---
Sampler : TG
Site : ---
Quote number : SY/386/19 V8
No. of samples received : 3
No. of samples analysed : 3

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- Analytical Results

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Signatories

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General Comments

The analytical procedures used by ALS have been developed from established internationally recognised procedures such as those published by the USEPA, APHA, AS and NEPM. In house developed procedures are fully validated and are often at the client request.

Where moisture determination has been performed, results are reported on a dry weight basis.

Where a reported less than (<) result is higher than the LOR, this may be due to primary sample extract/digestate dilution and/or insufficient sample for analysis.

Where the LOR of a reported result differs from standard LOR, this may be due to high moisture content, insufficient sample (reduced weight employed) or matrix interference.

When sampling time information is not provided by the client, sampling dates are shown without a time component. In these instances, the time component has been assumed by the laboratory for processing purposes.

Where a result is required to meet compliance limits the associated uncertainty must be considered. Refer to the ALS Contract for details.

Key : CAS Number = CAS registry number from database maintained by Chemical Abstracts Services. The Chemical Abstracts Service is a division of the American Chemical Society.

LOR = Limit of reporting

^ = This result is computed from individual analyte detections at or above the level of reporting

Ø = ALS is not NATA accredited for these tests.

~ = Indicates an estimated value.

- EA032 (Saturated Paste EC): NATA accreditation does not cover the performance of this service.
- ASS: EA029 (SPOCAS): Analysis is performed as per the Acid Sulfate Soils Laboratory Methods Guidelines (2004), 4969.12-2009 Analysis of Acid Sulphate Soil and the updated National Acid Sulfate Soils Guidance: National acid sulfate soils identification and laboratory methods manual, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources, Canberra, ACT (2018)
- ASS: EA029 (SPOCAS): Retained Acidity not required because pH KCl greater than or equal to 4.5
- ASS: EA029 (SPOCAS): Excess ANC not required because pH OX less than 6.5.
- ASS: EA029 (SPOCAS): Liming rate is calculated and reported on a dry weight basis assuming use of fine agricultural lime (CaCO₃) and using a safety factor of 1.5 to allow for non-homogeneous mixing and poor reactivity of lime. For conversion of Liming Rate from kg/t dry weight to kg/m³ in-situ soil, multiply reported results x wet bulk density of soil in t/m³.
- ASS: EA003 (NATA Field and F(ox) screening): pH F(ox) Reaction Rate: 1 - Slight; 2 - Moderate; 3 - Strong; 4 - Extreme
- ALS is not NATA accredited for the calculation of saturated resistivity in a soil.
- ED045G: The presence of Thiocyanate, Thiosulfate and Sulfite can positively contribute to the chloride result, thereby may bias results higher than expected. Results should be scrutinised accordingly.

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Analytical Results

Sub-Matrix: SOIL (Matrix: SOIL)				Sample ID	BH1-0.5m	BH1-1.5m	BH2-1.0m	----	----
Sampling date / time					25-Oct-2024 09:00	25-Oct-2024 09:00	25-Oct-2024 09:00	----	---
Compound	CAS Number	LOR	Unit		ES2435109-001	ES2435109-002	ES2435109-003	-----	-----
				Result	Result	Result		---	---
EA002: pH 1:5 (Soils)									
pH Value	----	0.1	pH Unit		6.3	7.6	----	---	---
EA003 :pH (field/fox)									
pH (F)	----	0.1	pH Unit		7.4	7.5	7.3	---	---
pH (Fox)	----	0.1	pH Unit		3.7	3.3	3.6	---	---
Reaction Rate	----	1	Reaction Unit		3	3	3	---	---
EA010: Conductivity (1:5)									
Electrical Conductivity @ 25°C	----	1	µS/cm		21	52	----	---	---
EA029-A: pH Measurements									
pH KCl (23A)	----	0.1	pH Unit		6.6	6.6	6.6	---	---
pH OX (23B)	----	0.1	pH Unit		5.5	4.8	5.3	---	---
EA029-B: Acidity Trail									
Titratable Actual Acidity (23F)	----	2	mole H+ / t		<2	<2	<2	---	---
Titratable Peroxide Acidity (23G)	----	2	mole H+ / t		<2	<2	<2	---	---
Titratable Sulfidic Acidity (23H)	----	2	mole H+ / t		<2	<2	<2	---	---
sulfidic - Titratable Actual Acidity (s-23F)	----	0.020	% pyrite S		<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	---	---
sulfidic - Titratable Peroxide Acidity (s-23G)	----	0.020	% pyrite S		<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	---	---
sulfidic - Titratable Sulfidic Acidity (s-23H)	----	0.020	% pyrite S		<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	---	---
EA029-C: Sulfur Trail									
KCl Extractable Sulfur (23Ce)	----	0.020	% S		<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	---	---
Peroxide Sulfur (23De)	----	0.020	% S		0.024	0.036	0.024	---	---
Peroxide Oxidisable Sulfur (23E)	----	0.020	% S		0.024	0.036	0.024	---	---
acidity - Peroxide Oxidisable Sulfur (a-23E)	----	10	mole H+ / t		15	22	15	---	---
EA029-D: Calcium Values									
KCl Extractable Calcium (23Vh)	----	0.020	% Ca		0.164	0.161	0.193	---	---
Peroxide Calcium (23Wh)	----	0.020	% Ca		0.175	0.165	0.196	---	---
Acid Reacted Calcium (23X)	----	0.020	% Ca		<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	---	---

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Analytical Results

Sub-Matrix: SOIL (Matrix: SOIL)				Sample ID	BH1-0.5m	BH1-1.5m	BH2-1.0m	----	----
Sampling date / time					25-Oct-2024 09:00	25-Oct-2024 09:00	25-Oct-2024 09:00	----	---
Compound	CAS Number	LOR	Unit	ES2435109-001	ES2435109-002	ES2435109-003	-----	-----	-----
Result				Result	Result	Result	---	---	---
EA029-D: Calcium Values - Continued									
acidity - Acid Reacted Calcium (a-23X)	----	10	mole H+ / t	<10	<10	<10	---	---	---
sulfidic - Acid Reacted Calcium (s-23X)	----	0.020	% S	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	---	---	---
EA029-E: Magnesium Values									
KCl Extractable Magnesium (23Sm)	----	0.020	% Mg	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	---	---	---
Peroxide Magnesium (23Tm)	----	0.020	% Mg	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	---	---	---
Acid Reacted Magnesium (23U)	----	0.020	% Mg	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	---	---	---
Acidity - Acid Reacted Magnesium (a-23U)	----	10	mole H+ / t	<10	<10	<10	---	---	---
sulfidic - Acid Reacted Magnesium (s-23U)	----	0.020	% S	<0.020	<0.020	<0.020	---	---	---
EA029-H: Acid Base Accounting									
ANC Fineness Factor	----	0.5	-	1.5	1.5	1.5	---	---	---
Net Acidity (sulfur units)	----	0.02	% S	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02	---	---	---
Net Acidity (acidity units)	----	10	mole H+ / t	<10	<10	<10	---	---	---
Liming Rate	----	1	kg CaCO3/t	<1	<1	<1	---	---	---
Net Acidity excluding ANC (sulfur units)	----	0.02	% S	0.02	0.04	0.02	---	---	---
Net Acidity excluding ANC (acidity units)	----	10	mole H+ / t	15	22	15	---	---	---
Liming Rate excluding ANC	----	1	kg CaCO3/t	1	2	1	---	---	---
EA055: Moisture Content (Dried @ 105-110°C)									
Moisture Content	----	1.0	%	12.8	10.8	----	---	---	---
EA084: Saturated Resistivity									
Resistivity at 25°C	----	10	ohm cm	5680	3530	----	---	---	---
ED040S : Soluble Sulfate by ICPAES									
Sulfate as SO4 2-	14808-79-8	10	mg/kg	<10	40	----	---	---	---
ED045G: Chloride by Discrete Analyser									
Chloride	16887-00-6	10	mg/kg	10	20	----	---	---	---

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Inter-Laboratory Testing

Analysis conducted by ALS Brisbane, NATA accreditation no. 825, site no. 818 (Chemistry / Biology).

(SOIL) EA029-B: Acidity Trail

(SOIL) EA029-D: Calcium Values

(SOIL) EA029-F: Excess Acid Neutralising Capacity

(SOIL) EA029-E: Magnesium Values

(SOIL) EA029-C: Sulfur Trail

(SOIL) EA029-G: Retained Acidity

(SOIL) EA029-H: Acid Base Accounting

(SOIL) EA003 :pH (field/fox)

(SOIL) EA029-A: pH Measurements
