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PITTWATER ROAD, BAYVIEW**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of a geotechnical investigation undertaken by Green Geotechnics Pty Limited for proposed alterations and additions to be carried out at St Luke's Grammar School, 1973 Pittwater Road, Bayview, NSW. The investigation was commissioned by Midson Group Pty Limited on behalf of The Anglican Schools Corporation Pty Ltd by acceptance of Proposal PROP-2022-0296, dated 20 July 2022.

We understand from the supplied concept design drawings that the development comprises refurbishment works to the school which includes alterations and additions to an existing Hall and Library. The works include internal and façade modifications to the hall together with a concrete extension of the existing library. An area of decking with a covered awning is also proposed on the eastern side of the hall. We understand that a geotechnical investigation is required to progress the design of the structural foundations, including determining the depth to the underlying bedrock.

The site is located on sloping ground and is partially positioned within a H1 Hazard Zone under the former Pittwater Council LEP Mapping, therefore Northern Beaches Council require a Landslip Risk Assessment for the site in accordance with AGS 2007 Guidelines and the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater.

The purpose of the investigation was to

- assess the subsurface conditions over the site including the depth to bedrock,
- undertake a slope risk assessment in accordance with AGS2007 Guidelines, assigning both the risk to life and to property,
- provide a Site Classification to AS2870,
- provide recommendations regarding the appropriate foundation system for the site including design parameters, and
- provide recommendations to address the outcomes of the slope risk assessment.

## 2. FIELDWORK DETAILS

The fieldwork was carried out on August 9, 2022, and comprised a detailed site walkover together with the drilling of three (3) boreholes numbered BH1 to BH3 inclusive. The boreholes were drilled using rotary solid flight augers attached to a utility mounted Christie Engineering drilling rig owned and operated Green Geotechnics.

The site location is shown in the attached Figure A. The borehole locations, as shown on Figure B, were determined by taped measurements from existing surface features shown on available survey drawings of the site. Photographs of the site are provided in Figure C.

The strength of the soils encountered in the boreholes were assessed by undertaking Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests adjacent to each of the boreholes. The strength of the weathered bedrock was assessed by observation of the auger penetration resistance when using a tungsten carbide drilling bit together with a tactile assessment of recovered rock cuttings.

Groundwater observations were made in all boreholes during drilling, on completion of drilling and a short time after completion of drilling. No longer term groundwater monitoring was carried out.

The fieldwork was completed in the full-time presence of our senior field geologist who set out the boreholes, nominated the sampling and testing, and prepared the borehole logs. The logs are attached to this report, together with a glossary of the terms and symbols used in the logs.

For further details of the investigation techniques adopted, reference should be made to the attached explanation notes.

Environmental and contamination testing of the soils was beyond the agreed scope of the works.

### 3. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

#### 3.1 Site Description

The site was inspected by one of our Principal Engineering Geologists on 27 September 2022. The site is identified as Lot 1 in DP 304830, Lot A in DP360274 and Lot 20 in DP635214 and comprises an irregular shaped parcel of land with a combined area of approximately 8,100m<sup>2</sup>. At the time of the fieldwork the site was occupied by St Luke's Grammar School which comprises a series of 2 and 3 storey brick school buildings with tile and metal roofs together with adjoining single storey weatherboard clad buildings and demountable buildings. The school includes pathways, steps, raised walkways and access ramps. There is an auditorium in the north east corner of the site with a shade sail cover, and a tennis court in the south east corner.

At the front of the school is an asphalt driveway which is accessed via Loquat Valley Road and leads to a small car park. There is a secondary small car park in the north east corner of the site which is accessed from Pittwater Road. The south east corner of the site comprises a near flat sports field with adjoining garden areas.

The ground surface on the site falls approximately 9.7 metres to the south from Reduced Level (RL) 12 metres Australian Height Datum (AHD) in the rear car park area adjacent to Pittwater Road to RL 2.3 metres AHD at the carpark entrance from Loquat Valley Road.

There are numerous retaining walls on the site which vary in height from around 0.6 metres to up to 1.5 metres. The walls are constructed of a combination of brick and concrete block and appear in good condition. There are exposed soil slopes below the suspended school structures with slope angles up to 15°.

The ground surface in the vicinity of the proposed suspended concrete deck has a gentle to moderate slope to the south at around 10° and is covered by timber decking and synthetic grass.

To the east and north east of the site is Pittwater Road and to the south is Loquat Valley Road. To the north and north west are residential dwellings fronting Jendi Avenue and to the west of the site is No.8 Loquat Valley Road, a double storey residential dwelling with an in-ground swimming pool in the rear garden.

### 3.2 Regional Geology & Subsurface Conditions

The 1:100,000 series geological map of Sydney (Geological Survey of NSW, Geological Series Sheet 9130) indicates that the site is underlain by Triassic Age bedrock belonging to the Newport Formation of the Narrabeen Group. Bedrock within the Newport formation comprises interbedded laminite, shale and quartz to quartz lithic sandstone with minor claystone. Reference to the available surface geology mapping in Minview indicates the presence of a paleochannel over the southern portion of the site. The paleochannel is infilled with Quaternary Age soils comprising clays, silts, sands and gravels.

The subsurface conditions encountered at each borehole location are summarised below:

#### **BH1:**

BH1 encountered an upper layer silty clay fill to a depth of 0.5 metres overlying natural silty clay soils. The fill appears poorly to moderately compacted. The silty clay soils were assessed to be medium plasticity and stiff becoming very stiff with depth. The soils are likely to be of residual origin. Weathered sandstone bedrock was encountered at a depth of 2.0 metres and could not be penetrated below a depth of 2.3 metres. The bedrock was assessed to be very low strength however is likely to increase to medium and possibly high strength with depth.

Groundwater seepage was not noted during drilling of BH1.

**BH2:**

BH2 encountered fill materials to a depth of 0.5 metres, at which depth auger refusal occurred on a buried concrete obstruction.

Groundwater seepage was not noted during drilling of BH2.

**BH3:**

BH3 encountered a 50mm surface covering of asphalt overlying granular pavement materials to a depth of 0.18 metres. A poorly compacted gravelly sandy clay fill was encountered below the pavement materials to a depth of 1.0 metre. Natural silty clays and silty sandy clays were encountered below fill to a depth of 3.1 metres. The silty clay soils were assessed to be low plasticity, soft and wet. The soils are likely to be of alluvial origin. Weathered sandstone bedrock was encountered at a depth of 3.1 metres and could not be penetrated below a depth of 3.3 metres. The bedrock was assessed to be very low strength however is likely to increase to medium and possibly high strength with depth.

Groundwater seepage was noted during auger drilling around 1.5 metres depth, and the water level stabilised in the borehole at a depth of 1.3 metres shortly after drilling.

## 4. LANDSLIDE RISK ASSESSMENT

### 4.1 Introduction

A landslide risk assessment has been undertaken for 1973 Pittwater Road, Bayview. It is not technically feasible to assess the stability of a particular site in absolute terms such as stable or unstable, and it must be recognised by the reader that all sites have a risk of land sliding, however small. However, a risk assessment can be undertaken by the recognition of surface features supplemented by limited information on the regional and local subsurface profile, and with the benefit of experience gained in similar geological environments.

Natural hill slopes are formed by processes that reflect the site geology, environment and climate. These processes include down slope movement of the near surface soil and rock. In geological time all slopes are 'unstable'. The area of influence of these down slope movements may range from local to regional and are rarely related to property boundaries. The natural processes may be affected by human intervention in the form of construction, drainage, fill placement and other activities.

## 4.2 Purpose of the Assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to enable the owner, potential owner or other parties interested in the site in question, to be aware of the level of risk associated with potential slope movements within the property, and within the area immediately surrounding the property. The risk is assessed considering the existing development of the property and proposed developments of which we have been informed of and which are summarised in this report.

The onus is on the owner, potential owner or other party to decide whether the level of risk presented in this report is acceptable in the light of the possible economic consequence of such risk.

## 4.3 Risk Assessment Methodology

All The risk assessment in this report is based on the guidelines on Landslide Risk Management (LRM) as presented in the Australian Geomechanics publication, Volume 42, Number 1, dated March 2007. This issue presents a series of LRM guidelines and further understanding on the application of the risk assessments for the recommended use by all practitioners nationwide.

Definition of the terms used in this report with respect to the slope risk assessment and management are given in Appendix C.

It must be accepted that the risks associated with hillside construction are greater than construction on level ground in the same geological environment. The impact of development may be adverse, and imprudent construction techniques can increase the potential for movement. Areas of instability rarely respect property boundaries and poor practices on one property can trigger instability in the surrounding area.

## 4.4 Hazard Identification

A landslide is defined as “the movement of a mass of rock, debris or earth down a slope”. Apart from ground subsidence and collapse, this definition is open to the movement of material types including rock, earth and debris down slope. The causes of landslides can be complex. However, two common factors include the occurrence of a failure of part of the soil or rock material on a slope and the resulting movement is driven by gravity. The actual motion of a landslide is subdivided into the five kinematically distinctive types of material movement including fall, topple, slide, spread, and flow. For further information regarding types of landslides please refer to Appendix C – Landslide Terminology from Australian Geomechanics Practice Note Guidelines For Landslide Risk Management 2007.



The frequency of landslides are difficult to quantify and typically dependant on the inter-relationship between the factors influencing the stability of the slope. Some of the common factors affecting the stability of slopes include the weather (prolonged rainfall with water percolating into rock mass defects can cause washout of fines and reduction of rock mass strength), land development, vegetation removal, changes in drainage and earthquakes. One or a combination of these conditions could result in a landslide failure event.

For the site of 17 Belvedere Parade, Mona Vale, the following landslide hazards have been considered in the risk assessment.

TABLE 4.1 – Landslide Hazard Identification

| Position         | Hazard Description                                    | Estimated Volume (m <sup>3</sup> ) | Justification  |
|------------------|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Above the site   | Retaining Wall Failure of North Western Boundary Wall | 2-5                                | The site is located on sloping ground which falls regionally to the south and south west. There are a series of retaining walls on the north western boundary. The walls however appear stable.  |
| Next to the site | Nil   | -                                  | -  |
| On the site      | Soil Creep / Soil Slumping                            | 5-10                               | The ground surface slopes on the site are consistent with those necessary to generate soil creep or minor soil slump type movements. However, the existing structures on the site are in reasonable to good condition with no evidence of soil creep or foundation movement. |
|                  | Retaining Wall Failure of Internal Walls              | 2-5                                | The site is located on sloping ground which falls regionally to the south and south west. There are a series of internal retaining walls on the site. The walls however appear stable.   |
| Below the site   | Nil   | -                                  | -  |

## 4.5 Risk Assessment to Property

The Risk to property has been estimated by assessing the likelihood of an event and the consequences if such an event takes place. The relationship between likelihood, consequence and risk is determined by a risk matrix. The risk categories and implications are shown in Attachment 3 of Appendix C (taken from Practice Note Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management 2007, Appendix C).

The assessment process involved the following:

- Risk estimation (comparative analysis of likelihood of a slope failure versus consequence of the failure).
- Evaluation of the estimated (assessed) risk by comparing against acceptance criteria.

The following factors observed during the site walkover were taken into consideration when undertaking the slope risk assessment:

- Topography: The site is situated on gently to moderately sloping ground with low height landscape type retaining and structural retaining walls up to 1.5 metres high.
- Geology: The subsurface conditions encountered in the proposed suspended deck area (BH1) comprised minor fill to a depth of 0.5 metres overlying stiff residual soils and sandstone bedrock at a depth of 2.0 metres. The subsurface conditions encountered in the car park area at the front of the site (BH3) comprised localised fill overlying low strength alluvial soils to a depth of 3.2 metres overlying sandstone bedrock.
- Drainage: The site in general is reasonably drained. No seepage was observed on the site.
- Slope stability: There were no signs of active slope instability noted during the site walkover. There was no evidence of soil creep and there is no historical evidence of deep-seated movements within the sandstone bedrock within the local area.

Based on the above factors and site observations, an assessment of risk to property have been carried out as shown in Table 4.2 below.

TABLE 4.2 – Risk to Property

| Hazard        |                                | Soil Creep / Soil Slumping | Failure of a Retaining Wall |
|---------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Likelihood    | Descriptor                     | Unlikely                   | Unlikely                    |
|               | Approximate Annual Probability | $1 \times 10^{-4}$         | $1 \times 10^{-4}$          |
| Consequence   |                                | Medium                     | Minor                       |
| Risk Category |                                | Low                        | Low                         |

The assessed risk to property is assessed to be low risk. Based on the information provided by the AGS and presented in Attachment 1, Appendix C, the implications for a risk level of low is it is usually acceptable to regulators.

## 4.6 Risk Assessment to Loss of Life

A risk assessment for the loss of life was undertaken for the identified geotechnical hazards for the site. The risk assessment and management process adopted for this study was carried out in general accordance with AGS (2007a).

In accordance with the AGS 2007c Landslide Risk Management Guidelines for loss of life, the individual risk for loss of life can be calculated from:

$$R_{(LoL)} = P_{(H)} \times P_{(S:H)} \times P_{(T:S)} \times V_{(D:T)}$$

Where

- $R_{(LoL)}$  is the risk - annual probability of loss of life (death) - of an individual.
- $P_{(H)}$  is the annual probability of the landslide.
- $P_{(S:H)}$  is the probability of spatial impact of the landslide impacting on a location potentially occupied by a person.
- $P_{(T:S)}$  is the temporal spatial probability (e.g. of the location being occupied by the individual) given the spatial impact and allowing for the possibility of evacuation given there is warning of the landslide occurrence.
- $V_{(D:T)}$  is the vulnerability of the individual (probability of loss of life of the individual given the impact).

In accordance with AGS 2007, the regulator should set risk acceptance criteria. In this case, Northern Beaches Council is the regulator, and requires the risk to life post development to be 'Tolerable' for existing areas of residential subdivision, provided risk control measures are put in place to control the risk

The risk acceptance criteria consider the occurrence of the potential geotechnical hazards identified for the site and evaluate the risk against a Tolerable Risk Criteria for loss of life. In this instance, the individual risk is accepted due to being tolerable or risk mitigation measures are undertaken to reduce the risk to more tolerable levels.

The AGS 2007 guidelines indicate that the regulator, with assistance from the practitioner where required, is the appropriate authority to set the standards for risk relating to perceived safety in relation to other risks and government policy. The importance of the implementation of levels of the tolerable risk should not be understated due to the wide ranging implications, both in terms of the relative risks or safety to the community and the potential economic impact to the community. The AGS provide recommendations in relation to tolerable risk for loss of life as shown below in Table 4.3.

TABLE 4.3 – AGS Recommendations – Risk to Life

| Situation  | Suggested Tolerable Loss of Life Risk for Person Most at Risk |
|--|---|
| Existing Slope <sup>(1)</sup> / Existing Development <sup>(2)</sup>                        | 10 <sup>-4</sup> /annum                                       |
| New Constructed Slope <sup>(3)</sup> / New Development <sup>(4)</sup> / Existing Landslide | 10 <sup>-5</sup> /annum                                       |

Notes:

1. “Existing Slopes” in this context are slopes that are not part of a recognisable landslide and have demonstrated non-failure performance over at least several seasons or events of extended adverse weather, usually being a period of at least 10 to 20 years.
2. “Existing Development” includes existing structures, and slopes that have been modified by cut and fill, that are not located on or part of a recognisable landslide and have demonstrated non-failure performance over at least several seasons or events of extended adverse weather, usually being a period of at least 10 to 20 years.
3. “New Constructed Slope” includes any change to existing slopes by cut or fill or changes to existing slopes by new stabilisation works (including replacement of existing retaining walls or replacement of existing stabilisation measures, such as rock bolts or catch fences).
4. “New Development” includes any new structure or change to an existing slope or structure. Where changes to an existing structure or slope result in any cut or fill of less than 1.0m vertical height from the toe to the crest and this change does not increase the risk, then the Existing Slope/Existing Structure criterion may be adopted. Where changes to an existing structure do not increase the building footprint or do not result in an overall change in footing loads, then the Existing Development criterion may be adopted.
5. “Existing Landslides” have been considered likely to require remedial works and hence would become a New Constructed Slope and require the lower risk. Even where remedial works are not required per se, it would be reasonable expectation of the public for a known landslide to be assessed to the lower risk category as a matter of “public safety”.

Given the limited depth of proposed cut the proposed development at 1973 Pittwater Road must be considered an Existing Development. The AGS risk threshold provided in Table 4.3 for existing developments suggests the ‘Tolerable Loss of Life for the person most at risk’ is 10<sup>-4</sup> per annum.

The risk assessment has been based on observations made during the site visit by an experienced engineering geologist, and by reviewing available geotechnical data and the future geotechnical requirements for development as outlined elsewhere in this report. Departures from the recommendations in this report may change the quantification of the hazard risk. A risk assessment has been carried out for the identified geotechnical hazards and is presented in Section 4.4 of this report.

The annual probability of a failure occurring has been calculated based on engineering judgement and observations made during the site visit. The probability of spatial impact is calculated by dividing the size of the estimated landslide by the size of the site, 8,100m<sup>2</sup>.

The temporal spatial probability has been calculated based on the assumption that someone will be present at the school for 10 hours a day. This is then divided by the number of hours in a day. The vulnerability of an individual is based on values from Australian Geomechanics Vol. 42. If visitor numbers to the site were to increase, then this would change the risk to loss of life. This could affect whether the risk is considered tolerable or otherwise.

Any changes to the site will affect the risk assessment outcome, making it necessary to carry out the risk assessment again.

From our quantitative risk to life assessment we have estimated the annual probability of risk to life to be in the range of  $2.0 \times 10^{-7}$  to  $6.1 \times 10^{-7}$ . These values are considered acceptable using the AGS risk acceptance criteria.

## 5. GEOTECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

### 5.1 Site Classification to AS2870

The classification provided below has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in the “Residential Slabs and Footings” Code, AS2870 – 2011.

Due to the fill materials encountered in BH1 and BH3, and the deep soft soils encountered in BH3, the site is classified a **Problem Site (P)**. For structures in the vicinity of BH1 the site may be reclassified **Moderately Reactive (M)** provided the footings bear in the underlying stiff natural soils.

Foundation design and construction consistent with this classification shall be adopted as specified in the above referenced standard and in accordance with the following design details.

### 5.2 Foundation Design

Pad and or strip footings founded in stiff natural clays may be used to support structures in the vicinity of BH1, provided the minimum depth of founding complies with the requirements of AS2870. The existing fill materials and deeper soft clays encountered in BH3 should however not be relied upon for foundation support. Due to the depth of soft clays encountered in BH3 it will be necessary to transfer the loads to the underlying sandstone bedrock using piled foundations. Piled foundations may also be used in BH1 to achieve higher bearing pressures.

Foundation design parameters for the various material types are provided below in Table 5.1:

TABLE 5.1 – Foundation Design Parameters

| Material                  | Maximum Allowable Values (kPa) |  |  | Ultimate Strength Limit State Values (kPa) |  |  | Typical $E_{field}$ MPa | Modulus of subgrade reaction $k_s$ (kPa/m) <sup>^</sup> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|-------------------------|---|
|                           | End Bearing Pressure           | Shaft Friction in compression <sup>#</sup> | Shaft Friction in tension <sup>*</sup> | End Bearing Pressure                       | Shaft Friction in compression <sup>#</sup> | Shaft Friction in tension <sup>*</sup> |                         |   |
| Soft Clays and Fill       | -                              | -  | -                                      | -  | -  | -                                      | -                       | -   |
| Stiff Natural             | 150                            | -  | -                                      | -  | -  | -                                      | 15                      | $1.8 \times 10^4$                                       |
| Very Stiff Natural Clay   | 300                            | 20   | 10                                     | 900  | 50   | 25                                     | 30                      | $3.6 \times 10^4$                                       |
| Class 5 Sandstone Bedrock | 700                            | 70   | 35                                     | 3000                                       | 100  | 50                                     | 80                      | $8.4 \times 10^4$                                       |
| Class 4 Sandstone Bedrock | 1500                           | 150  | 75                                     | 4500                                       | 150  | 75                                     | 150                     | $1.8 \times 10^5$                                       |

\* Uplift capacity of piles in tension loading should also be checked for inverted cone pull out mechanism.

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^The modulus of subgrade ( $k_s$ ) for a footing acting in the vertical direction is a function of various factors including depth and footing size. The following generalized relationship can be derived by making a few assumptions:  $k_s = 120 \times q_a \text{ kPa/m}$  (where  $q_a$  = allowable bearing pressure)

In accordance with AS2159-2009 “Piling–Design and Installation”, for limit state design, the ultimate geotechnical pile capacity shall be multiplied by a geotechnical reduction factor ( $\Phi_g$ ). This factor is derived from an Average Risk Rating (ARR) which considers geotechnical uncertainties, redundancy of the foundation system, construction supervision, and the quantity and type of pile testing (if any). Where testing is undertaken, or more comprehensive ground investigation is carried out, it may be possible to adopt a larger  $\Phi_g$  value that results in a more economical pile design. Further geotechnical advice will be required in consultation with the pile designer and piling contractor, to develop an appropriate  $\Phi_g$  value.

Settlements for piled foundations socketed into very stiff clays or sandstone bedrock are anticipated to be about 1% of the pile diameter, based on serviceability parameters as per Table 4.1. Settlements for pad footings in stiff natural soils are anticipated to be up to about 15mm where loading does not exceed the maximum allowable values.

All shallow footings should be poured with minimal delay (i.e. preferably on the same day of excavation) or the base of the footing should be protected by a concrete blinding layer after cleaning of loose spoil and inspection.

The ground conditions in the vicinity of BH1 are considered suitable for the use of conventional bored cast in-situ piles. Based on the observations made during auger drilling, the sidewalls of bored piles in this area are expected to remain stable during drilling. However, pile excavations should not be left open overnight. The possibility of some minor seepage needs to be considered when drilling bored piles and pouring concrete.

Bored piles drilled in the vicinity of BH3 are expected to encounter soft clays in combination with groundwater. The sidewalls of open hole cast in-situ piles in this area will therefore likely collapse on extraction of the auger, and the inflow of groundwater will likely prevent the base of the pile being cleaned prior to pouring concrete. We therefore recommend the use of continuous flight auger (CFA) injected piles for structures in the vicinity of BH3. Steel screw piles are not recommended for the site due to the limited weathering profile of the underlying bedrock which may result in the pile tip becoming hung up on the rock developing high point load stresses, which can cause the pile to fail.

Penetration of the underlying sandstone bedrock will require the use of large excavators fitted with rock drilling augers or medium to large sized purpose built piling rigs.

Bored pile footings should be drilled, cleaned, inspected and poured with minimal delay, on the same day. Water should be prevented from ponding in the base of footings as this will tend to soften the foundation material, resulting in further excavation and cleaning being required.

The initial stages of footing excavation/drilling, particularly if bored piles are adopted, should be inspected by a geotechnical engineer/engineering geologist to ascertain that the recommended foundation material has been reached and to check initial assumptions about foundation conditions and possible variations that may occur between borehole locations. The need for further inspections can be assessed following the initial visit.

## 6. FURTHER GEOTECHNICAL INPUT

The following summarises the scope of further geotechnical work recommended within this report. For specific details reference should be made to the relevant sections of this report.

- Inspection of footing excavations or pile bores to ascertain that the recommended foundation has been reached and to check initial assumptions regarding foundation conditions and possible variations that may occur.
- We also recommend that Green Geotechnics view the proposed earthworks and structural drawings in order to confirm they are within the guidelines of this report.

Nevertheless, it will be essential during excavation and construction works that progressive geotechnical inspections be commissioned to check initial assumptions about excavation and foundation conditions and possible variations that may occur between inspected and tested locations and to provide further relevant geotechnical advice.

## 7. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Any development on the site should follow good hillside building practices (refer to Attachment 4 for some examples).

Based on the observations made during the site walkover and the risk assessment undertaken, it has been determined that the site has a low risk of slope instability. The site is suitable for the proposed development provided good hillside building practices are followed. There are no geotechnical constraints for the proposed development of the site; however, Section 5 of this report provides advice and recommendations that should be taken into consideration and applied to any future development.

The recommendations presented in this report include specific issues to be addressed during the construction phase of the project. In the event that any of the construction phase recommendations presented in this report are not implemented, the general recommendations may become inapplicable and Green Geotechnics accept no responsibility whatsoever for the performance of the structure where recommendations are not implemented in full and properly tested, inspected and documented.

Occasionally, the subsurface conditions may be found to be different (or may be interpreted to be different) from those expected. Variation can also occur with groundwater conditions, especially after climatic changes. If such differences appear to exist, we recommend that you immediately contact this office.

This report provides advice on geotechnical aspects for the proposed civil and structural design. As part of the documentation stage of this project, Contract Documents and Specifications may be prepared based on our report. However, there may be design features we are not aware of or have not commented on for a variety of reasons. The designers should satisfy themselves that all the necessary advice has been obtained. If required, we could be commissioned to review the geotechnical aspects of contract documents to confirm the intent of our recommendations has been correctly implemented.

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# REPORT INFORMATION

## **Introduction**

These notes have been provided to amplify Green Geotechnics report in regard to classification methods, field procedures and the comments section. Not all are necessarily relevant to all reports.

Green Geotechnics reports are based on information gained from limited subsurface excavations and sampling, supplemented by knowledge of local geology and experience. For this reason, they must be regarded as interpretive rather than factual documents, limited to some extent by the scope of information on which they rely.

## **Borehole and Test Pit Logs**

The borehole and test pit logs presented in this report are an engineering and/or geological interpretation of the subsurface conditions, and their reliability will depend to some extent on frequency of sampling and the method of drilling or excavation.

Interpretation of the information and its application to design and construction should therefore take into account the spacing of boreholes or pits, the frequency of sampling, and the possibility of other than 'straight line' variations between the test locations.

## **Groundwater**

Where groundwater levels are measured in boreholes there are several limitations, namely:

- In low permeability soils groundwater may enter the hole very slowly or perhaps not at all during the time the hole is left open;
- A localised, perched water table may lead to an erroneous indication of the true water table;
- Water table levels will vary from time to time with seasons or recent weather changes. They may not be the same at the time of construction as are indicated in the report; and
- The use of water or mud as a drilling fluid will mask any groundwater inflow. The borehole must be flushed, and any water must be extracted from the hole if further water measurements are to be made.

More reliable measurements can be made by installing standpipes which are read at intervals over several days, or perhaps weeks for low permeability soils. Piezometers, sealed in a particular stratum, may be advisable in low permeability soils or where there may be interference from a perched water table.

## **Reports**

The report has been prepared by qualified personnel, is based on the information obtained from field and laboratory testing, and has been undertaken to current engineering standards of interpretation and analysis. Where the report has been prepared for a specific design proposal, the information and interpretation may not be relevant if the design proposal is changed. If this happens, GG will be pleased to review the report and the sufficiency of the investigation work.

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- Changes in policy or interpretations of policy by statutory authorities; or
- The actions of contractors responding to commercial pressures.

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## FIGURES



Subject Site



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**SITE LOCATION PLAN**

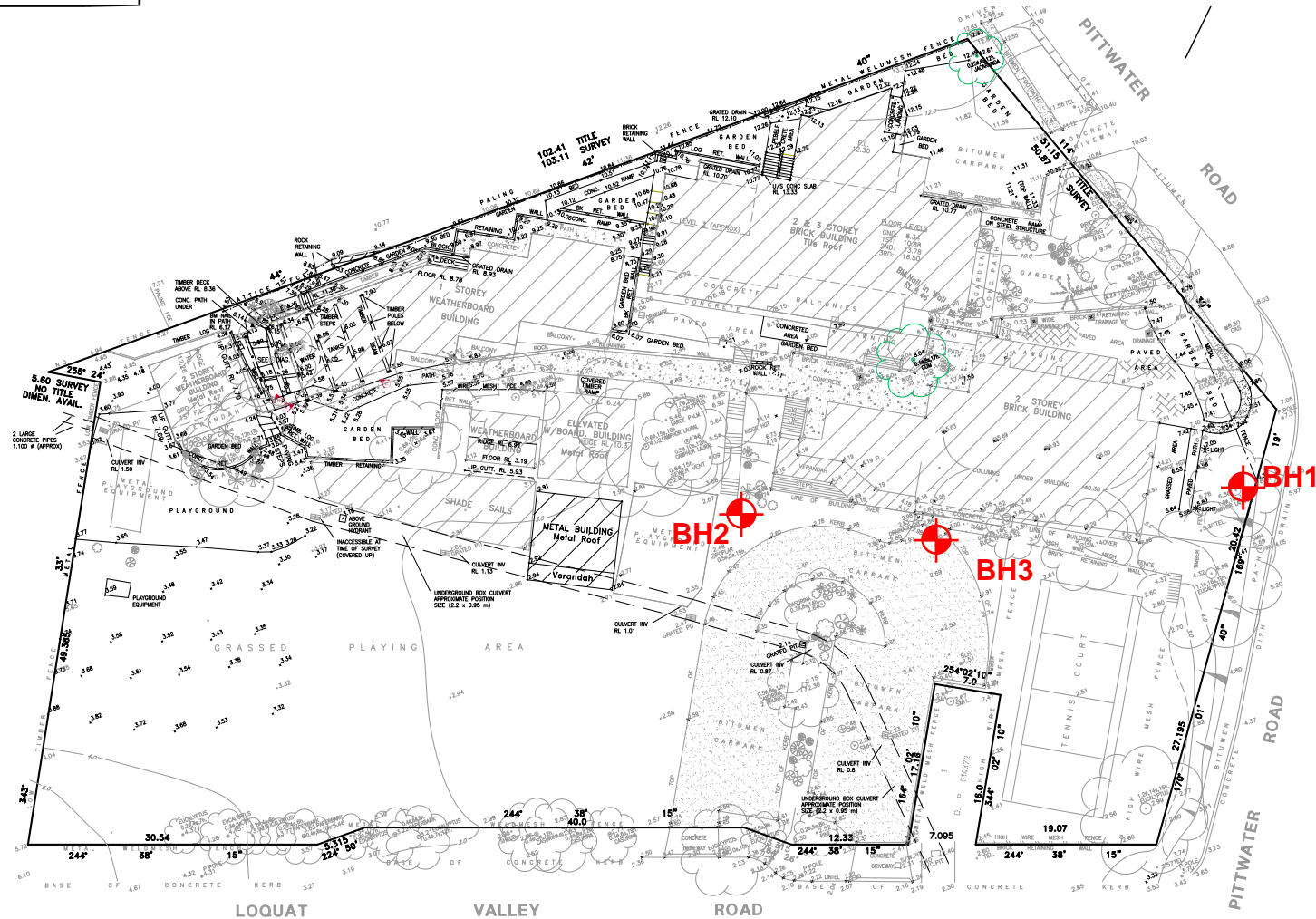
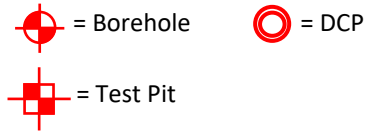
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View looking at BH1



View looking at BH2



View looking at BH3



Proposed Deck AreaView looking at BH2



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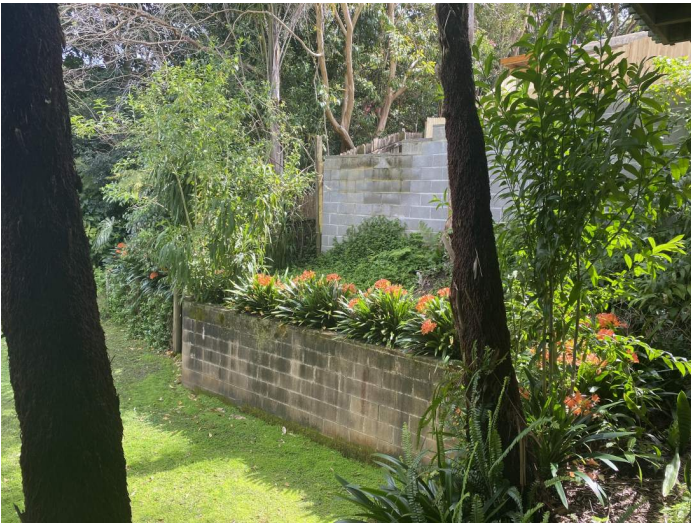
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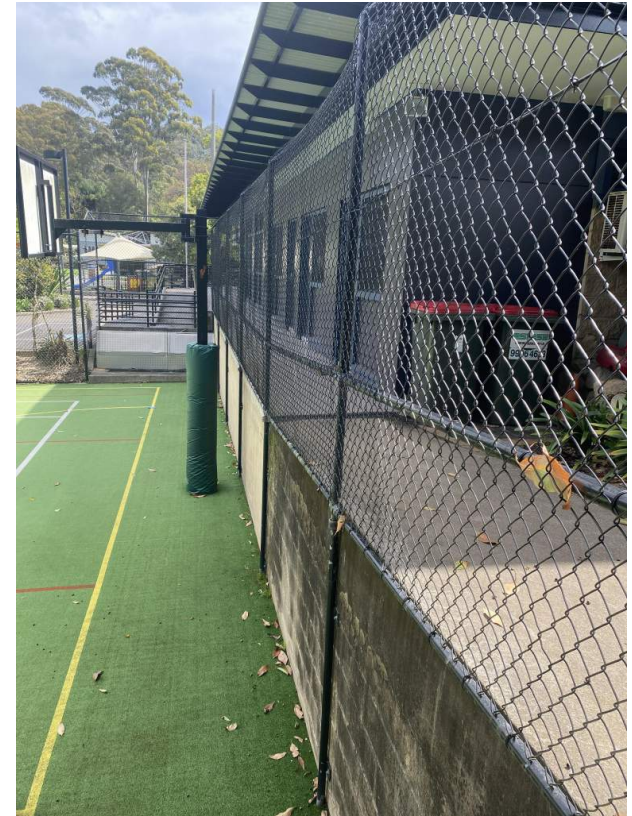
Upper Car Park Area



Terraced wall in north west corner



Retaining walls on north western boundary



Retaining Wall in Tennis Court



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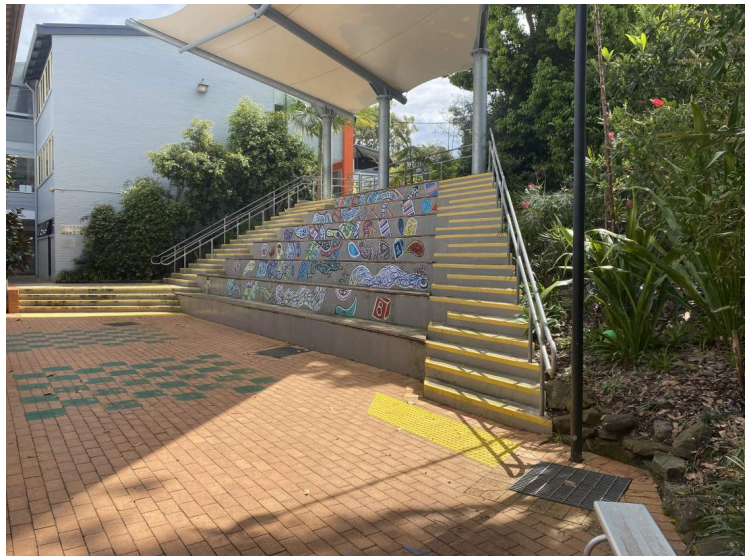




Steepened Slopes Around Existing Buildings



Moderate to steep slope below suspended building



Recently Constructed Amphitheatre



Internal Low Height Walls

## APPENDIX A – BOREHOLE LOGS



# GEOTECHNICAL LOG - NON CORED BOREHOLE



Project No: GG10708

Surface RL: 6.3m AHD

Date Logged : 09/08/2022

Address: 1973 Pittwater Road, Bayview

Logged By: JK

Client: The Anglican Schools Corporation PTY LTD

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**BOREHOLE NO.:** BH 1

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| W<br>A<br>T<br>E<br>R<br><br>T<br>A<br>B<br>L<br>E | S<br>A<br>M<br>P<br>L<br>E<br>S | DEPTH<br>(M) | DESCRIPTION<br><br>(Soil type, colour, grain size, plasticity, minor components, observations)                      | U<br>S<br>C<br><br>S<br>Y<br>M<br>B<br>O<br>L | CONSISTENCY<br>(cohesive soils)<br>or<br>RELATIVE<br>DENSITY<br>(sands and<br>gravels) | M<br>O<br>I<br>S<br>T<br>U<br>R<br>E |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------|---|---|--|--------------------------------------|
|  |                                 |              | FILL: Silty CLAY: Dark brown with orange brown, medium plasticity, trace of fine graine sand, trace of gravel.      | CI  | APPEARS<br>POORLY TO<br>MODERATELY<br>COMPACTED  | M                                    |
|  |                                 | 1.0          | Silty CLAY: Orange brown with light grey, medium plasticity, trace of fine grained sand, trace of sandstone gravel. | CI  | STIFF  | M                                    |
|  |                                 | 2.0          | Silty CLAY: Light grey with orange brown, medium plasticity.  | CI  | VERY STIFF   | M                                    |
|  |                                 |              | SANDSTONE: Orange brown with light grey, fine to medium grained, clay seams. Estimate very low strength (CLASS 5)   |   |  | M-D<br>D                             |
|  |                                 |              | AUGER REFUSAL AT 2.3m ON WEATHERED SANDSTONE (CLASS 4).   |   |  |                                      |
|  |                                 | 3.0          |   |   |  |                                      |
|  |                                 | 4.0          |   |   |  |                                      |
|  |                                 | 5.0          |   |   |  |                                      |

D - Disturbed sample

U - Undisturbed tube sample

B - Bulk sample

S - Chemical Sample

SPT - Standard Penetration Test

WT - Standing Water Table

SP - Water Seepage Level

Contractor: Green Geotechnics

Equipment: CHRISTIE

Hole Diameter (mm): 105mm

Angle from Vertical (°): 0°

Drill Bit: Spiral TC

NOTES:

See explanation sheets for meaning of all descriptive terms and symbols

# GEOTECHNICAL LOG - NON CORED BOREHOLE



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**BOREHOLE NO.: BH 2**  
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| W<br>A<br>T<br>E<br>R<br><br>T<br>A<br>B<br>L<br>E | S<br>A<br>M<br>P<br>L<br>E<br>S | DEPTH<br>(M)                    | DESCRIPTION<br><br>(Soil type, colour, grain size, plasticity, minor components, observations) | U<br>S<br>C<br><br>S<br>Y<br>M<br>B<br>O<br>L | CONSISTENCY<br>(cohesive soils)<br>or<br>RELATIVE<br>DENSITY<br>(sands and<br>gravels) | M<br>O<br>I<br>S<br>T<br>U<br>R<br>E |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|
|  |                                 |                                 | FILL: Silty CLAY: Dark brown with orange brown, medium to high plasticity, occasional gravel.  | CI-CH   |  | M                                    |
|  |                                 | 1.0<br>2.0<br>3.0<br>4.0<br>5.0 | AUGER REFUSAL AT 0.51m ON CONCRETE/FILL.   |   |  |                                      |

|  |  |                 |   |
|--|--|-----------------|---|
| D - Disturbed sample<br>S - Chemical Sample<br>WT - Standing Water Table       | U - Undisturbed tube sample<br>SPT - Standard Penetration Test<br>SP - Water Seepage Level | B - Bulk sample | Contractor: Green Geotechnics<br>Equipment: CHRISTIE<br>Hole Diameter (mm): 105mm |
| NOTES: See explanation sheets for meaning of all descriptive terms and symbols |  |                 | Angle from Vertical (°): 0°<br>Drill Bit: Spiral TC                               |


# GEOTECHNICAL LOG - NON CORED BOREHOLE



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**BOREHOLE NO.: BH 3**

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| W<br>A<br>T<br>E<br>R<br><br>T<br>A<br>B<br>L<br>E  | S<br>A<br>M<br>P<br>L<br>E<br>S | DEPTH<br>(M) | DESCRIPTION<br><br>(Soil type, colour, grain size, plasticity, minor components, observations)                             | U<br>S<br>C<br><br>S<br>Y<br>M<br>B<br>O<br>L | CONSISTENCY<br>(cohesive soils)<br>or<br>RELATIVE<br>DENSITY<br>(sands and<br>gravels) | M<br>O<br>I<br>S<br>T<br>U<br>R<br>E |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| <br>After Drilling |                                 |              | Asphalt: 50mm thick  |   |  |                                      |
|   |                                 |              | FILL: Sandy GRAVEL: Dark grey with light grey, fine to medium grained, dark grey gravel.                                   | GW  |  | D-M                                  |
|   |                                 |              | FILL: Gravelly Sandy CLAY: Dark grey with light grey, low plasticity, some gravel.   | CL  | APPEARS<br>POORLY<br>COMPACTED   | M                                    |
|   |                                 | 1.0          |  |   |  |                                      |
|   |                                 |              | Silty CLAY: Dark grey with dark brown, low plasticity, trace of fine grained sand, trace of organic matter (A.S.S. Odour). | CL  | SOFT   | M-W                                  |
|   |                                 | 2.0          |  |   |  |                                      |
|   |                                 |              | Silty Sandy CLAY: Light grey, low plasticity, fine to medium grained (A.S.S. Odour)  | CL  | SOFT   | W                                    |
|   |                                 | 3.0          |  |   |  |                                      |
|   |                                 |              | SANDSTONE: Red brown, fine to medium grained. Estimate very low strength (Class 5)   |   |  | M-D                                  |
|   |                                 |              |  |   |  | D                                    |
|   |                                 | 4.0          |  |   |  |                                      |
|   |                                 | 5.0          |  |   |  |                                      |
|   |                                 |              | AUGER REFUSAL AT 3.3m ON WEATHERED SANDSTONE (CLASS 4)   |   |  |                                      |

D - Disturbed sample      U - Undisturbed tube sample      B - Bulk sample  
 S - Chemical Sample      SPT - Standard Penetration Test  
 WT - Standing Water Table      SP - Water Seepage Level

Contractor: Green Geotechnics  
 Equipment: CHRISTIE  
 Hole Diameter (mm): 105mm

NOTES: See explanation sheets for meaning of all descriptive terms and symbols

Angle from Vertical (°): 0°  
 Drill Bit: Spiral TC

# Dynamic Cone Penetrometer Test Report



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Project Number: GG10708

Site Address: 1973 Pittwater Road, Bayview

Test Date: 09/08/2022

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Test Method: **AS 1289.6.3.2**

Technician: JK

| Test No        | BH1                                    | BH2           | BH3           |                | BH1                                    | BH2 | BH3     |
|----------------|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|-----|---------|
| Starting Level | Surface Level                          | Surface Level | Surface Level | Starting Level | n/a                                    | n/a | 3.00m   |
| Depth (m)      | Penetration Resistance (blows / 150mm) |               |               | Depth (m)      | Penetration Resistance (blows / 150mm) |     |         |
| 0.00 - 0.15    | 1                                      | 1             | *             | 3.00 - 3.15    |  |     | 3       |
| 0.15 - 0.30    | 2                                      | 2             | *             | 3.15 - 3.30    |  |     | 22      |
| 0.30 - 0.45    | 3                                      | 2             | *             | 3.30 - 3.45    |  |     | Refusal |
| 0.45 - 0.60    | 3                                      | 22            | 1             | 3.45 - 3.60    |  |     |         |
| 0.60 - 0.75    | 5                                      | Refusal       | 2             | 3.60 - 3.75    |  |     |         |
| 0.75 - 0.90    | 4                                      |               | 1             | 3.75 - 3.90    |  |     |         |
| 0.90 - 1.05    | 6                                      |               | 1             | 3.90 - 4.05    |  |     |         |
| 1.05 - 1.20    | 5                                      |               | 1             | 4.05 - 4.20    |  |     |         |
| 1.20 - 1.35    | 4                                      |               | 1             | 4.20 - 4.35    |  |     |         |
| 1.35 - 1.50    | 6                                      |               | 2             | 4.35 - 4.50    |  |     |         |
| 1.50 - 1.65    | 6                                      |               | 2             | 4.50 - 4.65    |  |     |         |
| 1.65 - 1.80    | 9                                      |               | 2             | 4.65 - 4.80    |  |     |         |
| 1.80 - 1.95    | 11                                     |               | 1             | 4.80 - 4.95    |  |     |         |
| 1.95 - 2.10    | 22                                     |               | 2             | 4.95 - 5.10    |  |     |         |
| 2.10 - 2.25    | Refusal                                |               | 3             | 5.10 - 5.25    |  |     |         |
| 2.25 - 2.40    |  |               | 3             | 5.25 - 5.40    |  |     |         |
| 2.40 - 2.55    |  |               | 3             | 5.40 - 5.55    |  |     |         |
| 2.55 - 2.70    |  |               | 2             | 5.55 - 5.70    |  |     |         |
| 2.70 - 2.85    |  |               | 1             | 5.70 - 5.85    |  |     |         |
| 2.85 - 3.00    |  |               | 2             | 5.85 - 6.00    |  |     |         |

Remarks: \* Pre drilled prior to testing

# SAMPLING & IN-SITU TESTING

## **Sampling**

Sampling is carried out during drilling or test pitting to allow engineering examination (and laboratory testing where required) of the soil or rock. Disturbed samples taken during drilling provide information on colour, type, inclusions and, depending upon the degree of disturbance, some information on strength and structure. Undisturbed samples are taken by pushing a thin walled sample tube into the soil and withdrawing it to obtain a sample of the soil in a relatively undisturbed state. Such samples yield information on structure and strength and are necessary for laboratory determination of shear strength and compressibility.

## **Test Pits**

Test pits are usually excavated with a backhoe or an excavator, allowing close examination of the in-situ soil if it is safe to enter into the pit. The depth of excavation is limited to about 3 m for a backhoe and up to 6 m for a large excavator.

## **Large Diameter Augers**

Boreholes can be drilled using a large diameter auger, typically up to 300 mm or larger in diameter mounted on a standard drilling rig. The cuttings are returned to the surface at intervals (generally not more than 0.5 m) and are disturbed but usually unchanged in moisture content.

## **Continuous Spiral Flight Augers**

The borehole is advanced using 90-115 mm diameter continuous spiral flight augers which are withdrawn at intervals to allow sampling or in-situ testing. This is a relatively economical means of drilling in clays and sands above the water table. Samples are returned to the surface, or may be collected after withdrawal of the auger flights, but they are disturbed and may be mixed with soils from the sides of the hole.

## **Non-core Rotary Drilling**

The borehole is advanced using a rotary bit, with water or drilling mud being pumped down the drill rods and returned up the annulus, carrying the drill cuttings. Only major changes in stratification can be determined from the cuttings, together with some information from the rate of penetration.

## **Diamond Core Rock Drilling**

A continuous core sample of can be obtained using a diamond tipped core barrel, usually with a 50 mm internal diameter (NMLC). The borehole is advanced using a water or mud flush to lubricate the bit and removed cuttings.

## **Standard Penetration Tests**

Standard penetration tests (SPT) are used as a means of estimating the density or strength of soils and of obtaining a relatively undisturbed sample. The test procedure is described in Australian Standard 1289, Methods of Testing Soils for Engineering Purposes - Test 6.3.1. The test is carried out in a borehole by driving a 50 mm diameter split sample tube under the impact of a 63 kg hammer with a free fall of 760 mm. It is normal for the tube to be driven in three successive 150 mm increments and the 'N' value is taken as the number of blows for the last 300 mm. In dense sands, very hard clays or weak rock, the full 450 mm penetration may not be practicable, and the test is discontinued.

The test results are reported in the following form.

- In the case where full penetration is obtained with successive blow counts for each 150 mm of, say, 4, 6 and 7 as:  
$$4, 6, 7$$
$$N=13$$
- In the case where the test is discontinued before the full penetration depth, say after 15 blows for the first 150 mm and 30 blows for the next 40 mm as: 15, 30/40 mm.

The results of the SPT tests can be related empirically to the engineering properties of the soils.

## **Dynamic Cone Penetrometer Tests / Perth Sand Penetrometer Tests**

Dynamic penetrometer tests (DCP or PSP) are carried out by driving a steel rod into the ground using a standard weight of hammer falling a specified distance. As the rod penetrates the soil the number of blows required to penetrate each successive 150 mm depth are recorded. Two types of penetrometer are commonly used.

- Perth sand penetrometer - a 16 mm diameter flat ended rod is driven using a 9 kg hammer dropping 600 mm (AS 1289, Test 6.3.3). This test was developed for testing the density of sands and is mainly used in granular soils and filling.
- Cone penetrometer - a 16 mm diameter rod with a 20 mm diameter cone end is driven using a 9 kg hammer dropping 510 mm (AS 1289, Test 6.3.2). This test was developed initially for pavement subgrade investigations, and correlations of the test results with California Bearing Ratio have been published by various road authorities.

# SOIL DESCRIPTIONS

## Description and Classification Methods

The methods of description and classification of soils and rocks used in this report are based on Australian Standard AS 1726, Geotechnical Site Investigations Code. In general, the descriptions include strength or density, colour, structure, soil or rock type and inclusions.

## Soil Types

Soil types are described according to the predominant particle size, qualified by the grading of other particles present:

| Type               | Particle Size (mm) |
|--------------------|--------------------|
| Boulder >200       | Boulder >200       |
| Cobble 63 - 200    | Cobble 63 - 200    |
| Gravel 2.36 - 63   | Gravel 2.36 - 63   |
| Sand 0.075 - 2.36  | Sand 0.075 - 2.36  |
| Silt 0.002 - 0.075 | Silt 0.002 - 0.075 |
| Clay <0.002        | Clay <0.002        |

The sand and gravel sizes can be further subdivided as follows:

| Type          | Particle Size (mm) |
|---------------|--------------------|
| Coarse Gravel | 20 – 63            |
| Medium Gravel | 6 – 20             |
| Fine Sand     | 2.36 – 6           |
| Coarse Sand   | 0.6 – 2.36         |
| Medium Sand   | 0.2 – 0.6          |
| Fine Sand     | 0.075 – 0.2        |

The proportions of secondary constituents of soils are described as:

| Term            | Proportion |
|-----------------|------------|
| And             | Specify    |
| Adjective       | 20 - 35%   |
| Slightly        | 12 - 20%   |
| With some       | 5 - 12%    |
| With a trace of | 0 - 5%     |

Definitions of grading terms used are:

- Well graded - a good representation of all particle sizes
- Poorly graded - an excess or deficiency of particular sizes within the specified range
- Uniformly graded - an excess of a particular particle size
- Gap graded - a deficiency of a particular particle size with the range

## Cohesive Soils

Cohesive soils, such as clays, are classified on the basis of undrained shear strength. The strength may be measured by laboratory testing, or estimated by field tests or engineering examination. The strength terms are defined as follows:

| Description | Abbreviation | Undrained Shear Strength (kPa) |
|-------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| Very soft   | VS           | <12                            |
| Soft        | S            | 12 - 25                        |
| Firm        | F            | 25 - 50                        |
| Stiff       | ST           | 50 - 100                       |
| Very stiff  | VST          | 100 - 200                      |
| Hard        | H            | 200                            |

## Cohesionless Soils

Cohesionless soils, such as clean sands, are classified on the basis of relative density, generally from the results of standard penetration tests (SPT), cone penetration tests (CPT) or dynamic penetrometers (DCP). The relative density terms are given below:

| Relative Density | Abbreviation | SPT N Value | CPT qc value (MPa) |
|------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Very loose       | VL           | <4          | <2                 |
| Loose            | L            | 4 - 10      | 2 - 5              |
| Medium Dense     | MD           | 10-30       | 5-15               |
| Dense            | D            | 30-50       | 15-25              |
| Very Dense       | VD           | >50         | >25                |

## Soil Origin

It is often difficult to accurately determine the origin of a soil. Soils can generally be classified as:

- Residual soil - derived from in-situ weathering of the underlying rock;
- Transported soils - formed somewhere else and transported by nature to the site; or
- Filling - moved by man.

Transported soils may be further subdivided into:

- Alluvium - river deposits
- Lacustrine - lake deposits
- Aeolian - wind deposits
- Littoral - beach deposits
- Estuarine - tidal river deposits
- Talus - scree or coarse colluvium
- Slopewash or Colluvium - transported downslope by gravity assisted by water. Often includes angular rock fragments and boulders.

# ROCK DESCRIPTIONS

## Rock Strength

The Rock strength is defined by the Point Load Strength Index ( $IS_{(50)}$ ) and refers to the strength of the rock substance and not the strength of the overall rock mass, which may be considerably weaker due to defects. The test procedure is described by Australian Standard 4133.4.1 - 1993. The terms used to describe rock strength are as follows:

| Term          | Abbreviation | Point Load Index $IS_{(50)}$ MPa | Approximate Unconfined Compressive Strength MPa* |
|---------------|--------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Extremely low | EL           | <0.03                            | <0.6   |
| Very low      | VL           | 0.03 - 0.1                       | 0.6 - 2  |
| Low           | L            | 0.1 - 0.3                        | 2 - 6  |
| Medium        | M            | 0.3 - 1.0                        | 6 - 20   |
| High          | H            | 1 - 3                            | 20 - 60  |
| Very high     | VH           | 3 - 10                           | 60 - 200   |

\* Assumes a ratio of 20:1 for UCS to  $IS_{(50)}$

## Degree of Weathering

The degree of weathering of rock is classified as follows:

| Term                 | Abbreviation | Description   |
|----------------------|--------------|---|
| Extremely weathered  | EW           | Rock substance has soil properties, i.e. it can be remoulded and classified as a soil but the texture of the original rock is still evident.  |
| Highly weathered     | HW           | Limonite staining or bleaching affects whole of rock substance and other signs of decomposition are evident. Porosity and strength may be altered as a result of iron leaching or deposition. Colour and strength of original fresh rock is not recognisable. |
| Moderately weathered | MW           | Staining and discolouration of rock substance has taken Place.  |
| Slightly weathered   | SW           | Rock substance is slightly discoloured but shows little or no change of strength from fresh rock.   |
| Fresh stained        | FS           | Rock substance unaffected by weathering but staining visible along defects.   |
| Fresh                | FR           | No signs of decomposition or staining.  |

## Degree of Fracturing

The following classification applies to the spacing of natural fractures in core samples (bedding plane partings, joints and other defects, excluding drilling breaks

| Term               | Description  |
|--------------------|--|
| Fragmented         | Fragments of <20 mm  |
| Highly Fractured   | Core lengths of 20-40 mm with some fragments                     |
| Fractured Core     | Core lengths of 40-200 mm with some shorter and longer sections  |
| Slightly Fractured | Core lengths of 200-1000 mm with some shorter and loner sections |
| Unbroken           | Unbroken Core lengths mostly > 1000 mm                           |

## Stratification Spacing

For sedimentary rocks the following terms may be used to describe the spacing of bedding partings:

| Term                | Separation of Stratification Planes |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Thinly laminated    | 6 mm                                |
| Laminated           | 6 mm to 20 mm                       |
| Very thinly bedded  | 20 mm to 60 mm                      |
| Thinly bedded       | 60 mm to 0.2 m                      |
| Medium bedded       | 0.2 m to 0.6 m                      |
| Thickly bedded      | 0.6 m to 2 m                        |
| Very thickly bedded | 2 m                                 |

## Rock Quality Designation

The quality of the cored rock can be measured using the Rock Quality Designation (RQD) index, defined as:

$$RQD \% = \frac{\text{cumulative length of 'sound' core sections} \geq 100 \text{ mm long}}{\text{total drilled length of section being assessed}}$$

'sound' rock is assessed to be rock of low strength or better. The RQD applies only to natural fractures. If the core is broken by drilling/handling, then the broken pieces are fitted back together and are not included in the calculation of RQD.

# ABBREVIATIONS

## **Introduction**

These notes summarise abbreviations commonly used on borehole logs and test pit reports.

## **Drilling or Excavation Methods**

|      |                          |
|------|--------------------------|
| C    | Core Drilling            |
| R    | Rotary drilling          |
| SFA  | Spiral flight augers     |
| NMLC | Diamond core - 52 mm dia |
| NQ   | Diamond core - 47 mm dia |
| HQ   | Diamond core - 63 mm dia |
| PQ   | Diamond core - 81 mm dia |

## **Water**

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Z | Water seep  |
| V | Water level |

## **Sampling and Testing**

|     |                                   |
|-----|-----------------------------------|
| A   | Auger sample                      |
| B   | Bulk sample                       |
| D   | Disturbed sample                  |
| S   | Chemical sample                   |
| U50 | Undisturbed tube sample (50mm)    |
| W   | Water sample                      |
| PP  | Pocket Penetrometer (kPa)         |
| PL  | Point load strength $I_s(50)$ MPa |
| S   | Standard Penetration Test         |
| V   | Shear vane (kPa)                  |

## **Description of Defects in Rock**

The abbreviated descriptions of the defects should be in the following order: Depth, Type, Orientation, Coating, Shape, Roughness and Other. Drilling and handling breaks are not usually included on the logs.

## **Defect Type**

|     |                 |
|-----|-----------------|
| B   | Bedding plane   |
| Cs  | Clay seam       |
| Cv  | Cleavage        |
| Cz  | Crushed zone    |
| Ds  | Decomposed seam |
| F   | Fault           |
| J   | Joint           |
| Lam | lamination      |
| Pt  | Parting         |
| Sz  | Sheared Zone    |
| V   | Vein            |

## **Orientation**

The inclination of defects is always measured from the perpendicular to the core axis.

|    |                |
|----|----------------|
| h  | horizontal     |
| v  | vertical       |
| sh | sub-horizontal |
| sv | sub-vertical   |

## **Coating or Infilling Term**

|     |          |
|-----|----------|
| cln | clean    |
| co  | coating  |
| he  | healed   |
| inf | infilled |
| stn | stained  |
| ti  | tight    |
| vn  | veneer   |

## **Coating Descriptor**

|     |              |
|-----|--------------|
| ca  | calcite      |
| cbs | carbonaceous |
| cl  | clay         |
| fe  | iron oxide   |
| mn  | manganese    |
| slt | silty        |

## **Shape**

|    |            |
|----|------------|
| cu | curved     |
| ir | irregular  |
| pl | planar     |
| st | stepped    |
| un | undulating |

## **Roughness**

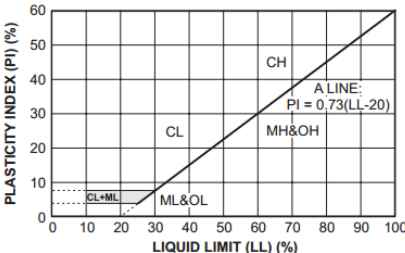
|    |              |
|----|--------------|
| po | polished     |
| ro | rough        |
| sl | slickensided |
| sm | smooth       |
| vr | very rough   |

## **Other**

|     |            |
|-----|------------|
| fg  | fragmented |
| bnd | band       |
| qtz | quartz     |



# UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION TABLE

| Field Identification Procedures<br>(Excluding particles larger than 75um and basing fractions on estimated weights) |   |   |   |   | Group Symbols                              | Typical Names   | Information Required for Describing Soils  | Laboratory Classification Criteria  |   |   |  |   |  |
|---|---|---|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| Coarse-grained soils<br><br>More than half of the material is larger than 75um sieve size <sup>a</sup>              | Gravels<br><br>More than half of the coarse fraction is larger than a 4mm sieve | Clean gravels<br>(little or no fines)               | Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes |   | GW   | Well graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines                       | Give typical name: indicative approximate percentages of sand and gravel; maximum size; angularity; surface condition, and hardness of the coarse grains; local of geologic name and other pertinent descriptive information; and symbols in parentheses<br><br>For undisturbed soils add information on stratification, degree of compactness, cementation, moisture conditions and drainage characteristics<br><br>Example:<br><i>Silty Sand</i> , gravelly; about 20% hard, angular gravel particles 12mm maximum size; rounded and subangular sand grains, coarse to fine, about 15% non-plastic fines low dry strength; well compacted and moist in place; alluvial sand; ( <i>SM</i> ) | Determine percentages of gravel and sand from grain size curve<br>Depending on percentage of fines (fraction smaller than 75um sieve size)<br>Less than 5% GW, GP, SW, SP<br>More than 12% GM, GC, SM, SC<br>5 to 12% Borderline cases requiring use of dual symbol | $C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$ Greater than 4<br>$C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$ Between 1 and 3 |   |  |   |  |
|   |   |   | Predominantly one size or range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing       |   | GP   | Poorly graded gravels, grave-sand mixtures, little or no fines                      |  |   | Not meeting all gradation requirements for GW   |   |  |   |  |
|   |   | Gravels with fines<br>(appreciable amount of fines) | Nonplastic fines (for identification procedures see <i>ML</i> below)                |   | GM   | Silty gravels, poorly graded gravel-sand-silt mixtures                              |  |   | Atterberg limits below "A" line or <i>PI</i> less than 4  | Above "A" line with <i>PI</i> between 4 and 7 are borderline cases of requiring use of dual symbols |  |   |  |
|   |   |   | Plastic fines (for identification procedures see <i>CL</i> below)                   |   | GC   | Clayey gravels, poorly graded gravel-sand-clay mixtures                             |  |   | Atterberg limits above "A" line with <i>PI</i> greater than 7   |   |  |   |  |
|   | Sands<br><br>More than half of the coarse fraction is smaller than a 4mm sieve  | Clean sands<br>(little or no fines)                 | Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes |   | SW   | Well graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines                               |  |   | Use grain size curve in identifying the fractions as given under field identification                           |                 |  |   |  |
|   |   |   | Predominantly one size or range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing       |   | SP   | Poorly graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines                             |  |   |   |   | Greater than 6<br>Between 1 and 3<br>Not meeting all gradation requirements for SW   |   |  |
|   |   | Sands with fines<br>(appreciable amount of fines)   | Nonplastic fines (for identification procedures see <i>ML</i> below)                |   | SM   | Silty sands, poorly graded sand-silt mixtures                                       |  |   |   |   | Atterberg limits below "A" line or <i>PI</i> less than 5   | Above "A" line with <i>PI</i> between 4 and 7 are borderline cases of requiring use of dual symbols |  |
|   |   |   | Plastic fines (for identification procedures see <i>CL</i> below)                   |   | SC   | Clayey sands, poorly graded sand-clay mixtures                                      |  |   |   |   | Atterberg limits above "A" line with <i>PI</i> greater than 7  |   |  |
|   |   |   | Identification Procedures of Fractions Smaller than 380 um Sieve Size               |   |  |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |  |
|   |   |   | Sils and clays liquid limit less than 50  | Dry Strength (crushing characteristics) | Dilatancy (reaction to shaking)            | Toughness (consistency near plastic limit)  |  |   |   |   |  |   |  |
| None to slight  | Quick to slow   | None  |   |   |  |   | ML   | Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands with silt plasticity  |   |   | Give typical name: indicative degree and character of plasticity, amount and maximum size of coarse grains; colour in wet condition, odour if any, local or geologic name, and other pertinent descriptive information, and symbol in parentheses<br><br>For undisturbed soils add information on structure, stratification, consistency in undisturbed and remoulded states, moisture and drainage conditions<br><br>Example:<br><i>Clayey Silt</i> , brown; slightly plastic; small percentage of fine sand; numerous vertical root holes; firm and dry in place; loess; ( <i>ML</i> ) |   |  |
| Medium to high  | None to very slow   | Medium  |   |   |  |   | CL   | Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays   |   |   |  |   |  |
| Slight to medium  | Slow  | Slight  |   |   |  |   | OL   | Organic silts and organic silt-clays of low plasticity  |   |   |  |   |  |
| Sils and clays liquid limit greater than 50   | Slight to medium  | Slow to none  |   | Slight to medium                        | MH   | Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, clastic silts |  |   |   |   |  |   |  |
|   | High to very high   | None  |   | High                                    | CH   | Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays                                       |  |   |   |   |  |   |  |
|   | Medium to high  | None to very slow                                   | Slight to medium  | OH                                      | Organic clays of medium to high plasticity |   |  |   |   |   |  |   |  |
| Highly Organic Soils  |   |   | Readily identified by colour, odour, spongy feel and frequently by fibrous texture  |   | Pt   | Peat and other highly organic soils   | Plasticity Chart<br>For laboratory classification of fine-grained soils  |   |   |   |  |   |  |

- Note:
- 1 Soils possessing characteristics of two groups are designated by combinations of group symbols (eg. GW-GC, well graded gravel-sand mixture with clay fines)
  - 2 Soils with liquid limits of the order of 35 to 50 may be visually classified as being of medium plasticity

## APPENDIX B – AGS GUIDELINES

**PRACTICE NOTE GUIDELINES FOR LANDSLIDE RISK MANAGEMENT 2007**  
**ATTACHMENT 1: LANDSLIDE RISK ASSESSMENT**  
**QUALITATIVE TERMINOLOGY FOR USE IN ASSESSING RISK TO PROPERTY**

***QUALITATIVE MEASURES OF LIKELIHOOD***

| Approximate Annual Probability |                    | Implied Indicative Landslide Recurrence Interval |               | Description   | Descriptor      | Level |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|---------------|---|-----------------|-------|
| Indicative Value               | Notional Boundary  |  |               |   |                 |       |
| $10^{-1}$                      | $5 \times 10^{-2}$ | 10 years   | 20 years      | The event is expected to occur over the design life.                                    | ALMOST CERTAIN  | A     |
| $10^{-2}$                      |                    | 100 years  |               | The event will probably occur under adverse conditions over the design life.            | LIKELY          | B     |
| $10^{-3}$                      | $5 \times 10^{-3}$ | 1000 years                                       | 200 years     | The event could occur under adverse conditions over the design life.                    | POSSIBLE        | C     |
| $10^{-4}$                      | $5 \times 10^{-4}$ | 10,000 years                                     | 2000 years    | The event might occur under very adverse circumstances over the design life.            | UNLIKELY        | D     |
| $10^{-5}$                      | $5 \times 10^{-5}$ | 100,000 years                                    | 20,000 years  | The event is conceivable but only under exceptional circumstances over the design life. | RARE            | E     |
| $10^{-6}$                      | $5 \times 10^{-6}$ | 1,000,000 years                                  | 200,000 years | The event is inconceivable or fanciful over the design life.                            | BARELY CREDIBLE | F     |

**Note:** (1) The table should be used from left to right; use Approximate Annual Probability or Description to assign Descriptor, not *vice versa*.

***QUALITATIVE MEASURES OF CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY***

| Approximate Cost of Damage |                   | Description   | Descriptor    | Level |
|----------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------|-------|
| Indicative Value           | Notional Boundary |   |               |       |
| 200%                       | 100%              | Structure(s) completely destroyed and/or large scale damage requiring major engineering works for stabilisation. Could cause at least one adjacent property major consequence damage.           | CATASTROPHIC  | 1     |
| 60%                        |                   | Extensive damage to most of structure, and/or extending beyond site boundaries requiring significant stabilisation works. Could cause at least one adjacent property medium consequence damage. | MAJOR         | 2     |
| 20%                        | 40%               | Moderate damage to some of structure, and/or significant part of site requiring large stabilisation works. Could cause at least one adjacent property minor consequence damage.                 | MEDIUM        | 3     |
| 5%                         | 10%               | Limited damage to part of structure, and/or part of site requiring some reinstatement stabilisation works.  | MINOR         | 4     |
| 0.5%                       | 1%                | Little damage. (Note for high probability event (Almost Certain), this category may be subdivided at a notional boundary of 0.1%. See Risk Matrix.)   | INSIGNIFICANT | 5     |

- Notes:** (2) The Approximate Cost of Damage is expressed as a percentage of market value, being the cost of the improved value of the unaffected property which includes the land plus the unaffected structures.
- (3) The Approximate Cost is to be an estimate of the direct cost of the damage, such as the cost of reinstatement of the damaged portion of the property (land plus structures), stabilisation works required to render the site to tolerable risk level for the landslide which has occurred and professional design fees, and consequential costs such as legal fees, temporary accommodation. It does not include additional stabilisation works to address other landslides which may affect the property.
- (4) The table should be used from left to right; use Approximate Cost of Damage or Description to assign Descriptor, not *vice versa*

## PRACTICE NOTE GUIDELINES FOR LANDSLIDE RISK MANAGEMENT 2007

### ATTACHMENT 1: – QUALITATIVE TERMINOLOGY FOR USE IN ASSESSING RISK TO PROPERTY (CONTINUED)

#### *QUALITATIVE RISK ANALYSIS MATRIX – LEVEL OF RISK TO PROPERTY*

| LIKELIHOOD                 |  | CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY (With Indicative Approximate Cost of Damage) |                 |                  |                |                             |
|----------------------------|--|---|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
|                            | Indicative Value of Approximate Annual Probability | 1: CATASTROPHIC<br>200%   | 2: MAJOR<br>60% | 3: MEDIUM<br>20% | 4: MINOR<br>5% | 5:<br>INSIGNIFICANT<br>0.5% |
| <b>A – ALMOST CERTAIN</b>  | 10 <sup>-1</sup>                                   | VH  | VH              | VH               | H              | M or L (5)                  |
| <b>B - LIKELY</b>          | 10 <sup>-2</sup>                                   | VH  | VH              | H                | M              | L                           |
| <b>C - POSSIBLE</b>        | 10 <sup>-3</sup>                                   | VH  | H               | M                | M              | VL                          |
| <b>D - UNLIKELY</b>        | 10 <sup>-4</sup>                                   | H   | M               | L                | L              | VL                          |
| <b>E - RARE</b>            | 10 <sup>-5</sup>                                   | M   | L               | L                | VL             | VL                          |
| <b>F - BARELY CREDIBLE</b> | 10 <sup>-6</sup>                                   | L   | VL              | VL               | VL             | VL                          |

**Notes:** (5) For Cell A5, may be subdivided such that a consequence of less than 0.1% is Low Risk.

(6) When considering a risk assessment it must be clearly stated whether it is for existing conditions or with risk control measures which may not be implemented at the current time.

#### *RISK LEVEL IMPLICATIONS*

| Risk Level |                | Example Implications (7)  |
|------------|----------------|---|
| VH         | VERY HIGH RISK | Unacceptable without treatment. Extensive detailed investigation and research, planning and implementation of treatment options essential to reduce risk to Low; may be too expensive and not practical. Work likely to cost more than value of the property.             |
| H          | HIGH RISK      | Unacceptable without treatment. Detailed investigation, planning and implementation of treatment options required to reduce risk to Low. Work would cost a substantial sum in relation to the value of the property.  |
| M          | MODERATE RISK  | May be tolerated in certain circumstances (subject to regulator's approval) but requires investigation, planning and implementation of treatment options to reduce the risk to Low. Treatment options to reduce to Low risk should be implemented as soon as practicable. |
| L          | LOW RISK       | Usually acceptable to regulators. Where treatment has been required to reduce the risk to this level, ongoing maintenance is required.  |
| VL         | VERY LOW RISK  | Acceptable. Manage by normal slope maintenance procedures.  |

**Note:** (7) The implications for a particular situation are to be determined by all parties to the risk assessment and may depend on the nature of the property at risk; these are only given as a general guide.

## ATTACHMENT 2 - DEFINITION OF TERMS AND LANDSLIDE RISK

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**Acceptable Risk** – A risk for which, for the purposes of life or work, we are prepared to accept as it is with no regard to its management. Society does not generally consider expenditure in further reducing such risks justifiable.

**Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP)** – The estimated probability that an event of specified magnitude will be exceeded in any year.

**Consequence** – The outcomes or potential outcomes arising from the occurrence of a landslide expressed qualitatively or quantitatively, in terms of loss, disadvantage or gain, damage, injury or loss of life.

**Elements at Risk** – The population, buildings and engineering works, economic activities, public services utilities, infrastructure and environmental features in the area potentially affected by landslides.

**Frequency** – A measure of likelihood expressed as the number of occurrences of an event in a given time. See also Likelihood and Probability.

**Hazard** – A condition with the potential for causing an undesirable consequence (the landslide). The description of landslide hazard should include the location, volume (or area), classification and velocity of the potential landslides and any resultant detached material, and the likelihood of their occurrence within a given period of time.

**Individual Risk to Life** – The risk of fatality or injury to any identifiable (named) individual who lives within the zone impacted by the landslide; or who follows a particular pattern of life that might subject him or her to the consequences of the landslide.

**Landslide Activity** – The stage of development of a landslide; pre failure when the slope is strained throughout but is essentially intact; failure characterised by the formation of a continuous surface of rupture; post failure which includes movement from just after failure to when it essentially stops; and reactivation when the slope slides along one or several pre-existing surfaces of rupture. Reactivation may be occasional (e.g. seasonal) or continuous (in which case the slide is “active”).

**Landslide Intensity** – A set of spatially distributed parameters related to the destructive power of a landslide. The parameters may be described quantitatively or qualitatively and may include maximum movement velocity, total displacement, differential displacement, depth of the moving mass, peak discharge per unit width, kinetic energy per unit area.

**Landslide Risk** – The AGS Australian GeoGuide LR7 (AGS, 2007e) should be referred to for an explanation of Landslide Risk.

**Landslide Susceptibility** – The classification, and volume (or area) of landslides which exist or potentially may occur in an area or may travel or retrogress onto it. Susceptibility may also include a description of the velocity and intensity of the existing or potential landsliding.

**Likelihood** – Used as a qualitative description of probability or frequency.

**Probability** – A measure of the degree of certainty. This measure has a value between zero (impossibility) and 1.0 (certainty). It is an estimate of the likelihood of the magnitude of the uncertain quantity, or the likelihood of the occurrence of the uncertain future event.

There are two main interpretations:

(i) Statistical – frequency or fraction – The outcome of a repetitive experiment of some kind like flipping coins. It includes also the idea of population variability. Such a number is called an “objective” or relative frequentist probability because it exists in the real world and is in principle measurable by doing the experiment.

(ii) Subjective probability (degree of belief) – Quantified measure of belief, judgment, or confidence in the likelihood of an outcome, obtained by considering all available information honestly, fairly, and with a minimum of bias. Subjective probability is affected by the state of understanding of a process, judgment regarding an evaluation, or the quality and quantity of information. It may change over time as the state of knowledge changes.

**Qualitative Risk Analysis** – An analysis which uses word form, descriptive or numeric rating scales to describe the magnitude of potential consequences and the likelihood that those consequences will occur.

**Quantitative Risk Analysis** – An analysis based on numerical values of the probability, vulnerability and consequences and resulting in a numerical value of the risk.

**Risk** – A measure of the probability and severity of an adverse effect to health, property or the environment. Risk is often estimated by the product of probability x consequences. However, a more general interpretation of risk involves a comparison of the probability and consequences in a non-product form.

**Risk Analysis** – The use of available information to estimate the risk to individual, population, property, or the environment, from hazards. Risk analyses generally contain the following steps: Scope definition, hazard identification and risk estimation.

**Risk Assessment** – The process of risk analysis and risk evaluation.

**Risk Control or Risk Treatment** – The process of decision making for managing risk and the implementation or enforcement of risk mitigation measures and the re-evaluation of its effectiveness from time to time, using the results of risk assessment as one input.

**Risk Estimation** – The process used to produce a measure of the level of health, property or environmental risks being analysed. Risk estimation contains the following steps: frequency analysis, consequence analysis and their integration.

**Risk Evaluation** – The stage at which values and judgments enter the decision process, explicitly or implicitly, by including consideration of the importance of the estimated risks and the associated social, environmental and economic consequences, in order to identify a range of alternatives for managing the risks.

**Risk Management** – The complete process of risk assessment and risk control (or risk treatment).

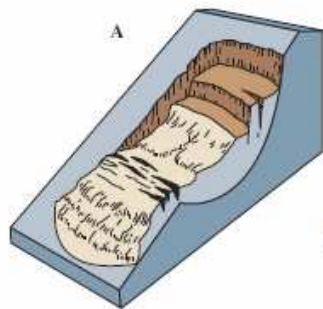
**Societal Risk** – The risk of multiple fatalities or injuries in society as a whole: one where society would have to carry the burden of a landslide causing a number of deaths, injuries, financial, environmental and other losses.

**Susceptibility** – see Landslide Susceptibility

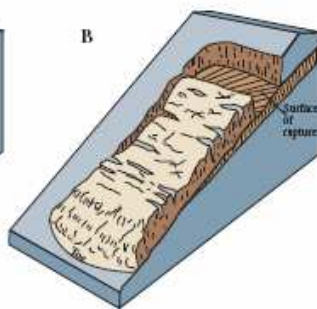
**Temporal Spatial Probability** – The probability that the element at risk is in the area affected by the landsliding, at the time of the landslide.

**Tolerable Risk** – A risk within a range that society can live with so as to secure certain net benefits. It is a range of risk regarded as non-negligible and needing to be kept under review and reduced further if possible.

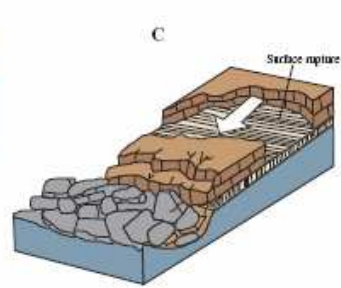
**Vulnerability** – The degree of loss to a given element or set of elements within the area affected by the landslide hazard. It is expressed on a scale of 0 (no loss) to 1 (total loss). For property, the loss will be the value of the damage relative to the value of the property; for persons, it will be the probability that a particular life (the element at risk) will be lost, given the person(s) is affected by the landslide.



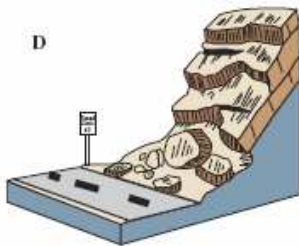
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**Translational landslide**



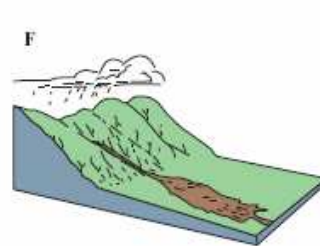
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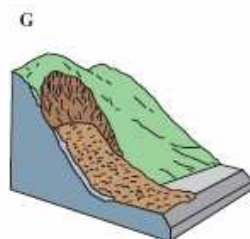
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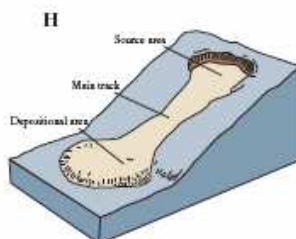
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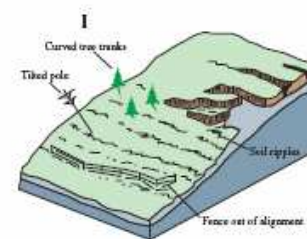
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**Earthflow**



**Creep**



**Lateral spread**

### ATTACHMENT 3 MAJOR TYPES OF LANDSLIDES

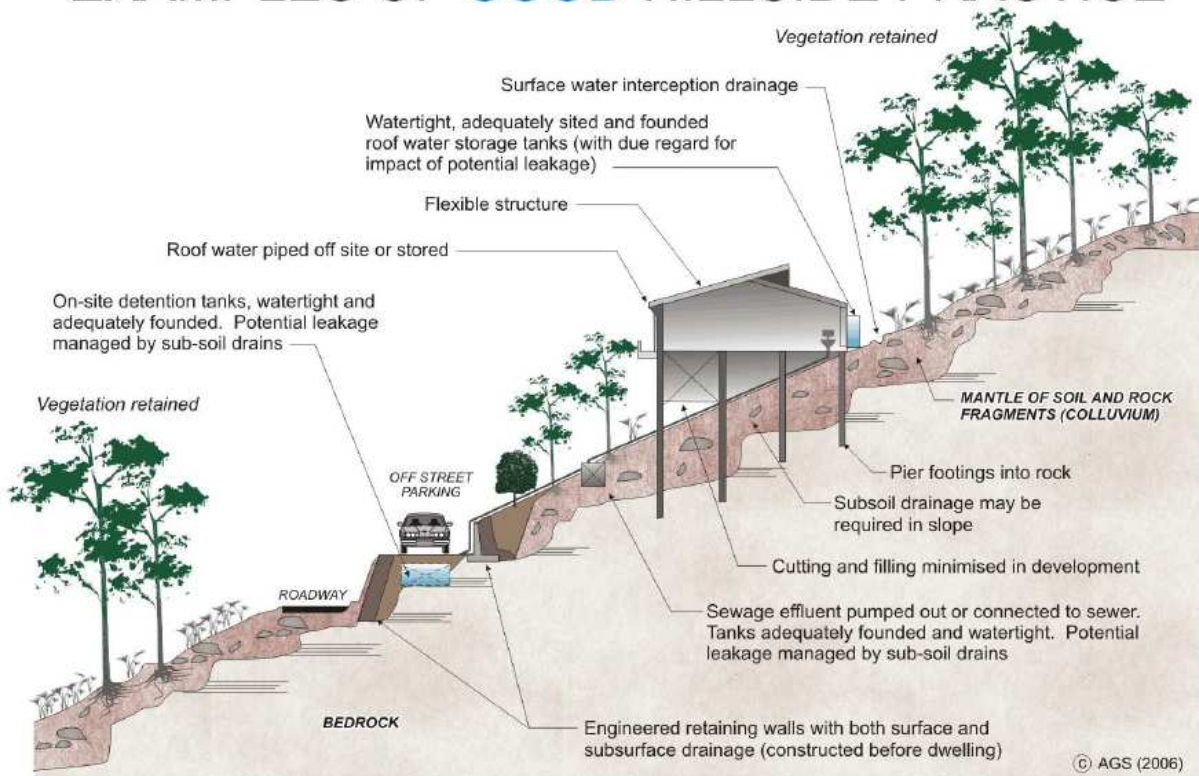
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SOME GUIDELINES FOR HILLSIDE CONSTRUCTION

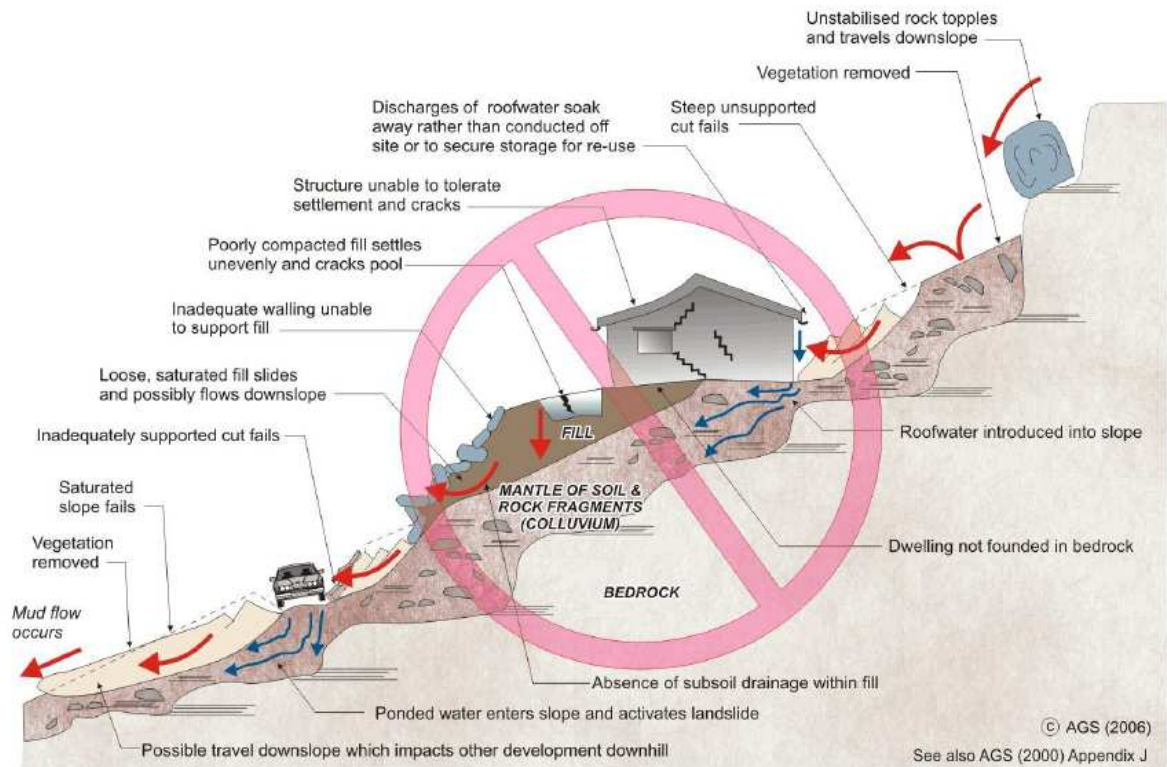
| ADVICE  |  | GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICE  | POOR ENGINEERING PRACTICE   |
|---|--|--|---|
| GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT                             |  | Obtain advice from a qualified, experienced geotechnical consultant at early stage of planning and before site works.  | Prepare detailed plan and start site works before geotechnical advice.  |
| <b>PLANNING</b>                                     |  |  |   |
| SITE PLANNING                                       |  | Having obtained geotechnical advice, plan the development with the risk arising from the identified hazards and consequences in mind.  | Plan development without regard for the Risk.   |
| <b>DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION</b>                      |  |  |   |
| HOUSE DESIGN  |  | Use flexible structures which incorporate properly designed brickwork, timber or steel frames, timber or panel cladding.<br>Consider use of split levels.<br>Use decks for recreational areas where appropriate.   | Floor plans which require extensive cutting and filling.<br>Movement intolerant structures.   |
| SITE CLEARING                                       |  | Retain natural vegetation wherever practicable.  | Indiscriminately clear the site.  |
| ACCESS & DRIVEWAYS                                  |  | Satisfy requirements below for cuts, fills, retaining walls and drainage.<br>Council specifications for grades may need to be modified.<br>Driveways and parking areas may need to be fully supported on piers.  | Excavate and fill for site access before geotechnical advice.   |
| EARTHWORKS  |  | Retain natural contours wherever possible.   | Indiscriminant bulk earthworks.   |
| CUTS  |  | Minimise depth.<br>Support with engineered retaining walls or batter to appropriate slope.<br>Provide drainage measures and erosion control.   | Large scale cuts and benching.<br>Unsupported cuts.<br>Ignore drainage requirements   |
| FILLS   |  | Minimise height.<br>Strip vegetation and topsoil and key into natural slopes prior to filling.<br>Use clean fill materials and compact to engineering standards.<br>Batter to appropriate slope or support with engineered retaining wall.<br>Provide surface drainage and appropriate subsurface drainage.                                | Loose or poorly compacted fill, which if it fails, may flow a considerable distance including onto property below.<br>Block natural drainage lines.<br>Fill over existing vegetation and topsoil.<br>Include stumps, trees, vegetation, topsoil, boulders, building rubble etc in fill. |
| ROCK OUTCROPS & BOULDERS                            |  | Remove or stabilise boulders which may have unacceptable risk.<br>Support rock faces where necessary.  | Disturb or undercut detached blocks or boulders.  |
| RETAINING WALLS                                     |  | Engineer design to resist applied soil and water forces.<br>Found on rock where practicable.<br>Provide subsurface drainage within wall backfill and surface drainage on slope above.<br>Construct wall as soon as possible after cut/fill operation.  | Construct a structurally inadequate wall such as sandstone flagging, brick or unreinforced blockwork.<br>Lack of subsurface drains and weepholes.   |
| FOOTINGS  |  | Found within rock where practicable.<br>Use rows of piers or strip footings oriented up and down slope.<br>Design for lateral creep pressures if necessary.<br>Backfill footing excavations to exclude ingress of surface water.   | Found on topsoil, loose fill, detached boulders or undercut cliffs.   |
| SWIMMING POOLS                                      |  | Engineer designed.<br>Support on piers to rock where practicable.<br>Provide with under-drainage and gravity drain outlet where practicable.<br>Design for high soil pressures which may develop on uphill side whilst there may be little or no lateral support on downhill side.   |   |
| DRAINAGE SURFACE                                    |  | Provide at tops of cut and fill slopes.<br>Discharge to street drainage or natural water courses.<br>Provide general falls to prevent blockage by siltation and incorporate silt traps.<br>Line to minimise infiltration and make flexible where possible.<br>Special structures to dissipate energy at changes of slope and/or direction. | Discharge at top of fills and cuts.<br>Allow water to pond on bench areas.  |
| SUBSURFACE  |  | Provide filter around subsurface drain.<br>Provide drain behind retaining walls.<br>Use flexible pipelines with access for maintenance.<br>Prevent inflow of surface water.  | Discharge roof runoff into absorption trenches.   |
| SEPTIC & SULLAGE                                    |  | Usually requires pump-out or mains sewer systems; absorption trenches may be possible in some areas if risk is acceptable.<br>Storage tanks should be water-tight and adequately founded.  | Discharge sullage directly onto and into slopes.<br>Use absorption trenches without consideration of landslide risk.  |
| EROSION CONTROL & LANDSCAPING                       |  | Control erosion as this may lead to instability.<br>Revegetate cleared area.   | Failure to observe earthworks and drainage recommendations when landscaping.  |
| <b>DRAWINGS AND SITE VISITS DURING CONSTRUCTION</b> |  |  |   |
| DRAWINGS  |  | Building Application drawings should be viewed by geotechnical consultant  |   |
| SITE VISITS   |  | Site Visits by consultant may be appropriate during construction/  |   |
| <b>INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE BY OWNER</b>          |  |  |   |
| OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY                              |  | Clean drainage systems; repair broken joints in drains and leaks in supply pipes.<br>Where structural distress is evident see advice.<br>If seepage observed, determine causes or seek advice on consequences.   |   |



## EXAMPLES OF **GOOD** HILLSIDE PRACTICE



## EXAMPLES OF **POOR** HILLSIDE PRACTICE



## APPENDIX C – COMPLETED FORMS 1 & 1A

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

Development Application for \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant

Address of site 1973 Pittwater Road, Bayview

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

I, Matthew Green on behalf of Green Geotechnics Pty Ltd  
(Insert Name) (Trading or Company Name)

on this the 15 March 2023 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 ~~\$40 million~~ \$5,000,000.00

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 Investigation - 1973 Pittwater Road, Bayview

Report Date: 15 March 2023

Author: Matthew Green

Author's Company/Organisation: Green Geotechnics Pty Ltd

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

Architectural Drawings by Glendenning Szoboszlay Architects -  
Project Number 1403, Drawing No A-0000(N) to A9300(I) Dated  
13/2/2023

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 .  .....

Name Matthew Green .....

Chartered Professional Status RPGeo .....

Membership No. 10276 .....

Company Green Geotechnics Pty Ltd .....

**GEOTECHNICAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR PITTWATER**  
**FORM NO. 1(a) - Checklist of Requirements For Geotechnical Risk Management Report for**  
**Development Application**

Development Application for \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of site 1973 Pittwater Road, Bayview Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

*The following checklist covers the minimum requirements to be addressed in a Geotechnical Risk Management Geotechnical Report. This checklist is to accompany the Geotechnical Report and its certification (Form No. 1).*

**Geotechnical Report Details:**

Report Title: **Geotechnical Investigation - 1973 Pittwater Road, Bayview**  
 Report Date: **15 March 2023**  
 Author: **Matthew Green**  
 Author's Company/Organisation: **Green Geotechnics Pty Ltd**

**Please mark appropriate box**

- ☒ Comprehensive site mapping conducted 27/9/22  
 (date)
- ☒ Mapping details presented on contoured site plan with geomorphic mapping to a minimum scale of 1:200 (as appropriate)
- ☒ Subsurface investigation required  
     ☐ No Justification .....
- ☒ ☒ Yes Date conducted 9/08/22 .....
- ☒ Geotechnical model developed and reported as an inferred subsurface type-section
- ☒ Geotechnical hazards identified  
     ☒ Above the site  
     ☒ On the site  
     ☐ Below the site  
     ☐ Beside the site
- ☒ Geotechnical hazards described and reported
- ☒ Risk assessment conducted in accordance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009  
     ☐ Consequence analysis  
     ☐ Frequency analysis
- ☒ Risk calculation
- ☒ Risk assessment for property conducted in accordance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009
- ☒ Risk assessment for loss of life conducted in accordance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009
- ☒ Assessed risks have been compared to "Acceptable Risk Management" criteria as defined in the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009
- ☒ Opinion has been provided that the design can achieve the "Acceptable Risk Management" criteria provided that the specified conditions are achieved.
- ☒ Design Life Adopted: ☒ 100 years  
     ☐ Other ..... specify
- ☒ Geotechnical Conditions to be applied to all four phases as described in the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009 have been specified
- ☒ Additional action to remove risk where reasonable and practical have been identified and included in the report.
- ☐ Risk assessment within Bushfire Asset Protection Zone.

I am aware that Pittwater Council will rely on the Geotechnical Report, to which this checklist applies, as the basis for ensuring that the geotechnical risk management aspects of the proposal 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 Matthew Green  
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