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

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

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| Addres | s of site | 61 Dress Circle Roa | d, Avalon | | |
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GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION:

Additions and Alterations at 61 Dress Circle Road, Avalon

1. Proposed Development

- 1.1 Demolish the uphill portion of the existing driveway. Construct a new driveway by excavating to a maximum depth of ~1.8m.
- **1.2** Construct a new driveway/parking area downhill of the existing pool.
- 1.3 Landscape a new lawn area on the downhill side of the house by filling to a maximum depth of ~0.8m.
- **1.4** Construct a new garage with studio above by excavating to a maximum depth of ~2.7m.
- **1.5** Extend the existing balcony to the NE.
- Jamie King Landscape Architect, project number 2065, drawings numbered Sht-101 to Sht-108, dated 16/6/2020. Additional Details of the proposed development are shown on 6 landscape drawings prepared by Jamie King Landscape Architect, project number 2065, drawings numbered Sht-101 to Sht-106, dated 22/6/2020.

2. Site Description

- **2.1** The site was inspected on the 24th of August, 2020.
- 2.2 This residential property is on the high side of the road and has a SE aspect. The block is located on the moderately graded middle reaches of a hillslope. The slope falls across the property at an average angle of ~13°. The slope above the property continues at similar angles and the slope below the property decreases in grade.



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2.3 At the road frontage a concrete driveway runs up the slope to a parking area on the downhill side of the house (Photos 1 & 2). Fill has been placed to form level lawn areas on the NE side of the driveway and below the parking area (Photo 3). The lower lawn fill is unsupported but is battered back at stable angles. Some of the fill was not planted with lawn or other vegetation but we note that this will be removed as part of the proposed driveway excavation (Photo 4). The upper lawn is supported by a low timber retaining wall. SW of the driveway is a swimming pool in good condition (Photo 5). The part two storey rendered brick house is supported by brick walls and a concrete slab (Photos 6 & 7). The house is cut into the slope on the uphill side. The visible portion of the cut for the house is supported by a stable concrete retaining wall reaching ~2.3m high (Photo 8). Garden and lawn areas are located above the cut. 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 the Newport Formation of the Narrabeen Group. This is described as interbedded laminite, shale, and quartz to lithic quartz sandstone.

4. Subsurface Investigation

One auger hole was put down to identify the soil materials. Six 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 to the possibility that the actual ground conditions vary from our interpretation there should be allowances in the



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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:

AUGER HOLE 1 (~RL33.7) – AH1 (photo 9)

| Depth (m) | Material Encountered |
|------------|--|
| 0.0 to 0.4 | TOPSOIL, sandy soil, dark brown, moist fine to medium grained with |
| | fine trace organic matter. |
| 0.4 to 0.6 | SANDY CLAY, orange, firm to stiff, moist. |

End of hole @ 0.6m in firm to stiff sandy clay. No watertable encountered.

| DCP TEST RESULTS – Dynamic Cone Penetrometer | | | | | | |
|--|---|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Equipment: 9 | Equipment: 9kg hammer, 510mm drop, conical tip. Standard: AS1289.6.3.2 - 1997 | | | | | 289.6.3.2 - 1997 |
| Depth(m) | oth(m) DCP 1 DCP 2 DCP 3 DCP 4 | | | DCP 4 | DCP 5 | DCP 6 |
| Blows/0.3m | (~RL27.8) | (~RL28.3) | (~RL31.6) | (~RL33.7) | (~RL33.8) | (~RL30.6) |
| 0.0 to 0.3 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 4 |
| 0.3 to 0.6 | 15 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 11 | 4 |
| 0.6 to 0.9 | 11 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 5 |
| 0.9 to 1.2 | 11 | 25 | 14 | 8 | 21 | 7 |
| 1.2 to 1.5 | 14 | 40 | 17 | 12 | # | 8 |
| 1.5 to 1.8 | 14 | # | 25 | 8 | | 9 |
| 1.8 to 2.1 | 13 | | 4 | # | | 13 |
| 2.1 to 2.4 | 16 | | # | | | 14 |
| 2.4 to 2.7 | 18 | | | | | 15 |
| 2.7 to 3.0 | 18 | | | | | 40 |
| 3.0 to 3.3 | 40 | | | | | # |
| 3.3 to 3.6 | # | | | | | |
| | End of Test @ 3.3m | End of Test @ 1.4m | Refusal @ 1.8m | Refusal @ 1.6m | Refusal @ 1.1m | 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.

DCP Notes:



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DCP1 – End of test @ 3.3m, DCP still very slowly going down, orange shale fragments on dry tip.

DCP2 – End of test @ 1.4m, DCP still very slowly going down, orange impact dust on moist tip.

DCP3 – Refusal @ 1.8m, DCP bouncing off rock surface, light brown/white sandy clay on moist tip.

DCP4 – Refusal @ 1.6m, DCP bouncing off rock surface, orange impact dust on dry tip.

DCP5 – Refusal @ 1.1m, DCP bouncing off rock surface, white impact dust on moist tip.

DCP6 – End of test @ 3.0m, DCP still very slowly going down, white impact dust on dry tip, orange clay on collar.

5. Geological Observations/Interpretation

The slope materials are colluvial at the near surface and residual at depth. In the test locations, the ground materials consist of fill and a thin sandy topsoil over sandy clays. Fill has been placed to form level lawn areas on the downhill side of the property. The clays merge into the weathered zone of the under lying rocks at depths of between 1.1m to 3.3m below the current surface, being deeper in the filled areas. The weathered zone of the underlying rock is interpreted as Extremely Low to Low Strength Rock. It is to be noted that this material is a soft rock and can appear as a mottled stiff clay when it is cut up by excavation equipment. 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.

Due to the slope and elevation of the block, the water table in the location is expected to be many metres below the base of the proposed works.



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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 beside the property. The moderate slope that falls

across the property and continues above and below is a potential hazard (Hazard One). The

proposed excavations for the driveway and garage are a potential hazard until retaining

structures are in place (Hazard Two). The vibrations produced during the proposed

excavation for the garage impacting on the subject house and the neighbouring properties is

a potential hazard (Hazard Three). The proposed excavation for the garage undercutting the

rendered masonry wall supporting the NE neighbouring building is a potential hazard

(Hazard Four).

RISK ANALYSIS SUMMARY ON NEXT PAGE



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Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis - Risk Analysis Summary

| HAZARDS | Hazard One | Hazard Two | | |
|-----------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| TYPE | The moderate slope that falls across the property and continues above and below failing and impacting on the property. | The proposed excavations (up to a depth of ~2.7m) collapsing onto the worksite and impacting the neighbouring property to the NE during the excavation process. | | |
| LIKELIHOOD | 'Unlikely' (10 ⁻⁴) | 'Possible' (10 ⁻³) | | |
| CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY | 'Medium' (12%) | 'Medium' (15%) | | |
| RISK TO PROPERTY | 'Low' (2 x 10 ⁻⁵) | 'Moderate' (2 x 10 ⁻⁴) | | |
| RISK TO LIFE | 8.3 x 10 ⁻⁷ /annum | 8.3 x 10 ⁻⁶ /annum | | |
| COMMENTS | This level of risk is 'ACCEPTABLE'. | This level of risk to life and property is 'UNACCEPTABLE'. To move the risk to 'ACCEPTABLE' levels, the recommendations in Section 13 are to be followed. | | |

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

| HAZARDS | Hazard Three | Hazard Four | |
|-----------------------------|---|--|--|
| TYPE | | | |
| | The vibrations produced during the proposed excavation for the garage impacting on the subject house and neighbouring properties. | The proposed excavation for the garage undercutting the NE neighbouring rendered masonry wall. | |
| LIKELIHOOD | 'Possible' (10 ⁻³) | 'Possible' (10 ⁻³) | |
| CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY | 'Medium' (15%) | 'Medium' (35%) | |
| RISK TO PROPERTY | 'Moderate' (2 x 10 ⁻⁴) | 'Moderate' (2 x 10 ⁻⁴) | |
| RISK TO LIFE | 5.3 x 10 ⁻⁷ /annum | 8.3 x 10 ⁻⁶ /annum | |
| COMMENTS | This level of risk to property is | This level of risk to life and property is | |
| | 'UNACCEPTABLE'. To move risk to | 'UNACCEPTABLE'. To move risk to | |
| | 'ACCEPTABLE' levels the | 'ACCEPTABLE' levels, the | |
| | recommendations in Sections 11 & | recommendations in Section 13 are | |
| | 12 are to be followed. | to be followed. | |



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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 Dress Circle Road. 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 1.8m will be required to construct the proposed

driveway. The excavation is expected to be through fill and sandy soil over firm to stiff sandy

clays.

Another excavation to a maximum depth of 2.7m will be required to construct the proposed

garage. The excavation is expected to be through topsoil over firm to stiff sandy clays, with

Extremely Low to Low Strength Rock expected at depths from between ~1.6m to ~1.8m below

the current surface

Excavations through soil, clay and Extremely Low to Low Strength Rock can be carried out

with an excavator and bucket. If Medium Strength Rock is encountered it will require grinding

or rock sawing and breaking.

12. Vibrations

It is expected the proposed excavations will be carried out with an excavator and bucket and

the vibrations produced will be below the threshold limit for building or infrastructure

damage.



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If Medium Strength Rock or better is encountered, excavations through Medium Strength

Rock or better should be carried out to minimise the potential to cause vibration damage to

the subject house and neighbouring structures to the NE. Close controls by the contractor

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

Excavation methods are to be used that limit peak particle velocity to 10mm/sec at the

subject house and property boundaries. Vibration monitoring will be required to verify this is

achieved.

If a milling head is used to grind the rock, vibration monitoring will not be required.

Alternatively, if rock sawing is carried out around the perimeter of the excavation boundaries

in not less than 1.0m lifts, a rock hammer up to 300kg could be used to break the rock without

vibration monitoring. Peak particle velocity will be less than 10mm/sec at the subject house

and property boundaries using this method provided the saw cuts are kept well below the

rock to broken.

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

by the occupants of the subject house and neighbouring properties.

13. Excavation Support Requirements

Bulk Excavation for Driveway

An excavation to a maximum depth of 1.8m will be required to construct the proposed

driveway. Allowing for backwall-drainage, the excavation will be set back ~0.8m from the NE

common boundary and ~1.1m from the NE neighbouring garage. The NE common boundary

will be within the zone of influence of the excavation. The NE neighbouring garage is cut into

the slope below the base of the proposed excavation and therefore will be outside the zone

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

theoretical 30° line through fill and soil from the base of the excavation towards the

surrounding structures and boundaries.



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Along the NE common boundary the fill, soil and clay portion of the excavation is to be

supported as the excavation is progressed with temporary or permanent support.

Along the SW side of excavation, the fill and soil portion of the excavation is to be battered

temporarily at 1.0 Vertical to 2.0 Horizontal (26°) until the retaining walls are in place.

Excavations through clay will stand unsupported for a short period of time until the retaining

walls are in place, provided the cut batters are kept from becoming saturated.

Bulk Excavation for Garage

An excavation to a maximum depth of 2.7m will be required to construct the proposed garage.

Allowing for backwall-drainage, the excavation will be set back ~0.7m from the NE common

boundary and ~1.0m from the NE neighbouring rendered masonry house. The NE common

boundary and NE neighbouring house will be within the zone of influence of the excavation.

In this instance, the zone of influence is the area above a theoretical 45° line through clay

from the base of the excavation towards the surrounding structures and boundaries.

The plans show that the base of the excavation for the garage will be ~0.3m below the base

of the adjoining house ground floor slab. If the excavation comes underneath the existing

foundations of the house, the house will need to be underpinned prior to the excavation

commencing.

To ensure the integrity of the NE property, ground support will need to be installed along the

NE side of the excavation with the support installed before the excavation commences. See

the site plan attached for the minimum required extent of the shoring shown in blue. For ease

of design and construction it may be considered suitable to install piers around the entire

perimeter. A spaced pile retaining wall is a suitable method of support. Pier spacing for spaced

piers is typically ~2.0m but can vary between 1.6 to 2.4m depending on the design. All piers

can be supported by embedment and/or bracing installed as the excavation is lowered. To

drill the pier holes for the wall, a powerful excavator or small pilling rig that can excavate

through medium strength rock will be required. If a machine of this type is not available, we



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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. As the excavation is lowered in 1.5m lifts, infill sprayed concrete panels or

similar are added between the piers to form the spaced wall. Drainage is installed behind the

panels. The walls are to be tied into the garage structure after which any temporary bracing

can be removed.

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

ground materials at the base of all pier holes/excavations for ground support purposes.

Along the NW side of excavation, the soil portion (top 0.7m) of the excavation is to be

battered temporarily at 1.0 Vertical to 2.0 Horizontal (26°) until the retaining walls are in

place. Excavations through clay and Extremely Low to Low Strength Rock will stand

unsupported for a short period of time until the retaining walls are in place, provided the cut

batters are kept from becoming saturated.

Advice Applying to Both Excavations

During the excavation process, the geotechnical consultant is to inspect the cut face in 1.5m

intervals as it is lowered to ensure ground materials are as expected and that additional

support is not required.

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

works. All unsupported cut batters are to be covered to prevent access of water in wet

weather and loss of moisture in dry weather. The materials and labour to construct the

retaining walls are to be organised so on completion of the excavations they can be

constructed as soon as possible. The excavations are to be carried out during a dry period. No

excavations are to commence if heavy or prolonged rainfall is forecast. If the retaining walls

are not constructed within a few days of the excavation being completed temporary shoring

will be required.



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All excavation spoil is to be removed from site or is to be supported by engineered retaining

walls.

14. Fill

Filling to a maximum depth of ~0.8m will be required for landscaping on the downhill side of

the house. If the proposed driveway is to be supported by fill on the uphill side, it will require

filling to a maximum depth of ~1.0m.

The surface is to be prepared before any fills are laid by removing any organic matter and

topsoil. Fills are to be laid in a loose thickness not exceeding 0.3m.

The fills used for landscaping are to be moderately compacted by tracking the machine over

the loose fill in 1 to 2 passes.

For ease of construction it is recommended the driveway be supported on piers taken through

the fill, however if the proposed driveways/parking area are to be supported on fill they will

need to be laid and compacted as engineered fill, as follows:

Non-cohesive Soils - compact to a dry density ratio not less than 70% standard. Soil can be

kept moist to aid in compaction. Compact the upper 150mm to a dry density ratio of not less

than 80% standard.

Cohesive Soils – compact to a dry density ratio not less than 95% standard. The moisture

content during compaction should be maintained at ± 2% of Standard Optimum. Compact the

upper 150mm to a dry density ratio of not less than 100% standard.

Immediately behind the retaining walls (say to 1.5m), the fills are to be compacted with light

weight equipment such as a hand-held plate compactor so as not to damage the retaining

walls. Where light weight equipment is used, fills are to be laid in a loose thickness not

exceeding 0.2m before being compacted. The geotechnical consultant is to inspect and test

the fill for the driveway at 1.0m thick intervals as it is laid to ensure it has been adequately

compacted while the earthmoving equipment is still on site.



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15. 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 | |
| Soil and Fill | 20 | 0.40 | 0.55 | N/A | |
| Residual Clays | 20 | 0.35 | 0.45 | Kp 2.0 ultimate | |
| Extremely Low Strength Rock | 22 | 0.25 | 0.35 | Kp 2.5 ultimate | |
| Rock up to Low Strength | 24 | 0.25 | 0.35 | Kp 2.5 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.

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. It should be noted that passive pressure is an ultimate value and should have an appropriate safety factor applied. No passive resistance should be assumed for the top 0.4m to account for any disturbance from the excavation.

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.



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16. Foundations

The proposed garage and studio can be supported on a thickened edge/raft slab directly on

the exposed Extremely Low to Low Strength Rock on the uphill side. Where the rock drops

away with the slope on the downhill side, piers will be required to maintain a uniform bearing

pressure across the structure. A maximum allowable bearing pressure of 600kPa can be

assumed for footings on Extremely Low to Low Strength Rock.

The foundations of the existing house are currently unknown. Where the footing material

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

differential settlement, where the structure cannot tolerate such movement in accordance

with a Class M site.

The proposed concrete driveway on the downhill side may be supported off the natural

surface after any organic matter has been stripped. A maximum allowable bearing pressure

of 100kPa can be assumed for soil of the natural surface. For ease of construction we

recommend the uphill side of the proposed driveway be supported on piers taken to the firm

to stiff clay of the natural profile. A maximum allowable bearing pressure of 200kPa can be

assumed for footings supported on the firm to stiff clays of the natural profile.

The uphill side of the proposed new driveway/parking area (downhill of the existing pool) may

be supported off the natural surface after any organic matter has been stripped. For ease of

construction we recommend the downhill side of the proposed driveway/parking area be

supported on piers taken below the existing fill into the firm to stiff clay of the natural profile.

Alternatively the proposed driveways and parking area can be supported on fill, provided it

be placed following the advice in 'Section 14 Fill'.

Where the foundation material across the driveway structure changes, expansion joints are

to be installed to separate the different foundation materials and to accommodate minor

differential movement.



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As the bearing capacity of shale and clay 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 shale or clay on the footing

surface will have to be removed before concrete is poured.

If a rapid turnaround from footing excavation to the concrete pour is not possible a sealing

layer of concrete may be added to the footing surface after it has been cleaned.

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

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

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

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

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17. Inspections

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

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

Occupation Certificate if the following inspections have not been carried out during the

construction process.

• The geotechnical professional is to inspect the drilling process of the entire first pile

of the retaining wall and the ground materials at the base of all the piers before any

concrete is placed.

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

in 1.5m intervals as it is lowered to ensure ground materials are as expected and that

additional support is not required.

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.

• If engineered fills are laid the geotechnical consultant is to inspect and test the fill

when compacted thickness is not more than 1.0m.

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



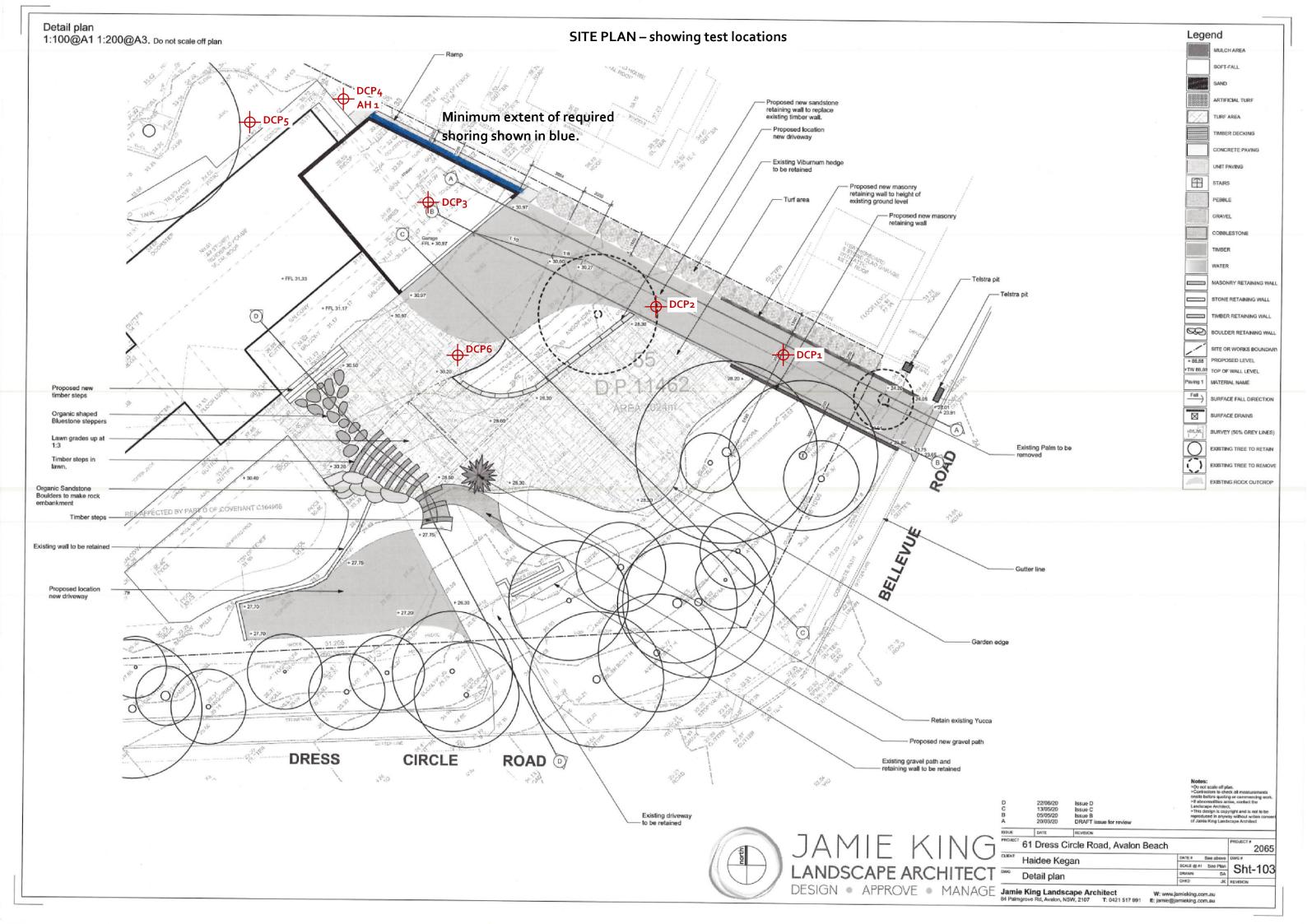
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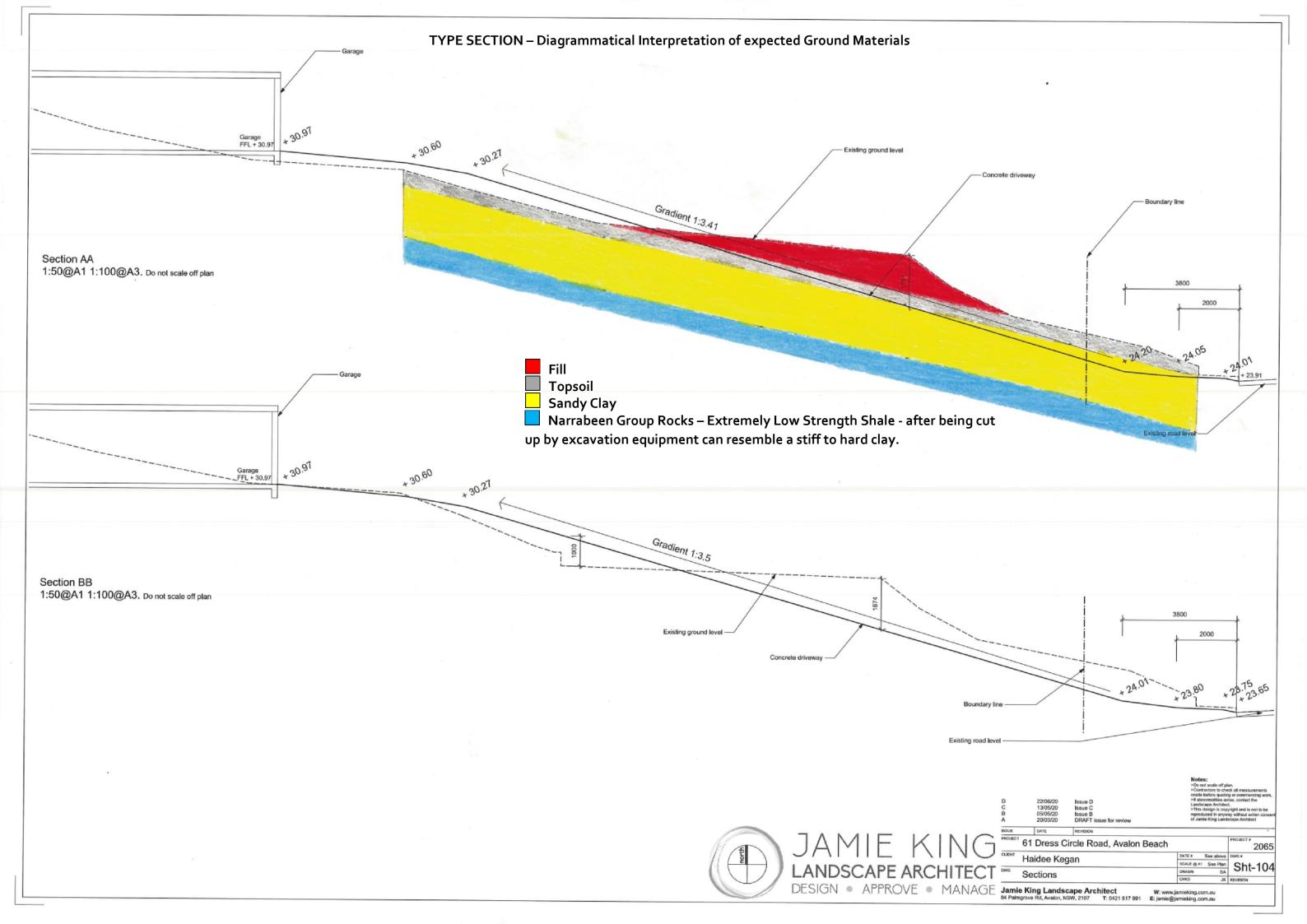
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It should be noted that Geotechnical Reports are documents that build a picture of the subsurface conditions from the observation of surface features and testing carried out at specific points on the site. The spacing and location of the test points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

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

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





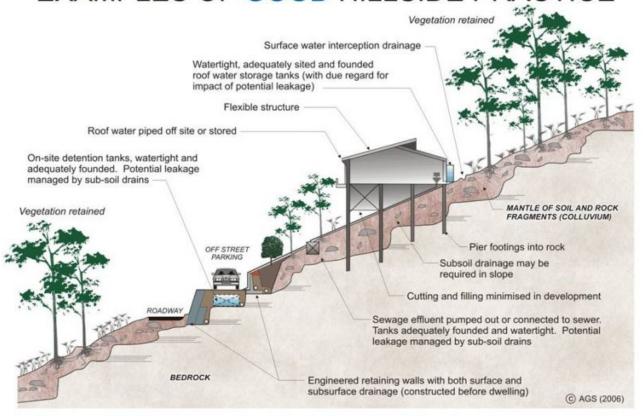
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