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### PRELIMINARY GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT:

## 38 Delaigh Avenue, North Curl Curl

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

# 2.0 Proposed Development

- **2.1** Extend the west side of the house.
- **2.2** Enclose a balcony on the first floor of the house.
- **2.3** Various other minor internal and external alterations
- **2.4** no excavations or fills are required.
- 2.5 Details of the proposed development are shown on 3 drawings prepared by High Design, Project number 905 20HD, drawings numbered 1-3 to 3-3, dated Jan 2021.

#### 3.0 Site Location

- **3.1** The site was inspected on the 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2021.
- 3.2 This residential property is on the corner of Delaigh Avenue and Headland Road. It is level with Delaigh Avenue and is on the downhill side of Headland Road. The property has a SE aspect. The block runs longways to the W so the slope is a cross-



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fall. It is located on the gently graded middle reaches of a hillslope. No rock outcrops

on the property but bedrock was visible on nearby properties. The Sydney 1:100 000

Geological sheet indicates the site is underlain by Hawkesbury Sandstone that is

described as a medium to coarse grained quartz sandstone with very minor shale and

laminite lenses. Sandstone bedrock is expected to underlie the surface at relatively

shallow depths. The natural surface of the block has been altered with an excavation

for the pool. The proposed development will not alter the surface further.

**3.3** The site shows no indications of historical movement in the natural surface

that could have occurred since the property was developed. We are aware of no

history of instability on the property.

4.0 Site Description

The natural slope falls across the property at an average angle of <5°. At the road frontage, a

concrete driveway runs to a garage on the ground floor of the house. Between the road

frontage and the house is a gently sloping lawn. The two-storey rendered brick and timber

clad house is supported on brick walls and brick piers. The external supporting walls of the

house display no significant signs of movement and the supporting brick piers stand vertical.

A pool has been cut into the slope on the W side of the house. The water level of the pool

indicates no ground movement has occurred in the shell of the pool since its construction.

Another gently sloping lawn extends off the W of the house to the W common boundary. The

area surrounding the house is mostly lawn-covered and paved. No signs of movement

associated with slope instability were observed on the grounds. The adjoining neighbouring

properties were observed to be in good order as seen from the road and the subject property.

5.0 Recommendations

The proposed development and site conditions were considered and applied to the Council

Flow Chart.



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Provided good engineering and building practice are followed, no further Geotechnical assessment is recommended for the proposed development.

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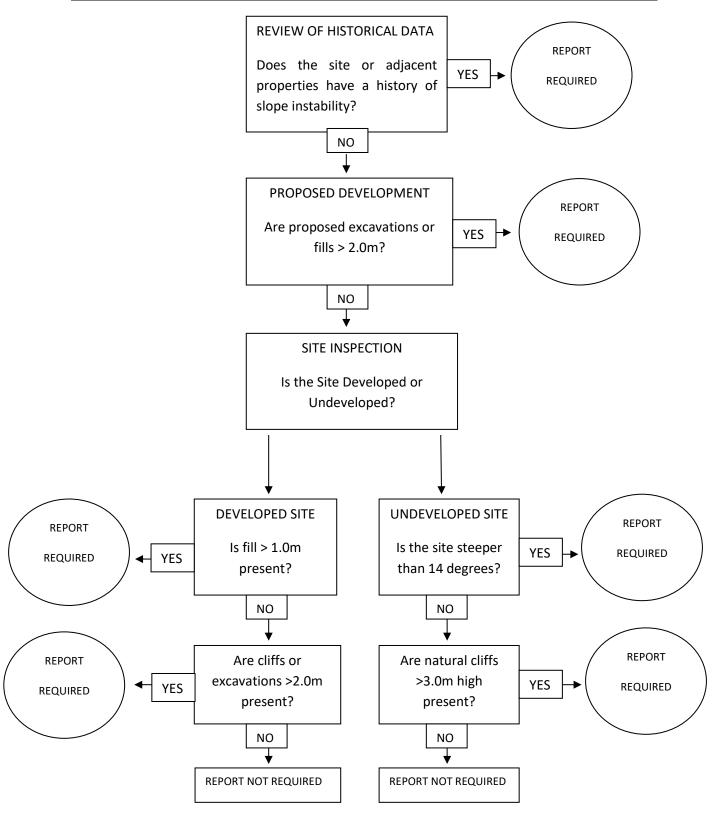
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## <u>Preliminary Assessment Flow Chart – Northern Beaches Council (Warringah)</u>





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### Information about your Preliminary Assessment

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

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

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