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

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Address of site	61B Wandeen Road, Clareville			
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GEOTECHNICAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR PITTWATER FORM NO. 1(a) - Checklist of Requirements for Geotechnical Risk Management Report for Development Application

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GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION:

Alterations and Additions and New Pool at 61B Wandeen Road, Clareville

1. Proposed Development

- **1.1** Demolish the existing carport and extend the existing house roof over the parking area to form a new carport.
- **1.2** Extend the SE and NW sides of the existing ground floor.
- 1.3 Construct a new lower ground floor extension by excavating to a maximum depth of ~2.2m.
- **1.4** Construct a new above ground pool and deck on the downhill side of the house.
- 1.5 Various other minor internal and external alterations.
- Details of the proposed development are shown on 10 drawings prepared by Chrofi, Project number 2046, drawings numbered A-DA-101 to 103, A-DA-201 to 204, A-DA-301, 302, and 601, Revision F, dated 8/12/21.

2. Site Description

- **2.1** The site was inspected on the 5th May, 2021.
- 2.2 This residential property has dual access. It is on the downhill side of a Right of Carriageway (ROW) off Wandeen Road and is on the uphill side of a different ROW off Georgia Lee Place. The property has a SW aspect. It is located on the gentle to steeply graded upper middle reaches of a hillslope. The slope falls from the upper boundary to the downhill side of the house at an average angle of <5°. The slope continues from the downhill side of the house to the lower boundary at an average angle of ~36° where sandstone outcrops and steps down the slope. The slope above the property continues at easing angles. The grade below the property continues at steep angles.



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2.3 At the road frontage to Wandeen Road, a concrete and bitumen ROW runs past the uphill side of the property (Photo 1). A concrete driveway diverts off the ROW and runs to a carport attached to the SW side of the house (Photo 2). The carport will be demolished as part of the proposed works. An excavation has been made in the slope between the ROW and the house for a lawn area (Photo 3). The cut is supported by a stable brick and formed concrete retaining wall reaching ~1.0m. Competent Medium Strength Sandstone outcrops through this lawn. The part two-storey brick house is supported on brick walls, brick piers, and steel posts (Photo 4). No significant signs of movement were observed in the supporting brick walls and the supporting brick piers and steel posts stand vertical. Some of the supporting walls, posts, and piers were observed to be supported directly off outcropping sandstone. The outcropping sandstone that falls below the NW side of the house displays no significant geological defects and is considered stable (Photo 5). The outcropping sandstone that falls below the SE side of the house is undercut in two locations (Photos 6 & 7). See Section 14 for recommendations regarding these undercut joint blocks. A steep, well-vegetated slope falls from the base of the outcrops to the uphill side of a bitumen ROW off Georgia Lee Place (Photo 8).

3. Geology

The Sydney 1:100 000 Geological sheet indicates the site is underlain by Hawkesbury Sandstone. It is described as a medium to coarse grained quartz sandstone with very minor shale and laminite lenses.

4. Subsurface Investigation

Six DCP (Dynamic Cone Penetrometer) tests were put down to determine the relative density of the overlying soil and the depth to bedrock. The locations of the tests are shown on the site plan attached. It should be noted that a level of caution should be applied when interpreting DCP test results. The test will not pass through hard buried objects so in some instances it can be difficult to determine whether refusal has occurred on an obstruction in



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the profile or on the natural rock surface. This is not expected to be an issue for the testing on this site. However, excavation and foundation budgets should always allow for the possibility that the interpreted ground conditions in this report vary from those encountered during excavations. See the appended "Important information about your report" for a more comprehensive explanation. The results are as follows:

	DCP TEST RESULTS – Dynamic Cone Penetrometer					
Equipment: 9kg	Equipment: 9kg hammer, 510mm drop, conical tip. Standard: AS1289.6.3.2 - 199				39.6.3.2 - 1997	
Depth(m)	DCP 1	DCP 2	DCP 3	DCP 4	DCP 5	DCP 6
Blows/0.3m	(~RL70.6)	(~RL68.7)	(~RL69.2)	(~RL67.0)	(~RL68.0)	(~RL72.1)
0.0 to 0.3	Rock	1F	3	F	3	Rock
0.3 to 0.6	Exposed at Surface	1	#	3	9	Exposed at
0.6 to 0.9		#		20	22	Surface
0.9 to 1.2				6	#	
1.2 to 1.5				#		
		Refusal on Rock @ 0.5m	Refusal on Rock @ 0.2m	Refusal on Rock @ 1.1m	Refusal on Rock @ 0.9m	

#refusal/end of test. F=DCP fell after being struck showing little resistance through all or part of the interval.

DCP Notes:

DCP1 - Rock exposed at surface.

DCP2 – Refusal on rock @ 0.5m, DCP bouncing off rock surface, white impact dust on dry tip.

DCP3 – Refusal on rock @ 0.2m, DCP bouncing off rock surface, white impact dust on dry tip.

DCP4 – Refusal on rock @ 1.1m, DCP bouncing off rock surface, white impact dust on dry tip.

DCP5 – Refusal on rock @ 0.9m, DCP bouncing off rock surface, white impact dust on dry tip.

DCP6 – Rock exposed at surface.

5. Geological Observations/Interpretation

The surface features of the block are controlled by the outcropping and underlying sandstone bedrock that steps down the property forming sub-horizontal benches between the steps.



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Where the grade is steeper, the steps are larger, and the benches narrower. Where the slope

eases, the opposite is true. Where the rock is not exposed, it is overlain by a sandy soil over

sandy clays that fill the bench step formation. In the test locations, the depth to rock ranged

between 0.2 to 1.1m below the current surface, being slightly deeper due to the stepped

nature of the underlying bedrock. The outcropping sandstone on the property is estimated to

be Medium Strength or better. See Type Section attached for a diagrammatical

representation of the expected ground materials.

6. Groundwater

Normal ground water seepage is expected to move over the buried surface of the rock and

through the cracks.

Due to the slope and elevation of the block, the water table is expected to be many metres

below the base of the proposed works.

7. Surface Water

No evidence of surface flows were observed on the property during the inspection. The ROW

above will provide only limited drainage diversion from surface flows as the road is not

guttered above the subject property (Photo 1). It is expected that normal sheet wash will

move onto the site from above the property during heavy down pours.

8. Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis

No geotechnical hazards were observed above or beside the property. The gentle to steeply

graded land surface that falls across the property and continues below is a potential hazard

(Hazard One). The construction works on the downhill side of the house impacting on the

undercut rock face is a potential hazard (Hazard Two). The vibrations from the proposed

excavation are a potential hazard (Hazard Three). A loose boulder, wedge, or similar

geological defect toppling onto the work site during the excavation process is a potential

hazard (Hazard Four).



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Risk Analysis Summary

HAZARDS	Hazard One	Hazard Two	
TYPE	The gentle to steep slope that falls	The construction works on the	
	across the property and continues	downhill side of the house impacting	
	below failing and impacting on the	on the undercut rock face causing	
	proposed works.	failure (Photos 6 & 7).	
LIKELIHOOD	'Unlikely' (10 ⁻⁴)	'Unlikely' (10 ⁻⁴)	
CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY	'Medium' (15%)	'Medium' (35%)	
RISK TO PROPERTY	'Low' (2 x 10 ⁻⁵)	'Low' (2 x 10 ⁻⁵)	
RISK TO LIFE	5.5 x 10 ⁻⁷ /annum	4.2 x 10 ⁻⁶ /annum	
COMMENTS	This level of risk is 'ACCEPTABLE' provided the recommendations in Section 15 are carried out.	This level of risk is 'ACCEPTABLE' provided the recommendations in Section 14 are followed.	

HAZARDS	Hazard Three	Hazard Four	
TYPE	The vibrations produced during the	A loose boulder, wedge, or similar	
	proposed excavations impacting on	geological defect toppling onto the	
	the supporting walls of the	work site during the excavation	
	neighbouring houses.	process.	
LIKELIHOOD	'Possible' (10 ⁻³)	'Possible' (10 ⁻³)	
CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY	'Medium' (15%)	'Medium' (20%)	
RISK TO PROPERTY	'Moderate' (2 x 10 ⁻⁴)	'Moderate' (2 x 10 ⁻⁴)	
RISK TO LIFE	5.3 x 10 ⁻⁷ /annum	4.6 x 10 ⁻⁵ /annum	
COMMENTS	This level of risk to property is	This level of risk to life and property	
	'UNACCEPTABLE'. To move risk to	is 'UNACCEPTABLE'. To move risk to	
	'ACCEPTABLE' levels, the	'ACCEPTABLE' levels, the	
	recommendations in Section 12 are	recommendations in Section 13 are	
	to be followed.	to be followed.	

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



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9. Suitability of the Proposed Development for the Site

The proposed development is suitable for the site. No geotechnical hazards will be created by

the completion of the proposed development provided it is carried out in accordance with

the requirements of this report and good engineering and building practice.

10. Stormwater

The fall is to Georgia Lee Place. Roof water from the development is to be piped to the street

drainage system through any tanks that may be required by the regulating authorities.

11. Excavations

An excavation to a maximum depth of ~2.2m is required to construct the proposed lower

ground floor extension. The excavation is expected to be almost entirely through Medium

Strength Sandstone.

It is envisaged that excavations through sandy soil and sandy clays can be carried out with a

bucket and excavations through rock will require grinding or rock sawing and breaking.

12. Vibrations

Possible vibrations generated during excavations through soil will be below the threshold limit

for building damage. The majority of the proposed excavations are expected to be through

Medium Strength Sandstone.

Excavations through Medium Strength Sandstone or better should be carried out to minimise

the potential to cause vibration damage to the subject house. The supporting walls of the

subject house will be immediately beside the proposed excavation. Close controls by the

contractor over rock excavation are recommended so excessive vibrations are not generated.

Excavation methods are to be used that limit peak particle velocity to 8mm/sec at the

supporting walls of the subject house. Vibration monitoring will be required to verify this is

achieved. The vibration monitoring equipment must include a light/alarm so the operator



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knows if vibration limits have been exceeded. It also must log and record vibrations

throughout the excavation works.

In Medium Strength Rock or better, techniques to minimise vibration transmission will be

required. These include:

Rock sawing the excavation perimeter to at least 1.0m deep prior to any rock breaking

with hammers, keeping the saw cuts below the rock to be broken throughout the

excavation process.

Limiting rock hammer size.

Rock hammering in short bursts so vibrations do not amplify.

• Rock breaking with the hammer angled away from the nearby sensitive structures.

Creating additional saw breaks in the rock where vibration limits are exceeded.

It is worth noting that vibrations that are below thresholds for building damage may be felt

by the occupants of the subject and neighbouring houses.

13. Excavation Support Requirements

The excavation will come close to flush with the supporting walls of the subject house.

However, apart from a thin layer of soil over the rock, the excavation will be taken almost

entirely through Medium Strength Sandstone and any nearby structures are already

supported on the rock. As such, no structures or boundaries will be within the zone of

influence of the excavation.

The shallow soil portions of the cut batters are to be battered temporarily at 1.0 Vertical to

2.0 Horizontal (30°) until the retaining walls are in place. Excavations through Medium

Strength Sandstone or better will stand at vertical angles unsupported subject to approval by

the geotechnical consultant.

If any supporting piers or posts are required to be removed, the house is to be propped and

supported with beams prior to the excavation through rock commencing.



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Upslope runoff is to be diverted from the cut faces by sandbag mounds or other diversion

works. The materials and labour to construct the retaining walls are to be organised so on

completion of the excavations they can be constructed as soon as possible. The excavations

are to be carried out during a dry period. No excavations are to commence if heavy or

prolonged rainfall is forecast.

During the excavation process, the geotechnical consultant is to inspect the excavations as

they approach to not less than 1.0m horizontally from the supporting posts and piers of the

house to confirm the stability of the cut to go flush with the footings.

Additionally, during the excavation process, the geotechnical consultant is to inspect the

excavations as they are lowered in 1.5m intervals to ensure the ground materials are as

expected and no wedges or other geological defects are present that could require additional

support. Should additional ground support be required, this will likely involve the use of mesh,

sprayed concrete, and rock bolts.

Upon completion of the excavations, it is recommended all cut faces be supported with

retaining walls to prevent any potential future movement of joint blocks in the cut faces that

can occur over time, when unfavourable jointing is obscured behind the excavation faces.

Additionally, retaining walls will help control seepage and to prevent minor erosion and

sediment movement.

All excavation spoil is to be removed from site following the current Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) waste classification guidelines.

14. Foundations

The proposed lower ground floor extension is to be supported on a concrete slab and piers

taken to and embedded to not less than 0.3m into the underlying Medium Strength

Sandstone. This material is expected to be exposed across the majority of the base of the

excavation and at shallow depths not exceeding ~1.1m below the current surface where the

slope drops away on the downhill side. All other proposed works are to be supported on piers



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taken to and embedded at least 0.3m into the underlying Medium Strength Sandstone. No

foundations are to be supported on any undercut portions of the exposed rock outcrops.

Where footings are over an exposed sloping rock surface, they may be supported off level

pads cut into the rock. Assume a maximum allowable bearing pressure of 1000kPa for footings

supported off Medium Strength Sandstone.

Naturally occurring vertical cracks (known as joints) commonly occur in sandstone. These are

generally filled with soil and are the natural seepage paths through the rock. They can extend

to depths of several metres and are usually relatively narrow but can range between 0.1 to

0.8m wide. If a footing falls over a joint in the rock, the construction process is simplified if

with the approval of the structural engineer the joint can be spanned or alternatively the

footing can be repositioned so it does not fall over the joint.

NOTE: If the contractor is unsure of the footing material required, it is more cost-effective to

get the geotechnical consultant on site at the start of the footing excavation to advise on

footing depth and material. This mostly prevents unnecessary over-excavation in clay-like

shaly-rock but can be valuable in all types of geology.

15. Site Maintenance/Remedial Works

Where slopes approach or exceed 30° (such as on the downhill side of the property – Photo

8), it is prudent for the owners to occasionally inspect the slope (say annually or after heavy

rainfall events, whichever occurs first). Should any of the following be observed: movement

or cracking in retaining walls, cracking in any structures, cracking or movement in the slope

surface, tilting or movement in established trees, leaking pipes, or newly observed flowing

water, or changes in the erosional process or drainage regime, then a geotechnical consultant

should be engaged to re-assess the slope. We can carry out these inspections upon request.

The risk assessment in **Section 8** is subject to this site maintenance being carried out.



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16. Geotechnical Review

The structural plans are to be checked and certified by the geotechnical consultant as being

in accordance with the geotechnical recommendations. On completion, a Form 2B will be

issued. This form is required for the Construction Certificate to proceed.

17. Inspections

The client and builder are to familiarise themselves with the following required inspections

as well as council geotechnical policy. We cannot provide geotechnical certification for the

owner or the regulating authorities if the following inspections have not been carried out

during the construction process.

During the excavation process, the geotechnical consultant is to inspect the

excavations as they approach to no less than 1.0m from the supporting posts and piers

of the house to confirm the stability of the cut to go flush with the footings.

• During the excavation process, the geotechnical consultant is to inspect the cut faces

as they are lowered in 1.5m intervals to ensure ground materials are as expected and

that there are no wedges or other defects present in the rock that may require

additional support.

All footings are to be inspected and approved by the geotechnical consultant while

the excavation equipment and contractors are still onsite and before steel reinforcing

is placed or concrete is poured.

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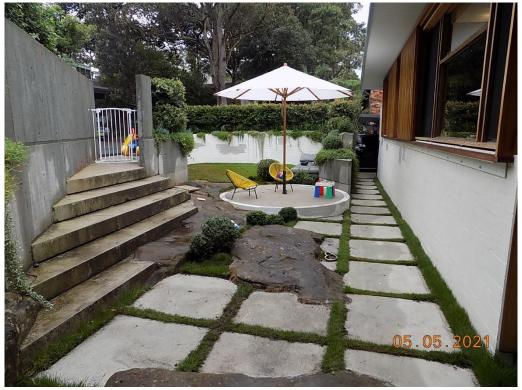


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Photo 6



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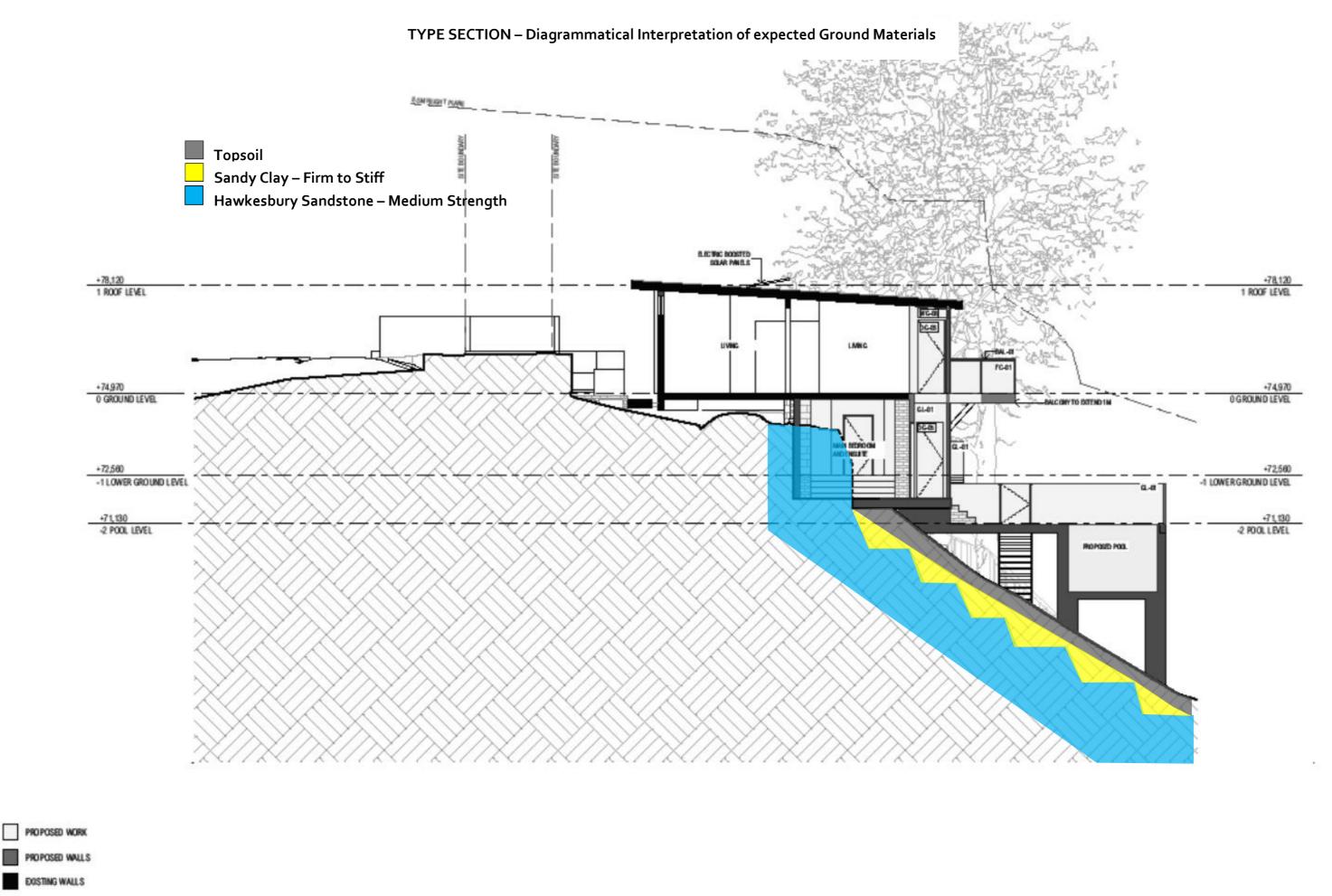
Important Information about Your Report

It should be noted that Geotechnical Reports are documents that build a picture of the subsurface conditions from the observation of surface features and testing carried out at specific points on the site. The spacing and location of the test points can be limited by the location of existing structures on the site or by budget and time constraints of the client. Additionally, the test themselves, although chosen for their suitability for the particular project, have their own limiting factors. The testing gives accurate information at the location of the test, within the confines of the test's capability. A geological interpretation or model is developed by joining these test points using all available data and drawing on previous experience of the geotechnical consultant. Even the most experienced practitioners cannot determine every possible feature or change that may lie below the earth. All of the subsurface features can only be known when they are revealed by excavation. As such, a Geotechnical report can be considered an interpretive document. It is based on factual data but also on opinion and judgement that comes with a level of uncertainty. This information is provided to help explain the nature and limitations of your report.

With this in mind, the following points are to be noted:

- If upon the commencement of the works the subsurface ground or ground water conditions prove different from those described in this report, it is advisable to contact White Geotechnical Group immediately, as problems relating to the ground works phase of construction are far easier and less costly to overcome if they are addressed early.
- If this report is used by other professionals during the design or construction process, any questions should be directed to White Geotechnical Group as only we understand the full methodology behind the report's conclusions.
- The report addresses issues relating to your specific design and site. If the proposed project design changes, aspects of the report may no longer apply. Contact White Geotechnical if this occurs.
- This report should not be applied to any other project other than that outlined in section 1.0.
- This report is to be read in full and should not have sections removed or included in other documents as this can result in misinterpretation of the data by others.
- It is common for the design and construction process to be adapted as it progresses (sometimes to suit the previous experience of the contractors involved). If alternative design and construction processes are required to those described in this report, contact White Geotechnical Group. We are familiar with a variety of techniques to reduce risk and can advise if your proposed methods are suitable for the site conditions.







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