PRELIMINARY GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT:

18 Abingdon Street, North Balgowlah

1.0	***LANDSLIP RISK CLASS*** *(Highlight indicates Landslip Risk Class of property)*
☐	*A - Geotechnical Report not normally required*
■	*B - Geotechnical Engineer (Under Council Guidelines) to decide if Geotechnical Report is required*
☐	*C - Geotechnical Report is required*
☐	*D - Geotechnical Engineer (Under Council Guidelines) to decide if Geotechnical Report is required*
☐	*E - Geotechnical Report required*

2.0 Proposed Development

2.1 Partially demolish the uphill side of the house and extend the house in this location.

2.2 Various other minor internal alterations and additions.

2.3 Apart from those for footings, no excavations are required. No filling is shown on the plans.

2.4 Details of the proposed development are shown on 6 drawings provided by Paul Carrick and Associates, project number 1043, sheets numbered: 07, dated September 2023, and 02 to 04, 08 to 09, dated May 2024, All revision A.

3.0 Site Location

3.1 The site was inspected on the 21st May, 2024.

3.2 This residential property is on the high side of the road and has a S aspect. It is located on the gently graded upper reaches of a hillslope. No rock outcrops on the property. The Sydney 1:100 000 Geological Sheet indicates the site is underlain by Hawkesbury Sandstone that is described as a medium to coarse grained quartz

sandstone with very minor shale and laminite lenses. Sandstone bedrock is expected to underlie the surface at relatively shallow depths. The natural surface of the block has been altered with low cuts and fills for paved, lawn and garden areas across the property. The proposed development will not alter the surface further as part of the proposed works.

3.3 The site shows no indications of historical movement in the natural surface that could have occurred since the property was developed. We are aware of no history of instability on the property.

4.0 Site Description

The natural slope rises across the property at angles of <5°. At the road frontage, a concrete driveway runs up the slope to a parking area on the downhill side of the house. The slope between the road frontage and the house is terraced with a low stable mortared sandstone block retaining wall. The two-story brick and timber clad house is supported on brick and concrete block walls, and brick piers. No significant signs of movement were observed in the supporting walls, and the supporting piers stand vertical. Between the uphill side of the house and the upper common boundary is a gently graded lawn. In the NE corner of the property is a stable timber framed granny flat. The land surface surrounding the house is mostly lawn and gravel covered with some paving. No significant signs of movement associated with slope instability were observed on the grounds. No cliffs or large rock faces were observed on the property or in the near vicinity. No geotechnical hazards that could impact on the subject property were observed on the surrounding neighbouring properties as viewed from the subject property and the street.

5.0 Recommendations

The proposed development and site conditions were considered and applied to the current council requirements. See the required inspection below that is to be carried out during construction and is a requirement for the final geotechnical certification. Apart from the

inspection, it is not expected additional geotechnical input will be required provided good design and building practices are followed.

6.0 Inspection

The client and builder are to familiarise themselves with the following required inspection as well as council geotechnical policy. We cannot provide geotechnical certification for the owners or the regulating authorities if the following inspection has not been carried out during the construction process.

- All footings are to be inspected and approved by the geotechnical consultant while the excavation equipment and contractors are still onsite and before steel reinforcing is placed or concrete is poured.

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Information about your Preliminary Assessment

This Preliminary Assessment relies on visual observations of the surface features observed during the site inspection. Where reference is made to subsurface features (e.g., the depth to rock) these are interpretations based on the surface features present and previous experience in the area. No ground testing was conducted as part of this assessment and it is possible subsurface conditions will vary from those interpreted in the assessment.

In some cases, we will recommend no further geotechnical assessment is necessary despite the presence of existing fill or a rock face on the property that exceed the heights that would normally trigger a full geotechnical report, according to the Preliminary Assessment Flow Chart. Where this is the case, if it is an existing fill, it is either supported by a retaining wall that we consider stable, or is battered at a stable angle and situated in a suitable position on the slope. If it is a rock face that exceeds the flow chart limit height, the face has been deemed to be competent rock that is considered stable. These judgements are backed by the inspection of over 5000 properties on Geotechnical related matters.

The proposed excavation heights referred to in section 2.0 of this assessment are estimated by review of the plans we have been given for the job. Although we make every reasonable effort to provide accurate information excavation heights should be checked by the owner or person lodging the DA. If the excavation heights referred to in in section 2.0 of this assessment are incorrect, we are to be informed immediately and before this assessment is lodged with the DA.
