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5 Kooloora Avenue, Freshwater

Comments on updates to Plans

We have reviewed the existing geotechnical report, the plans used to carry out the report, and the updated plans for DA shown on 14 drawings prepared by Rachel Hudson, job number 199, drawings numbered YH-01-DA to YH-14-DA, Issue B, dated 27/10/21.

The changes include:

• Extended the garage ~1.15m on the uphill side.

 Moved the bathroom and storeroom ~1.15m further upslope, slightly increasing the excavation area and depth from an original maximum depth of ~2.5m to ~2.6m.

The changes to the plans are minor from a geotechnical perspective and do not alter the recommendations or the risk assessment in the report carried out by this firm numbered J3560 and dated the 21st July, 2021.

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GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION:

Alterations and Additions at 5 Kooloora Avenue, Freshwater

1. Proposed Development

- 1.1 Construct a new carport and paved terrace on the downhill side of the house.
- **1.2** Extend the lower ground floor of the existing house by excavating to a maximum depth of ~2.5m.
- **1.3** Add a new upper floor addition to the existing house.
- **1.4** Various other minor internal and external alterations to the existing house.
- **1.5** Construct a paved terrace on the uphill side of the house.
- 1.6 Install a new pool on the uphill side of the house by excavating to a maximum depth of ~2.2m.
- 1.7 Details of the proposed development are shown on 14 drawings prepared by Rachel Hudson, job number 199. Drawings numbered YH-01-DA to YH-14-DA, dated 10/6/21.

2. Site Description

- **2.1** The site was inspected on the 6th of July, 2021.
- 2.2 This residential property is on the corner of Kooloora Avenue and Murray Road. It is on the uphill side of Kooloora Avenue and is near level with Murray Road. The property has a NE aspect. The natural slope rises across the property at an average angle of ~5°. The slope above the property gradually increases in grade. Below the property is near level at the valley floor.
- 2.3 At the road frontage, a paved driveway runs to a garage attached to the house (Photo 1). Between the road frontage and the house is a near level lawn area. The part



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two storey rendered brick house is supported by brick walls, brick piers and steel posts

(Photos 2 & 3). The supporting walls, piers and posts stand vertical and show no

significant signs of movement (Photo 4). A near level lawn and paved area extends off

the uphill side of the house (Photo 3). No signs of slope instability were observed on

the property. The adjoining neighbouring properties were observed to be in good

order as seen from the street and subject property.

3. Geology

The Sydney 1:100 000 Geological sheet indicates the site is underlain by Hawkesbury

Sandstone. It is described as a medium to coarse grained quartz sandstone with very minor

shale and laminite lenses.

4. Subsurface Investigation

One auger hole was put down to identify the soil materials. Three Dynamic Cone

Penetrometer (DCP) tests were put down to determine the relative density of the overlying

soil and the depth to weathered rock. The locations of the tests are shown on the site plan. It

should be noted that a level of caution should be applied when interpreting DCP test results.

The test will not pass through hard buried objects so in some instances it can be difficult to

determine whether refusal has occurred on an obstruction in the profile or on the natural

rock surface. This is not expected to be an issue for the testing on this site. But due to the

possibility that the actual ground conditions vary from our interpretation there should be

allowances in the excavation and foundation budget to account for this. We refer to the

appended "Important Information about Your Report" to further clarify. The results are as

follows:

TEST RESULTS ON NEXT PAGE



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AUGER HOLE 1 (~RL8.4) – AH1 (Photo 9)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.4	TOPSOIL , sandy soil, dark brown, damp, fine to medium grained with fine trace organic matter.
0.4 to 1.0	SILTY SAND , dark grey and brown, moist, loose to medium dense, fine to medium grained.
1.0 to 1.4	SAND, light orange brown, damp, medium dense, medium grained.
1.4 to 1.8	SANDY CLAY, light brown and light grey, firm, moist to damp.
1.8 to 2.0	SANDY CLAY, derived from Very Low Strength Sandstone, orange,
	moist, sugary texture.

End of Hole @ 2.0m in sandy clay. No watertable encountered.

DCP TEST RESULTS – Dynamic Cone Penetrometer							
Equipment: 9kg hammer, 510mm drop, conical tip. Standard: AS1289.6.3.2 - 19							
Depth(m)	DCP 1	DCP 2	DCP 3				
Blows/0.3m	(~RL9.2)	(~RL8.4)	(~RL6.5)				
0.0 to 0.3	3	1	6				
0.3 to 0.6	6	2	5				
0.6 to 0.9	7	11	9				
0.9 to 1.2	4	7	8				
1.2 to 1.5	5	6	7				
1.5 to 1.8	11	10	9				
1.8 to 2.1	31	17	22				
2.1 to 2.4	22	20	23				
2.4 to 2.7	28	19	45				
2.7 to 3.0	32	25	49				
3.0 to 3.3	42	54	#				
3.3 to 3.6	41	#					
3.6 to 3.9	50						
3.9 to 4.2	#						
	End of Test @ 3.7m	End of Test @ 3.3m	End of Test @ 3.0m				

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



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DCP Notes:

DCP1 – End of Test @ 3.7m, DCP still very slowly going down, dark brown and grey sandy soil

on damp tip.

DCP2 – End of Test @ 3.3m, DCP still very slowly going down, dark brown soil and light brown

sand on moist tip.

DCP3 – End of Test @ 3.0m, DCP still very slowly going down, grey sand on damp tip.

5. Geological Observations/Interpretation

In the test locations, the ground materials consist of a sandy topsoil, Loose to Medium Dense

silty sand and Medium Dense sand over sandy clays. The clays merge into the underlying

weathered rock at depths from between ~2.1m to ~2.4m below the current surface. The

weathered rock is interpreted to be Very Low Strength Rock or better. See Type Section

attached for a diagrammatical representation of the expected ground materials.

6. Groundwater

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

through the cracks in the rock.

From work done previously by this firm on Kooloora Avenue, the watertable is expected at or

slightly above ~RL2.6. It is expected that the watertable will be well below the base of the

pool (~RL6.3), lower ground floor excavation (~RL5.8) and any required foundations.

It should be noted the watertable fluctuates slightly with the tide and climatic changes.

7. Surface Water

No evidence of surface flows were observed on the property during the inspection. It is

expected that normal sheet wash will move onto the site from above the property during

heavy down pours.

8. Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis

No geotechnical hazards were observed above, below or beside the property. The proposed

excavations for the lower ground floor extension and pool are a potential hazard until



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retaining walls are in place (Hazard One). The proposed lower ground floor excavation undercutting the subject house, NW neighbouring concrete pathway (Photo 5) and NW neighbouring house (Photo 5) is a potential hazard (Hazard Two). The proposed excavation for the pool undercutting the existing low rendered masonry retaining wall (Photo 6), Rendered masonry boundary fence/retaining wall (Photo 7) and SW neighbouring pathway (Photo 8) is a potential hazard (Hazard Three).

RISK ANALYSIS SUMMARY ON NEXT PAGE



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Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis - Risk Analysis Summary

HAZARDS	Hazard One	Hazard Two	Hazard Three	
TYPE			The proposed	
	The proposed	The proposed	excavation for the	
	excavations for the	excavation for the	pool undercutting the	
	lower ground floor	lower ground floor	existing low rendered	
	and pool collapsing	undercutting the	masonry retaining wall (Photo 6),	
	onto the worksite	subject house, NW		
	and impacting the	neighbouring	Rendered masonry	
	neighbouring	concrete pathway	boundary	
	properties before	(Photo 5) and NW	fence/retaining wall (Photo 7) and SW	
	retaining structures	neighbouring house		
	are in place.	(Photo 5).	neighbouring pathway	
			(Photo 8).	
LIKELIHOOD	'Possible' (10 ⁻³)	'Possible' (10 ⁻³)	'Possible' (10 ⁻³)	
CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY	'Medium' (15%)	'Medium' (35%)	'Medium' (20%)	
RISK TO PROPERTY	'Moderate' (2 x 10 ⁻⁴)	'Moderate' (2 x 10 ⁻⁴)	(2 x 10 ⁻⁴) 'Moderate' (2 x 10 ⁻⁴)	
RISK TO LIFE	4.2 x 10 ⁻⁵ /annum	8.3 x 10 ⁻⁶ /annum	8.3 x 10 ⁻⁶ /annum	
COMMENTS	This level of risk to	This level of risk to	This level of risk to life	
	life and property is	life and property is	and property is	
	'UNACCEPTABLE'. To	'UNACCEPTABLE'. To	'UNACCEPTABLE'. To	
	move the risk to	move risk to	move risk to	
	'ACCEPTABLE' levels,	'ACCEPTABLE' levels,	'ACCEPTABLE' levels,	
	the	the	the recommendations	
	recommendations in	recommendations in	in Section 13 are to be	
	Section 13 are to be	Section 13 are to be	followed.	
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(See Aust. Geomech. Jnl. Mar 2007 Vol. 42 No 1, for full explanation of terms)



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9. Suitability of the Proposed Development for the Site

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

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

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

10. Stormwater

The fall is to Kooloora Avenue. All stormwater from the proposed development is to be piped

to the street drainage system through any tanks that may be required by the regulating

authorities.

11. Excavations

An excavation to a maximum depth of ~2.5m is required to extend the lower ground floor of

the house. Another excavation to a maximum depth of ~2.2m is required to install the

proposed new pool.

The excavations are expected to be through topsoil, sand and sandy clay, with Very Low

Strength Rock expected near the bases of the excavations. The excavations are expected to

be carried out using a small excavator and hand tools due to access difficulties.

12. Vibrations

Possible vibrations generated during excavations through soil, sand, clay and Very Low

Strength Rock will be below the threshold limit for building damage.

13. Excavations Support Requirements

Bulk Excavation for Proposed Lower Ground Floor Extension

An excavation to a maximum depth of ~2.5m is required to extend the lower ground floor of

the house. Allowing for backwall drainage, the set backs are as follows:

• Underneath and Flush with the brick walls and brick piers supporting the existing

house.



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~2.0m from the NW neighbouring house and ~0.6m from the NW neighbouring

concrete pathway (Photo 5).

The subject house, NW neighbouring house and NW neighbouring pathway will be within the

zone of influence of the excavation. In this instance, the zone of influence is the area above a

theoretical 30° line through soil/sand and a 45° line through clay/weathered rock from the

base of the excavation towards the surrounding structures and boundaries.

The structures supporting the existing house (within the zone of influence of the excavation)

are to be propped or underpinned to beyond the zone of influence of the excavation, prior to

the excavation commencing.

Where underpinning is not required (outside of the footprint of the existing house) heavy

ground support is recommended due to the presence of deep sand and the proximity to the

neighbouring structures.

It is recommended a secant or contiguous pile wall be constructed along the NW side and SW

side of the excavation where underpinning is not required before the excavation commences.

See the Lower Floor Plan attached for the minimum extent of the required shoring shown in

blue. Secant piers are the preferred option but if contiguous piers are used, the gaps between

the piers are to be grouted closed as the excavation is lowered so no material moves through

the wall. The piers can be temporarily supported by bracing and/or embedment below the

base of the excavation but are to be tied into the house structure during construction.

To drill the pier holes for the walls, a small pilling rig that can excavate through Medium to

High Strength Rock will be required. If a machine of this type is not available, we recommend

carrying out core drilling before the construction commences to confirm the strength of the

rock and to ensure the excavation equipment is capable of reaching the required depths.

The geotechnical consultant is to inspect the drilling process of the entire first pile and the

ground materials at the base of all the piers before any steel or concrete is placed.



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Bulk Excavation for Proposed Pool

An excavation to a maximum depth of ~2.2m is required to install the proposed new pool.

The set backs are as follows:

Flush with a low rendered masonry retaining wall on the subject property (Photo 6).

• ~1.3m from the SW rendered masonry boundary fence/retaining wall (Photo 7) and

~1.5m from the SW neighbouring pathway (Photo 8).

~1.0m from the NW common boundary.

The low retaining wall, SW boundary fence, SW neighbouring pathway and NW common

boundary will be within the zone of influence of the excavation.

Due to the depth of the sand and the proximity to the surrounding structures and boundaries,

all sides of the excavation will require shoring or underpinning.

The NW and SE cuts are to be supported as the excavation is progressed with typical pool

shoring such as braced form ply or similar until the pool structure is in place.

There are two possible excavation support options for the SW and NW cuts:

1. If the low rendered masonry retaining (Photo 6) is to remain, it is to be underpinned

to the base of the excavation, prior to the excavation commencing.

2. If the low rendered masonry retaining is to be demolished, ground support will be

required for the SW cut and temporary pool shoring will be required for the NW cut.

A secant or contiguous pile wall is recommended for the SW cut as per the

recommendations for the lower ground floor excavation. For ease of design and

construction it may be considered desirable to pile the entire excavation perimeter.

See the Mid Floor Plan attached for the minimum extent of the required underpinning or

shoring shown in blue.



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The excavation for the pool is to be completed prior to the construction of the proposed terrace on the uphill side of the house.

Advice Applying to Both Excavations.

The materials and labour to construct the retaining walls/pool structure are to be organised so on completion of the excavations they can be constructed as soon as possible. The excavations are to be carried out during a dry period. No excavations are to commence if heavy or prolonged rainfall is forecast.

All excavation spoil is to be removed from site following the current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) waste classification guidelines.

14. Retaining Structures

For cantilever or singly propped retaining structures it is suggested the design be based on a triangular distribution of lateral pressures using the parameters shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – Likely Earth Pressures for Retaining Structures

	Earth Pressure Coefficients				
Unit	Unit weight (kN/m³)	'Active' Ka	'At Rest' K ₀	Passive	
Topsoil	20	0.40	0.55	N/A	
Loose to Medium Dense Silty Sand and Sand	20	0.45	0.60	K _p = 3.0 ultimate	
Residual Clays	20	0.35	0.45	Kp 2.0 ultimate	
Very Low Strength Rock	22	0.22	0.35	400kPa ultimate	

For rock classes refer to Pells et al "Design Loadings for Foundations on Shale and Sandstone in the Sydney Region". Australian Geomechanics Journal 1978.



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It is to be noted that the earth pressures in Table 1 assume a level surface above the structure,

do not account for any surcharge loads and assume retaining structures are fully drained. No

passive resistance should be assumed for the top 0.4m to account for any disturbance from

the excavation. Rock strength and relevant earth pressure coefficients are to be confirmed on

site by the geotechnical consultant.

All retaining structures are to have sufficient back-wall drainage and be backfilled

immediately behind the structure with free draining material (such as gravel). This material is

to be wrapped in a non-woven Geotextile fabric (i.e. Bidim A34 or similar), to prevent the

drainage from becoming clogged with silt and clay. If no back-wall drainage is installed in

retaining structures the full hydrostatic pressures are to be accounted for in the retaining

structure design.

15. Foundations

Spread footings or raft slabs supported on the underlying Loose to Medium Dense sandy soil

or silty sand and taken to a minimum depth of 0.4m are suitable footings for the proposed

carport and terraces. A maximum allowable bearing pressure of 100kPa can be assumed for

footings on Loose to Medium Dense sandy soil/silty sand.

The footing walls are to be shored with timber to prevent collapse. The base of the footing

excavations in sand should be compacted as the excavation will loosen the upper sands. This

can be carried out with a hand-held plate compactor. Water may be used to assist in

compaction in sand but footing materials should be kept damp but not saturated. As a guide

to the level of compaction required a density index of >85% is to be achieved.

The proposed pool is expected to be seated in Very Low Strength Rock or better. This is a

suitable foundation material. The proposed lower ground floor extension is expected to be

seated in this ground material on the uphill side. On the downhill side where the rock drops

away with the slope, piers taken to Very Low Strength Rock or better will be required to



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maintain a uniform bearing material across the structure. A maximum allowable bearing

pressure of 600kPa can be assumed for footings on Very Low Strength Rock or better.

The foundations of the existing house are currently unknown. Ideally, footings should be

founded on the same footing material across the structure. Where the footing material does

change across the structure construction joints or similar are to be installed to prevent

differential settlement, where the structure cannot tolerate such movement.

As the bearing capacity of weathered rock reduces when it is wet we recommend the footings

be dug, inspected and poured in quick succession (ideally the same day if possible). If the

footings get wet, they will have to be drained and the soft layer of weathered rock on the

footing surface will have to be removed before concrete is poured.

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

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

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

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

REQUIRED INSPECTIONS ON NEXT PAGE



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16. Inspections

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

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

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

during the construction process.

• The geotechnical consultant is to inspect the ground materials while the first pier for

the ground support is being dug to assess the ground strength and to ensure it is in

line with our expectations.

• All finished pier holes for the piled wall/excavations for ground support are to be

inspected and measured before concrete is placed.

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

the excavation equipment is still onsite and before steel reinforcing is placed or

concrete is poured.

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Photo 1



Photo 2



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Photo 3



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Photo 5



Photo 6



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Photo 7

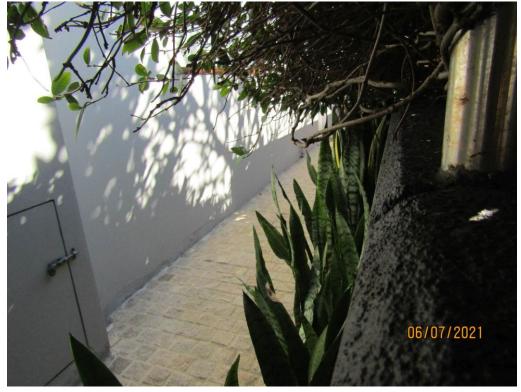


Photo 8



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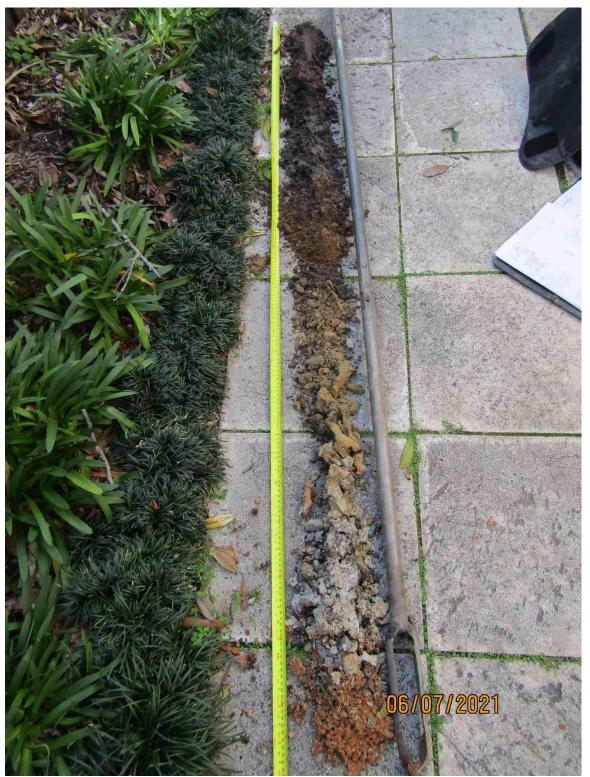


Photo 9: AH1 – Downhole is from top to bottom.



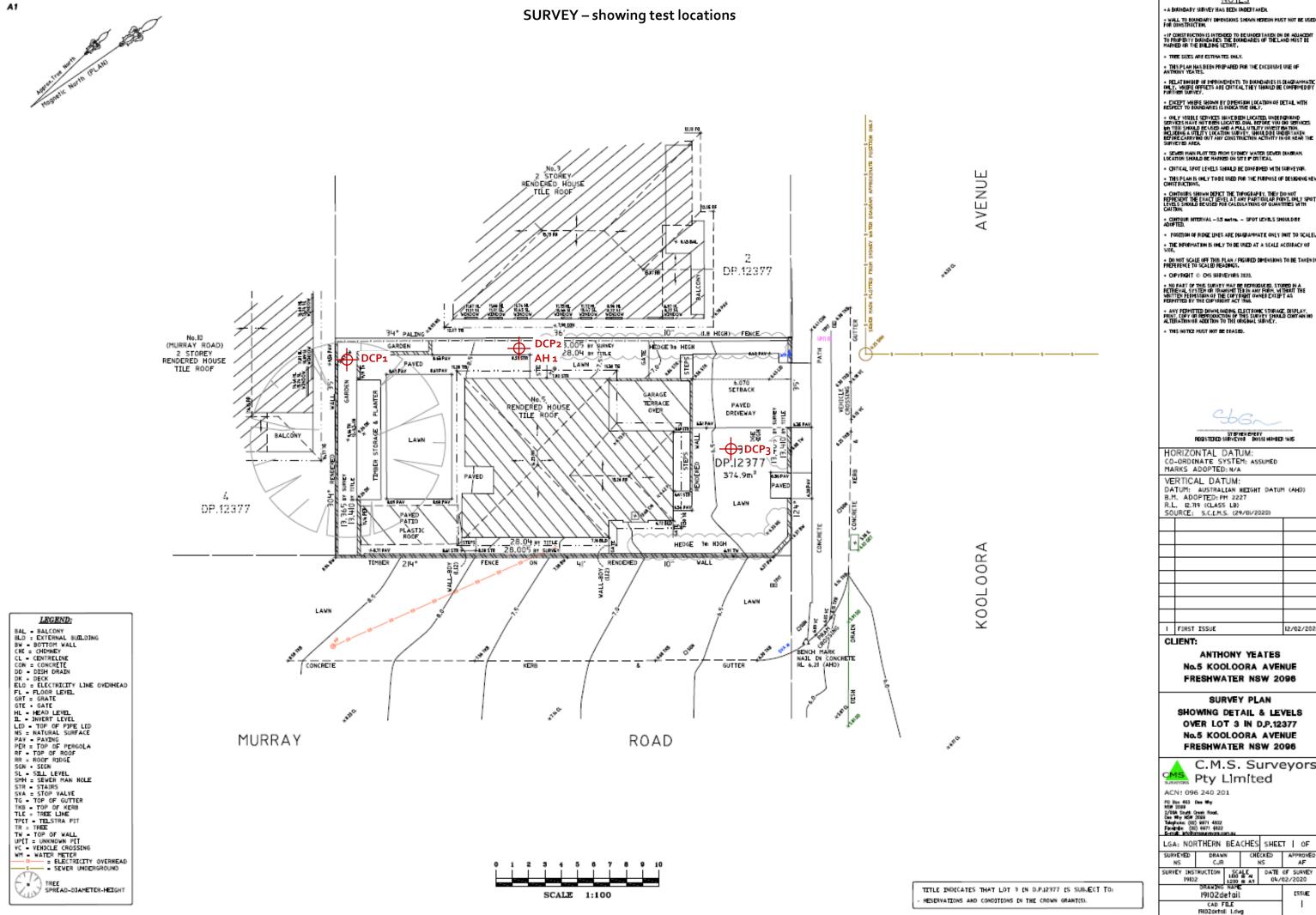
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Important Information about Your Report

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

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

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



NOTES

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THIS PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE EXCLUSIVE USE OF ANTHONY YEATES.

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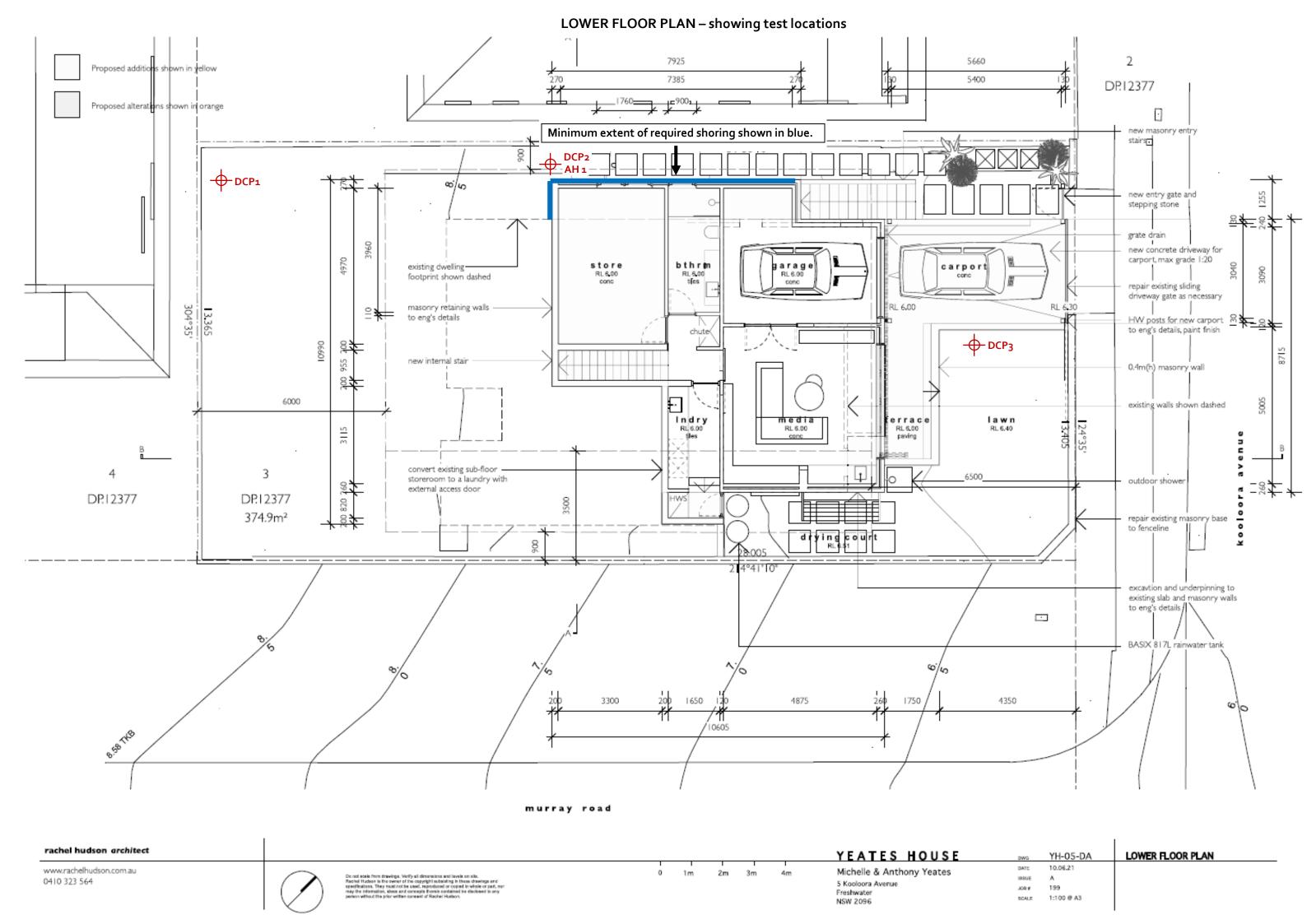
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