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32 The Strand, Whale Beach

Geotechnical Comments for Section 4.55.

We have reviewed the existing geotechnical report, the original plans, and the 13 amended plans by Shaun Lockyer Architects. Drawings numbered 100.01, 200.01 and 400.01 to 400.03 are Revision C, dated 26/6/19. Drawings numbered 200.01 to 200.03 and 400.04 are Revision B, dated 18/4/19. Drawings numbered 300.01 and 300.02 are Revision D, dated 4.9.19. Drawing number 100.10 is Revision A, dated 26.6.19. Drawing number 020.03 is Revision A,

dated 18.4.19.

The changes are as follows:

Plant and equipment store area on the S side of the house increased by moving the W

wall further W.

Various other minor modifications to the house and external areas.

The proposed changes are considered minor from a geotechnical perspective and do not alter the recommendations or the risk assessment in the original report carried out by this firm numbered J2226 and dated the 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

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

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|                                 | Australian Geome  | echanics Society Landslide Risk Management March 2007.   |                   |
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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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| $\boxtimes$           | Comprehensive site   | mapping conducted 14/6/19   | _  |          |
|                       | Subsurface investiga   | tion required  Justification  | with geomorphic mapping to a minimum scale of 1:200 (as appropr  | riate)   |
| ⊠<br>⊠                | Geotechnical hazard:   | s identified<br>the site<br>site<br>he site   | an inferred subsurface type-section  |          |
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#### **GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION:**

New House at 32 The Strand, Whale Beach.

#### 1. Proposed Development

- **1.1** Demolish the existing house and construct a new part three-storey house by excavating to a maximum depth of ~6.5m into the slope.
- Details of the proposed development are shown on 38 drawings prepared by Shaun Lockyer Architects, Project number 0255, drawings numbered 000.01, 020.03, 100.03, 100.05 to 07, 110.01, 110.02, 400.04, 700.00 to 04, and 720.00 to 02 are Revision A and drawings numbered 000.00, 020.01, 020.02, 050.01 to 07, 100.01, 100.02, 200.01 to 03, 210.01, 300.01, 300.02, and 400.01 to 03 are Revision B, all drawings dated 18/4/19.

#### 2. Site Description

- **2.1** The site was inspected on the 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2019.
- 2.2 This residential property has dual access. It is on the low side of Whale Beach Road and the high side of The Strand. It has an E aspect. The block is located on the near level to steeply graded lower reaches and toe of a hillslope that falls to Whale Beach. The slope falls from the road frontage to roughly the midpoint of the property at an average angle of ~22°. The midpoint of the property approximates the toe of the slope and the remainder of the property continues at near-level angles before rising slightly to The Strand below. The slope gradually increases in grade above the property.
- **2.3** At the road frontage to Whale Beach Road, a concrete driveway runs to a concrete parking area on the uphill side of the property (Photo 1). Between the road frontage and the house is a gently sloping lawn (Photo 2). A gently sloping lawn-



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covered fill extends off the downhill side of the house and is supported by a timber

retaining wall (Photo 3). The slope below the wall is terraced with a series of similar

walls (Photo 4). The house (Photo 5) and all retaining walls will be demolished and the

site will be cleared as part of the proposed works. Competent Medium Strength

Sandstone bedrock outcrops near the toe of the slope (Photo 6). A near-level lawn

extends from the toe of the slope to the road frontage with The Strand with the beach

beyond (Photo 7).

3. Geology

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

of Rocks with the contact point of the coarse quartz beach sand further seaward. Ground

testing indicates the Narrabeen Group of Rocks underlies the upper half of the property. Sand

is expected to underlie the property from the toe of the slope to the lower boundary and

beyond. The Narrabeen Group of Rocks are 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. Seven 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 and the results are

as follows:

**GROUND TEST RESULTS ON NEXT PAGE** 



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#### **AUGER HOLE 1** (~RL18.0) – AH1 (Photo 8)

| Depth (m)  | Material Encountered  |
|------------|---|
| 0.0 to 0.2 | <b>TOPSOIL</b> , sandy soil, dark brown, loose, dry, fine to medium grained with fine trace organic matter. |
| 0.2 to 0.7 | SAND, grey, loose to medium dense, damp, coarse grained.  |
| 0.7 to 0.9 | SAND, grey, loose, wet, coarse grained.   |
| 0.9 to 1.5 | <b>SANDY CLAY</b> , grey and mottled brown, stiff to hard, damp, fine grained.                              |
| 1.5 to 1.8 | <b>SANDY CLAY</b> , weathered shale, red and mottled grey, stiff to hard, dry, fine grained.                |
| 1.8 to 1.9 | <b>CLAY</b> , weathered shale, grey and mottled maroon, very stiff to hard, dry, fine grained.              |

End of hole @ 1.9m in weathered shale. No watertable encountered.

|                        | DCP TEST RESULTS – Dynamic Cone Penetrometer                                  |                          |                          |                          |                              |                              |                       |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Equipment: 9           | Equipment: 9kg hammer, 510mm drop, conical tip. Standard: AS1289.6.3.2 - 1997 |                          |                          |                          |                              |                              |                       |
| Depth(m)<br>Blows/0.3m | <b>DCP 1</b> (~RL17.0)  | DCP 2<br>(~RL17.2)       | <b>DCP 3</b> (~RL16.8)   | DCP 4<br>(~RL14.3)       | DCP 5<br>(~RL14.4)           | <b>DCP 6</b> (~RL9.0)        | DCP 7<br>(~RL8.0)     |
| 0.0 to 0.3             | 3   | 8                        | 9                        | 3                        | 2F                           | 6                            | Rock                  |
| 0.3 to 0.6             | 15  | 6                        | 9                        | 4                        | 1F                           | 11                           | Exposed at<br>Surface |
| 0.6 to 0.9             | 9   | 8                        | 5                        | 7                        | 2                            | 12                           |                       |
| 0.9 to 1.2             | 10  | 14                       | 12                       | 15                       | 9                            | 20                           |                       |
| 1.2 to 1.5             | 12  | 32                       | 22                       | 33                       | 18                           | #                            |                       |
| 1.5 to 1.8             | 11  | 30                       | 30                       | #                        | 23                           |                              |                       |
| 1.8 to 2.1             | 16  | #                        | #                        |                          | 9                            |                              |                       |
| 2.1 to 2.4             | #   |                          |                          |                          | #                            |                              |                       |
|                        | Refusal on<br>Rock @<br>2.0m  | End of<br>Test @<br>1.7m | End of<br>Test @<br>1.8m | End of<br>Test @<br>1.5m | Refusal on<br>Rock @<br>1.9m | Refusal on<br>Rock @<br>1.2m |                       |

#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 – Refusal on rock @ 2.0m, DCP bouncing off rock surface, white impact dust on dry tip, grey and maroon clay in collar above tip.

DCP2 – End of test @ 1.7m, DCP still very slowly going down, white impact dust on dry tip, grey and maroon clay in collar above tip.

DCP3 – End of test @ 1.8m, DCP still very slowly going down, grey shale fragments on dry tip.

DCP4 – End of test @ 1.5m, DCP still very slowly going down, grey sand on wet tip, grey clay in collar above tip.

DCP5 – Refusal on rock @ 1.9m, DCP bouncing off rock surface, grey sand on wet tip, grey clay in collar above tip.

DCP6 – Refusal on rock @ 1.2m, DCP bouncing off rock surface, white impact dust on dry tip, grey clay in collar above tip.

DCP7 – Rock exposed at surface.

#### 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 a sandy topsoil over stiff to hard clays. The clays merge into the underlying weathered rock at an depths of between 1.2 to 2.1m below the current surface. As the DCP bounced at the end of 3 of the 7 tests, and as Medium Strength Sandstone was observed to be outcropping near the toe of the slope, it is interpreted that the upper half of the property is underlain by alternating bands of Extremely Low to Very Low Strength Shale and thicker bands of Low to Medium Strength Sandstone. We expect the lower half of the property to be underlain by the upper reaches of the coarse beach sand of Whale Beach. 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 clay and rock and through the cracks in the rock.



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

#### 7. Surface Water

No evidence of significant surface flows were observed on the property during the inspection. Normal sheet wash from the slope above will be intercepted by the street drainage system for Whale Beach Road above.

#### 8. Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis

No geotechnical hazards were observed below or beside the property. The gentle to steeply graded land surface that falls across the property and continues above is a potential hazard (Hazard One). The vibrations from the proposed excavation are a potential hazard (Hazard Two). The excavation for the proposed house is a potential hazard until the retaining walls are in place (Hazard Three).

#### **Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis - Risk Analysis Summary**

| HAZARDS                  | Hazard One   | Hazard Two   | Hazard Three  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| TYPE                     | The gentle to steep slope that falls across the property and continues above failing and impacting on the proposed works.  The vibrations produced during the proposed excavation impacting on the surrounding structures. |  | The excavation for the proposed house (up to a depth of ~6.5m) collapsing onto the work site before retaining walls are in place.                         |  |
| LIKELIHOOD               | 'Unlikely' (10 <sup>-4</sup> )   | 'Possible' (10 <sup>-3</sup> )   | 'Likely' (10 <sup>-2</sup> )  |  |
| CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY | ' Medium' (15%)   'Medium' (15%)   |  | 'Medium' (30%)  |  |
| RISK TO PROPERTY         | 'Low' (2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> )  | 'Moderate' (2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> )   | 'Moderate' (2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> )  |  |
| RISK TO LIFE             | 5.5 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> /annum  | 5.3 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> /annum  | 7.6 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> /annum   |  |
| COMMENTS                 | This level of risk is 'ACCEPTABLE'.  | This level of risk to property is 'UNACCEPTABLE'. To move risk to 'ACCEPTABLE' levels, the recommendations in Section 12 are to be followed. | 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)



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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

A spreader/dispersion trench is suitable for this site as the lower half of the property is

underlain by beach sand. All stormwater is to be piped through any tanks that may be

required by the regulating authorities.

11. Excavations

An excavation to a maximum depth of ~6.5m will be required to construct the proposed

house. The excavation will step down the slope in multiple terraces. It is expected to be

through a sandy topsoil over stiff to hard clays with alternating bands of Extremely Low to

Very Low Strength Shale and thicker bands of Low to Medium Strength Sandstone expected

at depths of between 1.2 to 2.1m below the surface.

It is envisaged that excavations through soil, clay, and Extremely Low to Very Low Strength

Shale can be carried out with a bucket and excavations through Low to Medium Strength

Sandstone will require grinding or rock sawing and breaking.

12. Vibrations

Possible vibrations generated during excavations through soil, clay, and Extremely Low to

Very Low Strength Shale will be below the threshold limit for building damage.

Bands of Medium Strength Sandstone may be encountered during the excavation.

Excavations through Medium Strength Rock or better are to be carried out to minimise the

potential to cause vibration damage to the neighbouring houses to the N and S. The N

neighbouring house will be as close as ~3.0m, and the S neighbouring house will be as close



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as  $^{\sim}2.0\text{m}$  from the edges of the excavation. 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

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 (where Medium Strength Rock or better is encountered), 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 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 house and neighbouring properties.

13. Excavation Support Requirements

It is recommended, before the structural design commences for the project, exploration core

drilling is to be carried out on the site to confirm to the rock quality and strength. This is to be

arranged and supervised by the geotechnical consultant and should consist of a minimum of

two cored bore holes taken to a depth of not less than 8.5m each. The following ground

support advice can be considered preliminary and will be reviewed on recovery of the drill

core. It may change as a result of the assessment of the drill core.

As this job is considered technically complex and due to the depth of the excavation, we

recommend it be carried out by builders and contractors who are well experienced in similar

work and can provide a proven history of completed work. We recommend a pre-construction

meeting between the structural engineer, the builder, and the geotechnical consultant to

discuss and confirm the excavation plan and to ensure suitable excavation equipment will be

on site.



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On steep sites such as this one, to help maintain excavation stability, it is critical upslope

runoff be diverted from the proposed excavations with temporary or permanent drainage

measures. Temporary measures may be trenches and sandbag mounds and permanent

measures could be a wide diameter dish drain or similar. These are to be installed before any

excavation work commences.

The excavation for the proposed house will reach a maximum depth of ~6.5m. Allowing for

over-excavation, it will be taken close to flush with the N common boundary, set back ~1.0m

from the upper boundary, and ~1.8m from the S boundary. The excavation will step down the

slope in multiple terraces. The N and S neighbouring houses and the road reserve will all be

within the zone of influence of the excavation. Thus, all sides of the excavation will require

ground support installed prior to the commencement of the excavation.

Due to the depth of the excavation and its proximity to the common boundaries, we

recommend heavy ground support be installed around the excavation perimeter prior to the

commencement of the excavation to ensure the safety of any workers below the cut and

integrity of the neighbouring properties.

As there is relatively thick surface sand over the site, a Secant or Contiguous Pile Wall is one

of the suitable methods of support around the perimeter of the excavation. Secant piles are

the preferred option but if contiguous piles are used, the gaps between the piles are to be

grouted closed as the excavation is lowered so no sand/sediment moves through the wall.

The piers can be supported by embedment, propping, temporary, or permanent rock anchors

installed as the excavation is lowered. The upslope piers will need to be taken to below the

zone of influence of the stepped portions of the proposed excavation.

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

through Medium Strength Rock will be required. We recommend the excavation contractor

assess the drill core to ensure the equipment is capable of reaching the required depths. The



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walls are to be tied into the concrete floor and ceiling slabs of the house to provide permanent

wall support.

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.

The internal steps of the excavation inside the perimeter of the excavation are expected to

stand unsupported at near-vertical angles for short periods of time until the retaining walls

are installed provided the cut batters are kept from becoming saturated.

Unsupported cut batters through soil and clay are to be covered to prevent access of water

in wet weather and loss of moisture in dry weather. The covers are to be tied down with metal

pegs or other suitable fixtures so they can't blow off in a storm. Upslope runoff is to be

diverted from the cut faces by sandbag mounds or other diversion works. The materials and

labour to construct the retaining structures 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.

Excavation spoil is to be removed from site.

14. Retaining Walls

For cantilever or singly-propped retaining walls, it is suggested the design be based on a

triangular pressure distribution of lateral pressures using the parameters shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1 IS ON THE NEXT PAGE



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Table 1 – Likely Earth Pressures for Retaining Walls

|                                  | Earth Pressure Coefficients |                         |              |                      |  |  |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Unit                             | Unit weight (kN/m³)         | 'Active' K <sub>a</sub> | 'At Rest' K₀ | Passive              |  |  |
| Sandy Soil and<br>Residual Clays | 20                          | 0.40                    | 0.55         | N/A                  |  |  |
| Very Low Strength<br>Rock        | 24                          | 0.25                    | 0.35         | K <sub>p</sub> = 4.6 |  |  |
| Low Strength Rock                | 24                          | 0.20                    | 0.30         | 400kPa<br>"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 do not account for any surcharge loads, assume the surface above the wall is near level and retaining walls 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. Rock strength and relevant earth pressure coefficients are to be confirmed on site by the geotechnical consultant.

All retaining walls are to have sufficient back-wall drainage and be backfilled immediately behind the wall 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 walls, the likely hydrostatic pressures are to be accounted for in the structural design.

#### 15. Foundations

The proposed house can be supported on a concrete slab and shallow piers taken to Low Strength Rock. This ground material is expected to be exposed across most of the base of the excavation, and is expected at depths of between 1.2 to 2.1m below the current surface where the weathered rock falls away on the downhill side and where the house does not fall



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over the footprint of the excavation. A maximum allowable bearing pressure of 600kPa can

be assumed for footings on Low Strength Rock.

As the bearing capacity of shale 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 wet clay or shale 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 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.

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

Occupation Certificate 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 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 7



Photo 8: AH1 – Downhole is from left to right.



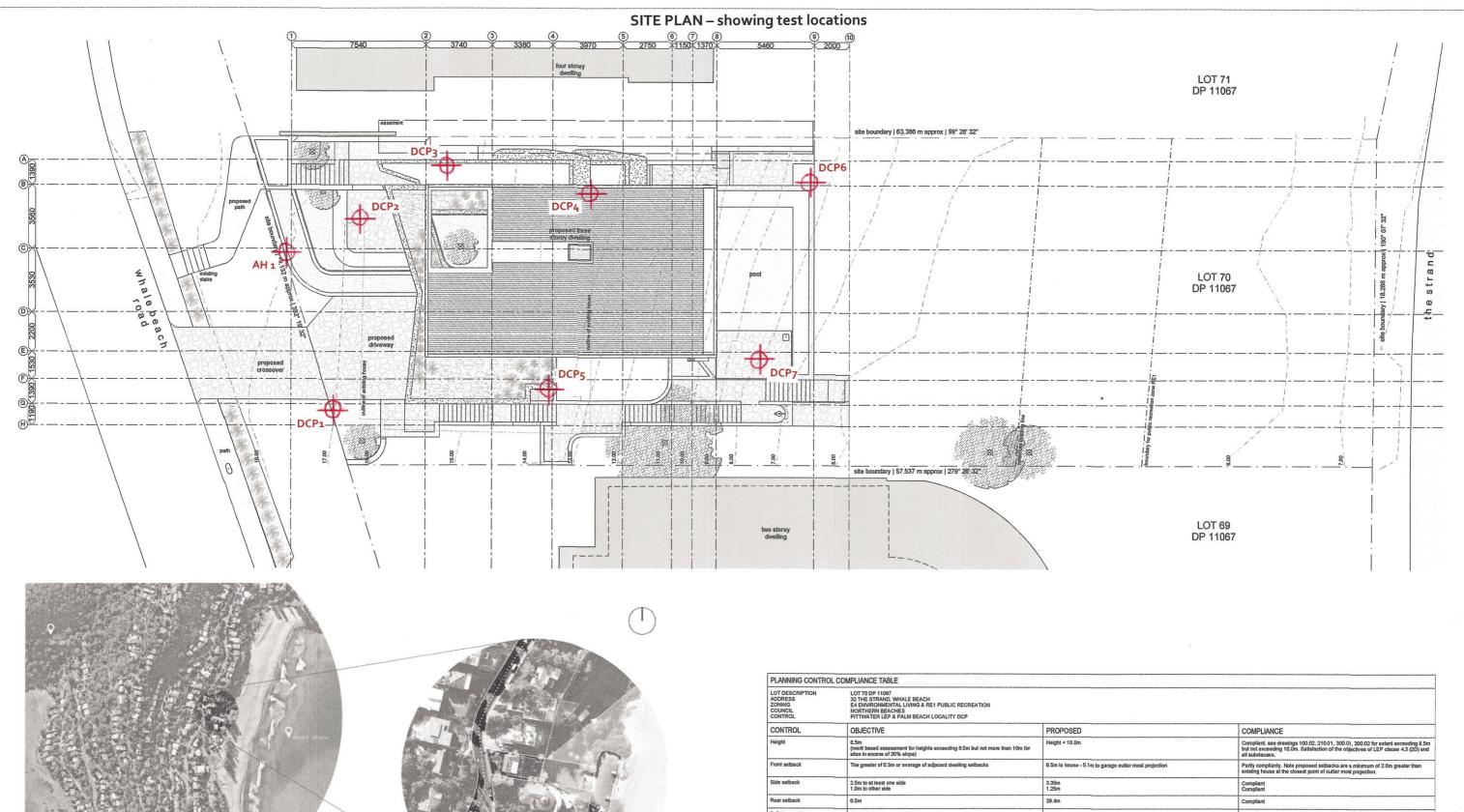
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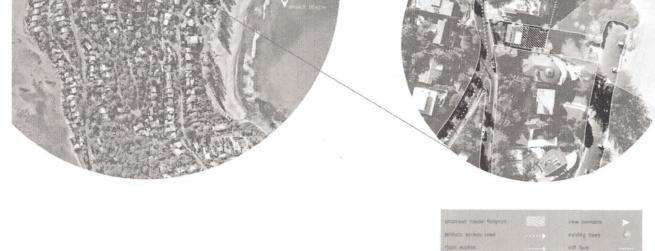
#### Important Information about Your Report

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.





| MPLIANCE TABLE  |   |  |
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| LOT 70 DP 11087 32 THE STRAND, WHALE SEACH E4 ENVIRONMENTAL LIVING & RE1 PUBLIC RECREATION NORTHERN BEACHES PITTWATER LET & PALM BEACH LOCALITY DCP |   |  |
| OBJECTIVE   | PROPOSED  | COMPLIANCE   |
| ment based assessment for heights exceeding 8.5m but not more than 10m for sites in excess of 30% stope)  | Height < 10.0m  | Compliant, see drawings 100.02, 210.01, 300.01, 300.02 for extent exceeding 8.5m but not exceeding 10.0m. Satisfaction of the objectives of LEP clause 4.3 (2D) and all subclauses.  |
| The greater of 6.5m or average of adjacent dwelling setbacks  | 6.5m to house - 5.1m to garage outter most projection   | Partly complianty. Note proposed setbacks are a minimum of 2.6m greater than existing house at the closest point of outter most projection.  |
| 2.5m to at least one side<br>1.0m to other side   | 3.35m<br>1.25m  | Compliant<br>Compliant   |
| 6.5m  | 29.4m   | Compliant  |
| 3.5m at 45° measured at side boundary<br>(merit based assessment for sites in excess of 30% slope)  | varies  | Compliant, see drawings 100.02, 210.01, 300.01, 300.02 for extent exceeding 8.5m but not exceeding 10.0m.  |
| 60% min   | 64%   | Compliant. Note calculation includes RE1 Public Recreation Zone.   |
| 60m2 at ground level  | 589m2   | Compliant  |
| 3hrs min (to private open space of proposed and neighbouring properties)  | varies  | Compliant  |
| Provide reasonable access   | NA NA   | Compliant  |
| Design to minimise impacts (on the privacy of proposed and neighbouring properties)   | NA NA   | Compliant  |
| 2 spaces per 2 or more bedrooms   | 2 x covered   | Compliant  |
| 1 per 30m of fronlage   | 1 x (off west body)   | Compliant  |
| Design elements compatible with locale  | Roof forms, materials, landscaping, terracing, scale and architectural form in keeping with local character.  | Compliant  |
| landscaping the dominant feature and built form the secondary component   | Built form recedes from western street front behind landscaped verge and roof   | Compliant  |
| Visual prominence minimised, and colours and materials to harmonise with native vegetation and character of the area                                | proposed natural material (timber and stone predominatly) along with deep planted terraces and roofs of scale that is minised to the street and public appearance   | Compliant  |
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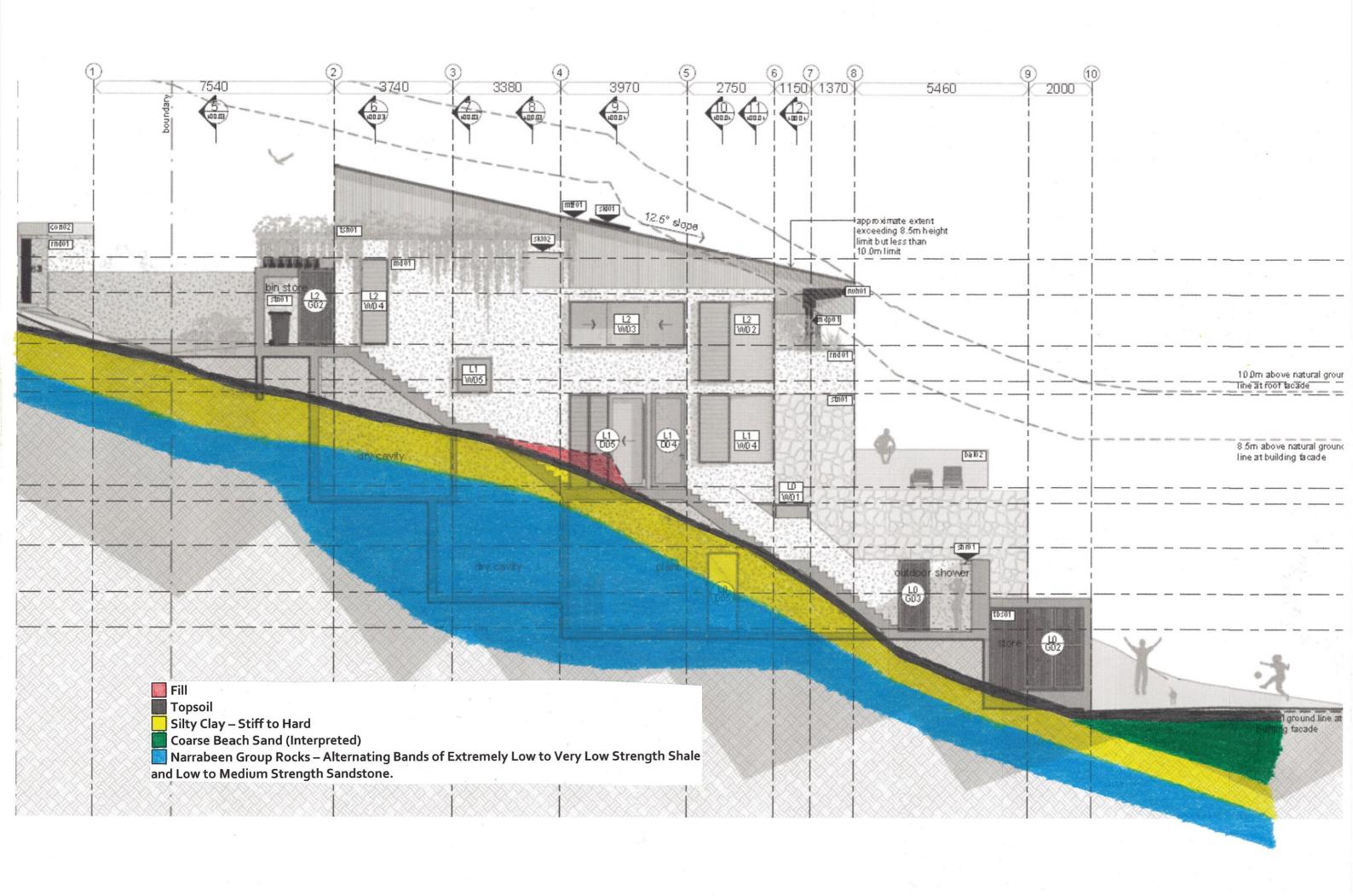
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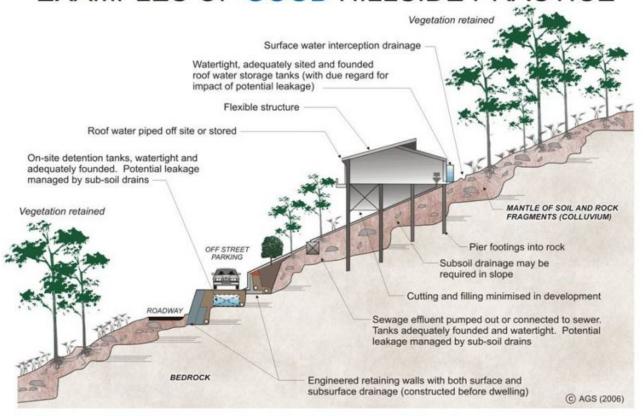
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## EXAMPLES OF GOOD HILLSIDE PRACTICE



### EXAMPLES OF POOR HILLSIDE PRACTICE

