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

	Development Application for Name of Applicant
	Address of site 7 PACIFIC ROAD, PALM BEACH
Declara	ation made by geotechnical engineer or engineering geologist or coastal engineer (where applicable) as part of a geotechn report
I,	Ben White on behalf of White Geotechnical Group Pty Ltd (insert name) (Trading or Company Name)
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Please r ⊠	nark appropriate box 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
	I 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 paragraph 6.0 of the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009. I confirm the results of the risk assessment for the proposed development are in compliance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy fro 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 am of the opinion that the Development Application only involves Minor Development/Alterations that do not require a Detailed Geotechnical Risk Assessment and hence my report is in accordance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater – 2009 requirements for Minor Development/Alterations.
	Provided the coastal process and coastal forces analysis for inclusion in the Geotechnical Report
Ge	eotechnical Report Details:
	Report Title: Geotechnical Report 7 PACIFIC ROAD, PALM BEACH
	Report Date: 1/12/16
	Author : BEN WHITE
	Author's Company/Organisation : WHITE GEOTECHNICAL GROUP PTY LTD
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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 & Additions at 7 Pacific Road, Palm Beach.

1. Proposed Development

- **1.1** Construct an addition to the downhill side of the house.
- **1.2** Details of the proposed development are shown on 7 drawings prepared by Nanna Lesiuk, drawings numbered DA:03 to 09, issue A, dated November 2016.

2. Site Description

2.1 The site was inspected on the 20th October, 2016.

2.2 This residential property is on the low side of the road and has a NE aspect. It is located on the moderate to steeply graded upper middle reaches of a hillslope. At the road frontage the natural slope falls at an angle of ~27° that eases to ~11° at the uphill side of the house. The slope increases again to ~36° near the lower boundary. Sandstone beds are exposed above and below the house and where the grade is steeper the rock steps down the property. The slope above the property eases to moderate angles. The land surface below falls at steep angles.

2.3 At the road frontage a suspended concrete driveway runs down and across the slope then cuts back 180° to a timber framed and clad garage (Photos 1 & 2). The driveway is supported by concrete piers, some of which can be seen to be founded directly onto medium strength sandstone bedrock (Photo 3). Below the driveway is a steep, densely vegetated slope that has been terraced with three retaining walls (Photo 4). The upper wall is a concrete block wall and the middle wall is a brick wall. Both walls are ~1.0m high and from what could be seen of them through the dense vegetation, they appear stable. The lower wall is a concrete block wall ~1.4m high. It also appears stable and is supported directly onto medium strength sandstone. Below the garage is a densely vegetated slope that falls to the top of a cut made to accommodate the house. The cut is through medium strength sandstone, is ~2.0m high and is considered to be stable (Photo 5). The part three storey brick and timber framed and clad house is in good condition (Photo 6). No significant cracking or movement was observed in its external supporting walls and its supporting concrete piers stand vertical. A tiled patio area extends off the downhill side of the house and around a pool that displays no signs of movement. A lawn covered fill below the house is supported by a timber

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retaining wall reaching ~1.2m high. The wall is tilting to ~8° (Photo 7). The movement in the retaining wall appears to be partly due to bowing of the soldier posts and partly due to the inadequate embedment. Below the wall, a large fill provides a level platform for a lawn that is supported by a timber crib wall ~2.0m high at its SE end (Photo 8), and by a timber soldier pile wall at its NW end. The crib wall displays some minor movement but is currently considered stable. See **section 15** for recommended maintenance. The height of the soldier pile wall could not be accurately determined due to the dense exotic vegetation below it but was observed to be tilting to a maximum of ~5°. See **section 15** for recommended maintenance. Below these walls is a very steep slope with a dense covering of exotic vegetation that continues to the lower boundary (Photo 9).

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 laminate lenses.

4. Subsurface Investigation

One Hand Auger Hole (AH) was put down to identify the soil materials. Two Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests were put down to determine the relative density of the overlying soil and the depth to bedrock. The location of the tests are shown on the site plan. It should be noted that a level of caution should be applied to 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 the profile or on the natural rock surface. The results are as follows:

AUGER HOLE 1 (~RL75.1) - AH1 (Photo 10)

Depth	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.4	SANDY SOIL, dark brown, medium to course grained with fine trace organic
	matter.
0.4 to 0.9	CLAY, brown and mottled orange, firm, fine grained.
Refusal @ 0.9m	auger grinding on rock surface. No water table encountered.



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DCP TEST RESULTS – Dynamic Cone Penetrometer			
Equipment: 9kg hammer, 510mm	drop, conical tip.	Standard: AS1289.6.3.2- 1997	
Depth(m) Blows/0.3m	DCP 1 (~RL75.1)	DCP 2 (~RL73.7)	
0.0 to 0.3	3	Rock Exposed at Surface	
0.3 to 0.6	7		
0.6 to 0.9	19		
0.9 to 1.2	30		
1.2 to 1.5	#		
	End of Test @ 1.0m		

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

DCP Notes:

DCP1 – End of Test @ 1.0m, DCP still very slowly going down, orange and red rock fragments on dry tip, dark red clay in collar above tip.

DCP2 – Rock exposed at surface below ~1.2m high retaining wall.

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. 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 natural sandy soils over sandy clays that cover the bench step formation. In the test locations the depth to rock ranged between 0.0 to 1.0m below the current surface, being deeper due to filling placed on the lower side of the house. The outcropping sandstone on the property is estimated to be medium strength or better and similar strength rock is expected to underlie the entire site. See the Type Section attached for a diagrammatical representation of the expected ground materials.

6. Groundwater

Normal ground water seepage is expected to move over the exposed rock and 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 and excavation.

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7. Surface Water

No evidence of surface flows was observed on the property during the inspection. It is expected that some sheet wash will move onto the site from above the property during heavy down pours. Pacific Road will not intercept the sheet wash from above as the road edges are not guttered.

8. Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis

No geotechnical hazards were observed above or beside the property. The steeply graded land surface that falls below the house and continues below is a potential hazard (**Hazard One**). The timber crib retaining wall near the lower boundary is a potential hazard (**Hazard Two**).

Risk Analysis Summary

HAZARDS	Hazard One	Hazard Two	
ТҮРЕ	The steep slope that falls from below the house to the lower boundary and continues beyond failing and impacting on the existing house and proposed works (Photo 9).	The timber crib retaining wall near the lower boundary failing and impacting on the property below (Photo 8).	
LIKELIHOOD	'Unlikely' (10 ⁻⁴)	'Possible' (10 ⁻³)	
CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY	'Medium' (15%)	'Medium' (20%)	
RISK TO PROPERTY	'Low' (2 x 10 ⁻⁵)	'Moderate' (5 x 10 ⁻⁵)	
RISK TO LIFE	5.5 x 10 ⁻⁷ /annum	2.5 x 10 ⁻⁶ /annum	
COMMENTS	This level of risk is 'ACCEPTABLE'.	This level of risk is 'TOLERABLE'. Risk will move to acceptable provided the wall is monitored by the owners on an ongoing biannual basis. See section 15 for maintenance.	

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

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.

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10. Stormwater.

Stormwater from the existing house is either discharged beside the house or is piped underground and the discharge location could not be visually identified. It is recommended a drainage easement be obtained from the downhill neighbouring property and all stormwater or drainage runoff from the proposed development be piped to the street below. If this option is not feasible a spreader pipe system is suitable as a last resort, provided flows are kept close to natural runoff for the site. All stormwater is to be piped through any tanks that may be required by the regulating authorities.

11. Excavations.

Apart from those for footings no excavations are shown on the plans.

12. Retaining Walls

No retaining walls are shown on the plans.

13. Site Classification

The site classification in accordance with AS2870-2011 for footings supported on sandstone bedrock is Class A.

14. Foundations

Pads or shallow piers supported off medium strength sandstone are suitable footings for the proposed addition. Where this ground material is not exposed at the surface it is expected to be at a maximum depth of ~1.0m below the current surface. Where the footings are over an exposed sloping rock surface they may be supported off a levelling strip or off level pads cut into the rock. Assume a maximum allowable bearing pressure of 1.2MPa 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 professional on site at the start of the footing excavation to advise on footing depth and



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material. This mostly prevents unnecessary over excavation in clay like shaly rock but can be valuable in all types of geology.

15. Site Maintenance

Where slopes exceed 30° such as that below the house it is prudent for the owners to occasionally inspect the slope (say annually or after heavy rainfall events, whichever occurs first). Should any significant signs of movement be seen or changes in the erosional process or drainage regime be observed a geotechnical professional should be consulted to assess the slope. The previous Risk Analysis is conditional on this general observation being carried out.

All retaining walls on the property are to be inspected for new movement on a biannual basis or after prolonged heavy rainfall, whichever occurs first by the owners of the subject property (Photo 8 & 9). A photographic record of those inspections is to be kept as a record and for future reference. Should further movement be observed a geotechnical professional is to be engaged to assess the movement and provide a plan for remediation should it be required.

16. 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 Occupation Certificate if the following inspection has not been carried out during the construction process.

• All footings are to be inspected and approved by the geotechnical professional before concrete is placed while the excavation equipment is still onsite and before steel reinforcement is installed.

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Photo 1



Photo 2

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Photo 3



Photo 4

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Photo 5



Photo 6

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Photo 7



Photo 8

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Photo 9



Photo 10: AH1 – Downhole is from left to right.

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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 tests 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 professional. 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.







DW01	EAST	5500W X 2100H	TIMBER FRAMED TOP HUNG SLIDING DOORS (3 PANES)	CLEAR GLASS
DW02	NORTH	1270W X 2100H	TIMBER FRAMED FRENCH DOORS	CLEAR GLASS
DW03	NORTH	1270W X 2100H	TIMBER FRAMED FRENCH DOORS	CLEAR GLASS
DW04	NORTH	7250W X 2400H	TIMBER FRAMED TOP HUNG SLIDING DOORS (3 PANES)	CLEAR GLASS
DW05	EAST	4050W X 2400H	TIMBER FRAMED FIXED GLAZING TO 1000AFL. CASEMENT WINDOWS OVER (6 OFF))	CLEAR GLASS
DW06	SOUTH	2245W X 2400H	TIMBER FRAMED FIXED GLAZING TO 1000AFL. CASEMENT WINDOWS OVER (3 OFF))	CLEAR GLASS
DW07	EAST	7.3M2	HIGH LEVEL FIXED GLAZING (TRIANGLE SHAPE)	CLEAR GLASS



EXAMPLES OF **POOR** HILLSIDE PRACTICE

