

PRELIMINARY GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT:

136 Woodland Street, Balgowlah

1.0 Proposed Development

- 1.1** Construct a new first floor extension.
- 1.2** Various other internal alterations.
- 1.3** No excavations or fills are shown on the plans.
- 1.4** Details of the proposed development are shown on 26 drawings prepared by Drafting Help, drawings numbered CV, M, SP, 1 to 15, NP, S1 to S3, SA, N1, N2, and B1, dated 5/8/19.

2.0 Site Location

- 2.1** The site was inspected on the 10th October, 2019.
- 2.2** This residential property is on the low side of the road and has a SE aspect. It is located on the gently graded middle reaches of a hillslope. Medium Strength Hawkesbury Sandstone bedrock outcrops on the opposite side of the road to the subject property. Where sandstone is not exposed, it is expected to underlie the surface at relatively shallow depths. The natural surface of the block has been altered with an excavation for a pool on the downhill side of the property. The proposed development will not alter the surface further for the proposed works.
- 2.3** 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.

3.0 Site Description

The natural slope falls across the site at an angle of $<5^\circ$. At the road frontage, a concrete and brick-paved driveway runs to a parking area on the N side of the house. The fill for the road is supported by a low stable sandstone block retaining wall. Between the road frontage and the house is a gently sloping lawn. The part two-storey house is supported on brick and sandstone block walls and steel posts. The supporting walls display no significant signs of movement and the supporting posts stand vertical. A gentle slope extends off the downhill side of the house to a pool area. The slope has a covering of artificial grass. The concrete shell of the pool displays no significant signs of cracking and is considered stable. The area surrounding the house and driveway is mostly lawn-covered with some paved areas. No signs of movement associated with slope instability were observed on the grounds. No cliffs or large rock faces were observed on the property or in the near vicinity. The adjoining neighbouring properties were observed to be in good order as seen from the road and the subject property.

4.0 Recommendations

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

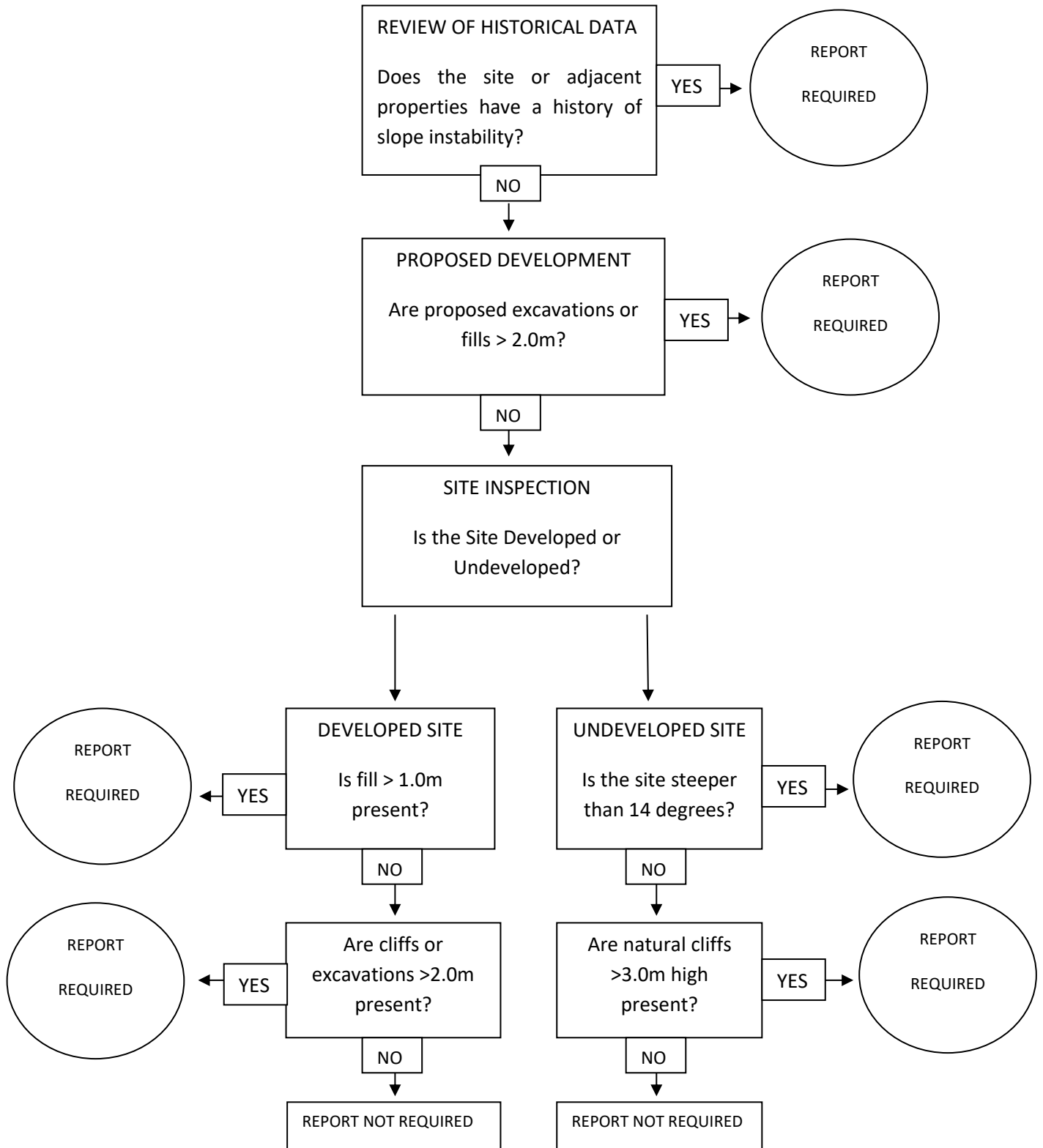
Provided good engineering and building practice are followed, no further Geotechnical assessment is recommended for the proposed development.

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Preliminary Assessment Flow Chart – Northern Beaches Council (Manly)



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.