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

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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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### **GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION:**

Alterations and Additions and balcony at 518 Barrenjoey Road, Avalon Beach

### 1. Proposed Development

- **1.1** Demolish the existing deck and pool structure and construct a ground-floor extension to the N side of the house.
- **1.2** Construct a new balcony over the proposed extension.
- **1.3** Various other minor internal and external alterations and additions.
- Details of the proposed development are shown on 10 drawings prepared by Peter Downes Designs, project number 2202, drawings numbered 00, and 02 to 09, dated 1.7.22, and 01, dated 6.3.22.
- 1.5 The Coastal Engineering Assessment Report was prepared by Cardno, now Stantec, reference number 304600719/001/L001:PDT, dated 15.9.22.

### 2. Site Description

- **2.1** The site was inspected on the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.
- 2.2 This residential property is on the high side the road and encompasses the crest and gently graded flanks of a hillslope. From the road frontage the slope rises gently to the house before falling at similar angles to the lower boundary. Below the lower boundary, the slope drops at vertical angles for some ~40m to a rock platform and ocean below.
- 2.3 At the road frontage, a concrete driveway runs past a parking area to a garage attached to the W side of the house (Photo 1). A stable ~1.3m high timber crib wall supports a cut for the parking area and a fill for the level lawn area (Photo 2). The part three-storey steel framed and rendered masonry house is supported on concrete



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block walls and concrete block piers (Photo 3). The concrete block walls show no significant signs of movement and the visible concrete piers stand vertical. A level lawn area extends from the E side of the property to the E boundary (Photo 4). A ~1.5m high timber crib wall that encompasses the N common boundary and the E boundary supports the fill for this lawn area (Photo 5). The crib wall is almost entirely obscured by dense vegetation and could not be adequately assessed. A gentle to moderately sloping lawn extends shortly beyond the E boundary before dropping ~37m at vertical angles to a rock platform below (Photo 6). The cliff line is obscured by thick vegetation. From below it can be seen to be made up of thinly bedded shale and thicker bedded sandstone (Photo 7). The base of the cliff is armoured from the undercutting action of the waves by the rock platform and a build-up of slope debris (Photo 8). The cliff face to the north of the property has been undercut to ~2.0m across its base but adjacent to the subject property the cliff face has no significant defects (Photo 9). In the unlikely event of a failure the undercut will not impact the subject property. The weathering process of the cliff face occurs when the harder beds are undercut by the softer beds. Because the beds are relatively thin and jointed the resulting failures are small in scale. This weathering process is extremely slow, measured from the geological record to be in the order of 7 to 12 mm/year. The proposed works will be at least 8m from the uphill edge of the cliff. The estimated wave run-up height will reach 6.9AHD; ignoring any cliff face roughness. This is well below the site of the proposed works and only very minor spray would affect the site, as per the coastal report referenced above.

### 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.



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### 4. Subsurface Investigation

One hand Auger Hole (AH) was put down on the neighbouring property to identify 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 be an issue for the testing on this site. However, excavation and foundation budgets should always allow for the possibility that the interpreted ground conditions in this report vary from those encountered during excavations. See the appended "Important information about your report" for a more comprehensive explanation. The results are as follows:

### **AUGER HOLE 1** (~RL39.2) – AH1 (Photo 11)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.1	<b>TOPSOIL</b> , dark brown clayey soil, medium grained, loose, fine trace of organic matter, dry.
0.1 to 0.3	CLAY, brown, fine grained, stiff, dry.
0.3 to 0.6	CLAY, yellow and brown, fine grained, stiff, dry.

End of test @ 0.6m. No water table encountered.

#### **DCP RESULTS ON THE NEXT PAGE**



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DCP TEST RESULTS – Dynamic Cone Penetrometer						
Equipment: 9kg	Equipment: 9kg hammer, 510mm drop, conical tip. Standard: AS1289.6.3.2 - 19					
Depth(m) Blows/0.3m	DCP 1 (~RL41.5)	DCP 2 (~RL41.5)	<b>DCP 3</b> (~RL41.6)	<b>DCP 4</b> (~RL40.5)	<b>DCP 5</b> (~RL41.6)	
0.0 to 0.3	3	6	3	7	3	
0.3 to 0.6	4	30	#	8	4	
0.6 to 0.9	6	15		6	14	
0.9 to 1.2	10	36		34	24	
1.2 to 1.5	12	#		20	35	
1.5 to 1.8	12			#	#	
1.8 to 2.1	31					
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	End of Test @ 2.1m	End of Test @ 1.2m	Refusal @ 0.2m	End of Test @ 1.35m	End of Test @ 1.5m	

#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 @ 2.1m, DCP still going down slowly, red and white shale on dry tip.

DCP2 – End of test @ 1.2m, DCP still going down slowly, red shale on dry tip.

DCP3 – Refusal on unknown obstruction.

DCP4 – End of test @ 1.35m, DCP still going down slowly, clean dry tip, white and orange shale fragments in collar.

DCP5 – End of test @ 1.5m, DCP still going down slowly, red and white shale on dry tip.

### 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 fill and soils over clays. The clay merges into the underlying weathered rock at depths of between ~0.9m to ~1.8m below the current surface. The weathered zone is interpreted to be Extremely Low Strength Shale. See Type Section attached for a diagrammatical representation of the expected ground materials.



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6. Groundwater

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

through the cracks. Due to the slope and elevation of the block, the water table 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 normal sheet wash from the properties above will move onto the block and over

the coastal scarp during heavy down pours.

8. Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis

No geotechnical hazards were observed above or beside the property. The gently graded

slope that rises and falls across the property and continues below is a potential hazard

(Hazard One). The large sea cliff that drops vertically below the lower boundary of the

property is a potential hazard (Hazard Two). The additional surcharge loads from the

proposed extension acting on the existing N boundary wall is a potential hazard (Photo 10)

(Hazard Three).

RISK ANALYSIS SUMMARY ON THE NEXT PAGE



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### **Risk Analysis Summary**

HAZARDS	Hazard One	Hazard Two	Hazard Three
TYPE	The gentle slope that rises and falls across the property and continues below failing and impacting on the proposed works.	A large failure occurring in the sea cliff that impacts proposed works.	The additional surcharge loads from the extension transferring onto the existing concrete block retaining wall causing damage and instability (Photo 10).
LIKELIHOOD	'Unlikely' (10 <sup>-4</sup> )	'Rare' (10 <sup>-5</sup> )	'Possible' (10 <sup>-3</sup> )
CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY	'Minor' (5%)	'Major' (60%)	'Medium' (35%)
RISK TO PROPERTY	'Low' (2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> )	'Low' (6 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> )	'Moderate' (2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> )
RISK TO LIFE	5.5 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> /annum	8.3 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> /annum	5.6 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> /annum
COMMENTS	This level of risk is 'ACCEPTABLE'.	Cardno, now Stantec advises that the proposed development will not cause detrimental increases in coastal risks to this or other properties, as such, 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 12</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 Barrenjoey Road. Roof water from the development is to be piped to the street

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

11. Excavations

Apart from those for footings and minor levelling, no excavations are required.

12. Foundations

To avoid transferring any surcharge loads from the proposed extension onto the existing

concrete block retaining wall that runs along the N common boundary, all piers will need to

be taken to below the zone of influence of the concrete block retaining wall (Photo 10).

The proposed extension can be supported on a thickened edge / raft slab with piers taken to

Extremely Low Strength Rock and to below the zone of influence of the existing N boundary

concrete block retaining wall. This ground material is expected at depths of between ~0.9m

and ~1.8m below the current surface.

A maximum allowable bearing pressure of 600kPa can be assumed for footings on Extremely

Low Strength Rock or better. 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.

As the bearing capacity of clay and 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 wet clay or 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 consultant 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.

13. 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.

14. 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

owners and Occupation Certificate if the following inspections have not been carried out

during the construction process.

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 4



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Photo 10



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Photo 11 (Top to Bottom)



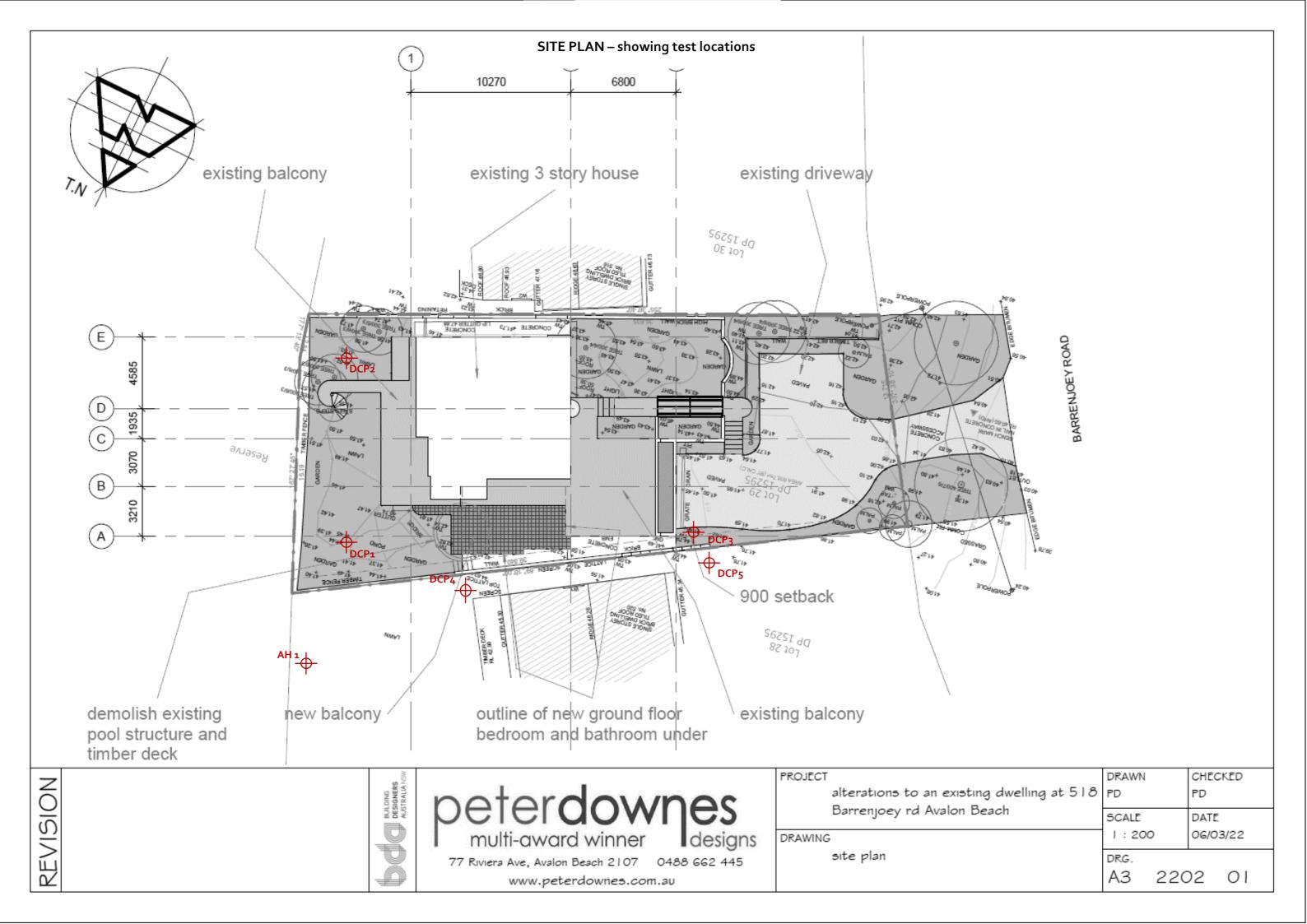
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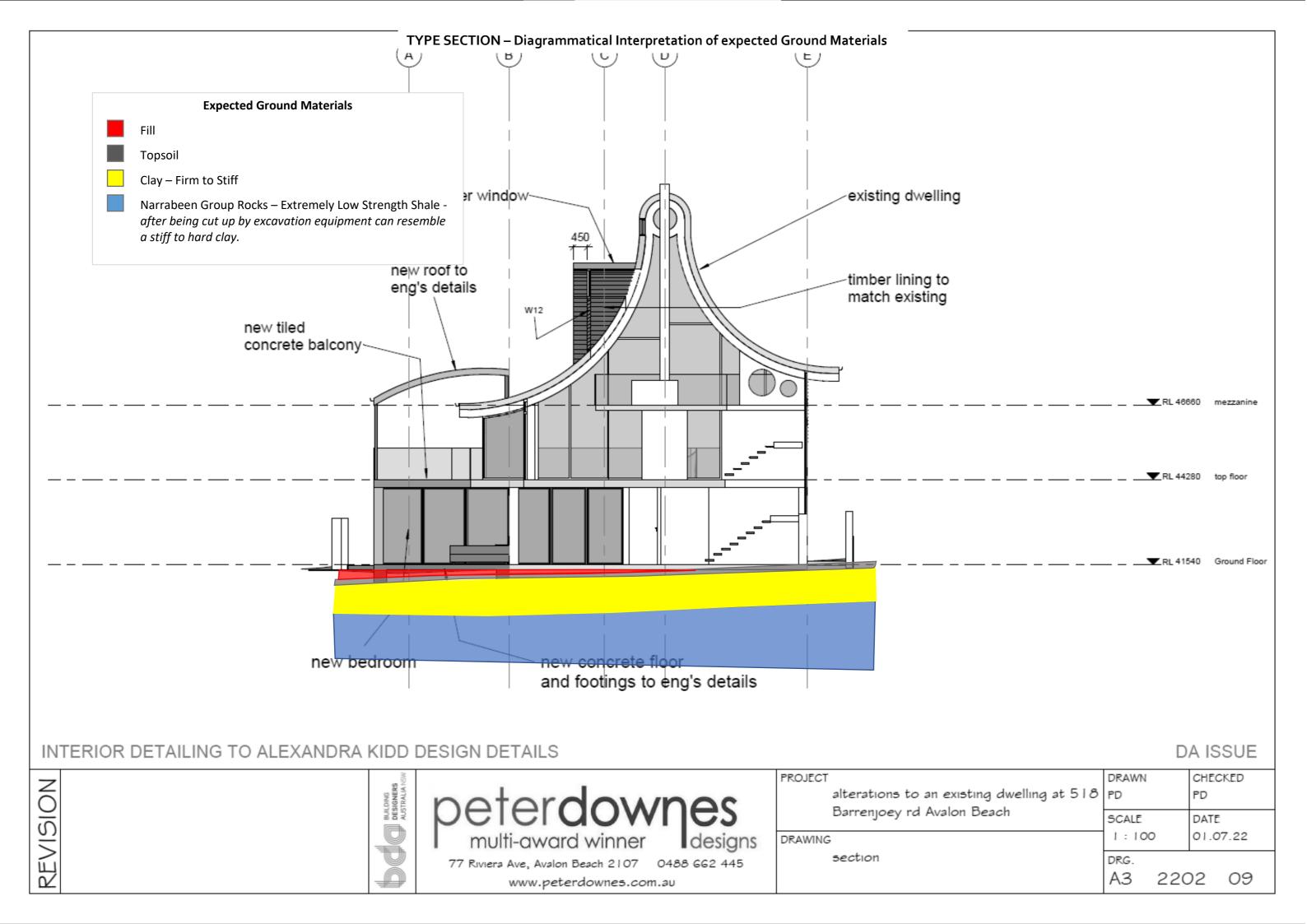
### Important Information about Your Report

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.





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# EXAMPLES OF POOR HILLSIDE PRACTICE





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Contact: Doug Treloar

15 September 2022

Mr Derek Chung 518 Barrenjoey Road Avalon **NSW 2107** 

Attention: Derek Chung/Peter Downes

Dear Sirs,

# PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT AT 518 BARRENJOEY ROAD, AVALON - COASTAL PROCESSES ASSESSMENT

Mr Derek Chung has sought architectural and planning advice from Peter Downes Designs, who have prepared design plans for a proposed new residence at 518 Barrenjoey Road, Avalon. Those plans and a site survey are presented in **Annexure A**. **Figure 1** describes the location of this site, which is on top of the shoreline cliffs, Avalon Beach.



Figure 1 Locality Plan

This site is located at a level of about 40m AHD on the southern Avalon Beach headland. Northern Beaches Council (NBC) DCP P21DCP, Appendix 6, provides advice about coastal hazards in this LGA. All development proposals must address the requirements set-down therein.

**Figure 2** was obtained from NBC's online hazard mapping web site. However, no specific hazards are noted on that image for this site. This figure shows that the site is not affected by coastal processes, but geotechnical matters may need to be addressed. The seaward shoreline is formed of a rough rocky cliff that has a vegetated top surface.



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Figure 2 Northern Beaches Coastal Risk Planning Map

Generally, the principal coastal hazards are storm erosion, accompanied by potential long term shoreline recession, and wave run-up at 2100. Stability of this rocky site is described in the geotechnical report – White Geotechnical (July, 2022) in **Annexure B**.

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Cardno have estimated the wave run-up level at 2100 in the 100-years average recurrence interval (ARI) ocean storm conditions, as follows:

- Estimated 2100 storm tide level at ARI = 2.3m AHD, including 0.9m of projected sea level rise
- Incident wave conditions on the rocky shelf about half a wave length from the rock cliff is about 0.85 x (2.4m AHD – 0m AHD) = 2m breaking wave height (Hb) – rock shelf estimated at 0m AHD.
- Wave set-up on the rock shelf of 0.5m.

The estimated wave run-up level is then  $2.4m \text{ AHD} + 0.5m + 2 \times \text{Hb} = 6.9m \text{ AHD}$ ; ignoring cliff-face roughness, which would reduce wave run-up.

This run-up level is much lower than the site proposed for the residence and only very minor spray would affect the site.

Geotechnical investigations have been undertaken by White Geotechnical who provide an assessment of site suitability for the residence in terms of rock cliff stability. They report that '...





adjacent to the subject property the cliff face has no significant defects.' Cliff face weathering rates are very slow, so this condition should be maintained over the life of the present residence.

Yours faithfully,

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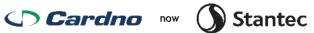
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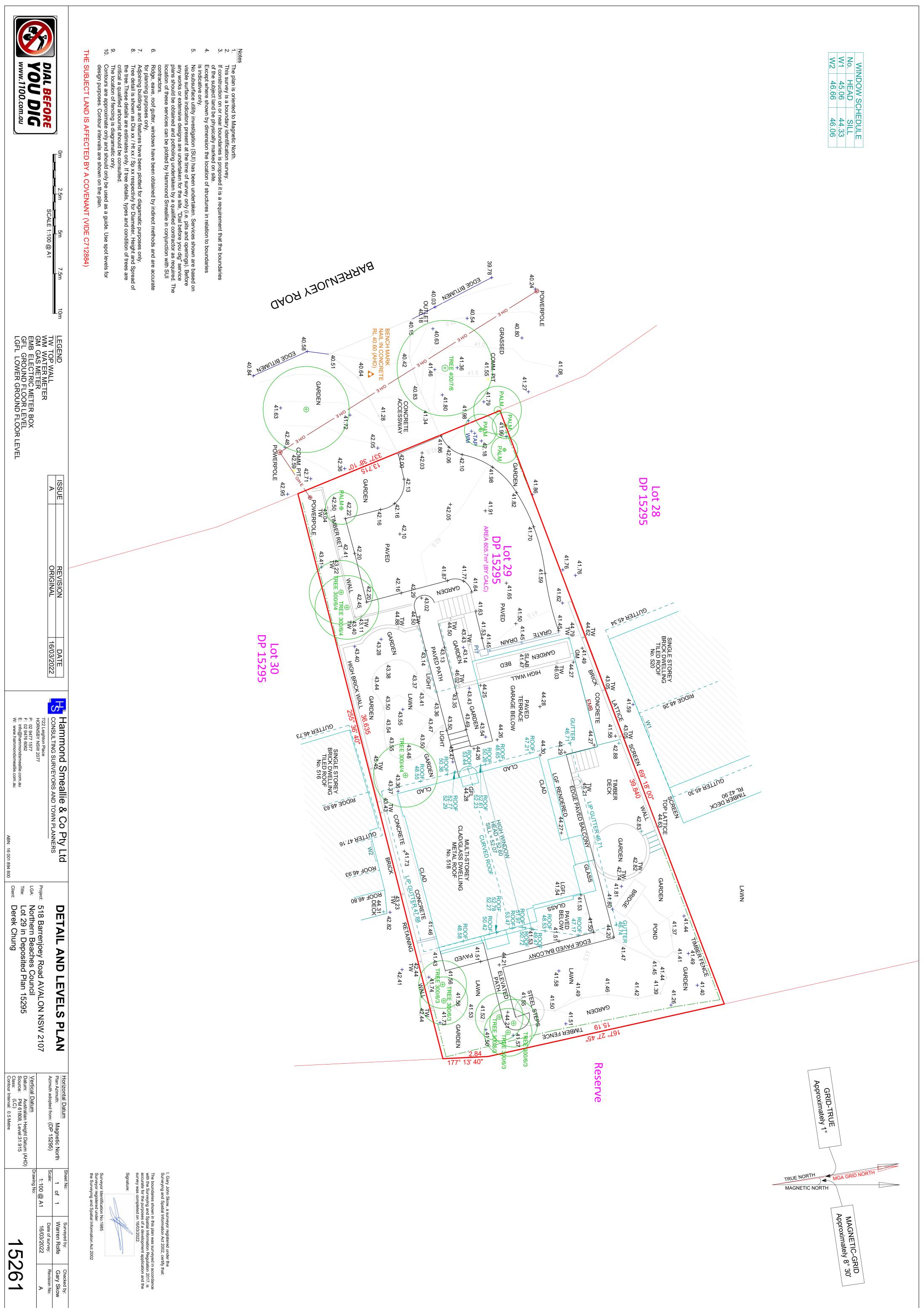




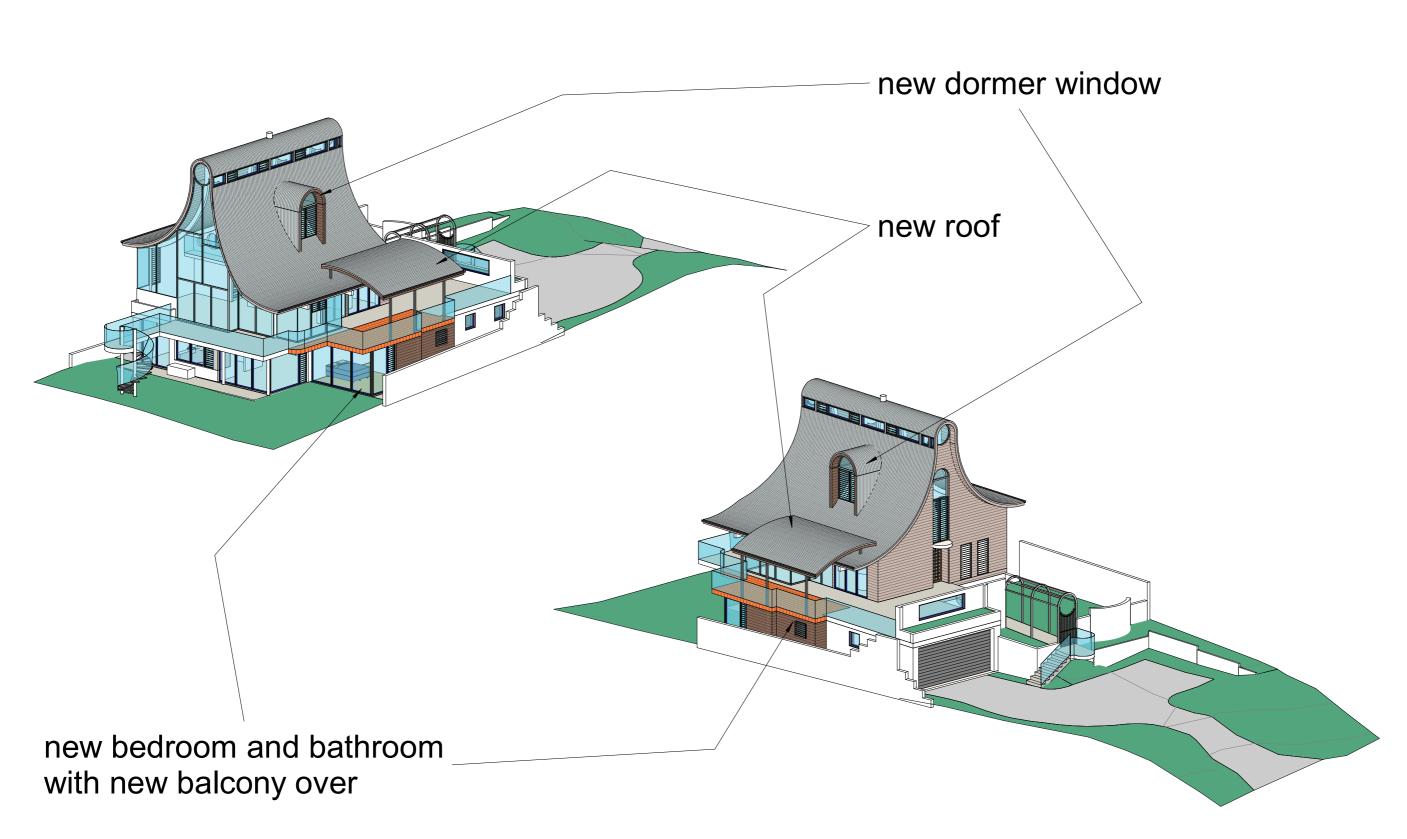


### Annexure A

# **Site Survey and Preliminary Plans**







### INTERIOR DETAILING TO ALEXANDRA KIDD DESIGN DETAILS

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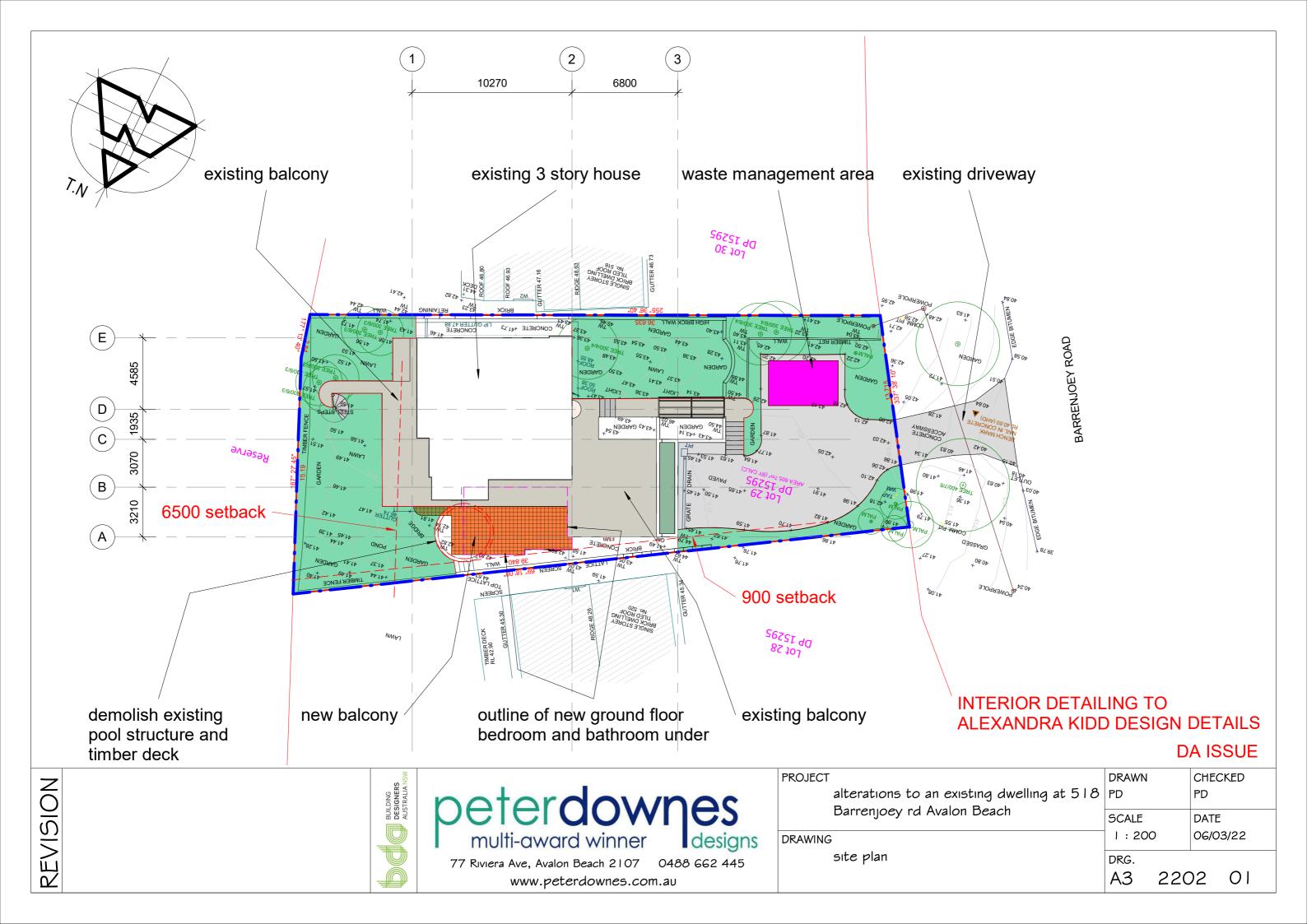
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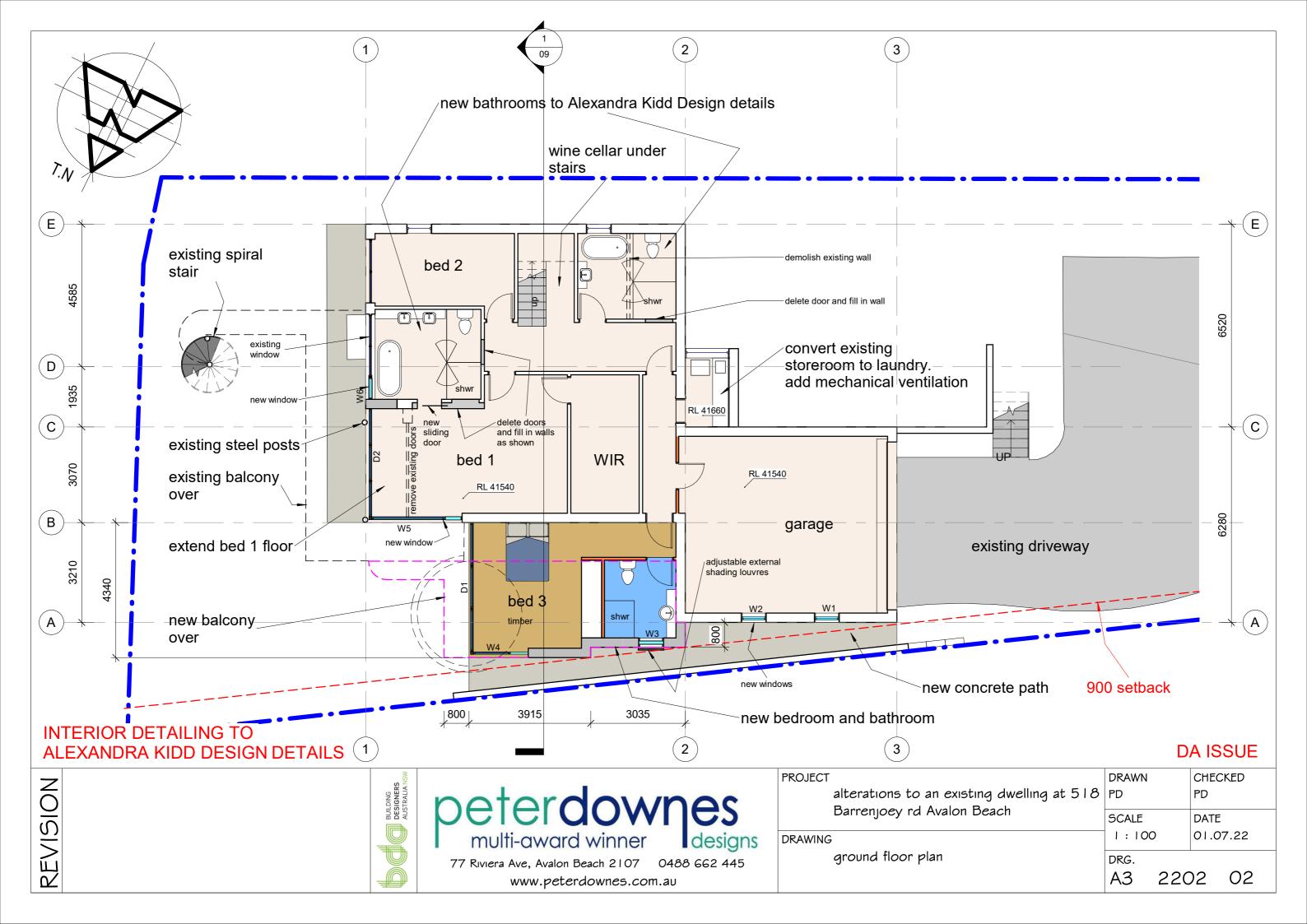
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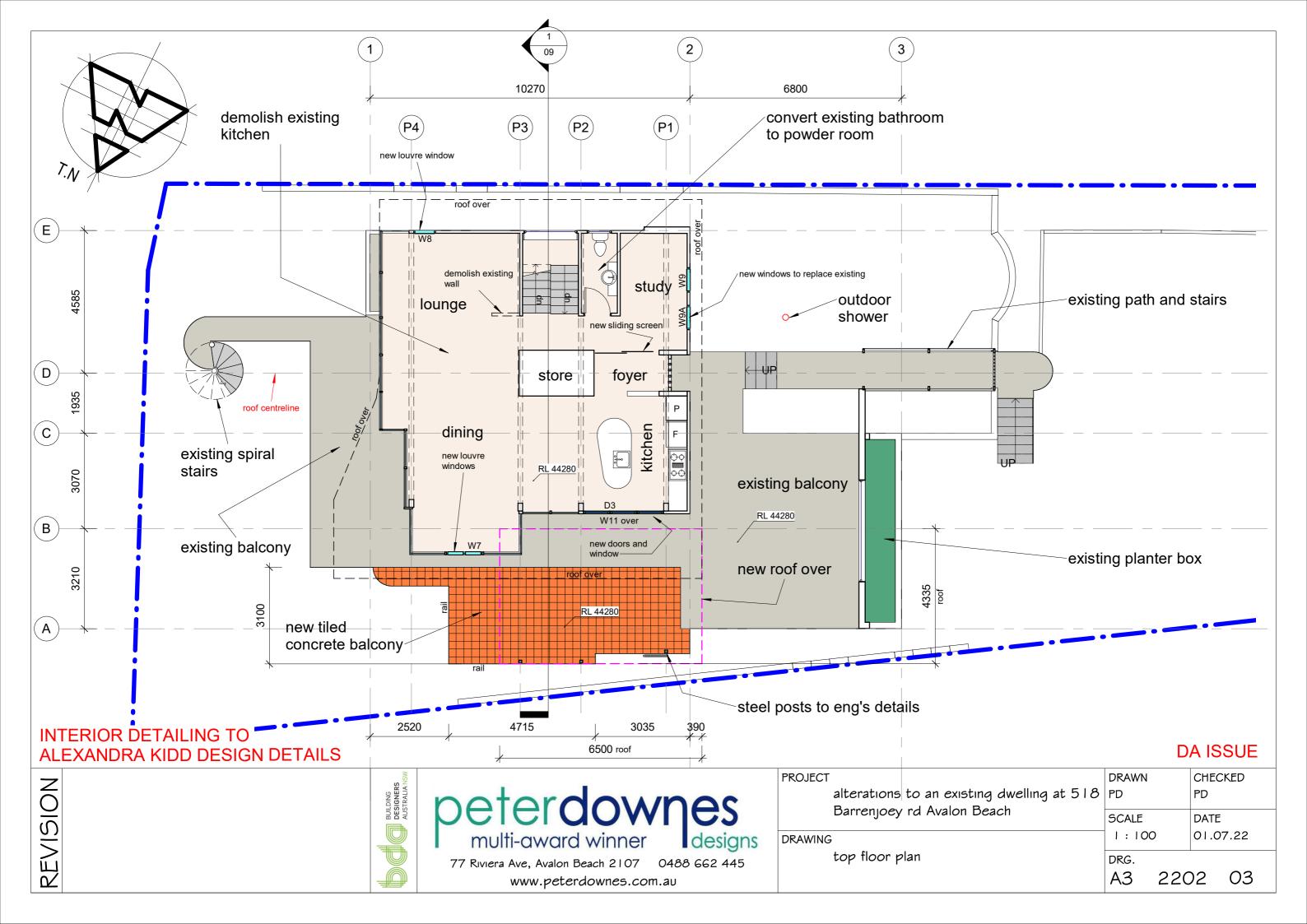
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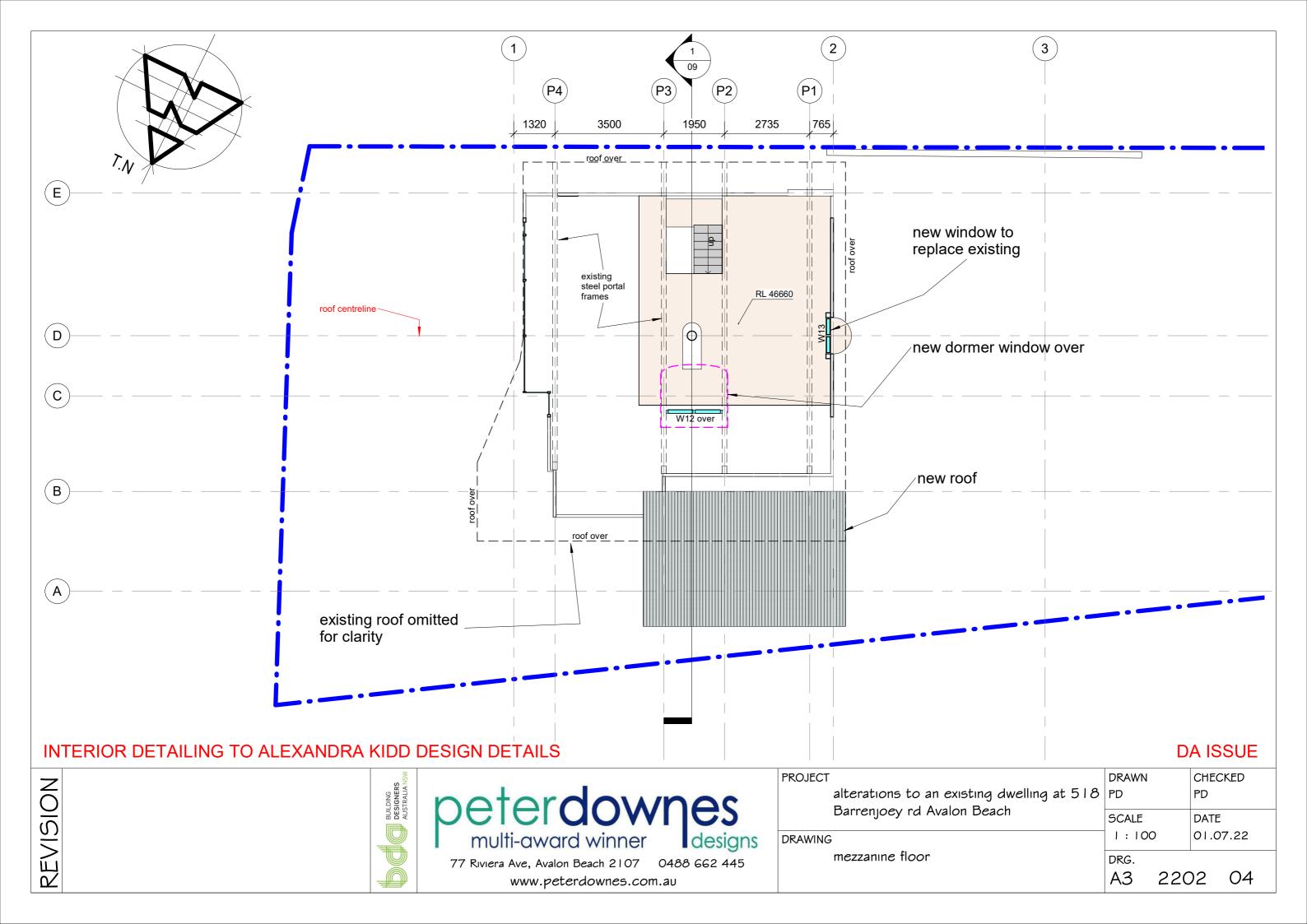
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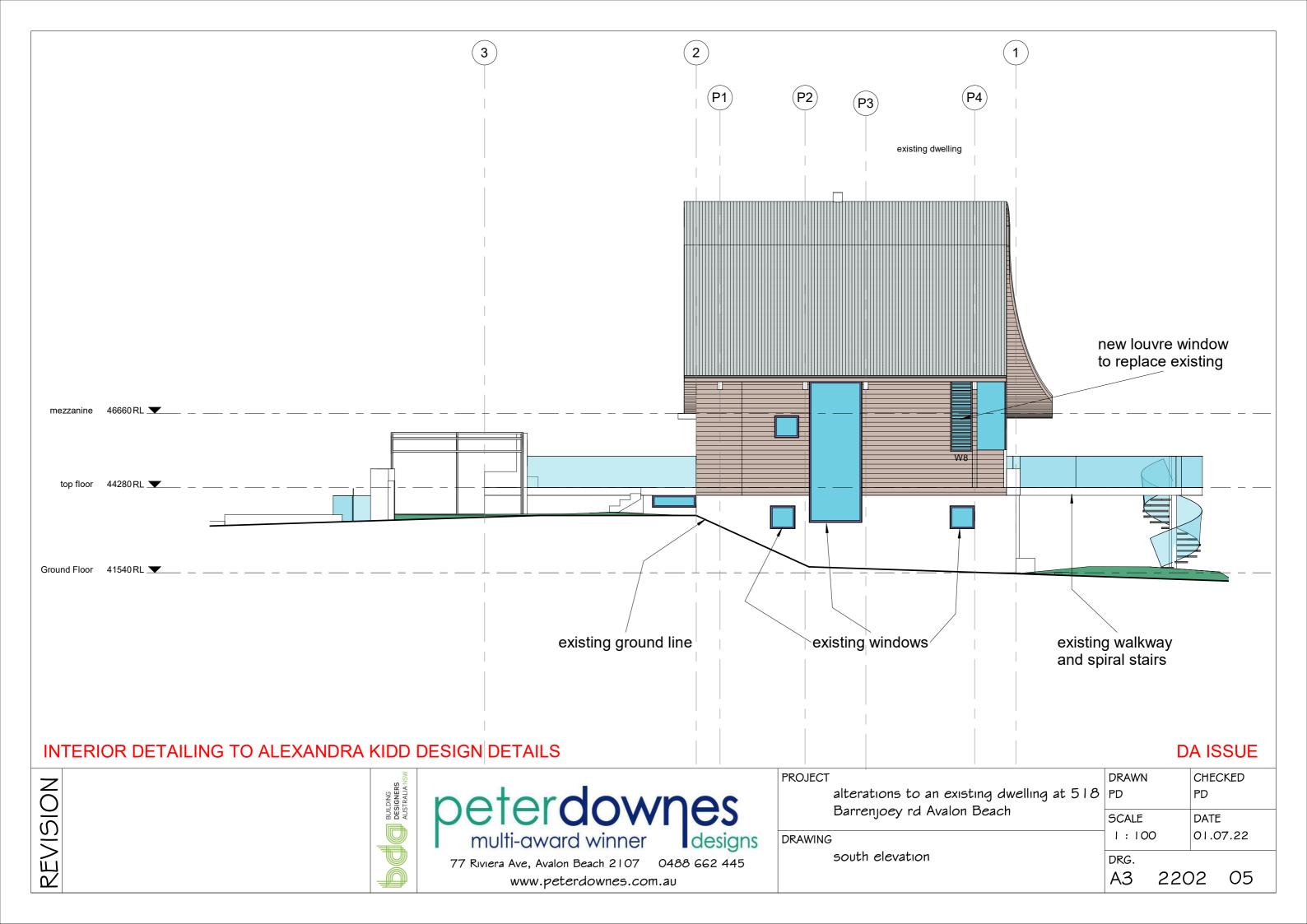
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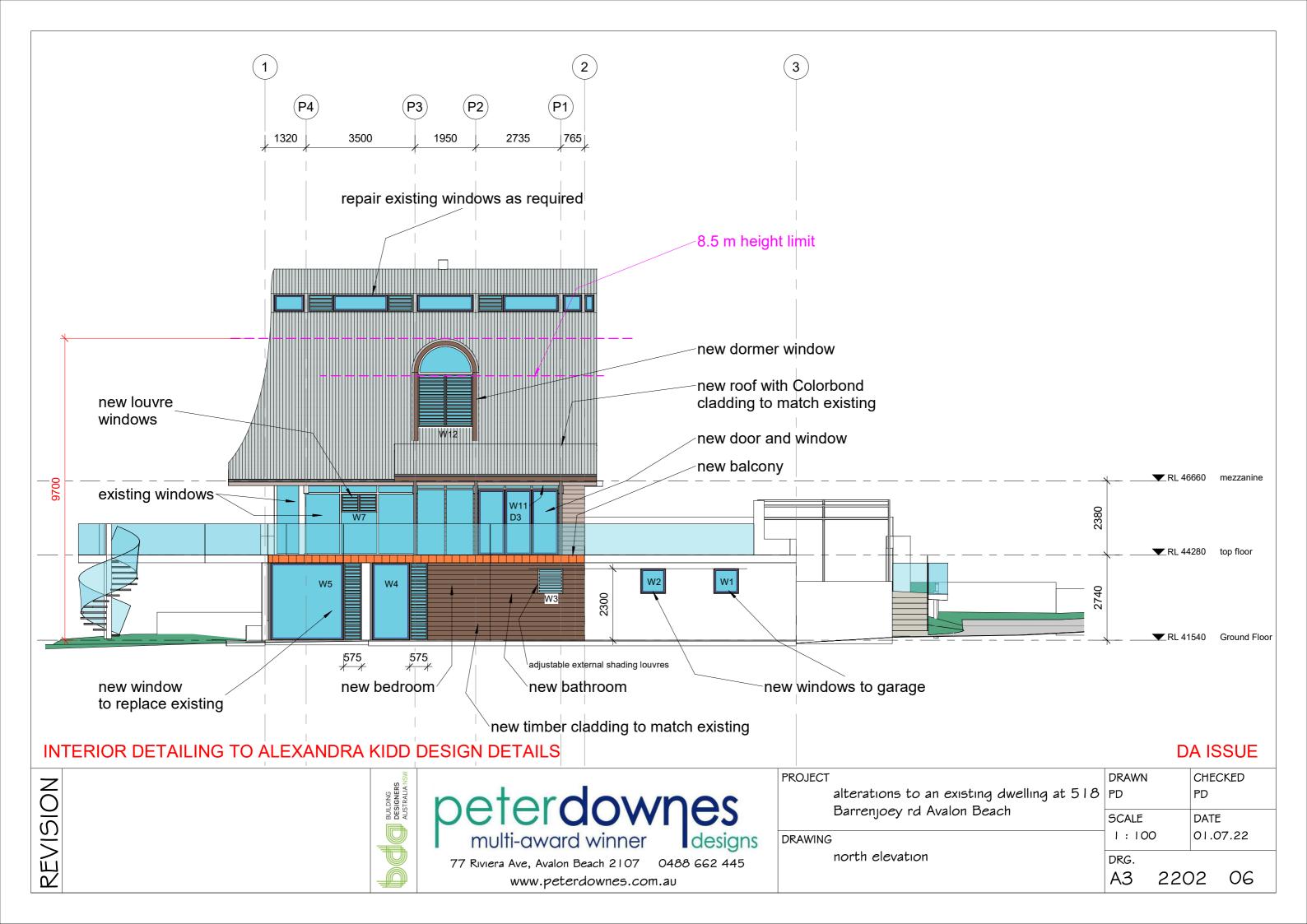


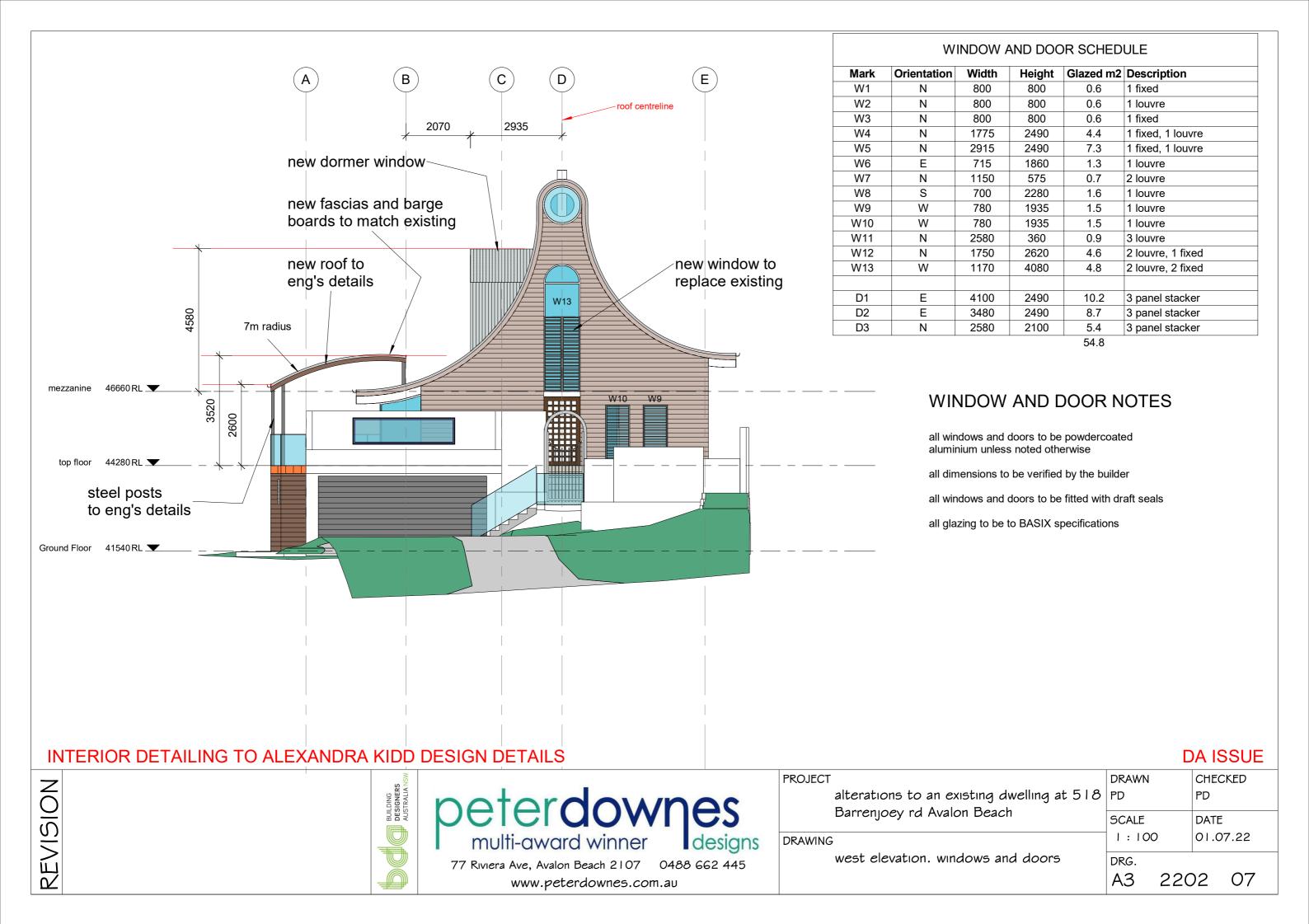


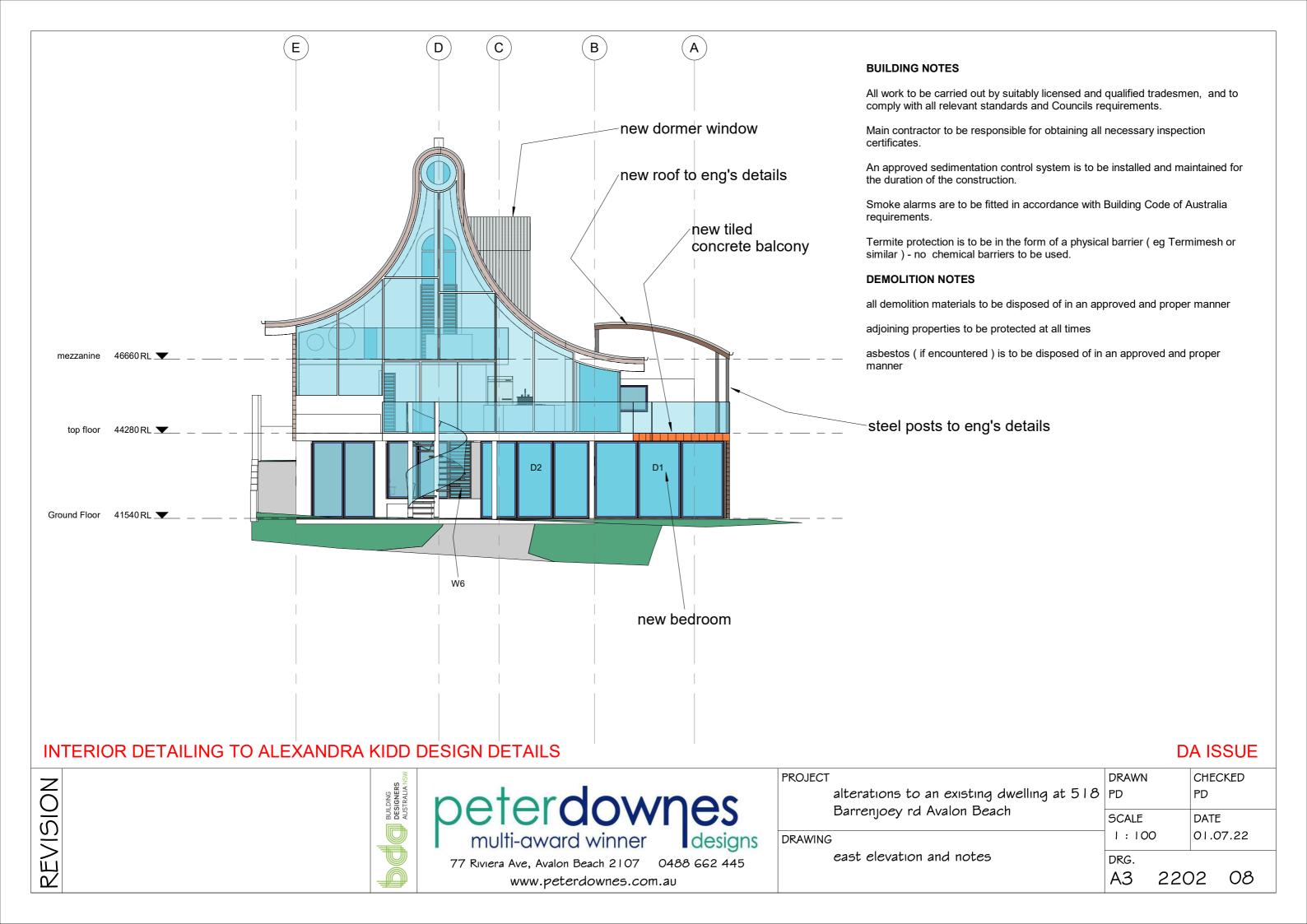


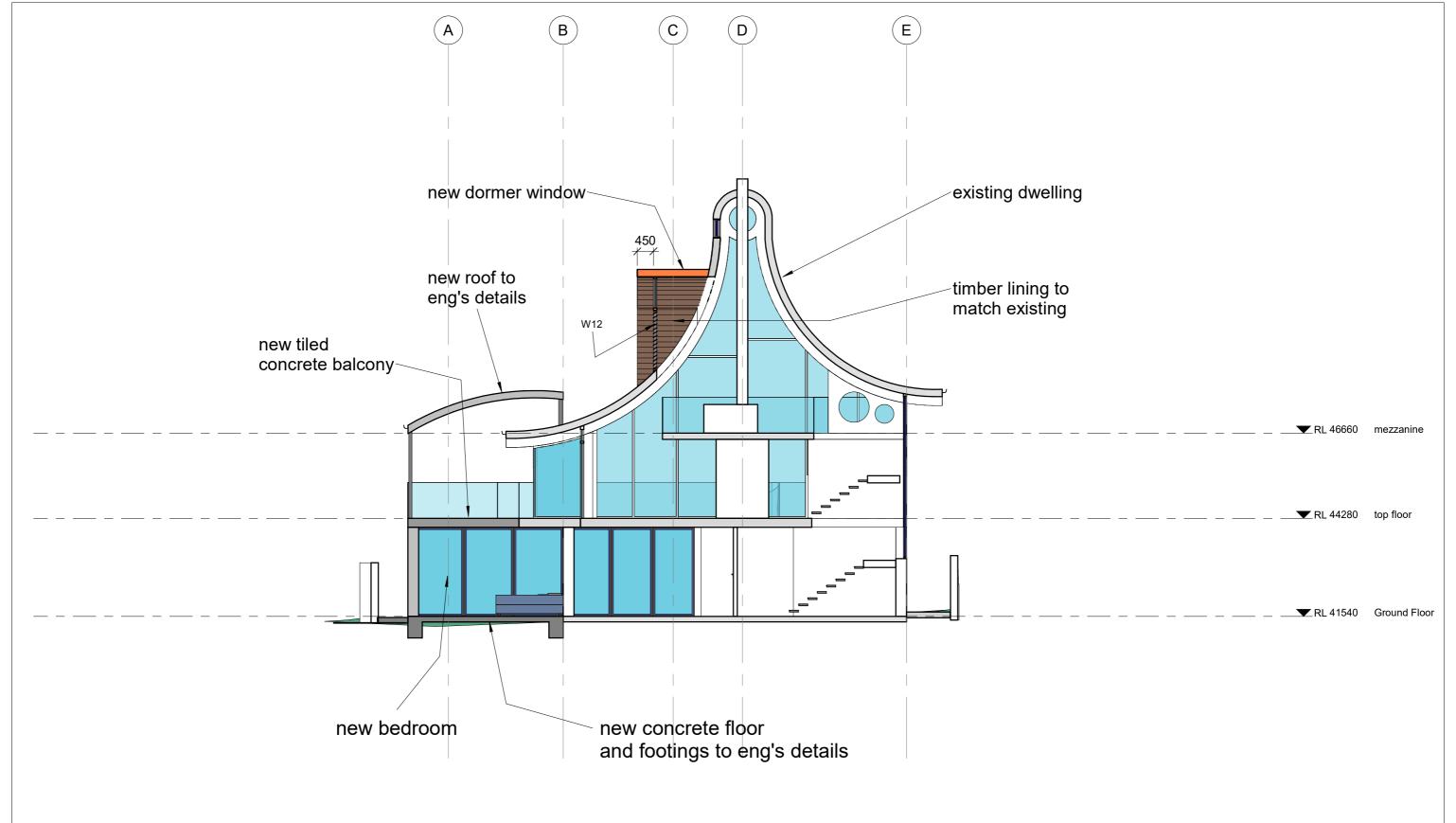












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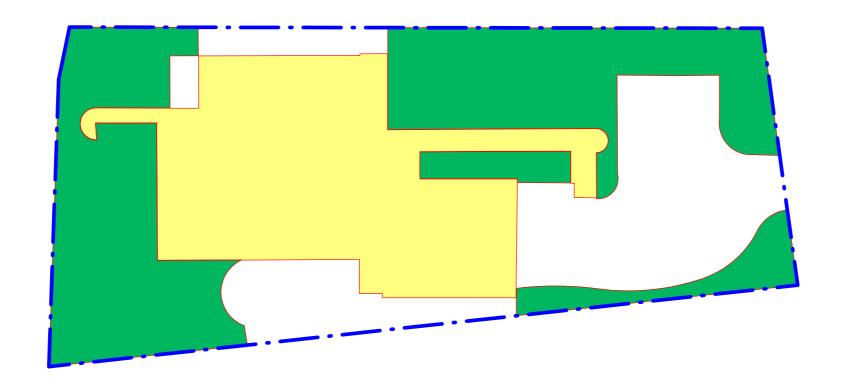
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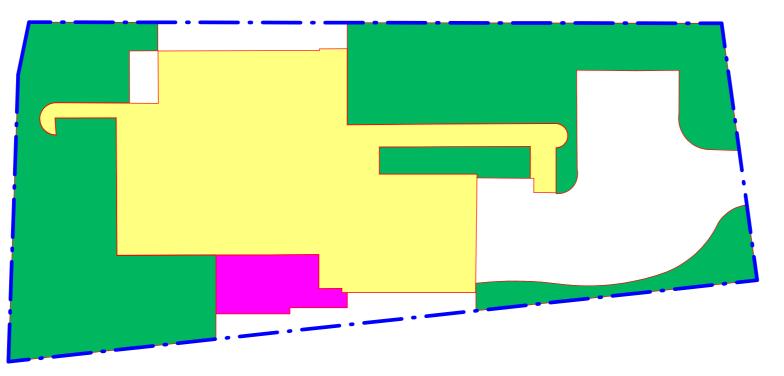
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Barrenjoey rd Avalon Beach	SCALE	DATE	
DRAWING	1:100	01.07.22	
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total site area = 605.7

landscaping = 236.1 m2



total site area = 605.7

landscaping = 242.0 m2

# INTERIOR DETAILING TO ALEXANDRA KIDD DESIGN DETAILS

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### **Annexure B**

## **Geotechnical Report**

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

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that reasonable and practical measures have been identified to remove foreseeable risk.

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Signature	
Name	Ben White
Chartered Professional Statu	s MScGEOLAusIMM CP GEOL
Membership No.	222757
Company	White Geotechnical Group Ptv Ltd

# 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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	s of site	518 Barrenjoey Road		
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Report I	Date: 13/9/22			
	BEN WHITE			
Author'	's Company/Organi	sation: WHITE GEOTECHI	NICAL GROUP PTY LTD	
Please m	ark appropriate bo	x		
	Comprehensive site	mapping conducted 29/6/22		
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#### **GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION:**

Alterations and Additions and balcony at 518 Barrenjoey Road, Avalon Beach

#### 1. Proposed Development

- **1.1** Demolish the existing deck and pool structure and construct a ground-floor extension to the N side of the house.
- **1.2** Construct a new balcony over the proposed extension.
- **1.3** Various other minor internal and external alterations and additions.
- 1.4 Details of the proposed development are shown on 10 drawings prepared by Peter Downes Designs, project number 2202, drawings numbered 00, and 02 to 09, dated 1.7.22, and 01, dated 6.3.22.

#### 2. Site Description

- **2.1** The site was inspected on the 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022.
- 2.2 This residential property is on the high side the road and encompasses the crest and gently graded flanks of a hillslope. From the road frontage the slope rises gently to the house before falling at similar angles to the lower boundary. Below the lower boundary, the slope drops at vertical angles for some ~40m to a rock platform and ocean below.
- 2.3 At the road frontage, a concrete driveway runs past a parking area to a garage attached to the W side of the house (Photo 1). A stable ~1.3m high timber crib wall supports a cut for the parking area and a fill for the level lawn area (Photo 2). The part three-storey steel framed and rendered masonry house is supported on concrete block walls and concrete block piers (Photo 3). The concrete block walls show no significant signs of movement and the visible concrete piers stand vertical. A level lawn area extends from the E side of the property to the E boundary (Photo 4). A



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~1.5m high timber crib wall that encompasses the N common boundary and the E boundary supports the fill for this lawn area (Photo 5). The crib wall is almost entirely obscured by dense vegetation and could not be adequately assessed. A gentle to moderately sloping lawn extends shortly beyond the E boundary before dropping ~37m at vertical angles to a rock platform below (Photo 6). The cliff line is obscured by thick vegetation. From below it can be seen to be made up of thinly bedded shale and thicker bedded sandstone (Photo 7). The base of the cliff is armoured from the undercutting action of the waves by the rock platform and a build-up of slope debris (Photo 8). The cliff face to the north of the property has been undercut to ~2.0m across its base but adjacent to the subject property the cliff face has no significant defects (Photo 9). In the unlikely event of a failure the undercut will not impact the subject property. The weathering process of the cliff face occurs when the harder beds are undercut by the softer beds. Because the beds are relatively thin and jointed the resulting failures are small in scale. This weathering process is extremely slow, measured from the geological record to be in the order of 7 to 12 mm/year. The proposed works will be at least 8m from the uphill edge of the cliff.

#### 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 on the neighbouring property to identify 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



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obstruction in the profile or on the natural rock surface. This is not expected to be an issue for the testing on this site. However, excavation and foundation budgets should always allow for the possibility that the interpreted ground conditions in this report vary from those encountered during excavations. See the appended "Important information about your report" for a more comprehensive explanation. The results are as follows:

#### **AUGER HOLE 1** (~RL39.2) – AH1 (Photo 11)

Depth (m)	Material Encountered
0.0 to 0.1	<b>TOPSOIL</b> , dark brown clayey soil, medium grained, loose, fine trace of organic matter, dry.
0.1 to 0.3	CLAY, brown, fine grained, stiff, dry.
0.3 to 0.6	CLAY, yellow and brown, fine grained, stiff, dry.

End of test @ 0.6m. No water table encountered.

DCP TEST RESULTS – Dynamic Cone Penetrometer					
Equipment: 9kg hammer, 510mm drop, conical tip. Standard: AS1289.6.3.2 - 1997					
Depth(m) Blows/0.3m	<b>DCP 1</b> (~RL41.5)	<b>DCP 2</b> (~RL41.5)	<b>DCP 3</b> (~RL41.6)	<b>DCP 4</b> (~RL40.5)	<b>DCP 5</b> (~RL41.6)
0.0 to 0.3	3	6	3	7	3
0.3 to 0.6	4	30	#	8	4
0.6 to 0.9	6	15		6	14
0.9 to 1.2	10	36		34	24
1.2 to 1.5	12	#		20	35
1.5 to 1.8	12			#	#
1.8 to 2.1	31				
	#				
	End of Test @ 2.1m	End of Test @ 1.2m	Refusal @ 0.2m	End of Test @ 1.35m	End of Test @ 1.5m

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



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#### **DCP Notes:**

DCP1 – End of test @ 2.1m, DCP still going down slowly, red and white shale on dry tip.

DCP2 – End of test @ 1.2m, DCP still going down slowly, red shale on dry tip.

DCP3 - Refusal on unknown obstruction.

DCP4 – End of test @ 1.35m, DCP still going down slowly, clean dry tip, white and orange shale fragments in collar.

DCP5 – End of test @ 1.5m, DCP still going down slowly, red and white shale on dry tip.

#### 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 fill and soils over clays. The clay merges into the underlying weathered rock at depths of between ~0.9m to ~1.8m below the current surface. The weathered zone is interpreted to be Extremely Low Strength Shale. 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. Due to the slope and elevation of the block, the water table 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 normal sheet wash from the properties above will move onto the block and over the coastal scarp during heavy down pours.

#### 8. Geotechnical Hazards and Risk Analysis

No geotechnical hazards were observed above or beside the property. The gently graded slope that rises and falls across the property and continues below is a potential hazard (Hazard One). The large sea cliff that drops vertically below the lower boundary of the property is a potential hazard (Hazard Two). The additional surcharge loads from the



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proposed extension acting on the existing N boundary wall is a potential hazard (Photo 10) (Hazard Three).

#### **Risk Analysis Summary**

HAZARDS	Hazard One	Hazard Two	Hazard Three
ТҮРЕ			The additional
	The gentle slope that		surcharge loads from
	rises and falls across	A large failure	the extension
	the property and	occurring in the sea	transferring onto the
	continues below	cliff that impacts	existing concrete
	failing and impacting	proposed pool and	block retaining wall
	on the proposed	house.	causing damage and
	works.		instability
			(Photo 10).
LIKELIHOOD	'Unlikely' (10 <sup>-4</sup> )	'Rare' (10 <sup>-5</sup> )	'Possible' (10 <sup>-3</sup> )
CONSEQUENCES TO PROPERTY	'Minor' (5%)	'Major' (60%)	'Medium' (35%)
RISK TO PROPERTY	'Low' (2 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> )	'Low' (6 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> )	'Moderate' (2 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> )
RISK TO LIFE	5.5 x 10 <sup>-7</sup> /annum	8.3 x 10 <sup>-8</sup> /annum	5.6 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> /annum
COMMENTS			This level of risk to life
			and property is
			'UNACCEPTABLE'. To
	This level of risk is	This level of risk is	move the risk to
	'ACCEPTABLE'.	'ACCEPTABLE'.	'ACCEPTABLE' levels
			the recommendations
			in <b>Section 12</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 Barrenjoey Road. Roof water from the development is to be piped to the street

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

11. Excavations

Apart from those for footings and minor levelling, no excavations are required.

12. Foundations

To avoid transferring any surcharge loads from the proposed extension onto the existing

concrete block retaining wall that runs along the N common boundary, all piers will need to

be taken to below the zone of influence of the concrete block retaining wall (Photo 10).

The proposed extension can be supported on a thickened edge / raft slab with piers taken to

Extremely Low Strength Rock and to below the zone of influence of the existing N boundary

concrete block retaining wall. This ground material is expected at depths of between ~0.9m

and ~1.8m below the current surface.

A maximum allowable bearing pressure of 600kPa can be assumed for footings on Extremely

Low Strength Rock or better. 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.

As the bearing capacity of clay and 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 wet clay or 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 consultant 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.

13. 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.

14. 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

owners and Occupation Certificate if the following inspections have not been carried out

during the construction process.

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 4



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Photo 5



Photo 6



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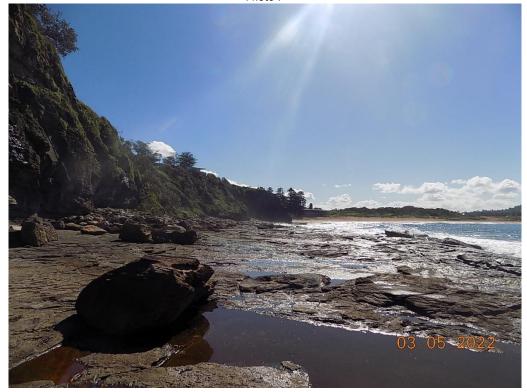


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Photo 10



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Photo 11 (Top to Bottom)



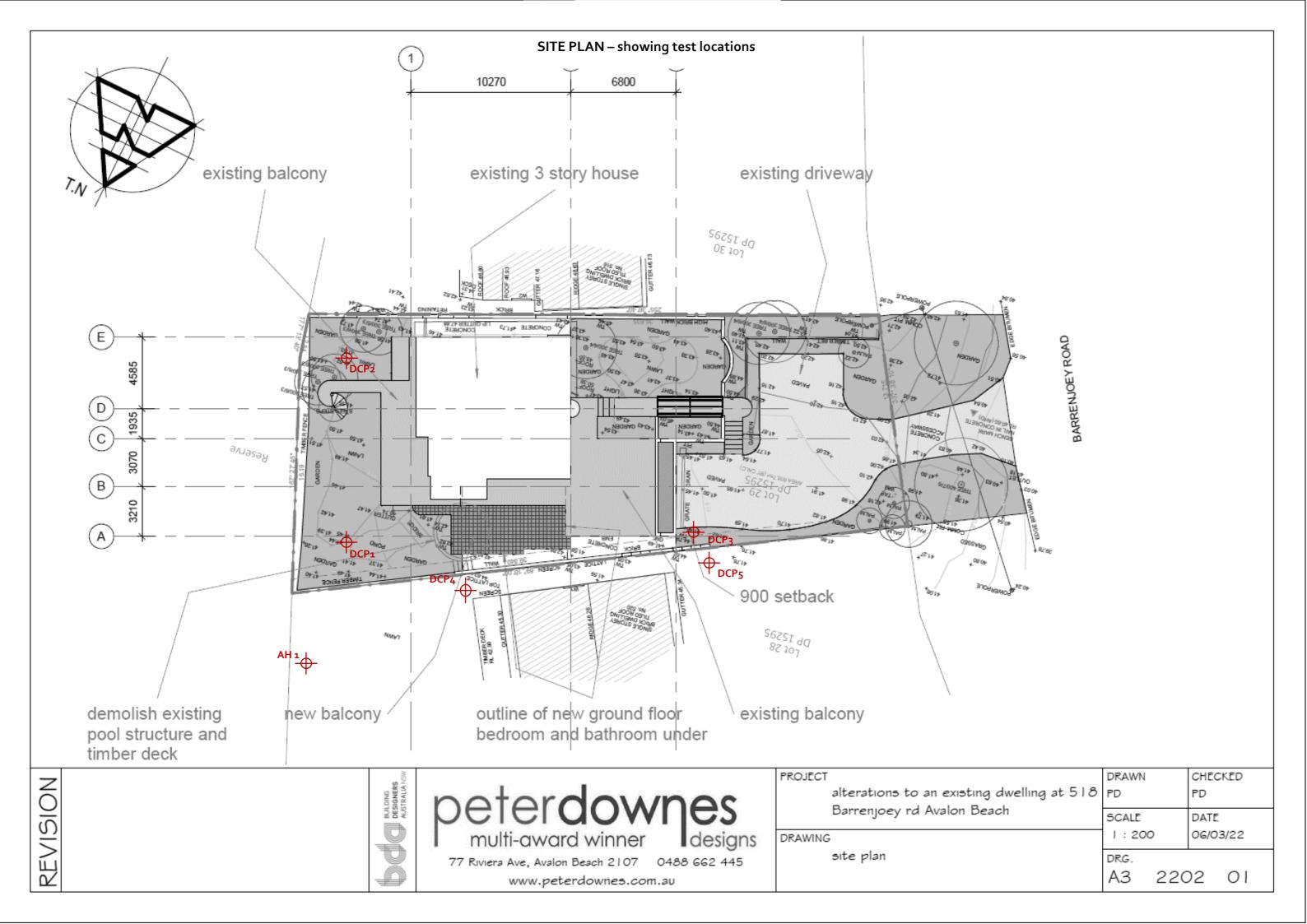
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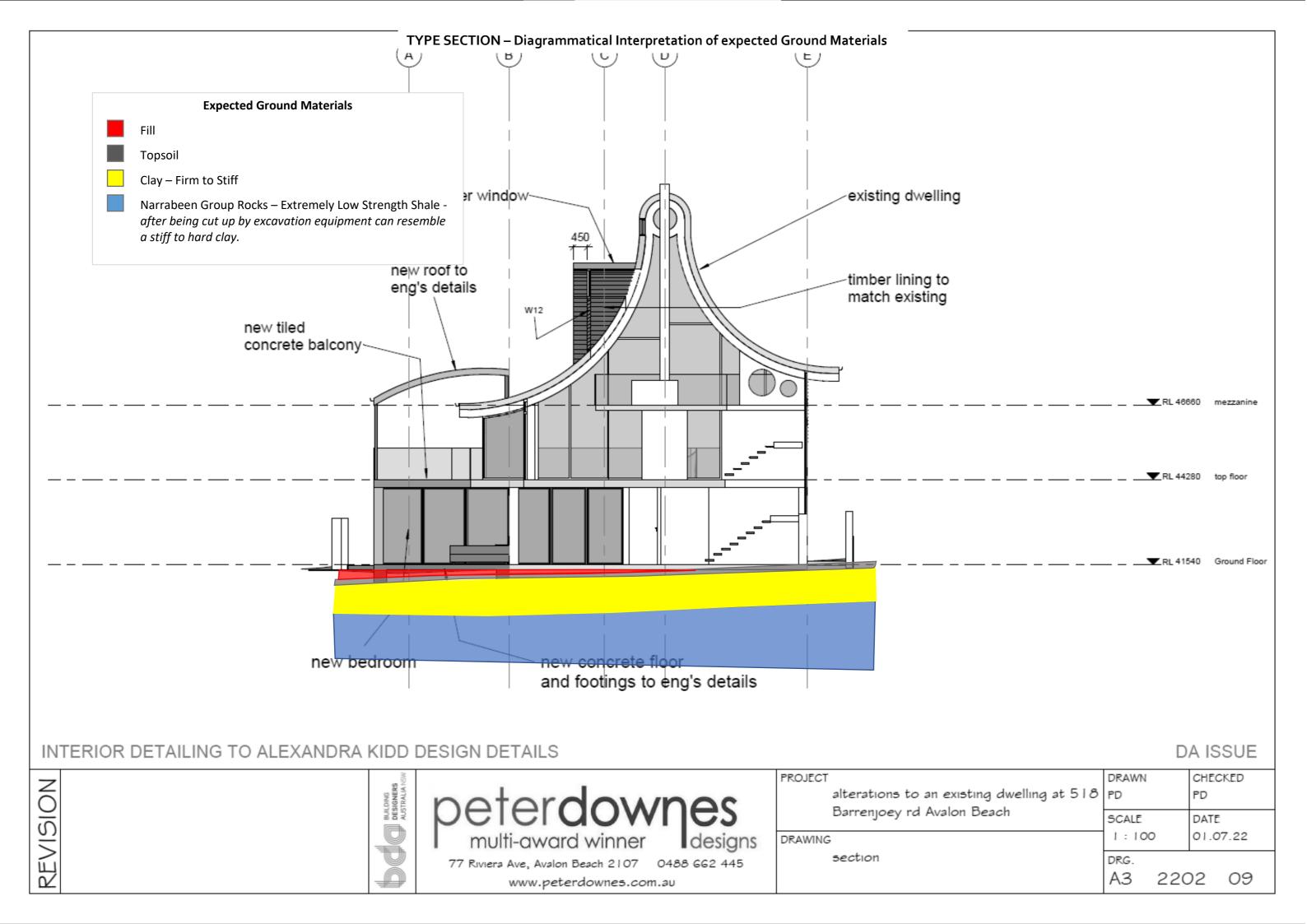
#### Important Information about Your Report

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

