

**GEOTECHNICAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR PITTWATER**  
**FORM NO. 1 – To be submitted with Development Application**

Development Application for \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Applicant  
Address of site 25 Hudson Parade, Avalon

**Declaration made by geotechnical engineer or engineering geologist or coastal engineer (where applicable) as part of a geotechnical report**

I, Ben White on behalf of White Geotechnical Group Pty Ltd  
(Insert Name) (Trading or Company Name)

on this the 12/6/20 certify that I am a geotechnical engineer or engineering geologist or coastal engineer as defined by the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009 and I am authorised by the above organisation/company to issue this document and to certify that the organisation/company has a current professional indemnity policy of at least \$10million.

I:

**Please mark appropriate box**

- ☐ have prepared the detailed Geotechnical Report referenced below in accordance with the Australia Geomechanics Society's Landslide Risk Management Guidelines (AGS 2007) and the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009
- ☐ am willing to technically verify that the detailed Geotechnical Report referenced below has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Geomechanics Society's Landslide Risk Management Guidelines (AGS 2007) and the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009
- ☐ have examined the site and the proposed development in detail and have carried out a risk assessment in accordance with Section 6.0 of the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009. I confirm that the results of the risk assessment for the proposed development are in compliance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009 and further detailed geotechnical reporting is not required for the subject site.
- ☒ have examined the site and the proposed development/alteration in detail and I am of the opinion that the Development Application only involves Minor Development/Alteration that does not require a Geotechnical Report or Risk Assessment and hence my Report is in accordance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009 requirements.
- ☐ have examined the site and the proposed development/alteration is separate from and is not affected by a Geotechnical Hazard and does not require a Geotechnical Report or Risk Assessment and hence my Report is in accordance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009 requirements.
- ☐ have provided the coastal process and coastal forces analysis for inclusion in the Geotechnical Report


**Geotechnical Report Details:**

Report Title: Geotechnical Report 25 Hudson Parade, Avalon  
Report Date: 10/6/20  
Author: BEN WHITE  
Author's Company/Organisation: WHITE GEOTECHNICAL GROUP PTY LTD

**Documentation which relate to or are relied upon in report preparation:**

Australian Geomechanics Society Landslide Risk Management March 2007.  
White Geotechnical Group company archives.

I am aware that the above Geotechnical Report, prepared for the abovementioned site is to be submitted in support of a Development Application for this site and will be relied on by Pittwater Council as the basis for ensuring that the Geotechnical Risk Management aspects of the proposed development have been adequately addressed to achieve an "Acceptable Risk Management" level for the life of the structure, taken as at least 100 years unless otherwise stated and justified in the Report and that reasonable and practical measures have been identified to remove foreseeable risk.

Signature   
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## **25 Hudson Parade, Avalon**

### **Minor Works Assessment**

#### **1. Proposed Development**

A geotechnical site inspection was carried out on the 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

Details of the proposed works are shown on 3 drawings prepared by Corona Projects, sheets numbered 00 to 02 and dated March 2020. The work involves the demolition and rebuilding of a small toilet block in the SE corner of the property. The works are considered minor in scope from a geotechnical perspective.

#### **2. Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis**

No geotechnical hazards were observed below or beside the property. The gentle to moderately graded land surface that falls across the property and continues above is a potential hazard (**Hazard One**).

##### **Hazard One – Qualitative Risk Assessment on Property**

This commercial property is on the corner of Hudson Parade and Hilltop Road. It is on the high side of Hudson Parade and is level with Hilltop Road. The property has a N aspect. It is located on the gentle to moderately graded middle reaches of a hillslope. The slope rises across the property at an average angle of  $\sim 9^\circ$ . The natural slope around the various shops has been altered little with the development to date. The slope surface is lawn-covered on the downhill side (Photo 1) and concrete-paved across the remainder of the site (Photo 2). The slope above the property continues at increasing angles and appears in good order as observed from the subject property. The slope below the property eases and also appears in good order. The likelihood of the land surface on or above the property failing and impacting on the existing building is assessed as 'Unlikely' ( $10^{-4}$ ). The consequences to property of such a failure are assessed as 'Medium' (15%). The risk to property is 'Low' ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$ ).

## Hazard One – Quantitative Risk Assessment on Property

For loss of life risk can be calculated as follows:

$$R_{(LoI)} = P_{(H)} \times P_{(S: H)} \times P_{(T: S)} \times V_{(D: T)} \text{ (See Aust. Geomech. Jnl. Mar 2007 Vol. 42 No 1, for full explanation of terms)}$$

### Annual Probability

No evidence of significant movement was observed on the property or on the slope immediately above.

$$P_{(H)} = 0.0001/\text{annum}$$

### Probability of Spatial Impact

There are no retaining walls on the property.

$$P_{(S: H)} = 0.1$$

### Possibility of the Location Being Occupied During Failure

As the property is a commercial property with various shops, it is estimated that at least 1 person is on the property for 15 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For the person most at risk:

$$\frac{15}{24} \times \frac{7}{7} = 0.63$$

$$P_{(T: S)} = 0.63$$

### Probability of Loss of Life on Impact of Failure

Based on the volume of land sliding and its likely velocity when it hits the existing building, it is estimated that the vulnerability of a person to being killed when a landslide occurs is 0.1.

$$V_{(D: T)} = 0.1$$

### Risk Estimation

$$\begin{aligned} R_{(LoI)} &= 0.0001 \times 0.1 \times 0.63 \times 0.1 \\ &= 0.000000063 \end{aligned}$$

$$R_{(LoI)} = 6.3 \times 10^{-7}/\text{annum} \quad \text{NOTE: This level of risk is 'ACCEPTABLE'}$$

## Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis - Risk Analysis Summary

HAZARDS	Hazard One
TYPE	The gentle to moderately sloping land surface across and above the property failing and impacting on the existing building and/or proposed works.
LIKELIHOOD	'Unlikely' ( $10^{-4}$ )
CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY	'Medium' (15%)
RISK TO PROPERTY	'Low' ( $2 \times 10^{-5}$ )
RISK TO LIFE	$6.3 \times 10^{-7}$ /annum
COMMENTS	'ACCEPTABLE' level of risk.

(See Aust. Geomech. Jnl. Mar 2007 Vol. 42 No 1, for full explanation of terms)

### 3. Conclusion

The property has an 'Acceptable Risk Level' in accordance with the 2009 Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater.

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Photo 1



Photo 2