

# RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT 142-146 PITT ROAD, NORTH CURL CURL NSW

Prepared for:

**BALITO 1 PTY LTD** 

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## 1 PROJECT BACKGROUND

Morrow Geotechnics Pty Ltd has undertaken a Geotechnical Investigation to provide geotechnical input for the proposed redevelopment at 142-146 Pitt Road, North Curl NSW (the site).

From discussion with the client Morrow Geotechnics understands that the proposed development involves the redevelopment of the site comprising a two-storey mixed use development over a single level basement. Excavation for the proposed basement is expected to extend to approximately 3 m below ground level (mBGL).

## 1.1 Investigation Intent

The purpose of the investigation is to provide geotechnical advice and recommendations specific to the ground conditions observed at site for the proposed development. These recommendations include:

- Expected subsurface conditions;
- Geotechnical parameters for foundation design;
- Site classification for slab and foundation design;
- Excavation support options, including lateral earth pressures and pile design parameters;
- Advice on possible seepage water associated with construction;
- Geotechnical construction considerations;
- Lot classification in accordance with AS2870; and
- Earthquake site classification in accordance with AS1170.4.

# 1.2 Published Geological Mapping

Information on regional sub-surface conditions, referenced from the Department of Mineral Resources Geological Map Sydney 1:100,000 Geological Series Sheet 9130 (DMR 1983), indicates that the site overlies Hawkesbury Sandstone, which typically comprises of medium to coarse-grained quartz sandstone, very minor shale and laminite lenses.

# 1.3 Published Soil Landscapes

The Soil Conservation Service of NSW Sydney 1:100,000 Soil Landscapes Series Sheet 9130 (2nd Edition) indicates that the site overlies the Newport Landscape. This landscape type typically includes gently undulating plains of Holocene sands to rolling rises over other soils or bedrock. Soils are generally shallow (< 0.5 m) siliceous sands overlaying moderately deep buried sands (< 1.5m) yellow podzolic soil with sandy topsoil on crests and deep (> 2.0m) podzols in depressions earthy sands. These soils are noted present high soil erosion hazards, localized steep slopes, very low soil fertility and non-cohesive topsoil.

## 2 OBSERVATIONS

## 2.1 Investigation Methods

Fieldwork was undertaken by Morrow Geotechnics from 18 June 2023. Work carried out as part of this investigation includes:

- Review of publicly available information from previous reports in the project area, published geological and soil mapping and government agency websites;
- Site walkover inspection by a Geotechnical Engineer to assess topographical features, condition of surrounding structures and site conditions;
- Drilling of four boreholes in total (BH1, BH2, BH4) drilled by a trailer mounded ADT drill rig using solid flight augers equipped with a tungsten-carbide bit (TC bit) to 5.5, 6.2 and 10 mBGL (metres below ground level) respectively. BH3 was drilled using a hand auger to 1.5 mBGL due to the presence of services limiting access to the location of BH3. Borehole locations are shown on **Figure 1** and borehole logs are presented in **Appendix A**;
- Dynamic Cone Penetrometer tests were undertaken adjacent or within borehole locations. DCP test results were used to assess soil consistency/density and to infer top of rock;
- Installation of one standpipe piezometer in BH2; and
- Groundwater observations within boreholes during drilling.

## 2.2 Subsurface Conditions

The stratigraphy at the site is characterised by fill/topsoil and alluvial clayey sand overlying a residual sandy clay. Observations taken during the investigation have been used to produce a stratigraphic model of the site. The observed stratigraphy has been divided into four geotechnical units. A summary of the subsurface conditions across the site, interpreted from the investigation results, is presented in **Table 1**. More detailed descriptions of subsurface conditions at the test locations are available in the borehole logs presented in **Appendix A**. The details of the method of soil and rock classification, explanatory notes and abbreviations adopted in the borehole logs are also presented in **Appendix A**.

TABLE 1 SUMMARY OF INFERRED SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

	Material	Ар	prox. Depth Ra	Comments		
		BH1	вн2	внз	ВН4	
1	Fill/	0.0 to 0.4	0.0 to 0.1	0.0 to 1.5	0.0 to 0.1	Topsoil and sandy gravelly FILL, fine to medium grained with
1	Topsoil	(14.3 to 13.9)	(14.1 to 14.0)	(13.9 to 12.4)	(14.2 to 14.1)	<ul> <li>medium to coarse gravels. Unit</li> <li>1 in understood to be poorly</li> <li>controlled and compacted.</li> </ul>
_	Stiff	0.4 to 1.4	0.1 to 1.1	-	0.1 to 1.2	Alluvial SAND and Sandy CLAY, Stiff or medium dense,
2	Alluvium	(13.8 to 13.0)	(14.0 to 13.0)	-	(6.7 to 4.2)	<ul> <li>medium grained with low to medium plasticity clay and clay bands.</li> </ul>
_	Very Stiff	1.4 to 5.5	1.1 to 6.2	-	1.2 to 7.5	Alluvial sandy CLAY, very stiff to hard, fine to medium
3	to Hard Alluvium	(13.0 to 8.8)	(13.0 to 7.9)	-	(14.1 to 6.7)	grained, low plasticity with plasticity increasing with depth.

## Notes:

- 1 Depths shown are based on material observed within test locations and will vary across the site.
- 2 BH3 refusal in fill.

## 2.3 Groundwater Observations

Seepage water was observed during the drilling of the BH4 at 7.5m, however no seepage was observed in BH1, BH2 and BH3. One groundwater monitoring well has been installed on the site within BH2. A monitoring event took place on 20 June 2023 within BH2 and groundwater measurements are summarised in the **Table 2** below.

Table 2 Summary of Subsurface Groundwater Conditions at Investigation Locations

Borehole	Depth of Groundwater mBGL (RL mAHD)
BH2 (20/06/2023)	5.50mBGL (8.6 mAHD)

# 3 RECOMMENDATIONS

## 3.1 Excavation Retention

Temporary batters may be considered for retention during basement excavation only where adequate room for full batter construction is available. Temporary batter slopes of 1V:1H will be possible for all units above the water table provided that surface water is diverted away from the batter faces and batter heights are kept to less than 4m. Where batters extend beyond 4 m height benching may be required and further advice should be sought from a qualified geotechnical engineer. Permanent batters of 2H:1V may be employed for excavation design above the water table. Permanent batters will require surface protection or revegetation to prevent erosion and slaking.

Where excavations extend beneath the zone of influence of nearby structures, services or pavements, or where site constraints do not allow the construction of temporary batters, basement retention will be required. For design of flexible shoring systems a triangular pressure distribution may be employed using the parameters provided in **Table 3**. For design of rigid anchored or braced walls, a trapezoidal earth pressure distribution should be used with a maximum pressure over the central 50% of the supported height of 0.65.Ka.y.H (kPa), where 'H' is the effective vertical height of the wall in metres.

TABLE 3 EARTH PRESSURE PARAMETERS

Materi	al	Unit 1 Fill/Topsoil	Unit 2 Stiff Alluvium	Unit 3 Very Stiff to Hard Alluvium
Bulk Unit Weigh	nt (kN/m³)	17	18	19
sure	At rest, K <sub>o</sub>	0.58	0.50	0.47
Earth Pressure Coefficients	Passive, K <sub>p</sub>	2.46	3.00	3.25
Eartl Coe	Active, K <sub>a</sub>	0.41	0.33	0.31

## Notes:

- 1 Unit Weight is based on visual assessment only, order of accuracy is approximately ±10%.
- 2 Earth pressures are provided on the assumption that the ground behind the retaining wall is flat and drained.

In addition, design of retaining walls should consider the following:

- Appropriate surcharge loading from construction equipment, vehicular traffic and neighbouring structures at finished surface level should be taken into account in the retention design. Surcharge loads on retention structures may be calculated using a rectangular stress block with an earth pressure coefficient of 0.5 applied to surcharge loads at ground surface level.
- Anchor design should ignore the contribution of any bonded length within a wedge which extends upwards at 45° from the base of the excavation to account for a failure wedge forming behind the shoring system.

# 3.2 Soil and Rock Excavatability

The expected ability of equipment to excavate the soil and rock encountered at the site is summarised in **Table 4**. This assessment is based on available site investigation data and guidance on the assessment of excavatability of rock by Pettifer and Fookes (1994). The presence of medium to high strength bands in lower strength rock and the discontinuity spacing may influence the excavatability of the rock mass.

TABLE 4 SOIL AND ROCK EXCAVATABILITY

Unit	Material	Excavatability
1	Fill/Topsoil	
2	Stiff Alluvium	Easy digging by 20t Excavator
3	Very Stiff to Hard Alluvium	-

The excavation methodology may also be affected by the following factors:

- Scale and geometry of the excavation;
- Availability of suitable construction equipment;
- Potential reuse of material on site; and
- Acceptable excavation methods, noise, ground vibration and other environmental criteria.

## 3.3 Excavation Vibration Considerations

As a guide, safe working distances for typical items of vibration intensive plant are listed in **Table 5**. The safe working distances are quoted for both "cosmetic" damage (refer British Standard BS 7385:1993) and human comfort (refer NSW Environmental Protection Agency Vibration Guideline). The safe working distances should be complied with at all times, unless otherwise mitigated to the satisfaction of the relevant stakeholders.

TABLE 5 RECOMMENDED SAFE WORKING DISTANCES FOR VIBRATION INTENSIVE PLANT

Plant Item	Rating/Description	Safe Working D	istance
		Cosmetic Damage (BS 7385:1993) 1	Human Response (EPA Vibration Guideline)
Vibratory Roller	< 50 kN (typically 1-2 tonnes)	5 m	15 m to 20 m
	< 100 kN (typically 2-4 tonnes)	6 m	20 m
	< 200 kN (typically 4-6 tonnes)	12 m	40 m
	< 300 kN (typically 7-13 tonnes)	15 m	100 m
	< 300 kN (typically 13-18 tonnes)	20 m	100 m
	< 300 kN (typically >18 tonnes)	25 m	100 m
Small Hydraulic Hammer	300 kg – 5 to 12 t excavator	2 m	7 m
Medium Hydraulic Hammer	900 kg – 12 to 18 t excavator	7 m	23 m
Large Hydraulic Hammer	1600 kg – 18 to 34 t excavator	22 m	73 m
Vibratory Pile Driver	Sheet Piles	2 m to 20 m	20 m
Pile Boring	≤ 800 mm	2m (nominal)	N/A
Jackhammer	Hand held	1 m (nominal)	Avoid contact with structure

## Notes:

1 More stringent conditions may apply to heritage buildings or other sensitive structures.

In relation to human comfort (response), the safe working distances in **Table 5** relate to continuous vibration and apply to residential receivers. For most construction activities, vibration emissions are intermittent in nature and for this reason, higher vibration levels, occurring over shorter periods are permitted, as discussed in British Standard BS 6472-1:2008.

The safe working distances provided in **Table 5** are given for guidance only. Monitoring of vibration levels may be required to ensure vibrations levels remain below threshold values during the construction period. Where vibration monitoring is implemented due to inability to maintain the safe working distances outlined above it is recommended that the monitoring threshold is set at a peak particle velocity (ppv) of 5 mm/sec on the nearest residential receiver.

## 3.4 Foundation Design

The parameters given in **Table 6** may be used for the design of pad footings and bored piles. Morrow Geotechnics recommends that a Preliminary Geotechnical Strength Reduction Factor (GSRF) of 0.4 is used for the design of piles in accordance with AS 2159:2009 if no allowance is made for pile testing during construction. Should pile testing be nominated, the GSRF may be reviewed and a value of 0.55 to 0.65 may be expected.

Ultimate geotechnical strengths are provided for use in limit state design. Allowable bearing pressures are provi0.de for serviceability checks. These values have been determined to limit settlements to an acceptable level for conventional building structures, typically less than 1% of the minimum footing dimension.

TABLE 6 PAD FOOTING AND PILE DESIGN PARAMETERS

Mat	terial	Unit 1 Fill/Topsoil	Unit 3 Very Stiff to Hard Alluvium	
Allowable Bearing	Pressure (kPa)	N/A	140	250
Ultimate Vertical E Pressure (kPa)	End Bearing	N/A	420	750
Elastic Modulus (N	⁄IPa)	3	15	25
Allowable Shaft Adhesion	In Compression	0	15	25
(kPa)	In Tension	0	7.5	12.5
Susceptibility to Li an Earthquake	quefaction during	Medium	Low	Low

#### Notes:

- Side adhesion values given assume there is intimate contact between the pile and foundation material. Design engineer to check both 'piston' pull-out and 'cone' pull-out mechanics in accordance with AS4678-2002 Earth Retaining Structures.
- 2 Susceptibility to liquefaction during an earthquake is based on the following definition:

Low - Medium to very dense sands, stiff to hard clays, and rock

Medium - Loose to medium dense sands, soft to firm clays, or uncontrolled fill below the water table

High - Very loose sands or very soft clays below the water table

To adopt these parameters we have assumed that the bases of all pile excavations are cleaned of loose debris and water and inspected by a suitably qualified Geotechnical Engineer prior to pile construction to verify that ground conditions meet design assumptions. Where groundwater ingress is encountered during pile excavation, concrete is to be placed as soon as possible upon completion of pile excavation. Pile excavations should be pumped dry of water prior to pouring concrete, or alternatively a tremmie system could be used.

Selection of footing types and founding depth will need to consider the risk of adverse differential ground movements within the foundation footprint and between high level and deeper footings. Unless an allowance for such movement is included in the design of the proposed development we recommend that all new structures found on natural materials with comparable end bearing capacities and elastic moduli.

## 3.5 AS1170 Earthquake Site Risk Classification

Assessment of the material encountered during the investigation in accordance with the guidelines provided in AS1170.4-2007 indicates an earthquake subsoil class of Class  $C_e$  – Shallow Soil for the site.

# 4 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FURTHER GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES

Further geotechnical inspections should be carried out during construction to confirm the geotechnical and hydrogeological model. These should include:

- All excavated material transported off site should be classified in accordance with NSW EPA 2014 Waste Classification Guideline Part 1; Classifying Waste.
- A suitably qualified geotechnical engineer is to assess the condition of exposed material at foundation or subgrade level to assess the ability of the prepared surface to act as a foundation or as a subgrade.
- Regular inspections of battered and unsupported excavations, where proposed, to confirm
  geotechnical conditions and to assess the suitability of design assumptions and to provide further
  advice with regards to excavation retention/ support and proposed construction methodologies, if
  required.

# 5 STATEMENT OF LIMITATIONS

The adopted investigation scope was limited by site access restrictions due to presence of structures at the site at the time of our investigation and by the investigation intent. Further geotechnical inspections should be carried out during construction to confirm both the geotechnical model and the design parameters provided in this report.

Your attention is drawn to the document "Important Information", which is included in **Appendix B** of this report. The statements presented in this document are intended to advise you of what your realistic expectations of this report should be. The document is not intended to reduce the level of responsibility accepted by Morrow Geotechnics, but rather to ensure that all parties who may rely on this report are aware of the responsibilities each assumes in so doing.

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# 7 CLOSURE

Please do not hesitate to contact Morrow Geotechnics if you have any questions about the contents of this report.

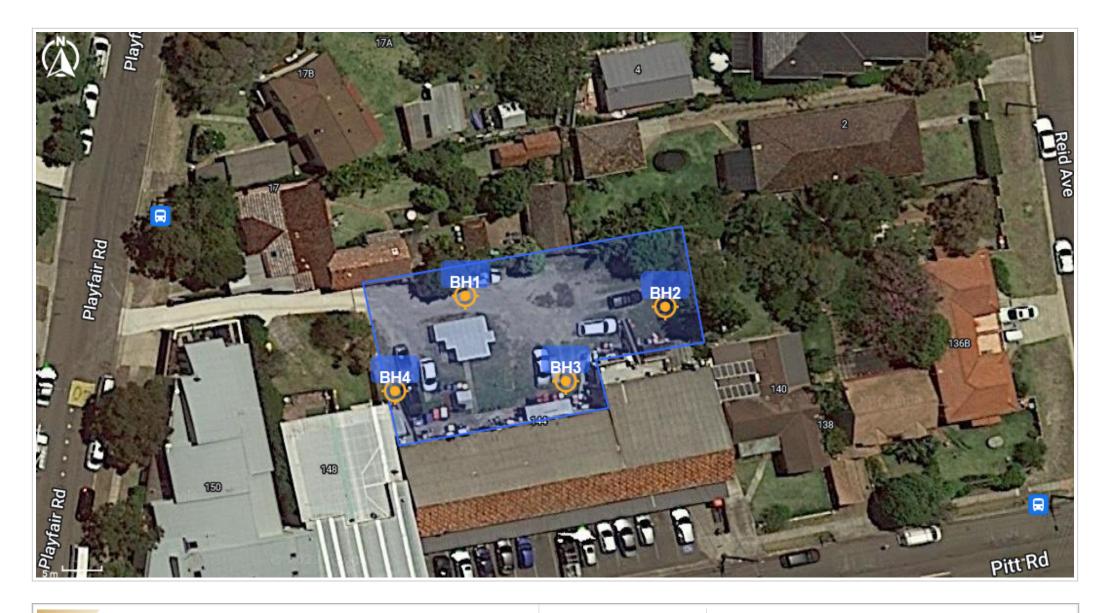
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Map description	P2932 - Borehole	Location Plan						
Site location	142-146 Pitt Road	, North Curl Curl NSW						
Client	Balito 1 Pty Ltd							
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**BOREHOLE LOGS AND EXPLANATORY NOTES** 

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#### **GENERAL**

Information obtained from site investigations is recorded on log sheets. The "Cored Drill Hole Log" presents data from an operation where a core barrel has been used to recover material - commonly rock. The "Non-Core Drill Hole - Geological Log" presents data from an operation where coring has not been used and information is based on a combination of regular sampling and insitu testing. The material penetrated in non-core drilling is commonly soil but may include rock. The "Excavation - Geological Log" presents data and drawings from exposures of soil and rock resulting from excavation of pits, trenches, etc.

The heading of the log sheets contains information on Project Identification, Hole or Pit Identification, Location and Elevation. The main section of the logs contains information on methods and conditions, material substance description and structure presented as a series of columns in relation to depth below the ground surface which is plotted on the left side of the log sheet. The common depth scale is 8m per drill log sheet and about 3-5m for excavation logs sheets.

As far as is practicable the data contained on the log sheets is factual. Some interpretation is inevitable in the identification of material boundaries in areas of partial sampling, the location of areas of core loss, description and classification of material, estimation of strength and identification of drilling induced fractures. Material description and classifications are based on SAA Site Investigation Code AS 1726 - 1993 with some modifications as defined below.

These notes contain an explanation of the terms and abbreviations commonly used on the log sheets.

### **DRILLING**

## **Drilling & Casing**

ADV	Auger Drilling with V-Bit
ADT	Auger Drilling with TC Bit
WB	Wash-bore drilling
RR	Rock Roller
NMLC	NMLC core barrel
NQ	NQ core barrel
HMLC	HMLC core barrel
HQ	HQ core barrel

## **Drilling Fluid/Water**

The drilling fluid used is identified and loss of return to the surface estimated as a percentage.

#### **Drilling Penetration/Drill Depth**

Core lifts are identified by a line and depth with core loss per run as a percentage. Ease of penetration in non-core drilling is abbreviated as follows:

VE	Very Easy
Е	Easy
М	Medium
Н	High
VH	Very High

#### **Groundwater Levels**

Date of measurement is shown.

Standing water level measured in completed borehole

Level taken during or immediately after drilling

D	Disturbed
В	Bulk
U	Undisturbed
SPT	Standard Penetration Test
N	Result of SPT (sample taken)
PBT	Plate Bearing Test
PZ	Piezometer Installation
HP	Hand Penetrometer Test

#### **EXCAVATION LOGS**

Explanatory notes are provided at the bottom of drill log sheets. Information about the origin, geology and pedology may be entered in the "Structure and other Observations" column. The depth of the base of excavation (for the logged section) at the appropriate depth in the "Material Description" column. Refusal of excavation plant is noted should it occur. A sketch of the exposure may be added.

#### **MATERIAL DESCRIPTION - SOIL**

Classification Symbol - In accordance with the Unified Classification System (AS 1726-1993, Appendix A, Table A1)

Material Description - In accordance with AS 1726-1993, Appendix A2.3

## **Moisture Condition**

D	Dry, looks and feels dry	
М	Moist, No free water on remoulding	
W	Wet, free water on remoulding	

Consistency - In accordance with AS 1726-1993, Appendix A2.5

VS	Very Soft	< 12.5 kPa
S	Soft	12.5 – 25 kPa
F	Firm	25 – 50 kPa
St	Stiff	50 – 100 kPa
VSt	Very Stiff	100 – 200 kPa
Н	Hard	> 200 kPa

Strength figures quoted are the approximate range of undrained shear strength for each class.

Density Index. (%) is estimated or is based on SPT results.

VL	Very Loose	< 15 %
L	Loose	15 – 35 %
MD	Medium Dense	35 – 65 %
D	Dense	65 – 85 %
VD	Very Dense	> 85 %

### **MATERIAL DESCRIPTION - ROCK**

#### **Material Description**

Identification of rock type, composition and texture based on visual features in accordance with AS 1726-1993, Appendix A3.1-A3.3 and Tables A6a, A6b and A7.

#### **Core Loss**

Is shown at the bottom of the run unless otherwise indicated.

#### Bedding

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Thinly Laminated	< 6 mm
Laminated	6 - 20
Very Thinly Bedded	20 - 60
Thinly Bedded	60 - 200
Medium Bedded	200 – 600
Thickly Bedded	600 – 2000
Very Thickly Bedded	> 2000

**Weathering** - No distinction is made between weathering and alteration. Weathering classification assists in identification but does not imply engineering properties.

Fresh (F)	Rock substance unaffected by weathering	
Slightly Weathered	Rock substance partly stained or	
(SW)	discoloured. Colour and texture of fresh	
	rock recognisable.	
Moderately	Staining or discolouration extends	
Weathered (MW)	throughout rock substance. Fresh rock	
	colour not recognisable.	
Highly Weathered	Stained or discoloured throughout. Signs of	
(HW)	chemical or physical alteration. Rock texture	
	retained.	
Extremely	Rock texture evident but material has soil	
Weathered (EW)	properties and can be remoulded.	

Strength - The following terms are used to described rock strength:

Rock Strength	Abbreviation	Point Load Strength
Class		Index, Is(50)
		(MPa)
Extremely Low	EL	< 0.03
Very Low	VL	0.03 to 0.1
Low	L	0.1 to 0.3
Medium	М	0.3 to 1
High	Н	1 to 3
Very High	VH	3 to 10
Extremely High	EH	≥ 10

Strengths are estimated and where possible supported by Point Load Index Testing of representative samples. Test results are plotted on the graphical estimated strength by using:

#### Axial Point Load Test

Where the estimated strength log covers more than one range it indicates the rock strength varies between the limits shown.

### **MATERIALS STRUCTURE/FRACTURES**

#### **ROCK**

Natural Fracture Spacing - A plot of average fracture spacing excluding defects known or suspected to be due to drilling, core boxing or testing. Closed or cemented joints, drilling breaks and handling breaks are not included in the Natural Fracture Spacing.

Visual Log - A diagrammatic plot of defects showing type, spacing and orientation in relation to core axis.

Defects	 Defects open in-situ or clay sealed
	 Defects closed in-situ
	 Breaks through rock substance

Additional Data - Description of individual defects by type, orientation, in-filling, shape and roughness in accordance with AS 1726-1993, Appendix A Table A10, notes and Figure A2.

Orientation - angle relative to the plane normal to the core axis.

Type BP Joint Joint SM Seam FZ Fracture Zone SZ Shear Zone VN Vein FL Foliation CL Cleavage DL Drill Lift HB Handling Break DB Drilling Break Clay Clay Clay Clay KT Chlorite CA Calcite Fe Iron Oxide Qz Quartz MS Secondary Mineral MU Unidentified Mineral Shape PR Planar CU Curved UN Undulose ST Stepped IR Irregular DIS Discontinuous  Rougness POL Polished SL Slickensided S Smooth RF Rough VR Very Rough			
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S Smooth Rough	Rougness	POL	Polished
RF Rough		SL	Slickensided
		S	Smooth
VR Very Rough		RF	Rough
Voly Nough		VR	Very Rough

#### SOIL

Structures - Fissuring and other defects are described in accordance with AS 1726-1993, Appendix A2.6, using the terminology for rock defects.

Origin - Where practicable an assessment is provided of the probable origin of the soil, eg fill, topsoil, alluvium, colluvium, residual soil.

<sup>°</sup> Diametral Point Load Test

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