

REPORT ON GEOTECHNICAL SITE INVESTIGATION

for

PROPOSED NEW STRUCTURES AND ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING

at

70 SOUTH CREEK ROAD, COLLAROY, NSW

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GEOTECHNICAL REPORT FOR DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED NEW STRUCTURES AND ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING THE PITTWATER HOUSE SCHOOL, 70 SOUTH CREEK ROAD, COLLAROY, NSW

1. INTRODUCTION:

This report details the results of a geotechnical investigation carried out for proposed new structures and alterations to the existing structures at The Pittwater House School, 70 South Creek Road, Collaroy, NSW. The investigation was undertaken by Crozier Geotechnical Consultants (CGC) at the request of Cantilever Consulting Engineers on behalf of The Pittwater House School. This report has been prepared to fulfill Northern Beaches Councils Development Application (DA) requirements.

Northern Beaches (Warringah) Council (s 2011 LEP and DCP require that all building development applications within an area potentially affected by landslip hazards must be accompanied by a geotechnical landslip assessment. Developments within Class \overrightarrow{A} , \overrightarrow{B} β and \overrightarrow{D} plandslip risk zone may require a preliminary assessment only where excavation/fill is ≤ 2.0 m depth, however Class $\pm C\phi$ and $\pm E\phi$ require a geotechnical report.

This site is located within landslip risk Class $\div A\phi$ with a narrow zone of Class $\div D\phi$ along the rear northern boundary according to the Landslip Risk Map-Sheet LSR_009. A review of the preliminary checklist and the proposed works indicates that due to the excavation works adjacent to the South Wing building $(>2.0m)$ that the Development Application (DA) involves works which exceed the preliminary assessment guidelines. Therefore, a geotechnical report in support of the DA that includes a risk assessment for the excavation is required.

This report forms part of a geotechnical investigation requested by the client to provide information for the structural design and construction works in addition to fulfilling DA submission requirements. A fee proposal was accepted by the client (Fee Proposal P19-235.3, Dated: 8th August 2019) to complete the nominated scope of work as proposed. However, to fulfill Council DA requirements and meet necessary submission deadlines, reporting has been divided and this report contains only the elements of the proposed investigation/works relevant to the DA submission including:

- a) A detailed geotechnical inspection and mapping of the site and adjacent properties by a Senior Engineering Geologist.
- b) A photographic record of existing site conditions.
- c) The results of geotechnical boreholes and site testing undertaken
- d) A risk assessment (if applicable) in accordance with the Australian Geomechanics Society (AGS) guidelines
- e) Preliminary design and construction parameters for the lift and reconfigured access to South and West Wing (see Section 2).

The following documents have been supplied in regard to the request:

Drawings ó Consultant Briefing Report, Neeson Murcutt Architects, Issue: 17 04 2019 Survey Drawing ó CMS Surveyors, Ref: 4883G, Issue: 3, Pages: 12, dated 04/04/16 and 23/04/18

Scope of Works ó Cantilever letter - Request for Geotechnical Engineering Fee Proposalø dated: 28th June 2019

2. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT:

Based on the information provided it is understood the works are to comprise:

- Construction of a new two storey school building/extension to the south of Block M which will require some minor cut and fill
- A new road with drop-off access from South Creek Road to the area between South Wing and the Sports Hall
- A new lift and reconfigured access between South and West Wing
- Altered parking area for buses off Westmoreland Avenue
- New car park pavement at south-east corner of school, adjacent to South Creek Road

It is further understood that the only bulk excavation proposed will be to accommodate the new lift pit directly to the north of the South Wing building and that all other excavations will be for new footings only. Proposed fill of less than 1.0m depth is anticipated under the new M building to facilitate the construction of a ground bearing floor slab.

3. SITE FEATURES:

3.1. Description:

The site is irregular in shape and occupies a parcel of land covering approximately 3.5 hectares. The northern boundary of the site lies on the low south side of Westmoreland Street. The western boundary is generally delineated by the rear boundaries of residential properties on the east side of Parkes Road. The southern boundary of the site lies on the high north side of South Creek Road. Residential properties and additional school grounds lie to the east of the site.

The site is located within gently south dipping topography. To the north of the site lies a moderately dipping (13°) slope, the crest of which is approximately 150m to the north of the north site boundary.

An aerial image of the site, immediate surrounds and the broad location of the proposed lift/access excavation are shown in Photograph 1, obtained from the NSW Government Six Maps website.

Photograph 1: Aerial view of the site, immediate surrounds and vicinity of the proposed lift excavation.

The south of the site contains several $\exists \text{arge}\varphi$ teaching blocks which are typically of brick construction and connected via a series of pedestrian walkways. In addition to the teaching blocks, the southern portion of the site also contains numerous single-storey brick or weatherboard structures (equipment storage, shops, small teaching facilities, canteen etc.), bus park, a playground, dining/seating areas and a swimming pool. The main staff car park/student drop off zone (shown in Photograph 2) is located within the south of the site and is accessed directly from South Creek Road.

Photograph 2: View of the car park looking south to west from the eastern side of the existing staff car park.

Within the location of the proposed new road an area of green space which dips gently from the north to the south is present and is shown in Photograph 3.

Photograph 3: View of the proposed new road location looking broadly north.

The northern portion of the site is predominantly occupied by the school sports field and the -Great Hallø with a visitor car park near Westmoreland Avenue adjacent to the northern site boundary. A view of the northern portion of the site is provided in Photograph 4.

Photograph 4: View of the school playing field facing broadly east from the Great Hall.

3.2. Geology:

Reference to the Sydney 1:100,000 Geological Series sheet (9130) indicates that the south of the site is underlain by Quaternary deposits described as silty to peaty quartz sand, silt and clay. Ferruginous and humic cementation in places. Common shell layers (Qha).

Underlying the north of the site deposits of the Upper Narrabeen Group (Rnn-Newport Formation) are shown. Newport Formation comprise interbedded laminite, shale and quartz to lithic quartz sandstone and pink clay pellet sandstone. An extract from the 9130 Sydney Series sheet is provided below.

Extract 1: Extract from the 9130 Sydney Series sheet with site (in blue) overlain

Above the site to the north, deposits of the Hawkesbury Sandstone are shown. Morphological features often associated with the weathering of Hawkesbury Sandstone are the formation of near flat ridge tops with steep angular side slopes. These slopes often consist of sandstone terraces and cliffs with steep colluvial slopes below. The terraced areas above these cliffs often contain thin sandy (low plasticity) soil profiles with intervening rock (ledge) outcrops.

Project No:2019-120, Collaroy, October 2019 The outline of the cliff areas are often rectilinear in plan, controlled by large bed thickness and wide spaced near vertical joint pattern, many cliff areas are undercut by differential weathering. Slopes below these cliffs

are often steep 15 to 23° with moderately thick sandy colluvial soil profile that are randomly covered by sandstone boulders.

Narrabeen Group rocks are dominated by shales and thin siltstone beds and often form rounded convex ridge tops with moderate angle (<20°) side slopes. These side slopes can be either concave or convex depending on geology, internally they comprise shale beds with close spaced bedding partings that have either close spaced vertical joints or in extreme cases, large space convex joints. The shale often forms deeply weathered silty clay soil profiles (medium to high plasticity) with thin silty colluvial cover.

4. FIELD WORK:

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4.1. Methods:

The field investigation comprised a walk over inspection of the site and adjacent properties on the $24th$ September 2019 by a Senior Engineering Geologist. It involved a photographic record of site conditions as well as geotechnical/geomorphological mapping of the site and adjacent land with examination of soil slopes, vegetation and existing structures for stability. It also included the drilling of eight boreholes (with an additional four yet to be completed) within the site at nominated locations. BH10 was drilled adjacent to the proposed lift shaft to a depth of 7.0m to investigate sub-surface conditions and the other boreholes were drilled for pavement design purposes. The boreholes were drilled using a restricted access drill rig operating solid stem spiral flight augers in conjunction with a tungsten carbide bit.

Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) testing was carried out through and adjacent to the boreholes in accordance with AS1289.6.3.2 6 1997, δ Determination of the penetration resistance of a soil 6 9kg dynamic cone penetrometero to estimate near surface soil conditions.

Underground service location was undertaken by an accredited service locator prior to commencement of drilling/testing. On completion the boreholes were backfilled with arisings and the surface reinstated.

Explanatory notes detailing terminology used in this report are included in Appendix: 1. Mapping information and test locations are shown on Figure: 1, Appendix: 2 along with detailed Borehole Log and DCP Test Results sheets

4.2. Ground Conditions:

The only significant excavation occurring within the site is required within the vicinity of the lift shaft excavation and a description of the subsurface conditions encountered within the borehole drilled in this location (BH10) is provided below.

- **SILTY SAND/SAND** 6 Underlying a paved surface very loose dark grey silty sand was encountered to a depth of 0.80m and was underlain by medium dense sand to 1.60m that has been interpreted as alluvium.
- **GRAVELLY SAND** \acute{o} Underlying the sand, medium dense gravelly sand was encountered to 2.40m depth and has been interpreted as representing the base of the alluvial soils.
- **SANDY CLAY** \acute{o} Stiff to very stiff clay was encountered in the borehole and has been interpreted as a residual deposit. This soil remained until the base of the borehole at 7.0m depth and no indications of bedrock were observed.

The remaining boreholes within the site generally comprised stiff sandy clay with localized fill. Within BH1 to BH4 (within the footprint of the new extension to the M building), the ground conditions were relatively uniform and comprised stiff to very stiff clay to a depth of at least 10m below the ground surface level.

Groundwater was not encountered within BH10 (where the excavation is proposed) to the base of the borehole at 7.0m (RL11.5m). A perched water seepage within sandy horizons was encountered within BH1 to BH4 generally at around 6.0m below the existing ground surface (approximately RL8.0m).

4.3. Field Observations:

Observations made of the existing school buildings did not indicate any signs of cracking or distress in the external brickwork and the paved walkways within the site appeared to be in good condition. The north of the site is predominantly occupied by the school sports field and is elevated above the south of the site. The surface of the field appears to be irregular which may be due to use or it may be the result of placement and subsequent settlement of fill underlying the sports field and not related to landslip.

Within the north of the site and in the vicinity of BH12, a treed embankment was present adjacent to Westmoreland Avenue. Closer inspection of the embankment revealed that the external surface comprised fill. The embankment sloped gently from the north site boundary and did not display any signs of movement (tension cracks, rotating trees etc.). A view of the embankment looking broadly south is shown in Photograph 5.

Photograph 5: View of the embankment adjacent to Westmoreland Avenue looking broadly south.

To the north of Westmoreland Avenue and within the front garden of one of the residential properties, bedrock was observed in outcrop which appeared to comprise massive sandstone. Bedrock was also observed adjacent to the property within a drainage channel/stream bed which is understood to pass under Westmoreland Avenue and through the site via a culvert. Westmoreland Avenue appeared in good condition where it passed the north site boundary.

The properties that surround the site to the south, west and east contain residential properties or additional school facilities (to the east). No evidence of instability or potential instability was observed within either the roads, road easements or within the surrounding properties.

The neighbouring buildings and properties were only inspected from within the site or from the road reserve and the visible aspects did not show any significant signs of large-scale slope instability or other major geotechnical concerns which would impact the site.

5. COMMENTS:

5.1. Landslip Risk Assessment:

Based on the requirements of Warringah Councils 2011 LEP Planning Rules a preliminary assessment undertaken in accordance with Form E10 would result in the following:

- History of Landslip No
- Proposed Excavation/Fill >2m Yes • Site developed Yes • Existing Fill >1m Possibly
- Site Steeper than 1V:4H No
- Existing Excavation >2m No
- Natural Cliffs >3m No

Therefore it is likely that a detailed Landslip Risk Assessment would be required for this development following the flow chart provided on Form E10. However, it is also considered that based on the distance of the proposed excavation from the surrounding properties (>50m) and the limited size of the excavation there is no mechanism which can be identified which could result in instability impacting the adjoining properties.

There exists a low probability that excavation instability could be encountered prior to the construction of the lift pit and following excavation however this is not considered relevant where the methodology outlined in AGS 2007 Guidelines is applied.

Therefore when the criteria of AGS is applied to the proposed development and the recommendations of this report are implemented including the installation of engineered support around the lift pit if necessary during excavation the Risk to Life and Risk to Property are -Acceptable when assessed against the criteria of the AGS. As such the project is considered suitable for the site provided the recommendations of this report are implemented.

5.2. Preliminary Geotechnical Assessment:

The investigation did not identify any likely landslip hazards which may impact the properties adjacent to the development site for the lift pit excavation or any other proposed development works. The ground conditions encountered with BH10 comprised silty sands/sands to a depth of 1.6m underlain by gravelly sand to 2.4m depth. Below the granular soils, stiff to very stiff sandy clay was encountered which is likely to be exposed within the base of the lift pit excavation (RL15.6m). Groundwater was not encountered within BH10 which extended to 4.0m below the proposed excavation and is not anticipated in excavation.

The proposed works involve an excavation that it is anticipated will extend up to approximately 3.0m depth below the existing level of the access walkway on the north side of the South Wing. The proposed excavation

will be directly adjacent to the existing South Wing building as such it will be necessary to confirm the depth of the existing footing prior to excavation. Where the excavation is to extend below the existing footings, support/underpinning would be required to be installed prior to excavation to ensure movement of the existing footings does not occur. Where existing footings found below maximum excavation depths, safe batter slopes may be adopted subject to geotechnical inspection.

It is envisaged that standard mechanical plant (e.g. hydraulic excavator fitted with bucket) will be sufficient to complete the basement excavation.

Fill was encountered within BH12 to a depth of 2.0m. Where the existing pavement surface is to be replaced removal and re-compaction of the upper 1.0m of fill soils is recommended in this area.

Whilst there were no stability hazards identified in the investigation, there is a potential for undermining of existing site structures. Through selection of suitable excavation equipment, geotechnical inspection and mapping during the excavation works along with the installation of support measures as determined necessary by the inspections, the risk from the proposed works can be maintained within \pm Acceptableø levels for all situations

The recommendations and conclusions in this report are based on an investigation utilising only surface observations and a limited number of boreholes therefore some minor variation to the interpreted sub-surface conditions is possible, especially between test locations. The results of the investigation provide a reasonable basis for the DA analysis. It is considered that the proposed development is suitable for the ground conditions underlying the site.

Design and the construction recommendations are tabulated below: **5.3.1. New Footings:** Site Classification as per AS2870 6 2011 for

5.3. Design & Construction Recommendations:

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Remarks: All new footings must be inspected and tested by an experienced geotechnical professional before concrete or steel are placed to verify the bearing capacity and the in-situ nature of the founding strata due to its easily disturbed state. This is mandatory to allow them to be -certified at the end of the project.

All new footings be founded within material of similar strength to reduce the potential differential settlement.

Remarks: Water ingress into exposed excavations can result in erosion and stability concerns in soils. Drainage measures will need to be in place during excavation works to divert any surface flow away from the excavation crest and any batter slope, whilst any groundwater seepage must be controlled within the excavation and prevented from ponding or saturating slopes/batters.

Retaining structures near site boundaries or existing structures should be designed with the use of at rest $(K₀)$ earth pressure coefficients to reduce the risk of movement in the excavation support and resulting surface movement in adjoining areas. Backfilled retaining walls within the site, away from site boundaries or existing structures, that may deflect can utilize active earth pressure coefficients (Ka).

6. CONCLUSION:

Within the location of the lift pit natural granular soils are anticipated until approximately 2.40m depth under which stiff to very stiff sandy clay is anticipated to the base of the lift pit excavation (3.0m depth). Underlying the M building extension firm to very stiff clay is envisaged to at least 10m depth and a variety of footing types would be adequate.

Groundwater is not anticipated in any excavation within the site.

Where existing footing found above the level of the proposed lift pit it will be necessary to ensure they are not undermined as a result of the excavation. However, the excavation is well away from property boundaries an cannot impact adjacent properties or structure.

The Risk to Life and Risk to Property are -Acceptableø when assessed against the criteria of the AGS. As such the project is considered suitable for the site provided the recommendations of this report are implemented.

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Appendix 1

NOTES RELATING TO THIS REPORT

Introduction

These notes have been provided to amplify the geotechnical report in regard to classification methods, specialist field procedures and certain matters relating to the Discussion and Comments section. Not all, of course, are necessarily relevant to all reports.

Geotechnical reports are based on information gained from limited subsurface test boring and sampling, supplemented by knowledge of local geology and experience. For this reason, they must be regarded as interpretive rather than factual documents, limited to some extent by the scope of information on which they rely.

Description and classification Methods

The methods of description and classification of soils and rocks used in this report are based on Australian Standard 1726, Geotechnical Site Investigation Code. In general, descriptions cover the following properties - strength or density, colour, structure, soil or rock type and inclusions.

Soil types are described according to the predominating particle size, qualified by the grading of other particles present (eg. Sandy clay) on the following bases:

Cohesive soils are classified on the basis of strength either by laboratory testing or engineering examination. The strength terms are defined as follows:

Non-cohesive soils are classified on the basis of relative density, generally from the results of standard penetration tests (SPT) or Dutch cone penetrometer tests (CPT) as below:

Rock types are classified by their geological names. Where relevant, further information regarding rock classification is given on the following sheet.

Sampling

Sampling is carried out during drilling to allow engineering examination (and laboratory testing where required) of the soil or rock.

Disturbed samples taken during drilling to allow information on colour, type, inclusions and, depending upon the degree of disturbance, some information on strength and structure.

Undisturbed samples are taken by pushing a thin-walled sample tube into the soil and withdrawing a sample of the soil in a relatively undisturbed state. Such samples yield information on structure and strength, and are necessary for laboratory determination of shear strength and compressibility. Undisturbed sampling is generally effective only in cohesive soils.

Drilling Methods

The following is a brief summary of drilling methods currently adopted by the company and some comments on their use and application.

Test Pits – these are excavated with a backhoe or a tracked excavator, allowing close examination of the insitu soils if it is safe to descent into the pit. The depth of penetration is limited to about 3m for a backhoe and up to 6m for an excavator. A potential disadvantage is the disturbance caused by the excavation.

Large Diameter Auger (eg. Pengo) – the hole is advanced by a rotating plate or short spiral auger, generally 300mm or larger in diameter. The cuttings are returned to the surface at intervals (generally of not more than 0.5m) and are disturbed but usually unchanged in moisture content. Identification of soil strata is generally much more reliable than with continuous spiral flight augers, and is usually supplemented by occasional undisturbed tube sampling.

Continuous Sample Drilling – the hole is advanced by pushing a 100mm diameter socket into the ground and withdrawing it at intervals to extrude the sample. This is the most reliable method of drilling soils, since moisture content is unchanged and soil structure, strength, etc. is only marginally affected.

Continuous Spiral Flight Augers – the hole is advanced using 90 – 115mm diameter continuous spiral flight augers which are withdrawn at intervals to allow sampling or insitu testing. This is a relatively economical means of drilling in clays and in sands above the water table. Samples are returned to the surface, or may be collected after withdrawal of the auger flights, but they are very disturbed and may be contaminated. Information from the drilling (as distinct from specific sampling by SPT's or undisturbed samples) is of relatively lower reliability, due to remoulding, contamination or softening of samples by ground water.

Non-core Rotary Drilling - the hole is advanced by a rotary bit, with water being pumped down the drill rods and returned up the annulus, carrying the drill cuttings. Only major changes in stratification can be determined from the cuttings, together with some information from 'feel' and rate of penetration.

Rotary Mud Drilling – similar to rotary drilling, but using drilling mud as a circulating fluid. The mud tends to mask the cuttings and reliable identification is again only possible from separate intact sampling (eg. From SPT).

Continuous Core Drilling – a continuous core sample is obtained using a diamond-tipped core barrel, usually 50mm internal diameter. Provided full core recovery is achieved (which is not always possible in very weak rocks and granular soils), this technique provides a very reliable (but relatively expensive) method of investigation.

Standard Penetration Tests

Standard penetration tests (abbreviated as SPT) are used mainly in non-cohesive soils, but occasionally also in cohesive soils as a means of determining density or strength and also of obtaining a relatively undisturbed sample. The test procedures is described in Australian Standard 1289, "Methods of Testing Soils for Engineering Purposes" – Test 6.3.1.

The test is carried out in a borehole by driving a 50mm diameter split sample tube under the impact of a 63kg hammer with a free fall of 760mm. It is normal for the tube to be driven in three successive 150mm increments and the 'N' value is taken

as the number of blows for the last 300mm. In dense sands, very hard clays or weak rock, the full 450mm penetration may not be practicable and the test is discontinued.

The test results are reported in the following form.

- In the case where full penetration is obtained with successive blow counts for each 150mm of say 4, 6 and 7 as 4, 6, 7 then $N = 13$
- In the case where the test is discontinued short of full penetration, say after 15 blows for the first 150mm and 30 blows for the next 40mm then as 15, 30/40mm.

The results of the test can be related empirically to the engineering properties of the soil. Occasionally, the test method is used to obtain samples in 50mm diameter thin wall sample tubes in clay. In such circumstances, the test results are shown on the borelogs in brackets.

Cone Penetrometer Testing and Interpretation

Cone penetrometer testing (sometimes referred to as Dutch Cone – abbreviated as CPT) described in this report has been carried out using an electrical friction cone penetrometer. The test is described in Australia Standard 1289, Test 6.4.1.

In tests, a 35mm diameter rod with a cone-tipped end is pushed continually into the soil, the reaction being provided by a specially designed truck or rig which is fitted with an hydraulic ram system. Measurements are made of the end bearing resistance on the cone and the friction resistance on a separte 130mm long sleeve, immediately behind the cone. Transducers in the tip of the assembly are connected buy electrical wires passing through the centre of the push rods to an amplifier and recorder unit mounted on the control truck.

As penetration occurs (at a rate of approximately 20mm per second) their information is plotted on a computer screen and at the end of the test is stored on the computer for later plotting of the results.

The information provided on the plotted results comprises: -

- Cone resistance the actual end bearing force divided by the cross-sectional area of the cone expressed in MPa.
- Sleeve friction the frictional force on the sleeve divided by the surface area expressed in kPa.
- Friction ratio the ratio of sleeve friction to cone resistance, expressed in percent.

There are two scales available for measurement of cone resistance. The lower scale $(0 - 5 \text{ MPa})$ is used in very soft soils where increased sensitivity is required and is shown in the graphs as a dotted line. The main scale $(0 - 50 \text{ MPa})$ is less sensitive and is shown as a full line. The ratios of the sleeve friction to cone resistance will vary with the type of soil encountered, with higher relative friction in clays than in sands. Friction ratios 1% - 2% are commonly encountered in sands and very soft clays rising to 4% - 10% in stiff clays.

In sands, the relationship between cone resistance and SPT value is commonly in the range: -

- $QC (MPa) = (0.4 to 0.6) N$ blows (blows per 300mm)
- In clays, the relationship between undrained shear strength and cone resistance is commonly in the range: -

 $Qc = (12 to 18)$ Cu

Interpretation of CPT values can also be made to allow estimation of modulus or compressibility values to allow calculations of foundation settlements.

Inferred stratification as shown on the attached reports is assessed from the cone and friction traces and from experience and information from nearby boreholes, etc. This information is presented for general guidance, but must be regarded as being to some extent interpretive. The test method provides a continuous profile of engineering properties, and where precise information on soil classification is required, direct drilling and sampling may be preferable.

Dynamic Penetrometers

Dynamic penetrometer tests are carried out by driving a rod into the ground with a falling weight hammer and measuring the blows for successive 150mm increments of penetration. Normally, there is a depth limitation of 1.2m but this may be extended in certain conditions by the use of extension rods.

Two relatively similar tests are used.

- Perth sand penetrometer a 16mm diameter flattened rod is driven with a 9kg hammer, dropping 600mm (AS1289, Test 6.3.3). The test was developed for testing the density of sands (originating in Perth) and is mainly used in granular soils and filling.
- Cone penetrometer (sometimes known as Scala Penetrometer) a 16mm rod with a 20mm diameter cone end is driven with a 9kg hammer dropping 510mm (AS 1289, Test 6.3.2). The test was developed initially for pavement sub-grade investigations, and published correlations of the test results with California bearing ratio have been published by various Road Authorities.

Laboratory Testing

Laboratory testing is generally carried out in accordance with Australian Standard 1289 "Methods of Testing Soil for Engineering Purposes". Details of the test procedure used are given on the individual report forms.

Borehole Logs

The bore logs presented herein are an engineering and/or geological interpretation of the subsurface conditions, and their reliability will depend to some extent on frequency of sampling and the method of drilling. Ideally, continuous undisturbed sampling or core drilling will provide the most reliable assessment, but this is not always practicable, or possible to justify on economic grounds. In any case, the boreholes represent only a very small sample of the total subsurface profile.

Interpretation of the information and its application to design and construction should therefore take into account the spacing of boreholes, the frequency of sampling and the possibility of other than 'straight line' variations between the boreholes.

Details of the type and method of sampling are given in the report and the following sample codes are on the borehole logs where applicable:

- D Disturbed Sample **E** Environmental sample DT Diatube B Bulk Sample **PP** Pocket Penetrometer Test U50 50mm Undisturbed Tube Sample SPT Standard Penetration Test U63 63mm " " " " " C Core
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Ground Water

Where ground water levels are measured in boreholes there are several potential problems:

- In low permeability soils, ground water although present, may enter the hole slowly or perhaps not at all during the time it is left open.
- A localised perched water table may lead to an erroneous indication of the true water table.
- Water table levels will vary from time to time with seasons or recent weather changes. They may not be the same at the time of construction as are indicated in the report.
- The use of water or mud as a drilling fluid will mask any ground water inflow. Water has to be blown out of the hole and drilling mud must first be washed out of the hole if water observations are to be made. More reliable measurements can be made by installing standpipes which are read at intervals over several days, or perhaps weeks for low permeability soils. Piezometers, sealed in a particular stratum, may be interference from a perched water table.

Engineering Reports

Engineering reports are prepared by qualified personnel and are based on the information obtained and on current engineering standards of interpretation and analysis. Where the report has been prepared for a specific design proposal (eg. A three-storey building), the information and interpretation may not be relevant if the design proposal is changed (eg. to a twenty-storey building). If this happens, the Company will be pleased to review the report and the sufficiency of the investigation work.

Every care is taken with the report as it relates to interpretation of subsurface condition, discussion of geotechnical aspects and recommendations or suggestions for design and construction**.** However, the Company cannot always anticipate or assume responsibility for:

- unexpected variations in ground conditions the potential for this will depend partly on bore spacing and sampling frequency.
- changes in policy or interpretation of policy by statutory authorities,
- the actions of contractors responding to commercial pressures,

If these occur, the Company will be pleased to assist with investigation or advice to resolve the matter.

Site Anomalies

In the event that conditions encountered on site during construction appear to vary from those which were expected from the information contained in the report, the Company requests that it immediately be notified. Most problems are much more readily resolved when conditions are exposed than at some later stage, well after the event.

Reproduction of Information for Contractual Purposes

Attention is drawn to the document "Guidelines for the Provision of Geotechnical Information in Tender Documents", published by the Institution of Engineers Australia. Where information obtained from this investigation is provided for tendering purposes, it is recommended that all information, including the written report and discussion, be made available. In circumstances where the discussion or comments section is not relevant to the contractual situation, it may be appropriate to prepare a special ally edited document. The Company would be pleased to assist in this regard and/or to make additional report copies available for contract purposes at a nominal charge.

Site Inspection

The Company will always be pleased to provide engineering inspection services for geotechnical aspects of work to which this report is related. This could range from a site visit to confirm that conditions exposed are as expected, to full time engineering presence on site.

PRACTICE NOTE GUIDELINES FOR LANDSLIDE RISK MANAGEMENT 2007

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APPENDIX E - GEOLOGICAL AND GEOMORPHOLOGICAL MAPPING SYMBOLS **AND TERMINOLOGY**

Examples of Mapping Symbols (after Guide to Slope Risk Analysis Version 3.1 November 2001, Roads and Traffic Authority of New South Wales).

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Appendix 2

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 AUGER LOCATIONS

SITE PLAN & TEST LOCATIONS FIGURE 1.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 13.88 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 13.88 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 13.21 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 13.21 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 14.15 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 14.15 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 14.76 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 14.76 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 13.3m South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 14.2m The Pittwater House School, 70 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 14.5m The Pittwater House School, 70 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 16.4m The Pittwater House School, 70 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL ¹ 18.50m South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 18.5m The Pittwater House School, 70 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL¹ 23.2m The Pittwater House School, 70 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

LOCATION: The Pittwater House School, 70 **SURFACE LEVEL:** RL ¹ 22.4m The Pittwater House School, 70 South Creek Road, Collaroy.

DYNAMIC PENETROMETER TEST SHEET

TEST METHOD: AS 1289. F3.2, CONE PENETROMETER

REMARKS: (B) Test hammer bouncing upon refusal on solid object

 -- No test undertaken at this level due to prior excavation of soils

Appendix 3

APPENDIX A

DEFINITION OF TERMS

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF GEOLOGICAL SCIENCES WORKING GROUP ON LANDSLIDES, COMMITTEE ON RISK ASSESSMENT

- Risk– A measure of the probability and severity of an adverse effect to health, property or the environment. Risk is often estimated by the product of probability x consequences. However, a more general interpretation of risk involves a comparison of the probability and consequences in a non-product form.
- **Hazard** A condition with the potential for causing an undesirable consequence (the landslide). The description of landslide hazard should include the location, volume (or area), classification and velocity of the potential landslides and any resultant detached material, and the likelihood of their occurrence within a given period of time.
- Elements at Risk Meaning the population, buildings and engineering works, economic activities, public services utilities, infrastructure and environmental features in the area potentially affected by landslides.
- Probability– The likelihood of a specific outcome, measured by the ratio of specific outcomes to the total number of possible outcomes. Probability is expressed as a number between 0and 1, with 0indicatingan impossible outcome, and 1 indicating that an outcome is certain.
- Frequency– A measure of likelihood expressed as the number of occurrences of an event in a given time. See also Likelihood and Probability.
- Likelihood used as a qualitative description of probability or frequency.
- **Temporal Probability** The probability that the element at risk is in the area affected by the landsliding, at the time of the landslide.
- Vulnerability– The degree of loss to a given element or set of elements within the area affected by the landslide hazard. It is expressed on a scale of 0 (no loss) to 1 (total loss). For property, the loss will be the value of the damage relative to the value of the property; for persons, it will be the probability that a particular life (the element at risk) will be lost, given the person(s) is affected by the landslide.
- **Consequence** The outcomes or potential outcomes arising from the occurrence of a landslide expressed qualitatively or quantitatively, in terms of loss, disadvantage or gain, damage, injury or loss of life.
- Risk Analysis The use of available information to estimate the risk to individuals or populations, property, or the environment, from hazards. Risk analyses generally contain the following steps: scope definition, hazard identification, and risk estimation.
- Risk Estimation The process used to produce a measure of the level of health, property, or environmental risks being analysed. Risk estimation contains the following steps: frequency analysis, consequence analysis, and their integration.
- Risk Evaluation The stage at which values and judgements enter the decision process, explicitly or implicitly, by including consideration of the importance of the estimated risks and the associated social, environmental, and economic consequences, in order to identify a range of alternatives for managing the risks.
- Risk Assessment The process of risk analysis and risk evaluation.
- Risk Control or Risk Treatment The process of decision making for managing risk, and the implementation, or enforcement of risk mitigation measures and the re-evaluation of its effectiveness from time to time, using the results of risk assessment as one input.
- Risk Management The complete process of risk assessment and risk control (or risk treatment).

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- Individual Risk The risk of fatality or injury to any identifiable (named) individual who lives within the zone impacted by the landslide; or who follows a particular pattern of life that might subject him or her to the consequences of the landslide.
- Societal Risk The risk of multiple fatalities or injuries in society as a whole: one where society would have to carry the burden of a landslide causing a number of deaths, injuries, financial, environmental, and other losses.
- Acceptable Risk A risk for which, for the purposes of life or work, we are prepared to accept as it is with no regard to its management. Society does not generally consider expenditure in further reducing such risks justifiable.
- Tolerable Risk A risk that society is willing to live with so as to secure certain net benefits in the confidence that it is being properly controlled, kept under review and further reduced as and when possible.

In some situations risk may be tolerated because the individuals at risk cannot afford to reduce risk even though they recognise it is not properly controlled.

- **Landslide Intensity** A set of spatially distributed parameters related to the destructive power of a landslide. The parameters may be described quantitatively or qualitatively and may include maximum movement velocity, total displacement, differential displacement, depth of the moving mass, peak discharge per unit width, kinetic energy per unit area.
- Note: Reference should also be made to Figure 1 which shows the inter-relationship of many of these terms and the relevant portion of Landslide Risk Management.

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APPENDIX C: LANDSLIDE RISK ASSESSMENT

QUALITATIVE TERMINOLOGY FOR USE IN ASSESSING RISK TO PROPERTY

QUALITATIVE MEASURES OF LIKELIHOOD

Note: (1) The table should be used from left to right; use Approximate Annual Probability or Description to assign Descriptor, not vice versa.

QUALITATIVE MEASURES OF CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY

Notes: (2) The Approximate Cost of Damage is expressed as a percentage of market value, being the cost of the improved value of the unaffected property which includes the land plus the unaffected structures.

(3) The Approximate Cost is to be an estimate of the direct cost of the damage, such as the cost of reinstatement of the damaged portion of the property (land plus structures), stabilisation works required to render the site to tolerable risk level for the landslide which has occurred and professional design fees, and consequential costs such as legal fees, temporary accommodation. It does not include additional stabilisation works to address other landslides which may affect the property.

(4) The table should be used from left to right; use Approximate Cost of Damage or Description to assign Descriptor, not vice versa

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APPENDIX C: – QUALITATIVE TERMINOLOGY FOR USE IN ASSESSING RISK TO PROPERTY (CONTINUED)

QUALITATIVE RISK ANALYSIS MATRIX –LEVEL OF RISK TO PROPERTY

Notes: (5) For Cell A5, may be subdivided such that a consequence of less than 0.1% is Low Risk.

(6) W hen considering a risk assessment it must be clearly stated whether it is for existing conditions or with risk control measures which may not be implemented at the current time.

RISK LEVEL IMPLICATIONS

Note: (7) The implications for a particular situation are to be determined by all parties to the risk assessment and may depend on the nature of the property at risk; these are only given as a general guide.