



COMCERT Building Certification Services

18 February 2004

The General Manager
Pittwater Council
PO Box 882
MONA VALE NSW 1660

Dear Sir/Madam

**CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE
PROPOSAL: New Dwelling
PREMISES: 8 Ingleside Rd, Ingleside
DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION N^o 618/03**



I refer to the above matter and accordingly submit the following documentation for your records:

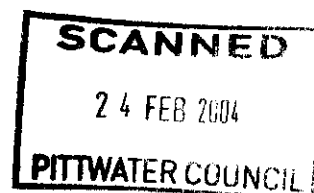
- Construction Certificate No. 04/8
- Form 7
- Landscape Plan prepared by cat Mackenzie landscape by design Dwg No: LP01
- Stormwater Details prepared by AFCE Dwg No: 347048/D1 & D2
- Architectural Drawings prepared by Meadowbank Homes Pty Ltd Dated June 2003
- Structural Details prepared by Appleyard Forrest Sheet No: S1 - S14
- Home Owners Warranty Insurance
- Bushland Management Concept Plan prepared by Conacher Travers
- Flora & Fauna Assessment Report prepared by Conacher Travers
- Bushfire Protection Assessment
- Certification of Bushland Management Plan

In addition to the above please be advised that the builder for this project will be Meadowbank Homes Pty Ltd, Licence No 39196.

Should you have any queries in relation to this matter, please contact us immediately.

Yours Sincerely

Greg Hough
MANAGER
CERTIFICATION SERVICES



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CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE N^o 04/8

Issued under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* Sections 109C (1)(b), 81A (2) and 81A (4)

APPLICANT

Meadowbank Homes Pty Ltd
B3A, 2 Central Ave
THORNLEIGH NSW 2120

OWNER

Sean & Dita Nicholls
c/- Meadowbank Homes Pty Ltd
B3A, 2 Central Ave
THORNLEIGH NSW 2120

LAND TO BE DEVELOPED

Lot N^o: 78
Street: Ingleside Rd

DP N^o: 11784

House N^o: 8
Suburb: Ingleside

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

New Dwelling

DETAIL PLANS AND SPECIFICATION REFERENCES

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RIGHT OF APPEAL

Under Section 109K of the Environmental Planning & Assessment act where the Certifying Authority is a Council, an applicant may appeal to the Land and Environment Court against the refusal to issue a Construction Certificate within 12 months from the date of the decision.

CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the work, if completed in accordance with these plans and specifications will comply with the requirements of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Regulation 2000* as referred to in Section 81A(5) of the *Environmental Planning & Assessment Act 1979*.

Signature _____ Date of Endorsement 18/2/04

Note: PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF WORK SECTIONS 81a(2)(b) AND (c), AND/OR SECTION 81A(4)(b) AND (c) OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING & ASSESSMENT ACT 1979 MUST BE SATISFIED (SEE FORM 7).

CERTIFYING AUTHORITY

Greg Hough, Comcert Pty Ltd
Accreditation Number: P0006
13/265-271 Pennant Hills Road, Thornleigh NSW 2120
Phone (02) 9481 7413 Facsimile (02) 9481 7416

DEVELOPMENT CONSENT

Development Consent No 618/03

Date of Determination: 19 December 2003

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Home Warranty

certificate

of insurance

Meadowbank Homes Pty Ltd
Unit B 3a
2 Central Ave
THORNLEIGH NSW 2120

FORM 1

HOME BUILDING ACT 1989

Section 92

Certificate in respect of insurance

CONTRACT WORK

A contract of insurance complying with Section 92 of the Home Building Act 1989
has been issued by: Vero Insurance Limited ABN 48 005 297 807

In Respect Of: Single Dwelling
At: Lot No: 78 Unit No: House No:
Ingleside Rd
INGLESIDE NSW 2101

Carried Out By: Meadowbank Homes Pty Ltd
Licence No: 39196
ABN: 59003210320

Subject to the Act and the Home Building Regulation 1997 and the
conditions of the insurance contract, cover will be provided to a
beneficiary described in the contract and successors in title to the
beneficiary.

Signed for and on behalf of the insurer:

AON *[Signature]* **HIA INSURANCE SERVICES**
Tailormade
for the trade

HIA INSURANCE SERVICES P/L

ABN 84 076 460 967

An associated company of
Aon Risk Services Australia Ltd
PO Box 241

Ryde NSW 2112

Telephone (02) 9808 7222

Facsimile (02) 9808 7233

CLAIMS ENQUIRY LINE**1800 554 255**

Certificate No: 302941

Local Authority Copy

Issue Date 13/01/2004

Please note that Aon Risk Services
Australia Ltd ABN 17 000 434 720
is arranging the insurance policy as
agent of the insurer below.

They also act as agent of the insurer
below and not as agent of the insured
in dealing with or settling any claim.

Total includes Policy Fees, Stamp Duty and GST.

Insurer:

- Vero Insurance Limited
ABN 48 005 297 807



ABN 97 363
034 490

Malcolm Bruce BA [MacQuarie University]

Environmental Consultant and Arborist

NPWS Scientific Licence S10357

Animal Care and Ethics Permit AW/98/106

Inspection and Report 8 Ingleside Road, Ingleside

The allotment No. 8 (Lot 78) Ingleside Road, Ingleside was inspected on Wednesday 10th February 2004 for the purposes of complying with Environmental Conditions (B15, C7, C8, D20, D21 and D27). The following is a report and certification of the activities viewed on the allotment

Condition B15

The Applicants have been required by the Rural Fire Service to treat the entire allotment to form an Inner Protection Area (*Planning for Bushfire Protection, NSW Planning 2001*). This has resulted in complete removal of all shrubs and ground covers on the allotment. Effectively this has negated the Applicant's Bushland Management Concept Plan vegetation management section. However, the Applicants have engaged an Experienced and Qualified Landscape Designer to develop a Landscape Plan that is sympathetic to the original Bushland Management Concept Plan. The Landscape Plan has been completed and envisages the replacement of several indigenous trees, i.e. *Eucalyptus punctata*. Additionally, the Landscape Plan proposes to replace indigenous shrubs and ground covers in a manner that is in keeping with the management of the allotment, as an Inner Protection Area (*Planning for Bushfire Protection, NSW Planning 2001*).

I am satisfied that the Landscaping Proposal is in keeping with the requirements of the Department of Urban Affairs, Pittwater Councils Planning Divisions Urban Bushland Management and will assist in the maintenance of biodiversity within the area.

Condition C7

The Applicants have provided a siltation fence along the Northern boundary of the subject site. This is providing protection for the remaining *Allocasuarina distyla/Banksia ericifolia* Closed Scrub on the adjoining allotment. Additionally, the siltation fence has been installed across the rear of the allotment at approximately two thirds into the allotment. At the rear of the allotment indigenous vegetation appears to have been *Corymbia gummifera/Angophora costata/Eucalyptus punctata* Tall Open Woodland. Several *Corymbia gummifera* have been retained on the allotment. These trees are located behind the siltation fence and have been physically separated from the proposed area of construction. Temporary fencing barriers have been installed inside the siltation fence providing additional protection for natural features outside the area bounded by the siltation fence. The temporary fencing barriers will also provide additional protection for the trees located at the rear of the allotment.

There are no other natural features, including bush rock, rock shelves or other vegetative features on this allotment. As has been required by the Rural Fire Service the entire allotment has been treated to form an Inner

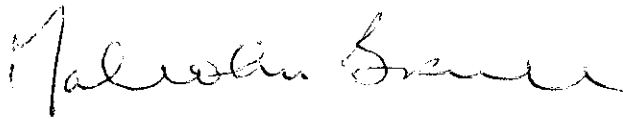
Protection Area (*Planning for Bushfire Protection, NSW Planning 2001*). This has resulted in complete removal of all shrubs and ground covers on the allotment.

I am satisfied that the Applicants have provided protective barriers for the remaining trees on the allotment, by excluding them from the proposed construction area and that there are no other features on the this or adjoining allotments that require protection. This activity has assisted the Applicants in complying with Conditions D20 and D21.

Condition C8

The Rural Fire Service (Condition D27) has required that the entire allotment be treated as an Inner Protection Area (*Planning for Bushfire Protection, NSW Planning 2001*). This treatment has been carried out. This has been fore filled by under scrubbing the allotment, which has not altered any of the natural soil profiles.

I am satisfied that the requirements of the Rural Fire Service have been carried out and that this has not altered the natural soil profile of the allotment.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Malcolm Bruce', written in dark ink.

Malcolm Bruce
Bushland Management and Ecological Consultant
10th February 2004

WAINWRIGHT FIRE SERVICE

'Fire goes out for lack of fuel' - Proverb

A.B.N: 61 508 942 172

P.O. BOX 397, COLLAROY, N.S.W 2097

BUSHFIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT

Inspection Date: Thursday 3rd April 2003
WFS Officer: Mr C. E. Wainwright
Property Location: Lot 78 Ingleside Road, Ingleside NSW
Property Description: Proposed New Class 1A Dwelling, Pool, Cabana, Tennis Court
Referenced Documents: Site Plan Sketch, Aerial Photography March 2002
Property Owner: Dita and Shaun Nicholls
Agent:
Contact Phone: 9972 3034 **Fax:** 9972 3474

FACTOR	INFORMATION	CATEGORY OF BUSHFIRE ATTACK RISK
i. Water	Offsite: Reticulated water main with fire hydrants.	Low
ii. Fuel Type	Offsite: Dry sclerophyll closed scrub. Onsite: Dry sclerophyll closed scrub. Will be mitigated with development.	Flamezone Flamezone
iii. Fuel Loading	Offsite: NSW Rural Fire Service document 'Planning for Bushfire Protection' indicates 25 tonnes per hectare. Onsite: NSW Rural Fire Service document 'Planning for Bushfire Protection' indicates 25 tonnes per hectare. Will be mitigated with development.	Flamezone Flamezone
iv. Access	Good via Ingleside Road, which may be impeded during the passage of a wild fire.	High
v. Slope	Offsite: Greater than 10 degrees. Onsite: Greater than 5 degrees.	High Medium
vi. Aspect	Site looks to east over bush land.	Flamezone
vii. Exposures	Bush blocks to north, south and east. Class 1A Dwelling to west.	Flamezone Low
viii. Wind	Site is exposed to north west bush fire wind.	Extreme
ix. Environmental Sensitivity	This development will have an impact on environmental sustainability or sensitivity of native bushland. Gardens and lawns should be maintained in a bush fire fuel modified state. A pre bushfire danger period inspection of site should be conducted on an annual basis by WFS.	High
x. Equipment Recommended	1. sufficient lengths of kink resistant garden hose with brass fittings and nozzles. 2. An extension ladder capable of safely reaching the roof. 3. Gutter plugs for down pipes. 4. An emergency action and evacuation plan. 5. Level 1 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) 6. WFS approved pumpset and training package. 7. Stored water source. 8. An external water sprinkler system to WFS specifications. 9. Knapsack Fire Fighter Units.	Not Rated

Contact: Wainwright Fire Service

Ph: 9939 6400 Mb: 0417 403 791 Fax: 9939 6411

Email: wainwrightfire@hotmail.com

xi. Recommendations:

According to site assessment methodology for bushfire attack, this site is exposed to <Flamezone> bushfire attack risk.

It is recommended that the construction conform to AS3959-1999 Level <Three>. Flamezone is beyond the scope of AS 3959.

- a. Site dimensions do not allow establishment of an Asset Protection Zone of compliant width, therefore all of site not built upon must be established and maintained as an Asset Protection Zone.
- b. Heat Shield Fencing is to be placed to south and north of dwelling.

Should development conform, then the bushfire protection is reasonable and should survive the passage of a wild fire.

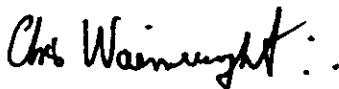
This development together with existing development on the site and any occupants will be reasonably protected from the impact of bush fire hazard in accordance with requirements specified by the State Government through the relevant legislation and advisory documents.

References:

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 Section 79C
Rural Fires Act 1997
Australian Standard AS 3959-1999
Planning for Bushfire Protection – Guideline (RFS)

The above report is the professional opinion of the consultant with reference to the above documents and specific detailed assessment of the subject property. The final assessment and recommendation remains subject to additional review and assessment by the local council and Rural Fire Service, as applicable, who have the right to review the report findings in their own opinion, and with reference to other factors, and determine a final requirement for the property.

Yours Faithfully,



Chris Wainwright
Fire Protection Manager

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BUSHFIRE PROTECTION CERTIFICATE

REFERENCES:

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Rural Fires Act 1979

Australian Standard AS3959-1999

Planning for Bushfire Protection 2001

CERTIFICATE

Type of Statement: DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION BUSHFIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT
Date: 3rd April 2003
Identification of Site: Lot 78 Ingleside Road, Ingleside NSW
Agent Details:
Property Owner: Dita and Shaun Nicholls
Owner Address: As above
Certifier Statement: I, CHRISTOPHER EDWIN WAINWRIGHT OF
WAINWRIGHT FIRE SERVICE,
PO BOX 397, COLLAROY, NSW, 2097

CERTIFY

that:

- a) Each bushfire protection assessment factor, and category specified, in this statement has been assessed by a properly qualified person.
- b) A properly qualified person (whether the person referred to in paragraph (a) or another person) has inspected the site & has certified that, as at the date of inspection, the category of bushfire attack risk is <Flamezone>.
- c) The proposed development is to comply with AS3959-1999 level <Three>.
- d) This development together with existing development on the site and any occupants will be reasonably protected from the impact of bush fire hazard in accordance specified by State Government through the relevant legislation and advisory documents.
- e) The information contained in this certificate is, to the best of my knowledge & belief, true and accurate.

BUSHFIRE PROTECTION ASSESSMENT FACTOR	CATEGORY OF BUSHFIRE ATTACK RISK
Water	Low
Fuel Type	Flamezone
Fuel Loading	Flamezone
Access	High
Slope	High
Aspect	Flamezone
Exposures	Flamezone
Wind	Extreme
Environmental Sensitivity	High

Flamezone is beyond the scope of AS 3959.

Certified by:

C.E. Wainwright

Certifying Officer – Mr C. E. Wainwright

Contact: Wainwright Fire Service

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Email: wainwrightfire@hotmail.com

Definition of Categories of Bushfire Attack

(as described in the NSW Rural Fire Service Document *'Planning for Bushfire Protection'*)

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
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Low	Minimal attack from radiant heat and flame due to the distance of the site from the vegetation, although some attack by burning debris is possible. There is insufficient threat to warrant specific construction requirements.
Medium	Attack by burning debris is significant with radiant heat and flame attack insufficient to threaten building elements (unscreened glass). Specific construction requirements are therefore warranted.
High	Attack by burning debris is significant with radiant heat levels and flame threatening some building elements (screened glass). Specific construction requirements are therefore warranted.
Extreme	Attack by burning debris is significant and radiant heat levels and flame could threaten building integrity. Specific construction requirements are warranted.
Flame Zone	Flames and radiant heat levels likely to significantly threaten building integrity and result in significant risk to residents who will not be adequately protected.

It is noted that attack from burning debris increases as the category of bushfire attack becomes more severe.

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General
The owner shall maintain the landscaping for a 12 months after the date of Practical Completion, with any maintenance of the works prior to the date of Practical Completion not to be included as part of this period.

Planting Establishment Period

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Twelve months. Throughout the Planting Establishment Period, the owner is to continue to carry out recurrent works of a maintenance nature including, but not limited to, watering, weeding, rubbish removal, fertilising, pest and disease control, returfing, staking and lying, replanting, topping-up mulch, cultivation, pruning, hedge clipping, aerating, renovating, top dressing, and keeping the site neat and tidy.

Planting:

Replacements: Continue to replace failed, dead and/or damaged plants at minimum 2/3 wear intervals as necessary.

Evening A

Generally trees are to be pruned to remove diseased or damaged growth, rubbing branches or to be directionally or formatively pruned. Work on trees, even young trees, should be performed by an experienced horticulturist/arborist/tree worker with advanced knowledge of trees. Young trees that are showing signs of unhealthy or poor development, or are damaged (for instance damage to terminal leader, development of included bark at branch junctions, or damage at root crown) should be replaced while young. Good initial stock selection is vital to help avoid these and other problems. No topping, topping, flush out or overthinning to be performed. Remove dead palm fronds.

Fertilising

Fertilising should be done at periods as indicated by soil testing results and in response to plant performance. Soil should be tested every two years, more frequently if conditions require it or where specific problems exist.

Generally, a twelve-month all-purpose slow release fertiliser of N:P:K ratio appropriate to the plant material may be applied at manufacturer's recommended rates, normally in early Spring.

Pest and disease control

The owner shall be responsible for control of any pest or disease which may affect plants. Correct identification and treatment will be required, with strict adherence to manufacturer's recommended rates, and safe handling and application practices.

Weeding

Remove all weed growth by hand or spray with approved herbicide throughout all planting and mulched areas. Execute regularly, minimum monthly intervals. Vigorous ground covers to be maintained 200mm away from the base of any shrub or tree.

Rubbish removal

Any bottles, papers, etc shall be removed from site

Leaf litter

Leaf litter shall be removed from turf and re-distributed over mulched areas

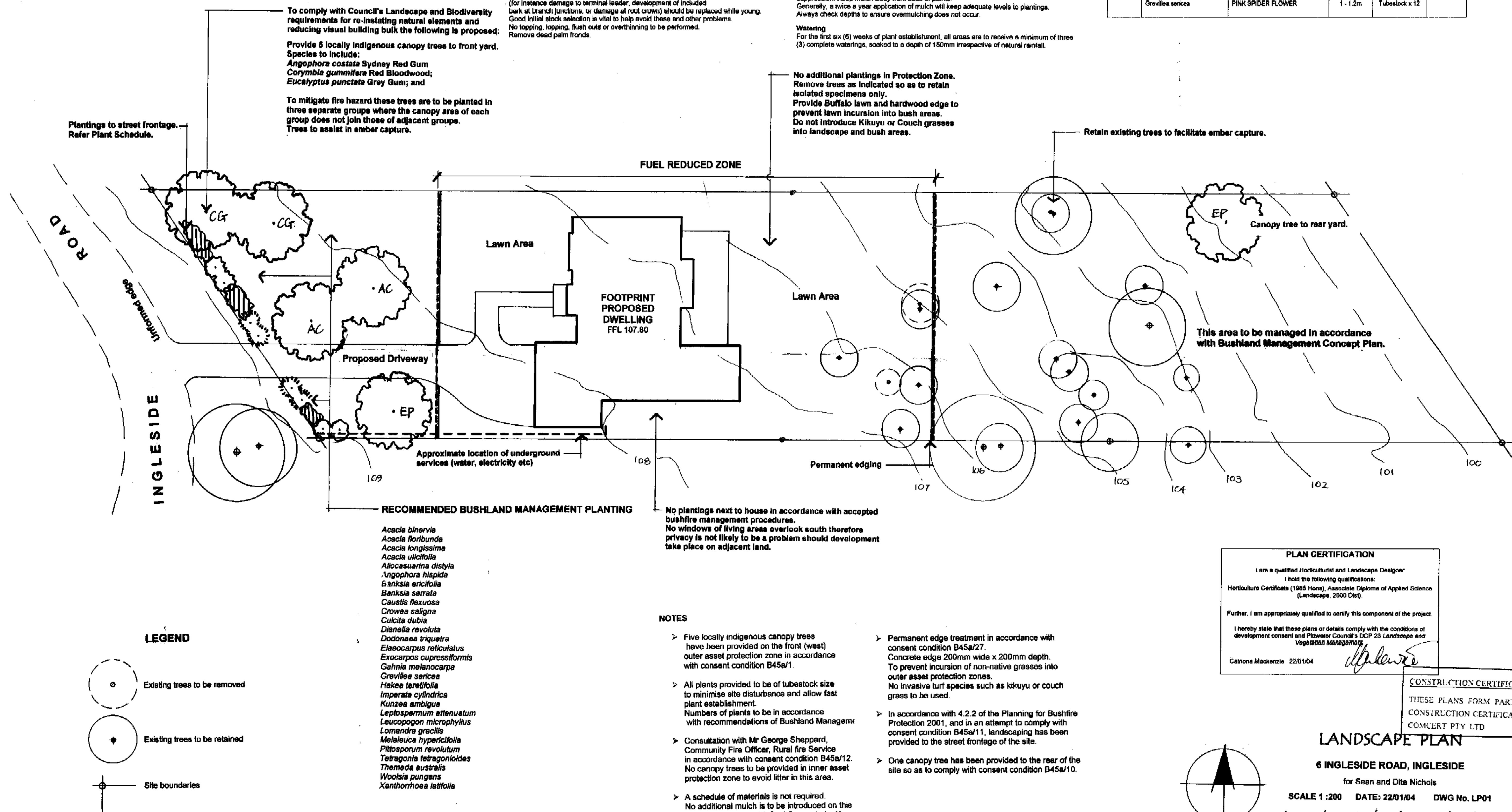
Mulched areas

Depth of shall be inspected and maintained at approx. 75mm cover to ensure weed suppression. Keep mulch away from base of plants.
Generally, a twice a year application of mulch will keep adequate levels to plantings.
Always check depths to ensure overmulching does not occur.

Watering

For the first six (6) weeks of plant establishment, all areas are to receive a minimum of three (3) complete waterings, soaked to a depth of 150mm irrespective of natural rainfall.

SYMBOL	BOTANIC NAME	COMMON NAME	MATURE SIZE	CONTAINER SIZE and No.	STAKING REQ.
AC CG EP	Trees				
	<i>Angophora costata</i>	SYDNEY RED GUM	6 - 10m	150mm x 2	No
	<i>Corymbia gutierrezii</i>	RED BLOODWOOD	6 - 20m	150mm x 2	-
	<i>Eucalyptus punctata</i>	GREY GUM	6 - 20m	150mm x 2	-
	Shrubs				
	<i>Acacia suaveolens</i>	SWEET-SCENTED WATTLE	1 - 2m	Tubestock x 4	
	<i>Banksia spinulosa</i> var. <i>spinulosa</i>	HAIR-PIN BANKSIA	2 - 2.5m	Tubestock x 4	
	Low Shrubs				
	<i>Acilicnthus hollanthii</i>	FLANNEL FLOWER		Tubestock x 50	
	<i>Dianella caerulea</i>	BLUE FLAX LILY	1m	Tubestock x 20	
	<i>Eragrostis longiflora</i>	BATFE FUCHSIA	800mm	Tubestock x 20	
	<i>Glycine clandestina</i>	LOVE CREEPER	1 - 1.5m	Tubestock x 10	
	<i>Grevillea sericea</i>	PINK SPIDER FLOWER	Groundcover	Tubestock x 10	
			1 - 1.2m	Tubestock x 12	



PLAN CERTIFICATION

I am a qualified Horticulturist and Landscaps Designer
I hold the following qualifications:
Horticulture Certificate (1985 Hons), Associate Diploma of Applied Science
(Landscaps, 2000 Dist).

Further, I am appropriately qualified to certify this component of the project.

I hereby state that these plans or details comply with the conditions of development consent and Pittwater Council's DCP 23 Landscape and Vegetation Management.

Cationa Mackenzie 22/01/04

CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE: 040

THESE PLANS FORM PART OF THE ABOVE
CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE AS ISSUED BY
COMCERT PTY LTD

LANDSCAPE PLAN

6 INGLESIDE ROAD, INGLESIDE

for Sean and Dita Nichols

SCALE 1 : 200 DATE: 22/01/04 DWG No. LP01

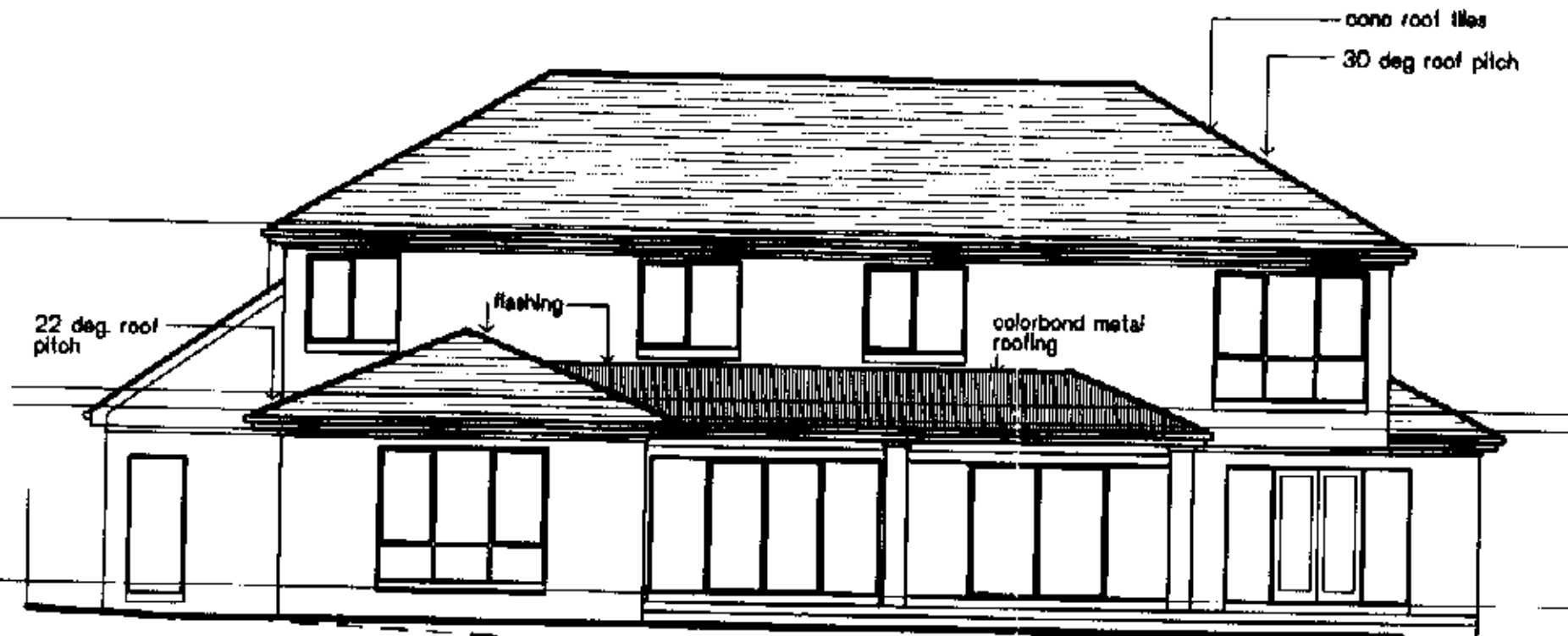
cat mackenzie landscape by design

consultations, designs and management solutions to suit all urban landscape needs.

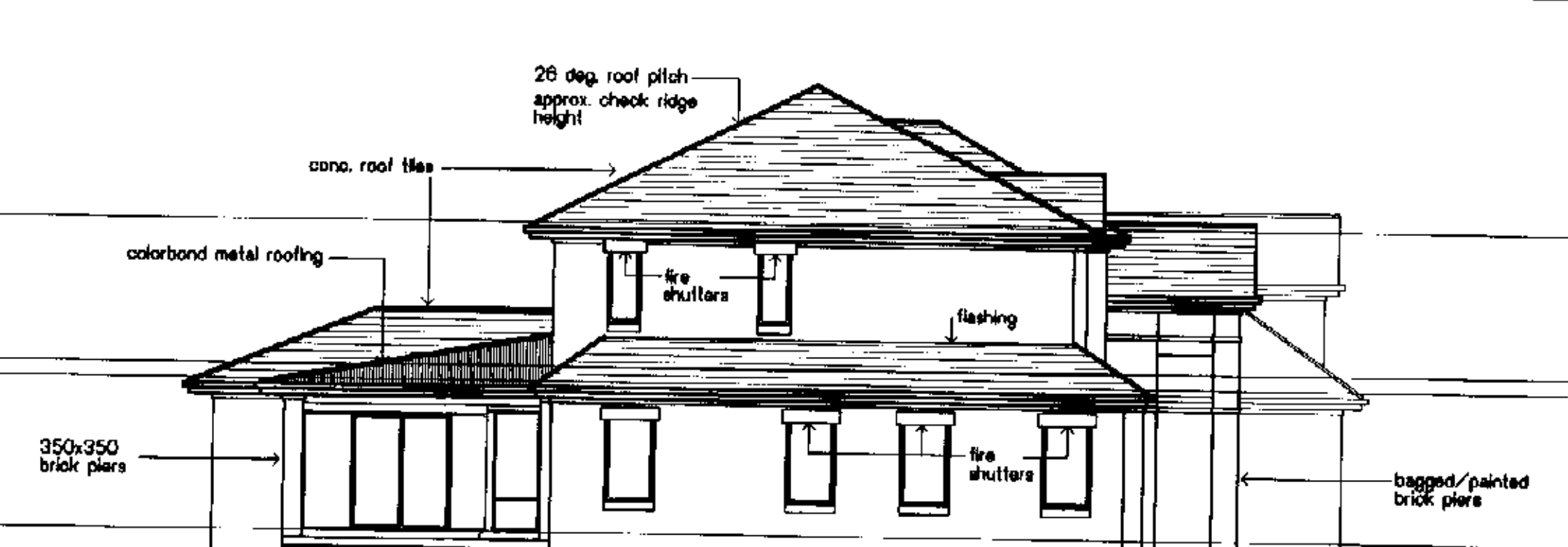
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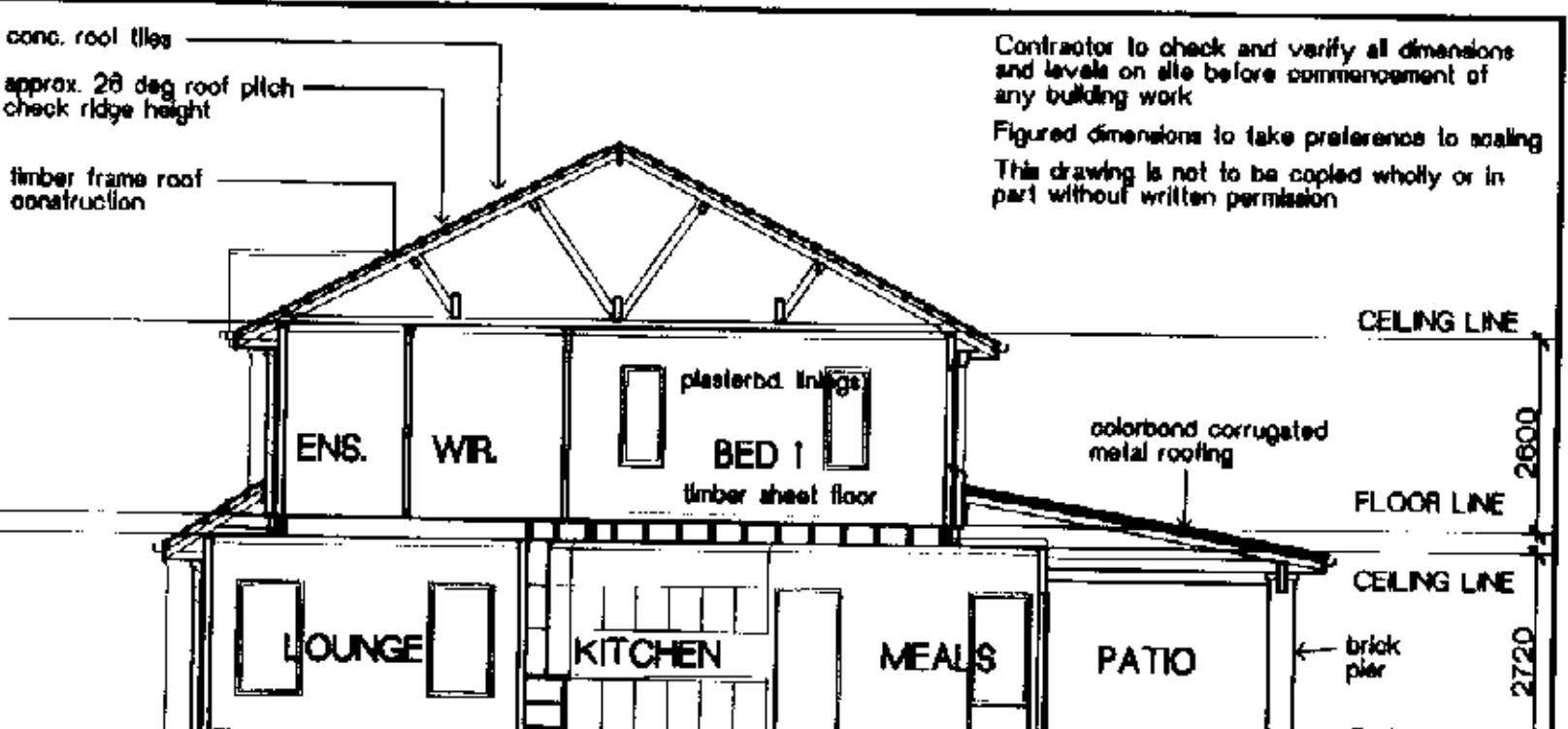
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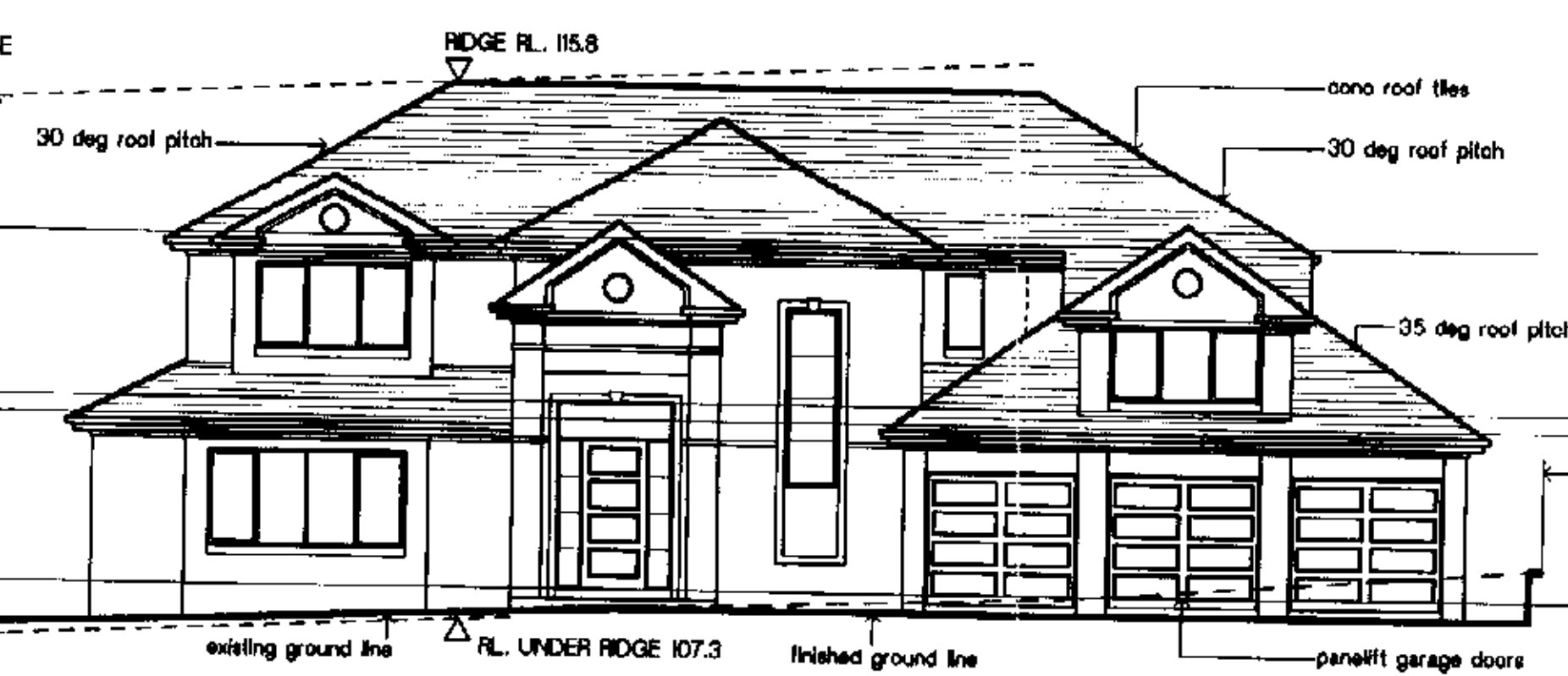
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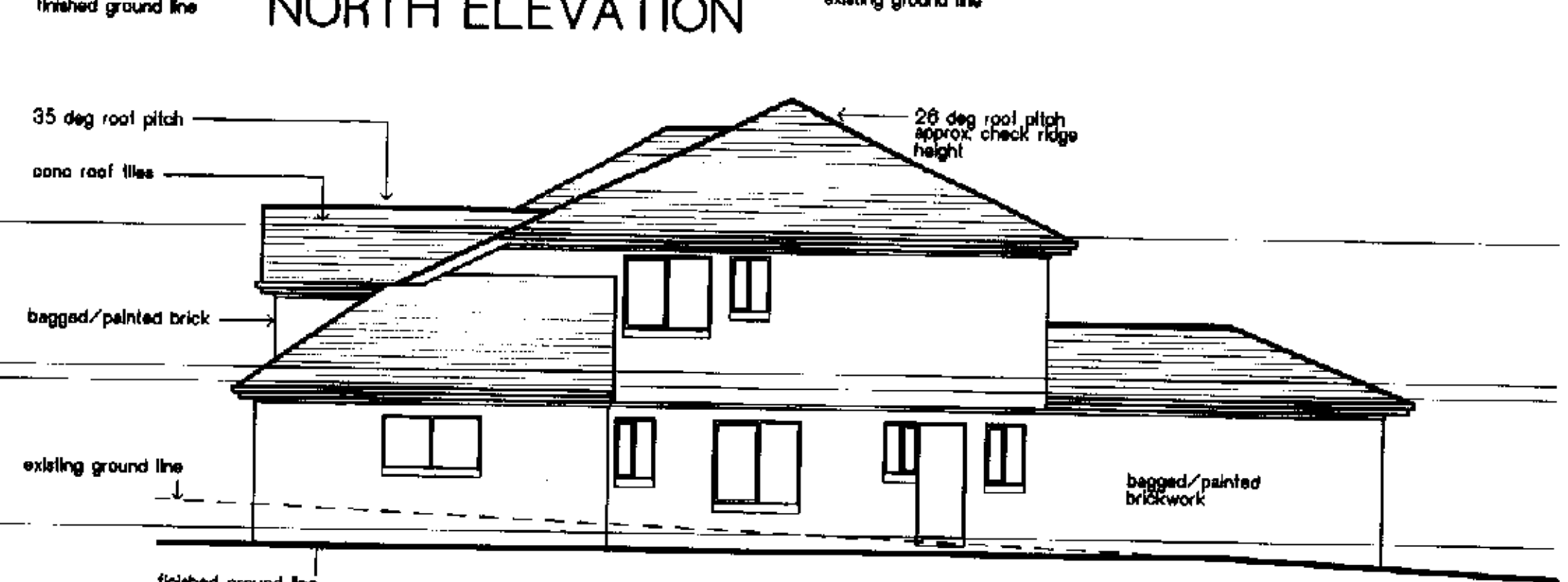
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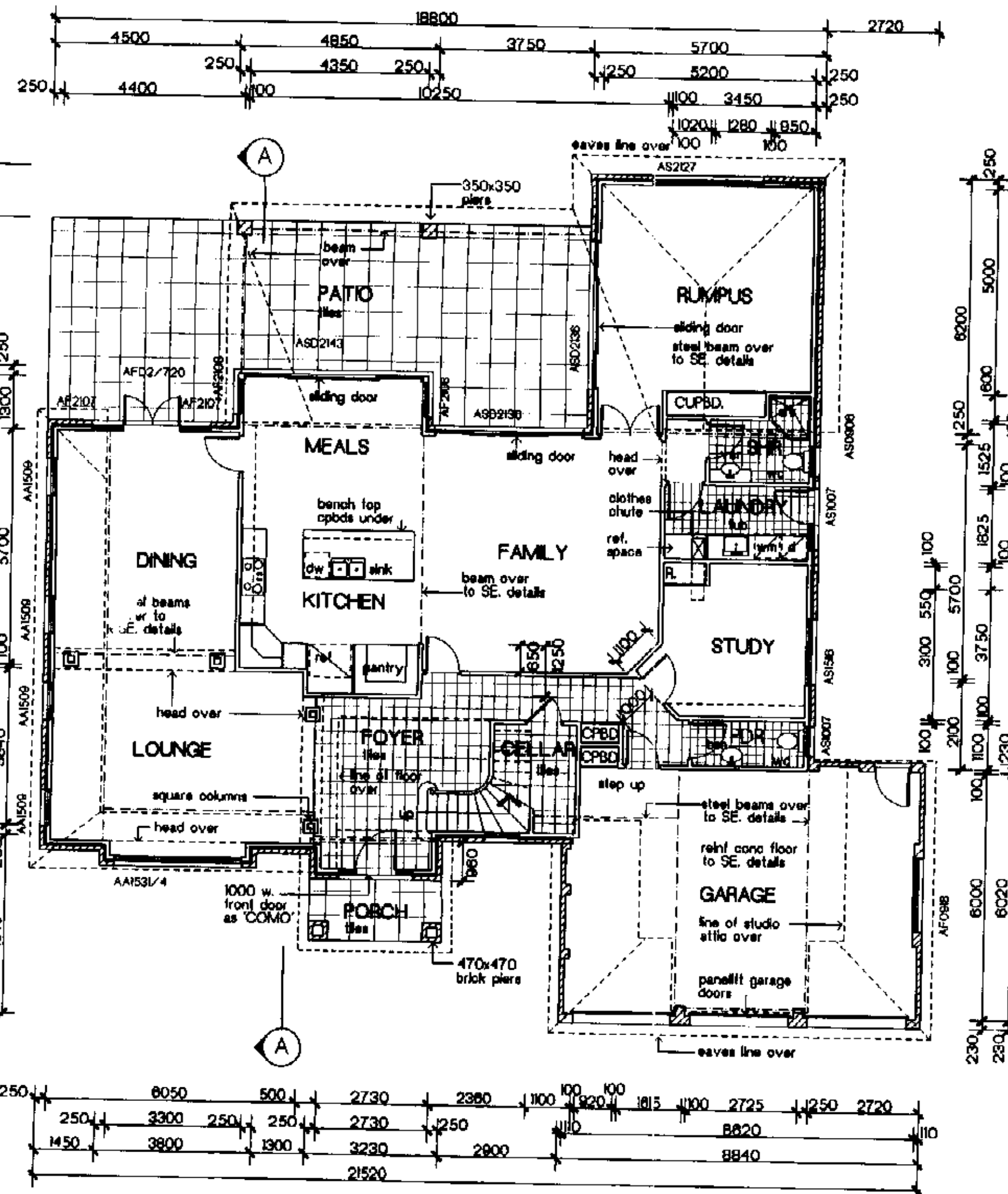
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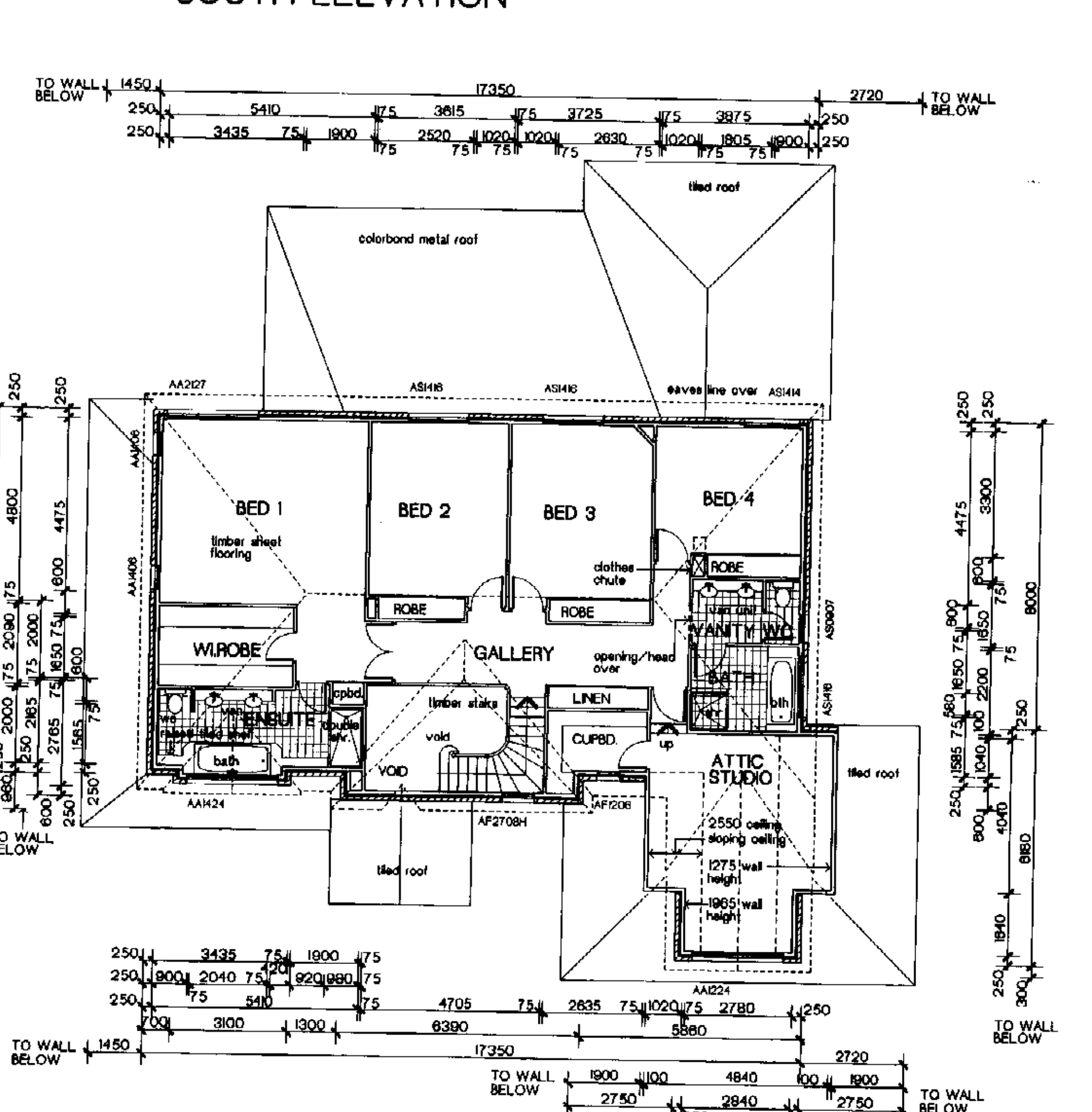
WEST ELEVATION



SOUTH ELEVATION



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

NOTE
35, 30, 26 and 22 degree roof pitch
conc. roof tiles and colorbond metal
sheet roofing with sarking under
bagged and painted external brickwork
aluminum framed awning east windows
aluminum sliding and glazed doors
aluminum framed sliding windows

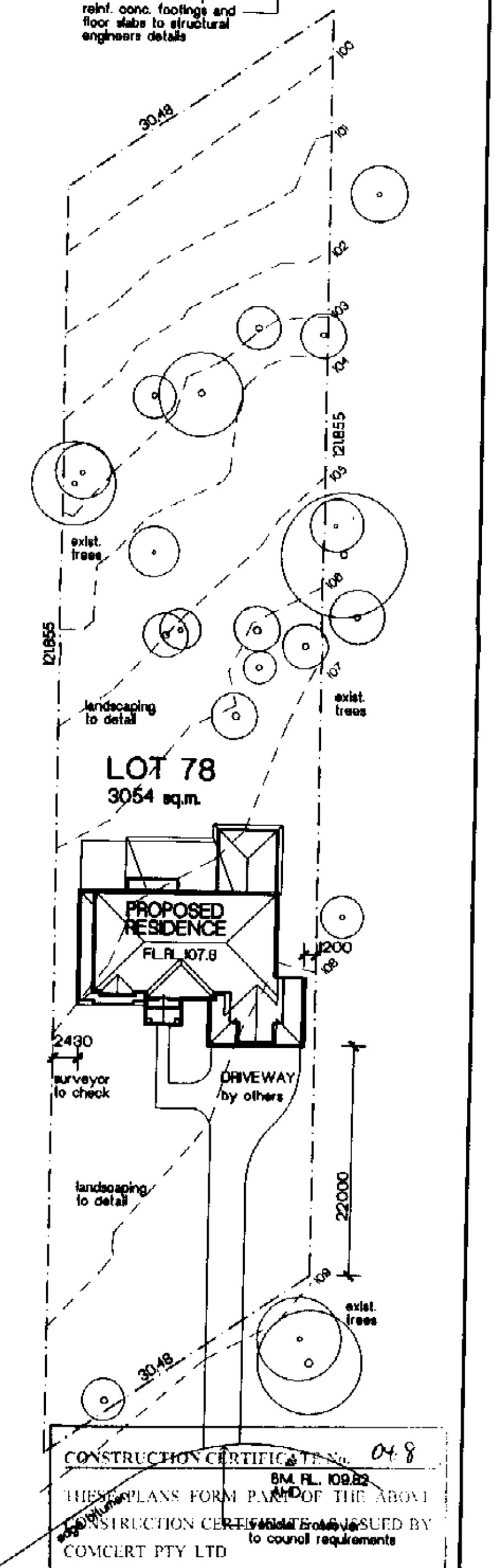
DEVELOPMENT DATA

FLOOR AREAS	
GROUND FLOOR	229 sq. m.
FIRST FLOOR	192 sq. m.
(includes 13 sqm. void)	
GARAGE	55 sq. m.
PORCH + PATIO	59 sq. m.
TOTAL	535 sq. m.
FLOOR SPACE RATIO	
SITE AREA	3054 sq. m.
EXCLUDES ACCESS HANDLE	
GROUND + FIRST FLOOR AREA	421 sq. m.
F.S.R.	421/3054 0.13 : 1
BUILT UPON AREA	
RESIDENCE	340 sq. m.
(includes porch, patio)	
DRIVEWAY	112 sq. m.
TOTAL	452 sq. m.
SITE COVER	452/3054 15 %

amendment date

A	changes to roof pitch	29.7.03
	mirror reverse ldr & shr	
B	minor changes	31.7.03
C	minor changes	3.9.03
D	window changes	5.2.04
	fire shutters added	
	to north elevation	

NOTE
SURVEY PREPARED BY
CONSULTING SURVEYORS
PHONE 9938525



INGLESIDE ROAD
SITE PLAN D

MEADOWBANK HOMES PTY. LTD. ACN 009 210 320 Central Park BSA 2 Central Avenue Thornleigh NSW 2120 phone (02) 9875 4411 fax (02) 9484 4897	PROPOSED TWO STOREY RESIDENCE at : LOT 78 INGLESIDE ROAD INGLESIDE DP. 11784 for : Mr. & Mrs. S. NICHOLLS
scale 1:100, 1:400	date JUNE 2003

Our Reference 333290/bakkmw
 Your Reference

17 February 2004



The Manager
 Efsee Investments Pty Ltd
 PO Box 221
 THORNLEIGH NSW 2120

Attn: Mr Dermott O'Connell

Dear Sir

Re: Proposed Residential Development
 61 Kenthurst Road, St Ives
 Interallotment Stormwater Drainage - Certification

We refer to your instructions in relation to this matter. We confirm having attended the subject site on 17 February 2004.

The purpose of our inspection was to verify the correct installation of the interallotment stormwater drainage system in accordance with the design requirements depicted on the AFCE Environment + Building document reference 333290/101/0.

At the time of our inspection we obtained site measurements and levels over this section of stormwater system.

As a consequence of our inspection we are of the opinion that the as-constructed interallotment stormwater drainage system is generally constructed in accordance with the design requirements and therefore may be deemed hydraulically adequate for its intended purpose.

We have enclosed the original work-as-executed plan dated 16 February 2004 for your lodgement with Ku-ring-gai Council.

Should you have any further queries in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to contact Bruce Kenny in our Gosford office.

Yours faithfully
 Appleyard Forrest Consulting Engineers Pty Ltd

Per:

Encl.

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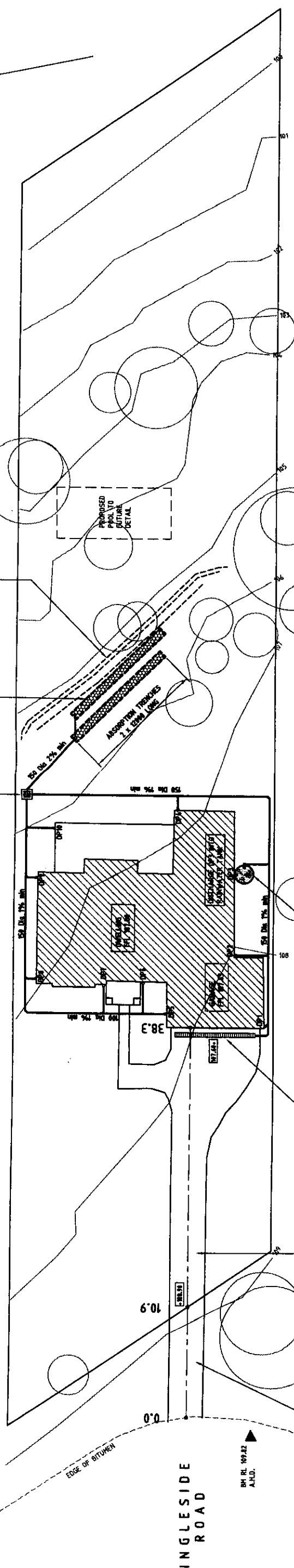
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PROVIDE 2 x 12m LONG ABSORPTION TRENCHES.
REFER TO DETAIL LOCATE 5m MIN FROM
BOUNDARIES AND STRUCTURES.
CONSTRUCT TRENCH BASES AT CONSTANT RL

PIT P1 - SILENT ARRESTOR PIT
450 SQUARE PIT
WITH LIGHT DUTY GRATED ALLET
TOP OF GRATE 105.59 mmm
50 DIA INLETS - R. 105.58
150 DIA OUTLET - R. 105.58

CONSTRUCT LEVEL SPREADER ALONG CONTOUR
TO DISPERSE OVERFLOWS TO THE SATISFACTION
OF COUNCIL. ENSURE TOP OF BERM/SPREADER
AT CONSTANT RL



CONSTRUCT 200 WIDE GRATED BOX
DRAIN 100 DIA DEEP
INVERT TO GRADE TO OUTLET
AT A MINIMUM GRADE OF 2%
TOP OF GRATE 107.40

3000 WIDE INTERNAL
DRIVEWAY
REFER TO LONGITUDINAL SECTION

1000 WIDE ACCESS CROSSOVER
IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL'S
CROSSING PROFILE
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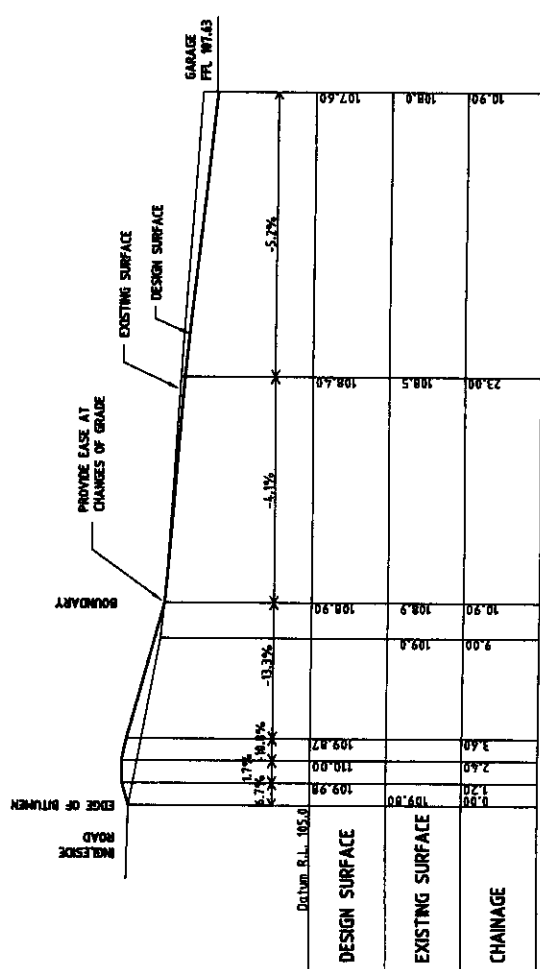
3000 L DEDICATED WATER SUPPLY TANK FOR
PREFILLING/RESERVE PROTECTION
INSTALL 60mm STRENGTH FITTING AND BALL
AND GATE VALVE TO TANK
RAINWATER TANK
1000 DIA x 2200 H, 5000L CORRUG 35' ALUMINUM OR
272400 L x 1000 W x 1000 H 'SLEUR' 2500 L TANKS
PROVIDE HIGH LEVEL
OVERFLOW 100 DIA INTO STORMWATER SYSTEM
FINAL LOCATION TO BE SITE
CONFIRMED IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CLIENT
NOTE ONE DOWNPIPE 100 DIA IS TO
BE CONNECTED INTO THE TANK AS SHOWN

DRAINAGE CALCULATIONS

ITEM	NO.	DESCRIPTION	AREA (m ²)	PERCENTAGE	VOLUME (m ³)	REMARKS
1	1	DRIVEWAY IMPERVIOUS AREA	24.5	0.75	18.4	150
2	2	ROADWAY IMPERVIOUS AREA	2.0	0.75	1.5	150
3	3	ROOF IMPERVIOUS AREA	0.55	0.75	0.4	150
4	4	TOTAL NEW IMPERVIOUS AREA	27.05		19.9	

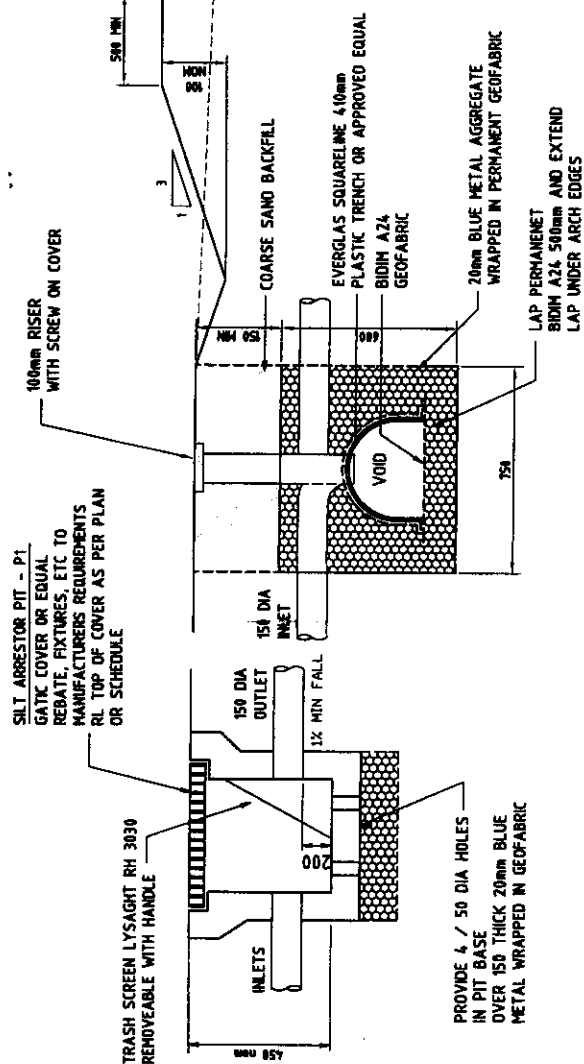
PLAN - STORMWATER DRAINAGE

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LONG SECTION - PROPOSED DRIVEWAY CENTRELINE

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TYPICAL SECTION THRU ABSORPTION TRENCH

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LEVEL 100mm ABOVE FINISHED DRIVEWAY IMPERVIOUS AREA (m²)
TOTAL NEW IMPERVIOUS AREA (m²)
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Determine VOLUMETRIC RUNOFF FROM 20 yr ARI STORM, 5 min DURATION
 $Q_{10} = 1 \times 205 \times 0.0349/360$
VOLUME OF RUNOFF
 $V = 5 \times 60 \times 0.020$
 $= 6.0 \text{ m}^3$
THEREFORE STORAGE REQUIREMENT = 6.0 m³
PROPOSED DISPOSAL SYSTEM 'EVERGLAS SQUARELINE 410' PLASTIC TRENCH
DRAIN 750 WIDE x 600 DEEP TRENCH (ABSORPTION AREA 2.0 m²/m)
STORAGE VOLUME 0.275 m³/m
LENGTH OF TRENCH REQUIRED TO STORE 6.0 m³ = 6.0/0.275 = 21.2 m
ADOPT 24 m
DESIGN BASED ON PITTWATER COUNCIL'S DEVELOPMENT CONSENT CONDITIONS
B.20 & D.27, AS 3500, ARAR AND GENERAL ENGINEERING PRACTICE

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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

PROJECT:
PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT
LOT 78 INGLESIDE ROAD INGLESIDE

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A. GENERAL

- A.1 THIS DRAWING IS TO BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ARCHITECT'S DRAWING.
- A.2 ALL SET OUT DIMENSIONS ARE TO BE OBTAINED FROM THE ARCHITECT'S DRAWING UNLESS SPECIFIC DIMENSIONS ARE GIVEN ON THE ENGINEERING DRAWINGS.
- A.3 THIS DRAWING SHOULD NOT BE SCALED.
- A.4 ALL MATERIALS AND WORKMANSHIP ARE TO BE OF THE HIGHEST STANDARD AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY RELEVANT S.A.A. CODE RELATING TO THEIR APPLICATION. CERTIFICATES TO THIS EFFECT FROM A N.A.T.A APPROVED TESTING LABORATORY SHALL BE FURNISHED ON REQUEST.
- A.4 DURING CONSTRUCTION THE STRUCTURE SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A STABLE CONDITION AND NO PART OF THE STRUCTURE SHALL BE OVER STRESSED.
- A.6 STRUCTURAL ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED FOR THE FOLLOWING SUPERIMPOSED LIVE LOADINGS:

INTERNAL: 1.5kPa
GARAGE: 3.0kPa

B. EXCAVATOR

- B.1 ALL EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL SHALL BE CARRIED OUT NEATLY TO THE LINES, LEVELS AND GRADES SPECIFIED.
- B.2 ANY BACKFILL MATERIAL REQUIRED OR SPECIFIED SHALL BE COMPACTED GENERALLY TO A DENSITY EQUIVALENT TO AT LEAST 95% OF ITS MAXIMUM DRY DENSITY (TEST METHOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS1289-E11- STANDARD COMPACTIVE EFFORT).
- B.3 FILL MATERIAL BENEATH EDGE BEAMS IS TO BE COMPACTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 6.4.2 OF AS2870-1996 & AS SPECIFIED IN NOTE B2.

C. FOOTINGS

- C.1 FOOTINGS HAVE BEEN DESIGNED FOR AN ALLOWABLE BEARING PRESSURE OF 600 kPa ON ROCK FOUNDATION MATERIAL SHALL BE APPROVED PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION PROCEEDING.
- C.2 IF THE SITE HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION REQUIRING ADHERENCE TO PARTICULAR CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES AND/OR TECHNIQUES, THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE APPROPRIATE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER'S REPORT SHALL BE COMPLIED WITH IN FULL.
- C.3 IF THE SITE CONDITIONS ENCOUNTERED APPEAR TO DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY FROM THE CONDITIONS DEPICTED ON THIS PLAN OR REPORTED IN THE GEOTECHNICAL REPORT, THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER AND/OR THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER SHOULD BE NOTIFIED IMMEDIATELY.
- C.4 STRIP FOOTINGS AND STIFFENED RAFTS
STRIP FOOTING AND EDGE BEAM DEPTHS ARE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ONLY AND SHOULD BE INCREASED AS REQUIRED TO PENETRATE TOP SOIL COVER AND PROVIDE A MINIMUM PENETRATION OF 100mm INTO FIRM AND UNIFORM NATURAL MATERIAL.

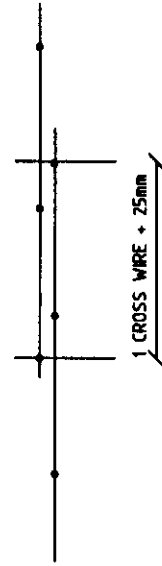
D. STEEL FIXER

- D.1 ALL REINFORCING BAR AND FABRIC SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE AND SHALL COMPLY WITH THE APPROPRIATE CODES AS NOTED BELOW:

SYMBOL	TYPE
R	STRUCTURAL GRADE ROUND BARS TO AS4671-2001 (230MPa)
S	STRUCTURAL GRADE DEFORMED BARS TOAS4671-2001 (230MPa)
N	TEMPCORE DEFORMED BARS TO AS1671-2001 (500MPa)
RL/SL	FABRIC TO AS4671-2001 (500MPa)
TM	TRENCH MESH TO AS4671-2001 (500MPa)

NOTE: THE NUMBER FOLLOWING THE SYMBOL IS THE BAR DIAMETER IN MILLIMETRES.

- D.2 MINIMUM LAP TO FABRIC TO BE AS SHOWN IN THE DIAGRAM BELOW:



- D.3 TRENCH MESH SHALL BE SPLICED WHERE NECESSARY BY A LAP OF 500mm. ALL CROSS WIRES TO TRENCH MESH SHALL BE CUT FLUSH WITH OUTER MAIN WIRES.

- D.4 SPLICES IN REINFORCEMENT SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF AS3600-2001 OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING TABLE:-

BAR SIZE	N12	N16	N20	N24	N28	N32
SPLICE LENGTH	400	600	800	1200	1350	1650

- D.5 REINFORCEMENT SHALL BE SUPPORTED AT 1000mm MAXIMUM CENTRES TO MAINTAIN THE NOMINATED POSITION AND COVER UNLESS REDUCED SPACING IS SPECIFIED.

- D.6 WELDING OF REINFORCEMENT OTHER THAN TACK WELDING FOR PURPOSE OF MAINTAINING BARS IN CORRECT POSITION IS NOT PERMITTED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOMINATED ON THE DRAWINGS OR AS DIRECTED BY THE ENGINEER.

- D.7 REINFORCING BARS SHALL HAVE A LAP LENGTH AT SPLICES NOT LESS THAN 500mm. AT 'T' AND 'L' INTERSECTIONS, THE BARS SHALL BE CONTINUED ACROSS THE FULL WIDTH OF THE INTERSECTION. AT L-INTERSECTIONS, ONE OUTER BAR SHALL BE BENT AND CONTINUED 500mm, OR A BENT LAP BAR 500mm LONG ON EACH LEG SHALL BE PROVIDED.

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E. CONCRETE

- E.1 ALL WORKMANSHIP AND MATERIALS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS3600 EXCEPT WHERE VARIED BY THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

- E.2. CONCRETE QUALITY:

ELEMENT	SUMP	MAX. SIZE AGG.	CEMENT TYPE	AS3600 Fc	ADMPATURE	MIN. CEMENT CONTENT PER M ³
FOOTINGS/ SLAB	80	20	GP/GB20MPa	NIL	250 Kg	

- E.3. DESIGN COVER TO THE REINFORCEMENT SHALL BE 40mm TO UNPROTECTED GROUND, 40mm TO EXTERNAL EXPOSURE, 30mm TO THE MEMBRANE IN CONTACT WITH THE GROUND AND 20mm TO THE INTERNAL SURFACE. THE SLAB FABRIC SHALL BE PLACED TOWARDS THE TOP OF THE SLAB PLACED TOWARDS THE TOP OF THE SLAB WITHIN THE ZONE

H. RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURAL STEELWORK

- H.1 ALL STRUCTURAL STEELWORK SHALL COMPLY WITH AS 1111, AS 1112, AS 1163, AS 1554, AS 4100, AND THE A.C.S.E. STRUCTURAL STEEL FABRICATION & ERECTION SPECIFICATIONS WHERE DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS.

- H.2 ABBREVIATIONS USED ARE AS FOLLOWS :

UB - UNIVERSAL BEAM
UC - UNIVERSAL COLUMN
PFC - PARALLEL FLANGE CHANNEL
EA - ROLLED STEEL EQUAL ANGLE
UA - ROLLED STEEL UNEQUAL ANGLE
RHS - RECTANGULAR HOLLOW SECTION
SHS - SQUARE HOLLOW SECTION
B.W.- BUTT WELD
F.W.- FILLET WELD

- H.3 THE STABILITY OF THE STRUCTURE DURING CONSTRUCTION IS THE BUILDER'S RESPONSIBILITY. ADEQUATE TEMPORARY BRACING SHALL BE PROVIDED WHERE NECESSARY AND AS DIRECTED BY THE SUPERVISING ENGINEER.

- H.4 ALL SHOP CONNECTIONS SHALL BE FULLY WELDED UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

- H.5 PROVIDE 6mm MINIMUM FILLET WELDS, M20 BLACK BOLTS & 10mm CONNECTION PLATES UNLESS SPECIFICALLY NOTED OTHERWISE.

- H.6 ALL BOLTS SHALL BE IN 2mm CLEARANCE HOLES UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE.

- H.7 SURFACE TREATMENT AND COATINGS SHALL BE AS SPECIFIED IN THE TABLE :

MEMBER	MARK	SURFACE PREPARATION	COATING
INTERNAL		ABRASIVE BLAST CLASS 1	R.O.Z.P. (1 COAT)
EXTERNAL		ABRASIVE BLAST CLASS 2.5	R.O.Z.P. (2 COATS) OR GALVANISED

PIERING WORKS NOTES

(BRICK VENEER CONSTRUCTION)

- P1 FINAL DEPTH & EXTENT OF PIERING WORKS TO BE DETERMINED ON SITE SUBJECT TO THE RESULTS OF THE TEST HOLE/INITIAL EXCAVATION AND VERIFICATION BY THE STRUCTURAL ENGINEER.

- P2 WHERE REQUIRED, PIER THROUGHOUT AT ALL CORNERS, ENDS AND INTERSECTIONS AND CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

BEARING STRATA	DESIGN BEARING CAPACITY	DOUBLE STOREY
ROCK	600 kPa	400mmØ BORED PIERS @ 900mm MAX. C/C

- P3 PIER REINFORCEMENT TO BE DIRECTED BY ENGINEER ON SITE.

- P4 WHERE SHALE OR ROCK STRATA IS ENCOUNTERED LESS THAN 600mm BELOW FINISHED GROUND LEVEL, PROVIDE PIERS TO SHALE OR ROCK STRATA IN ACCORDANCE WITH PIERING WORKS NOTES ABOVE.

- P5 WHERE PIERS ARE REQUIRED ADJACENT TO SERVICE TRENCHES, THE STRATA ENCOUNTERED ADJACENT TO THESE SERVICE TRENCHES MUST BE ADOPTED THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE DWELLING.

CURING:

THE CONCRETE SLAB SHALL BE CURED USING AN APPROVED COMMERCIAL CURING COMPOUND AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH CLAUSE 19.15 OF AS3600-1994. CURING OF THE CONCRETE SHALL START IMMEDIATELY AFTER FINISHING.

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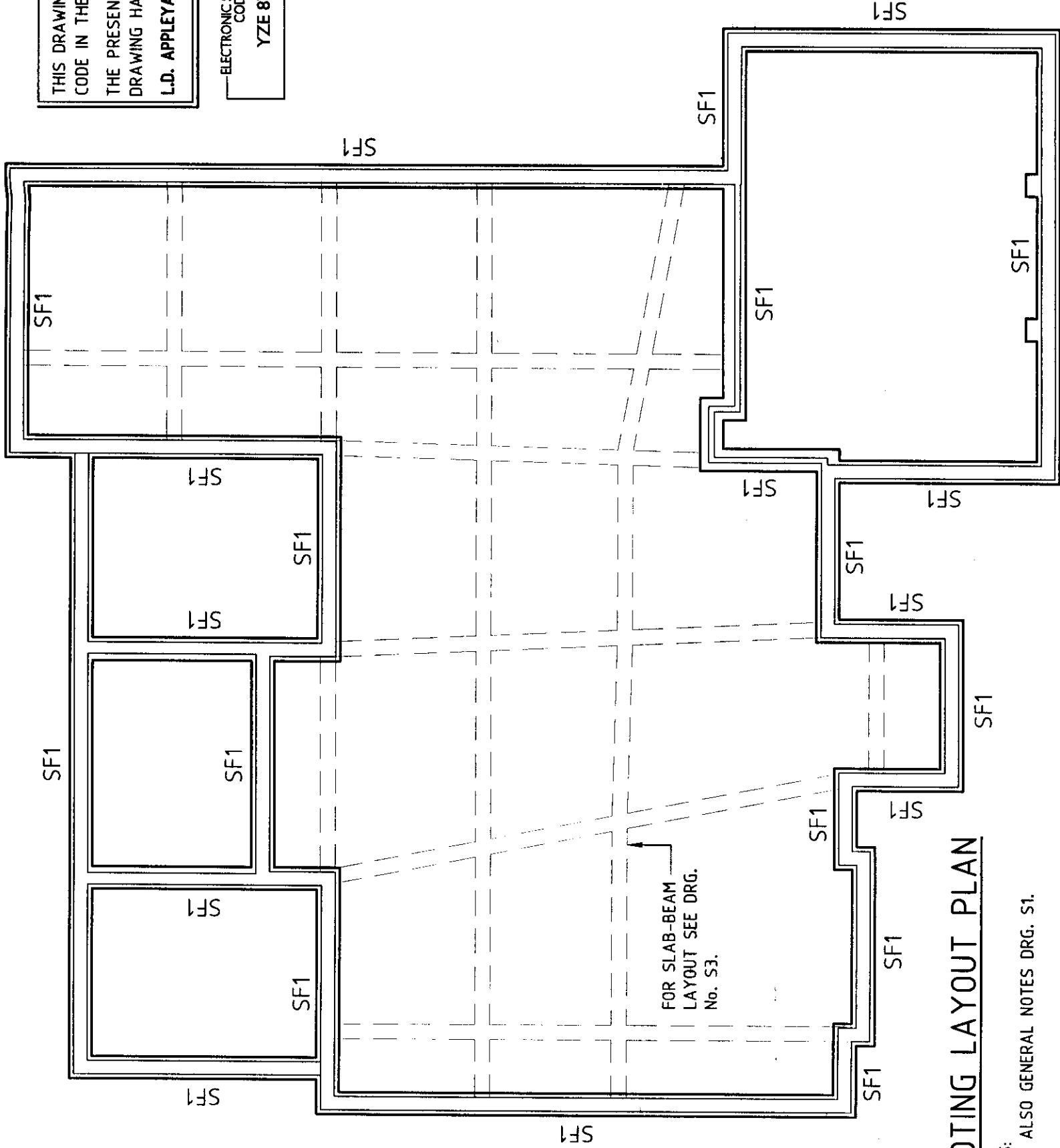
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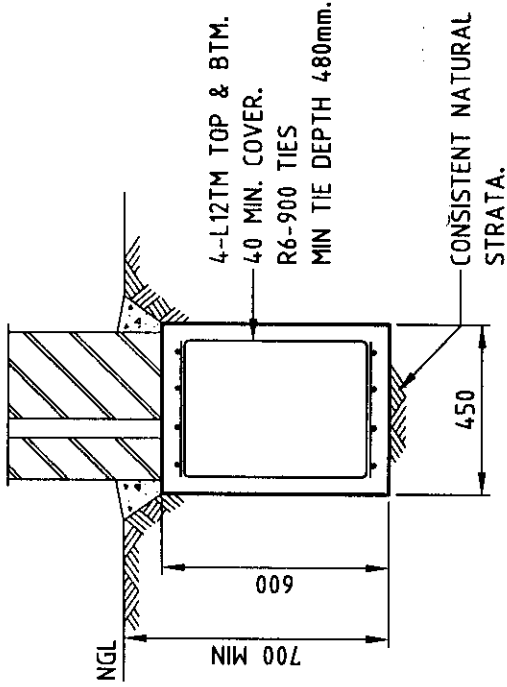
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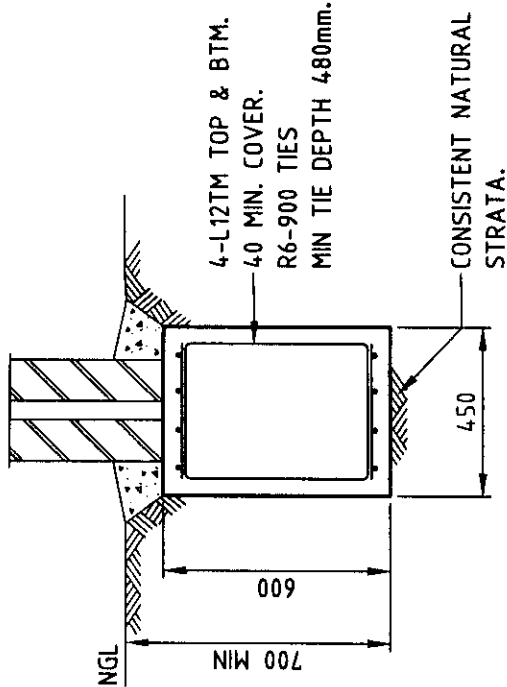
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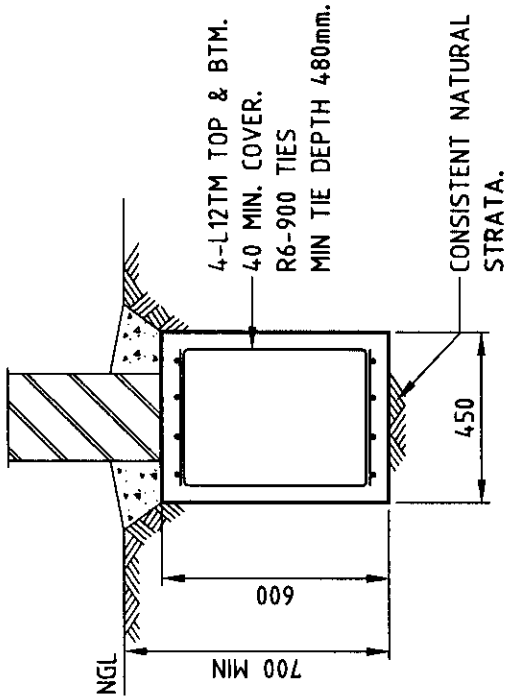
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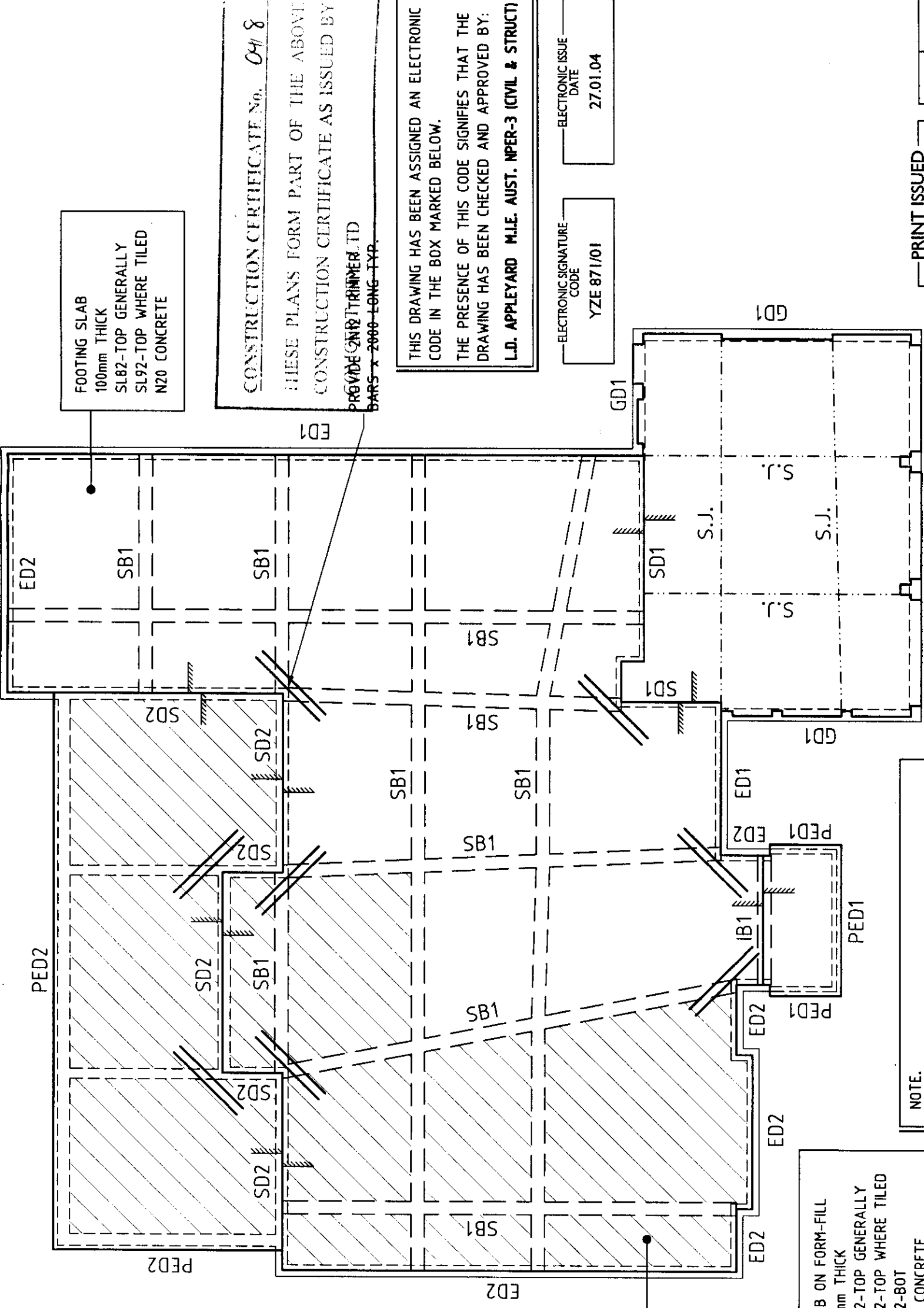
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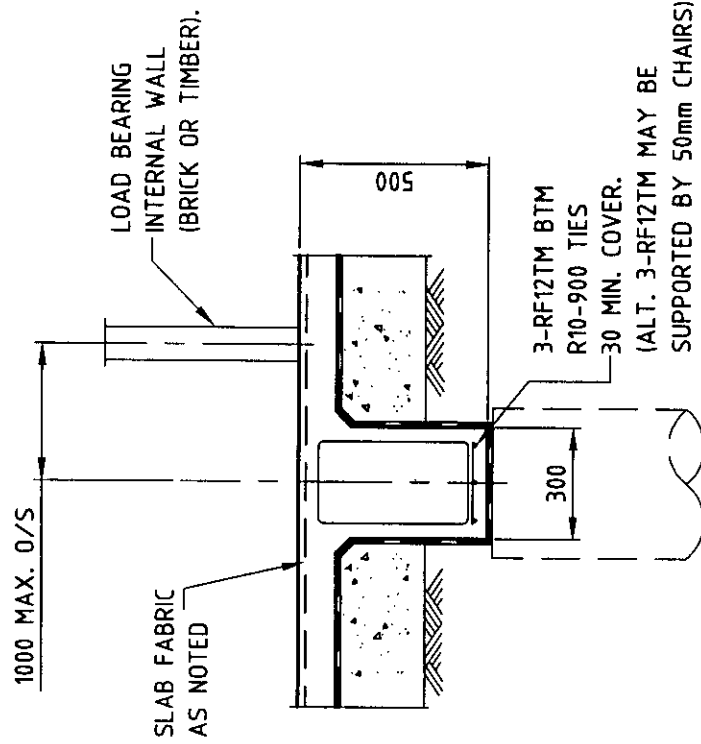
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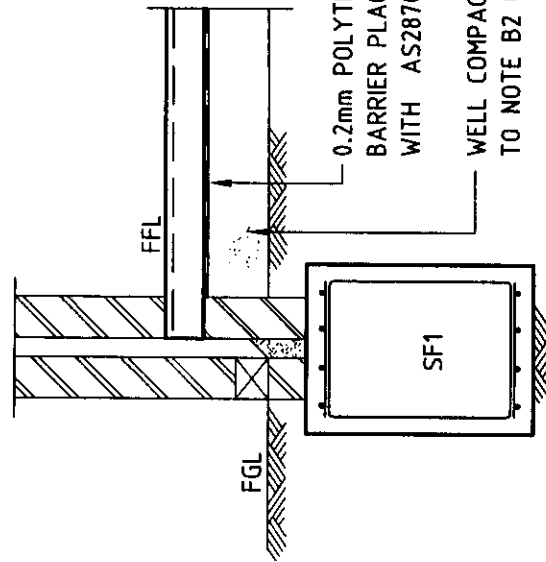
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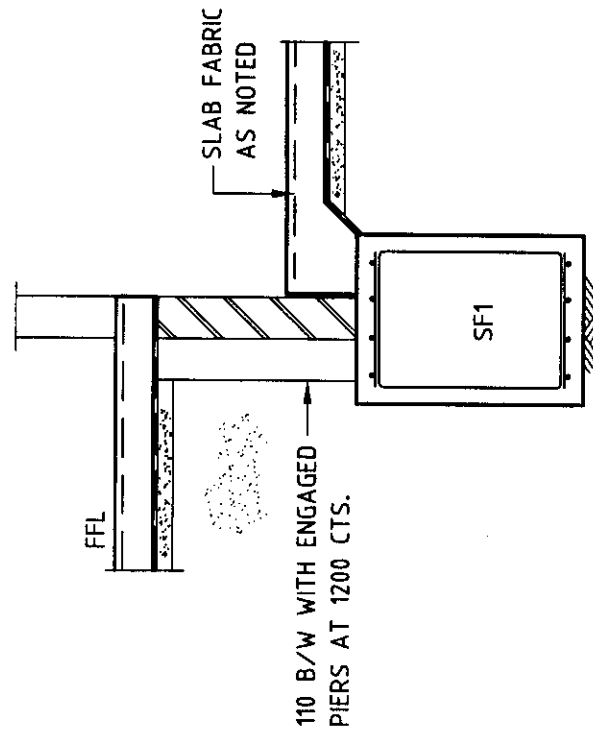
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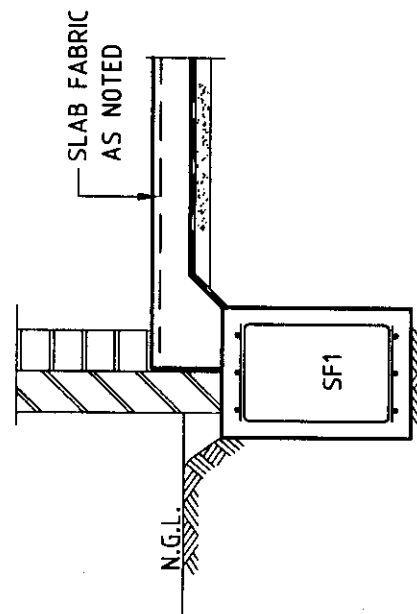
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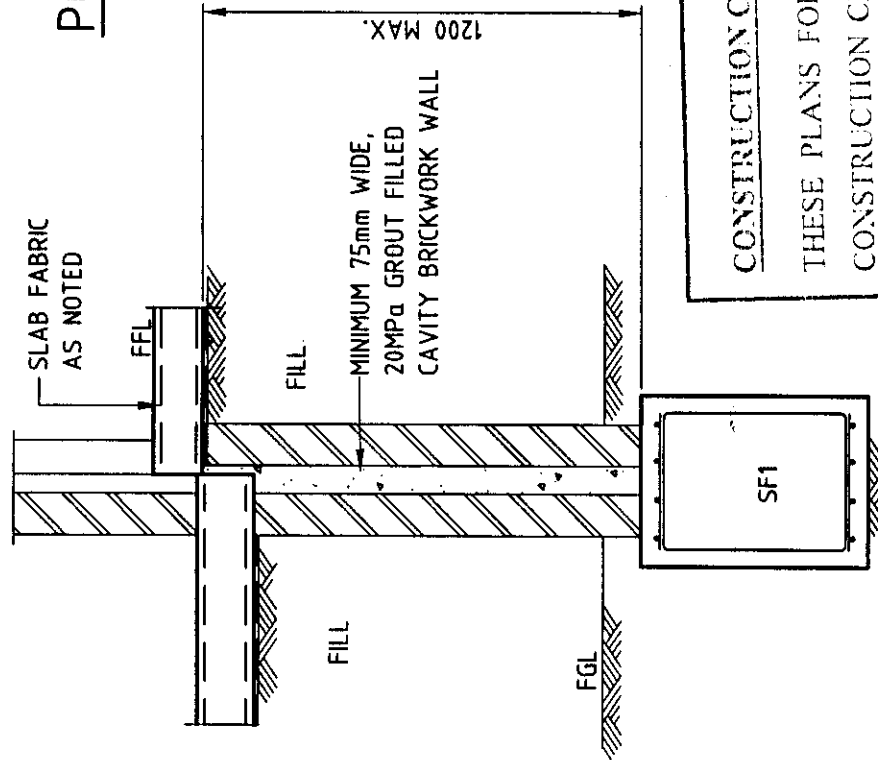
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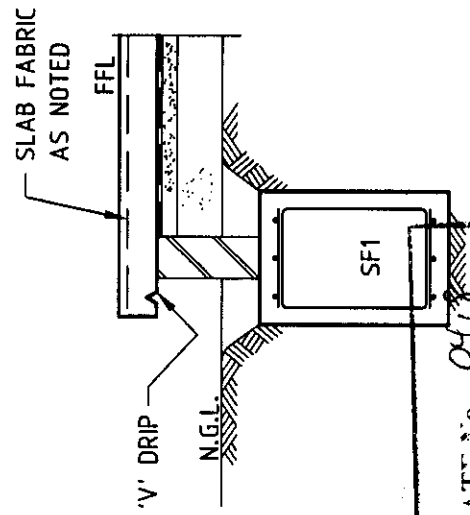
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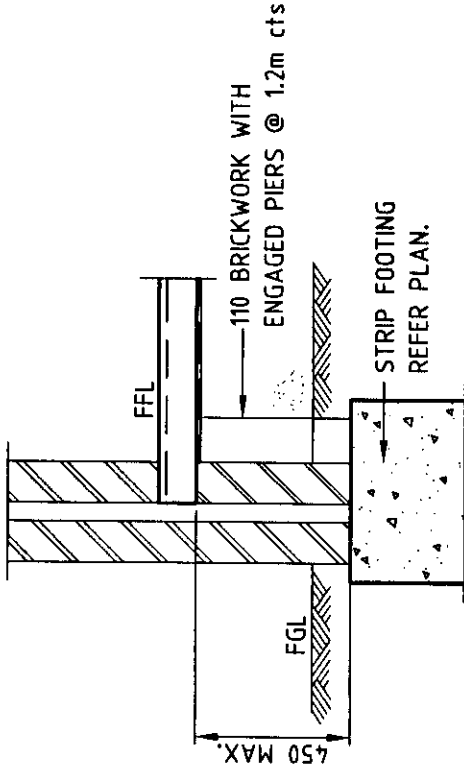
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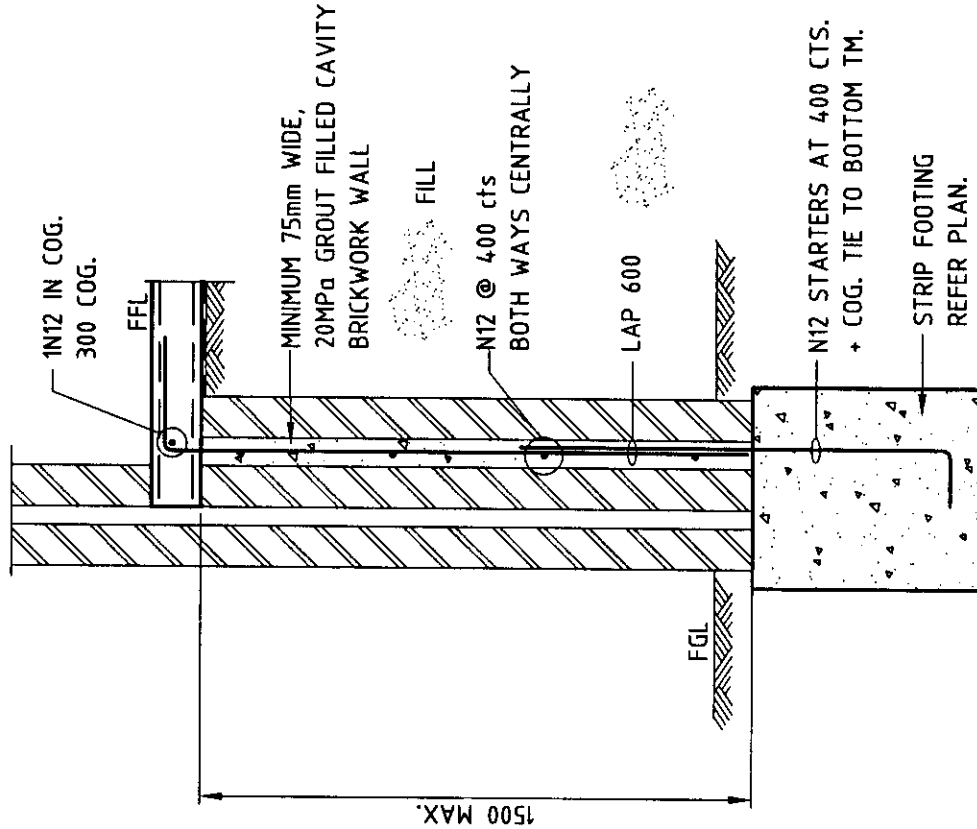
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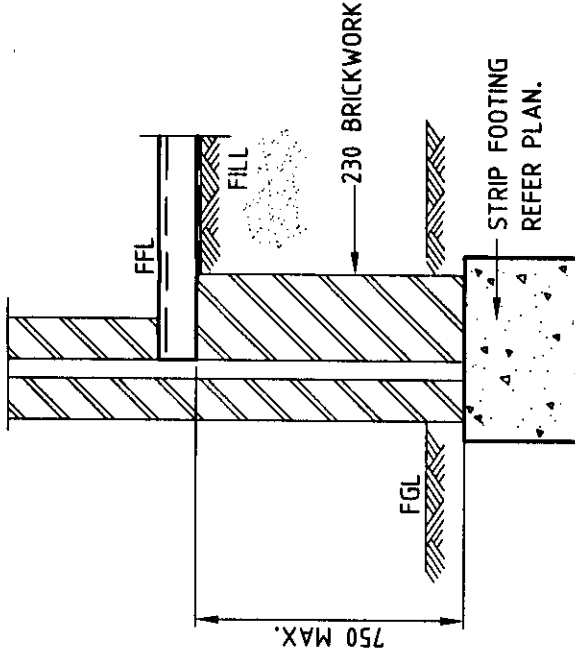
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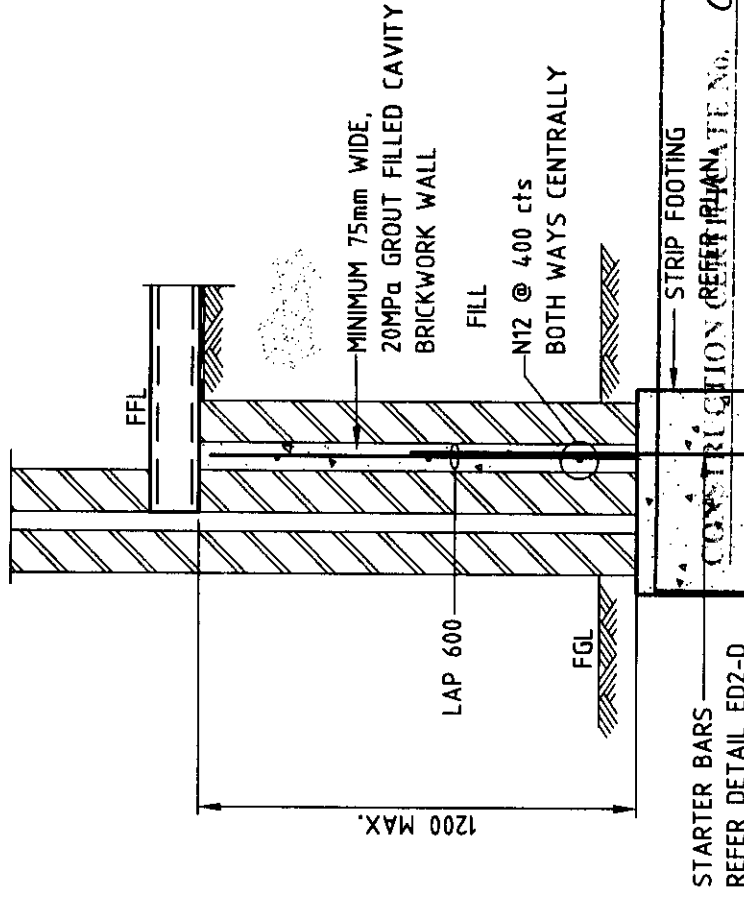
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JOIST SCHEDULE

J1	200 X 50 F5 @ 450 C/C
J2	250 X 50 F5 @ 450 C/C
J3	300 X 50 F5 @ 450 C/C
J4	2/300 X 50 F5 @ 225 C/C

NOTE:
USE DOUBLE JOISTS UNDER ALL
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NOTE:
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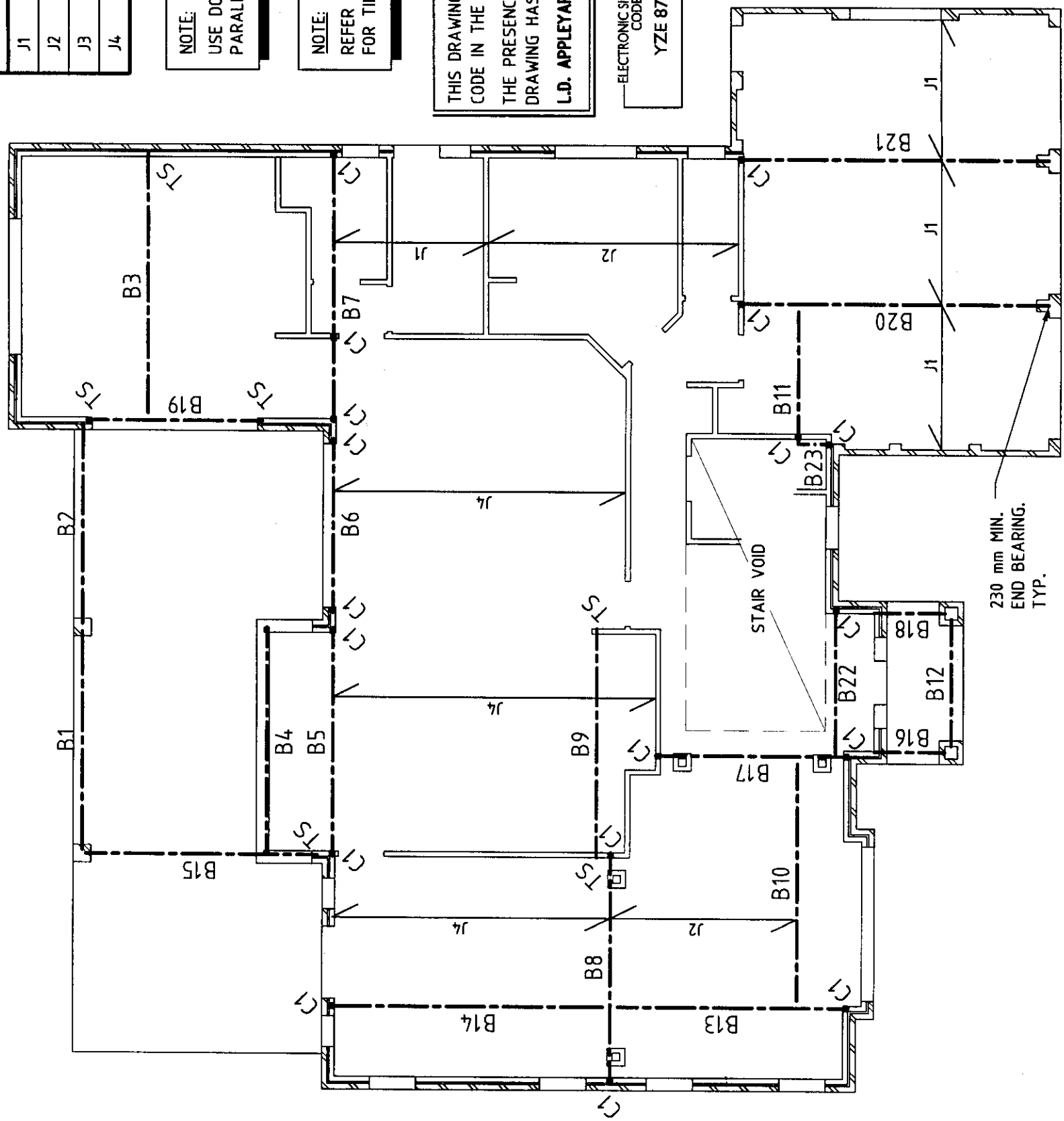
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STEELWORK MEMBER SCHEDULE

MARK	SIZE	REMARKS
B1	150UB18	BEAM
B2	150UB18	BEAM
B3	200UB25.4	BEAM
B4	150UB18	BEAM
B5	250UB37.3 OR 310UB32	BEAM
B6	250UB25.7	BEAM
B7	250UB25.7	BEAM
B8	310UB40	BEAM
B9	250UB31	BEAM
B10	310UB32 + 10mm PLATE OR 250UC73 + 10mm PLATE	BEAM
B11	180UB18	BEAM
B12	200 x 200 x 7 GALINTEL T-BAR WITH MIN. 3C/S 230 BRICKWORK ABOVE	LINTEL
B13	310UB32 OR 250UB25.7 IF SUPPORTING BEAM B10 & BRICKWORK ONLY	BEAM
B14	310UB40 OR 250UB31 IF SUPPORTING BRICKWORK ONLY	BEAM
B15	150UB18	BEAM
B16	200 x 200 x 7 GALINTEL T-BAR WITH MIN. 3C/S 230 BRICKWORK ABOVE	LINTEL
B17	250UB25.7	BEAM
B18	200 x 200 x 7 GALINTEL T-BAR WITH MIN. 3C/S 230 BRICKWORK ABOVE	LINTEL
B19	180UB18	BEAM
B20	360UB50.7 + 10mm PLATE AS REQUIRED	BEAM
B21	360UB44.7 + 10mm PLATE AS REQUIRED	BEAM
B22	150UB18	BEAM
B23	100 x 100 x 6 GALINTEL ANGLE WITH MIN. 3C/S 230 BRICKWORK ABOVE	LINTEL
C1	75 x 75 x 4 SHS	COLUMN
TS	TRIPLE STUD	

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JOIST FIXING NOTE:
SOLID TIMBER JOISTS ARE NOT TO BE NOTCHED IN EXCESS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF AS1684-1992.
WHERE NECESSARY, PROVIDE TIMBER TOP PLATE OVER STEEL BEAM SUPPORTING JOISTS & FIX JOISTS USING TOP MOUNT HANGERS.
FOR ENGINEERED TIMBER JOISTS/FLOOR TRUSSES, FIXING TO SUPPORT BEAMS IS TO BE STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURERS' SPECIFICATION.

TIMBER FRAMING NOTE:
FINAL DETERMINATION OF FLOORING SIZES, LINTELS, BEAMS, AND COMPOSITION BY TIMBER FRAMER.

FRAME FIXING NOTE:
ALL TIMBER FRAMING TO BE POSITIVELY CONNECTED TO STEEL BEAMS USING M10 BOLTS AT 1000 NOMINAL CRS. OR EQUIVALENT.

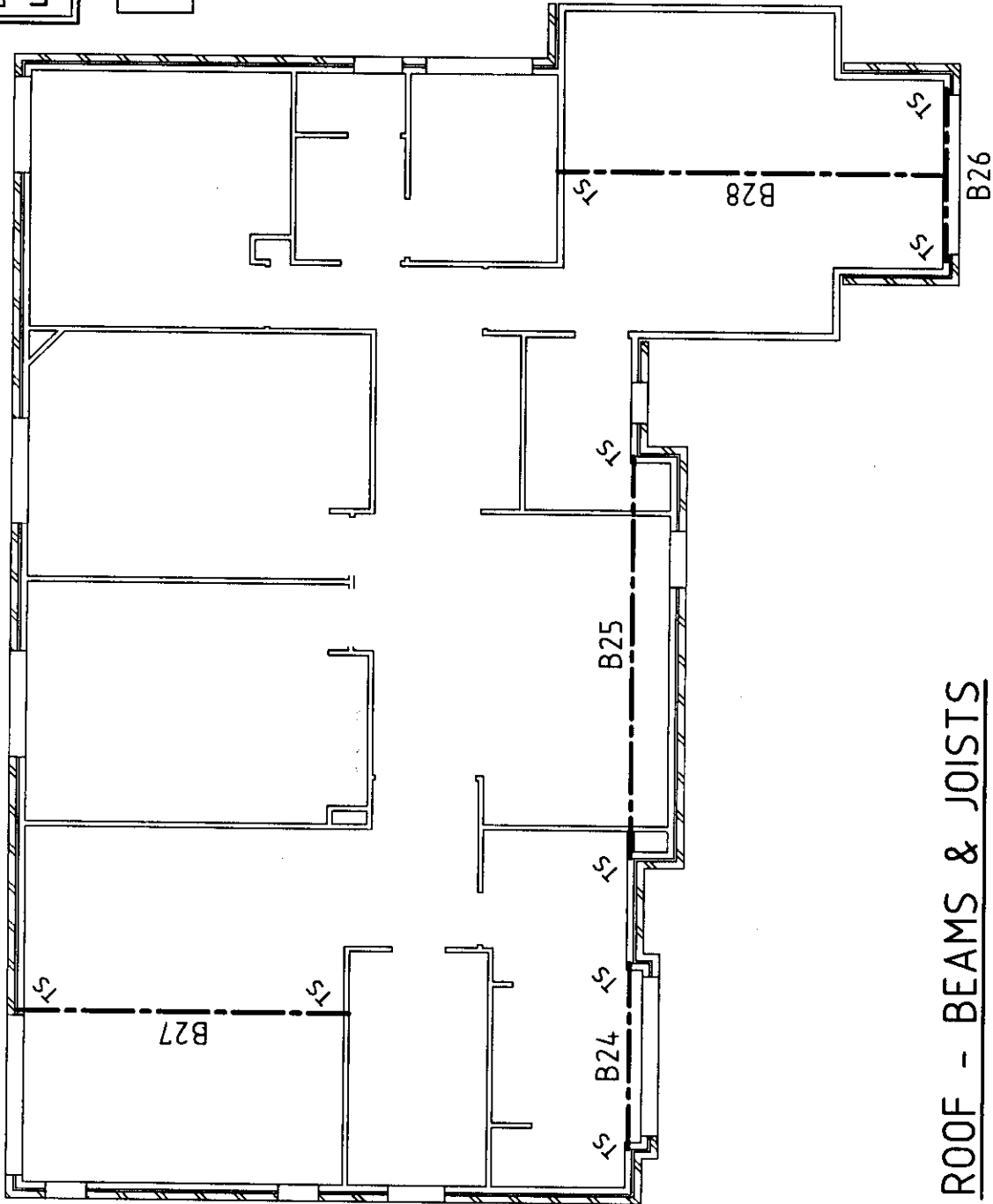
NOTE:
IT IS THE BUILDERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THE STABILITY OF THE STRUCTURE DURING CONSTRUCTION. ADEQUATE TEMPORARY BRACING MUST BE PROVIDED WHERE NECESSARY & AS DIRECTED BY THE SUPERVISING ENGINEER.

NOTE:
EQUIVALENT APPROVED ITEMS MAY BE SUBSTITUTED FOR PROPRIETARY ITEMS OR SPECIFIC TYPES OF TIMBER ELEMENTS.

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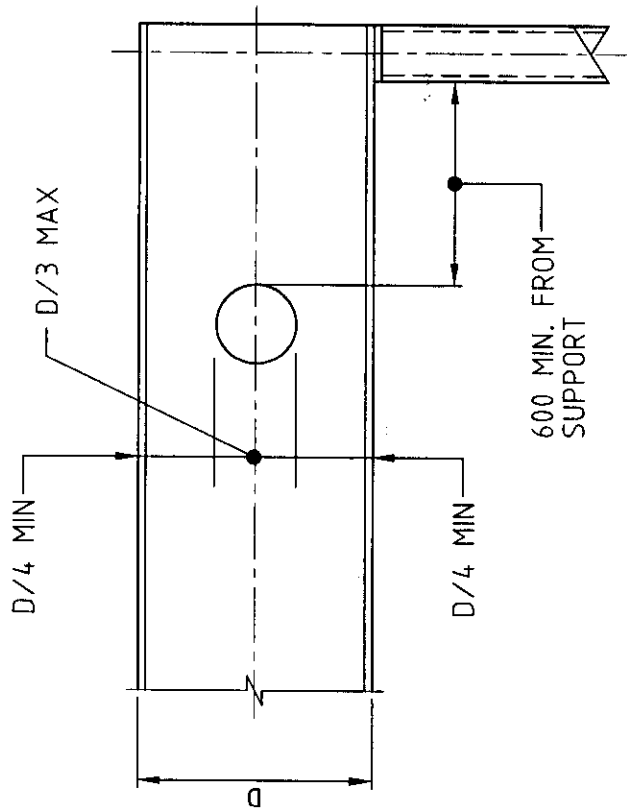
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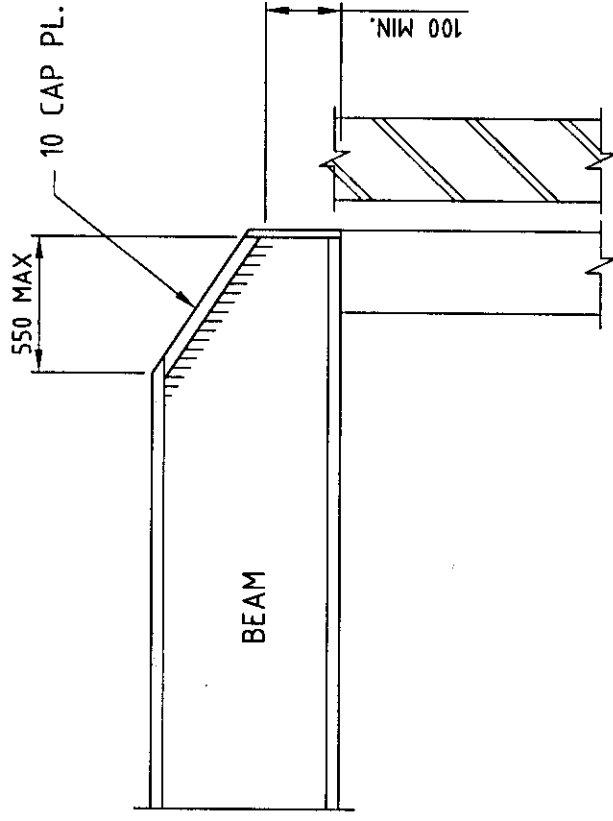
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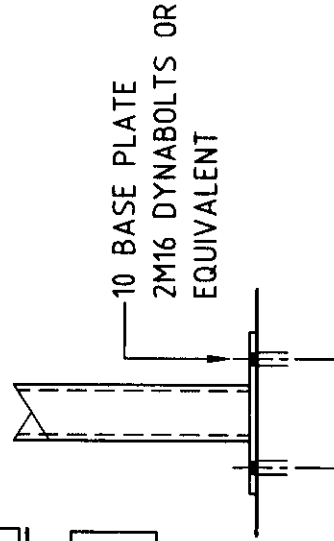
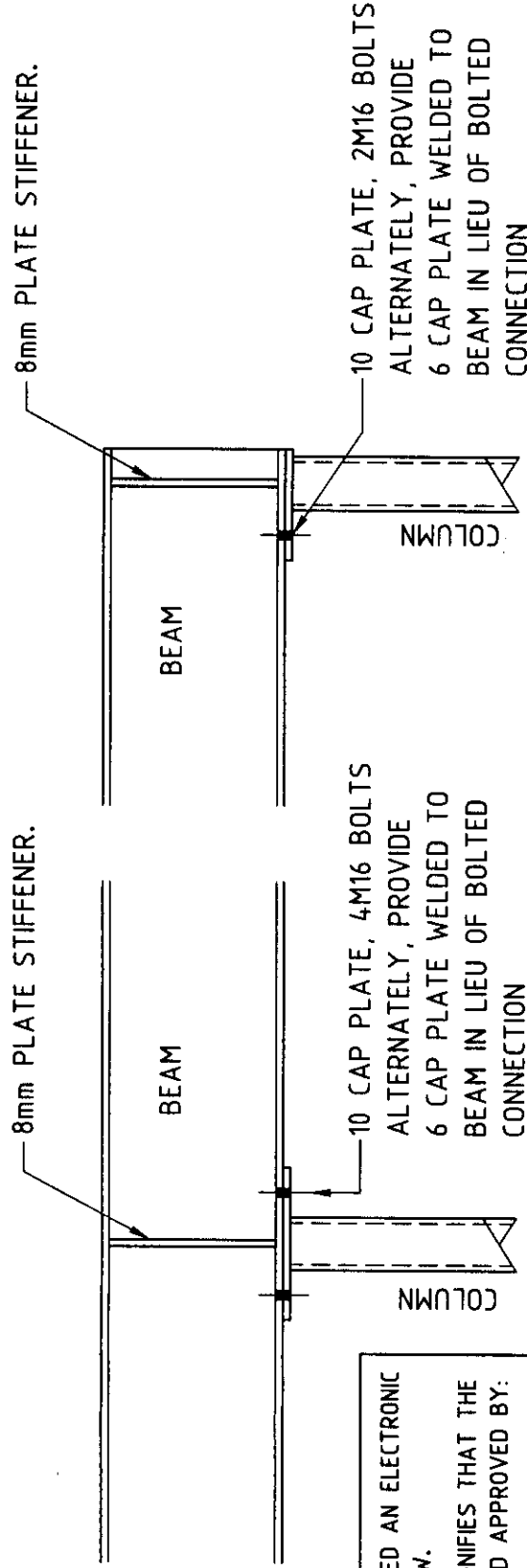
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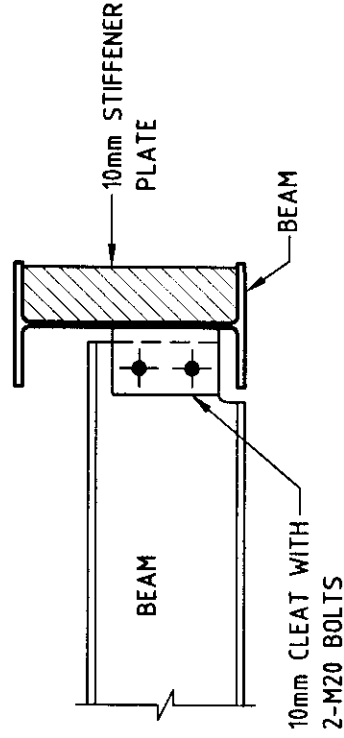
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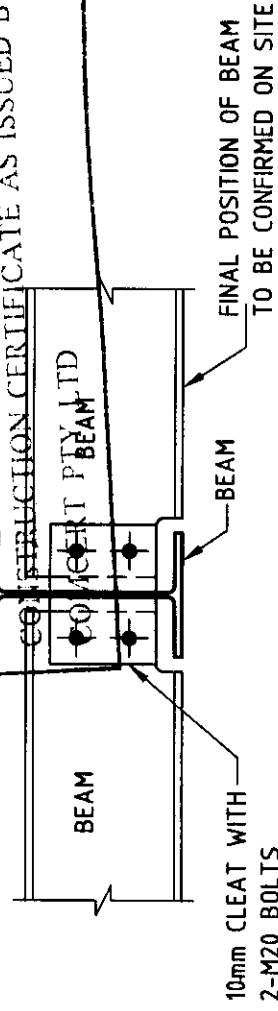
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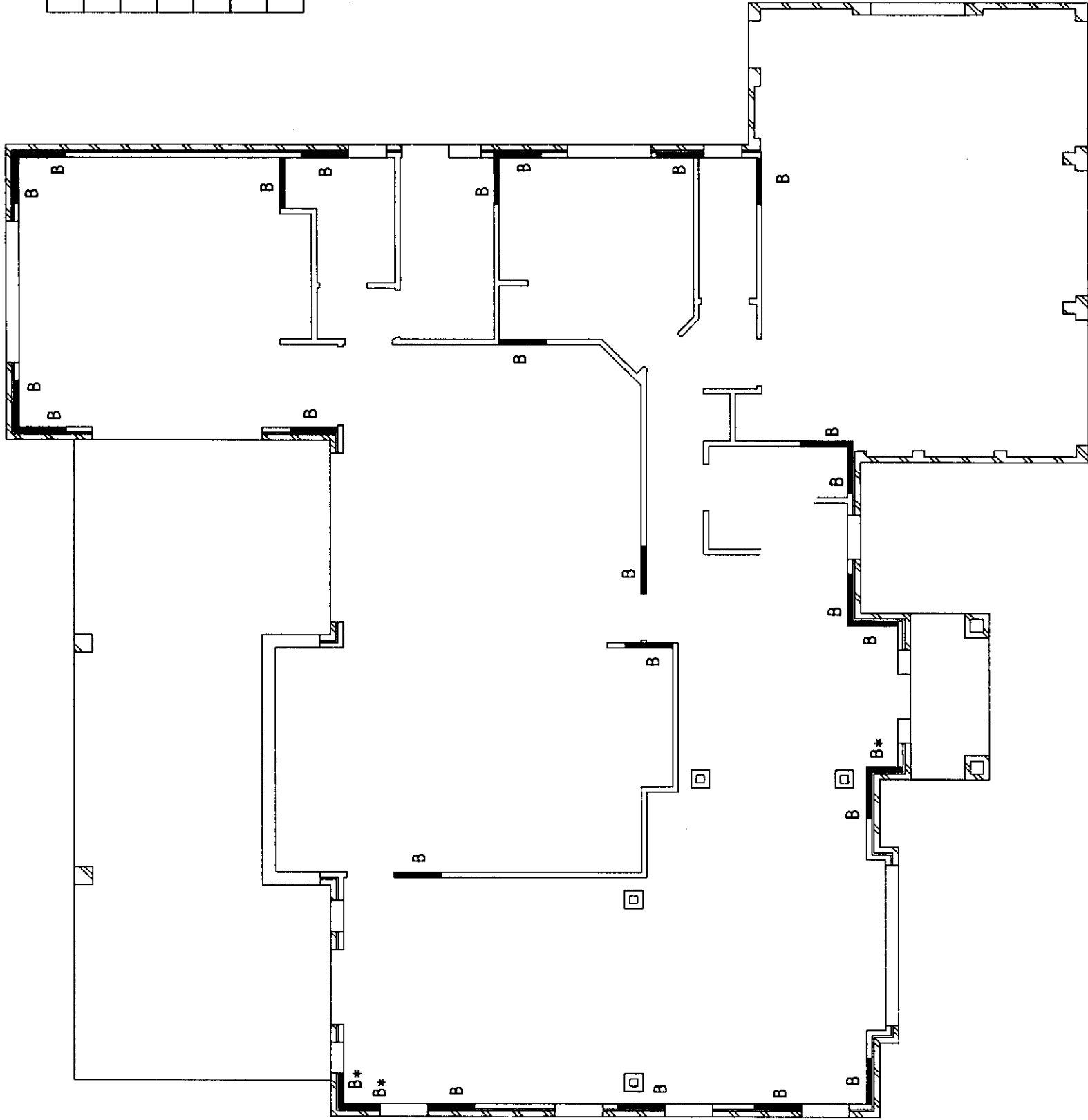
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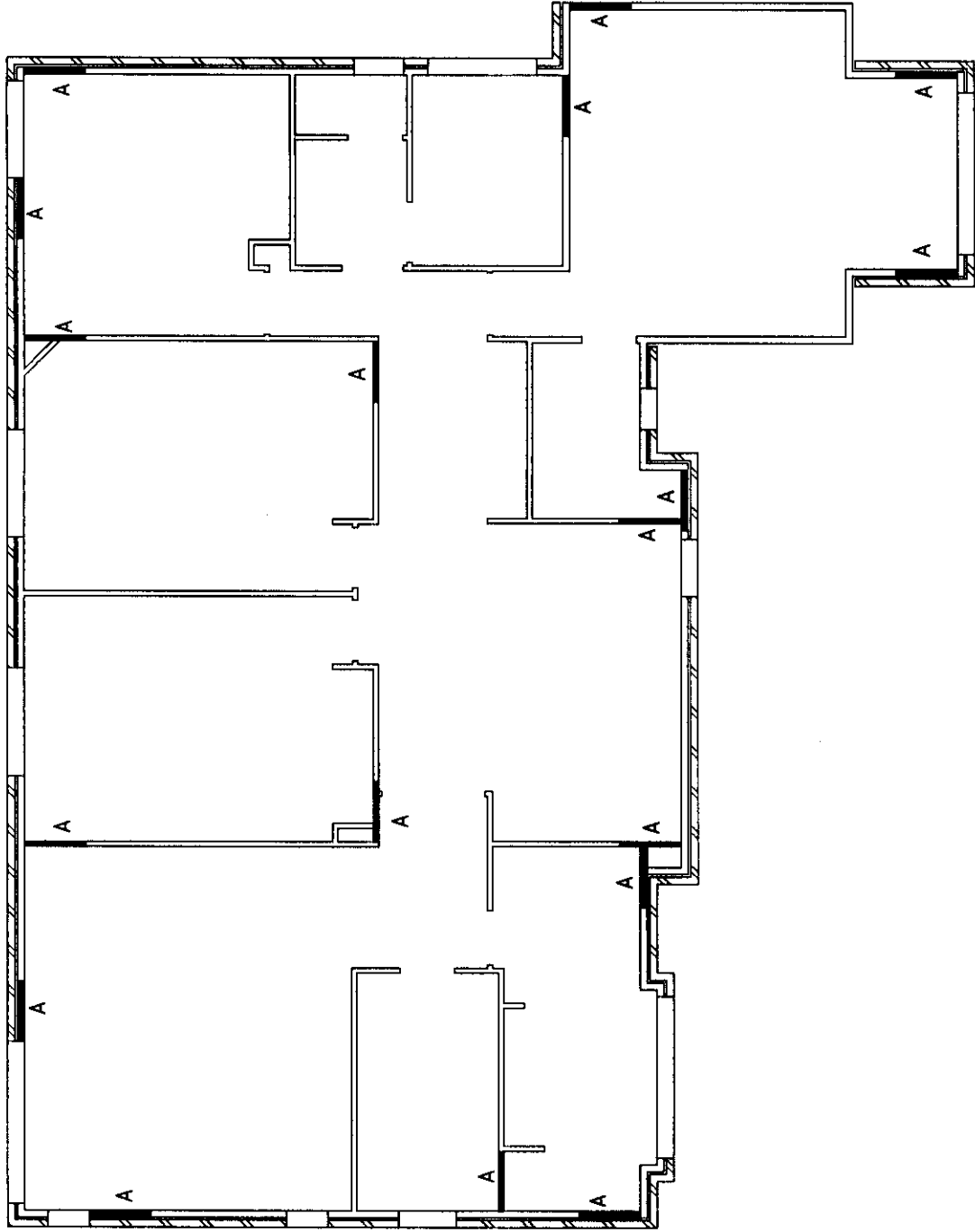
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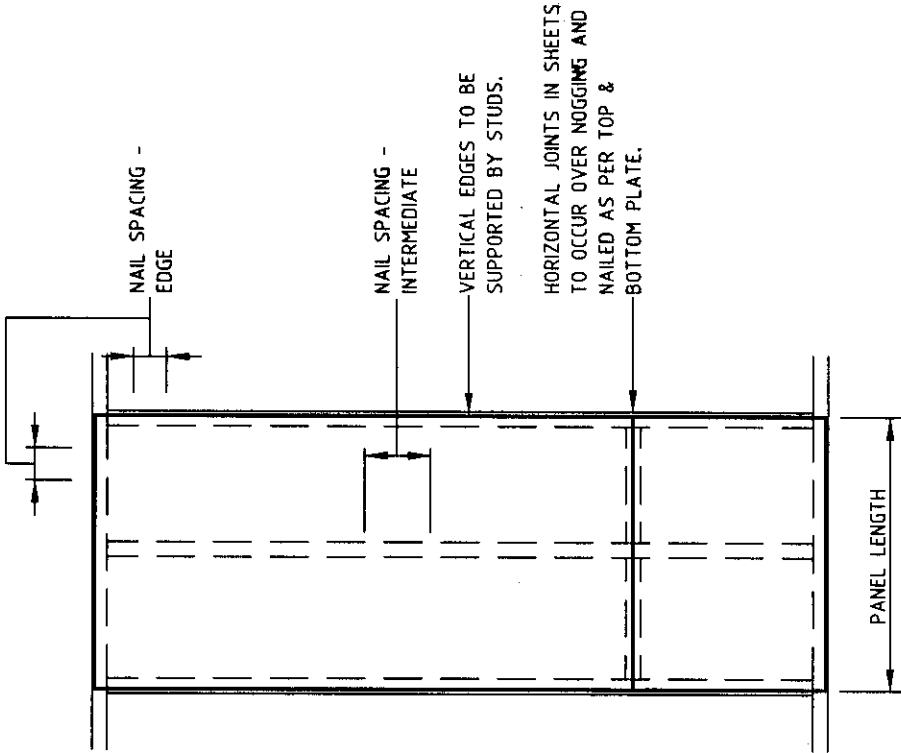
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PRODUCT	AUSTRALIAN STANDARD	TYPE/ GRADE	MINIMUM THICKNESS (mm) FOR STUD SPACING (mm)		PANEL LENGTH (mm)	NAIL SIZE (mm)	NAIL SPACING (mm)		SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
			450	600			EDGE	INTERMEDIATE	
PLYWOOD	AS 2269	F8	7	9	900	2.8 x 30 GALV.	150	300	NO NOGGING REQ'D EXCEPT AT SHEET ENDS. NAILS SHALL BE 7mm FROM ALL EDGES.
		F11	4.5	7					
		F14	4	6					
		F27	3	4.5					
HARDBOARD (MASONITE)	AS 2458	G.P.	6.4	6.4	900	2.8 x 25 GALV.	100	300	NAILS TO BE 10mm FROM VERTICAL EDGES AND 20mm FROM HORIZONTAL EDGES. NO NOGGING REQ'D EXCEPT AT SHEET ENDS.



TYPE A - SHEET BRACING UNITS

- NOTES - 1. PANEL LENGTHS GREATER THAN THOSE LISTED ABOVE CAN BE CONSIDERED AS A NUMBER OF BRACING UNITS DIRECTLY PROPORTIONED TO THEIR INSTALLED LENGTH, I.E A 12000mm PANEL OF PLYWOOD EQUALS 1200/900 = 1.33 BRACING UNITS.
2. PLYWOOD PANEL LENGTHS OF 600mm ARE EQUIVALENT TO 1/3 OF A TYPE A BRACING UNIT.
3. FOR STUD SPACING OF 600mm CTS., WHERE NOGGINGS ARE INSTALLED AND THE PLYWOOD BRACING PANELS ARE NAILED TO THE NOGGINGS AT 150mm CTS, THE PLYWOOD THICKNESS MAY BE AS FOR STUD SPACING AT 450mm CTS.
4. REFER TO TABLE 1 ON SHEETS B1 & B2 FOR TOP & BTM PLATE FIXING DETAILS.

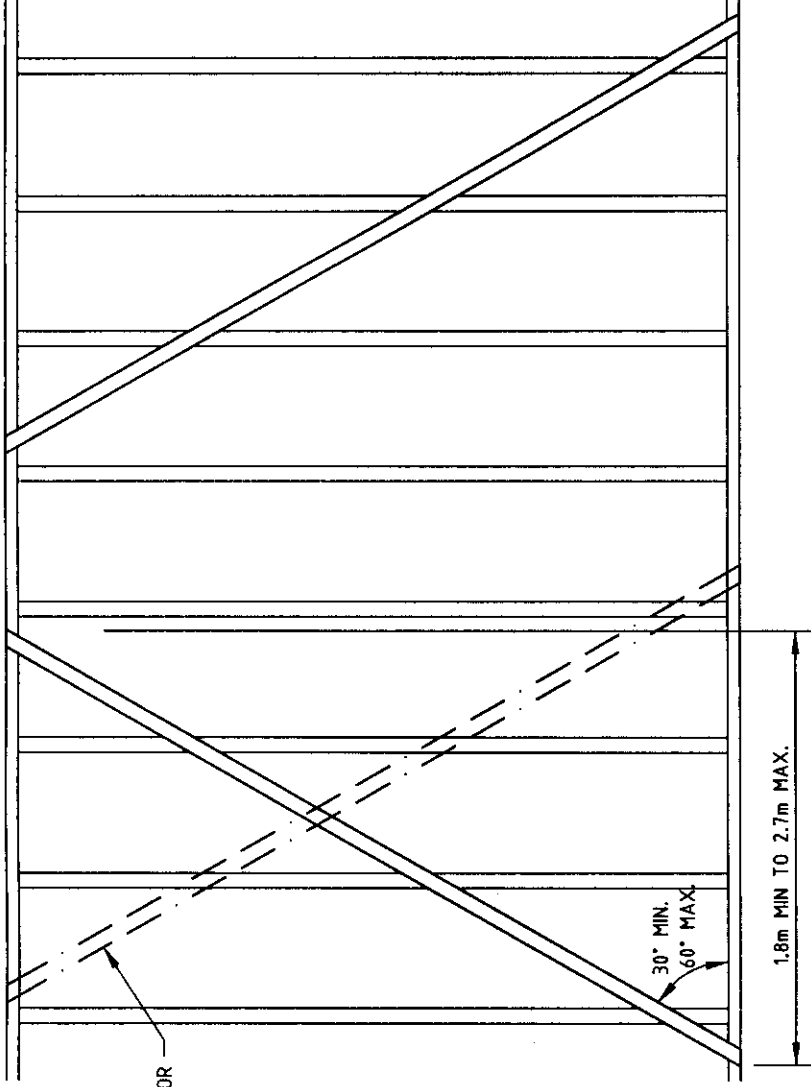
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TYPE A - PAIRED DIAGONAL TIMBER OR METAL BRACING UNITS

- NOTES : 1. A COMBINATION OF ANGLE & STRAP BRACING CAN BE USED.
2. REFER TO TABLE 1 ON SHEETS B5 FOR TOP & BTM PLATE FIXING DETAILS.

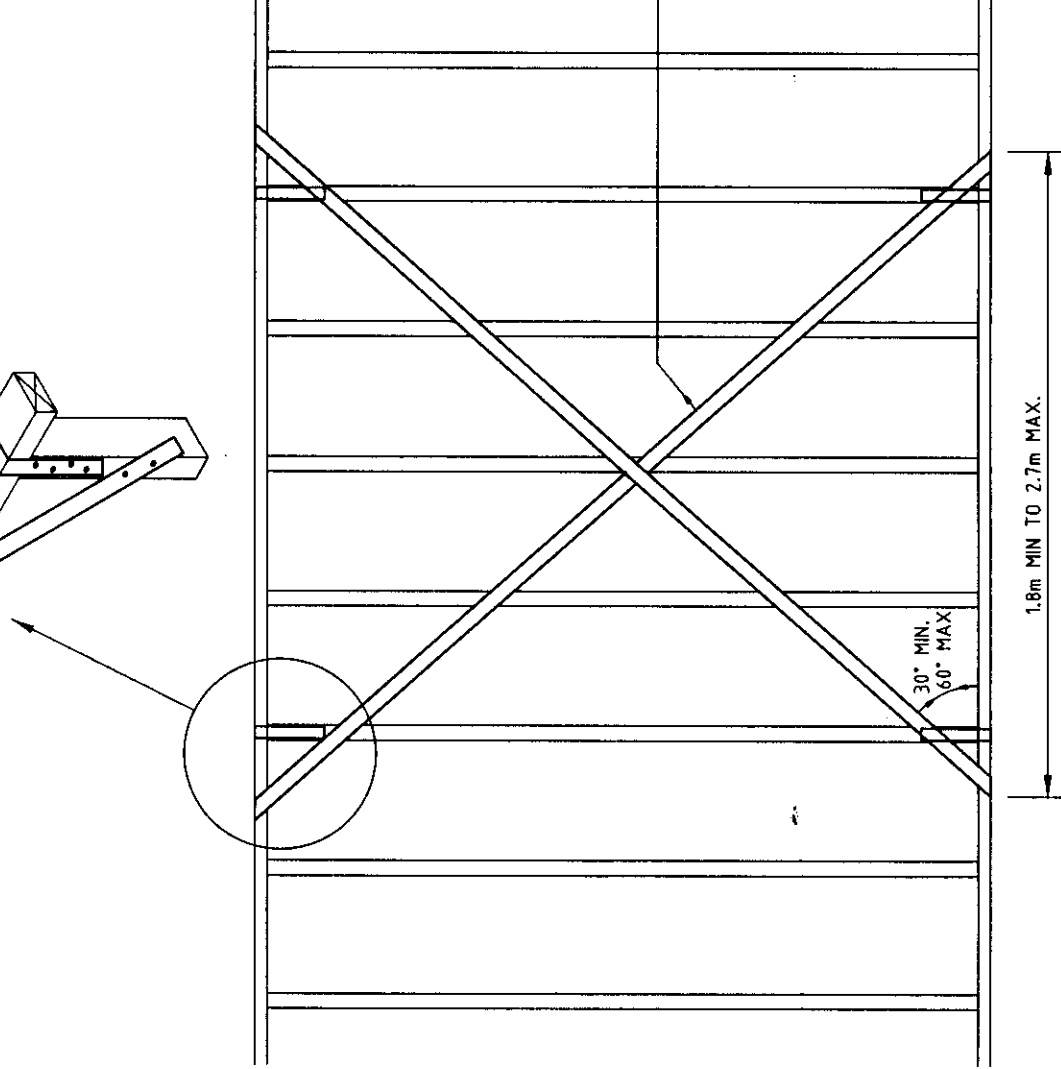
TYPE OF DIAGONAL BRACE	MATERIAL & SIZE	NAILING REQUIREMENTS		SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
		TO EACH STUD	TO EACH PLATE	
TIMBER	50 x 19mm FOR STUDS TO 2.7m LONG.	1/50 x 2.8 mm Ø	1/50 x 2.8 mm Ø	TIMBER BRACES TO BE FREE FROM KNOTS AND END SPLIT.
	75 x 19mm FOR STUDS LONGER THAN 2.7m	1/50 x 2.8 mm Ø	1/50 x 2.8 mm Ø	DRILL HOLES IF NECESSARY TO PREVENT NAIL SPLITTING.
	50 x 15mm FOR SINGLE STOREY STUDS	1/50 x 2.8 mm Ø	1/50 x 2.8 mm Ø	THESE PLANS FORM PART OF THE ABOVE CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATE AS ISSUED BY CONICERT PTY LTD
METAL ANGLE	GALVANIZED ANGLE, NOM. SECTION 20 x 18 x 1.2mm MIN. NET SECTION 42mm ²	1/30 x 2.8mmØ GALV. FLAT HEAD NAIL.	2/30 x 2.8mmØ GALV. FLAT HEAD NAIL.	DRILL HOLES IF NECESSARY TO PREVENT NAIL SPLITTING.
TENSION STRAP	GALVANIZED FLAT METAL TENSION STRAPPING OF MIN. THICKNESS 0.8mm & MIN. NET SECTION OF 15.2mm ²	1/30 x 2.8mmØ GALV. FLAT HEAD NAIL.	1/30 x 2.8mmØ GALV. FLAT HEAD NAIL.	STRAPS MUST BE PROPERLY TENSIONED.

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GALVANIZED METAL STRAP 30 x 0.8mm
LOOPED OVER PLATE AND FIXED TO
STUD WITH 4 GALV FLATHEAD NAILS
30MM x 2.8mmØ EACH END.



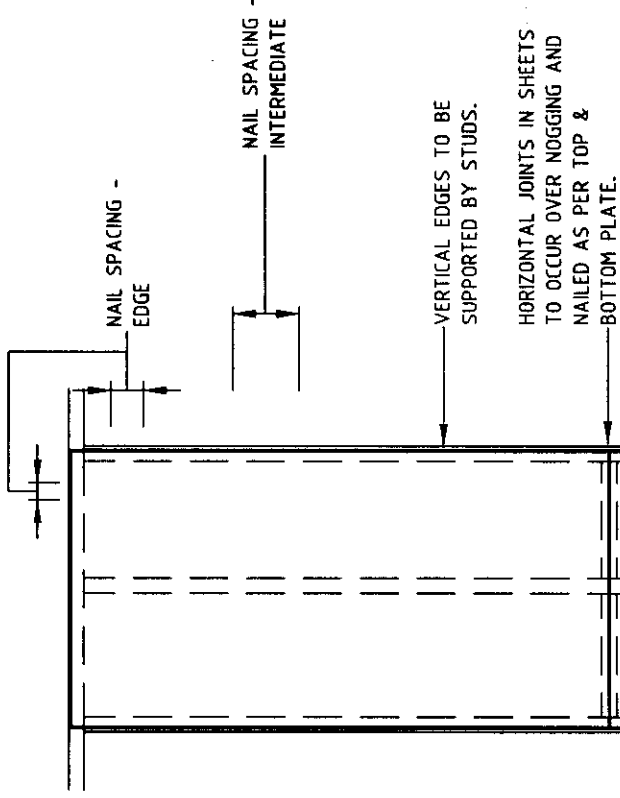
TYPE B - DIAGONAL METAL TENSION STRAP BRACING

NOTE: REFER TO TABLE 1 ON SHEETS B5 FOR TOP & BTM PLATE FIXING DETAILS.

TYPE OF DIAGONAL BRACE	MATERIAL & SIZE	NAILING REQUIREMENTS		SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
		TO EACH STUD	TO EACH PLATE	
TENSION STRAP	GALVANIZED FLAT METAL TENSION STRAP NOM SIZE 30 x 0.8mm & MIN. SECTION OF 24mm	2/30 x 3.15mmØ GALV. FLATHEAD NAILS.	4/30 x 3.15mmØ GALV. FLATHEAD NAILS.	STRAPS MUST BE PROPERLY TENSIONED AND STRAP MUST RETURN OVER TOP PLATE & UNDER BOTTOM PLATE. THE STUD NEAREST TO EACH END OF EACH DIAGONAL STRAP SHALL BE FIXED TO THE PLATES WITH STRAPS OR FRAMING ANCHORS 4/30 x 2.8mmØ NAILS AT EACH END.

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			450	600			EDGE	INTERMEDIATE	
PLYWOOD	AS 2269	F8 F11 F14 F27	7 6 4 4	9 7 6 4.5	900	2.8 x 30 GALV.	50 TO PLATES & 150 TO EDGE STUDS.	300	NO NOGGING REQ'D EXCEPT AT SHEET ENDS. NAILS SHALL BE 7mm FROM ALL EDGES.
HARDBOARD (MASONITE)	AS 2458	G.P.	6.4	6.4	900	2.8 x 25 GALV.	50	300	NAILS TO BE 10mm FROM VERTICAL EDGES AND 20mm FROM HORIZONTAL EDGES. NO NOGGING REQ'D EXCEPT AT SHEET ENDS.



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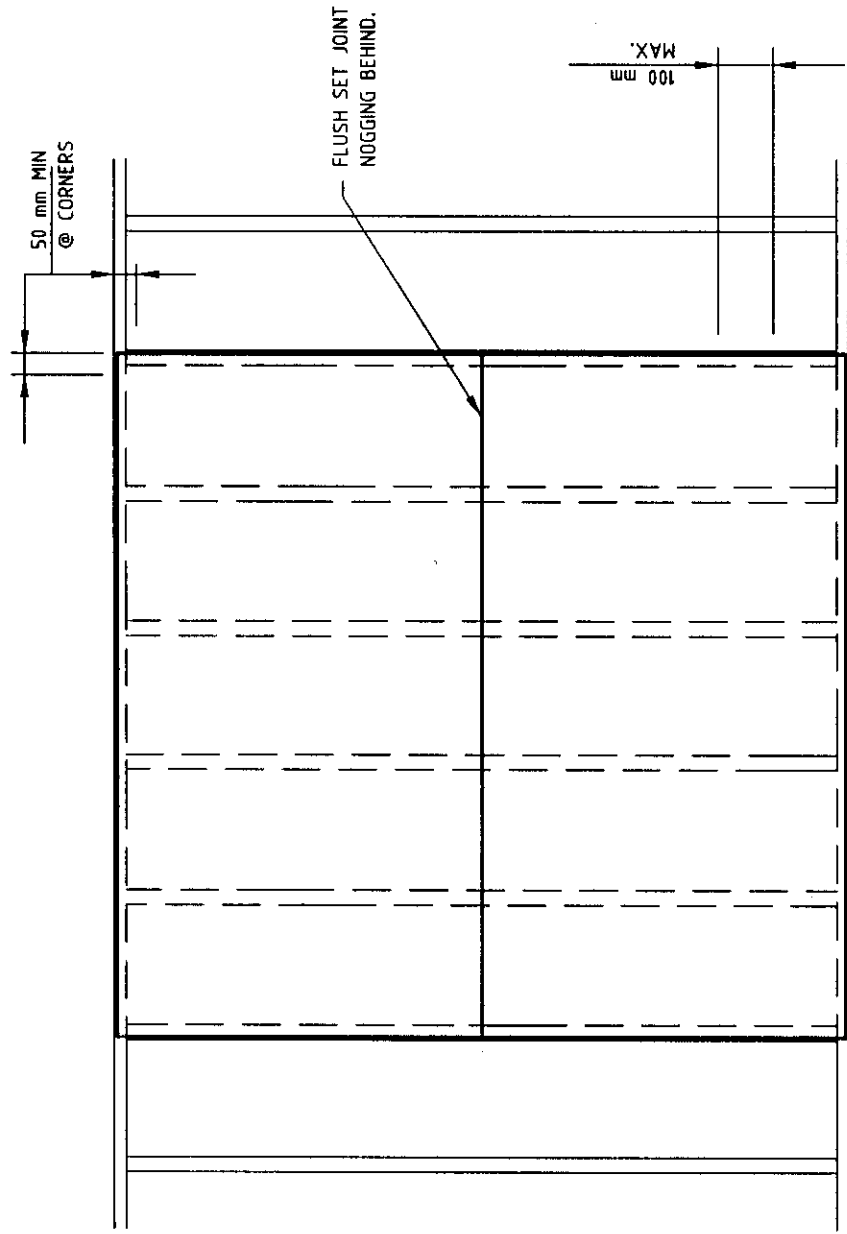
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HARDIES VILLABOARD BRACING DETAILS

SHEETS SHOULD BE FIXED TO TIMBER FRAMED BRACING WALLS WITH 30 x 2.8mm FIBRE CEMENT NAILS. (GALVANISED)

NAILS SHOULD BE DRIVEN JUST BELOW THE SURFACE OF THE SHEET USING THE HAMMER FACE ONLY.

NAILS MUST NOT BE PUNCHED.

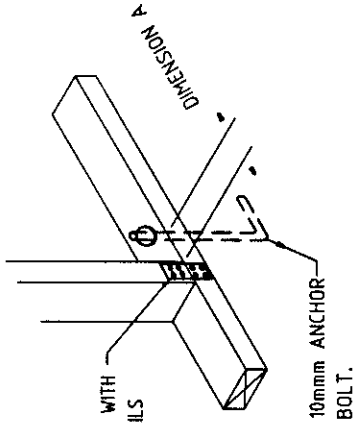
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ANCHOR BOLTS MUST BE LOCATED WITHIN DIMENSION 'A' OF THE ADJACENT FACE OF THE END STUDS AS SHOWN ABOVE AND IN THE TABLE FOLLOWING.

BETWEEN ANCHOR BOLTS ONE M10 BOLT SHALL BE PROVIDED AT A MAXIMUM OF 1.2M CTS TO FURTHER FIX THE BOTTOM PLATE TO THE SUB-STRUCTURE.

MAXIMUM DIMENSION 'A' WITH TOP & BOTTOM PLATE OF			
75 x 38 F14	70 x 45 F5	70 x 35 F5	60
220	110		

ANCHORING DETAIL



TYPICAL NAILING PLATE & ANCHOR BOLT

ANCHOR BOLTS ARE 10mm " AND ARE FOR TYING THE WALL'S BTM PLATE TO THE SUB-STRUCTURE.

A STANDARD 30MM " FLAT ROUND WASHER MUST BE USED UNDER EACH NUT , EXCEPT WHERE TIE DOWN STRAPS ARE USED.

M10 CHENSET ANCHORS MAY REPLACE ANCHOR BOLTS.

BRACING TYPE	PLATE	FIXING DETAILS
TYPE A	BOTTOM PLATE TO JOISTS	2/75mm NAILS @ 600mm CENTRES ALONG JOIST FOR PLATES TO 388mm THICK AND 2/90mm NAILS @ 600mm CENTRES ALONG JOIST FOR PLATE TO 50mm THICK.
	BOTTOM PLATE TO SLAB	1/75mm MASONRY NAIL AT MAXIMUM 1200mm CENTRES FOR 38mm THICK PLATES. 1/90mm MASONRY NAIL AT MAXIMUM 1200mm CENTRES FOR 50mm THICK PLATES.
TYPE B	BOTTOM PLATE TO JOISTS	1/M10 BOLT OR 1/30 x 0.8 GALVANISED METAL STRAP AT MAXIMUM 1200mm CENTRES ALONG JOIST OR TO EVERY SECOND JOIST. STRAP TO HAVE 3/30 x 2.8mm Ø NAILS EACH END.
	BOTTOM PLATE TO SLAB	1/M10 BOLT OR CAST IN GALVANISED METAL BOTTOM PLATE CONNECTOR AT EACH END OR BRACING UNIT AND AT 1200mm MAXIMUM CENTRES.
ALL TYPE A or B	TOP PLATE TO CEILING OR ROOF FRAMING	JOISTS, BATTENS OR RAFTERS SHALL BE FIXED TO TOP PLATES WITH 2/75mm NAILS AT EACH CROSSING AT MAXIMUM OF 1200mm CENTRES ALONG THE TOP PLATE. TRUSSES CAN BE FIXED TO TOP PLATE USING BLOCKING OR PROPRIETARY CONNECTORS IN ACCORDANCE WITH MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATIONS.

NOTES: 1) FIXING SHOULD COMMENCE AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THE ENDS OF EACH BRACING UNIT.

2) TRUSS TO TOP PLATES MUST BE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE LATERAL LOAD TRANSFER WHILE ALLOWING TRUSS TO SETTLE UNDER DEAD LOAD.

SUB FLOOR BRACING:

ALL BRACING SHALL BE FIXED TO THE FLOOR OR FOOTING BELOW AND THE FLOOR ABOVE TO ENABLE THE TRANSFER OF THE FULL DESIGN STRENGTH OF THE BRACING SYSTEM.

BRACING IN THE SUB-FLOOR SHALL BE EVENLY DISTRIBUTED. THE MAXIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN BRACING SETS, STUMPS, PIERS, WALLS OR POSTS, ETC. UNDER A PLATFORM STRIP OR SHEET TIMBER FLOOR SYSTEM SHALL BE 1400mm PROVIDED THE MINIMUM WIDTH OF THE FLOOR IS 6000mm.

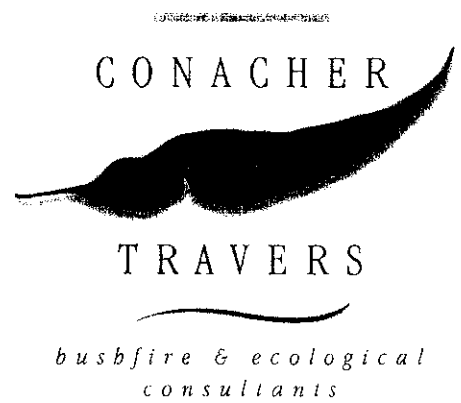
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PREFACE

This Bushland Management Concept Plan has been prepared by *Conacher Travers Pty Ltd* to identify matters in relation to the proposed development of land at Lot 78 (No. 6) Ingleside Road, Ingleside, as identified in Pittwater Councils Development Control Plan – No 25 Conservation of Biodiversity (2000).

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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This Bushland Management Concept Plan (BMCP) has been prepared by *Conacher Travers Pty Ltd* to provide details on the management of vegetation on the site during and after the proposed development of land at Lot 78 (No. 6) Ingleside Road, Ingleside. The purpose of this BMCP is to provide details to Council in regards to:

- The procedures that were utilised in the assessment of the trees and vegetation on the site;
- The proposed works required for vegetation management and the methodology for the undertaking of such works;
- The likely impacts of the proposed works, both within and external to the site;
- The proposed measures to mitigate against the impacts that may occur, including a works program and specification detailing the timely implementation of mitigating measures corresponding to the staging of works.

In preparing this BMCP information from various documents or site reports was utilised. Brief details on these are provided below:

1. **Development Control Plan N° 25 - Conservation of Biodiversity (Pittwater Council, August 2000a).**

Council have identified that a BMCP is required in accordance with the DCP for the Conservation of Biodiversity due to the area of vegetation. Section 4.2d of DCP for the Conservation of Biodiversity identifies that a BMCP should include:

- i) Conservation of flora and fauna – protection of retained native vegetation, habitat or elements of biodiversity;
- ii) Domestic and feral animal control;
- iii) Noxious and bushland weed control with follow up weeding and maintenance of bushland on site;
- iv) The recommended fire regime for the ecology of the site;
- v) Soil management and drainage issues that impact on bushland;
- vi) Planting of 80% locally indigenous plants;
- vii) Site management - during construction works including silt fencing and exclusion fencing around native vegetation habitats and natural features.

2. **Flora and Fauna Assessment Report (Conacher Travers, May 2003)**

A detailed Flora and Fauna Survey was completed by *Conacher Travers* to determine the flora and fauna species on the site and to provide an assessment in relation to threatened species in accordance with the Threatened Species Conservation Act (1995). This report identified the vegetation on the subject site as being Low Open Woodland / Open Scrub.

The following threatened species were considered to have suitable habitat present.

- Rosenberg's Goanna;

- Glossy Black-Cockatoo;
- Superb Fruit-dove;
- Regent Honeyeater;
- Swift Parrot;
- Barking Owl;
- Sooty Owl;
- Masked Owl;
- Powerful Owl;
- Squirrel Glider;
- Southern Brown Bandicoot;
- Eastern Pygmy Possum;
- Grey-headed Flying-fox;
- Common Bentwing-bat;
- Little Bentwing-bat;
- Eastern Freetail-bat;
- Eastern False Pipistrelle;
- Greater Broad-nosed Bat.

The site is located within the area identified as containing the following endangered populations.

- Koalas in the Pittwater Local Government Area.

3. Urban Bushland Management Guidelines (Dept. of Planning, 1991)

The Development Control Plan N° 25 - Conservation of Biodiversity (Pittwater Council, 2000a) states that the Dept. of Urban Affairs and Planning's Guidelines for Preparing Management Plans for Urban Bushland should, in conjunction with the DCP, be followed when preparing a management plan.

The Urban Bushland Management Guidelines (Dept. of Planning, 1991) contain a number of relevant strategies, which are aimed at maintaining and enhancing native flora and fauna and their habitats. These strategies identified are also included in the Draft Development Control Plan for the Conservation of Biodiversity in Pittwater: Requirements for Development Applications (Pittwater Council, 2000a).

4. Management Plan for Threatened Fauna and Flora in Pittwater (Pittwater Council, 2000b).

The Development Control Plan N° 25 - Conservation of Biodiversity (Pittwater Council, 2000) states that Management Plan for Threatened Fauna and Flora in Pittwater should, in conjunction with the DCP, be followed when preparing a management plan.

The Management Plan for Threatened Fauna and Flora in (Pittwater Council, 2000) contains a number of management issues and relevant strategies, which are aimed at maintaining and enhancing threatened native flora and fauna habitats.

1.2 PROCEDURE FOR PREPARING BUSHLAND MANAGEMENT CONCEPT PLAN

This BMCP is the culmination of detailed site investigations, consultations with the client and incorporation of information as required by Pittwater Councils DCP for the Conservation of Biodiversity.

The following procedures were implemented during the preparation of the BMCP:

- i) Initial project meeting with client to discuss project;
- ii) Vegetation field survey by environmental consultant;
- iii) Consideration of the location of the proposed dwellings and associated infrastructure within the subject site to minimise the impact on areas of natural vegetation where possible or where considered practical in regards to location of the future dwellings;
- iv) Recommendations on the preparation of landscape plan identifying principal species proposed for planting, and details regarding planting and maintenance.

The following section of this BMCP identifies issues relevant to construction of the proposed dwellings, retention of vegetation and future management of the site in relation to vegetation management.

1.3 VEGETATION CHARACTERISTICS

The vegetation of the subject site consists of approximately 0.3 hectares of a mosaic of Low Open Woodland and Open Scrub. This vegetation is similar to the Hawkesbury Sandstone Heath described in Pittwater Council (2000a) and Coastal Sandstone Heath: Open Heath – Closed Scrub: *Allocasuarina distyla* – *Banksia ericifolia* (Map unit 21g iii) described by Benson and Howell (1994). The low open woodland is most similar to the Sydney Sandstone Ridgetop Woodland: Woodland / Low Woodland: *Corymbia gummifera* – *Eucalyptus haemastoma* – *E. umbra* – *Angophora costata* (Map Unit 10ar i) described by Benson and Howell (1994). A description of this vegetation community is provided below while a detailed species list for the site is provided in Table 1.

No threatened flora species as listed in the *Threatened Species Conservation Act* (1995) or significant plant species as listed in DCP No 25 – Conservation of Biodiversity (Pittwater Council, 2000) were observed on the subject site.

LOW OPEN WOODLAND / OPEN SCRUB

Structure:

- Trees:** To 10 metres in height, with a variable projected foliage cover (PFC) to 15%.
- Shrubs:** To 4.5 metres in height with 60 - 70% PFC.
- Groundlayer:** To 1.5 metres in height with a PFC up to 55%.

Floristics:

(Main Species Present)

Trees: *Corymbia gummifera* (Red Bloodwood), *Angophora costata* (Smooth-barked Apple), *Eucalyptus umbra* (Broad-leaved White Mahogany), *Eucalyptus punctata* (Sydney Grey Gum) and *Eucalyptus multicaulis* (Whip-stick Ash).

Shrubs: *Allocasuarina distyla* (Scrub She-oak), *Banksia ericifolia* (Heath-leaved Banksia), *Hakea gibbosa*, *Darwinia fascicularis* subsp. *fascicularis*, *Leptospermum squarrosum* and *Leptospermum trinervium* (Flaky-barked Tea Tree).

Groundlayer: *Entolasia stricta* (Wiry Panic), *Actinotus minor* (Lesser Flannel Flower), *Caustis pentandra*, *Xanthosia tridentata* (Rock Xanthosia), *Lepyrodia scariosa* (Scale Rush), *Paspalum dilatatum* (Paspalum), *Dianella caerulea* var. *producta* (Blue Flax Lily), *Conyza albida** (Fleabane) and *Hemigenia purpurea* (Narrow-leaved Hemigenia).

Disturbance:

This community has been disturbed by trampling, weed invasion and minor clearing of understorey vegetation for survey purposes.

Weed Invasion:

This community exhibits generally low levels of weed invasion however along the edge of Ingleside Road and the southern boundary, disturbances have led to moderate to high levels of invasion.

Variation:

The density of trees is generally greater along Ingleside Road and the south-eastern boundary of the subject site. The height and cover of shrubs is generally greater towards the east and north.

Location and Distribution:

This vegetation community occupies the entire subject site.

TABLE 1 FLORA SPECIES OBSERVED ON THE SUBJECT SITE	
Scientific Name	Common Name
TREES	
<i>Acacia elata</i>	Cedar Wattle
<i>Angophora costata</i>	Smooth-barked Apple
<i>Angophora hispida</i>	Dwarf Apple
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> *	Camphor Laurel
<i>Corymbia gummifera</i>	Red Bloodwood
<i>Eucalyptus multicaulis</i>	Whip-stick Ash
<i>Eucalyptus punctata</i>	Grey Gum
<i>Eucalyptus umbra</i>	Broad-leaved White Mahogany
<i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i>	Turpentine
SHRUBS	
<i>Acacia saligna</i>	Orange Wattle
<i>Acacia floribunda</i>	Sally Wattle
<i>Acacia longifolia</i> var. <i>longifolia</i>	Sydney Golden Wattle
<i>Acacia lunata</i>	Box-leaved Wattle
<i>Acacia terminalis</i>	Sunshine Wattle
<i>Acacia ulicifolia</i>	Prickly Moses
<i>Allocasuarina distyla</i>	Scrub She-oak
<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	Black She-oak
<i>Astrotricha longifolia</i>	Long-leaf Star-hair
<i>Banksia ericifolia</i>	Heath-leaved Banksia
<i>Banksia oblongifolia</i>	-
<i>Banksia serrata</i>	Old Man Banksia

TABLE 1 (Cont.)
FLORA SPECIES OBSERVED ON THE SUBJECT SITE

Scientific Name	Common Name
SHRUBS (Cont.)	
<i>Bauera rubioides</i>	River Rose
<i>Boronia ledifolia</i>	Sydney Boronia
<i>Bossiaea scolopendria</i>	-
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	Crimson Bottlebrush
<i>Darwinia fascicularis</i> subsp. <i>fascicularis</i>	-
<i>Dillwynia retorta</i> subsp. <i>retorta</i>	Eggs and Bacon
<i>Elaeocarpus reticulatus</i>	Blueberry Ash
<i>Epacris longiflora</i>	Native Fuschia
<i>Epacris microphylla</i>	Coral Heath
<i>Epacris pulchella</i>	NSW Coral Heath
<i>Eriostemon australasius</i> subsp. <i>australasius</i>	Pink Wax Flower
<i>Glochidion ferdinandi</i>	Cheese Tree
<i>Gompholobium minus</i>	Dwarf Wedge-pea
<i>Grevillea buxifolia</i> subsp. <i>buxifolia</i>	Grey Spider Flower
<i>Grevillea sericea</i>	Pink Spider Flower
<i>Hakea dactyloides</i>	Broad-leaved Hakea
<i>Hakea gibbosa</i>	-
<i>Hakea teretifolia</i>	Dagger Hakea
<i>Kunzea ambigua</i>	Tick Bush
<i>Lantana camara</i> *	Lantana
<i>Leptospermum polygalifolium</i> subsp. <i>polygalifolium</i>	Lemon Scented Tea Tree
<i>Leptospermum squarrosum</i>	-
<i>Leptospermum trinervium</i>	Flaky-barked Tea Tree
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i> *	Small-leaved Privet
<i>Melaleuca hypericifolia</i>	-
<i>Ochna serrulata</i> *	Mickey Mouse Plant
<i>Omalanthus populifolius</i>	Bleeding Heart
<i>Persoonia lanceolata</i>	Lance-leaved Geebung
<i>Petrophile pulchella</i>	Conesticks
<i>Phebalium squamulosum</i> subsp. <i>squamulosum</i>	-
<i>Phyllota phyllicoides</i>	Heath Phyllota
<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i>	Sweet Pittosporum
<i>Platysace linearifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Platysace
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> *	-
<i>Polyscias sambucifolia</i>	Elderberry Panax
<i>Pultenaea tuberculata</i>	-
<i>Senna pendula</i> var. <i>glabrata</i> *	-
<i>Styphelia tubiflora</i>	-
GROUNDCOVERS	
<i>Acetosa saggitata</i> *	Turkey Rhubarb
<i>Actinotus minor</i>	Lesser Flannel Flower
<i>Agapanthus praecox</i> *	Agapanthus

TABLE 1 (Cont.)
FLORA SPECIES OBSERVED ON THE SUBJECT SITE

Scientific Name	Common Name
GROUNDCOVERS (Cont.)	
<i>Ageratina adenophorum</i> *	Crofton Weed
<i>Alternanthera denticulata</i>	Lesser Joyweed
<i>Amaranthus sp.</i> *	-
<i>Bidens pilosa</i> *	Cobbler's Pegs
<i>Caustis pentandra</i>	-
<i>Conyza albida</i> *	Fleabane
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i> *	Pampas Grass
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Common Couch
<i>Dianella caerulea</i> var. <i>producta</i>	Blue Flax Lily
<i>Empodisma minus</i>	-
<i>Entolasia marginata</i>	Bordered Panic
<i>Entolasia stricta</i>	Wiry Panic
<i>Hemigenia purpurea</i>	Narrow-leaved Hemigenia
<i>Hibbertia fasciculata</i>	-
<i>Hypolepis muelleri</i>	Harsh Ground Fern
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i> var. <i>major</i>	Blady Grass
<i>Lepidosperma laterale</i>	Variable Sword-sedge
<i>Lepyrodia scariosa</i>	Scale Rush
<i>Lomandra filiformis</i> var. <i>filiformis</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
<i>Lomandra glauca</i>	-
<i>Nephrolepis cordifolia</i> *	Fish-bone Fern
<i>Oplismenus aemulus</i>	Basket Grass
<i>Paspalum dilatatum</i> *	Paspalum
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> *	Ribwort
<i>Protasparagus aethiopicus</i> *	Asparagus Fern
<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Bracken
<i>Sida rhombifolia</i> *	Paddy's Lucerne
<i>Tagetes minuta</i> *	Stinking Roger
<i>Tetralochea ericifolia</i>	Black-eyed Susan
<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i> *	Wandering Jew
<i>Verbena bonariensis</i> *	Purpletop
<i>Xanthorrhoea resinosa</i> subsp. <i>resinosa</i>	-
<i>Xanthosia tridentata</i>	Rock Xanthosia
VINES	
<i>Araujia hortorum</i> *	Mothvine
<i>Billardiera scandens</i> var. <i>scandens</i>	Apple Dumplings
<i>Glycine tabacina</i>	Twining Glycine
<i>Passiflora edulis</i> *	Common Passionfruit
<i>Smilax glyciphylla</i>	Sarsaparilla
<i>Stephania japonica</i> var. <i>discolor</i>	Snake Vine

Species name^{TS} = Threatened Species

* = Introduced Species

SECTION 2

VEGETATION MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

2.1 ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IDENTIFIED IN PITTWATER COUNCIL (2000a)

Due to the small size of the site, existing disturbance, location within a residential area and the type of proposed development the opportunities to conserve and/or manage any retained bushland on the site are very limited. In this situation it is recommended that the management of weed species be the priority for this site, thus reducing impacts on bushland adjoining to the east.

2.1.1 CONSERVATION OF NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA

Due to the small size of the site the retention of native vegetation will be limited. The site however adjoins a large area of natural bushland to the east and it is recommended that with weed management this bushland will adequately provide for the conservation and preservation of the local flora and fauna. Furthermore, the incorporation of native species in landscaped areas is also considered to maintain potential foraging resources for possums, gliders, nectivorous birds and insects.

2.1.2 DOMESTIC AND FERAL ANIMAL CONTROL

The subject site forms part of a natural area of bushland that is part of a larger remnant of vegetation that extends to the east. The subject site is bounded by Ingleside Road to the west with bushland interspersed with developed areas existing to the north and south of the subject site.

The location of the subject site indicates that implementing any feral or domestic animal controls on the subject site alone would be difficult. It is considered that the retention of dense native vegetation between Ingleside Road and the remainder of the lot will provide the best means of protecting native fauna by providing protection from predation from feral animals.

2.1.3 BUSHLAND MAINTENANCE AND REHABILITATION WORKS

Weed invasion within the subject site is a result of previous and current disturbances such as vegetation clearing, urban runoff, surrounding urban development and garden escapes.

It is the objective of maintenance works to maintain the natural vegetation and to prevent degradation of the adjoining bushland to the east of the site. This will involve the removal of weed infestations and the planting of suitable native species in landscaped areas.

To complete these works, the following will need to be undertaken:

- The vines *Araujia hortorum* (Moth vine) and *Passiflora edulis* (Common Passionfruit) are to be scraped and painted with suitable systemic herbicide. Alternatively these plants can be removed by hand ensuring all root systems remain off the ground.
- *Ochna serrulata* (Mickey Mouse Plant)(W4b) should also be stem scraped and poisoned with suitable herbicide.

- *Acetosa sagittata* (Turkey Rhubarb)(W4b), *Cortaderia selloana* (Pampas Grass)(W2), *Nephrolepis cordifolia* (Fish-bone Fern) and *Protasparagus aethiopicus* (Asparagus), are to be dug out ensuring all underground rhizomes, root systems and bulbs are removed from site or remain stockpiled off the ground.
- All other weed species, such as *Cinnamomum camphora* (Camphor Laurel), *Lantana camara* (W2), *Ligustrum sinense* (Small-leaved Privet)(W4b), *Polygala myrtifolia*, *Senna pendula* var. *glabrata*, *Bidens pilosa* (Cobbler's Pegs), *Ageratina adenophora* (Crofton Weed), *Amaranthus* sp. (Amaranthus), *Conyza albida* (Fleabane), *Paspalum dilatatum* (Paspalum), *Plantago lanceolata* (Ribwort), *Sida rhombifolia* (Paddy's Lucerne), *Tagetes minuta* (Stinking Roger), *Tradescantia fluminensis* (Wandering Jew) and *Verbena bonariensis* (Purple Top), are to be removed by appropriate methods such as digging from the ground (for smaller specimens) or cutting / sawing the trunks of larger specimens. Remaining stumps are to be poisoned with a suitable systemic herbicide (Roundup bioactive or similar) following the manufacturers recommendations. All seed heads from exotic species are to be removed from site.
- Weeds and exotic vegetation will be stockpiled ensuring root systems are not in contact with the ground in a clear area away from adjoining vegetation. If required this stockpile will be removed from the site at a convenient time. As part of the regular maintenance of the area any regrowth of the exotic plant species will be removed and disposed of appropriately.
- Ongoing maintenance of the site will involve a continual weed removal program.

The initial stages of the plan are estimated to take approximately two weeks, the ongoing maintenance period for the restoration process should continue for at least two years to be effective.

Monitoring of the progress of weed removal and natural regeneration should be undertaken on a quarterly basis with progress reports, including photographs, prepared and forwarded to Pittwater Council.

2.1.4 RECOMMENDED ECOLOGICAL FIRE REGIME

Given that the subject site is within an urban area it is not possible to have an ecologically beneficial fire regime. Bushfire hazard reduction procedures will need to include the physical removal of ground fuel and combustible shrub material on a continual basis.

2.1.5 SOIL EROSION AND DRAINAGE ISSUES

The objective of storm water management is to ensure drainage from the proposed development does not adversely impact on vegetated areas. This is best achieved by diverting storm water away from vegetated areas. Stormwater management in the form of retention tanks and controlled flow structures are accepted components of the storm water design for this type of development. Details regarding the erosion and sediment control measures and storm water management measures are detailed in the engineering plans and reports accompanying the Development Application.

Erosion and sediment control measures are to be implemented to minimise adverse effects as a result of increased erosion and sediment loading. These include: the safe disposal of waste products, coordinated work practices aimed at minimising land disturbance, the disposal of 'clean' water off site, The minimisation of groundcover disturbance through the dedication of 'no go areas', routine site inspections of drains, channels, sediment control structures and water quality.

The minimisation of soil erosion will be achieved through soil stabilisation measures and water control techniques. Soil stabilisation measures to be implemented include, immediate revegetation of cleared surfaces via seeding, planting of native species, mulching and the installation of biodegradable blankets. Water control measures include, construction of earth banks and catch drains, grassed and armoured waterways, rock earth and sand bag dams and outlet protection systems.

2.1.6 LANDSCAPING AND REVEGETATION

At this stage no detailed landscape or vegetation replacement plan has been prepared. It would be appropriate that such a plan be prepared in accordance with Council's DCP 25 - Conservation of Biodiversity.

2.1.7 SITE MANAGEMENT DURING CONSTRUCTION

Inspections of the site by the Environmental Consultant will be undertaken prior to and during the construction operations to ensure that habitats designated for retention are adequately marked and that other appropriate protection procedures are being maintained.

Construction and landscape works are likely to alter the environment and soil properties surrounding the vegetation retained on site. Therefore, the following management strategies are proposed to minimise damage to trees retained during the construction period.

Exclusion zones

The compaction of soil surrounding retained vegetation is detrimental to root growth by reducing water infiltration and soil oxygenation rates. A protection zone will be established surrounding vegetation to be retained which is in the vicinity of clearing or earthworks using star pickets and flagging tape. This will reduce the effects of soil compaction by prohibiting vehicle access and the stockpiling of construction material, soil and woodchips within the vegetation protection zone.

Silt Fencing

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Mulching

Mulching is an efficient method to impede the establishment of weed species, soil erosion, compaction and desiccation. Woodchip or other suitable mulch is to be placed at a depth of 75-100mm covering any areas of tree replanting or landscape areas. Areas surrounding the trunks of trees are to be kept free from mulch, thereby reducing the incidence of collar rot on retained trees.

SECTION 3

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

3.1 SITE CLEARING

The proposed development will involve the clearing of the majority of vegetation throughout the site for the access route, proposed dwelling, and bush fire protection zones.

3.2 IMPACT MITIGATION

The mitigation of potential adverse impacts of construction to vegetation will be implemented through the following procedures:

- i. Implementation of erosion and sediment control measures in accordance with Council's Policy;
- ii. The implementation of the landscape strategy prepared in accordance with Council's DCP - Conservation of Biodiversity;
- iii. Weed management of the site to minimise weed impact on the surrounding bushland.
- iv. Protection of trees and vegetation outside of the areas of the construction area during building;
- v. Regular inspections and reports on tree protection and vegetation management measures.

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PREFACE

This Assessment Report has been prepared by *Conacher Travers Pty Ltd* to provide information regarding flora and fauna, threatened species habitat, endangered ecological communities and endangered populations on Lot 78 (No. 6) Ingleside Road, Ingleside. This Report provides an assessment of the proposed development according to Section 5(A) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment (EP&A) Act* (1979).

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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 INTRODUCTION

This report provides an assessment of flora and fauna, threatened species habitat, endangered ecological communities and endangered populations on Lot 78 (No. 6) Ingleside Road, Ingleside in accordance with Section 5A of the *EP&A Act* (1997). Additionally. This report also provides an assessment in accordance with Development Control Plan No. 25 – Conservation of Biodiversity (Pittwater Council, 2000a).

The planning and cadastral details of the subject site are provided in Table 1.1 while Table 1.2 summarises the geographical characteristics of the site.

TABLE 1.1 SITE DETAILS	
Location	Lot 78 (No. 6) Ingleside Road, Ingleside
Area	Approximately 0.3 hectares
Topographic Map	Mona Vale 1:25 000
Grid Reference	340200 E, 6270900 N
Local Government Area	Pittwater
Existing Land Use	Vacant
Proposed Development	Proposed residential development

TABLE 1.2 SITE CHARACTERISTICS	
Topography	Gently sloping plateau
Slope	Approximately 100m AHD – approximately 8-10% slope
Aspect	East
Soil Type	Shallow sandy soils with sandstone outcrops in the Oxford Falls Soil Landscape
Catchment	Narrabeen Lakes
Drainage	Overland flow into Mullet Creek which flows into Narrabeen Lakes.
Vegetation	Low Open Woodland / Open Heath

1.2 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The proposed development is for the construction of a residential building with associated infrastructure and bushfire hazard protection zones.

SECTION 2

FLORA CHARACTERISTICS

2.1 FLORA SURVEY METHODOLOGY

To determine the likely and actual occurrence of flora species and plant communities on the subject site field survey work was undertaken to supplement literature reviews and previous flora surveys of the area. The methods utilised for the flora survey included:

Literature Review

A review of available literature for the area was undertaken to obtain reference material and background information for this study. These documents are listed in the References section of this Report.

A search of the Atlas of NSW Wildlife (NPWS, 2003) was undertaken to identify records of threatened flora species located within 10km of the site. The Sydney 1:100,000 Scale Map Sheet was accessed to provide a predictive list of threatened flora species likely to occur within the habitats found on the site.

Field Survey

Field surveys consisting of foot traverses of the site were conducted to identify the occurrence of flora species and the extent and location of vegetation communities present on the subject site. This survey was undertaken on the 15th April 2003.

Specimens of plants not readily discernible in the field were collected for identification. Determination of species composition and structural descriptions of the vegetation on the site was also carried out according to Specht *et. al.* (1995).

Shrub and Tree Survey

Three linear transects (approximately 50 metres long) covering all vegetation communities on the subject site were traversed on foot with observation and recording of all species occurring within 10 metres either side of the transect being undertaken. As part of the transects, a detailed search was conducted for threatened flora species known to occur in the area.

Any hollow bearing trees located within the area covered by these transects were assessed for their habitat value during this survey. Any additional hollow bearing trees located during the survey that were not within these transects were also assessed.

Forb and Herb Survey

Five X 1m² quadrats were distributed along each of the transects and were sampled for the smaller flora species such as herbs and orchids.

A detailed general search was also carried out for the smaller herbs, grasses and terrestrial orchids during the flora survey.

2.2 VEGETATION COMMUNITIES

The vegetation of the subject site consists of approximately 0.3 hectares of a mosaic of Low Open Woodland and Open Scrub. This vegetation is similar to the Hawkesbury Sandstone Heath described in Pittwater Council (2000a) and Coastal Sandstone Heath: Open Heath – Closed Scrub: *Allocasuarina distyla* – *Banksia ericifolia* (Map unit 21g iii) described by Benson and Howell (1994). The low open woodland is most similar to the Sydney Sandstone Ridgetop Woodland: Woodland / Low Woodland: *Corymbia gummifera* – *Eucalyptus haemastoma* – *E. umbra* – *Angophora costata* (Map Unit 10ar i) described by Benson and Howell (1994). A description of this vegetation community is provided below while a detailed species list for the site is provided in Table 2.1.

No threatened flora species as listed in the *Threatened Species Conservation Act* (1995) or significant plant species as listed in DCP No 25 – Conservation of Biodiversity (Pittwater Council, 2000a) were observed on the subject site.

LOW OPEN WOODLAND / OPEN SCRUB

Structure:

- Trees:** To 10 metres in height, with a variable projected foliage cover (PFC) to 15%.
- Shrubs:** To 4.5 metres in height with 60 - 70% PFC.
- Groundlayer:** To 1.5 metres in height with a PFC up to 55%.

Floristics:

(Main Species Present)

- Trees:** *Corymbia gummifera* (Red Bloodwood), *Angophora costata* (Smooth-barked Apple), *Eucalyptus umbra* (Broad-leaved White Mahogany), *Eucalyptus punctata* (Sydney Grey Gum) and *Eucalyptus multicaulis* (Whip-stick Ash).
- Shrubs:** *Allocasuarina distyla* (Scrub She-oak), *Banksia ericifolia* (Heath-leaved Banksia), *Hakea gibbosa*, *Darwinia fascicularis* subsp. *fascicularis*, *Leptospermum squarrosus* and *Leptospermum trinervium* (Flaky-barked Tea Tree).
- Groundlayer:** *Entolasia stricta* (Wiry Panic), *Actinotus minor* (Lesser Flannel Flower), *Caustis pentandra*, *Xanthosia tridentata* (Rock Xanthosia), *Lepyrodia scariosa* (Scale Rush), *Paspalum dilatatum* (Paspalum), *Dianella caerulea* var. *producta* (Blue Flax Lily), *Conyza albida** (Fleabane) and *Hemigenia purpurea* (Narrow-leaved Hemigenia).

Disturbance:

This community has been disturbed by trampling, weed invasion and minor clearing of understorey vegetation for survey purposes.

Weed Invasion:

This community exhibits generally low levels of weed invasion however along the edge of Ingleside Road and the southern boundary, disturbances have led to moderate to high levels of invasion.

Variation:

The density of trees is generally greater along Ingleside Road and the south-eastern boundary of the subject site. The height and cover of shrubs is generally greater towards the east and north.

Location and Distribution:

This vegetation community occupies the entire subject site.

TABLE 2.1 FLORA SPECIES OBSERVED ON THE SUBJECT SITE	
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME
TREES	
<i>Acacia elata</i>	Cedar Wattle
<i>Angophora costata</i>	Smooth-barked Apple
<i>Angophora hispida</i>	Dwarf Apple
<i>Cinnamomum camphora</i> *	Camphor Laurel
<i>Corymbia gummifera</i>	Red Bloodwood
<i>Eucalyptus multicaulis</i>	Whip-stick Ash
<i>Eucalyptus punctata</i>	Grey Gum
<i>Eucalyptus umbra</i>	Broad-leaved White Mahogany
<i>Syncarpia glomulifera</i>	Turpentine
SHRUBS	
<i>Acacia saligna</i>	Orange Wattle
<i>Acacia floribunda</i>	Sally Wattle
<i>Acacia longifolia</i> var. <i>longifolia</i>	Sydney Golden Wattle
<i>Acacia lunata</i>	Box-leaved Wattle
<i>Acacia terminalis</i>	Sunshine Wattle
<i>Acacia ulicifolia</i>	Prickly Moses
<i>Allocasuarina distyla</i>	Scrub She-oak
<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	Black She-oak
<i>Astrotricha longifolia</i>	Long-leaf Star-hair
<i>Banksia ericifolia</i>	Heath-leaved Banksia
<i>Banksia oblongifolia</i>	-
<i>Banksia serrata</i>	Old Man Banksia
<i>Baueria rubioides</i>	River Rose
<i>Boronia ledifolia</i>	Sydney Boronia
<i>Bossiaea scolopendria</i>	-
<i>Callistemon citrinus</i>	Crimson Bottlebrush
<i>Darwinia fascicularis</i> subsp. <i>fascicularis</i>	-
<i>Dillwynia retorta</i> subsp. <i>retorta</i>	Eggs and Bacon
<i>Elaeocarpus reticulatus</i>	Blueberry Ash
<i>Epacris longiflora</i>	Native Fuschia
<i>Epacris microphylla</i>	Coral Heath
<i>Epacris pulchella</i>	NSW Coral Heath
<i>Eriostemon australasius</i> subsp. <i>australasius</i>	Pink Wax Flower
<i>Glochidion ferdinandi</i>	Cheese Tree
<i>Gompholobium minus</i>	Dwarf Wedge-pea

TABLE 2.1 (Cont.)
FLORA SPECIES OBSERVED ON THE SUBJECT SITE

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME
SHRUBS (Cont.)	
<i>Grevillea buxifolia</i> subsp. <i>buxifolia</i>	Grey Spider Flower
<i>Grevillea sericea</i>	Pink Spider Flower
<i>Hakea dactyloides</i>	Broad-leaved Hakea
<i>Hakea gibbosa</i>	-
<i>Hakea teretifolia</i>	Dagger Hakea
<i>Kunzea ambigua</i>	Tick Bush
<i>Lantana camara</i> *	Lantana
<i>Leptospermum polygalifolium</i> subsp. <i>polygalifolium</i>	Lemon Scented Tea Tree
<i>Leptospermum squarrosum</i>	-
<i>Leptospermum trinervium</i>	Flaky-barked Tea Tree
<i>Ligustrum sinense</i> *	Small-leaved Privet
<i>Melaleuca hypericifolia</i>	-
<i>Ochna serrulata</i> *	Mickey Mouse Plant
<i>Omalthus populifolius</i>	Bleeding Heart
<i>Persoonia lanceolata</i>	Lance-leaved Geebung
<i>Petrophile pulchella</i>	Conesticks
<i>Phebalium squamulosum</i> subsp. <i>squamulosum</i>	-
<i>Phyllota phyllicoides</i>	Heath Phyllota
<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i>	Sweet Pittosporum
<i>Platysace linearifolia</i>	Narrow-leaved Platysace
<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> *	-
<i>Polyscias sambucifolia</i>	Elderberry Panax
<i>Pultenaea tuberculata</i>	-
<i>Senna pendula</i> var. <i>glabrata</i> *	-
<i>Styphelia tubiflora</i>	-
GROUNDCOVERS	
<i>Acetosa saggitata</i> *	Turkey Rhubarb
<i>Actinotus minor</i>	Lesser Flannel Flower
<i>Agapanthus praecox</i> *	Agapanthus
<i>Ageratina adenophorum</i> *	Crofton Weed
<i>Alternanthera denticulata</i>	Lesser Joyweed
<i>Amaranthus</i> sp.*	-
<i>Bidens pilosa</i> *	Cobbler's Pegs
<i>Caustis pentandra</i>	-
<i>Conyza albida</i> *	Fleabane
<i>Cortaderia selloana</i> *	Pampas Grass
<i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	Common Couch
<i>Dianella caerulea</i> var. <i>producta</i>	Blue Flax Lily
<i>Empodisma minus</i>	-
<i>Entolasia marginata</i>	Bordered Panic
<i>Entolasia stricta</i>	Wiry Panic
<i>Hemigenia purpurea</i>	Narrow-leaved Hemigenia

**TABLE 2.1 (Cont.)
FLORA SPECIES OBSERVED ON THE SUBJECT SITE**

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME
GROUNDCOVERS (Cont.)	
<i>Hibbertia fasciculata</i>	-
<i>Hypolepis muelleri</i>	Harsh Ground Fern
<i>Imperata cylindrica</i> var. <i>major</i>	Blady Grass
<i>Lepidosperma laterale</i>	Variable Sword-sedge
<i>Lepyrodia scariosa</i>	Scale Rush
<i>Lomandra filiformis</i> var. <i>filiformis</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
<i>Lomandra glauca</i>	-
<i>Nephrolepis cordifolia</i> *	Fish-bone Fern
<i>Oplismenus aemulus</i>	Basket Grass
<i>Paspalum dilatatum</i> *	Paspalum
<i>Plantago lanceolata</i> *	Ribwort
<i>Protasparagus aethiopicus</i> *	Asparagus Fern
<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Bracken
<i>Sida rhombifolia</i> *	Paddy's Lucerne
<i>Tagetes minuta</i> *	Stinking Roger
<i>Tetradlea ericifolia</i>	Black-eyed Susan
<i>Tradescantia fluminensis</i> *	Wandering Jew
<i>Verbena bonariensis</i> *	Purpletop
<i>Xanthorrhoea resinosa</i> subsp. <i>resinosa</i>	-
<i>Xanthosia tridentata</i>	Rock Xanthosia
VINES	
<i>Araujia hortorum</i> *	Mothvine
<i>Billardiera scandens</i> var. <i>scandens</i>	Apple Dumplings
<i>Glycine tabacina</i>	Twining Glycine
<i>Passiflora edulis</i> *	Common Passionfruit
<i>Smilax glyciphylla</i>	Sarsaparilla
<i>Stephania japonica</i> var. <i>discolor</i>	Snake Vine
Species name ^{TS} = Threatened Species	
* = Introduced Species	

2.3 CONNECTIVITY OF VEGETATION

An inspection of the 1:25,000 aerial photograph of the local area and site observations indicates that the subject site has connectivity to large areas of vegetation to the east, and is adjoined by rural-residential development with small fragments of remnant vegetation to the north and south with Ingleside Road to the west.

2.4 THREATENED FLORA SPECIES

A search of the Atlas of NSW Wildlife (NPWS 2003) was undertaken to identify records of threatened flora species located within 10km of the subject site. This allowed for a specific search for threatened flora to be undertaken to determine if any threatened species were present on the site. Details on the threatened plant species, as listed in Schedules 1

(Endangered) and 2 (Vulnerable) of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act* (1995), with a known distribution in the local area are provided in Table 2.2.

TABLE 2.2 THREATENED FLORA SPECIES OF THE AREA				
SPECIES	TSC ACT	EPBC ACT	GROWTH FORM AND HABITAT REQUIREMENTS	COMMENTS
<i>Chamaesyce psammogeton</i>	E	-	A prostrate perennial herb which grows on fore dunes and exposed sites on headlands.	No suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Cryptostylis hunteriana</i>	V	V	Saprophytic terrestrial herb lacking leaves with erect flowers to 45cm tall. Grows in swamp heath on sandy soils south from Gibraltar Range. Flowers Dec to Feb.	No suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Darwinia biflora</i>	V	V	Erect or spreading shrub to 80cm high. Associated with habitats where weathered shale capped ridges intergrade with Hawkesbury Sandstone, where soils have a higher clay content (NPWS 1999, NPWS 1997). Cheltenham to Hawkesbury River.	No suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Epacris purpurascens</i> var. <i>purpurascens</i>	V	-	Erect shrub to 1.5m high growing in sclerophyll forest and scrub and near creeks and swamps on Sandstone. Distribution limits N-Gosford S- Blue Mountains	No suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Eucalyptus camfieldii</i>	V	V	Stringybark to 10 m high. Grows on coastal shrub heath and woodlands on sandy soils derived from alluviums and Hawkesbury sandstone. Distribution limits N - Norah Head S - Royal NP.	Suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Grevillea caleyi</i>	E	E	Shrub mostly 1-3 metres high. Grows in laterite. Distribution limits Terry Hills-Belrose area.	No suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Kunzea rupestris</i>	V	V	Erect shrub to 1.5m high. Grows in woodland and heath on sandstone, usually on rock platforms in Marramorra National Park and nearby areas.	No suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.

TABLE 2.2 (Cont.) THREATENED FLORA SPECIES OF THE AREA				
SPECIES	TSC ACT	EPBC ACT	GROWTH FORM AND HABITAT REQUIREMENTS	COMMENTS
<i>Lasiopetalum joyceae</i>	V	V	Erect shrub to 2 m high. Grows in heath and open forest on Hawkesbury sandstone. Distribution limits Hornsby Plateau.	No suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Leptospermum deanei</i>	V	V	Shrub to 5 m high. Grows on forested slopes. Distribution limits Near watershed of Lane Cove River.	No suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Melaleuca deanei</i>	V	V	Shrub to 3 m high. Grows in heath on sandstone. Distribution limits N - Gosford S - Nowra.	Suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Microtis angusii</i>	E	E	Not known to occur outside of disturbed habitats in the local area. Pittwater Council (2000) consider the likely habitat of this species to be the Duffys Forest Vegetation Community.	Suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Persoonia hirsuta</i>	E	E	Spreading to decumbent shrub with young branchlets moderately to densely hairy. Grows predominantly in low woodland to scrub / heath on sandstone with a clay influence in the shale sandstone ecotone.	No suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Pimelea curviflora</i> var. <i>curviflora</i>	V	V	Woody herb or sub-shrub to 0.2-1.2 m high. Grows on Hawkesbury sandstone near shale outcrops. Distribution Sydney.	No suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.
<i>Syzygium paniculatum</i>	V	V	Small tree. Subtropical and littoral rainforest on sandy soil. Distribution limits N - Forster S - Jervis Bay.	No suitable habitat is present. Not observed during floristic survey.

TABLE 2.2 (Cont.) THREATENED FLORA SPECIES OF THE AREA				
SPECIES	TSC ACT	EPBC ACT	GROWTH FORM AND HABITAT REQUIREMENTS	COMMENTS
<i>Tetratheca glandulosa</i>	V	V	Spreading shrub to 0.2 m high. Sandy or rocky heath or scrub. Distribution limits N - Mangrove Mountain S - Sydney.	Suitable habitat present. Not observed during the floristic survey
E = Endangered Species V = Vulnerable Species				

There is suitable habitat on the subject site for *Eucalyptus camfieldii*, *Melaleuca deanei*, *Microtis angusii* and *Tetratheca glandulosa*. No threatened flora species, as listed on Schedule 1 (Endangered) or Schedule 2 (Vulnerable) of the *Threatened Species Conservation Act* (1995) and *Environment Protection & Biodiversity Conservation Act* (1999) were observed on the site.

2.5 ENDANGERED ECOLOGICAL COMMUNITIES

Four endangered ecological communities are known to occur in the local area. These communities are the Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest, Duffys Forest, Sydney Coastal Estuary Swamp Forest and Sydney Freshwater Wetlands. Each of these endangered ecological communities is individually assessed below.

2.5.1 Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest (PSGF)

General Description:

This community is restricted to the Pittwater Local Government Area, on the Barrenjoey Peninsula and Pittwater Foreshores. This community normally has open forest structure, however it may now exist as woodland or remnant trees (NSW Scientific Committee). This community incorporates vegetation that has previously been described by Benson and Howell (1994) as 9ag (ii) Open Forest: *Eucalyptus* (now *Corymbia*) *maculata* – *Eucalyptus paniculata*.

Habitat Requirements and Characteristics:

- Geology / Soils: Narrabeen Group – Newport Formation.
- Topography: Lower hill slopes.
- Characteristic Canopy Species: *Corymbia maculata* and *Eucalyptus paniculata*.

Conservation Status and Distribution:

Listed as an Endangered Ecological Community on Part 3 of Schedule 1 (TSC Act 1995) as a result of the small size of existing remnants and continuing threatening processes. This community is restricted to the Pittwater Local Government Area on the Barrenjoey Peninsula and Pittwater Foreshores.

Key Threatening Processes:

Clearing for houses and related infrastructure, fire mitigation measures, weed invasion, inappropriate fire regimes and the small size of reserves are identified as processes impacting on this endangered ecological community.

Occurrence in Subject Site:

The habitat requirements and species that characterise this community are absent from the subject site. The subject site is not mapped as PSGF and is not connected or in the vicinity of vegetation mapped as PSGF (Pittwater Council, 2000b; Benson and Howell 1994).

2.5.2 Duffys Forest**General Description:**

Duffys Forest is open forest seven to eighteen metres high with a mid-dense canopy with canopy species such as *Eucalyptus sieberi*, *E. capitellata*, *E. oblonga*, *E. haemastoma*, *Angophora costata* and *Corymbia gummifera*. Variation appears related to soil depth and type, with deeper soils containing more *E. pilularis* and *Syncarpia glomulifera* (Benson & Howell, 1994).

Habitat Requirements:

Duffys Forest occurs on sandstone ridgetops with remnant shale lenses, often characterised by ironstone gravels. Soils are part of the Somersby or Blacktown Soil Landscapes.

Conservation Status and Distribution:

Duffys Forest has been listed as an endangered ecological community under the *TSC Act* (1995) due to only a small number of fragments occurring within Ku-ring-gai Chase and Garigal National Parks and the prevalence of threatening processes on DFVC outside of conservation reserves.

Duffys Forest, according to the definition provided within the *TSC Act* (1995), is found in the Duffys Forest / Terry Hills / Ingleside / Belrose area within the Warringah, Pittwater and Ku-ring-gai Local Government Areas on soils that are part of the Somersby or Blacktown Soil Landscapes.

Key Threatening Processes:

Threatening processes identified by the NSW Scientific Committee are: land clearing, habitat degradation by rubbish dumping and access by people, trail bikes and other vehicles, weed invasion facilitated by urban runoff, an inappropriate fire regime and unauthorised horse riding activities in the area.

Occurrence in Subject Site:

The presence of sandstone rock outcrops throughout the naturally vegetated areas present on the site indicate the absence of remnant shale lenses. The Low Open Woodland / Open scrub vegetation is considered to differ structurally from DFVC described in Smith and Smith (2000), and the Final Determination of the NSW Scientific Committee (1998) and Benson and Howell (1994).

Community composition corresponds most closely to Benson and Howell (1994) classification of Map Unit 10ar and 21g and not that of Duffys Forest as described in Smith and Smith (2000) or the Final Determination of the NSW Scientific Committee (1998) or Benson and Howell (1994). Further, the subject site is not mapped as DFVC in Benson and Howell (1994) or Smith and Smith (2000).

As such, it is considered that the habitat requirements, community structure and a large number of species that characterise this community are absent from the subject site.

2.5.3 Sydney Coastal Estuary Swamp Forest Complex (SCESFC)

General Description:

A variable complex of vegetation structures, ranging from forests to scrub to reedland. This complex includes species such as *Eucalyptus robusta* and *E. botryoides*, *Livistona australis*, *Melaleuca* sp. and *Phragmites australis*. This complex includes vegetation described previously as Coastal Swamp Forest Complex (Benson & Howell, 1994) and is part of the Alluvial Forest described by Chafer (1997).

Habitat Requirements:

- Geology / Soils: waterlogged estuarine alluvial soils.
- Topography: Low lying estuarine areas with periodically poor drainage.
- Characteristic Canopy Species: Variable, includes species such as *Eucalyptus robusta*, *E. botryoides*, *Livistona australis* and *Melaleuca* sp.

Conservation Status and Distribution:

Occurs from the Lake Macquarie Local Government area in the north to the Shell Harbour and Kiama Local Government Areas in the south. Small areas are known to be reserved in the Cockle Bay Nature Reserve, Garigal and Royal National Parks.

Key Threatening Processes:

Waste filling, clearing associated with urban development, urban and agricultural runoff, weed invasion, grazing and trampling.

Occurrence in Subject Site:

The habitat requirements and species that characterise this community are absent from the subject site. As such, this community is not considered to occur on the subject site.

2.5.4 Sydney Freshwater Wetlands (SFW)

General Description:

Restricted to freshwater swamps in swales and depressions on sand dunes and low nutrient sand plain sites in coastal areas. Characterised by sedges and aquatic flora such as *Eleocharis sphacelata*, *Baumea juncea*, *B. rubignosa*, *B. articulata*, *Gahnia sieberiana*, *Ludwigia peploides* and *Persicaria* sp.

Habitat Requirements:

- Geology / Soils: Generally on the Warriewood and Tuggerah Soil Landscapes (Chapman & Murphy, 1989).
- Topography: swales and depressions on sand dunes and sand plain sites.
- Characteristic Species: *Eleocharis sphacelata*, *Baumea juncea*, *B. rubignosa*, *B. articulata*, *Gahnia sieberiana*, *Ludwigia peploides* and *Persicaria* sp.

Conservation Status and Distribution:

Known to occur from the Lake Macquarie Local Government Area in the north to the Wollongong Local Government Area in the south, but may occur outside this area. Small areas of this complex have been reported in Wyrabalong, Royal and Botany Bay National Parks.

Key Threatening Processes:

Small size, clearing disturbance and degradation.

Occurrence in Subject Site:

The habitat requirements and species that characterise this community are absent from the subject site. As such, this community is not considered to occur on the subject site.

SECTION 3

FAUNA CHARACTERISTICS

3.1 FAUNA SURVEY METHODOLOGY

In order to detect the occurrence of threatened fauna species, specific methods for targeting these species were employed in addition to the standard fauna survey methods of nocturnal spotlighting and habitat searches. Due to the small area of the site and absence of suitable habitats a detailed small mammal trapping survey was not completed. However a specific survey for the Southern Brown Bandicoot was completed using hair tube samplings.

The methods used for the fauna survey, as detailed in Appendix I, are as follows:

- Terrestrial hair tubing trapping (3 lines of 5 tubes set for ten nights);
- Amphibian searches;
- Habitat searches;
- Diurnal and nocturnal bird surveys.

Fauna surveys were conducted on 22nd of April 2003 between 10:00 and 12:30. Weather conditions were as follows 6/8 cloud cover, no wind, no rainfall (rain had fallen within the 12hrs leading up to the survey), 22°C

Fauna survey locations are shown on figure 1. The results of these surveys are provided in Section 3.2 and Table 3.2.

Literature Review:

A review of local resource documents and a search of the Atlas of NSW Wildlife (NPWS 2003) was undertaken to identify records of threatened fauna species located within 10km of the subject site.

3.2 FAUNA

A number of fauna species were observed within the subject site. A detailed search of the subject site found no evidence of habitation by any threatened fauna species. All species as listed in Table 3.2 are considered to be relatively common in the local area.

TABLE 3.2 FAUNA OBSERVED AND RECORDED ON THE SUBJECT SITE			
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	METHOD	
Reptiles			
Grass Skink	<i>Lampropholis delicata</i>	S	
Birds			
Spotted Turtle-Dove *	<i>Streptopelia chinensis</i>	OC	
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	OC	
Rainbow Lorikeet	<i>Alisterus scapularis</i>	OC	
Eastern Rosella	<i>Platycercus eximius</i>	OC	
Fan-tailed Cuckoo	<i>Cacomantis flabelliformis</i>	OC	
Laughing Kookaburra	<i>Malurus cyaneus</i>	OC	
Brown Thornbill	<i>Manorina melanocephala</i>	O	
Red Wattlebird	<i>Anthochaera carunculata</i>	OC	
Noisy Miner	<i>Psophodes olivaceus</i>	OC	
Lewin's Honeyeater	<i>Meliphaga lewinii</i>	OC	
Yellow-faced Honeyeater	<i>Lichenostomus chrysops</i>	OC	
Eastern Spinebill	<i>Acanthorhynchus tenuirostris</i>	OC	
Eastern Yellow Robin	<i>Eopsaltria australis</i>	OC	
Red-whiskered Bulbul *	<i>Pycnonotus jocosus</i>	OC	
Eastern Whipbird	<i>Cracticus torquatus</i>	OC	
Grey Butcherbird	<i>Gymnorhina tibicen</i>	OC	
Magpie-lark	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	OC	
Australian Magpie	<i>Strepera graculina</i>	OC	
Pied Currawong	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	OC	
Australian Raven	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	C	
Welcome Swallow	<i>Trichoglossus haematodus</i>	O	
Mammals			
Long-nosed Bandicoot	<i>Perameles nasuta</i>	Ht	
	<i>Macropus spp.</i>	Sc	
Dog *	<i>Canis familiaris</i>	O Sc	
Amphibians			
Common Eastern Froglet	<i>Crinia signifera</i>	C	
Key to Methods of Observation			
O	- Observation	S	- Search
C	- Call identification	A	- Anabat II
Sp	- Spotlight	Sc	- Scat, Track or Sign
E	- Elliott Trap	Ht	- Hair tube
Note: * indicates introduced species		v indicates threatened species	

3.3 KOALA HABITAT ASSESSMENT

Eucalyptus punctata, a Koala food tree species listed on Schedule 2 of State Environmental Planning Policy No. 44 - Koala Habitat Protection, was observed within the study area. These trees comprised approximately 5-8% of the total number of trees within the study area, which is less than the 15% indicated by SEPP 44 for classification as Potential Koala Habitat. Despite the presence of marginal habitat, neither the Koala nor signs of its presence, namely scats, were located on the subject site. As such, it is considered that the subject site does not form Core Koala Habitat in accordance with the provisions of SEPP N° 44.

3.4 DEVELOPMENT CONTROL PLAN № 25 – CONSERVATION OF BIODIVERSITY

Pittwater Council have identified that the DCP for Conservation of Biodiversity applies to the subject site, as there is Fragmented Bushland present on the subject site.

Development Control Plan № 25 identifies developments that occur within fragmented bushland that intensify land use, remove significant trees, impact on adjoining bushland, wetlands or waterways or remove more than 50m² of vegetation as requiring a Flora and Fauna Assessment and Bushland Management Concept Plan. It is considered that the proposed development may intensify land use, remove significant trees, impact on adjoining bushland, and remove more than 50m² of vegetation, as such the required Bushland Management Concept Plan has been prepared (*Conacher Travers Pty Ltd, 2003*) as a separate document to this report.

3.5 IMPACT ON THREATENED SPECIES DETAILS

A search of the Atlas of NSW Wildlife (NPWS, 2003) database of threatened flora and fauna records was undertaken to identify records of threatened species located within 10km of the subject site. Details on these species are provided in Table 3.3 Due to a lack of suitable habitat within the subject site oceanic or pelagic fauna species will not be included in Table 3.3

TABLE 3.3 RECORDED AND POTENTIAL THREATENED SPECIES OF THE AREA				
COMMON NAME <i>Scientific Name</i>	TSC Act	EPBC Act	PREFERRED HABITAT	COMMENTS
Giant Burrowing Frog <i>Heleioporus australiacus</i>	V	V	Inhabits open forests and riparian forests along non-perennial streams, digging burrows into sandy creek banks. Distribution Limit- N-Near Singleton. S-South of Eden	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Red-crowned Toadlet <i>Pseudophryne australis</i>	V	-	Prefers sandstone areas, breeds in grass and debris beside non-perennial creeks or gutters. Individuals can also be found under logs and rocks in non breeding periods. Distribution Limit- N-Pokolbin S-Near Wollongong	Suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Green and Golden Bell Frog <i>Litoria aurea</i>	E	V	Prefers the edges of permanent water, streams, swamps, creeks, lagoons, farm dams and ornamental ponds. Often found under debris. Distribution Limit - N-Byron Bay. S-South of Eden	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Rosenberg's Goanna <i>Varanus rosenbergi</i>	V	-	Hawkesbury sandstone outcrop specialist. Inhabits woodlands, dry open forests and heath sheltering in burrows, hollow logs, rock crevices and outcrops. Distribution Limit- N-Nr Broke S-Nowra Located in scattered patches near Sydney, Nowra and Goulburn.	Suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Australasian Bittern <i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	V	-	Inhabits shallow freshwater or brackish wetlands with tall dense beds of reeds, sedges or rush species and swamp edges. Distribution Limit - N-North of Lismore. S- Eden.	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Black Bittern <i>Ixobrychus flavicollis</i>	V	-	Freshwater and brackish streams and ponds. Distribution Limit - N-Tweed Heads. S-South of Eden.	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.

TABLE 3.3 (Cont.) RECORDED AND POTENTIAL THREATENED SPECIES OF THE AREA				
COMMON NAME <i>Scientific Name</i>	TSC Act	EPBC Act	PREFERRED HABITAT	COMMENTS
Osprey <i>Pandion haliaetus</i>	V	-	Utilises waterbodies including coastal waters, inlets, lakes, estuaries and offshore islands with a dead tree for perching and feeding. Distribution Limit - N-Tweed Heads. S-South of Eden.	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Sanderling <i>Calidris alba</i>	V	-	Inhabits broad ocean beaches of firm sand with wave action, river mouths. Distribution Limit. N-Tweed Heads. S-Eden.	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Great Knot <i>Calidris tenuirostris</i>	V	-	Inhabits tidal mudflats, estuaries, shallow saline and freshwater swamps. N- Tweed Heads. S- Eden.	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Bush Stone-curlew <i>Burhinus grallarius</i>	E	-	Utilises open forests and savanna woodlands, sometimes dune scrub, savannah and mangrove fringes. Distribution Limit- N-Border Ranges National Park S-Near Nowra	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Beach Stone-curlew <i>Esacus neglectus</i>	E	-	Inhabits remote and secluded beaches, coral reefs and cays, mangrove fringes and estuarine mudflats. Distribution Limit - N-Tweed Heads. S-Shoalhaven River	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Sooty Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus fuliginosus</i>	V	-	Exclusively coastal in distribution foraging along rocky coastlines and estuaries. Distribution Limit- N-Tweed Heads S-South of Eden.	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Pied Oystercatcher <i>Haematopus longirostris</i>	V	-	Inhabits coastal beaches and estuarine flats. Distribution Limit N-Tweed Heads S-South of Eden.	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Wompoo Fruit-dove <i>Ptilinopus magnificus</i>	V	-	Inhabits large undisturbed patches of lowland and adjacent highland rainforest and moist Eucalypt forests where it feeds on fruit. Distribution Limit - N-Tweed Heads. S-Sydney.	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey
Superb Fruit-dove <i>Ptilinopus superbus</i>	V	-	Rainforests, adjacent mangroves, eucalypt forests, scrubland with native fruits. Distribution Limit - N-Border Ranges National Park. S-Bateman's Bay.	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey
Glossy Black-Cockatoo <i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i>	V	-	Open forests with <i>Allocasuarina</i> species and hollows for nesting. Distribution Limit - N-Tweed Heads. S-South of Eden.	Sub-optimal habitat present. Not observed during survey
Swift Parrot <i>Lathamus discolor</i>	E	E	Inhabits Eucalypt forests and woodlands with winter flowering Eucalypts. Distribution Limit - N-Border Ranges National Park. S-South of Eden.	Sub optimal foraging habitat present. Not observed during survey.

TABLE 3.3 (Cont.) RECORDED AND POTENTIAL THREATENED SPECIES OF THE AREA				
COMMON NAME <i>Scientific Name</i>	TSC Act	EPBC Act	PREFERRED HABITAT	COMMENTS
Turquoise Parrot <i>Neophema pulchella</i>	V	-	Inhabits coastal scrubland, open forest and timbered grassland, especially ecotones between dry hardwood forests and grasslands. Distribution Limit - N-Near Tenterfield. S-South of Eden.	No suitable foraging habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Barking Owl <i>Ninox connivens</i>	V	-	Inhabits principally woodlands but also open forests and partially cleared land and utilises hollows for nesting. Distribution Limits- N-Border Ranges National Park S-Eden	Sub optimal foraging habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Masked Owl <i>Tyto novaehollandiae</i>	V	-	Open forest and woodlands with cleared areas for hunting and hollow trees or dense vegetation for roosting. Distribution Limit - N-Border Ranges National Park. S-Eden	Sub optimal foraging habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Powerful Owl <i>Ninox strenua</i>	V	-	Forests containing mature trees for shelter or breeding and densely vegetated gullies for roosting. Distribution Limits - N-Border Ranges National Park. S-Eden	Sub optimal foraging habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Regent Honeyeater <i>Xanthomyza phrygia</i>	E	E	Found in temperate Eucalypt woodland and open forest including forest edges, wooded farmland and urban areas with mature eucalypts. Distribution Limit - N-Urbanville. S-Eden	Sub optimal foraging habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Spotted-tailed Quoll <i>Dasyurus maculatus</i>	V	V	Dry and moist open forests containing rock caves, hollow logs or trees. Distribution Limit- N-Mt Warning National Park S-South of Eden.	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Eastern Quoll <i>Dasyurus viverrinus</i>	E	-	Dry and moist sclerophyll forests containing hollow logs, rock caves, abandoned burrows or trees with open grazing land interspersed. Distribution Limit- N-Kempsey S-South of Eden	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Southern Brown Bandicoot <i>Isodon obesulus</i>	E	-	Utilises a range of habitats containing thick ground cover - open forest, woodland, heath, cleared land, urbanised areas and regenerating bushland. Distribution Limit - N-Kempsey. S-South of Eden.	Suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Koala <i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	V	-	Inhabits both wet & dry Eucalypt forest on high nutrient soils containing preferred feed trees. Distribution Limit - N-Tweed Heads. S-South of Eden	No suitable habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Squirrel Glider <i>Petaurus norfolcensis</i>	V	-	Mixed aged stands of eucalypt forest & woodlands including gum barked & high nectar producing species & hollow bearing trees. Distribution Limit - N- Tweed Heads S-Albury	Sub optimal foraging habitat present. Not observed during survey.

3.6.1 Squirrel Glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*)

3.6 ENDANGERED POPULATIONS

RECORDED AND POTENTIAL THREATENED SPECIES OF THE AREA				
COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	TSC Act	EPBC Act	PREFERRED HABITAT
Eastern Pygmy Possum <i>Cercartetus nanus</i>	V	-	Found in a variety of habitats from rainforest through open forest to heath. Feeds on insects but also gathers pollen from banksias, eucalypts and bottlebrushes. Nests in banksias and myrtaceous shrubs. Distribution Limit - N - Tweed Heads S - Eden	Some marginal habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Grey-headed Flying-fox <i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	V	V	Inhabits a wide range of habitats including rainforest, mangroves, paperbark forests, wet and dry sclerophyll forests and cultivated areas.	Suitable foraging habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Common Bentwing-bat <i>Miniopterus schreibersii</i>	V	-	Prefers areas where there are caves, old mines, old buildings, storm water drains & well timbered areas. Distribution Limit - N - Border Ranges National Park. S-South of Eden.	Suitable foraging habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Eastern False Pipistrelle <i>Falsistrellus tasmanianensis</i>	V	-	Recorded roosting in caves, old buildings and tree hollows. Distribution Limit- N- Border Ranges National Park S-Pambula	Suitable foraging habitat present. Not observed during survey.
Greater Broad-nosed Bat <i>Colemanax rueppellii</i>	V	-	Inhabits areas containing moist river & creeks. Distribution Limit - N-Border Ranges National Park. S-Pambula.	Suitable foraging habitat present. Not observed during survey.

E = Endangered Species
 V = Vulnerable Species

A social animal, the Squirrel Glider lives in small family groups of 5-6 animals (Quin, 1993). In August females produce two young which remain in the pouch for about 30 days. Mortality of young is high for the first 12 months of life (Suckling, 1995).

Habitat Requirements:

The Squirrel Glider inhabits the dry hardwood forest and woodland over most of its range (Suckling, 1995). The habitat of this species includes the drier woodland areas of the western slopes of the Great Dividing Range, open forests dominated by River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) (Menkhorst *et al.*, 1988; Quin, 1993; Traill, 1991) and moist hardwood forests bordering rainforest (SFNSW, 1995). In Victoria, the Squirrel Glider is known to occur in disjunct populations in remnant woodlands and open forests that have mature or mixed-age stands of several eucalypt species (Menkhorst *et al.*, 1988).

Mixed-aged stands which support the Squirrel Glider invariably include gum-barked and high nectar-producing species including some which flower in winter (Menkhorst *et al.*, 1988). Riparian open forests inhabited by the Squirrel Glider typically contain mature *Acacia dealbata* which may act as an important winter carbohydrate source when other food sources are scarce (Menkhorst *et al.*, 1988). The presence of mature, hollow-bearing eucalypts is a critical characteristic of habitat occupied by Squirrel Gliders and are utilised for nesting and breeding (Suckling, 1995).

Squirrel Gliders live in small groups of 5-6 animals that occupy home ranges of 2 to 4 hectares at population densities of 0.9 to 1.5 individuals per hectare (Quin 1993). Microhabitat observations suggest Squirrel Gliders forage at all levels in the forest strata to obtain its diet of plant exudates and arthropods. (Menkhorst Collier 1988).

Conservation Status:

Squirrel Gliders on the Barrenjoey Peninsula are considered to be an Endangered Population under Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the *TSC Act* (1995) due to:

- The population being the largest known in metropolitan Sydney and the only known east of the Hawkesbury River;
- Being effectively isolated by urban development at the base of the Barrenjoey Peninsula;
- The reduction in forest cover in the Barrenjoey Peninsula from 705ha in 1946 to 125ha in 1989;
- The population may be partially nomadic needing to access flowering trees and shrubs that are scattered across the landscape. This is considered to leave this population particularly vulnerable to clearing of corridors and seasonally important habitats.

The population is restricted to habitat forming an area considered likely to be approaching the lower limits required to enable the persistence of this species in the long term. Given this and the urban location of this bushland habitat, the conservation status of this species is unlikely to change.

Distribution and Abundance:

State: The Squirrel Glider is distributed along the coast, ranges, western slopes and plains from north-east coastal Queensland through NSW, Victoria into far south-east South Australia. In NSW it has a northern limit of the Border Ranges National Park and a southern limit near Albury (NPWS, 2001).

Regional: The Squirrel Glider has been recorded at a number of locations regionally including Fern Bay (1994), Ravensworth State Forest and Glenbawn Dam (Resource Planning, 1994), Corlette, Anna Bay, Salamander Bay, Gan Gan

Reserve, Wollemi National Park, Yengo National Park, Barranjoey Head, Blue Mountains National Park, Prospect Reservoir, Grose Vale, Glossodia, Cranebrook (NPWS, 2001), and within several of the State Forests in the Morisset Forestry District including Olney and Aberdare State Forests (Ecotone Environmental Consultants, 1995).

Local: This species is locally restricted to a small area on the Barranjoey Peninsula, north of Bushrangers Hill. The area of known habitat is centred around Hewitt Park to the north and Attunga Reserve to the south.

Subject Site: The subject site is outside the area that contains the endangered population (TSC Act, 1995). The distance from Barranjoey Peninsula indicates that the subject site is unlikely to provide core refuge and breeding habitat for this species (Pittwater Council, 2000b).

3.6.2 Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)

General Description:

The Koala has thick, pale to dark grey fur on its back and lighter on the underside. Head and body size may reach 780mm for males and 730mm for females (Strahan, 1995) excluding the vestigial tail.

The Koala is an arboreal nocturnal species that feeds predominantly on the foliage of Eucalypts (Lee & Martin, 1988). Koalas sleep in a fork of trees during the day and feeding activity peaks just after sunset (Lee & Martin, 1988). Distribution of the Koala is influenced by the occurrence of tree species that are favoured for feeding with these trees being generally restricted to soils of high nutrient status (Martin, 1988).

The Koala is a generally solitary species, with breeding occurring in summer. Females become sexually active at two years of age with one young produced each year. Weaning occurs at 12 months with dispersal taking place by 18 months. Mortality rate tends to be high during dispersal (Martin, 1988).

Habitat Requirements:

Koalas inhabit forested areas with acceptable Eucalypt food trees however they will also utilise non-Eucalypt species as a food source. Koalas inhabit both wet and dry Eucalypt forests that contain a canopy cover of approximately 10 to 70% (Reed et al., 1991) growing on high nutrient soils.

In NSW, 55 species of *Eucalyptus* and 11 non-eucalypt tree species are known to be used and eaten by the Koala (Reed et al., 1991). Preferred feed trees as listed on Schedule 2 of the *State Environmental Protection Policy No. 44 - Koala Habitat Protection* (SEPP 44) are: Tallowood (*Eucalyptus microcorys*), Manna Gum (*E. viminalis*), Grey Gum (*E. punctata*), Forest Red Gum (*E. tereticornis*), River Red Gum (*E. camaldulensis*), Broad-leaved Scribbly Gum (*E. haemastoma*), Scribbly Gum (*E. signata*), White Box (*E. albens*), Bimble Box (*E. populnea*) and Swamp Mahogany (*E. robusta*) (Dept. of Planning, 1995).

Pittwater Council (2000b) found *Eucalyptus punctata*, *E. haemastoma* and *E. robusta* to be favoured food trees in the local area. Other tree species were browsed, however were considered to be under-exploited relative to their abundance.

Conservation Status:

The Koalas in the Pittwater Local Government Area are considered to be an Endangered Population under Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the TSC Act (1995) due to:

- The population being one of the few known in the Sydney region;

- The decline in population size, predominantly due to habitat loss and fragmentation, and also associated threats such as road deaths and predation when moving into urban areas in search of food.

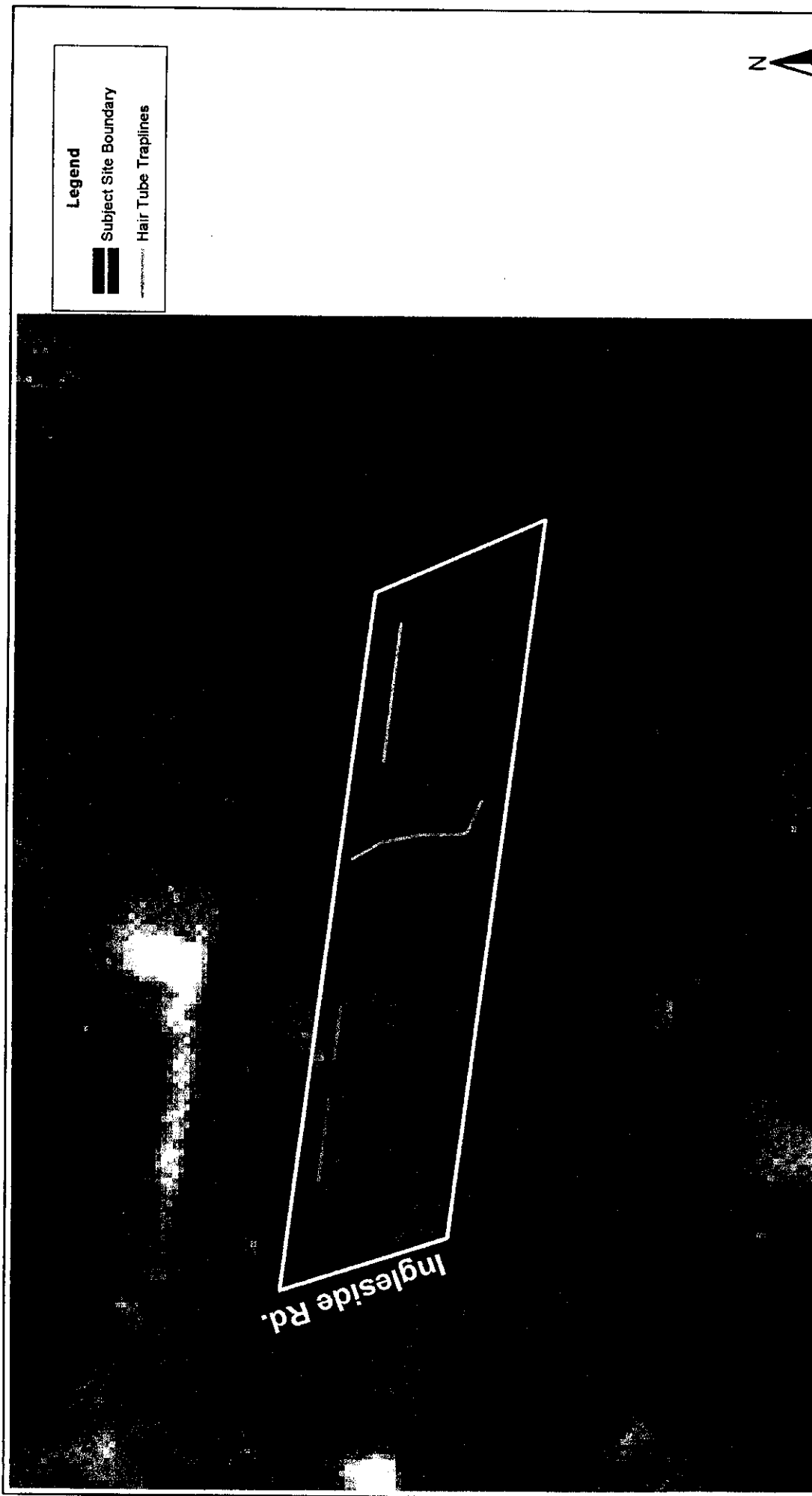
Distribution and Abundance:

State: The Koala is widespread throughout south-eastern Australia from northern, coastal, central and southern Queensland through NSW, Victoria and South Australia (Kennedy, 1992) with the main concentration of the population occurring in north-eastern NSW. In NSW, the Koala has a northern limit of Tweed Heads and a southern limit in the near Eden (NPWS, 1999).

Regional: The Koala has been detected at a number of locations across the region including Yengo National Park, Dharug National Park, St Albans, Brisbane Water National Park, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, Barrenjoey Peninsular, Garigal National, Wollongong, Campbelltown, Heathcote National Park (NPWS, 2001), Marramarra National Park (Reed *et al.*, 1991). A 1986-97 survey of Koalas within New South Wales identified the Port Stephens area on the lower reaches of the Hunter River, just north of Newcastle as one of the richest Koala sites in the State (Reed *et al.*, 1991). Comprehensive Regional Assessments have located 170 records for this species in the northern NSW region, and 13 in the Sydney Basin (Environment Australia, 2000).

Local: Small populations are present in Barrenjoey Peninsula, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park and possibly Garigal National Park. Occasional records of Koalas elsewhere in Pittwater appear to be wandering individuals from these populations (Pittwater Council, 2000b).

Subject Site: Koalas or signs of Koala habitation such as scratches on tree trunks or scats were not observed on the subject site. The subject site does not provide potential habitat (greater than 15% feed trees) under the criteria set by SEPP No 44.

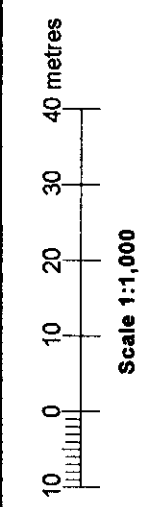


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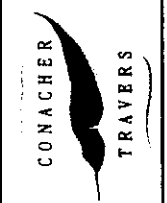
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**Figure 1 -
Fauna Survey Locations**

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SECTION 4

ASSESSMENTS AND CONCLUSION

4.1 IMPACT ON THREATENED SPECIES

With regard to threatened species, endangered ecological communities and endangered populations which may utilise the subject site due to the presence of suitable habitat, the following matters as identified in Section 5(A) of the *EP&A Act* (1979) need to be addressed to determine whether or not a significant effect on threatened species, populations, ecological communities or their habitats is likely to result from the proposed development.

- (a) in the case of a threatened species, whether the life cycle of the species is likely to be disrupted such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction,

Threatened Flora

Eucalyptus camfieldii

Eucalyptus camfieldii has been described as being associated with number of habitats. One is shallow sandstone soils bordering coastal heath in association with other stunted or mallee eucalypts, often in areas with restricted drainage (Benson and McDougall 1998; Harden 1994). Another association is for laterite influenced soils (Benson & Howell 1995; Carolin & Tindale 1994). The presence of such laterite influenced soils, containing *E. camfieldii*, is thought to be associated with proximity to shale (Benson & Howell 1995).

The presence of shallow sandy soils indicates that the subject site provides potential habitat for this species. Despite a detailed search this species was not found on the subject site. It is considered that the life cycle of the species is unlikely to be disrupted such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Melaleuca deanei

This species is associated with woodland on broad flat ridgetops, dry ridges and slopes with sandy loams and sometimes lateritic soils (Benson and McDougall 1998; Travers Morgan 1990). It is considered that the Low Open Woodland / Open Scrub vegetation is structurally similar to vegetation known to contain this species.

Despite the presence of suitable habitat, this species was not located during surveys of the subject site. This, combined with the local abundance of larger areas of similar habitat within Garigal and Ku-ring-gai Chase National Parks and adjacent bushland, indicates that the proposed development is unlikely to disrupt the life cycle of these species within the local area such that a viable local population of these species would be placed at risk of extinction.

Microtis angusii

This species is known from two locations at Ingleside and Sunny Corner State Forest. The natural habitat of this species is unknown as both known locations are highly disturbed. Pittwater Council (2000) indicate that, if this species were to occur naturally in the local area, its habitat would most likely be the Duffys Forest Vegetation Community, as listed under the *TSC Act* (1995). The vegetation present on the subject site is not Duffys Forest, however the habitat requirements of this species is not fully known. Therefore the subject site may provide suitable habitat.

Despite detailed targeted searches, this species was not observed on the subject site. Due to the retention of similar habitat as found on the subject site within local conservation reserves, it is considered that the life cycle of this species is unlikely to be disrupted such that a viable local population of the species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Tetratheca glandulosa

This species is restricted to the Central Coast (Mangrove Mountain to the Blue Mountains and Sydney). *Tetratheca glandulosa* is found on exposed Hawkesbury sandstone ridges and upper slopes. Semi-shade is needed for establishment and growth. Throughout the duration of the flora survey of the subject site it was identified that the Low Open Woodland / Open Scrub vegetation community provides suitable habitat for this species. During the survey of the subject site, no specimens of the *Tetratheca glandulosa* were observed. Despite the presence of suitable habitat for *Tetratheca glandulosa* within the subject site, it is considered that the future development of the site is unlikely to disrupt the habitat of a local viable population of this species such that it is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Threatened Fauna

Red-crowned Toadlet (*Pseudophryne australis*)

Red-crowned Toadlet's use small ephemeral drainage lines, which feed water from the top of ridges to perennial creeks below. Totally confined to the Hawkesbury sandstone formation. Breeding congregations occur deep in grass and debris beside non-perennial creeks, gutters etc. in sandstone areas: at other times individuals disperse and are found under rocks, logs etc. on sandstone ridges. (Cogger, HG. 2000).

The subject site contains suitable shelter and breeding habitat for this species. This species was not detected during surveys. It is considered that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Rosenberg's Goanna (*Varanus rosenbergi*)

On the east coast of NSW Rosenberg's Goanna is a Hawkesbury-Nepean sandstone outcrop specialist. It inhabits humid woodlands, dry hardwood forests and heathland where it shelters in self-dug burrows, hollow logs, rock crevices and sandstone outcrops (Cogger, 2000).

The subject site contains suitable shelter and breeding habitat for this species. This species was not detected during surveys. It is considered that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Glossy Black-Cockatoo (*Calyptrorhynchus lathamii*)

The Glossy Black-Cockatoo inhabits mountain forests, coastal woodland, open forest and trees bordering watercourses where there are substantial stands of *Allocasuarina*. Foraging within *Allocasuarina* tends to be concentrated on trees with greater crops of cones (Clout, 1989). This species nests in large trees with large hollows either dead or alive. The Glossy Black-Cockatoo will forage close to the nest but is capable of travelling up to 20km away and requires a water source. The Glossy Black-Cockatoo is dependent on adult *Allocasuarina littoralis*, however they will occasionally use alternative foods (Environment Australia, 2000).

In the Pittwater Local Government Area, *Allocasuarina littoralis* and *A. torulosa* have been observed to be the most commonly utilised food resource of this species, however, *Allocasuarina distyla* has been observed to be an occasional source of

foraging material (Pittwater Council 2000b). A number of *Allocasuarina distyla* are present on the subject site.

Despite the presence of potential foraging habitat for the Glossy Black-Cockatoo within the subject site this species was not observed during the fauna survey. It is considered that the proposal is unlikely to disrupt a viable local population of the Glossy Black-Cockatoo such that it is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Swift Parrot (*Lathamus discolor*)

This species feeds mainly on nectar and lerp from eucalypt flowers, particularly Blue Gum (*Eucalyptus globulus*). On the mainland, the Swift Parrot congregates where winter flowering species such as Red Ironbark (*Eucalyptus sideroxylon*), White Box (*Eucalyptus albens*), Yellow Gum (*Eucalyptus leucoxylon*) and Swamp Gum (*Eucalyptus ovata*) (Brown, 1989). The Swift Parrot is a migratory species that breeds in Tasmania and its offshore islands in summer (Shepherd, 1994). In late March almost the entire population migrates to mainland Australia (Schodde and Tidemann, 1986).

The subject site provides sub-optimal foraging habitat for this species. This species was not detected within the subject site. It is considered that the proposed development is unlikely to disrupt the life cycle of these species within the local area such that a viable local population of these species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Barking Owl (*Ninox connivens*)

The Barking Owl mainly inhabits areas of savannah woodland, open eucalypt wetland and riverine forest. It is generally absent from the arid interior (Lindsey, 1992). This species breeds in large hollows in large, live trees near or on floodplains. They are often associated with forest types with sparse groundcover including dry forest woodland with dense thickets of eucalypt, paperbark or viny scrub (Environment Australia, 2000).

Barking Owls require thickets such as those characterised by tea trees and wattles for shelter. As a consequence of the diverse diet of the Barking Owl, species rich habitats such as woodlands and ecotones are considered to be important habitats for this species (Environment Australia, 2000).

The subject site is considered to provide sub-optimal foraging habitat only. No roosting or breeding hollows were present on the subject site. Due to the lack of breeding habitat, absence of this species from the subject site during surveys and retention of native vegetation it is considered that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species within the local area such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Masked Owl (*Tyto novaehollandiae*)

The Masked Owl is widespread through forests and woodlands, utilising caves for shelter in treeless country. The Masked Owl is known to utilise forest margins and isolated stands of trees within agricultural land (Hollands 1991; Hyem 1979). This species is often found in heavily disturbed forest where its prey of small and medium sized mammals can be readily obtained (Kavanagh and Peake 1993). The Masked Owl requires old mature trees with large hollows for breeding and as diurnal roosting sites, being dependent upon hollow bearing trees all year round rather than only during the breeding season (Hyem, 1979).

The subject site is considered to provide sub-optimal foraging habitat only. No roosting or breeding hollows were present on the subject site. Due to the lack of

breeding habitat, absence of this species from the subject site during surveys and retention of native vegetation it is considered that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species within the local area such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Powerful Owl (*Ninox strenua*)

The Powerful Owl inhabits mature rainforest and wet and dry eucalypt forest (Schodde & Tidemann, 1986). The Powerful Owl utilises Eucalypt forests and woodlands and adjacent cleared areas for foraging. Large trees with hollows at least 0.5m deep are required for shelter and breeding (Schodde *et al.*, 1980; SWC Consultancy, 1993). Mated pairs of Powerful Owl roost together or separately, maintaining several roost sites throughout their territory which are used in rotation shifting with the availability of prey (Lindsey, 1992).

The subject site is considered to provide sub-optimal foraging habitat only. No roosting or breeding hollows were present on the subject site. Due to the lack of breeding habitat, absence of this species from the subject site during surveys and retention of native vegetation it is considered that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species within the local area such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Regent Honeyeater (*Xanthomyza phrygia*)

The Regent Honeyeater utilises eucalypt forests and woodlands for foraging and breeding habitats during winter migrations from various locations within south-eastern and eastern Australia.

The subject site provides sub-optimal foraging habitat for this species. The Regent Honeyeater was not detected during surveys. It is considered that due to the availability of greater areas of habitat in the local area including the nearby Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park, that the loss of a small number of foraging trees is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species within the local area such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Southern Brown Bandicoot (*Isodon obesulus*)

The Southern Brown Bandicoot has been detected in a range of habitats including open forest, woodland, heaths, agricultural land and urban areas, preferring areas with thick ground cover which provide protection from predators (Braithwaite, 1988). Environment Australia (2000) recorded this species from a range of habitat types, though it was more typically found in heathland environments on sandy friable soils. However, the Southern Brown Bandicoot has also been located in forests and woodlands with a heathy or shrubby understorey characterised by *Acacia*, *Banksia*, *Daviesia*, *Epacris*, *Hakea*, *Leptospermum*, *Melaleuca* and *Platylobium* species.

The subject site contains suitable habitat for this species within the low open woodland with low heath understorey vegetation, which is present throughout the subject site. The presence of the Southern Brown Bandicoot in the Pittwater Council area is yet to be confirmed (Pittwater Council, 2000b). Foraging marks of bandicoot species were detected within the subject site. Hair tubing to detect the presence of this species detected only Long-nosed Bandicoots (*Perameles nasuta*).

Due to the availability of similar areas of suitable habitat for Southern Brown Bandicoot within Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park, Garigal National Park and the adjoining council reserve of Ingleside Park, it is considered that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species within the local area such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Squirrel Glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*)

The Squirrel Glider inhabits the dry hardwood forest and woodland over most of its range (Suckling 1995). Mixed-aged stands which support the Squirrel Glider invariably include gum-barked and high nectar-producing species including some which flower in winter (Menkhorst *et al.* 1988). The presence of mature, hollow-bearing eucalypts is a critical characteristic of habitat occupied by Squirrel Gliders and are utilised for nesting and breeding (Suckling 1995).

Due to sparse nature of the potential food trees for this species within the subject site it is considered that the subject site provides sub-optimal foraging habitat only for this species only. This species was not detected within the subject during surveys however. Due to the availability of greater areas of higher quality habitat within Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park, Garigal National Park and the adjoining council reserve of Ingleside Park, the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species within the local area such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Eastern Pygmy Possum (*Cercartetus nanus*)

The Eastern Pygmy-possum is found from rainforest through sclerophyll forest to tree heath. Banksia and myrtaceous shrubs and trees are favoured (Turner and Ward, 1995). An important determinant of habitat quality may be the proportion of the year in which pollen is available and the species is usually associated with floristically diverse shrub community, especially those including *Banksia* species. However populations also occur in box-ironbark associations where the understorey is sparse but relatively diverse (Menkhorst, 1996).

Eastern Pygmy-possums usually shelter alone in tree cavities, rotten stumps, holes in the ground, disused bird nests and possum dreys and in vegetation thickets such as *Xanthorrhoea* species (Menkhorst, 1996). This species has a preference for hollows with a small entrance (Environment Australia, 2000).

The subject site provides potential foraging habitat for this species only. This species was not detected within the subject during surveys however. Due to the proximity of urban areas to the subject site and availability of greater areas of higher quality habitat within Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species within the local area such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Grey-headed Flying-fox (*Pteropus poliocephalus*)

The Grey-headed Flying-fox inhabits a wide range of habitats including rainforest, mangroves, paperbark forests, wet and dry sclerophyll forests and cultivated areas. The subject site contains a number of species identified in the diet of the Grey-headed Flying-fox in the local area (Parry-Jones & Augee, 2001). These are *Eucalyptus paniculata* (Grey Ironbark), *Erythrina* sp. (Coral Tree), *Ligustrum lucidum* (Large-leaved Privet), *Ligustrum sinense* (Small-leaved Privet), *Pittosporum undulatum* (Sweet Pittosporum) and *Livistona australis* (Cabbage Tree Palm). It is considered likely that *Corymbia maculata* also falls into the *Eucalyptus* spp. category of Parry-Jones and Augee (2001).

The subject site provides suitable foraging habitat for this species, however, no suitable breeding or camp habitat was located during the survey. The species was not detected foraging within the subject site.

It is considered that the lack of camp habitat indicates that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species within the local area such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Common Bentwing-bat (*Miniopterus schreibersii*)

The Common Bentwing-bat forages above and below the canopy within open forests and woodlands, feeding on small insects. The Common Bentwing-bat is known to roost in a range of habitats including storm water channels, under bridges, occasionally in buildings, old mines and in particular caves. Caves are an important resource for this species, particularly for breeding where maternity caves must have suitable temperature, humidity and physical dimensions to permit breeding (Dwyer, 1995a). Roost sites in tree hollows have not been reported within the literature reviewed.

No suitable roosting habitat was located on the subject site for the Common Bentwing-bat. However, the subject site is considered to provide a small amount of suitable foraging habitat for the Common Bentwing-bat within the canopy trees. This species was not detected during surveys.

The lack of breeding or roosting habitat and absence of the Common Bentwing-bat from previous surveys conducted within the local area indicates that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species within the local area such that a viable local population of this species is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Eastern False Pipistrelle (*Falsistrellus tasmaniensis*)

The Eastern False Pipistrelle inhabits warm to cool temperate moist and dry open forests (Strahan 1995). Little is known about the biology of this species although it has been recorded in logged and unlogged areas (QEM, 1994), preferring open areas for foraging (O'Neill & Taylor 1989). The Eastern False Pipistrelle roosts mainly in tree hollows, occasionally utilising caves and abandoned buildings (Parnaby, 1992; Phillips *et al.*, 1986).

No roosting habitat was identified on the subject site. As such, the subject site is not considered to provide suitable roosting habitat for this species. The subject site is considered to provide suitable foraging habitat for this species however it was not detected during surveys.

The lack of breeding or roosting habitat and absence of the Eastern False Pipistrelle from previous surveys conducted within the local area indicates that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species within the local area such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

Greater Broad-nosed Bat (*Scoteanax rueppellii*)

The Greater Broad-nosed Bat inhabits open forests and woodlands, foraging throughout these forest types and also along creeks and small river systems. This species roosts in tree hollows and occasionally old buildings (Hoye & Richards, 1995).

No roosting habitat was identified on the subject site. As such, the subject site is not considered to provide suitable roosting habitat for this species. The subject site is considered to provide suitable foraging habitat for this species however it was not detected during surveys.

The lack of breeding or roosting habitat and absence of the Eastern False Pipistrelle from previous surveys conducted within the local area indicates that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of this species within the local area such that a viable local population is likely to be placed at risk of extinction.

- (b) in the case of an endangered population, whether the life cycle of the species that constitutes the endangered population is likely to be disrupted such that the viability of the population is likely to be significantly compromised,

Squirrel Glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*)

Although the subject site is considered to contain sub-optimal habitat for this species the site is not within the area occupied by the endangered population. Eucalypts on the subject site, which include gum-barked and high nectar-producing species, are considered to provide some suitable foraging habitat for this species. This species was not detected on the subject site.

Of the twelve known habitat features for the Squirrel Glider in the local area (Pittwater Council, 2000a) five were present within the subject site, these included the presence of food trees *Corymbia gummifera*, *Banksia serrata*, *Banksia spinulosa*, and shrub species *acacia longifolia*, and *Xanthorrhoea* species. Three potential food sources (*Angophora costata*, *Banksia ericifolia* and *Eucalyptus punctata*) are also located on the subject site.

Due to the sub-optimal quality of the vegetation within the subject site and the availability of greater areas of higher quality habitat for Squirrel Gliders within Ku-Ring-Gai Chase National Park, Garigal National Park and the adjoining council reserve of Ingleside Park, It is considered that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of the endangered population in the area such that the viability of the population is likely to be significantly compromised.

Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*)

Eucalyptus punctata, a Koala food tree species listed on Schedule 2 of State Environmental Planning Policy No. 44 - Koala Habitat Protection, was observed within the study area. These trees comprised approximately 5-8% of the total number of trees within the study area, which is less than the 15% indicated by SEPP 44 for classification as Potential Koala Habitat. Despite the presence of marginal habitat, neither the Koala nor signs of its presence, namely scats, were located on the subject site. As such, it is considered that the subject site does not form Core Koala Habitat in accordance with the provisions of SEPP N° 44.

Pittwater Council (2000b) found *Eucalyptus punctata*, *E. haemastoma* and *E. robusta* to be favoured food trees in the local area. Other tree species were browsed, however were considered to be under-exploited relative to their abundance. One of these locally favoured food tree species *Eucalyptus punctata* was located on the subject site.

In addition to this, no characteristic signs of koala presence were located on the subject site. This indicates that the proposed development is not likely to disrupt the life cycle of the endangered population in the area such that the viability of the population is likely to be significantly compromised.

- (c) in relation to the regional distribution of the habitat of a threatened species, population or ecological community, whether a significant area of known habitat is to be modified or removed,

Threatened Species

No threatened flora or fauna species were located on the subject site during surveys. As such, the subject site is not considered to be known habitat for threatened species. Further, the subject site is a small area of habitat in relation to the larger areas of similar habitat within Garigal, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park and adjacent bushland (Benson and Howell, 1994).

As such, it is not considered that the proposed development is likely to remove or modify a regionally significant area of known habitat for threatened flora or fauna species.

Endangered Populations

Two endangered populations occur in the local area – the Squirrel Glider (*Petaurus norfolcensis*) in the Barrenjoey Peninsula and the Koala (*Phascolarctos cinereus*).

The Final Determination for the Pittwater population of the Squirrel Glider (Scientific Committee, 1996) lists the threatened population as occurring north of Bushrangers Hill. The subject site is approximately 6km to the south west of Bushrangers Hill, and as such it is not considered that the Pittwater population of the Squirrel Glider is relevant to the subject site.

The Koala was not located on the study site during surveys. As such, the subject site is not considered to be known habitat for this species. Further, the subject site is a small area of habitat in relation to the larger areas of similar habitat within Garigal, Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park and adjacent bushland (Benson and Howell, 1994). As such, it is not considered that the proposed development is likely to remove or modify a regionally significant area of known habitat for this population.

Endangered Ecological Communities

There are a number of Endangered Ecological Communities known to occur in the local area. These are: Duffys Forest, Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest, Sydney Coastal Estuary Swamp Forest Complex and Sydney Freshwater Wetlands.

The habitat requirements and species that characterise these communities are absent from the subject site, as detailed in Section 2.5 of this report. The subject site is not mapped as containing any Endangered Ecological Community, and is not connected or in the vicinity of vegetation recognised as an Endangered Ecological Community (Smith and Smith, 2000; Benson and Howell, 1994).

This, combined with larger areas of similar habitat within Garigal and Ku-ring-gai Chase National Parks and adjacent bushland (Benson and Howell 1994), indicates that the proposed development is not likely to remove or modify a regionally significant area of known habitat for a threatened ecological community.

- (d) **whether an area of known habitat is likely to become isolated from currently interconnecting or proximate areas of habitat for a threatened species, population or ecological community,**

No threatened species, populations or communities were located on the subject site during survey. As such, it is not considered that the subject is known habitat for any threatened flora or fauna species.

Impediments to the movement of threatened species include the presence of Ingleside Road and developed areas to the north and south. It is considered that the location of the subject site, and the absence of threatened species during survey, indicates that less mobile species are unlikely to utilise the subject site as a movement corridor. However, these impediments are not considered likely to inhibit the movement of more mobile species, namely birds and bats. The mobility of these species indicates that the proposed development is unlikely to impede the movement of these species in the local area.

As such, it is considered unlikely that an area of known habitat is likely to become isolated from currently interconnecting or proximate areas of habitat for a threatened species or population.

The subject site is not mapped as being connected to or in the vicinity of vegetation recognised as an Endangered Ecological Community (Smith and Smith, 2000; Benson and Howell, 1994). As such, it is considered unlikely that the proposed development will isolate an area of known habitat from currently interconnecting or proximate areas of habitat for a Endangered Ecological Community.

(e) whether critical habitat will be affected,

The site has not been identified as critical habitat within the provisions of the *TSC Act* (1995). Therefore, this matter does not require further consideration at this time.

(f) whether a threatened species, population or ecological community, or their habitats, are adequately represented in conservation reserves (or other similar protected areas) in the region,

Threatened species, populations or ecological communities which have been identified within the local area are generally not considered to be adequately represented in conservation reserves.

(g) whether the development or activity proposed is of a class of development or activity that is recognised as a threatening process,

A final determination exists within the *Threatened Species Conservation Act* (1995) for "Clearing of native vegetation" as a Key Threatening Process and as such the proposal is of a class of development recognised as a threatening process.

(h) whether any threatened species, population or ecological community is at the limit of its known distribution.

With the exception of the following locally restricted threatened species (*Grevillea caleyi*, *Kunzea rupestris*, *Micromyrtus blakelyi*, *Microtis angusii*), populations (Squirrel Glider, Koala) and Ecological Communities (Pittwater Spotted Gum Forest, Duffys Forest), an assessment of the distribution of threatened species, population or ecological communities listed on the Atlas of NSW Wildlife (NPWS, 2003) indicates that no threatened species, population or ecological communities is at the limit of its known distribution in the local area.

4.2 COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATION

The *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act*, (1999) requires that Commonwealth approval be obtained for certain actions. The Act provides an assessment and approvals systems for actions that have a significant impact on matters of national environment significance (NES). These may include:-

- Wetlands protected by international treaty (the RAMSAR Convention);
- Nationally listed threatened species and ecological communities;
- Nationally listed migratory species.

Actions are projects, developments, undertakings, activities, series of activities or alteration of any of these. An action that needs Commonwealth approval is known as a controlled action. A controlled action needs approval where the Commonwealth decides the action would have a significant effect on a NES matter.

Where a proposed activity is located in an area identified to be of NES, or such that it is likely to significantly affect threatened species, ecological communities, migratory species or their habitats, the matter needs to be referred to Environment Australia.

No threatened species or endangered ecological communities listed in the EP&BC Act (1999) were identified on or near to the site. It is considered that a referral of this project to Environment Australia is not required as it is not likely to impact on a significant population of threatened species or on an endangered ecological community.

4.3 CONCLUSIONS

Based on the detailed field survey and information provided in this report it is concluded that:

1. No threatened flora or fauna species, populations or ecological communities were detected on the subject site;
2. The proposed development is not likely to have a significant effect on threatened species, populations or endangered ecological communities or their habitats;
3. It is considered that a referral of this project to Environment Australia is not required
4. A Species Impact Statement should not be required for the proposed development;
5. A Bushland Management Concept Plan should be prepared for the subject site.

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FAUNA SURVEY METHODOLOGY

APPENDIX I

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Introduction

Fauna survey methods used by *Conacher Travers Pty Ltd* are based upon the standard methods utilised by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service (NSW NPWS 2000a), State Forests of NSW (York *et al.* 1991) and Wyong Shire Council - Draft (Forest Fauna Surveys *et al.* 1998). Specific fauna groups are targeted using methods specific to that group. This appendix provides specific information on each of the fauna survey methods applied for this survey. During each of the methods used the following data is gathered relating to weather conditions:

- Air temperature;
- Moon (where relevant) (eg none, 1/4 moon, 1/2 moon, 3/4 moon, full moon);
- Rain (eg none, light drizzle, heavy drizzle, heavy rain);
- Recent rain events (where relevant);
- Wind Strength eg calm, light (leaves rustle), moderate (moves branches), strong (moves tree crowns).

Details on survey methods used in this report for each fauna group are provided below.

1. Diurnal Birds

a. Bird Census

- A diurnal bird census is undertaken on each day of the survey. Each census involved a 20 minute site-based search at each trapping transect. A bird census is undertaken during peak activity periods (6am-9am and 3pm-6pm or later depending on season) and birds are identified through observation and call identification. Specific habitats of threatened species are also targeted across the study areas either during the bird census or opportunistically.
- Opportunistic bird counts are also made while undertaking other survey work and during spotlight surveys of the site.
- Birds are observed and identified using binoculars. Calls are generally identified in the field by the observer. If an unknown call is heard it is recorded and identified using reference libraries.

b. Opportunistic Sampling

- When carrying out any particular method of fauna survey, any birds observed or heard are recorded. Signs of birds such as feeding stations are also noted and analysed. This provides a wider opportunity for observation of species.

2. Arboreal Mammals

a. Habitat Assessment

- Habitat assessment involved searching for likely roost such as hollow bearing trees, dreys and other signs of arboreal mammal habitation.

3. Terrestrial Mammals

a. Habitat Assessment

- Habitat assessment involved searching for likely roost such as hollow logs, run ways through heath diggings and scat analysis and other signs of terrestrial mammal habitation.

b. Hair Tubing

- Hair tubes consist of a 200mm length of PVC stormwater pipe (90mm diameter) fitted with a PVC plug and cap at one end which creates a bait chamber. Bait is placed in the bait chamber between the cap and the plug which has several holes drilled into it. This allows the smell of the bait to permeate from the tube without allowing access to the bait chamber. Strips of Schafco Advance Tape are placed around the inner surface of the tube opening to catch the hairs of fauna visiting the hair tubes.
- For terrestrial fauna surveying Hair Tubes are placed along each of the terrestrial trapping transects and are left in place for periods of one to three weeks. Along each of the hair tube transects, one of the hair tubes is baited with sardine cat food while the other four hair tubes are baited with a mixture of peanut butter, rolled oats and honey.
- When the hair tubes are collected, the hair samples are sent to Barbara Triggs for analysis.

4. Amphibians

a. Habitat Search

- Habitat searches involve searching likely niches such as dense undergrowth, around trees, under logs and rocks, and aquatic and gully habitats. Amphibian species observed during habitat searches are noted and the calls of species not observed are recorded onto a personal cassette recorder for later comparison with call reference libraries. Captured individuals were identified on site using field reference texts and released.
- The egg and tadpole stages of some frog species are susceptible to predation by predatory fish species. If aquatic habitats are present on the site they are sampled for the presence of particular fish species. A small dip net is passed through the waterbody a number of times to sample the fish stock of the aquatic habitat.
- Opportunistic sightings of any reptiles or amphibians are also made while undertaking other survey work and during spotlight surveys of the site.
- Field traverses are made across the study area 0.5 hours at a time. Optimal times for conducting habitat searches are early morning, late afternoon or when favourable weather conditions for a particular species prevail.

5. Reptiles

a. Habitat Search

- Habitat searches involve searching likely niches such as dense undergrowth, around trees, under logs and rocks, and aquatic and gully habitats. Destructive searches whereby bark, logs, debris, rocks and ant-nests are displaced are also carried out. Reptile species observed during habitat searches are noted and if individuals are captured they are identified on site using field reference texts and released.
- Opportunistic sightings of any reptiles is also made while undertaking other survey work.
- Field traverses are made across the study area for up to 3 hours at a time, usually by one person. Optimal times for conducting habitat searches are between from 6am to 9am and 3pm to 6pm depending on the season or in suitable weather conditions.

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