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1. INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of a geotechnical investigation undertaken by Green Geotechnics for a proposed new residential dwelling to be constructed at 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau, NSW. The investigation was commissioned by Rory Brooks by return acceptance of our Proposal PROP-2025-588, dated 16 September 2025.

We understand that the development will comprise the removal of trees and site re-grading prior to the construction of a three-storey residential dwelling together with a separate garage with lower ground floor storage area.

The design finished floor level of the lower ground floor level of the dwelling is set at Reduced Level (RL) 70.7 metres Australian Height Datum (AHD), and the design finished floor level of the storage beneath the garage is set at RL 76.5 metres AHD.

Due to the slope of the site construction of the dwelling and garage will require excavating to a maximum depth of around 1 metre below the existing ground surface, with the excavations stepped to follow the ground surface.

We understand that a geotechnical investigation is required to progress the structural design. Further, we understand that as site is located on sloping ground and is positioned within a H1 Hazard Zone under the former Pittwater Council LEP Mapping, Northern Beaches Council require a Landslip Risk Assessment for the site in accordance with AGS 2007 Guidelines and the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater.

The purpose of the investigation was to:

- assess the surface and subsurface conditions over the site,
- undertake a slope risk assessment in accordance with AGS2007 Guidelines, assigning both the risk to life and to property,
- provide a Site Classification to AS2870,
- provide recommendations regarding the appropriate foundation system for the site, including design parameters,
- comment on excavation conditions including vibration control during rock excavation,
- provide recommendations for temporary batter slopes,
- provide retaining wall design parameters for the design of temporary and permanent retaining structures, and
- provide recommendations to address the outcomes of the slope risk assessment.

2. FIELDWORK DETAILS

The fieldwork was carried out on the 19th of September 2025 and comprised a site walkover together with the drilling of four (4) boreholes numbered BH1 to BH4. Due to restricted site access the boreholes were drilled using hand auger equipment.

The site location is shown in the attached Figure A. The borehole locations, as shown on Figure B, were determined by taped measurements from existing surface features overlain on available survey drawings of the site. Photographs of the site are shown on Figure C.

The strength of the soils encountered in the boreholes was assessed by undertaking Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests adjacent to each borehole. The DCP was also used to “probe” the depth to the underlying bedrock.

Groundwater observations were made in all boreholes during the fieldwork. No longer term monitoring of groundwater was carried out.

The fieldwork was completed in the full-time presence of our principal engineering geologist who set out the boreholes, nominated the sampling and testing, and prepared the field logs. The logs are attached to this report, together with a glossary of the terms and symbols used in the logs.

For further details of the investigation techniques adopted, reference should be made to the attached explanation notes.

Environmental and contamination testing of the soils was beyond the agreed scope of the works.

3. RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

3.1 Site Description

The site is identified as Lot 3 in DP 236667, and is triangular in shape with an area of approximately 784m^2. The site is located on moderately to steeply sloping terrain, on the western flanks of a ridgeline which climbs to Bilgola Plateau, which has a maximum elevation of around RL140 metres AHD.

At the time of the fieldwork the site was vacant and covered by dense vegetation. There are some landscape type retaining walls and areas of levelled ground in the southwest corner of the site which have been constructed as part of the adjoining dwelling at No.2.

The ground surface slopes steeply down from Lisa Place to a series of rock outcrops which are around 6 metres lower than street level. This portion of the site is covered by dense trees and undergrown with some small sandstone boulders.

The rock shelf at the base of the slope outcrops at around RL 71 to RL 72 metres AHD. The rock outcrops are most prominent on the northern and southern boundaries, with what appears to be in infilled erosional channel running through the central portion of the site.

The southern section of rock outcrop comprises a 3-4 metre high vertical face with some sections of loose and overhanging rock above. The northern section comprises a very large boulder which has detached from the in-situ rock shelf due to the intersection of vertical joints. The boulder appears to have rotated away from the face which has formed a large void behind. The void is partially infilled with some loose materials.

The exposed bedrock in the outcropping rock face is mostly medium strength and sub-horizontally bedded. The rock shelf is primarily located down slope of the proposed dwelling. Down slope of the rock shelf is densely vegetated portion of the site which could not be accessed.

To the northeast of the site is Lisa Place and to the southwest are the rear gardens of No.9 Stromboli Place and No.273 Hudson Parade. To the northwest of the site is No.4 Lisa Place, a split-level suspended dwelling which is roughly at grade with the subject site. There are partially buried water tanks on No.4 which are located close to the site boundary. To the southeast of the site is No.2 Lisa Place, a 2 and 3 storey brick and weatherboard residence set back around 6 metres from the boundary with the subject site.

3.2 Regional Geology & Subsurface Conditions

The 1:100,000 series geological map of Sydney (Geological Survey of NSW, Geological Series Sheet 9130) indicates that the site is located along a geological boundary between Triassic Age bedrock belonging to the Hawkesbury Sandstone Formation and Triassic Age bedrock belonging to the Newport Formation of the Narrabeen Group.

Bedrock within the Hawkesbury Sandstone formation comprises fine to medium grained quartz sandstone. Bedrock within the Newport Formation comprises interbedded shale, laminite and quartz sandstone. Bedrock within the Narrabeen Group often has a deep weathering profile comprising high plasticity clayey soils with sandstone and ironstone lenses.

The transition between the Newport Formation and Hawkesbury Sandstone formation is consistent with the break of slope and escarpment located on the site.

For the development of a site-specific geotechnical model, the observed subsurface conditions from the boreholes have been grouped into three (3) geotechnical units which are summarised as follows:

Unit 1 – Fill:

Fill materials were encountered across the site to depths of 0.35 to 1.1 metres and could not be penetrated in BH1 and BH2. The fill materials comprise a silty sandy clay of low to medium plasticity with organics and rootlets. The fill materials were assessed to be dry to moist and variably compacted.

Unit 2 – Colluvial Clays:

Natural colluvial sandy clays were encountered below the fill in BH3 and BH4 and are inferred from the DCP in BH1 and BH2. The sands were assessed to be loose and moist. Based on the DCP test results the sands and sandy clays extend to depths of up to 3 metres.

Unit 3 – Sandstone Bedrock:

Sandstone bedrock was encountered in BH3 and BH4 at depths of 0.35 to 0.45 metres and has been inferred from DCP refusal at depths of 2.0 to 3.0 metres in BH1 and BH2. The surface elevation change between BH1/2 and BH3/4 is around 2 to 3 metres, which suggests that the rock shelf may be somewhat flat over the propose dwelling footprint.

Groundwater seepage was not observed during auger drilling of the boreholes.

4. LANDSLIDE RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 Introduction

A landslide risk assessment has been undertaken for 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau. It is not technically feasible to assess the stability of a particular site in absolute terms such as stable or unstable, and it must be recognised by the reader that all sites have a risk of land sliding, however small. However, a risk assessment can be undertaken by the recognition of surface features supplemented by limited information on the regional and local subsurface profile, and with the benefit of experience gained in similar geological environments.

Natural hill slopes are formed by processes that reflect the site geology, environment and climate. These processes include down slope movement of the near surface soil and rock. In geological time all slopes are 'unstable'. The area of influence of these down slope movements may range from local to regional and are rarely related to property boundaries. The natural processes may be affected by human intervention in the form of construction, drainage, fill placement and other activities.

4.2 Purpose of the Assessment

The purpose of this assessment is to enable the owner, potential owner or other parties interested in the site in question, to be aware of the level of risk associated with potential slope movements within the property, and within the area immediately surrounding the property. The risk is assessed considering the existing development of the property and proposed developments of which we have been informed of and which are summarised in this report.

The onus is on the owner, potential owner or other party to decide whether the level of risk presented in this report is acceptable in the light of the possible economic consequence of such risk.

4.3 Risk Assessment Methodology

All The risk assessment in this report is based on the guidelines on Landslide Risk Management (LRM) as presented in the Australian Geomechanics publication, Volume 42, Number 1, dated March 2007. This issue presents a series of LRM guidelines and further understanding on the application of the risk assessments for the recommended use by all practitioners nationwide.

Definition of the terms used in this report with respect to the slope risk assessment and management are given in Appendix C.

It must be accepted that the risks associated with hillside construction are greater than construction on level ground in the same geological environment. The impact of development may be adverse, and imprudent construction techniques can increase the potential for movement. Areas of instability rarely respect property boundaries and poor practices on one property can trigger instability in the surrounding area.

4.4 Hazard Identification

A landslide is defined as “the movement of a mass of rock, debris or earth down a slope”. Apart from ground subsidence and collapse, this definition is open to the movement of material types including rock, earth and debris down slope. The causes of landslides can be complex. However, two common factors include the occurrence of a failure of part of the soil or rock material on a slope and the resulting movement is driven by gravity. The actual motion of a landslide is subdivided into the five kinematically distinctive types of material movement including fall, topple, slide, spread, and flow. For further information regarding types of landslides please refer to Appendix C – Landslide Terminology from Australian Geomechanics Practice Note Guidelines For Landslide Risk Management 2007.

The frequency of landslides are difficult to quantify and typically dependant on the inter-relationship between the factors influencing the stability of the slope. Some of the common factors affecting the stability of slopes include the weather (prolonged rainfall with water percolating into rock mass defects can cause washout of fines and reduction of rock mass strength), land development, vegetation removal, changes in drainage and earthquakes. One or a combination of these conditions could result in a landslide failure event.

For the site of 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau, the following landslide hazards have been considered in the risk assessment.

TABLE 4.1 – Landslide Hazard Identification

Position	Hazard Description	Estimated Volume (m^3)	Justification
Above the site	Nil	-	-
Next to the site	Nil	-	-
On the site	Soil Creep	20-30	The ground surface slopes on the site are consistent with those necessary to generate soil creep type movements.
	Failure of a cut face during excavation	2-5	Construction of the dwelling will require excavating up to 1 metre below the existing ground surface. The cut face is expected to comprise mostly fill overlying limited colluvial soils. Sandstone bedrock may also be encountered over the lower portion of the site. Over-steepened cut slopes in clayey soils can result in slump type failures, particularly if the slopes become saturated.
	Toppling / movement of sandstone boulders and outcrops	2-10	There are numerous outcrops of sandstone bedrock on the site together with large detached boulders. The large boulders are mostly located down slope of the proposed dwelling.
Below the site	Nil	-	-

4.5 Risk Assessment to Property

The Risk to property has been estimated by assessing the likelihood of an event and the consequences if such an event takes place. The relationship between likelihood, consequence and risk is determined by a risk matrix. The risk categories and implications are shown in Attachment 3 of Appendix C (taken from Practice Note Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management 2007, Appendix C).

The assessment process involved the following:

- Risk estimation (comparative analysis of likelihood of a slope failure versus consequence of the failure).

- Evaluation of the estimated (assessed) risk by comparing against acceptance criteria.

The following factors observed during the site walkover were taken into consideration when undertaking the slope risk assessment:

- Topography: The site is situated on moderately to steeply sloping ground with outcrops of sandstone bedrock, natural rock cliffs and large detached boulders.

- Geology: The surface soils comprise fill overlying colluvial sandy soils and sandstone bedrock.

- Drainage: The site in general is reasonably drained. No seepage was observed on the site.

- Slope stability: There were no signs of active slope instability noted during the site walkover and there was no evidence of soil creep. The large detached boulder down slope of the dwelling does not appear to have moved recently and is not undercut at its base.

Based on the above factors and site observations, an assessment of risk to property have been carried out as shown in Table 4.2 below.

TABLE 4.2 – Risk to Property

Hazard		1. Soil Creep	2. Failure of a Cut	3. Movement / toppling of rock outcrops and boulders
Likelihood	Descriptor	Unlikely	Unlikely*	Possible
	Approximate Annual Probability	1×10^{-4}	1×10^{-4}	1×10^{-3}
Consequence		Medium	Minor	Minor**
Risk Category		Low	Low	Low

*Provided good hillside construction practices are followed and the recommendations provided in Section 5 of this report are incorporated into the design and construction phases of the development.

** Provided all structures are located upslope of the rock shelf and are founded on in-situ sandstone bedrock.

The assessed risk to property is assessed to be low risk. Based on the information provided by the AGS and presented in Attachment 1, Appendix C, the implications for a risk level of low is it is usually acceptable to regulators, however moderate risks require investigation, planning and implementation of treatment options to reduce the risk to Low.

Treatment options to reduce to Low risk should be implemented as soon as practicable. For the subject site the risk can be reduced to Low either by offsetting the excavations to be outside of the western walls zone of influence, or by installing temporary support prior to commencing excavations.

4.6 Risk Assessment to Loss of Life

A risk assessment for the loss of life was undertaken for the identified geotechnical hazards for the site. The risk assessment and management process adopted for this study was carried out in general accordance with AGS (2007a).

In accordance with the AGS 2007c Landslide Risk Management Guidelines for loss of life, the individual risk for loss of life can be calculated from:

$$R_{(LoL)} = P_{(H)} \times P_{(S:H)} \times P_{(T:S)} \times V_{(D:T)}$$

Where

- $R_{(LoL)}$ is the risk - annual probability of loss of life (death) - of an individual.
- $P_{(H)}$ is the annual probability of the landslide.
- $P_{(S:H)}$ is the probability of spatial impact of the landslide impacting on a location potentially occupied by a person.
- $P_{(T:S)}$ is the temporal spatial probability (e.g. of the location being occupied by the individual) given the spatial impact and allowing for the possibility of evacuation given there is warning of the landslide occurrence.
- $V_{(D:T)}$ is the vulnerability of the individual (probability of loss of life of the individual given the impact).

In accordance with AGS 2007, the regulator should set risk acceptance criteria. In this case, Northern Beaches Council is the regulator, and requires the risk to life post development to be ‘Tolerable’ for existing areas of residential subdivision, provided risk control measures are put in place to control the risk

The risk acceptance criteria consider the occurrence of the potential geotechnical hazards identified for the site and evaluate the risk against a Tolerable Risk Criteria for loss of life. In this instance, the individual risk is accepted due to being tolerable or risk mitigation measures are undertaken to reduce the risk to more tolerable levels.

The AGS 2007 guidelines indicate that the regulator, with assistance from the practitioner where required, is the appropriate authority to set the standards for risk relating to perceived safety in relation to other risks and government policy. The importance of the implementation of levels of the tolerable risk should not be understated due to the wide ranging implications, both in terms of the relative risks or safety to the community and the potential economic impact to the community. The AGS provide recommendations in relation to tolerable risk for loss of life as shown below in Table 4.3.

TABLE 4.3 – AGS Recommendations – Risk to Life

Situation	Suggested Tolerable Loss of Life Risk for Person Most at Risk
Existing Slope(1) / Existing Development(2)	10^{-4}/annum
New Constructed Slope(3) / New Development(4) / Existing Landslide	10^{-5}/annum

Notes:

1. "Existing Slopes" in this context are slopes that are not part of a recognisable landslide and have demonstrated non-failure performance over at least several seasons or events of extended adverse weather, usually being a period of at least 10 to 20 years.

2. "Existing Development" includes existing structures, and slopes that have been modified by cut and fill, that are not located on or part of a recognisable landslide and have demonstrated non-failure performance over at least several seasons or events of extended adverse weather, usually being a period of at least 10 to 20 years.

3. "New Constructed Slope" includes any change to existing slopes by cut or fill or changes to existing slopes by new stabilisation works (including replacement of existing retaining walls or replacement of existing stabilisation measures, such as rock bolts or catch fences).

4. "New Development" includes any new structure or change to an existing slope or structure. Where changes to an existing structure or slope result in any cut or fill of less than 1.0m vertical height from the toe to the crest and this change does not increase the risk, then the Existing Slope/Existing Structure criterion may be adopted. Where changes to an existing structure do not increase the building footprint or do not result in an overall change in footing loads, then the Existing Development criterion may be adopted.

5. "Existing Landslides" have been considered likely to require remedial works and hence would become a New Constructed Slope and require the lower risk. Even where remedial works are not required per se, it would be reasonable expectation of the public for a known landslide to be assessed to the lower risk category as a matter of "public safety".

The development at 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau must be considered a New Development. The AGS risk threshold provided in Table 3.3 for new developments suggests the 'Tolerable Loss of Life for the person most at risk' is 10^{-5} per annum.

The risk assessment has been based on observations made during the site visit by an experienced engineering geologist, and by reviewing available geotechnical data and the future geotechnical requirements for development as outlined elsewhere in this report. Departures from the recommendations in this report may change the quantification of the hazard risk. A risk assessment has been carried out for the identified geotechnical hazards and is presented in Section 4.4 of this report.

The annual probability of a failure occurring has been calculated based on engineering judgement and observations made during the site visit. The probability of spatial impact is calculated by dividing the size of the estimated landslide by the size of the dwellings usable area, 120m^2.

The temporal spatial probability for Hazards 1 and 3 have been calculated based on the assumption that someone will be present in the house for 16 hours a day. This is then divided by the number of hours in a day. For Hazard 2 we have reduced this to 10 hours a day, as this is primarily a construction risk. The vulnerability of an individual is based on values from Australian Geomechanics Vol. 42. If visitor numbers to the site were to increase, then this would change the risk to loss of life. This could affect whether the risk is considered tolerable or otherwise.

Any changes to the site will affect the risk assessment outcome, making it necessary to carry out the risk assessment again.

From our quantitative risk to life assessment, we have estimated the annual probability of risk to life to be in the range of 3.2×10^{-5} to 1.0×10^{-7}. These values are considered tolerable using the AGS risk acceptance criteria.

5. GEOTECHNICAL RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Primary Geotechnical Considerations

Based on the results of the assessment, we consider the following to be the primary geotechnical considerations for the development:

- Bulk excavation for the dwelling, and potential ground loss as a result of excavations, resulting in damage to existing structures and potential undermining of the western boundary wall,
- The excavation of sandstone bedrock and possible mobilisation of loose sandstone boulders,
- Foundation design for structural loads.

5.2 Site Classification to AS2870-2011

The classification given below has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines set out in the “Residential Slabs and Footings” Code, AS2870 – 2011.

Because there are trees present, abnormal moisture conditions (AMC) prevail at the site. (Refer to Section 1.3.3 of AS2870.

Due to the presence of AMC, fill and the site slope, the site is classified a ***Problem Site (P)***. However, AS2870-2011 provides a provision for the re-classification of P sites under engineering principles. For the subject site we are of the opinion that re-classification would be appropriate provided that footings are founded uniformly on the underlying sandstone bedrock. In this instance a ***Moderately Reactive (M)*** classification may be adopted.

5.3 Excavation Conditions and Vibration Control

All excavation recommendations should be complemented with reference to the NSW Government Code of Practice for Excavation work, dated January 2020.

It would be appropriate before commencing excavation to undertake a dilapidation survey of any adjacent structures that may potentially be damaged. This will provide a reasonable basis for assessing any future claims of damage.

Based on the subsurface conditions observed in boreholes, the proposed excavations for the dwelling and garage subfloor area are expected to encounter fill overlying natural colluvial and sandy/clayey soils and potentially sandstone bedrock with some detached boulders.

Access to the building area will be limited and therefore the excavations will likely need to be undertaken using restricted access equipment such as mini excavators, or possibly hand tools. Excavation of the near surface fill and natural soils should be achievable using buckets attached to a mini excavator or hand tools such as shovels and picks.

Any excavation of the bedrock must be carried out using a small excavator (5 tonne) with a maximum 300 kg rock hammer. Rock hammering should only be carried out under the direct supervision of the project geotechnical engineer, or a suitably qualified vibration consultant.

Care must be taken when trafficking equipment across the site not to destabilise any rock boulders or rock overhangs. In this regard we recommend that a setback of at least 3 metres be maintained by any plant or equipment from the rock shelf edge.

5.4 Excavation Methodology

Based on the subsurface conditions observed in boreholes, the proposed excavations for the dwelling are expected to encounter fill overlying natural colluvial sandy/clayey soils and potentially a limited volume of sandstone bedrock.

Given the limited proposed excavation height, it should be feasible to temporarily cut the excavation faces vertical prior to constructing the permanent retaining walls. This however assumes that the excavation height does not exceed 1 metre, and that the excavations do not undermine or expose the base of rock boulders or outcrops.

In the long term all cut faces must be supported by either the walls of the dwelling or an engineer designed retaining wall.

When designing retaining structures where some ground movement is acceptable, an active earth pressure coefficient (K_a) may be adopted. However, where adjoining structures are within the zone of influence of the excavation, or it is necessary to limit lateral deflections, it will be necessary to adopt at rest (K_o) conditions.

When considering the design of any retaining structures, it will be necessary to allow for the loading from adjoining structures, any ground surface slope and the water table present. The lateral earth pressure for a cantilevered wall should be determined as a proportion of the vertical stress, as given in the following formula:

$\sigma z = K\, z\, \gamma$, where σz = Horizontal pressure at depth z (kPa)

K = Earth pressure coefficient

z = Depth (m)

γ = Unit weight of soil or rock (kN/m^3)

Given the likely limited depth of excavation proposed on the site, a triangular stress distribution is recommended when designing any retaining walls.

Retaining walls may be designed using the parameters provided below in Table 4.1.

TABLE 4.1 – Retaining Wall Design Parameters

Material	Dry Unit Weight (kN/m^3)	Earth Pressure Coefficient		
		Active (K_a)	At Rest (K_O)	Passive (K_p)
Topsoil / Fill	18	0.4	0.6	-
Colluvial Sands/Clays	18	0.4	0.6	2.5
Sandstone Bedrock	22	10 kPa		3.5

The embedment of retaining walls can be used to achieve passive support. A triangular passive earth pressure distribution (increasing linearly with depth) may be assumed, starting from 0.5 m below excavation toe/base level.

Adequate drainage will need to be provided for any subsurface structures and behind retaining walls to prevent the build-up of hydrostatic forces.

5.5 Foundation Design

The allowable bearing pressures provide below have been determined using the procedures given by Pells et al, in their paper titled “Design Loadings for Foundations on Shale and Sandstone in the Sydney Region,” published in the Australian Geomechanics Journal, 1998.

On completion of bulk excavation, sandstone bedrock is expected to the exposed over the portion of the lower ground floor, however localised fill materials may be in areas where excavations are limited. Fill materials are also expected to be encountered during foundation construction of the garage and subfloor store area.

To ensure even bearing across the dwelling, all structural foundations must extend to the underlying sandstone bedrock. Due to their variable nature and distribution across the site, any natural soils are not considered suitable for foundation support.

Piles may be required to transfer loads to the underlying bedrock over portions of the dwelling and garage area due to the presence of locally deeper fill materials.

The exposed sandstone is expected to comprise at least Class IV Sandstone or better. Pad/strip footings or piles founded on Class IV bedrock may be proportioned using an allowable bearing pressure of 1,000 kPa. For pile foundations an allowable adhesion of 100 kPa may be adopted for the portion of the pile shaft within the weathered sandstone.

Care must be taken during construction of the foundations to ensure the bedrock is in-situ a not a detached boulder.

All shallow footings should be poured with minimal delay (i.e. preferably on the same day of excavation) or the base of the footing should be protected by a concrete blinding layer after cleaning of loose spoil and inspection.

Drilling of rock sockets into the low to medium strength or better sandstone will require the use of large excavators or piling rigs equipped with rock augers.

Some limited groundwater inflow should be anticipated into bored pile excavations drilled at the front of the site. We expect any minor seepage to be controllable by conventional pumping methods. However, some contingency for pouring concrete by tremie methods should be allowed. Further, some allowance should be made for the use of temporary light weight liners to support the pile sidewalls when drilling in deeper fill materials.

Footings should be drilled/excavated, cleaned, inspected and poured with minimal delay, on the same day. Water should be prevented from ponding in the base of footings as this will tend to soften the foundation material, resulting in further excavation and cleaning being required.

In order to ensure the bearing values given can be achieved, care should be taken to ensure that the base of excavations are free of all loose material prior to concreting. It is recommended that all footing excavations be protected with a layer of blinding concrete as soon as possible, preferably immediately after excavating, cleaning, inspection and approval. The possible presence of groundwater needs to be considered when drilling piles and pouring concrete.

6. FURTHER GEOTECHNICAL INPUT

The following summarises the scope of further geotechnical work recommended within this report. For specific details reference should be made to the relevant sections of this report.

- Complete dilapidation surveys of the adjoining buildings and structures.

- Inspection of the excavation cut faces as they progress.

- Inspection of footing excavations to ascertain that the recommended foundation has been reached and to check initial assumptions regarding foundation conditions and possible variations that may occur.

- We also recommend that Green Geotechnics view the proposed earthworks and structural drawings in order to confirm they are within the guidelines of this report.

Nevertheless, it will be essential during excavation and construction works that progressive geotechnical inspections be commissioned to check initial assumptions about excavation and foundation conditions and possible variations that may occur between inspected and tested locations and to provide further relevant geotechnical advice.

7. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Any development on the site should follow good hillside building practices (refer to Attachment 4 for some examples).

Based on the observations made during the site walkover and the risk assessment undertaken, it has been determined that the site has a low risk of slope instability. The site is suitable for residential development provided good hillside building practices are followed. There are no geotechnical constraints for the proposed development of the site; however, Section 5 of this report provides advice and recommendations that should be taken into consideration and applied to any future development.

The recommendations presented in this report include specific issues to be addressed during the construction phase of the project. In the event that any of the construction phase recommendations presented in this report are not implemented, the general recommendations may become inapplicable and Green Geotechnics accept no responsibility whatsoever for the performance of the structure where recommendations are not implemented in full and properly tested, inspected and documented.

Occasionally, the subsurface conditions may be found to be different (or may be interpreted to be different) from those expected. Variation can also occur with groundwater conditions, especially after climatic changes. If such differences appear to exist, we recommend that you immediately contact this office.

This report provides advice on geotechnical aspects for the proposed civil and structural design. As part of the documentation stage of this project, Contract Documents and Specifications may be prepared based on our report. However, there may be design features we are not aware of or have not commented on for a variety of reasons. The designers should satisfy themselves that all the necessary advice has been obtained. If required, we could be commissioned to review the geotechnical aspects of contract documents to confirm the intent of our recommendations has been correctly implemented.

This report has been prepared for the particular project described and no responsibility is accepted for the use of any part of this report in any other context or for any other purpose. If there is any change in the proposed development described in this report then all recommendations should be reviewed.

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REPORT INFORMATION

Introduction

These notes have been provided to amplify Green Geotechnics report in regard to classification methods, field procedures and the comments section. Not all are necessarily relevant to all reports.

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

Borehole and Test Pit Logs

The borehole and test pit logs presented in this report are an engineering and/or geological interpretation of the subsurface conditions, and their reliability will depend to some extent on frequency of sampling and the method of drilling or excavation.

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

Groundwater

Where groundwater levels are measured in boreholes there are several limitations, namely:

- In low permeability soils groundwater may enter the hole very slowly or perhaps not at all during the time the hole is left open;
- A localised, perched water table may lead to an erroneous indication of the true water table;
- Water table levels will vary from time to time with seasons or recent weather changes. They may not be the same at the time of construction as are indicated in the report; and
- The use of water or mud as a drilling fluid will mask any groundwater inflow. The borehole must be flushed, and any water must be extracted from the hole if further water measurements are to be made.

More reliable measurements can be made by installing standpipes which are read at intervals over several days, or perhaps weeks for low permeability soils. Piezometers, sealed in a particular stratum, may be advisable in low permeability soils or where there may be interference from a perched water table.

Reports

The report has been prepared by qualified personnel, is based on the information obtained from field and laboratory testing, and has been undertaken to current engineering standards of interpretation and analysis. Where the report has been prepared for a specific design proposal, the information and interpretation may not be relevant if the design proposal is changed. If this happens, Green Geotechnics will be pleased to review the report and the sufficiency of the investigation work.

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

- Unexpected variations in ground conditions. The potential for this will depend partly on borehole or pit spacing and sampling frequency;
- Changes in policy or interpretations of policy by statutory authorities; or
- The actions of contractors responding to commercial pressures.

If these occur, Green Geotechnics will be pleased to assist with investigations or advice to resolve the matter.

Site Anomalies

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

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FIGURES

Subject Site

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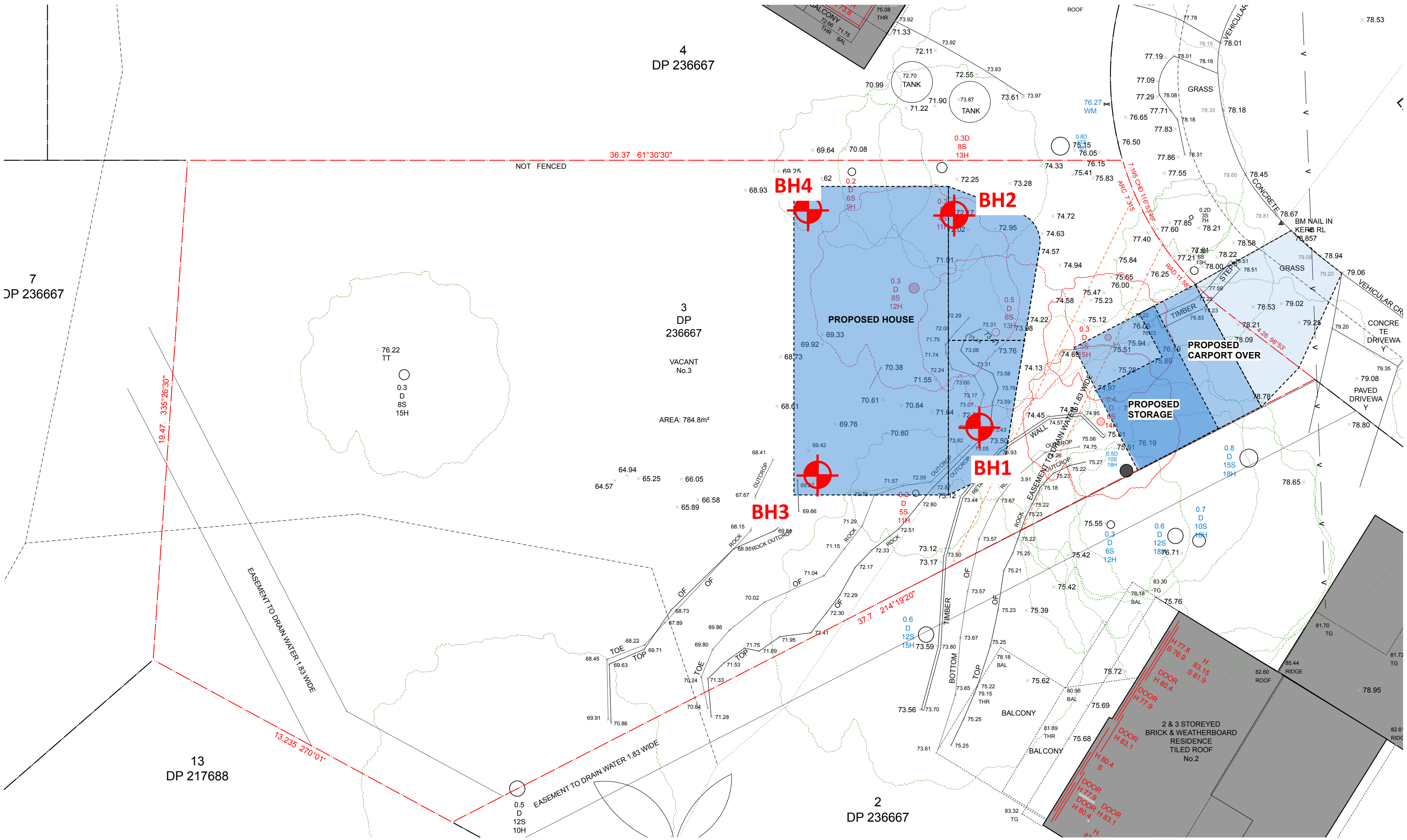
Legend:

= Borehole

= DCP

= Test Pit



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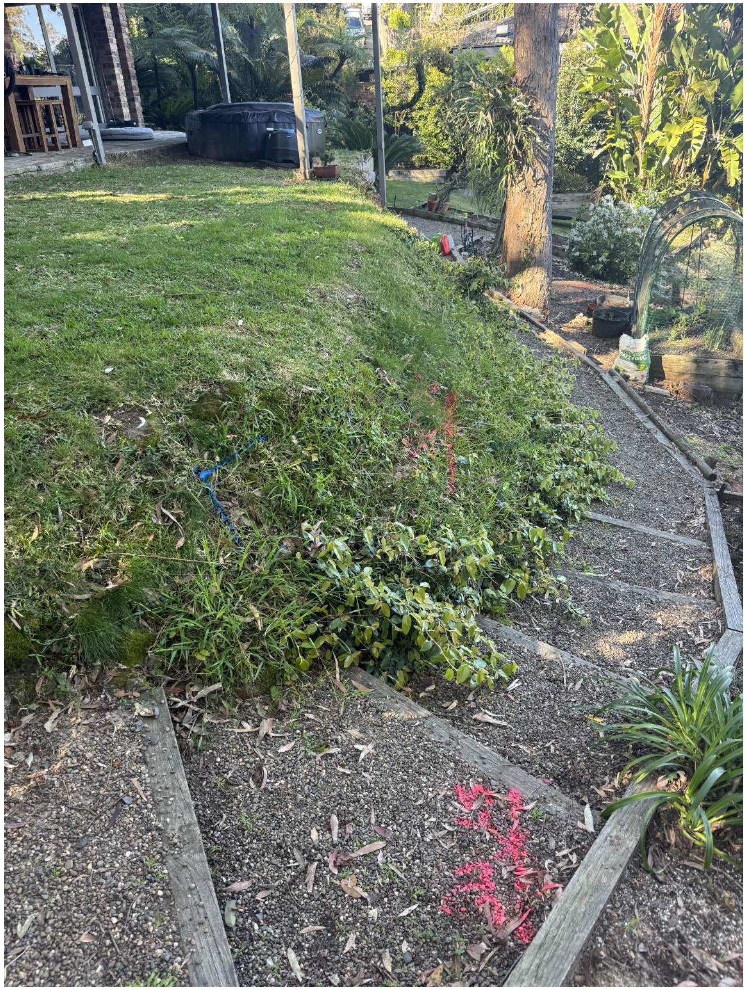

View looking at south east corner of the dwelling in the vicinity of BH1

View looking at north east corner of the dwelling in the vicinity of BH2

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View of slope crest at Lisa Place

View looking along crest or rock shelf with large detached boulders

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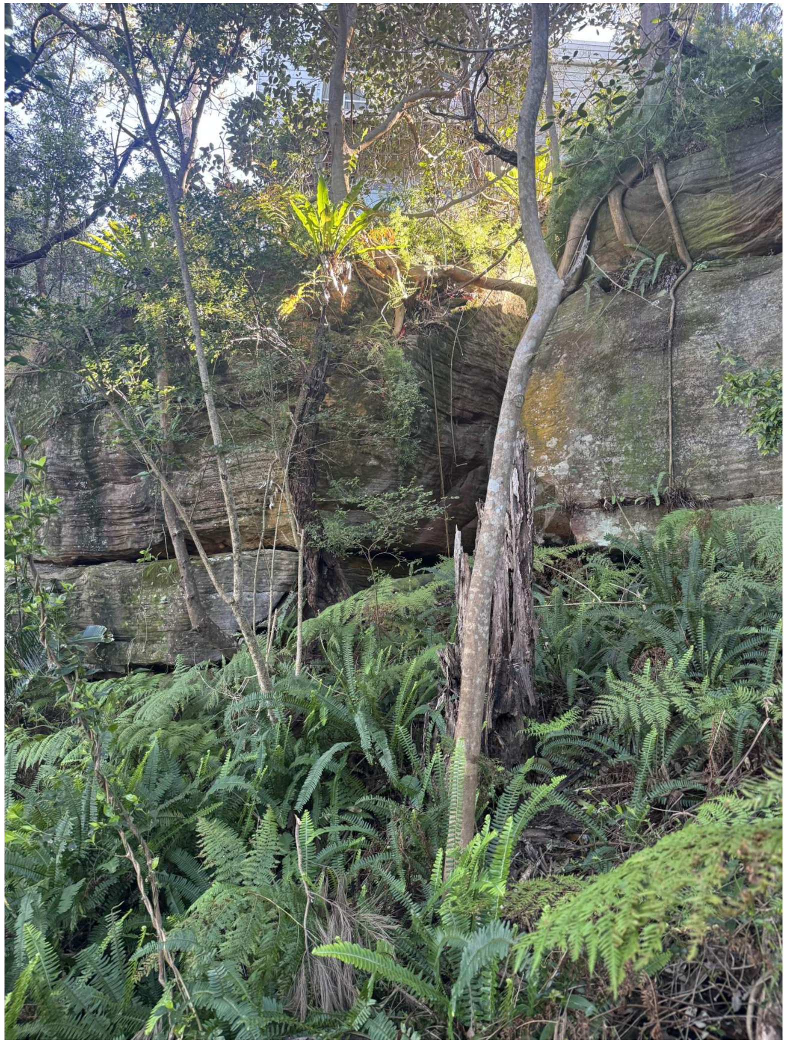

View of large boulder from low side

View of large boulder from high side

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View of void between large boulder and in-situ rock face

View of upper rock shelf

APPENDIX A – BOREHOLE LOGS & DCP TEST RESULTS

GREEN GEOTECHNICS

Borehole No.
BH1
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Engineering Log - Borehole

Project No.: GG12253

Client:	Rory Brooks	Commenced:	19/9/2025
Project Name:	Geotechnical Investigation: 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau	Completed:	19/9/2025
Hole Location:	3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau	Logged By:	MG
Hole Position:	See Plan	Checked By:	MG

Drill Model and Mounting:	Hand Auger	Inclination:	-90°	RL Surface:	72.80 m		
Hole Diameter:	62 mm	Bearing:		Datum:	AHD	Operator:	MG

Drilling Information								Soil Description					Observations
Method	Support	Penetration	Groundwater Levels	Samples & Field Tests	Recovery	RL (m)	Depth (m)	Graphic Log	Group Symbol	Material Description Fraction, Colour, Structure, Bedding, Plasticity, Sensitivity, Additional	Moisture Condition	Consistency Relative Density	Structure and Additional Observations
HA									CL	FILL: Silty Sandy CLAY: Brown to grey brown and orange brown, low plasticity with fine to medium grained sand and some sandstone gravel	M		FILL
						72.3	0.5						
						71.8	1.0			1.00m			
									CL	FILL: Silty Sandy CLAY: Pale brown to brown, low plasticity witih fine to medium grained sand	M to W		
										1.10m Hole Terminated at 1.10 m Refusal in fill			
						71.3	1.5						
						70.8	2.0						
						70.3	2.5						

Method
AS - Auger Screwing
ADV - Auger V Bit
ADT - Auger Tungsten Carbide Bit
RR - Rock Roller
WB - Washbore

Support
C - Casing

Penetration
No resistance ranging to refusal

Graphic Log/Core Loss
Core recovered (hatching indicates material)
Core loss

Water
Level (Date)
Inflow
Partial Loss
Complete Loss

Samples and Tests
U - Undisturbed Sample
D - Disturbed Sample
SPT - Standard Penetration Test
PP - Pocket Penetrometer

Classification Symbols and Soil Descriptions
Based on Unified Soil Classification System

Moisture Condition
D - Dry
M - Moist
W - Wet
w - Moisture Content
PL - Plastic Limit
LL - Liquid Limit

Consistency/Relative Density
VS - Very Soft
S - Soft
F - Firm
VSt - Very Stiff
H - Hard
Fr - Friable
VL - Very Loose
L - Loose
MD - Medium Dense
D - Dense
VD - Very Dense

GREEN GEOTECHNICS

Borehole No.
BH2
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Engineering Log - Borehole

Project No.: GG12253

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Project Name:	Geotechnical Investigation: 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau	Completed:	19/9/2025
Hole Location:	3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau	Logged By:	MG
Hole Position:	See Plan	Checked By:	MG

Drill Model and Mounting:	Hand Auger	Inclination:	-90°	RL Surface:	72.00 m		
Hole Diameter:	62 mm	Bearing:		Datum:	AHD	Operator:	MG

Method	Support	Penetration	Groundwater Levels	Samples & Field Tests	Recovery	RL (m)	Depth (m)	Graphic Log	Group Symbol	Material Description Fraction, Colour, Structure, Bedding, Plasticity, Sensitivity, Additional	Moisture Condition	Consistency Relative Density	Structure and Additional Observations
HA						71.5	0.5		CL	FILL: Silty Sandy CLAY: Dark brown, low plasticity with fine to medium grained sand, organics and some gravel 0.90m	D to M		FILL
						71.0	1.0			Hole Terminated at 0.90 m Refusal in fill			
						70.5	1.5						
						70.0	2.0						
						69.5	2.5						

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Support
C - Casing

Penetration
No resistance ranging to refusal

Water
Level (Date)
Inflow
Partial Loss
Complete Loss

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VL - Very Loose
L - Loose
MD - Medium Dense
D - Dense
VD - Very Dense

GREEN GEOTECHNICS

Borehole No.
BH3
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Engineering Log - Borehole

Project No.: GG12253

Client:	Rory Brooks	Commenced:	19/9/2025
Project Name:	Geotechnical Investigation: 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau	Completed:	19/9/2025
Hole Location:	3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau	Logged By:	MG
Hole Position:	See Plan	Checked By:	MG

Drill Model and Mounting:	Hand Auger	Inclination:	-90°	RL Surface:	69.50 m		
Hole Diameter:	62 mm	Bearing:		Datum:	AHD	Operator:	MG

Drilling Information								Soil Description					Observations
Method	Support	Penetration	Groundwater Levels	Samples & Field Tests	Recovery	RL (m)	Depth (m)	Graphic Log	Group Symbol	Material Description Fraction, Colour, Structure, Bedding, Plasticity, Sensitivity, Additional	Moisture Condition	Consistency Relative Density	Structure and Additional Observations
HA							0.20m		CL /CI	FILL: Silty Sandy CLAY: Grey to brown, low plasticity with fine to medium grained sand, organics and some gravel	D to M		FILL
							0.35m		SC	Clayey SAND: Grey to brown, fine to medium grained with low plasticity fines	M	L	COLLUVIAL SOIL
						69.0	0.5						
						68.5	1.0						
										Hole Terminated at 1.10 m Refusal on what appears to be sandstone bedrock			
						68.0	1.5						
						67.5	2.0						
						67.0	2.5						

Method
AS - Auger Screwing
ADV - Auger V Bit
ADT - Auger Tungsten Carbide Bit
RR - Rock Roller
WB - Washbore

Support
C - Casing

Penetration
No resistance ranging to refusal

Water
Level (Date)
Inflow
Partial Loss
Complete Loss

Graphic Log/Core Loss
Core recovered (hatching indicates material)
Core loss

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GREEN GEOTECHNICS

Borehole No.

BH4

Engineering Log - Borehole

Project No.: GG12253

Client:	Rory Brooks	Commenced:	19/9/2025
Project Name:	Geotechnical Investigation: 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau	Completed:	19/9/2025
Hole Location:	3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau	Logged By:	MG
Hole Position:	See Plan	Checked By:	MG

Drill Model and Mounting:	Hand Auger	Inclination:	-90°	RL Surface:	69.20 m		
Hole Diameter:	62 mm	Bearing:		Datum:	AHD	Operator:	MG

Method	Support	Penetration	Groundwater Levels	Samples & Field Tests	Recovery	RL (m)	Depth (m)	Graphic Log	Group Symbol	Material Description Fraction, Colour, Structure, Bedding, Plasticity, Sensitivity, Additional	Moisture Condition	Consistency Relative Density	Structure and Additional Observations
HA							0.30m		CL /CI	FILL: Silty Sandy CLAY: Grey to brown, low plasticity with fine to medium grained sand, organics and some gravel	D to M		FILL
							0.45m		SC	Clayey SAND: Grey to brown, fine to medium grained with low plasticity fines	M	L	COLLUVIAL SOIL
						68.7	0.5			Hole Terminated at 0.45 m Refusal on what appears to be sandstone bedrock			
						68.2	1.0						
						67.7	1.5						
						67.2	2.0						
						66.7	2.5						

Method
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ADV - Auger V Bit
ADT - Auger Tungsten Carbide Bit
RR - Rock Roller
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Support
C - Casing

Penetration
No resistance ranging to refusal

Water
Level (Date)
Inflow
Partial Loss
Complete Loss

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Dynamic Cone Penetrometer Test Report

Project Number: GG12253
Site Address: 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau
Test Date: 19/9/2025

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Test Method: **AS1289.6.3.2**

Technician: MG

Test No	BH1	BH2	BH3	BH4		
Starting Level	Surface	Surface	Surface	Surface		
Depth (m)	Penetration Resistance (blows / 150mm)					
0.00 - 0.15	1	1	1	2		
0.15 - 0.30	2	1	4	1		
0.30 - 0.45	1	2	Refusal	1		
0.45 - 0.60	3	1		Refusal		
0.60 - 0.75	2	5				
0.75 - 0.90	5	4				
0.90 - 1.05	4	5				
1.05 - 1.20	4	6				
1.20 - 1.35	2	6				
1.35 - 1.50	3	7				
1.50 - 1.65	2	7				
1.65 - 1.80	3	8				
1.80 - 1.95	3	6				
1.95 - 2.10	3	10				
2.10 - 2.25	4	Refusal				
2.25 - 2.40	3					
2.40 - 2.55	4					
2.55 - 2.70	8					
2.70 - 2.85	21					
2.85 - 3.00	Refusal					

Remarks: * Pre drilled prior to testing

SAMPLING & IN-SITU TESTING

Sampling

Sampling is carried out during drilling or test pitting to allow engineering examination (and laboratory testing where required) of the soil or rock. Disturbed samples taken during drilling provide information on colour, type, inclusions and, depending upon the degree of disturbance, some information on strength and structure. Undisturbed samples are taken by pushing a thin walled sample tube into the soil and withdrawing it to obtain a sample of the soil in a relatively undisturbed state. Such samples yield information on structure and strength and are necessary for laboratory determination of shear strength and compressibility.

Test Pits

Test pits are usually excavated with a backhoe or an excavator, allowing close examination of the in-situ soil if it is safe to enter into the pit. The depth of excavation is limited to about 3 m for a backhoe and up to 6 m for a large excavator.

Large Diameter Augers

Boreholes can be drilled using a large diameter auger, typically up to 300 mm or larger in diameter mounted on a standard drilling rig. The cuttings are returned to the surface at intervals (generally not more than 0.5 m) and are disturbed but usually unchanged in moisture content.

Continuous Spiral Flight Augers

The borehole is advanced using 90-115 mm diameter continuous spiral flight augers which are withdrawn at intervals to allow sampling or in-situ testing. This is a relatively economical means of drilling in clays and sands above the water table. Samples are returned to the surface, or may be collected after withdrawal of the auger flights, but they are disturbed and may be mixed with soils from the sides of the hole.

Non-core Rotary Drilling

The borehole is advanced using a rotary bit, with water or drilling mud being pumped down the drill rods and returned up the annulus, carrying the drill cuttings. Only major changes in stratification can be determined from the cuttings, together with some information from the rate of penetration.

Diamond Core Rock Drilling

A continuous core sample of can be obtained using a diamond tipped core barrel, usually with a 50 mm internal diameter (NMLC). The borehole is advanced using a water or mud flush to lubricate the bit and removed cuttings.

Standard Penetration Tests

Standard penetration tests (SPT) are used as a means of estimating the density or strength of soils and of obtaining a relatively undisturbed sample. The test procedure is described in Australian Standard 1289, Methods of Testing Soils for Engineering Purposes - Test 6.3.1. The test is carried out in a borehole by driving a 50 mm diameter split sample tube under the impact of a 63 kg hammer with a free fall of 760 mm. It is normal for the tube to be driven in three successive 150 mm increments and the 'N' value is taken as the number of blows for the last 300 mm. In dense sands, very hard clays or weak rock, the full 450 mm penetration may not be practicable, and the test is discontinued.

The test results are reported in the following form.

- In the case where full penetration is obtained with successive blow counts for each 150 mm of, say, 4, 6 and 7 as:

  4,6,7
  N=13

- In the case where the test is discontinued before the full penetration depth, say after 15 blows for the first 150 mm and 30 blows for the next 40 mm as: 15, 30/40 mm.

The results of the SPT tests can be related empirically to the engineering properties of the soils.

Dynamic Cone Penetrometer Tests / Perth Sand Penetrometer Tests

Dynamic penetrometer tests (DCP or PSP) are carried out by driving a steel rod into the ground using a standard weight of hammer falling a specified distance. As the rod penetrates the soil the number of blows required to penetrate each successive 150 mm depth are recorded. Two types of penetrometer are commonly used.

- Perth sand penetrometer - a 16 mm diameter flat ended rod is driven using a 9 kg hammer dropping 600 mm (AS 1289, Test 6.3.3). This test was developed for testing the density of sands and is mainly used in granular soils and filling.

- Cone penetrometer - a 16 mm diameter rod with a 20 mm diameter cone end is driven using a 9 kg hammer dropping 510 mm (AS 1289, Test 6.3.2). This test was developed initially for pavement subgrade investigations, and correlations of the test results with California Bearing Ratio have been published by various road authorities.

SOIL DESCRIPTIONS

Description and Classification Methods

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

Soil Types

Soil types are described according to the predominant particle size, qualified by the grading of other particles present:

Type	Particle Size (mm)
Boulder >200	Boulder >200
Cobble 63 - 200	Cobble 63 - 200
Gravel 2.36 - 63	Gravel 2.36 - 63
Sand 0.075 - 2.36	Sand 0.075 - 2.36
Silt 0.002 - 0.075	Silt 0.002 - 0.075
Clay <0.002	Clay <0.002

The sand and gravel sizes can be further subdivided as follows:

Type	Particle Size (mm)
Coarse Gravel	20 – 63
Medium Gravel	6 – 20
Fine Sand	2.36 – 6
Coarse Sand	0.6 – 2.36
Medium Sand	0.2 – 0.6
Fine Sand	0.075 – 0.2

The proportions of secondary constituents of soils are described as:

Term	Proportion
And	Specify
Adjective	20 - 35%
Slightly	12 - 20%
With some	5 - 12%
With a trace of	0 - 5%

Definitions of grading terms used are:

- Well graded - a good representation of all particle sizes
- Poorly graded - an excess or deficiency of particular sizes within the specified range
- Uniformly graded - an excess of a particular particle size
- Gap graded - a deficiency of a particular particle size with the range

Cohesive Soils

Cohesive soils, such as clays, are classified on the basis of undrained shear strength. The strength may be measured by laboratory testing, or estimated by field tests or engineering examination. The strength terms are defined as follows:

Description	Abbreviation	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)
Very soft	VS	<12
Soft	S	12 - 25
Firm	F	25 - 50
Stiff	ST	50 - 100
Very stiff	VST	100 - 200
Hard	H	200

Cohesionless Soils

Cohesionless soils, such as clean sands, are classified on the basis of relative density, generally from the results of standard penetration tests (SPT), cone penetration tests (CPT) or dynamic penetrometers (DCP). The relative density terms are given below:

Relative Density	Abbreviation	SPT N Value	CPT qc value (MPa)
Very loose	VL	<4	<2
Loose	L	4 - 10	2 -5
Medium Dense	MD	10-30	5-15
Dense	D	30-50	15-25
Very Dense	VD	>50	>25

Soil Origin

It is often difficult to accurately determine the origin of a soil. Soils can generally be classified as:

- Residual soil - derived from in-situ weathering of the underlying rock;
- Transported soils - formed somewhere else and transported by nature to the site; or
- Fill - moved by man.

Transported soils may be further subdivided into:

- Alluvium - river deposits
- Lacustrine - lake deposits
- Aeolian - wind deposits
- Littoral - beach deposits
- Estuarine - tidal river deposits
- Talus - scree or coarse colluvium
- Slopewash or Colluvium - transported downslope by gravity assisted by water. Often includes angular rock fragments and boulders.

ROCK DESCRIPTIONS

Rock Strength

The Rock strength is defined by the Point Load Strength Index ($Is_{(50)}$) and refers to the strength of the rock substance and not the strength of the overall rock mass, which may be considerably weaker due to defects. The test procedure is described by Australian Standard 4133.4.1 - 1993. The terms used to describe rock strength are as follows:

Term	Abbreviation	Point Load Index $IS_{(50)}$ MPa	Approximate Unconfined Compressive Strength MPa*
Extremely low	EL	<0.03	<0.6
Very low	VL	0.03 - 0.1	0.6 - 2
Low	L	0.1 - 0.3	2 - 6
Medium	M	0.3 - 1.0	6 - 20
High	H	1 - 3	20 - 60
Very high	VH	3 - 10	60 - 200

* Assumes a ratio of 20:1 for UCS to $IS_{(50)}$

Degree of Weathering

The degree of weathering of rock is classified as follows:

Term	Abbreviation	Description
Residual Soil	RS	Soil developed on extremely weathered rock, the mass structure and substance fabric are no longer evident.
Extremely weathered	EW	Rock substance has soil properties, i.e. it can be remoulded and classified as a soil but the texture of the original rock is still evident.
Highly weathered	HW	Limonite staining or bleaching affects whole of rock substance and other signs of decomposition are evident. Porosity and strength may be altered as a result of iron leaching or deposition. Colour and strength of original fresh rock is not recognisable.
Distinctly Weathered	DW	Rock strength usually changed by weathering. The rock may be highly discoloured usually by iron staining.
Moderately weathered	MW	Staining and discolouration of rock substance has taken place.
Slightly weathered	SW	Rock substance is slightly discoloured but shows little or no change of strength from fresh rock.
Fresh	FR	No signs of decomposition or staining.

Degree of Fracturing

The following classification applies to the spacing of natural fractures in core samples (bedding plane partings, joints and other defects, excluding drilling breaks

Term	Description
Fragmented	Fragments of <20 mm
Highly Fractured	Core lengths of 20-40 mm with some fragments
Fractured Core	Core lengths of 40-200 mm with some shorter and longer sections
Slightly Fractured	Core lengths of 200-1000 mm with some shorter and loner sections
Unbroken	Unbroken Core lengths mostly > 1000 mm

Stratification Spacing

For sedimentary rocks the following terms may be used to describe the spacing of bedding partings:

Term	Separation of Stratification Planes
Thinly laminated	6 mm
Laminated	6 mm to 20 mm
Very thinly bedded	20 mm to 60 mm
Thinly bedded	60 mm to 0.2 m
Medium bedded	0.2 m to 0.6 m
Thickly bedded	0.6 m to 2 m
Very thickly bedded	2 m

Rock Quality Designation

The quality of the cored rock can be measured using the Rock Quality Designation (RQD) index, defined as:

$$RQD\ \% = \frac{\text{cumulative length of 'sound' core sections} \geq 100 \text{ mm long}}{\text{total drilled length of section being assessed}}$$

'sound' rock is assessed to be rock of low strength or better. The RQD applies only to natural fractures. If the core is broken by drilling/handling, then the broken pieces are fitted back together and are not included in the calculation of RQD.

ABBREVIATIONS

Introduction

These notes summarise abbreviations commonly used on borehole logs and test pit reports.

Drilling or Excavation Methods

C	Core Drilling
R	Rotary drilling
ADT	Auger Drill TC Bit
ADV	Auger Drill V Brit
NMLC	Diamond core - 52 mm dia
NQ	Diamond core - 47 mm dia
HQ	Diamond core - 63 mm dia
PQ	Diamond core - 81 mm dia

Water

Z	Water seep
V	Water level

Sampling and Testing

A	Auger sample
B	Bulk sample
D	Disturbed sample
S	Chemical sample
U50	Undisturbed tube sample (50mm)
W	Water sample
PP	Pocket Penetrometer (kPa)
PL	Point load strength Is(50) MPa
S	Standard Penetration Test
V	Shear vane (kPa)

Description of Defects in Rock

The abbreviated descriptions of the defects should be in the following order: Depth, Type, Orientation, Coating, Shape, Roughness and Other. Drilling and handling breaks are not usually included on the logs.

Defect Type

C	Crushed Seam
DB	Drilling Break
DL	Drilling Lift
EW	Extremely Weathered Seam
HB	Handling Break
IS	Infilled Seam
J	Joint
MB	Mechanical Break
P	Parting
S	Sheared Surface
SS	Sheared Seam
SZ	Sheared Zone

Orientation

The inclination of defects is always measured from the perpendicular to the core axis.

h	horizontal
v	vertical
sh	sub-horizontal
sv	sub-vertical

Coating or Infilling Term

cn	clean
ct	coating
sn	stained
vn	veneer

Coating Descriptor

ca	calcite
cbs	carbonaceous
cly	clay
fe	iron oxide
mn	manganese
slt	silty

Shape

cu	curved
ir	irregular
pr	planar
st	stepped
un	undulating

Roughness

po	polished
rf	rough
sl	slickensided
sm	smooth
vr	very rough

Other

fg	fragmented
bnd	band
qtz	quartz

SYMBOLS

Graphic Symbols for Soil and Rock

General

- Asphalt
- Road base
- Concrete
- Filling

Soils

- Topsoil
- Peat
- Clay
- Silty clay
- Sandy clay
- Gravelly clay
- Shaly clay
- Silt
- Clayey silt
- Sandy silt
- Sand
- Clayey sand
- Silty sand
- Gravel
- Sandy gravel
- Cobbles, boulders
- Talus

Sedimentary Rocks

- Boulder conglomerate
- Conglomerate
- Conglomeratic sandstone
- Sandstone
- Siltstone
- Laminite
- Mudstone, claystone, shale
- Coal
- Limestone

Metamorphic Rocks

- Slate, phyllite, schist
- Gneiss
- Quartzite

Igneous Rocks

- Granite
- Dolerite, basalt, andesite
- Dacite, epidote
- Tuff, breccia
- Porphyry

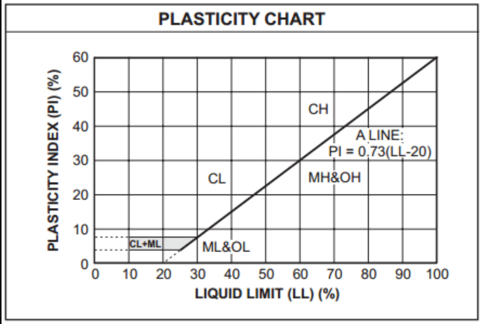
UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION TABLE

GREEN GEOTECHNICS

Field Identification Procedures (Excluding particles larger than 75um and basing fractions on estimated weights)				Group Symbols	Typical Names	Information Required for Describing Soils	Laboratory Classification Criteria	
Coarse-grained soils More than half of the material is large that 75um sieve size[b]	Gravels More than half of the coarse fraction is larger than a 4mm sieve	Clean gravels (little or no fines)	Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes	*GW*	Well graded gravels, gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	Give typical name: indicative approximate percentages of sand and gravel; maximum size; angularity; surface condition, and hardness of the coarse grains; local of geologic name and other pertinent descriptive information; and symbols in parentheses For undisturbed soils add information on stratification, degree of compactness, cementation, moisture conditions and drainage characteristics Example: *Silty Sand*, gravelly; about 20% hard, angular gravel particles 12mm maximum size; rounded and subangular sand grains, coarse to fine, about 15% non-plastic fines low dry strength; well compacted and moist in place; alluvial sand; *(SM)*	Use grain size curve in identifying the fractions as given under field identification Determine percentages of gravel and sand from grain size curve Depending on percentage of fines (fraction smaller than 75um sieve size) coarse grained soils are classified as follows Less than 5% GW, GP, SW, SP More than 12% GM, GC, SM, SC 5 to 12% Borderline cases requiring use of dual symbol	$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$ Greater than 4 $C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$ Between 1 and 3
			Predominantly one size or range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing	*GP*	Poorly graded gravels, grave-sand mixtures, little or no fines			Not meeting all graduation requirements for *GW*
		Gravels with fines (appreciable amount of fines)	Nonplastic fines (for identification procedures see *ML* below)	*GM*	Silty gravels, poorly graded gravel-sand-silt mixtures			Atterberg limits below "A" line or *PI* less than 4 — Above "A" line with *PI* between 4 and 7 are borderline cases of requiring use of dual symbols
			Plastic fines (for identification procedures see *CL* below)	*GC*	Clayey gravels, poorly graded gravel-sand-clay mixtures			Atterberg limits above "A" line with *PI* greater than 7
	Sands More than half of the coarse fraction is smaller than a 4mm sieve	Clean sands (little or no fines)	Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes	*SW*	Well graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines			$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$ Greater than 6 $C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$ Between 1 and 3
			Predominantly one size or range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing	*SP*	Poorly graded sands, gravelly sands, little or no fines			Not meeting all graduation requirements for *SW*
		Sands with fines (appreciable amount of fines)	Nonplastic fines (for identification procedures see *ML* below)	*SM*	Silty sands, poorly graded sand-silt mixtures			Atterberg limits below "A" line or *PI* less than 5 — Above "A" line with *PI* between 4 and 7 are borderline cases of requiring use of dual symbols
			Plastic fines (for identification procedures see *CL* below)	*SC*	Clayey sands, poorly graded sand-clay mixtures			Atterberg limits above "A" line with *PI* greater than 7

The 75um sieve size is about the particle visible to the naked eye

Find-grained soils More than half of the material is smaller than 75um sieve size	Identification Procedures of Fractions Smaller than 380 um Sieve Size				Group Symbols	Typical Names	Information Required for Describing Soils
		Dry Strength (crushing characteristics)	Dilatancy (reaction to shaking)	Toughness (consistency near plastic limit)			
	Silts and clays liquid limit less than 50	None to slight	Quick to slow	None	*ML*	Inorganic silts and very fine sands, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sands with slit plasticity	Give typical name: indicative degree and character of plasticity, amount and maximum size of coarse grains; colour in wet condition, odour if any, local or geologic name, and other pertinent descriptive information, and symbol in parentheses For undisturbed soils add information on structure, stratification, consistency in undisturbed and remoulded states, moisture and drainage conditions Example: *Clayey Silt*, brown; slightly plastic; small percentage of fine sand; numerous vertical root holes; firm and dry in place; loess; *(ML)*
		Medium to high	None to very slow	Medium	*CL*	Inorganic clays of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clays, sandy clays, silty clays, lean clays	
		Slight to medium	Slow	Slight	*OL*	Organic silts and organic silt-clays of low plasticity	
	Silts and clays liquid limit greater than 50	Slight to medium	Slow to none	Slight to medium	*MH*	Inorganic silts, micaceous or diatomaceous fine sandy or silty soils, clastic silts	
		High to very high	None	High	*CH*	Inorganic clays of high plasticity, fat clays	
		Medium to high	None to very slow	Slight to medium	*OH*	Organic clays of medium to high plasticity	
Highly Organic Soils		Readily identified by colour, odour, spongy feel and frequently by fibrous texture			*Pt*	Peat and other highly organic soils	



Plasticity Chart
For laboratory classification of fine-grained soils

Note: 1 Soils possessing characteristics of two groups are designated by combinations of group symbols (eg. GW-GC, well graded gravel-sand mixture with clay fines

2 Soils with liquid limits of the order of 35 to 50 may be visually classified as being of medium plasticity

APPENDIX B – AGS 2007 GUIDELINES

ATTACHMENT 1: LANDSLIDE RISK ASSESSMENT

QUALITATIVE TERMINOLOGY FOR USE IN ASSESSING RISK TO PROPERTY

QUALITATIVE MEASURES OF LIKELIHOOD

Approximate Annual Probability		**Implied Indicative Landslide Recurrence Interval**		**Description**	**Descriptor**	**Level**
Indicative Value	**Notional Boundary**					
10^{-1}	5×10^{-2}	10 years	20 years	The event is expected to occur over the design life.	ALMOST CERTAIN	A
10^{-2}	5×10^{-3}	100 years	200 years	The event will probably occur under adverse conditions over the design life.	LIKELY	B
10^{-3}	5×10^{-4}	1000 years	2000 years	The event could occur under adverse conditions over the design life.	POSSIBLE	C
10^{-4}	5×10^{-5}	10,000 years	20,000 years	The event might occur under very adverse circumstances over the design life.	UNLIKELY	D
10^{-5}	5×10^{-6}	100,000 years	200,000 years	The event is conceivable but only under exceptional circumstances over the design life.	RARE	E
10^{-6}		1,000,000 years		The event is inconceivable or fanciful over the design life.	BARELY CREDIBLE	F

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

QUALITATIVE MEASURES OF CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY

Approximate Cost of Damage		**Description**	**Descriptor**	**Level**
Indicative Value	**Notional Boundary**			
200%	100%	Structure(s) completely destroyed and/or large scale damage requiring major engineering works for stabilisation. Could cause at least one adjacent property major consequence damage.	CATASTROPHIC	1
60%	40%	Extensive damage to most of structure, and/or extending beyond site boundaries requiring significant stabilisation works. Could cause at least one adjacent property medium consequence damage.	MAJOR	2
20%	10%	Moderate damage to some of structure, and/or significant part of site requiring large stabilisation works. Could cause at least one adjacent property minor consequence damage.	MEDIUM	3
5%	1%	Limited damage to part of structure, and/or part of site requiring some reinstatement stabilisation works.	MINOR	4
0.5%		Little damage. (Note for high probability event (Almost Certain), this category may be subdivided at a notional boundary of 0.1%. See Risk Matrix.)	INSIGNIFICANT	5

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

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

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

ATTACHMENT 1: – QUALITATIVE TERMINOLOGY FOR USE IN ASSESSING RISK TO PROPERTY (CONTINUED)

QUALITATIVE RISK ANALYSIS MATRIX – LEVEL OF RISK TO PROPERTY

LIKELIHOOD		CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY (With Indicative Approximate Cost of Damage)				
	Indicative Value of Approximate Annual Probability	**1: CATASTROPHIC 200%**	**2: MAJOR 60%**	**3: MEDIUM 20%**	**4: MINOR 5%**	**5: INSIGNIFICANT 0.5%**
A – ALMOST CERTAIN	10^{-1}	VH	VH	VH	H	M or **L** (5)
B - LIKELY	10^{-2}	VH	VH	H	M	**L**
C - POSSIBLE	10^{-3}	VH	H	M	M	**VL**
D - UNLIKELY	10^{-4}	H	M	**L**	**L**	**VL**
E - RARE	10^{-5}	M	**L**	**L**	**VL**	**VL**
F - BARELY CREDIBLE	10^{-6}	**L**	**VL**	**VL**	**VL**	**VL**

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

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

RISK LEVEL IMPLICATIONS

Risk Level		Example Implications (7)
VH	VERY HIGH RISK	Unacceptable without treatment. Extensive detailed investigation and research, planning and implementation of treatment options essential to reduce risk to Low; may be too expensive and not practical. Work likely to cost more than value of the property.
H	HIGH RISK	Unacceptable without treatment. Detailed investigation, planning and implementation of treatment options required to reduce risk to Low. Work would cost a substantial sum in relation to the value of the property.
M	MODERATE RISK	May be tolerated in certain circumstances (subject to regulator's approval) but requires investigation, planning and implementation of treatment options to reduce the risk to Low. Treatment options to reduce to Low risk should be implemented as soon as practicable.
L	LOW RISK	Usually acceptable to regulators. Where treatment has been required to reduce the risk to this level, ongoing maintenance is required.
VL	VERY LOW RISK	Acceptable. Manage by normal slope maintenance procedures.

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

ATTACHMENT 2 - DEFINITION OF TERMS AND LANDSLIDE RISK

(Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007)

Acceptable Risk – A risk for which, for the purposes of life or work, we are prepared to accept as it is with no regard to its management. Society does not generally consider expenditure in further reducing such risks justifiable.

Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP) – The estimated probability that an event of specified magnitude will be exceeded in any year.

Consequence – The outcomes or potential outcomes arising from the occurrence of a landslide expressed qualitatively or quantitatively, in terms of loss, disadvantage or gain, damage, injury or loss of life.

Elements at Risk – The population, buildings and engineering works, economic activities, public services utilities, infrastructure and environmental features in the area potentially affected by landslides.

Frequency – A measure of likelihood expressed as the number of occurrences of an event in a given time. See also Likelihood and Probability.

Hazard – A condition with the potential for causing an undesirable consequence (the landslide). The description of landslide hazard should include the location, volume (or area), classification and velocity of the potential landslides and any resultant detached material, and the likelihood of their occurrence within a given period of time.

Individual Risk to Life – The risk of fatality or injury to any identifiable (named) individual who lives within the zone impacted by the landslide; or who follows a particular pattern of life that might subject him or her to the consequences of the landslide.

Landslide Activity – The stage of development of a landslide; pre failure when the slope is strained throughout but is essentially intact; failure characterised by the formation of a continuous surface of rupture; post failure which includes movement from just after failure to when it essentially stops; and reactivation when the slope slides along one or several pre-existing surfaces of rupture. Reactivation may be occasional (e.g. seasonal) or continuous (in which case the slide is "active").

Landslide Intensity – A set of spatially distributed parameters related to the destructive power of a landslide. The parameters may be described quantitatively or qualitatively and may include maximum movement velocity, total displacement, differential displacement, depth of the moving mass, peak discharge per unit width, kinetic energy per unit area.

Landslide Risk – The AGS Australian GeoGuide LR7 (AGS, 2007e) should be referred to for an explanation of Landslide Risk.

Landslide Susceptibility – The classification, and volume (or area) of landslides which exist or potentially may occur in an area or may travel or retrogress onto it. Susceptibility may also include a description of the velocity and intensity of the existing or potential landsliding.

Likelihood – Used as a qualitative description of probability or frequency.

Probability – A measure of the degree of certainty. This measure has a value between zero (impossibility) and 1.0 (certainty). It is an estimate of the likelihood of the magnitude of the uncertain quantity, or the likelihood of the occurrence of the uncertain future event.

There are two main interpretations:

(i) Statistical – frequency or fraction – The outcome of a repetitive experiment of some kind like flipping coins. It includes also the idea of population variability. Such a number is called an "objective" or relative frequentist probability because it exists in the real world and is in principle measurable by doing the experiment.

(ii) Subjective probability (degree of belief) – Quantified measure of belief, judgment, or confidence in the likelihood of an outcome, obtained by considering all available information honestly, fairly, and with a minimum of bias. Subjective probability is affected by the state of understanding of a process, judgment regarding an evaluation, or the quality and quantity of information. It may change over time as the state of knowledge changes.

Qualitative Risk Analysis – An analysis which uses word form, descriptive or numeric rating scales to describe the magnitude of potential consequences and the likelihood that those consequences will occur.

Quantitative Risk Analysis – An analysis based on numerical values of the probability, vulnerability and consequences and resulting in a numerical value of the risk.

Risk – A measure of the probability and severity of an adverse effect to health, property or the environment. Risk is often estimated by the product of probability x consequences. However, a more general interpretation of risk involves a comparison of the probability and consequences in a non-product form.

Risk Analysis – The use of available information to estimate the risk to individual, population, property, or the environment, from hazards. Risk analyses generally contain the following steps: Scope definition, hazard identification and risk estimation.

Risk Assessment – The process of risk analysis and risk evaluation.

Risk Control or Risk Treatment – The process of decision making for managing risk and the implementation or enforcement of risk mitigation measures and the re-evaluation of its effectiveness from time to time, using the results of risk assessment as one input.

Risk Estimation – The process used to produce a measure of the level of health, property or environmental risks being analysed. Risk estimation contains the following steps: frequency analysis, consequence analysis and their integration.

Risk Evaluation – The stage at which values and judgments enter the decision process, explicitly or implicitly, by including consideration of the importance of the estimated risks and the associated social, environmental and economic consequences, in order to identify a range of alternatives for managing the risks.

Risk Management – The complete process of risk assessment and risk control (or risk treatment).

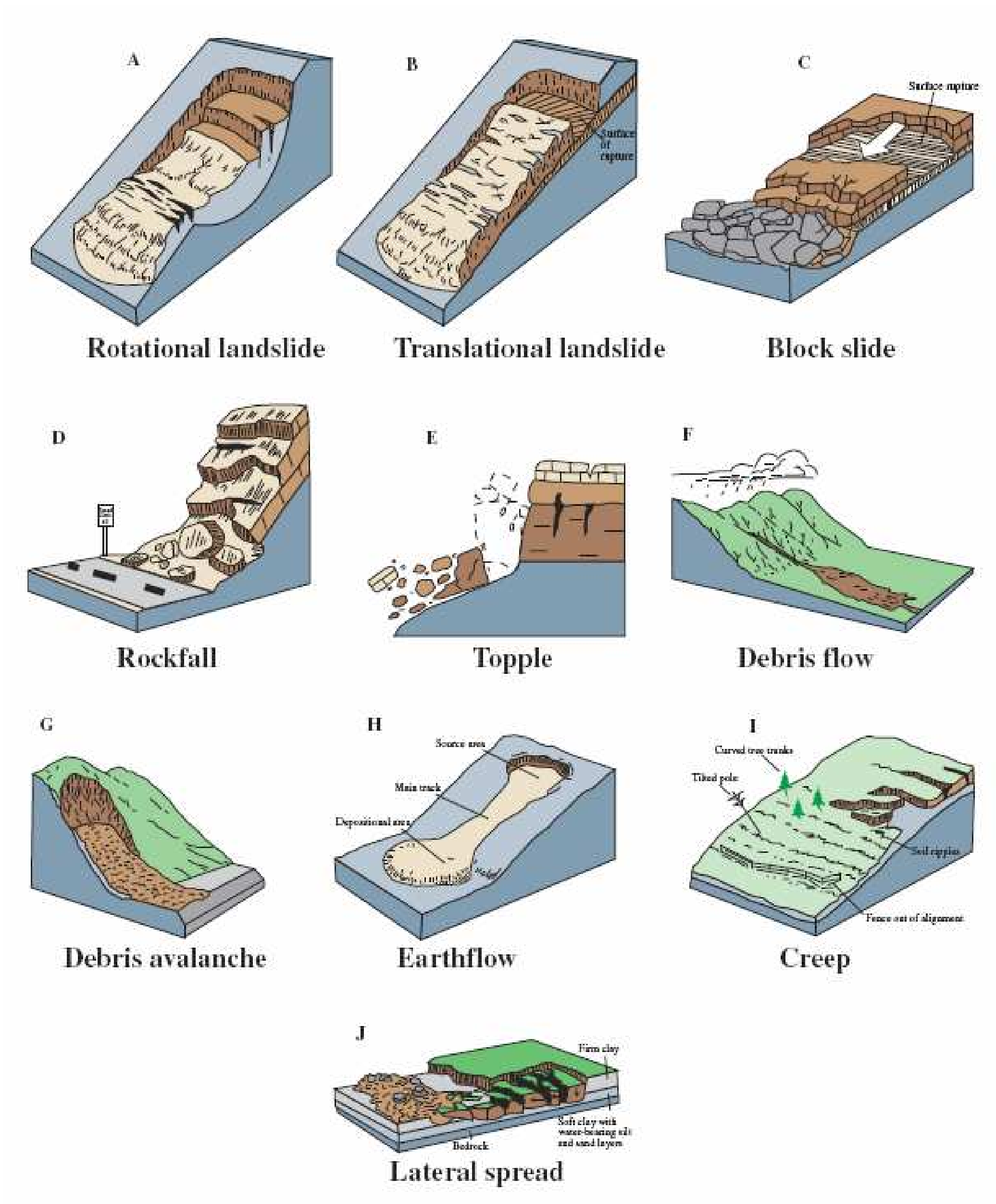
Societal Risk – The risk of multiple fatalities or injuries in society as a whole: one where society would have to carry the burden of a landslide causing a number of deaths, injuries, financial, environmental and other losses.

Susceptibility – see Landslide Susceptibility

Temporal Spatial Probability – The probability that the element at risk is in the area affected by the landsliding, at the time of the landslide.

Tolerable Risk – A risk within a range that society can live with so as to secure certain net benefits. It is a range of risk regarded as non-negligible and needing to be kept under review and reduced further if possible.

Vulnerability – The degree of loss to a given element or set of elements within the area affected by the landslide hazard. It is expressed on a scale of 0 (no loss) to 1 (total loss). For property, the loss will be the value of the damage relative to the value of the property; for persons, it will be the probability that a particular life (the element at risk) will be lost, given the person(s) is affected by the landslide.

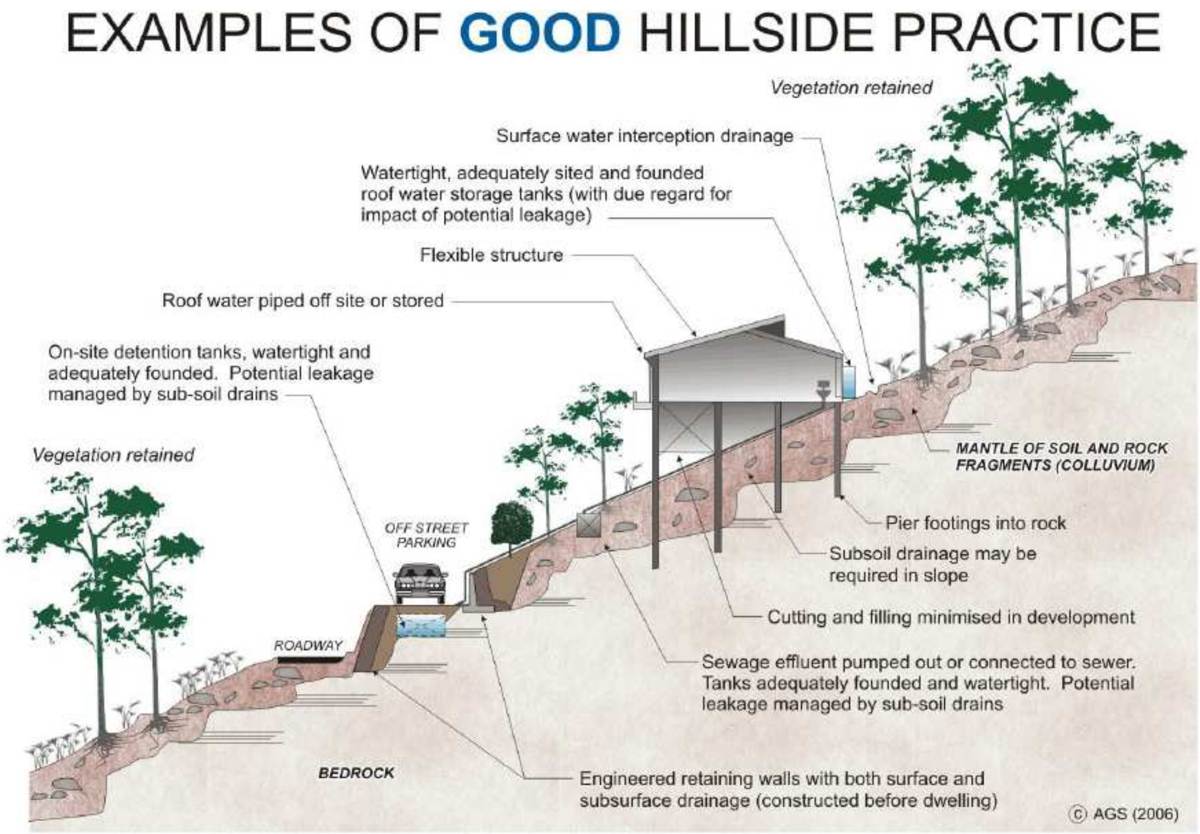


ATTACHMENT 3 MAJOR TYPES OF LANDSLIDES

ATTACHMENT 4

SOME GUIDELINES FOR HILLSIDE CONSTRUCTION

	GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICE	*POOR ENGINEERING PRACTICE*
ADVICE		
GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT	Obtain advice from a qualified, experienced geotechnical consultant at early stage of planning and before site works.	Prepare detailed plan and start site works before geotechnical advice.
PLANNING		
SITE PLANNING	Having obtained geotechnical advice, plan the development with the risk arising from the identified hazards and consequences in mind.	Plan development without regard for the Risk.
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION		
HOUSE DESIGN	Use flexible structures which incorporate properly designed brickwork, timber or steel frames, timber or panel cladding. Consider use of split levels. Use decks for recreational areas where appropriate.	Floor plans which require extensive cutting and filling. Movement intolerant structures.
SITE CLEARING	Retain natural vegetation wherever practicable.	Indiscriminately clear the site.
ACCESS & DRIVEWAYS	Satisfy requirements below for cuts, fills, retaining walls and drainage. Council specifications for grades may need to be modified. Driveways and parking areas may need to be fully supported on piers.	Excavate and fill for site access before geotechnical advice.
EARTHWORKS	Retain natural contours wherever possible.	Indiscriminant bulk earthworks.
CUTS	Minimise depth. Support with engineered retaining walls or batter to appropriate slope. Provide drainage measures and erosion control.	Large scale cuts and benching. Unsupported cuts. Ignore drainage requirements
FILLS	Minimise height. Strip vegetation and topsoil and key into natural slopes prior to filling. Use clean fill materials and compact to engineering standards. Batter to appropriate slope or support with engineered retaining wall. Provide surface drainage and appropriate subsurface drainage.	Loose or poorly compacted fill, which if it fails, may flow a considerable distance including onto property below. Block natural drainage lines. Fill over existing vegetation and topsoil. Include stumps, trees, vegetation, topsoil, boulders, building rubble etc in fill.
ROCK OUTCROPS & BOULDERS	Remove or stabilise boulders which may have unacceptable risk. Support rock faces where necessary.	Disturb or undercut detached blocks or boulders.
RETAINING WALLS	Engineer design to resist applied soil and water forces. Found on rock where practicable. Provide subsurface drainage within wall backfill and surface drainage on slope above. Construct wall as soon as possible after cut/fill operation.	Construct a structurally inadequate wall such as sandstone flagging, brick or unreinforced blockwork. Lack of subsurface drains and weepholes.
FOOTINGS	Found within rock where practicable. Use rows of piers or strip footings oriented up and down slope. Design for lateral creep pressures if necessary. Backfill footing excavations to exclude ingress of surface water.	Found on topsoil, loose fill, detached boulders or undercut cliffs.
SWIMMING POOLS	Engineer designed. Support on piers to rock where practicable. Provide with under-drainage and gravity drain outlet where practicable. Design for high soil pressures which may develop on uphill side whilst there may be little or no lateral support on downhill side.	
DRAINAGE		
SURFACE	Provide at tops of cut and fill slopes. Discharge to street drainage or natural water courses. Provide general falls to prevent blockage by siltation and incorporate silt traps. Line to minimise infiltration and make flexible where possible. Special structures to dissipate energy at changes of slope and/or direction.	Discharge at top of fills and cuts. Allow water to pond on bench areas.
SUBSURFACE	Provide filter around subsurface drain. Provide drain behind retaining walls. Use flexible pipelines with access for maintenance. Prevent inflow of surface water.	Discharge roof runoff into absorption trenches.
SEPTIC & SULLAGE	Usually requires pump-out or mains sewer systems; absorption trenches may be possible in some areas if risk is acceptable. Storage tanks should be water-tight and adequately founded.	Discharge sullage directly onto and into slopes. Use absorption trenches without consideration of landslide risk.
EROSION CONTROL & LANDSCAPING	Control erosion as this may lead to instability. Revegetate cleared area.	Failure to observe earthworks and drainage recommendations when landscaping.
DRAWINGS AND SITE VISITS DURING CONSTRUCTION		
DRAWINGS	Building Application drawings should be viewed by geotechnical consultant	
SITE VISITS	Site Visits by consultant may be appropriate during construction/	
INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE BY OWNER		
OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY	Clean drainage systems; repair broken joints in drains and leaks in supply pipes. Where structural distress is evident see advice. If seepage observed, determine causes or seek advice on consequences.	


EXAMPLES OF GOOD HILLSIDE PRACTICE
Vegetation retained
Surface water interception drainage
Watertight, adequately sited and founded roof water storage tanks (with due regard for impact of potential leakage)
Flexible structure
Roof water piped off site or stored
On-site detention tanks, watertight and adequately founded. Potential leakage managed by sub-soil drains
Vegetation retained
MANTLE OF SOIL AND ROCK FRAGMENTS (COLLUVIUM)
OFF STREET PARKING
Pier footings into rock
Subsoil drainage may be required in slope
Cutting and filling minimised in development
ROADWAY
Sewage effluent pumped out or connected to sewer. Tanks adequately founded and watertight. Potential leakage managed by sub-soil drains
BEDROCK
Engineered retaining walls with both surface and subsurface drainage (constructed before dwelling)
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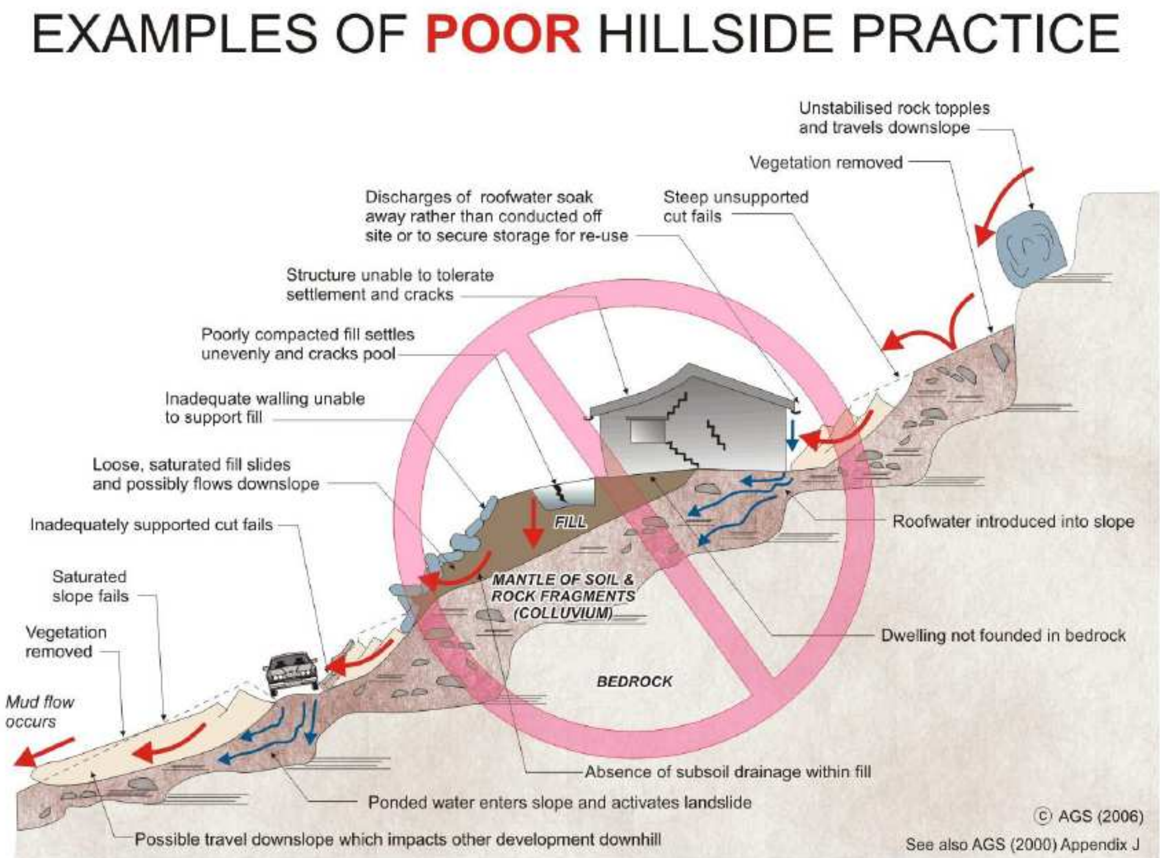
EXAMPLES OF POOR HILLSIDE PRACTICE
Unstabilised rock topples and travels downslope
Vegetation removed
Discharges of roofwater soak away rather than conducted off site or to secure storage for re-use
Steep unsupported cut fails
Structure unable to tolerate settlement and cracks
Poorly compacted fill settles unevenly and cracks pool
Inadequate walling unable to support fill
Loose, saturated fill slides and possibly flows downslope
FILL
Roofwater introduced into slope
Inadequately supported cut fails
MANTLE OF SOIL & ROCK FRAGMENTS (COLLUVIUM)
Saturated slope fails
Dwelling not founded in bedrock
Vegetation removed
BEDROCK
Mud flow occurs
Absence of subsoil drainage within fill
Ponded water enters slope and activates landslide
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Possible travel downslope which impacts other development downhill
See also AGS (2000) Appendix J

APPENDIX C – COMPLETED FORMS 1 & 1A

GEOTECHNICAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR PITTWATER

FORM NO. 1 – To be submitted with Development Application

Development Application for ______________________________

Name of Applicant

Address of site 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau

Declaration made by geotechnical engineer or engineering geologist or coastal engineer (where applicable) as part of a geotechnical report

I, Matthew Green *on behalf of* Green Geotechnics Pty Ltd
(Insert Name) (Trading or Company Name)

on this the 23 September 2025 certify that I am a geotechnical engineer or engineering geologist or coastal engineer as defined by the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009 and I am authorised by the above organisation/company to issue this document and to certify that the organisation/company has a current professional indemnity policy of at least ~~$10million~~. $5,000,000.00

I:
Please mark appropriate box

- ✓ have prepared the detailed Geotechnical Report referenced below in accordance with the Australia Geomechanics Society's Landslide Risk Management Guidelines (AGS 2007) and the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009
- э am willing to technically verify that the detailed Geotechnical Report referenced below has been prepared in accordance with the Australian Geomechanics Society's Landslide Risk Management Guidelines (AGS 2007) and the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009
- ✓ have examined the site and the proposed development in detail and have carried out a risk assessment in accordance with Section 6.0 of the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009. I confirm that the results of the risk assessment for the proposed development are in compliance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009 and further detailed geotechnical reporting is not required for the subject site.
- э have examined the site and the proposed development/alteration in detail and I am of the opinion that the Development Application only involves Minor Development/Alteration that does not require a Geotechnical Report or Risk Assessment and hence my Report is in accordance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009 requirements.
- э have examined the site and the proposed development/alteration is separate from and is not affected by a Geotechnical Hazard and does not require a Geotechnical Report or Risk Assessment and hence my Report is in accordance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009 requirements.
- э have provided the coastal process and coastal forces analysis for inclusion in the Geotechnical Report

Geotechnical Report Details:

Report Title: Geotechnical Investigation - 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau

Report Date: 23 September 2025

Author: Matthew Green

Author's Company/Organisation: Green Geotechnics Pty Ltd

Documentation which relate to or are relied upon in report preparation:

Architectural Drawings by Rory Brooks Architects Dated 04/03/25
Survey Drawings by ESA Survey 11/03/25

I am aware that the above Geotechnical Report, prepared for the abovementioned site is to be submitted in support of a Development Application for this site and will be relied on by Pittwater Council as the basis for ensuring that the Geotechnical Risk Management aspects of the proposed development have been adequately addressed to achieve an "Acceptable Risk Management" level for the life of the structure, taken as at least 100 years unless otherwise stated and justified in the Report and that reasonable and practical measures have been identified to remove foreseeable risk.

Signature ……………………………………………

Name Matthew Green

Chartered Professional Status RPGeo

Membership No. 10276

Company Green Geotechnics Pty Ltd

GEOTECHNICAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR PITTWATER
FORM NO. 1(a) - Checklist of Requirements For Geotechnical Risk Management Report for Development Application

Development Application for____   Name of Applicant   **Address of site** 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau

The following checklist covers the minimum requirements to be addressed in a Geotechnical Risk Management Geotechnical Report. This checklist is to accompany the Geotechnical Report and its certification (Form No. 1).

Geotechnical Report Details:

Report Title: Geotechnical Investigation - 3 Lisa Place, Bilgola Plateau   Report Date: 23 September 2025   Author: Matthew Green   **Author's Company/Organisation:** Green Geotechnics Pty Ltd

Please mark appropriate box

- ✓ Comprehensive site mapping conducted 19/9/25
  (date)
- ✓ Mapping details presented on contoured site plan with geomorphic mapping to a minimum scale of 1:200 (as appropriate)
- ✓ Subsurface investigation required
  - ∍ No Justification ……………………………………………………...
  - ∍ Yes Date conducted 19/9/25…………………………………
- ✓ Geotechnical model developed and reported as an inferred subsurface type-section
- ✓ Geotechnical hazards identified
  - ✓ Above the site
  - ✓ On the site
  - ∍ Below the site
  - ∍ Beside the site
- ✓ Geotechnical hazards described and reported
- ✓ Risk assessment conducted in accordance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009
  - ∍ Consequence analysis
  - ∍ Frequency analysis
- ✓ Risk calculation
- ✓ Risk assessment for property conducted in accordance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009
- ✓ Risk assessment for loss of life conducted in accordance with the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009
- ✓ Assessed risks have been compared to "Acceptable Risk Management" criteria as defined in the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009
- ✓ Opinion has been provided that the design can achieve the "Acceptable Risk Management" criteria provided that the specified conditions are achieved.
- ✓ Design Life Adopted:
  - ✓ 100 years
  - ∍ Other ……………………………………………
    specify
- ✓ Geotechnical Conditions to be applied to all four phases as described in the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009 have been specified
- ✓ Additional action to remove risk where reasonable and practical have been identified and included in the report.
- ∍ Risk assessment within Bushfire Asset Protection Zone.

I am aware that Pittwater Council will rely on the Geotechnical Report, to which this checklist applies, as the basis for ensuring that the geotechnical risk management aspects of the proposal have been adequately addressed to achieve an "Acceptable Risk Management" level for the life of the structure, taken as at least 100 years unless otherwise stated, and justified in the Report and that reasonable and practical measures have been identified to remove foreseeable risk.

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