



**REPORT TO  
LENDEASE**

**ON  
GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION**

**FOR  
PROPOSED SEWER PUMP STATION**

**AT  
207 FOREST WAY, BELROSE, NSW**

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## 1 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of a geotechnical investigation for the proposed sewer pump station at 207 Forest Way, Belrose, NSW. The location of the site is shown in Figure 1. The investigation was commissioned by Sue Atwill of Lendlease and was carried out in general accordance with our fee proposal, Ref: P54933SJ Rev1, dated 2 September 2021.

We understand that it is proposed to construct a sewer pump out station south-east of the existing sewer station within the far eastern area of the site. No detailed drawings are currently available but we understand there will be 60,000 litre tank on a concrete slab.

The purpose of the investigation was to obtain geotechnical information on the subsurface conditions, and to use this as a basis for providing comments and recommendations on earthworks, footings and subgrade preparation.

## 2 INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

The fieldwork for the investigation was carried out on 3 February 2022 and comprised two boreholes drilled with our track mounted JK305 drilling rig. The boreholes were drilled to depths of 1.70m and 1.20m in BH101 and BH102, respectively, below existing surface levels using spiral auger techniques and a Tungsten Carbide ('TC') bit. These boreholes were then extended to depths of 7.50m and 7.26m in BH101 and BH102, respectively, using an NMLC triple tube barrel fitted with a diamond coring bit and water flush.

The strength of the sandstone bedrock was assessed by observation of the auger penetration resistance using a tungsten carbide 'TC' drill bit, together with examination of the recovered rock cuttings. It should be noted that strengths assessed in this way are approximate and variances of one strength order should not be unexpected.

Where bedrock was diamond cored, the recovered core was returned for photographing and Point Load Strength Index ( $Is_{50}$ ) testing. Using established correlations, the Unconfined Compressive Strength (UCS) of the bedrock was then calculated from the  $Is_{50}$  results and these results are presented in the attached Table A. Copies of the colour photographs are provided with the borehole logs.

Groundwater observations were made in the boreholes during and on completion of drilling and at the end of the field work. We note that water is introduced into the borehole during coring and therefore the water levels measured at completion of coring may be artificially high as the water levels have not had time to stabilise. No further groundwater monitoring was carried out.

The fieldwork was completed in the full-time presence of our geotechnical engineer who set out the borehole locations, nominated the testing and sampling, and prepared the attached borehole logs. The borehole locations are shown on the attached Figure 2, and these were set out by taped measurements from site

features. For more details of the investigation procedures and their limitations, reference should be made to the attached Report Explanation Notes.

### **3 RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION**

#### **3.1 Site Description**

The site is located in relatively hilly topography. The site itself is located on the lower slopes of an east facing hill that slopes down at roughly 20° to 30°. The area is bounded by bushland on all sides, although further upslope from the subject area was a row of two storey townhouses.

The subject area at the time of the investigation was vacant and contained vegetation and trees. The area was relatively level but sloped down steeply along the eastern edge. The subject area was accessed by a concrete pavement to the south that was assessed to be in moderate condition.

#### **3.2 Subsurface Conditions**

The 1:100,000 Geological Map of Sydney indicates the site to be underlain by Hawkesbury Sandstone of the Wianamatta Group comprising medium to coarse grained quartz sandstone, very minor shale and laminite lenses. The boreholes disclosed a subsurface profile comprising clayey sandy fill overlying sandstone bedrock.

The fill extended to depths of approximately 0.7m and 0.5m in BH101 and BH102, respectively. The fill was assessed to be fine to medium grained clayey sand, with varying amounts of fine to coarse grained sandstone gravel. We note that the fill soils could potentially be 'slopewash' that has been deposited from upslope due to surface water run-off but its is unclear based on the limited information.

Sandstone bedrock was encountered below the fill and was initially of low to medium strength in BH101 but quickly improved to medium to high strength at 1.2m depth. The sandstone was medium strength on first contact and then improved to medium to high strength at approximately 4.95m depth. BH102 also encountered low to medium strength sandstone at 6.3m depth. Defects in the recovered sandstone cores comprised sub-horizontal bedding partings and occasional extremely weathered seams and clay seams (5mm to 40mm thick), and occasional inclined joints at between 45° and 70°.

The boreholes were 'dry' on completion of augering. On completion of drilling, groundwater was measured at 2.5m and 3.0m in BH101 and BH102, respectively. We note the coring process introduces water into the borehole and therefore it is unlikely the water had sufficient time to stabilise within the borehole and therefore the levels recorded are inferred to not be representative of the 'true' groundwater level.

Reference should be made to the attached borehole logs for detailed subsurface descriptions at specific locations.

### **3.3 Laboratory Test Results**

The results of the point load strength index tests on the sandstone rock cores generally correlated well with our field assessment of rock strength. The estimated UCS of the core typically ranged between 12MPa and 30MPa, although there were some results outside of this range.

## **4 COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **4.1 Site Preparation**

Prior to any excavation commencing we recommend that reference be made to the NSW Government “Code of Practice Excavation Work” dated January 2020.

Site preparation is expected to primarily comprise removal of vegetation, trees and stripping of topsoil and/or root affected soils. Following this, in areas where no excavation is required, any obvious deleterious or contaminated existing fill not disclosed by this investigation should be removed. These stripped materials should be taken offsite as they are not suitable for reuse as engineered fill. The topsoil and/or root affected soils may also be separately stockpiled and used for subsequent landscaping purpose, or disposed of.

Temporary batter slopes of 1 Vertical (V) in 1.5 Horizontal (H) can be formed through the predominantly clayey sandy fill. Some instability of temporary sand batters may occur after rain periods and sand bagging may be required to stabilise the batter slopes at, and below, the level of groundwater seepage, which would be expected at the soil-rock interface. We expect that vertical excavation of the sandstone bedrock should be feasible, if required.

### **4.2 Footings**

Given the presence of shallow sandstone bedrock, we consider that high level footings or a stiffened raft slab founded on the underlying sandstone bedrock are suitable. We do not consider the existing fill as a suitable founding stratum.

Stiffened rafts, strip or pad footings may be designed for an Allowable Bearing Pressure (ABP) of 3,000kPa when bearing on sandstone bedrock of at least low strength. Whilst we do not know the proposed level of the sewer pump station, we assume it will be essentially at existing grade. As such, given the depth of the existing fill is between 0.5m and 0.7m, we expect that the edge and internal beams will likely need to be deepened in order to penetrate through the fill and uniformly encounter the sandstone bedrock. Unless there specific structural requirements, from a geotechnical perspective, we consider it feasible to backfill any over-excavation with mass concrete. A better solution may be to entirely strip the soil cover and found the tank base directly on the bedrock.

At least the initial stages of footing excavation should be inspected by a geotechnical engineer to ascertain that the recommended founding material has been reached and to check initial assumptions about foundation conditions and possible variations that may occur between borehole locations. The need for

further inspections can be assessed following the initial visit. Footings must be dry and free of any loose or water softened materials prior to pouring concrete.

Higher bearing pressures may be feasible in the deeper medium and higher strength sandstone but as the surface layers are likely to be variably weathered, it would require over-excavation or use of bored piles to achieve the higher pressures.

### 4.3 Earthquake Design Parameters-

Based upon AS1170.4-2007 “*Structural Design Actions, Part 4: Earthquake Actions in Australia*”, the following design parameters may be adopted:

- Hazard Factor (Z) = 0.08
- Class B<sub>e</sub> – Rock site

## 5 GENERAL COMMENTS

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 JK Geotechnics accept no responsibility whatsoever for the performance of the structure where recommendations are not implemented in full and properly tested, inspected and documented.

The long term successful performance of floor slabs and pavements may be dependent on the satisfactory completion of the earthworks. In order to achieve this, the quality assurance program should not be limited to routine compaction density testing only. Other critical factors associated with the earthworks may include subgrade preparation, selection of fill materials, control of moisture content and drainage, etc. The satisfactory control and assessment of these items may require judgment from an experienced engineer. Such judgment often cannot be made by a technician who may not have formal engineering qualifications and experience. In order to identify potential problems, we recommend that a pre-construction meeting be held so that all parties involved understand the earthworks requirements and potential difficulties. This meeting should clearly define the lines of communication and responsibility.

Occasionally, the subsurface conditions between the completed boreholes 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.



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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.

A waste classification is required for any soil and/or bedrock excavated from the site prior to offsite disposal. Subject to the appropriate testing, material can be classified as Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM), Excavated Natural Material (ENM), General Solid, Restricted Solid or Hazardous Waste. Analysis can take up to seven to ten working days to complete, therefore, an adequate allowance should be included in the construction program unless testing is completed prior to construction. If contamination is encountered, then substantial further testing (and associated delays) could be expected. We strongly recommend that this requirement is addressed prior to the commencement of excavation on site.

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**TABLE A**  
**POINT LOAD STRENGTH INDEX TEST REPORT**

**Client:** Rainbow Group **Ref No:** 33622SF  
**Project:** Proposed Retirement Village Upgrade **Report:** A  
**Location:** 207 Forest Way, BELROSE, NSW **Report Date:** 7/02/22

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BOREHOLE NUMBER	DEPTH (m)	I <sub>S (50)</sub> (MPa)	ESTIMATED UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)	TEST DIRECTION
101	1.86 - 1.90	1.3	26	A
	2.33 - 2.37	1	20	A
	2.90 - 2.94	1.3	26	A
	3.18 - 3.22	1.1	22	A
	3.78 - 3.82	1.4	28	A
	4.30 - 4.34	1.1	22	A
	4.69 - 4.73	1	20	A
	5.21 - 5.25	1.3	26	A
	5.92 - 5.95	1.9	38	A
	6.26 - 6.30	0.9	18	A
	6.77 - 6.81	1.3	26	A
	7.12 - 7.16	3.7	74	A
	7.45 - 7.48	1.4	28	A
102	1.38 - 1.43	0.6	12	A
	1.86 - 1.90	0.7	14	A
	2.17 - 2.21	0.8	16	A
	2.76 - 2.80	0.7	14	A
	3.14 - 3.18	2.4	48	A
	3.84 - 3.88	0.9	18	A
	4.31 - 4.35	1.5	30	A
	4.88 - 4.92	0.9	18	A
	5.28 - 5.32	0.8	16	A
	5.78 - 5.82	0.7	14	A
	6.15 - 6.20	0.9	18	A
	6.72 - 6.76	0.3	6	A

**NOTE: SEE PAGE 2**



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<b>Project:</b>	Proposed Retirement Village Upgrade	<b>Report:</b>	A
<b>Location:</b>	207 Forest Way, BELROSE, NSW	<b>Report Date:</b>	7/02/22

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BOREHOLE NUMBER	DEPTH (m)	I <sub>S (50)</sub> (MPa)	ESTIMATED UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)	TEST DIRECTION
102	7.05 - 7.09	0.2	4	A

**NOTES**

1. In the above table, testing was completed in test direction A for the axial direction, D for the diametral direction, B for the block test and L for the lump test.
2. The above strength tests were completed at the 'as received' moisture content.
3. Test Method: RMS T223.
4. For reporting purposes, the I<sub>S(50)</sub> has been rounded to the nearest 0.1MPa, or to one significant figure if less than 0.1MPa.
5. The estimated Unconfined Compressive Strength was calculated from the Point Load Strength Index based on the correlation provided in AS1726:2017 'Geotechnical Site Investigations' and rounded off to the nearest whole number: U.C.S. = 20 I<sub>S(50)</sub>.



BOREHOLE LOG

Client: LENDLEASE

Project: PROPOSED SEWER PUMP STATION

Location: 207 FOREST WAY, BELROSE, NSW

Job No.: 33622SF

Date: 3/2/22

Plant Type: JK305

Method: SPIRAL AUGER

Logged/Checked By: W.S./O.F.

R.L. Surface: N/A

Datum: AHD

Groundwater Record	SAMPLES				Field Tests	Depth (m)	Graphic Log	Unified Classification	DESCRIPTION	Moisture Condition/ Weathering	Strength/ Rel Density	Hand Penetrometer Readings (kPa)	Remarks
	ES	U50	DB	DS									
					<div>N &gt; 4 6.4/ 20mm REFUSAL</div>		<div></div>		FILL: Silty clayey sand, fine to medium grained, brown, trace of fine to coarse grained sandstone gravel.	M			GRASS COVER
						1	<div></div>	-	SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey and orange brown, with iron indurated bands.	DW	L - M		HAWKESBURY SANDSTONE
											M - H		LOW TO MODERATE 'TC' BIT RESISTANCE MODERATE TO HIGH RESISTANCE
						2			REFER TO CORED BOREHOLE LOG				
						3							
						4							
						5							
						6							

## CORED BOREHOLE LOG

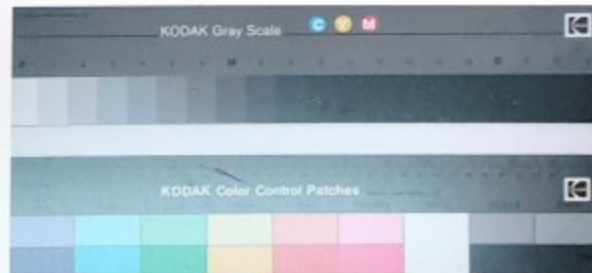
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**Project:** PROPOSED SEWER PUMP STATION  
**Location:** 207 FOREST WAY, BELROSE, NSW

**Job No.:** 33622SF      **Core Size:** NMLC      **R.L. Surface:** N/A  
**Date:** 3/2/22      **Inclination:** VERTICAL      **Datum:** AHD  
**Plant Type:** JK305      **Bearing:** N/A      **Logged/Checked By:** W.S./O.F.

Water Loss/Level	Barrel Lift	Depth (m)	Graphic Log	CORE DESCRIPTION Rock Type, grain characteristics, colour, texture and fabric, features, inclusions and minor components	Weathering	Strength	POINT LOAD STRENGTH INDEX $I_p(50)$	DEFECT DETAILS		Formation
								SPACING (mm)	DESCRIPTION Type, orientation, defect shape and roughness, defect coatings and seams, openness and thickness	
							VI-0.1 L-0.3 M-1 H-3 VI-10 EH	600 200 60 20	Specific      General	
				START CORING AT 1.70m						
		2		SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey, red brown and orange brown, with iron indurated bands, bedded at 0° to 20°.	HW	M - H	*1.3			
				SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey, bedded at 0-15°.	FR		*1.0			
		3		SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey, red brown and orange brown, with iron indurated bands, bedded at 0-20°.	HW		*1.3		(2.70m) Be, 5°, P, R, Cn	
							*1.1		(3.32m) Be, 20°, P, R, Clay Ct	
		4		SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey, bedded at 0-15°.	SW		*1.4			
					FR		*1.1			
		5					*1.0		(4.95m) Be, 10°, P, R, Clay Ct	
							*1.3		(5.00m) Be, 10°, P, R, Ca FILLED, 5 mm.t	
		6					*1.9		(5.57m) Be, 5°, P, R, Ca Ct	
							*0.90			
		7		SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey, red brown and orange brown, with iron indurated bands, bedded at 0-20°.	HW		*1.3			
							*3.7			
							*1.4		(7.40m) J, 45°, P, R, Fe Sn	
				END OF BOREHOLE AT 7.50 m						

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Borehole No: 101  
Depth: 1.70-7.50m



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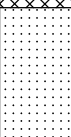


END OF BOREHOLE AT 7.5m

## BOREHOLE LOG

**Client:** LENDLEASE  
**Project:** PROPOSED SEWER PUMP STATION  
**Location:** 207 FOREST WAY, BELROSE, NSW

**Job No.:** 33622SF      **Method:** SPIRAL AUGER      **R.L. Surface:** N/A  
**Date:** 3/2/22      **Datum:** AHD  
**Plant Type:** JK305      **Logged/Checked By:** W.S./O.F.

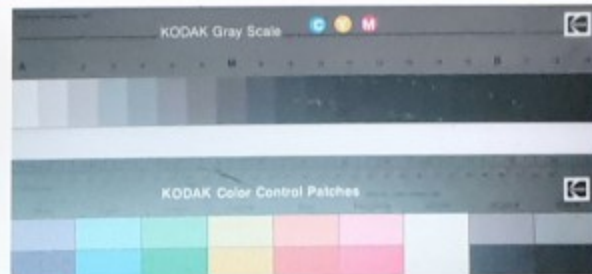
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	ES	U50	DB	DS									
									FILL: Clayey sand, fine to medium grained, orange brown, trace of silt and fine to medium grained sandstone gravel.				GRASS COVER
						1		-	SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey and orange brown.	DW	M - H		HAWKESBURY SANDSTONE MODERATE TO HIGH 'TC' BIT RESISTANCE
						2			REFER TO CORED BOREHOLE LOG				
						3							
						4							
						5							
						6							



## CORED BOREHOLE LOG

<b>Client:</b> LENDLEASE													
<b>Project:</b> PROPOSED SEWER PUMP STATION													
<b>Location:</b> 207 FOREST WAY, BELROSE, NSW													
<b>Job No.:</b> 33622SF				<b>Core Size:</b> NMLC				<b>R.L. Surface:</b> N/A					
<b>Date:</b> 3/2/22				<b>Inclination:</b> VERTICAL				<b>Datum:</b> AHD					
<b>Plant Type:</b> JK305				<b>Bearing:</b> N/A				<b>Logged/Checked By:</b> W.S./O.F.					
Water Loss/Level	Barrel Lift	Depth (m)	Graphic Log	CORE DESCRIPTION Rock Type, grain characteristics, colour, texture and fabric, features, inclusions and minor components	Weathering	Strength	POINT LOAD STRENGTH INDEX $I_s(50)$		SPACING (mm)		DEFECT DETAILS		Formation
							VL-0.1 L-0.3 M-1 H-3 VH-10 EH		600 200 60 20		Specific	General	
				START CORING AT 1.20m									
95% RETURN	ON COMPLETION	2		SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey, red brown and orange brown, with occasional iron indurated bands, bedded at 0-15°.	HW	M		0.60					
								0.70					
								0.80					
								0.70					
								2.4					
								0.90					
								1.5					
								0.90					
								0.80					
								0.70					
		3		SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey, bedded at 0-5°.	FR	M - H		0.90					
		4						1.5					
		5		SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey, red brown and orange brown, with occasional iron indurated bands, bedded at 0-25°.	HW			0.90					
		6						0.80					
		7		SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey, bedded at 0-20°.	FR	L - M		0.70					
								0.90					
				SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey, bedded at 0-20°.	FR	L - M		0.30					
								0.20					
				END OF BOREHOLE AT 7.26 m									

Job No: 33622SF  
Borehole No: 102  
Depth: 1.20-7.26m

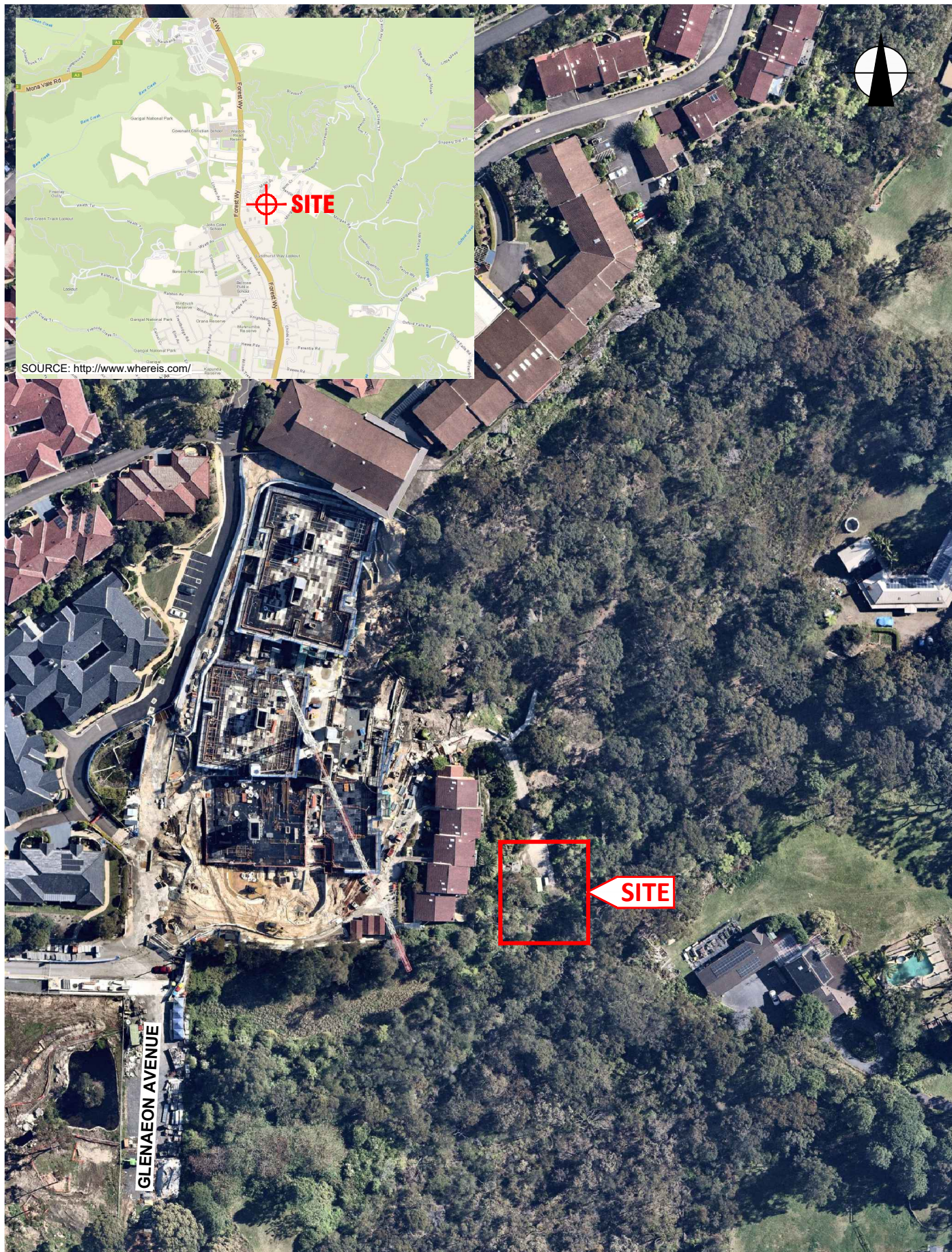


JOB No 33622SF BH102 START DEPTH AT 1.2m



END OF BOREHOLE AT 7.26m





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## SITE LOCATION PLAN

Location:

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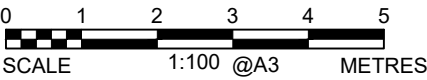




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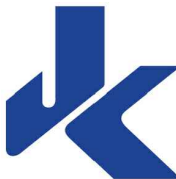


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# REPORT EXPLANATION NOTES

## INTRODUCTION

These notes have been provided to amplify the geotechnical report in regard to classification methods, field procedures and certain matters relating to the Comments and Recommendations section. Not all notes are necessarily relevant to all reports.

The ground is a product of continuing natural and man-made processes and therefore exhibits a variety of characteristics and properties which vary from place to place and can change with time. Geotechnical engineering involves gathering and assimilating limited facts about these characteristics and properties in order to understand or predict the behaviour of the ground on a particular site under certain conditions. This report may contain such facts obtained by inspection, excavation, probing, sampling, testing or other means of investigation. If so, they are directly relevant only to the ground at the place where and time when the investigation was carried out.

## DESCRIPTION AND CLASSIFICATION METHODS

The methods of description and classification of soils and rocks used in this report are based on Australian Standard 1726:2017 'Geotechnical Site Investigations'. In general, descriptions cover the following properties – soil or rock type, colour, structure, strength or density, and inclusions. Identification and classification of soil and rock involves judgement and the Company infers accuracy only to the extent that is common in current geotechnical practice.

Soil types are described according to the predominating particle size and behaviour as set out in the attached soil classification table qualified by the grading of other particles present (eg. sandy clay) as set out below:

Soil Classification	Particle Size
Clay	< 0.002mm
Silt	0.002 to 0.075mm
Sand	0.075 to 2.36mm
Gravel	2.36 to 63mm
Cobbles	63 to 200mm
Boulders	> 200mm

Non-cohesive soils are classified on the basis of relative density, generally from the results of Standard Penetration Test (SPT) as below:

Relative Density	SPT 'N' Value (blows/300mm)
Very loose (VL)	< 4
Loose (L)	4 to 10
Medium dense (MD)	10 to 30
Dense (D)	30 to 50
Very Dense (VD)	> 50

Cohesive soils are classified on the basis of strength (consistency) either by use of a hand penetrometer, vane shear, laboratory testing and/or tactile engineering examination. The strength terms are defined as follows.

Classification	Unconfined Compressive Strength (kPa)	Indicative Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)
Very Soft (VS)	≤ 25	≤ 12
Soft (S)	> 25 and ≤ 50	> 12 and ≤ 25
Firm (F)	> 50 and ≤ 100	> 25 and ≤ 50
Stiff (St)	> 100 and ≤ 200	> 50 and ≤ 100
Very Stiff (VSt)	> 200 and ≤ 400	> 100 and ≤ 200
Hard (Hd)	> 400	> 200
Friable (Fr)	Strength not attainable – soil crumbles	

Rock types are classified by their geological names, together with descriptive terms regarding weathering, strength, defects, etc. Where relevant, further information regarding rock classification is given in the text of the report. In the Sydney Basin, 'shale' is used to describe fissile mudstone, with a weakness parallel to bedding. Rocks with alternating inter-laminations of different grain size (eg. siltstone/claystone and siltstone/fine grained sandstone) is referred to as 'laminite'.

## SAMPLING

Sampling is carried out during drilling or from other excavations to allow engineering examination (and laboratory testing where required) of the soil or rock.

Disturbed samples taken during drilling provide information on plasticity, grain size, colour, moisture content, minor constituents and, depending upon the degree of disturbance, some information on strength and structure. Bulk samples are similar but of greater volume required for some test procedures.

Undisturbed samples are taken by pushing a thin-walled sample tube, usually 50mm diameter (known as a U50), into the soil and withdrawing it with a sample of the soil contained in a relatively undisturbed state. Such samples yield information on structure and strength, and are necessary for laboratory determination of shrink-swell behaviour, strength and compressibility. Undisturbed sampling is generally effective only in cohesive soils.

Details of the type and method of sampling used are given on the attached logs.

## INVESTIGATION METHODS

The following is a brief summary of investigation methods currently adopted by the Company and some comments on their use and application. All methods except test pits, hand auger drilling and portable Dynamic Cone Penetrometers require the use of a mechanical rig which is commonly mounted on a truck chassis or track base.

**Test Pits:** These are normally excavated with a backhoe or a tracked excavator, allowing close examination of the insitu soils and 'weaker' bedrock if it is safe to descend into the pit. The depth of penetration is limited to about 3m for a backhoe and up to 6m for a large excavator. Limitations of test pits are the problems associated with disturbance and difficulty of reinstatement and the consequent effects on close-by structures. Care must be taken if construction is to be carried out near test pit locations to either properly recompact the backfill during construction or to design and construct the structure so as not to be adversely affected by poorly compacted backfill at the test pit location.

**Hand Auger Drilling:** A borehole of 50mm to 100mm diameter is advanced by manually operated equipment. Refusal of the hand auger can occur on a variety of materials such as obstructions within any fill, tree roots, hard clay, gravel or ironstone, cobbles and boulders, and does not necessarily indicate rock level.

**Continuous Spiral Flight Augers:** The borehole is advanced using 75mm to 115mm diameter continuous spiral flight augers, which are withdrawn at intervals to allow sampling and insitu testing. This is a relatively economical means of drilling in clays and in sands above the water table. Samples are returned to the surface by the flights or may be collected after withdrawal of the auger flights, but they can be very disturbed and layers may become mixed. Information from the auger sampling (as distinct from specific sampling by SPTs or undisturbed samples) is of limited reliability due to mixing or softening of samples by groundwater, or uncertainties as to the original depth of the samples. Augering below the groundwater table is of even lesser reliability than augering above the water table.

**Rock Augering:** Use can be made of a Tungsten Carbide (TC) bit for auger drilling into rock to indicate rock quality and continuity by variation in drilling resistance and from examination of recovered rock cuttings. This method of investigation is quick and relatively inexpensive but provides only an indication of the likely rock strength and predicted values may be in error by a strength order. Where rock strengths may have a significant impact on construction feasibility or costs, then further investigation by means of cored boreholes may be warranted.

**Wash Boring:** The borehole is usually advanced by a rotary bit, with water being pumped down the drill rods and returned up the annulus, carrying the drill cuttings. Only major changes in stratification can be assessed from the cuttings, together with some information from "feel" and rate of penetration.

**Mud Stabilised Drilling:** Either Wash Boring or Continuous Core Drilling can use drilling mud as a circulating fluid to stabilise the borehole. The term 'mud' encompasses a range of products ranging from bentonite to polymers. The mud tends to mask the cuttings and reliable identification is only possible from intermittent intact sampling (eg. from SPT and U50 samples) or from rock coring, etc.

**Continuous Core Drilling:** A continuous core sample is obtained using a diamond tipped core barrel. Provided full core recovery is achieved (which is not always possible in very low strength rocks and granular soils), this technique provides a very reliable (but relatively expensive) method of investigation. In rocks, NMLC or HQ triple tube core barrels, which give a core of about 50mm and 61mm diameter, respectively, is usually used with water flush. The length of core recovered is compared to the length drilled and any length not recovered is shown as NO CORE. The location of NO CORE recovery is determined on site by the supervising engineer; where the location is uncertain, the loss is placed at the bottom of the drill run.

**Standard Penetration Tests:** Standard Penetration Tests (SPT) are used mainly in non-cohesive soils, but can also be used in cohesive soils, as a means of indicating density or strength and also of obtaining a relatively undisturbed sample. The test procedure is described in Australian Standard 1289.6.3.1–2004 (R2016) *'Methods of Testing Soils for Engineering Purposes, Soil Strength and Consolidation Tests – Determination of the Penetration Resistance of a Soil – Standard Penetration Test (SPT)'*.

The test is carried out in a borehole by driving a 50mm diameter split sample tube with a tapered shoe, under the impact of a 63.5kg hammer with a free fall of 760mm. It is normal for the tube to be driven in three successive 150mm increments and the 'N' value is taken as the number of blows for the last 300mm. In dense sands, very hard clays or weak rock, the full 450mm 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 150mm of, say, 4, 6 and 7 blows, as

N = 13  
4, 6, 7

- In a case where the test is discontinued short of full penetration, say after 15 blows for the first 150mm and 30 blows for the next 40mm, as

N > 30  
15, 30/40mm

The results of the test can be related empirically to the engineering properties of the soil.

A modification to the SPT is where the same driving system is used with a solid 60° tipped steel cone of the same diameter as the SPT hollow sampler. The solid cone can be continuously driven for some distance in soft clays or loose sands, or may be used where damage would otherwise occur to the SPT. The results of this Solid Cone Penetration Test (SCPT) are shown as 'N<sub>c</sub>' on the borehole logs, together with the number of blows per 150mm penetration.

### Cone Penetrometer Testing (CPT) and Interpretation:

The cone penetrometer is sometimes referred to as a Dutch Cone. The test is described in Australian Standard 1289.6.5.1–1999 (R2013) *'Methods of Testing Soils for Engineering Purposes, Soil Strength and Consolidation Tests – Determination of the Static Cone Penetration Resistance of a Soil – Field Test using a Mechanical and Electrical Cone or Friction-Cone Penetrometer'*.

In the tests, a 35mm or 44mm diameter rod with a conical tip is pushed continuously into the soil, the reaction being provided by a specially designed truck or rig which is fitted with a hydraulic ram system. Measurements are made of the end bearing resistance on the cone and the frictional resistance on a separate 134mm or 165mm long sleeve, immediately behind the cone. Transducers in the tip of the assembly are electrically connected by wires passing through the centre of the push rods to an amplifier and recorder unit mounted on the control truck. The CPT does not provide soil sample recovery.

As penetration occurs (at a rate of approximately 20mm per second), the information is output as incremental digital records every 10mm. The results given in this report have been plotted from the digital data.

The information provided on the charts comprise:

- Cone resistance – the actual end bearing force divided by the cross sectional area of the cone – expressed in MPa. There are two scales presented for the cone resistance. The lower scale has a range of 0 to 5MPa and the main scale has a range of 0 to 50MPa. For cone resistance values less than 5MPa, the plot will appear on both scales.
- Sleeve friction – the frictional force on the sleeve divided by the surface area – expressed in kPa.
- Friction ratio – the ratio of sleeve friction to cone resistance, expressed as a percentage.

The ratios of the sleeve resistance to cone resistance will vary with the type of soil encountered, with higher relative friction in clays than in sands. Friction ratios of 1% to 2% are commonly encountered in sands and occasionally very soft clays, rising to 4% to 10% in stiff clays and peats. Soil descriptions based on cone resistance and friction ratios are only inferred and must not be considered as exact.

Correlations between CPT and SPT values can be developed for both sands and clays but may be site specific.

Interpretation of CPT values can be made to empirically derive modulus or compressibility values to allow calculation of foundation settlements.

Stratification can be inferred from the cone and friction traces and from experience and information from nearby boreholes etc. Where shown, this information is presented for general guidance, but must be regarded as interpretive. The test method provides a continuous profile of engineering properties but, where precise information on soil classification is required, direct drilling and sampling may be preferable.

There are limitations when using the CPT in that it may not penetrate obstructions within any fill, thick layers of hard clay and very dense sand, gravel and weathered bedrock. Normally a 'dummy' cone is pushed through fill to protect the equipment. No information is recorded by the 'dummy' probe.

**Flat Dilatometer Test:** The flat dilatometer (DMT), also known as the Marchetti Dilometer comprises a stainless steel blade having a flat, circular steel membrane mounted flush on one side.

The blade is connected to a control unit at ground surface by a pneumatic-electrical tube running through the insertion rods. A gas tank, connected to the control unit by a pneumatic cable, supplies the gas pressure required to expand the membrane. The control unit is equipped with a pressure regulator, pressure gauges, an audio-visual signal and vent valves.

The blade is advanced into the ground using our CPT rig or one of our drilling rigs, and can be driven into the ground using an SPT hammer. As soon as the blade is in place, the membrane is inflated, and the pressure required to lift the membrane (approximately 0.1mm) is recorded. The pressure then required to lift the centre of the membrane by an additional 1mm is recorded. The membrane is then deflated before pushing to the next depth increment, usually 200mm down. The pressure readings are corrected for membrane stiffness.

The DMT is used to measure material index ( $I_D$ ), horizontal stress index ( $K_D$ ), and dilatometer modulus ( $E_D$ ). Using established correlations, the DMT results can also be used to assess the 'at rest' earth pressure coefficient ( $K_0$ ), over-consolidation ratio (OCR), undrained shear strength ( $C_u$ ), friction angle ( $\phi$ ), coefficient of consolidation ( $C_h$ ), coefficient of permeability ( $K_h$ ), unit weight ( $\gamma$ ), and vertical drained constrained modulus ( $M$ ).

The seismic dilatometer (SDMT) is the combination of the DMT with an add-on seismic module for the measurement of shear wave velocity ( $V_s$ ). Using established correlations, the SDMT results can also be used to assess the small strain modulus ( $G_0$ ).

**Portable Dynamic Cone Penetrometers:** Portable Dynamic Cone Penetrometer (DCP) tests are carried out by driving a 16mm diameter rod with a 20mm diameter cone end with a 9kg hammer dropping 510mm. The test is described in Australian Standard 1289.6.3.2–1997 (R2013) *'Methods of Testing Soils for Engineering Purposes, Soil Strength and Consolidation Tests – Determination of the Penetration Resistance of a Soil – 9kg Dynamic Cone Penetrometer Test'*.

The results are used to assess the relative compaction of fill, the relative density of granular soils, and the strength of cohesive soils. Using established correlations, the DCP test results can also be used to assess California Bearing Ratio (CBR).

Refusal of the DCP can occur on a variety of materials such as obstructions within any fill, tree roots, hard clay, gravel or ironstone, cobbles and boulders, and does not necessarily indicate rock level.

**Vane Shear Test:** The vane shear test is used to measure the undrained shear strength ( $C_u$ ) of typically very soft to firm fine grained cohesive soils. The vane shear is normally performed in the bottom of a borehole, but can be completed from surface level, the bottom and sides of test pits, and on recovered undisturbed tube samples (when using a hand vane).

The vane comprises four rectangular blades arranged in the form of a cross on the end of a thin rod, which is coupled to the bottom of a drill rod string when used in a borehole. The size of the vane is dependent on the strength of the fine grained cohesive soils; that is, larger vanes are normally used for very low strength soils. For borehole testing, the size of the vane can be limited by the size of the casing that is used.

For testing inside a borehole, a device is used at the top of the casing, which suspends the vane and rods so that they do not sink under self-weight into the 'soft' soils beyond the depth at which the test is to be carried out. A calibrated torque head is used to rotate the rods and vane and to measure the resistance of the vane to rotation.

With the vane in position, torque is applied to cause rotation of the vane at a constant rate. A rate of  $6^\circ$  per minute is the common rotation rate. Rotation is continued until the soil is sheared and the maximum torque has been recorded. This value is then used to calculate the undrained shear strength. The vane is then rotated rapidly a number of times and the operation repeated until a constant torque reading is obtained. This torque value is used to calculate the remoulded shear strength. Where appropriate, friction on the vane rods is measured and taken into account in the shear strength calculation.

## LOGS

The borehole or test pit logs presented herein are an engineering and/or geological interpretation of the subsurface conditions, and their reliability will depend to some extent on the frequency of sampling and the method of drilling or excavation. Ideally, continuous undisturbed sampling or core drilling will enable the most reliable assessment, but is not always practicable or possible to justify on economic grounds. In any case, the boreholes or test pits represent only a very small sample of the total subsurface conditions.

The terms and symbols used in preparation of the logs are defined in the following pages.

Interpretation of the information shown on the logs, and its application to design and construction, should therefore take into account the spacing of boreholes or test pits, the method of drilling or excavation, the frequency of sampling and testing and the possibility of other than 'straight line' variations between the boreholes or test pits. Subsurface conditions between boreholes or test pits may vary significantly from conditions encountered at the borehole or test pit locations.

## GROUNDWATER

Where groundwater levels are measured in boreholes, there are several potential problems:

- Although groundwater may be present, in low permeability soils it may enter the hole slowly or perhaps not at all during the time it 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 and may not be the same at the time of construction.
- The use of water or mud as a drilling fluid will mask any groundwater inflow. Water has to be blown out of the hole and drilling mud must be washed out of the hole or 'reverted' chemically if reliable water observations are to be made.

More reliable measurements can be made by installing standpipes which are read after the groundwater level has stabilised at intervals ranging from several days to 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 perched water tables or surface water.

## FILL

The presence of fill materials can often be determined only by the inclusion of foreign objects (eg. bricks, steel, etc) or by distinctly unusual colour, texture or fabric. Identification of the extent of fill materials will also depend on investigation methods and frequency. Where natural soils similar to those at the site are used for fill, it may be difficult with limited testing and sampling to reliably assess the extent of the fill.

The presence of fill materials is usually regarded with caution as the possible variation in density, strength and material type is much greater than with natural soil deposits. Consequently, there is an increased risk of adverse engineering characteristics or behaviour. If the volume and quality of fill is of importance to a project, then frequent test pit excavations are preferable to boreholes.

## LABORATORY TESTING

Laboratory testing is normally carried out in accordance with Australian Standard 1289 *'Methods of Testing Soils for Engineering Purposes'* or appropriate NSW Government Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) test methods. Details of the test procedure used are given on the individual report forms.

## ENGINEERING REPORTS

Engineering reports are prepared by qualified personnel and are based on the information obtained and on current engineering standards of interpretation and analysis. Where the report has been prepared for a specific design proposal (eg. a three storey building) the information and interpretation may not be relevant if the design proposal is changed (eg. to a twenty storey building). If this happens, the Company will be pleased to review the report and the sufficiency of the investigation work.

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

- Unexpected variations in ground conditions – the potential for this will be partially dependent on borehole spacing and sampling frequency as well as investigation technique.
- Changes in policy or interpretation of policy by statutory authorities.
- The actions of persons or contractors responding to commercial pressures.
- Details of the development that the Company could not reasonably be expected to anticipate.

If these occur, the Company will be pleased to assist with investigation or advice to resolve any problems occurring.

#### **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, the Company requests that it immediately be notified. Most problems are much more readily resolved when conditions are exposed rather than at some later stage, well after the event.

#### **REPRODUCTION OF INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTUAL PURPOSES**

Where information obtained from this investigation is provided for tendering purposes, it is recommended that all information, including the written report and discussion, be made available. In circumstances where the discussion or comments section is not relevant to the contractual situation, it may be appropriate to prepare a specially edited document. The Company would

be pleased to assist in this regard and/or to make additional report copies available for contract purposes at a nominal charge.

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#### **REVIEW OF DESIGN**

Where major civil or structural developments are proposed or where only a limited investigation has been completed or where the geotechnical conditions/constraints are quite complex, it is prudent to have a joint design review which involves an experienced geotechnical engineer/engineering geologist.

#### **SITE INSPECTION**

The Company will always be pleased to provide engineering inspection services for geotechnical aspects of work to which this report is related.

Requirements could range from:

- i) a site visit to confirm that conditions exposed are no worse than those interpreted, to
- ii) a visit to assist the contractor or other site personnel in identifying various soil/rock types and appropriate footing or pile founding depths, or
- iii) full time engineering presence on site.

## SYMBOL LEGENDS

### SOIL



FILL



TOPSOIL



CLAY (CL, CI, CH)



SILT (ML, MH)



SAND (SP, SW)



GRAVEL (GP, GW)



SANDY CLAY (CL, CI, CH)



SILTY CLAY (CL, CI, CH)



CLAYEY SAND (SC)



SILTY SAND (SM)



GRAVELLY CLAY (CL, CI, CH)



CLAYEY GRAVEL (GC)



SANDY SILT (ML, MH)



PEAT AND HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS (Pt)

### ROCK



CONGLOMERATE



SANDSTONE



SHALE/MUDSTONE



SILTSTONE



CLAYSTONE



COAL



LAMINITE



LIMESTONE



PHYLLITE, SCHIST



TUFF



GRANITE, GABBRO



DOLERITE, DIORITE



BASALT, ANDESITE



QUARTZITE

### OTHER MATERIALS



BRICKS OR PAVERS



CONCRETE



ASPHALTIC CONCRETE



## CLASSIFICATION OF COARSE AND FINE GRAINED SOILS

Major Divisions	Group Symbol	Typical Names	Field Classification of Sand and Gravel	Laboratory Classification	
Coarse grained soil (more than 65% of soil excluding oversize fraction is greater than 0.075mm)	GRAVEL (more than half of coarse fraction is larger than 2.36mm)	GW	Gravel and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate sizes, not enough fines to bind coarse grains, no dry strength	≤ 5% fines $C_u > 4$ $1 < C_c < 3$
		GP	Gravel and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines, uniform gravels	Predominantly one size or range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing, not enough fines to bind coarse grains, no dry strength	≤ 5% fines Fails to comply with above
		GM	Gravel-silt mixtures and gravel-sand-silt mixtures	'Dirty' materials with excess of non-plastic fines, zero to medium dry strength	≥ 12% fines, fines are silty Fines behave as silt
		GC	Gravel-clay mixtures and gravel-sand-clay mixtures	'Dirty' materials with excess of plastic fines, medium to high dry strength	≥ 12% fines, fines are clayey Fines behave as clay
	SAND (more than half of coarse fraction is smaller than 2.36mm)	SW	Sand and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	Wide range in grain size and substantial amounts of all intermediate sizes, not enough fines to bind coarse grains, no dry strength	≤ 5% fines $C_u > 6$ $1 < C_c < 3$
		SP	Sand and gravel-sand mixtures, little or no fines	Predominantly one size or range of sizes with some intermediate sizes missing, not enough fines to bind coarse grains, no dry strength	≤ 5% fines Fails to comply with above
		SM	Sand-silt mixtures	'Dirty' materials with excess of non-plastic fines, zero to medium dry strength	≥ 12% fines, fines are silty N/A
		SC	Sand-clay mixtures	'Dirty' materials with excess of plastic fines, medium to high dry strength	≥ 12% fines, fines are clayey N/A

### Laboratory Classification Criteria

A well graded coarse grained soil is one for which the coefficient of uniformity  $C_u > 4$  and the coefficient of curvature  $1 < C_c < 3$ . Otherwise, the soil is poorly graded. These coefficients are given by:

$$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}} \quad \text{and} \quad C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} D_{60}}$$

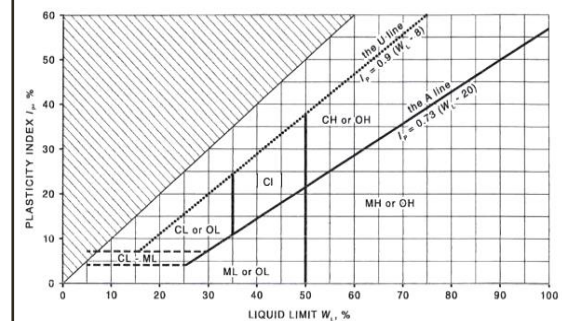
Where  $D_{10}$ ,  $D_{30}$  and  $D_{60}$  are those grain sizes for which 10%, 30% and 60% of the soil grains, respectively, are smaller.

### NOTES:

- For a coarse grained soil with a fines content between 5% and 12%, the soil is given a dual classification comprising the two group symbols separated by a dash; for example, for a poorly graded gravel with between 5% and 12% silt fines, the classification is GP-GM.
- Where the grading is determined from laboratory tests, it is defined by coefficients of curvature ( $C_c$ ) and uniformity ( $C_u$ ) derived from the particle size distribution curve.
- Clay soils with liquid limits  $> 35\%$  and  $\leq 50\%$  may be classified as being of medium plasticity.
- The U line on the Modified Casagrande Chart is an approximate upper bound for most natural soils.

Major Divisions		Group Symbol	Typical Names	Field Classification of Silt and Clay			Laboratory Classification
				Dry Strength	Dilatancy	Toughness	% < 0.075mm
ine grained soils (more than 35% of soil excluding oversize fraction is less than 0.075mm)	SILT and CLAY (low to medium plasticity)	ML	Inorganic silt and very fine sand, rock flour, silty or clayey fine sand or silt with low plasticity	None to low	Slow to rapid	Low	Below A line
		CL, CI	Inorganic clay of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clay, sandy clay	Medium to high	None to slow	Medium	Above A line
		OL	Organic silt	Low to medium	Slow	Low	Below A line
	SILT and CLAY (high plasticity)	MH	Inorganic silt	Low to medium	None to slow	Low to medium	Below A line
		CH	Inorganic clay of high plasticity	High to very high	None	High	Above A line
		OH	Organic clay of medium to high plasticity, organic silt	Medium to high	None to very slow	Low to medium	Below A line
	Highly organic soil	Pt	Peat, highly organic soil	–	–	–	–

### Modified Casagrande Chart for Classifying Silts and Clays according to their Behaviour



## LOG SYMBOLS

Log Column	Symbol	Definition
Groundwater Record	▼	Standing water level. Time delay following completion of drilling/excavation may be shown.
	C	Extent of borehole/test pit collapse shortly after drilling/excavation.
	▶	Groundwater seepage into borehole or test pit noted during drilling or excavation.
Samples	ES	Sample taken over depth indicated, for environmental analysis.
	U50	Undisturbed 50mm diameter tube sample taken over depth indicated.
	DB	Bulk disturbed sample taken over depth indicated.
	DS	Small disturbed bag sample taken over depth indicated.
	ASB	Soil sample taken over depth indicated, for asbestos analysis.
	ASS	Soil sample taken over depth indicated, for acid sulfate soil analysis.
	SAL	Soil sample taken over depth indicated, for salinity analysis.
Field Tests	N = 17 4, 7, 10	Standard Penetration Test (SPT) performed between depths indicated by lines. Individual figures show blows per 150mm penetration. 'Refusal' refers to apparent hammer refusal within the corresponding 150mm depth increment.
	N <sub>c</sub> = 5 7 3R	Solid Cone Penetration Test (SCPT) performed between depths indicated by lines. Individual figures show blows per 150mm penetration for 60° solid cone driven by SPT hammer. 'R' refers to apparent hammer refusal within the corresponding 150mm depth increment.
	VNS = 25	Vane shear reading in kPa of undrained shear strength.
	PID = 100	Photoionisation detector reading in ppm (soil sample headspace test).
Moisture Condition (Fine Grained Soils)	w > PL	Moisture content estimated to be greater than plastic limit.
	w ≈ PL	Moisture content estimated to be approximately equal to plastic limit.
	w < PL	Moisture content estimated to be less than plastic limit.
	w ≈ LL	Moisture content estimated to be near liquid limit.
	w > LL	Moisture content estimated to be wet of liquid limit.
	(Coarse Grained Soils)	
	D M W	DRY – runs freely through fingers. MOIST – does not run freely but no free water visible on soil surface. WET – free water visible on soil surface.
Strength (Consistency) Cohesive Soils	VS	VERY SOFT – unconfined compressive strength ≤ 25kPa.
	S	SOFT – unconfined compressive strength > 25kPa and ≤ 50kPa.
	F	FIRM – unconfined compressive strength > 50kPa and ≤ 100kPa.
	St	STIFF – unconfined compressive strength > 100kPa and ≤ 200kPa.
	VSt	VERY STIFF – unconfined compressive strength > 200kPa and ≤ 400kPa.
	Hd	HARD – unconfined compressive strength > 400kPa.
	Fr	FRIABLE – strength not attainable, soil crumbles.
	( )	Bracketed symbol indicates estimated consistency based on tactile examination or other assessment.
Density Index/ Relative Density (Cohesionless Soils)		<b>Density Index (I<sub>D</sub>)</b> <b>Range (%)</b>
	VL	VERY LOOSE ≤ 15
	L	LOOSE > 15 and ≤ 35
	MD	MEDIUM DENSE > 35 and ≤ 65
	D	DENSE > 65 and ≤ 85
	VD	VERY DENSE > 85
	( )	Bracketed symbol indicates estimated density based on ease of drilling or other assessment.
Hand Penetrometer Readings		<b>SPT 'N' Value Range</b> <b>(Blows/300mm)</b>
	300 250	Measures reading in kPa of unconfined compressive strength. Numbers indicate individual test results on representative undisturbed material unless noted otherwise.



Log Column	Symbol	Definition
Remarks	'V' bit	Hardened steel 'V' shaped bit.
	'TC' bit	Twin pronged tungsten carbide bit.
	$T_{60}$	Penetration of auger string in mm under static load of rig applied by drill head hydraulics without rotation of augers.
	Soil Origin	The geological origin of the soil can generally be described as:
	RESIDUAL	– soil formed directly from insitu weathering of the underlying rock. No visible structure or fabric of the parent rock.
	EXTREMELY WEATHERED	– soil formed directly from insitu weathering of the underlying rock. Material is of soil strength but retains the structure and/or fabric of the parent rock.
	ALLUVIAL	– soil deposited by creeks and rivers.
	ESTUARINE	– soil deposited in coastal estuaries, including sediments caused by inflowing creeks and rivers, and tidal currents.
	MARINE	– soil deposited in a marine environment.
	AEOLIAN	– soil carried and deposited by wind.
	COLLUVIAL	– soil and rock debris transported downslope by gravity, with or without the assistance of flowing water. Colluvium is usually a thick deposit formed from a landslide. The description 'slopewash' is used for thinner surficial deposits.
	LITTORAL	– beach deposited soil.

## Classification of Material Weathering

Term		Abbreviation		Definition
Residual Soil		RS		Material is weathered to such an extent that it has soil properties. Mass structure and material texture and fabric of original rock are no longer visible, but the soil has not been significantly transported.
Extremely Weathered		XW		Material is weathered to such an extent that it has soil properties. Mass structure and material texture and fabric of original rock are still visible.
Highly Weathered	Distinctly Weathered (Note 1)	HW	DW	The whole of the rock material is discoloured, usually by iron staining or bleaching to the extent that the colour of the original rock is not recognisable. Rock strength is significantly changed by weathering. Some primary minerals have weathered to clay minerals. Porosity may be increased by leaching, or may be decreased due to deposition of weathering products in pores.
Moderately Weathered		MW		The whole of the rock material is discoloured, usually by iron staining or bleaching to the extent that the colour of the original rock is not recognisable, but shows little or no change of strength from fresh rock.
Slightly Weathered		SW		Rock is partially discoloured with staining or bleaching along joints but shows little or no change of strength from fresh rock.
Fresh		FR		Rock shows no sign of decomposition of individual minerals or colour changes.

**NOTE 1:** The term 'Distinctly Weathered' is used where it is not practicable to distinguish between 'Highly Weathered' and 'Moderately Weathered' rock. 'Distinctly Weathered' is defined as follows: 'Rock strength usually changed by weathering. The rock may be highly discoloured, usually by iron staining. Porosity may be increased by leaching, or may be decreased due to deposition of weathering products in pores'. There is some change in rock strength.

## Rock Material Strength Classification

Term	Abbreviation	Uniaxial Compressive Strength (MPa)	Guide to Strength	
			Point Load Strength Index $Is_{(50)}$ (MPa)	Field Assessment
Very Low Strength	VL	0.6 to 2	0.03 to 0.1	Material crumbles under firm blows with sharp end of pick; can be peeled with knife; too hard to cut a triaxial sample by hand. Pieces up to 30mm thick can be broken by finger pressure.
Low Strength	L	2 to 6	0.1 to 0.3	Easily scored with a knife; indentations 1mm to 3mm show in the specimen with firm blows of the pick point; has dull sound under hammer. A piece of core 150mm long by 50mm diameter may be broken by hand. Sharp edges of core may be friable and break during handling.
Medium Strength	M	6 to 20	0.3 to 1	Scored with a knife; a piece of core 150mm long by 50mm diameter can be broken by hand with difficulty.
High Strength	H	20 to 60	1 to 3	A piece of core 150mm long by 50mm diameter cannot be broken by hand but can be broken by a pick with a single firm blow; rock rings under hammer.
Very High Strength	VH	60 to 200	3 to 10	Hand specimen breaks with pick after more than one blow; rock rings under hammer.
Extremely High Strength	EH	> 200	> 10	Specimen requires many blows with geological pick to break through intact material; rock rings under hammer.

## Abbreviations Used in Defect Description

Cored Borehole Log Column	Symbol Abbreviation	Description
Point Load Strength Index	• 0.6	Axial point load strength index test result (MPa)
	x 0.6	Diametral point load strength index test result (MPa)
Defect Details – Type	Be	Parting – bedding or cleavage
	CS	Clay seam
	Cr	Crushed/sheared seam or zone
	J	Joint
	Jh	Healed joint
	Ji	Incipient joint
	XWS	Extremely weathered seam
	Degrees	Defect orientation is measured relative to normal to the core axis (ie. relative to the horizontal for a vertical borehole)
	P	Planar
	C	Curved
	Un	Undulating
	St	Stepped
	Ir	Irregular
	Vr	Very rough
	R	Rough
	S	Smooth
	Po	Polished
	Sl	Slickensided
	Ca	Calcite
	Cb	Carbonaceous
	Clay	Clay
	Fe	Iron
	Qz	Quartz
	Py	Pyrite
	Cn	Clean
	Sn	Stained – no visible coating, surface is discoloured
	Vn	Veneer – visible, too thin to measure, may be patchy
	Ct	Coating ≤ 1mm thick
	Filled	Coating > 1mm thick
	mm.t	Defect thickness measured in millimetres