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PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT: Acid Sulfate

For Proposed House at 63 Gondola Road, North Narrabeen

Class of land as shown on Acid Sulfate Soils Planning Maps		Type of Works			
	1	Any works			
	C	Works below the natural ground surface.			
	Z	Works by which the water table is likely to be lowered.			
		Works beyond 1m below the natural ground surface.			
	3	Works by which the water table is likely to be lowered beyond 1m below the natural ground surface.			
		Works beyond 2m below the natural ground surface.			
	4	Works by which the water table is likely to be lowered beyond 2m below the natural ground surface.			
	5 Works on land below 5m AHD and within 500m of adjacent Class1, 2, 3 or 4 land which are likely to lower the watertable below 1m AHD on adjacent Class 1, 2, 3 or 4 land.				
	of the site is highlighted in red, it that there is a risk they could be	should be noted that the classification does not mean acid sulfate soils are present present.			

1. Proposed Development

- **1.1** Demolish the existing house and construct a new three-storey house by excavating to a maximum depth of ~1.1m.
- 1.2 Construct a new pool on the uphill side of the property by excavating to a maximum depth of ~1.6m.
- 1.3 Details of the proposed development are shown on 25 drawings prepared by Rapid Plans, Project number RP1018BEE, drawings numbered DA1002 to 1011, 2001 to 2005, 3001 to 3003, 4001, 4002, and 5001 to 5005, dated 14/5/19.

2. Site Description

The site was inspected on the 24th May, 2019.

The property is located on the gently graded, low lying area that is located to the W of the N reaches of Narrabeen Lagoon. The surface varies between RL4.08 and RL7.2. The Sydney



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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.

The NSW Environment and Heritage mapping program (eSpade) maps the soil landscape of the property as 'Warriewood'. The ground tests indicate the upper ~0.5m of soil is a loose, speckled, dark grey loamy sand (wa1) that overlies a bleached massive sand (wa2) and brown soft iron pan (wa5). Their documentation indicates these soils range in pH from 4.5 to 7.0.

None of the ground tests encountered weathered rock. The sands that were encountered are likely Holocene in age (spanning in time from present to ~10,000 years ago) and the Narrabeen Group of rocks are Triassic in age (spanning in time from 199-251 million years ago).

No visible signs of acid sulfate soils such as bare low-lying areas, corrosion on man-made surfaces, or unusually clear, milky, or iron-stained surface water were observed on the property.

3. Earthworks

An excavation to a maximum depth of ~1.0m will be required to construct the new house. Another excavation to a maximum depth of ~1.6m will be required to install the new pool and to landscape the uphill side of the property. The excavations will cover a combined area of ~350m². The excavations are only a risk in regards to potential acid sulfate soils while they are open. On completion of the excavations, they will be sealed with concrete, preventing access of oxygen to the soil and therefore greatly reducing the potential for acid generation.

4. Watertable

The watertable was not encountered in the ground tests that reached a maximum depth of ~2.6m (~RL3.6) below the current surface.

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The proposed excavation will not exceed a depth of ~1.6m (~RL4.6) and it is envisaged the watertable will not be intercepted or impacted.

5. Field Testing

Four hand auger holes were put down in the locations shown on the site plan attached. Field pH and peroxide testing was carried out on samples taken from the auger holes at regular intervals. The logs of the auger holes and the test results are as follows.

AUGER HOLE 1 (~RL6.2)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.6	SAND, grey, dry, coarse grained with fine trace organic matter.
0.6 to 1.2	SAND, light grey, dry, coarse grained.
1.2 to 2.6	SAND, brown, damp, coarse grained.

End of hole @ 2.6m in sand. Watertable not encountered.

TEST: AH1		FIELD pH & PEROXIDE RESULTS			
Sample depth (m)	pH⊧	30% Peroxide reaction	рН _{ғох}	рН _{F -} рН _{FOX}	SS=Shell J=Jarosite R=Roots
0.5	5.9	Very Weak Effervescence	6.1	-0.2	~5% Roots
1.0	5.9	No Reaction	6.3	-0.4	-
1.5	6.0	Very Weak Effervescence	6.7	-0.7	-
2.0	6.3	Very Weak Effervescence	6.5	-0.2	-
2.6	6.2	No Reaction	6.7	-0.5	-



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AUGER HOLE 2 (~RL5.5)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.5	SANDY SOIL , dark grey-brown, dry, coarse grained with fine trace organic matter.
0.5 to 1.4	SAND, light grey, dry, coarse grained.
1.4 to 2.2	SAND, dark brown, dry, coarse grained with fine trace organic matter.

End of hole @ 2.2m in sand. Watertable not encountered.

TEST: AH2	FIELD pH & PEROXIDE RESULTS					
Sample depth (m)	pH⊧	30% Peroxide reaction	рН _{FOX}	рН _{F -} рН _{FOX}	SS=Shell J=Jarosite R=Roots	
0.5	6.4	No Reaction	6.5	-0.1	~5% Roots	
1.0	6.5	Very Weak Effervescence	6.6	-0.1	-	
1.5	6.5	No Reaction	6.5	0.0	-	
2.2	6.7	No Reaction	6.8	-0.1	-	

AUGER HOLE 3 (~RL5.5)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.5	SANDY SOIL , dark grey-brown, dry, coarse grained with fine trace organic matter.
0.5 to 1.5	SAND, light grey, dry, coarse grained.

End of hole @ 1.5m in sand. Watertable not encountered.

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TEST: AH3	FIELD		DH & PEROXIDE RESULTS		
Sample depth (m)	pH⊧	30% Peroxide reaction	рН _{ғох}	рН _{F -} рН _{FOX}	SS=Shell J=Jarosite R=Roots
0.5	5.6	No Reaction	5.7	-0.1	~5% Roots
1.0	6.0	No Reaction	6.1	-0.1	-
1.5	6.1	Very Weak Effervescence	5.9	-0.2	-

AUGER HOLE 4 (~RL4.6)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.5	SANDY SOIL , dark grey-brown, dry, coarse grained with fine trace organic matter.
0.5 to 1.2	SAND, light grey, dry, coarse grained.
1.2 to 1.5	SAND, dark brown, dry, coarse grained with fine trace organic matter.

End of hole @ 1.5m in sand. Watertable not encountered.

TEST: AH4		FIELD p	FIELD pH & PEROXIDE RESULTS			
Sample depth (m)	pH⊧	30% Peroxide reaction	рН _{ғох}	рН _{F -} рН _{FOX}	SS=Shell J=Jarosite R=Roots	
0.5	5.3	Very Weak Effervescence	5.4	-0.1	~5% Roots	
1.0	5.5	Very Weak Effervescence	5.5	0.0	-	
1.5	5.1	No Reaction	5.3	-0.2	-	

6. Conclusions

This report was carried out in accordance with the Field pH and Peroxide Test guidelines (ASSMAC, 1998).

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No Acid Sulfate Soils were identified in the test holes. The pH_F levels tested in all auger holes did not fall lower than 5.1. This is above a PH of 4 that is an indicator of acid sulfate soils. No Potential Acid Sulfate Soils were identified in the test holes. The measured pH_F Levels varied up to 0.7 from the measured pH_{FOX} levels. A movement of 1 unit or more is an indicator of potential acid sulfate soils. In addition, the measured pH_{FOX} did not fall lower than 5.3. A pH_{FOX} <3 is a strong indicator of potential acid sulfate soils. No observable colour change or sulphurous odours were identified during the peroxide testing.

This preliminary assessment indicates that an Acid Sulfate Soils management plan is not required for the proposed works.

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	Site Information	Proposed	Compliance		
	Site Area	622.7m2	Yes		
	Housing Density (dwelli	ng/m2)	1	Yes	
	Max Ceiling Height Abo	ve Natural GL	N/A	Yes	
	Max Building Height Ab	ove Natural GL	8.5m	Yes	
	Front Setback (Min.)	ne hannine al anna an an an an Anna an	6.5m	Yes	
	Rear Setback (Min.)		6.5m	Yes	
t that:	Minimum side boundry	setback (Min.)	1m + 2.5	m Variaton	
an 2m2, on	Building envelope	12 10 10 501	3.5m@45De	9 Variaton	
dance	% of landscape open sp	bace (50% min)	50%	Yes	
ed door.	Impervious area (m2)	Sart of Resident	313.62m	2 Yes	
randah,	Maximum cut into grour	nd (m)	1550mm	Yes	
e sill.	Maximum depth of fill (m)		865mm	Yes	
centre	Number of car spaces provided		2	Yes	
P. 16212		Scale: A3 as noted		Date: 14/05/19	
itle:		Status: DA		Checked By: GBJ	
Plans -	Site Plan	Project No.		Drawing No.	
Plan		RP1018BEE		DA1004	