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3 Orana Road, Mona Vale

Comments on Updates to Plans

We have reviewed the existing geotechnical report, the plans used to carry out the report,

and the updated plans for DA shown on 11 architectural drawings prepared by Site Specific

Designs, project number 2022 02, drawings numbered DA00 to DA10, Issue C, dated 25/5/23.

The changes include:

• Removed the proposed gym.

• Removed the proposed first floor.

• Slightly increased the proposed ground floor area.

• Changed the studio to a master bedroom.

• Removed the proposed spa.

• Added landscaping works requiring minor filling and low retaining walls on the S side

of the house.

• Other minor internal and external alterations.

The changes to the plans are minor from a geotechnical perspective and do not alter the recommendations or the risk assessment in the report carried out by this firm numbered

J4401 and dated the 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.

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## GEOTECHNICAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR PITTWATER FORM NO. 1 – To be submitted with Development Application

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geoteci	nnical engineer	or engineering geologist or coastal engineer (where applicable) as part of a geotechnical report				
I,	Ben White (Insert Name)	on behalf of White Geotechnical Group Pty Ltd (Trading or Company Name)				
organisa	r as defined by	27/7/22 certify that I am a geotechnical engineer or engineering geologist or coastal the Geotechnical Risk Management Policy for Pittwater - 2009 and I am authorised by the above issue this document and to certify that the organisation/company has a current professional indemnity ion.				
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	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.					
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	Author: BEN V	VHITE				
	Author's Comp	any/Organisation: WHITE GEOTECHNICAL GROUP PTY LTD				
Docum	entation which	relate to or are relied upon in report preparation:				
		Geomechanics Society Landslide Risk Management March 2007.				
	White Geo	technical Group company archives.				
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# GEOTECHNICAL RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR PITTWATER FORM NO. 1(a) - Checklist of Requirements for Geotechnical Risk Management Report for Development Application

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Report	Date: 27/7/22			
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#### **GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION:**

New House and Pool at 3 Orana Road, Mona Vale

#### 1. Proposed Development

- **1.1** Demolish the existing house, carport and outbuildings.
- 1.2 Construct a new part two storey house by excavating to a maximum depth of ~2.0m.
- 1.3 Construct a new garage with gym by excavating to a maximum depth of ~1.9m.
- 1.4 Install a new pool with spa by excavating to a maximum depth of ~1.7m.
- Details of the proposed development are shown on 10 drawings prepared by Site Specific Designs, project number 2022 02, drawings numbered DA, DA00, DA01, DA02, DA02-b and DA03 to DA07, dated 10/6/22.

#### 2. Site Description

- **2.1** The site was inspected on the 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.
- 2.2 This residential property is on the high side of the road and has a SW aspect. The block runs longways to the SE so the slope is a cross-fall. It is located on the gentle to moderately graded lower reaches of a hillslope. The natural slope rises across the property at an average angle of ~8°. The slope above the property gradually increases in grade. The slope below the property eases to near level angles.
- 2.3 At the road frontage, a concrete and brick paved driveway runs up the slope to a carport beside the house (Photo 1). Between the road frontage and the house is a gently sloping lawn area. The single storey brick house is supported by brick walls and concrete piers (Photos 1 & 2). The supporting walls and piers stand vertical and show no significant signs of movement (Photo 3). Stable low brick retaining walls



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support cuts and fills for level paved and garden areas on the uphill side of the house.

Brick outbuildings that show no significant signs of movement are located uphill of the

house (Photo 4). A gently sloping lawn and garden area extends off the uphill side of

the outbuildings. No signs of slope instability were observed on the property. The

adjoining neighbouring properties were observed to be in good order as seen from

the street and subject property.

3. Geology

The Sydney 1:100 000 Geological sheet indicates the site is underlain by the Newport

Formation of the Narrabeen Group. This is described as interbedded laminite, shale, and

quartz to lithic quartz sandstone.

4. Subsurface Investigation

One hand Auger Hole (AH) was put down to identify the soil materials. Five Dynamic Cone

Penetrometer (DCP) tests were put down to determine the relative density of the overlying

soil and the depth to weathered rock. The locations of the tests are shown on the site plan

attached. It should be noted that a level of caution should be applied when interpreting DCP

test results. The test will not pass through hard buried objects so in some instances it can be

difficult to determine whether refusal has occurred on an obstruction in the profile or on the

natural rock surface. This is not expected to have been an issue for this site. But due to the

possibility that the actual ground conditions vary from our interpretation there should be

allowances in the excavation and foundation budget to account for this. We refer to the

appended "Important Information about Your Report" to further clarify. The results are as

follows:

**TEST RESULTS ON NEXT PAGE** 



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#### **AUGER HOLE 1** (~RL12.7) – AH1 (photo 6)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.7	<b>TOPSOIL</b> , dark brown, with a layer of brown and maroon laterite @ 0.5-0.6m, damp, fine to course grained.
0.7 to 0.9	CLAY, orange/brown, mottled, stiff, damp.

End of Hole @ 0.9m in stiff clay. No watertable encountered.

DCP TEST RESULTS – Dynamic Cone Penetrometer						
Equipment: 9kg hammer, 510mm drop, conical tip. Standard: AS1289.6.3.2 -19					.289.6.3.2 -1997	
Depth(m) Blows/0.3m	<b>DCP 1</b> (~RL10.8)	DCP 2 (~RL11.6)	<b>DCP 3</b> (~RL12.7)	<b>DCP 4</b> (~RL14.9)	DCP 5 (~RL16.7)	
0.0 to 0.3	3	3	3	6	6	
0.3 to 0.6	6	4	13	21	15	
0.6 to 0.9	9	9	10	9	10	
0.9 to 1.2	11	17	20	38	31	
1.2 to 1.5	13	40	29	#	#	
1.5 to 1.8	30	33	#			
1.8 to 2.1	#	#				
	End of Test @ 1.8m	Refusal on rock @ 1.7m	End of Test @ 1.5m	End of Test @ 1.2m	End of Test @ 1.2m	

#refusal/end of test. F=DCP fell after being struck showing little resistance through all or part of the interval.

#### **DCP Notes:**

DCP1 – End of Test @ 1.8m, DCP still very slowly going down, orange brown clay and maroon shale fragments on moist tip.

DCP2 – Refusal on rock @ 1.7m, DCP bouncing off rock surface, orange clay on wet tip.

DCP3 – End of Test @ 1.5m, DCP still very slowly going down, orange clay and brown soil on muddy wet tip.

DCP4 – End of Test @ 1.2m, DCP still very slowly going down, orange clay on wet tip.

DCP5 – End of Test @ 1.2m, DCP still very slowly going down, orange clay and brown soil on muddy wet tip.



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5. Geological Observations/Interpretation

The slope materials are colluvial at the near surface and residual at depth. In the test

locations, the ground materials consist of topsoil over firm to stiff clays. Fill to a maximum

depth of ~1.0m provides level platforms for paved, lawn and garden areas across the

property. The clays merge into the weathered zone of the under lying rock at depths from

between ~1.2m to ~1.8m below the current surface. The weathered zone of the underlying

rock is interpreted as Extremely Low Strength Shale. It is to be noted that this material is a

soft rock and can appear as a mottled stiff clay when it is cut up by excavation equipment.

See Type Section attached for a diagrammatical representation of the expected ground

materials.

6. Groundwater

Normal ground water seepage is expected to move over the buried surface of the rock and

through the cracks in the rock.

Due to the slope and elevation of the block, the water table in the location is expected to be

many metres below the base of the proposed works.

7. Surface Water

No evidence of surface flows were observed on the property during the inspection. It is

expected that normal sheet wash will move onto the site from above the property during

heavy down pours. If the owners know, or become aware in the future, that overland flows

enter the property during heavy prolonged rainfall events our office is to be informed so

appropriate drainage measures can be recommended and installed. It is a condition of the

slope stability assessment in Section 8 (Hazard One) that this be done.



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#### 8. Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis

No geotechnical hazards were observed beside the property. The gentle to moderate slope that rises across the property and continues above and below is a potential hazard (Hazard One). The proposed excavations are a potential hazard (Hazard Two).

#### **Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis - Risk Analysis Summary**

HAZARDS	Hazard One	Hazard Two		
TYPE	The gentle to moderate slope that rises across the property and continues above and below failing and impacting on the property.	The proposed excavations for the house, garage and pool collapsing onto the worksite, impacting the neighbouring properties and undercutting the NE neighbouring water tanks (Photo 5) during the excavation process.		
LIKELIHOOD	'Unlikely' (10 <sup>-4</sup> )	'Possible' (10 <sup>-3</sup> )		
CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY	'Medium' (12%)	'Medium' (20%)		
RISK TO PROPERTY	'Low' (2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> )	'Moderate' (2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> )		
RISK TO LIFE 8.3 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> /annum		3.7 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> /annum		
COMMENTS	This level of risk is 'ACCEPTABLE'.	This level of risk to life and property is 'UNACCEPTABLE'. To move the risk to 'ACCEPTABLE' levels, the recommendations in <b>Section 13</b> are to be followed.		

(See Aust. Geomech. Jnl. Mar 2007 Vol. 42 No 1, for full explanation of terms)

#### 9. Suitability of the Proposed Development for the Site

The proposed development is suitable for the site. No geotechnical hazards will be created by the completion of the proposed development provided it is carried out in accordance with the requirements of this report and good engineering and building practice.



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10. Stormwater

The fall is to Orana Road. All stormwater from the proposed development is to be piped to

the street drainage system through any tanks that may be required by the regulating

authorities.

11. Excavations

An excavation to a maximum depth of ~2.0m is required to construct the proposed new

house. Another excavation to a maximum depth of ~1.9m is required to construct the

proposed new garage with gym. A third excavation to a maximum depth of ~1.7m is required

to install the proposed pool. The excavations are expected to be through fill, topsoil and clay,

with Extremely Low Strength Shale expected at depths from between ~1.2m to ~1.8m below

the current surface.

It is envisaged that excavations through fill, soil, clay and Extremely Low Strength Shale can

be carried out with an excavator and toothed bucket.

12. Vibrations

It is expected the proposed excavation will be carried out with an excavator and toothed

bucket and the vibrations produced will be below the threshold limit for building or

infrastructure damage using a domestic sized excavator up to 16 tonne.

13. Excavation Support Requirements

**Bulk Excavation for House** 

An excavation to a maximum depth of ~2.0m is required to construct the proposed new

house. Allowing for backwall drainage, the excavation is set back ~0.6m from the NE common

boundary and ~0.9m from the NE neighbouring water tanks (Photo 5). The NE common

boundary and NE neighbouring water tanks will be within the zone of influence of the

excavation. In this instance, the zone of influence is the area above a theoretical 30° line



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(from horizontal) through fill/soil and a theoretical 45° line through clay/shale from the base

of the excavation, towards the surrounding structures and boundaries.

Due to the proximity to the NE neighbouring water tanks, The NE side of the cut will require

ground support installed prior to the commencement of the excavation. See the Ground Floor

Plan attached for the minimum extent of the required shoring shown in blue.

A spaced pile retaining wall is one of the suitable methods of support. Pier spacing is typically

~2.0m but can vary between 1.6 to 2.4m depending on the design. As the excavation is

lowered in 1.5m lifts infill sprayed concrete panels or similar are added between the piers to

form the wall. Drainage is to be installed behind the panels. To drill the pier holes for the

walls, a pilling rig that can excavate through Medium to High Strength Rock will be required.

The piers can be temporarily supported by embedment below the base of the excavation or

with a combination of embedment and propping. The walls are to be tied into the Ground

floor slab to provide permanent bracing after which any temporary bracing can be released.

The geotechnical consultant is to inspect the drilling process of the entire first pile and the

ground materials at the base of all pier holes/excavations installed for ground support

purposes.

Where shoring is not required, the fill/soil portion of the excavation is to be battered

temporarily at 1.0 Vertical to 2.0 Horizontal (26°) until the retaining walls are in place.

Excavations through clay and shale are expected to stand at near vertical angles for short

periods of time until the retaining walls are in place, provided the cut batters are kept from

becoming saturated.

**Bulk Excavation for Garage and Gym** 

Another excavation to a maximum depth of ~1.9m is required to construct the proposed new

garage with gym. The gym portion of the excavation is set back ~1.0m from the SW common

boundary. The SW common boundary will be within the zone of influence of the excavation.



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The SW side of the gym cut will need to be temporarily or permanently supported prior to the

commencement of the excavation, or during the excavation process in a staged manner, so

cut batters are not left unsupported. The support will need to be designed/approved by the

structural engineer. See the Garage Level Plan attached for the minimum extent of the

required shoring shown in blue.

Where shoring is not required, the fill/soil portion of the excavation is to be battered

temporarily at 1.0 Vertical to 2.0 Horizontal (26°) until the retaining walls are in place.

Excavations through clay and shale are expected to stand at near vertical angles for short

periods of time until the retaining walls are in place, provided the cut batters are kept from

becoming saturated.

**Bulk Excavation for Pool** 

Another excavation to a maximum depth of ~1.7m is required to install the proposed pool.

The excavation is set back sufficiently from the surrounding structures and boundaries.

The excavation is expected to stand at near-vertical angles for short periods of time until the

pool structure is installed, provided the cut batters are kept from becoming saturated.

**Advice Applying to All Excavations** 

Upslope runoff is to be diverted from the cut faces by sandbag mounds or other diversion

works. All unsupported cut batters are to be covered to prevent access of water in wet

weather and loss of moisture in dry weather. The covers are to be tied down with metal pegs

or other suitable fixtures so they can't blow off in a storm. The materials and labour to

construct the retaining walls / pool structure are to be organised so on completion of the

excavation they can be constructed as soon as possible. The excavation is to be carried out

during a dry period. No excavations are to commence if heavy or prolonged rainfall is forecast.

If the retaining walls / pool structure are not constructed within a few days of the excavation

being completed temporary shoring will be required.



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All excavation spoil is to be removed from site following the current Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) waste classification guidelines.

#### 14. Retaining Structures

For cantilever or singly propped retaining structures it is suggested the design be based on a triangular distribution of lateral pressures using the parameters shown in Table 1.

Table 1 – Likely Earth Pressures for Retaining Structures

	Earth Pressure Coefficients				
Unit	Unit weight (kN/m³)	'Active' K <sub>a</sub>	'At Rest' K₀	Passive	
Fill, Topsoil	20	0.40	0.55	N/A	
Residual Clays	20	0.35	0.45	Kp = 2.0 'ultimate'	
Extremely Low Strength Shale	22	0.25	0.35	Kp = 2.5 'ultimate'	

For rock classes refer to Pells et al "Design Loadings for Foundations on Shale and Sandstone in the Sydney Region". Australian Geomechanics Journal 1978.

It is to be noted that the earth pressures in Table 1 assume a level surface above the structure and do not account for any surcharge loads, noting that surcharge loads from the NE neighbouring tanks above will be acting on the wall. It also assumes retaining structures are fully drained. No passive resistance should be assumed for the top 0.4m to account for any disturbance from the excavation. Rock strength and relevant earth pressure coefficients are to be confirmed on site by the geotechnical consultant.

All retaining structures are to have sufficient back-wall drainage and be backfilled immediately behind the structure with free draining material (such as gravel). This material is to be wrapped in a non-woven Geotextile fabric (i.e. Bidim A34 or similar), to prevent the drainage from becoming clogged with silt and clay. If no back-wall drainage is installed in



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retaining structures the full hydrostatic pressures are to be accounted for in the retaining

structure design.

15. Foundations

The proposed house, garage and pool are expected to be seated in Extremely Low Strength

Shale on the uphill side. This is a suitable foundation material. On the downhill side where the

shale drops away with the slope, piers taken to shale will be required to maintain a uniform

foundation material across the structure. This ground material is expected at depths from

between ~1.2m to ~1.8m below the current surface. A maximum allowable bearing pressure

of 600kPa can be assumed for footings supported on Extremely Low Strength Shale. It should

be noted that this material is a soft rock and a rock auger will cut through it so the builders

should not be looking for refusal to end the footings.

The piers that will support the downhill portions of the proposed pool and spa are to be taken

to beyond the zone of influence of the garage and gym retaining walls below. Additionally,

the piers supporting the house are to be taken to beyond the zone of influence of the

proposed pool. In this instance, the zone of influence is the area above a theoretical 45° line

(from horizontal) through clay/shale from the base of the pier, towards the base of the

retaining structure. Alternatively, the retaining structures can be designed to cope with the

surcharge loads from the structures above.

As the bearing capacity of shale reduces when it is wet we recommend the footings be dug,

inspected and poured in quick succession (ideally the same day if possible). If the footings get

wet, they will have to be drained and the soft layer of shale on the footing surface will have

to be removed before concrete is poured.

If a rapid turnaround from footing excavation to the concrete pour is not possible a sealing

layer of concrete may be added to the footing surface after it has been cleaned.

**NOTE**: If the contractor is unsure of the footing material required it is more cost effective to

get the geotechnical professional on site at the start of the footing excavation to advise on



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footing depth and material. This mostly prevents unnecessary over excavation in clay like

shaly rock but can be valuable in all types of geology.

16. Geotechnical Review

The structural plans are to be checked and certified by the geotechnical engineer as being in

accordance with the geotechnical recommendations. On completion, a Form 2B will be

issued. This form is required for the Construction Certificate to proceed.

17. Inspections

The client and builder are to familiarise themselves with the following required inspections

as well as council geotechnical policy. We cannot provide geotechnical certification for the

Occupation Certificate if the following inspections have not been carried out during the

construction process.

• The geotechnical consultant is to inspect the ground materials while the first pier for

the ground support is being dug to assess the ground strength and to ensure it is in

line with our expectations. All finished pier holes for piled wall/excavations for ground

support are to be inspected and measured before concrete is placed.

• All footings are to be inspected and approved by the geotechnical consultant while

the excavation equipment and contractors are still onsite and before steel reinforcing

is placed or concrete is poured.

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Photo 5



Photo 6: AH1 – Downhole is from left to right.



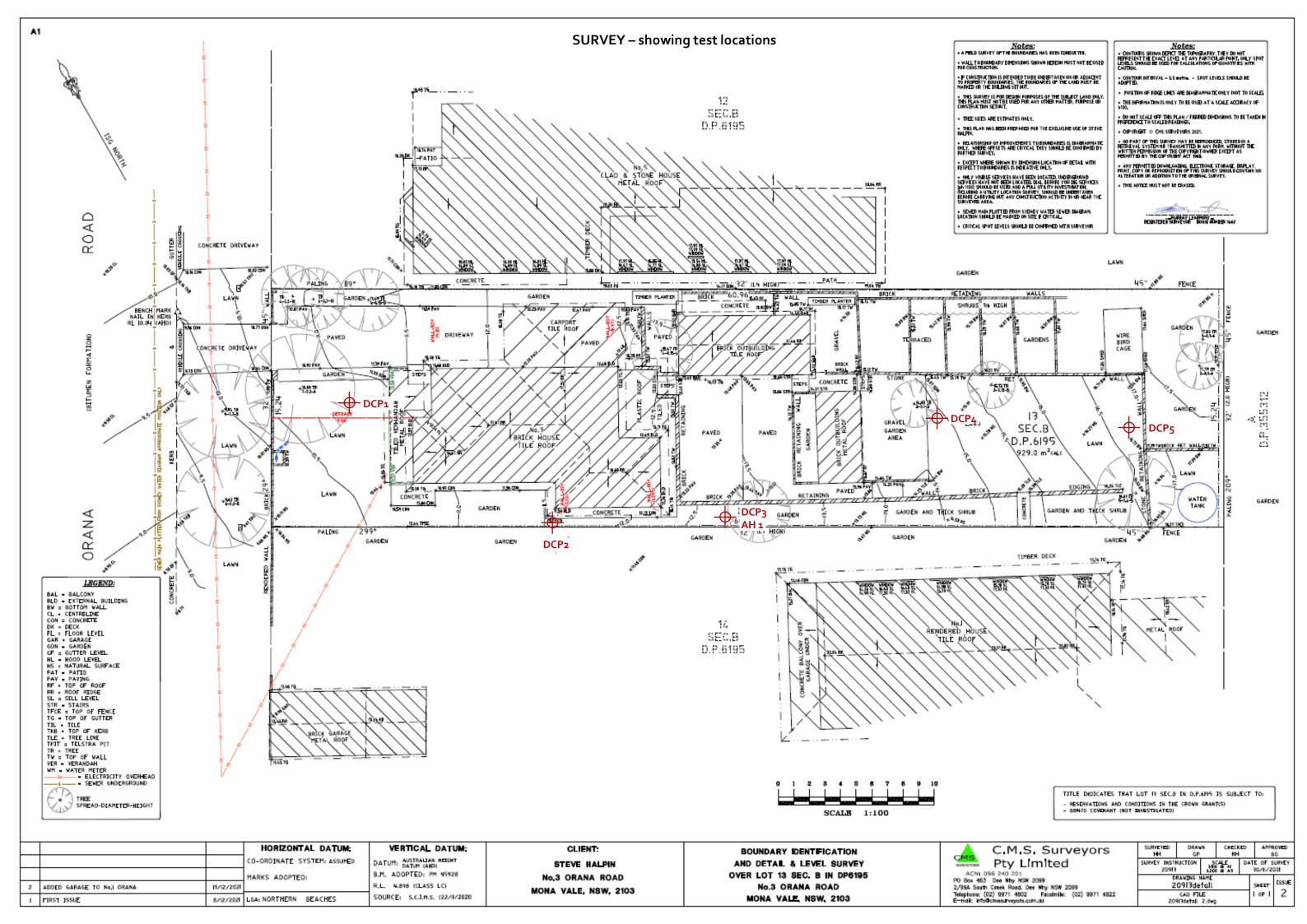
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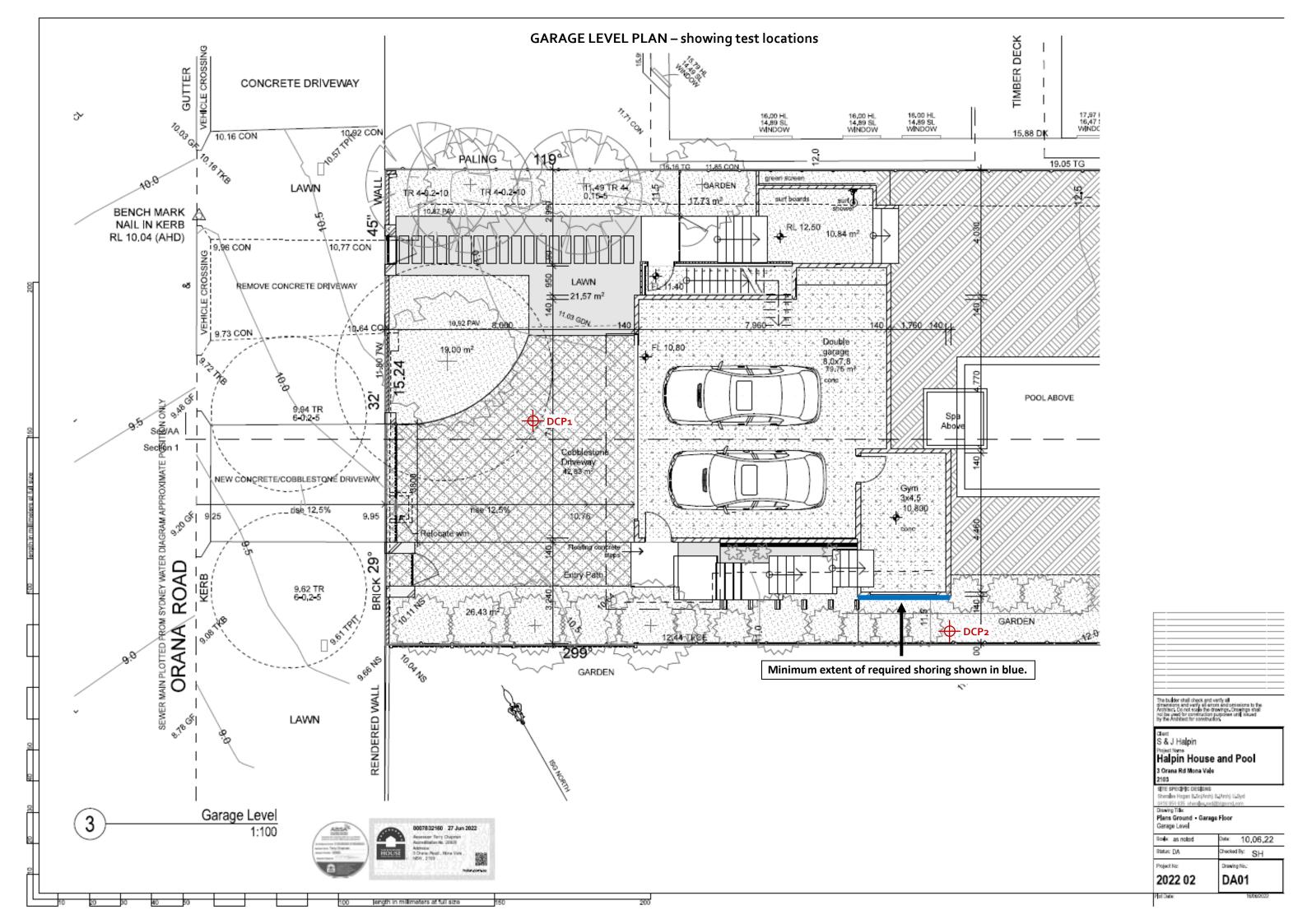
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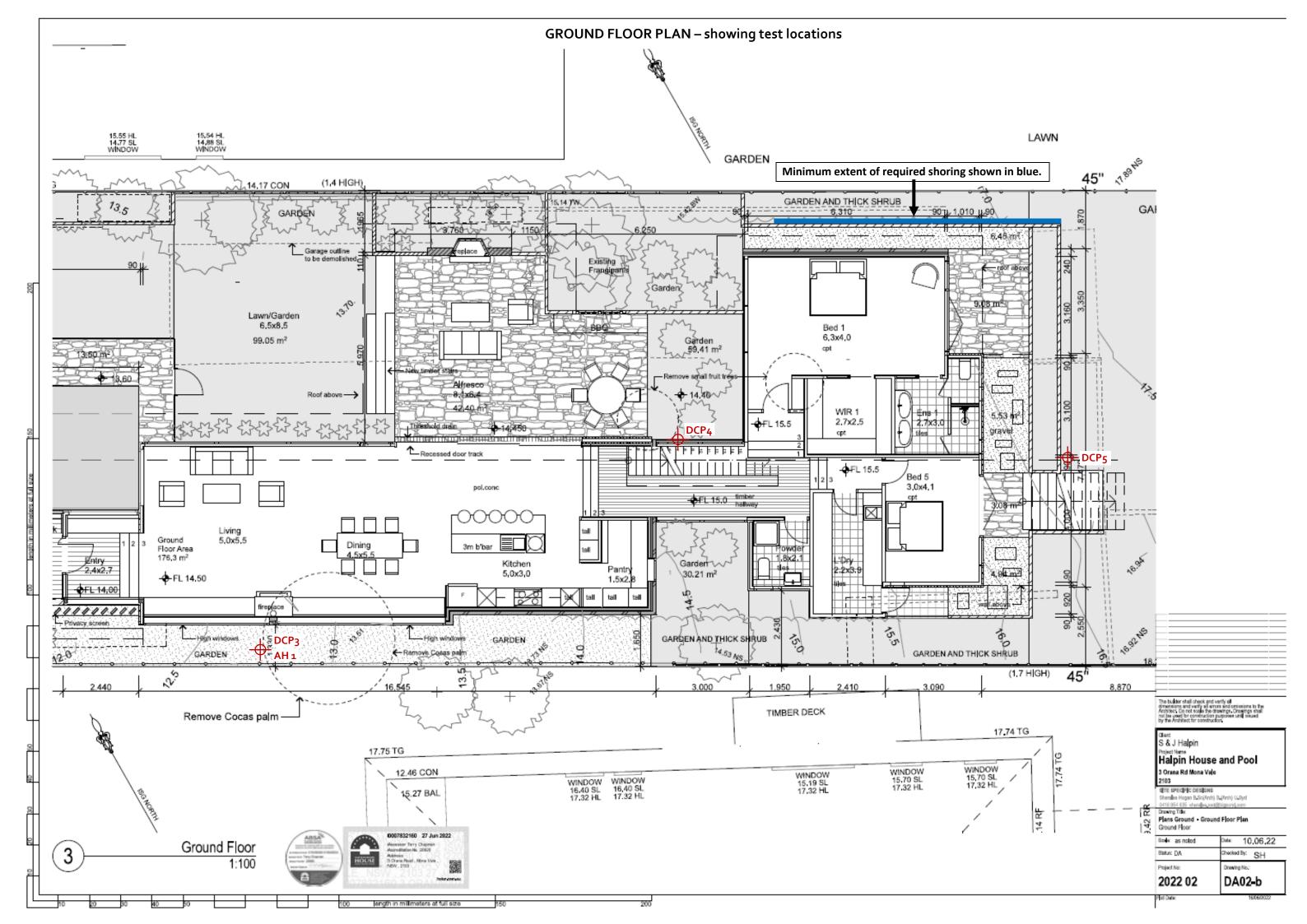
It should be noted that Geotechnical Reports are documents that build a picture of the subsurface conditions from the observation of surface features and testing carried out at specific points on the site. The spacing and location of the test points can be limited by the location of existing structures on the site or by budget and time constraints of the client. Additionally, the test themselves, although chosen for their suitability for the particular project, have their own limiting factors. The testing gives accurate information at the location of the test, within the confines of the test's capability. A geological interpretation or model is developed by joining these test points using all available data and drawing on previous experience of the geotechnical consultant. Even the most experienced practitioners cannot determine every possible feature or change that may lie below the earth. All of the subsurface features can only be known when they are revealed by excavation. As such, a Geotechnical report can be considered an interpretive document. It is based on factual data but also on opinion and judgement that comes with a level of uncertainty. This information is provided to help explain the nature and limitations of your report.

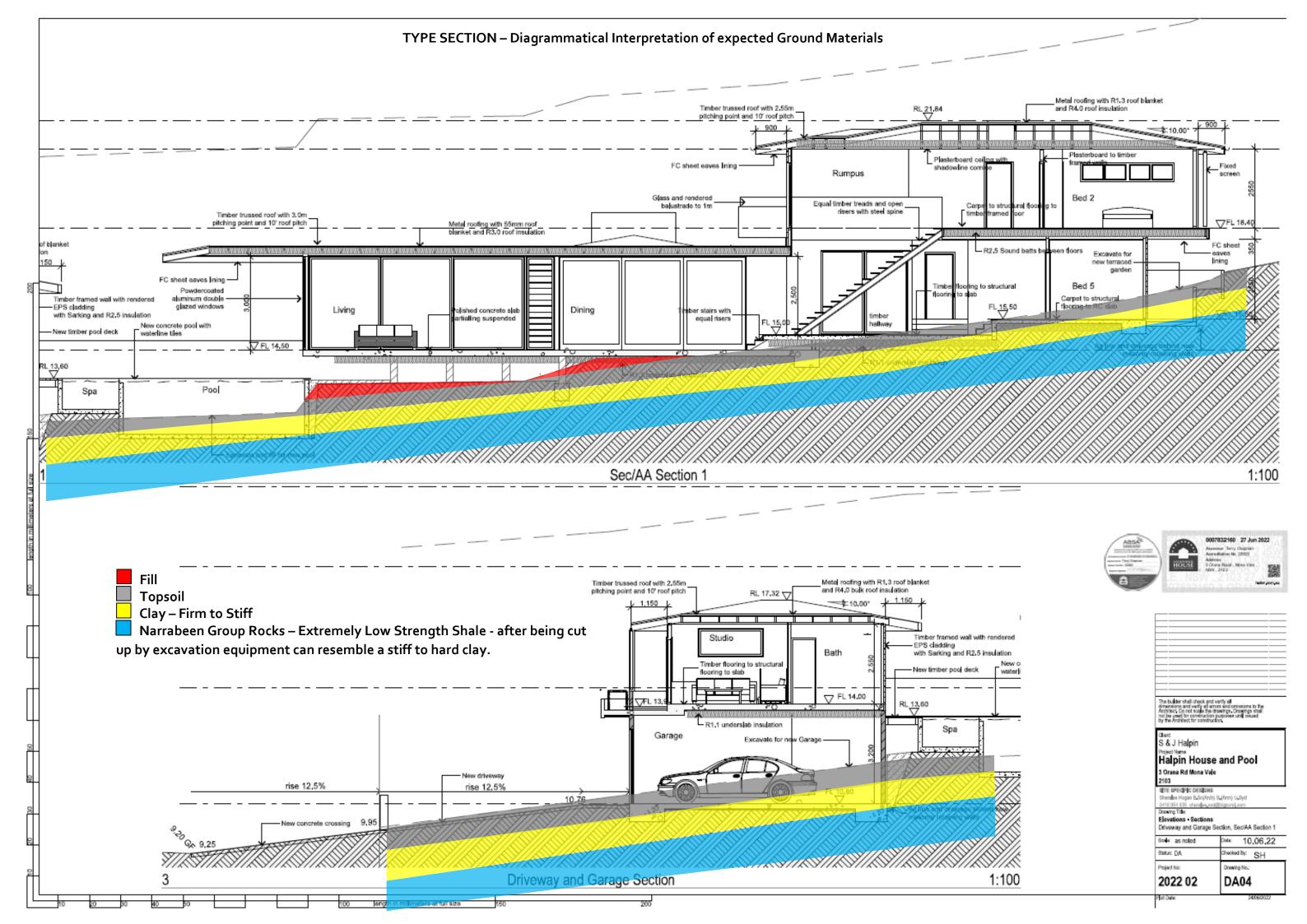
With this in mind, the following points are to be noted:

- If upon the commencement of the works the subsurface ground or ground water conditions prove different from those described in this report, it is advisable to contact White Geotechnical Group immediately, as problems relating to the ground works phase of construction are far easier and less costly to overcome if they are addressed early.
- If this report is used by other professionals during the design or construction process, any
  questions should be directed to White Geotechnical Group as only we understand the full
  methodology behind the report's conclusions.
- The report addresses issues relating to your specific design and site. If the proposed project design changes, aspects of the report may no longer apply. Contact White Geotechnical if this occurs.
- This report should not be applied to any other project other than that outlined in section 1.0.
- This report is to be read in full and should not have sections removed or included in other documents as this can result in misinterpretation of the data by others.
- It is common for the design and construction process to be adapted as it progresses (sometimes
  to suit the previous experience of the contractors involved). If alternative design and construction
  processes are required to those described in this report, contact White Geotechnical Group. We
  are familiar with a variety of techniques to reduce risk and can advise if your proposed methods
  are suitable for the site conditions.









## EXAMPLES OF GOOD HILLSIDE PRACTICE



### EXAMPLES OF POOR HILLSIDE PRACTICE

