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74 Grandview Drive, Newport

Geotechnical Comments for Section 4.55

We have reviewed the existing geotechnical report, the original plans, and the 6 amended plans by Jamie King Landscape Architect, Project number 21060, drawings numbered Sht-101 to Sht-106, Issue H, dated 20/4/22.

The changes are as follows:

- Construct a new addition to the uphill side of the house.
- Various other minor modifications to the house and external areas.

The 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 J3242 and dated the 17th March, 2021.

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

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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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GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION:

New Pool at 74 Grandview Drive, Newport

1. Proposed Development

- 1.1 Install a new pool in the SE corner of the property by excavating to a maximum depth of ~1.2m.
- **1.2** Various other minor external alterations.
- 1.3 Details of the proposed development are shown on 7 drawings prepared by Jamie King Landscape Architect, project number 21060, drawings numbered Sht-101 to 106 and 201, Issue C, dated 12/3/21.

2. Site Description

- **2.1** The site was inspected on the 24th February, 2021.
- **2.2** Grandview Drive wraps around the uphill, W, and downhill sides of this residential property (Photo 1). The property has a SE aspect. It is located on the moderate to steeply graded upper middle reaches of a hillslope. The natural surface rises across the property at an average angle of ~20°. The slope above the property continues at decreasing angles. The slope below the property continues at increasing angles.
- 2.3 At the road frontage, a concrete driveway runs to a stable carport attached to the uphill side of the house (Photo 2). The cut for the driveway is supported by a mortared sandstone block retaining wall reaching ~1.2m high (Photo 3). The wall displays some cacking through the mortar but no signs of deflection and is considered stable. The part two-storey brick house is supported on brick walls (Photo 4). The supporting walls display no significant signs of movement. A large cut and fill encompasses the entire NE side of the property to create a level platform for the house and surrounding lawns and gardens. The cut is supported by a stable mortared



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sandstone block retaining wall reaching ~2.0m high (Photo 5). The fill is supported by

a concrete crib retaining wall reaching ~4.0m high (Photo 6). The condition of this

retaining wall was difficult to determine as it has a thick covering of vegetation at the

time of the inspection. However, from what could be seen of the wall and its

surrounds, it appears stable.

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 (AH) was put down to identify the soil materials. Two Dynamic Cone

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

soil and the depth to rock. The locations of the tests are shown on the site plan attached. 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. However,

excavation and foundation budgets should always allow for the possibility that the

interpreted ground conditions in this report vary from those encountered during excavations.

See the appended "Important information about your report" for a more comprehensive

explanation. The results are as follows:

GROUND TEST RESULTS ON NEXT PAGE



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AUGER HOLE 1 (~RL99.9) – AH1 (Photo 7)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.6	FILL , disturbed sandy soil, dark brown and brown, loose to medium dense, dry, fine to coarse grained with fine trace organic matter and trace clay.
0.6 to 0.9	FILL , disturbed clay, brown, firm, damp, fine to coarse grained with fine trace organic matter.
0.9 to 1.1	FILL , disturbed sandy soil, dark brown and brown, loose to medium dense, dry, fine to coarse grained with fine trace organic matter and trace clay.

Refusal @ 1.1m on unknown obstruction. No water table encountered.

DCP TEST RESULTS – Dynamic Cone Penetrometer			
Equipment: 9kg hammer, 510mm drop, conical tip. Standard: AS1289.6.3.2 -			
Depth(m)	DCP 1	DCP 2	
Blows/0.3m	(~RL98.7)	(~RL99.9)	
0.0 to 0.3	6	4F	
0.3 to 0.6	11	7	
0.6 to 0.9	16	8	
0.9 to 1.2	47	22	
1.2 to 1.5	39	21	
1.5 to 1.8	32	19	
1.8 to 2.1	#	25	
2.1 to 2.4		22	
2.4 to 2.7		19	
2.7 to 3.0		30	
3.0 to 3.3		53	
3.3 to 3.6		#	
	End of Test @ 1.8m	End of Test @ 3.3m	

#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 @ 1.8m, DCP still very slowly going down, clean dry tip.

DCP2 – End of test @ 3.3m, DCP still very slowly going down, brown dust on dry tip.

5. Geological Observations/Interpretation

The surface features of the block are controlled by the underlying sandstone bedrock that steps down the property forming sub-horizontal benches between the steps. Where the grade is steeper, the steps are larger and the benches narrower. Where the slope eases, the opposite is true. The rock is overlain by a manmade fill between the house and the lower road frontage over sandy soils and sandy clays that fill the bench step formation. In the test locations, the depth to rock ranged between 1.8 to 3.3m below the current surface, being slightly deeper due to the presence of fill, the stepped nature of the underlying bedrock, and what is interpreted to be a variable weathering profile.

We note solid refusal on rock did not occur in any of the tests so Medium Strength Rock or stronger is not confirmed to underly the property. However, the property is mapped as Hawkesbury Sandstone and Medium Strength Sandstone was observed to be outcropping above and below the property. Thus, it is interpreted that the sandstone continues under the property. As the DCP was still very slowly going down at the end of the tests, the underlying sandstone on the property is estimated to be Very Low to Low Strength Sandstone that becomes progressively stronger with depth. 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. Due to the slope and elevation of the block, the water table is expected to be many metres below the base of the proposed excavation.



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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 Grandview Drive above.

8. Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis

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

Risk Analysis Summary

HAZARDS	Hazard One	Hazard Two	Hazard Three
TYPE	The moderate to steep slope that falls across the property and continues above and below failing and impacting on the property.	The excavation for the proposed pool collapsing onto the work site before retaining walls are in place.	The proposed excavation undercutting the footings of the house causing failure.
LIKELIHOOD	'Unlikely' (10 ⁻⁴)	'Possible' (10 ⁻³)	'Possible' (10 ⁻³)
CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY	'Medium' (20%)	'Medium' (15%)	'Medium' (35%)
RISK TO PROPERTY	'Low' (2 x 10 ⁻⁵)	'Moderate' (2 x 10 ⁻⁴)	'Moderate' (2 x 10 ⁻⁴)
RISK TO LIFE	8.3 x 10 ⁻⁷ /annum	3.5 x 10 ⁻⁵ /annum	5.0 x 10 ⁻⁵ /annum
COMMENTS	'ACCEPTABLE' level of risk to life & property.	This level of risk to life and property is 'UNACCEPTABLE'. To move risk to 'ACCEPTABLE' levels, the recommendations in Section 13 are to be followed.	This level of risk to life and property is 'UNACCEPTABLE'. To move 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

The fall is to Grandview Drive. Roof water from the 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 ~1.2m is required to construct the proposed pool. The

excavation is expected to be taken entirely through manmade fill.

It is envisaged that excavations through fill can be carried out with an excavator and bucket.

12. Vibrations

Possible vibrations generated during excavations through fill will be below the threshold limit

for building damage.

13. Excavation Support Requirements

The proposed excavation for the pool will be taken to a maximum depth of ~1.2m and will be

positioned within the footprint of an existing timber deck (that will partially remain).

Additionally, the excavation will be set back 0.8m from a tile-paved patio that extends off the

downhill side of the house. Thus, the timber deck and patio will be within the zone of

influence of the proposed excavation. Before any excavation commences, the foundations of

the timber deck and patio adjacent to the pool excavation are to be underpinned to below

the zone of influence of the proposed excavation if they are not already supported below this

line.

Exploration pits along the deck and patio will need to be put down by the builder to determine

the foundation depth and material. These are to be inspected by the geotechnical consultant.



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If the foundations are discovered to be supported below the zone of influence, the excavation

may commence. If they are not below the zone of influence of the excavation, in this instance,

the area above a theoretical 30° line from horizontal (1.0V to 1.7H) extending from the base

of the pool excavation towards the footings, the deck footings will need to be underpinned

prior to the excavation commencing.

The remaining sides of the cut will stand at near-vertical angles for short periods of time until

the pool structure is installed provided the cut batters are kept from becoming saturated. If

the cut batters through soil and clay remain unsupported for more than a few days before

the commencement of the pool construction, they are to be supported with typical pool

shoring, such as sacrificial form ply, until the pool structure is in place.

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

works. 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. The materials and

labour to construct the pool structure are to be organised so on completion of the excavation

it can be constructed as soon as possible. The excavation is 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 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 Structures

	Earth Pressure Coefficients		
Unit	Unit weight (kN/m³)	'Active' K _a	'At Rest' K ₀
Fill	20	0.4	0.55

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. 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 likely hydrostatic pressures are to be accounted for in the structural design.

15. Foundations

Due to the steep grade of the slope, piers taken to and embedded at least 0.8m into the underlying Very Low Strength Sandstone are suitable footings for the proposed pool. If the proposed pool is pre-cast fibreglass or similar, it can be seated on a piered concrete slab. This material is expected at depths of between 1.5 to 3.0m below the current surface. Thus, the expected footings depths will be between 2.3 to 3.8m below the current surface, taken from the downhill side of the footing. Assume a maximum allowable bearing pressure of 600kPa for footings supported off Very Low Strength Sandstone.



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Naturally occurring vertical cracks (known as joints) commonly occur in sandstone. These are

generally filled with soil and are the natural seepage paths through the rock. They can extend

to depths of several metres and are usually relatively narrow but can range between 0.1 to

0.8m wide. If a footing falls over a joint in the rock, the construction process is simplified if

with the approval of the structural engineer the joint can be spanned or alternatively the

footing can be repositioned so it does not fall over the joint.

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

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

during the construction process.

• The geotechnical consultant is to inspect any test pits dug by the builder to verify

foundation depth and material of the existing footings.

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



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Photo 5



Photo 6



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Photo 7: AH1 – Downhole is from top to bottom.



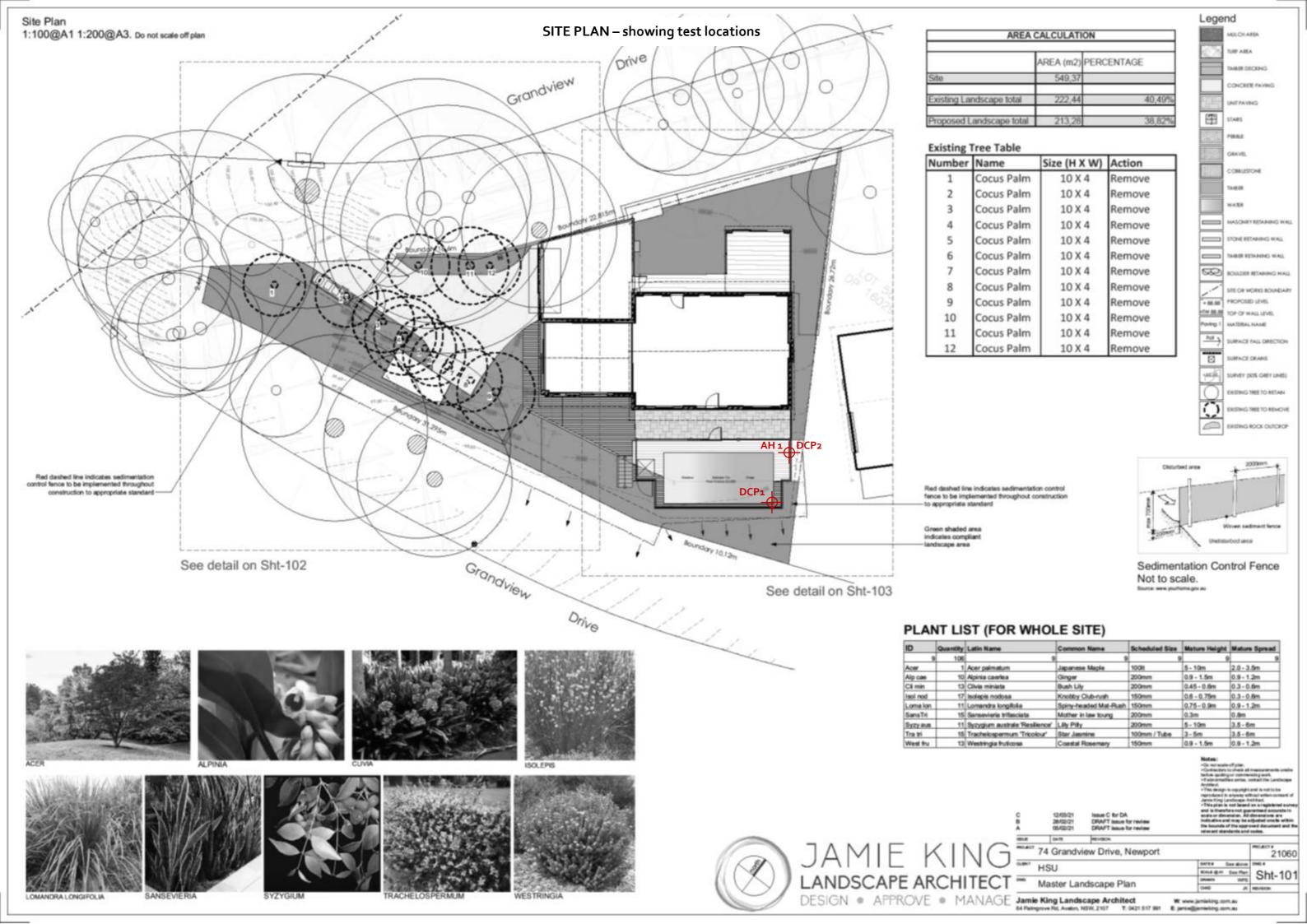
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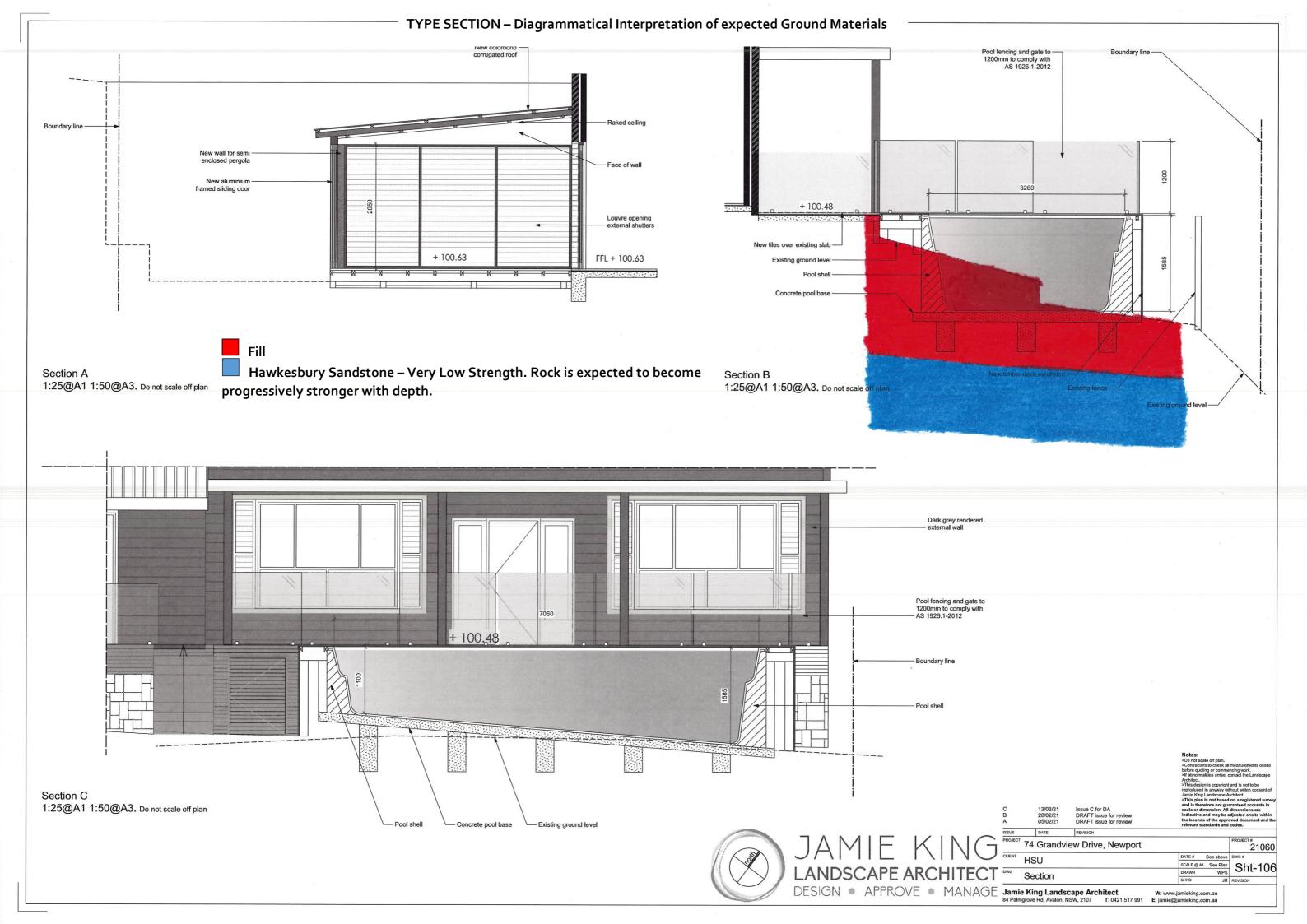
Important Information about Your Report

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.

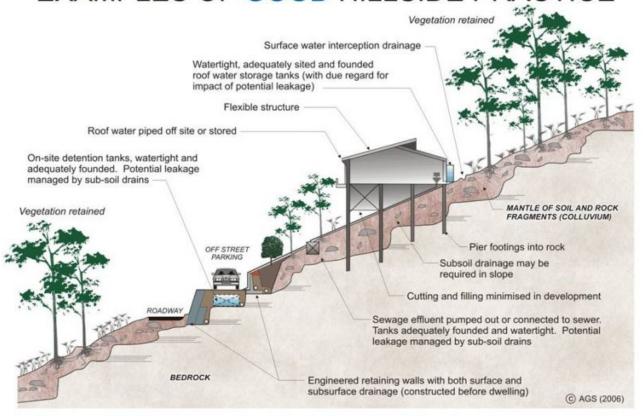
With this in mind, the following points are to be noted:

- 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.





EXAMPLES OF GOOD HILLSIDE PRACTICE



EXAMPLES OF POOR HILLSIDE PRACTICE

