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**Attention: Chloe Chalk**

Dear Chloe,



## Geotechnical Assessment for Snowmaking Upgrades - Lower Supertrail Thredbo NSW

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### 1. Introduction

This report presents the results of a geotechnical assessment for proposed snowmaking upgrades for the Lower Supertrail in Thredbo NSW. The assessment was commissioned by Chloe Chalk of Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd / EVT, whilst AssetGeoEnviro (Asset) was onsite conducting an assessment for another project.

Documents supplied to us for this investigation comprised:

- Unreferenced document from Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd titled “Snowmaking Fan Guns – Lower Supertrail, Thredbo”.
- Site Plan titled “Fan Guns – Lower Supertrail”, by Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd; revision 6; dated: 18 July 2023.

The purpose of the Development is to replace existing snowmaking infrastructure that is nearing the end of its design life. The upgrades will include:

- trenching for installation of power and data cables adjacent to existing snowmaking mains
- trenching for installation of laterals including water, power, and data to new fan pits
- excavation for installation of fan pits and TT10 fan guns.

The power and data trenches are 1.6 m wide by 0.8 m deep within a construction corridor up to 6 m wide. Lateral trenches are 0.8 m wide by 1 m deep within a construction corridor up to 3 m wide. The fan pits are approximately 1.6 m x 1.6 m wide with a construction footprint approximately 3 m x 3 m wide and 1.6 m deep and the TT10 fan guns are located on top of the fan pits.

This report must be read in conjunction with the attached “Important Information about your Geotechnical Report”.

## 2. Assessment Procedure

The assessment comprised the following scope of work:

- A review of existing regional maps and reports relevant to the site held within our files.
- Visual observations of surface features by a Senior Principal Geotechnical Engineer on 26 April 2023.
- Engineering assessment and reporting.

## 3. Regional Topography

The regional topography comprises moderately to steeply sloping terrain flanking the north-easterly flowing Thredbo River, with ground slopes over the land flanking the river generally ranging from 10° to 30° and some locally steeper sections, and more gentle slopes over the river shoulders. Numerous drainage depressions and watercourses flow towards the river, with some of the persistent watercourses to the north of the river carved several metres into the underlying granite bedrock. Side slopes to creeks and watercourses are typically steeper at 20° to 35°, and typically include numerous granite boulders and cobbles.

The site lies within an area designated as “G” as defined in the maps accompanying DIPNR’s “Geotechnical Policy – Kosciuszko Alpine Resorts”, November 2003, and therefore a geotechnical report is required to accompany the development application as per the requirements of the Geotechnical Policy.

## 4. Site Observations

The site is located on the ski slopes of Thredbo on the northern side of the Alpine River. The project area is located on the Lower Supertrail commencing west of the Cat Shed and terminating at the base of the Valley Terminal adjacent to the Thredbo Ski Racing Club.

Site plans for the works are attached. A photograph of the general area of the Lower Supertrail is attached. Additional photographs showing the Lower Supertrail and fan gun locations are included in the supplied document from Kosciuszko Thredbo Pty Ltd mentioned in Section 1.

Overall ground slopes across the development area are variable and range from about 5° to 20°.

Vegetation comprises short grass over the ski slopes and the terrain in-between is heavily vegetated.

Development of the ski slopes has typically involved some minor surficial reshaping and disturbance, typically relatively shallow (less than about 1m depth). No granite exposures were observed across the general ski slopes. Variable subsurface conditions are expected to be encountered including fill, clay silt/clay soils, completely decomposed granite (sands), with granite cobbles and boulders interspersed throughout the profile, and occasionally granite bedrock is anticipated.

No obvious signs of slope instability were observed during the site inspection. No signs of surface seepage were observed.

## 5. Discussions & Recommendations

It is proposed to excavate trenches up to nominally 1m deep and pits nominally 1.6m deep for the proposed snowmaking upgrade works.

The proposed works will have ‘minimal or no geotechnical impact’ on the site, based on the relatively shallow depths of excavation required, the lack of obvious signs of hillside instability observed or expected, and anticipated subsurface conditions expected in the area. We therefore consider that a geotechnical report prepared in accordance with the Geotechnical Policy for Kosciuszko Alpine Resorts (2003) is not required. A completed Form 4 – Minimal Impact Certification is attached to this report.

The following recommendations are provided for the development:

- Based on our site observations and previous test pitting in the general area, we expect that due to previous site disturbance and observed slopes, the site is Class ‘P’, in accordance with AS2870-2011 ‘Residential slabs and footings’.
- Excavation is anticipated to be predominantly within soils of variable nature including completely weathered granite and cobbles and boulders. Excavation could be achieved by suitably sized excavator.
- Vertical cuts up to 1.5m height may be adopted. Deeper cuts should be battered and / or benched to suit the excavation conditions.
- Filling will be required for the trenching and backfilling behind the pits, but no other filling is anticipated for the development. Further advice must be sought if other significant filling is proposed.

## 6. Limitations

In addition to the limitations inherent in site investigations (refer to the attached Information Sheets), it must be pointed out that the recommendations in this report are based on assessed subsurface conditions from limited observations.

This report may have included geotechnical recommendations for design and construction of temporary works (e.g., temporary batter slopes or temporary shoring of excavations). Such temporary works are expected to perform adequately for a relatively short period only, which could range from a few days (for temporary batter slopes) up to six months (for temporary shoring). This period depends on a range of factors including but not limited to: site geology; groundwater conditions; weather conditions; design criteria; and level of care taken during construction. If there are factors which prevent temporary works from being completed and/or which require temporary works to function for periods longer than originally designed, further advice must be sought from the Geotechnical Engineer.

This report and details for the proposed development should be submitted to relevant regulatory authorities that have an interest in the property (e.g., Department of Planning) or are responsible for services that may be within or adjacent to the site for their review.

Asset accepts no liability where our recommendations are not followed or are only partially followed. The document “Important Information about your Geotechnical Report” in Appendix A provides additional information about the uses and limitations of this report.



Thank you for this opportunity to submit a proposal. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned. If you wish us to proceed, please complete and sign the attached Authorisation Form and return.

For and on behalf of

**Asset Geotechnical Engineering Pty Ltd**



**Mark Bartel**

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Encl: Site Photos

Site Plan – Fan Guns – Lower Supertrail

Important Information about your Geotechnical Report


Form 4

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## SITE PHOTOS



**Photo 1 – example of ski slope, Lower Supertrail**





**Legend**

- Fan Gun - Proposed
- Power & Dialog - Proposed
- Lateral - Proposed
- Snowmaking Mains - Existing
- Snowmaking Guns - Existing
- Manual - Existing
- Existing Electrical Pillar

**Biodiversity Values**

- Biodiversity Values
- Biodiversity Values added in the last 90 days

Scale: 1:2,400

2512.5 0 25 50 75 100 Meters

Map Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator  
Horizontal Datum: GDA 2020  
Grid: GDA 2020 MGA Zone 55



**SITE PLAN**

Project: Fan Guns - Lower Supertrail

Revision: 6

Date: 18/07/2023

Produced By: BB



### Scope of Services

The geotechnical report ("the report") has been prepared in accordance with the scope of services as set out in the contract, or as otherwise agreed, between the Client and Asset Geotechnical Engineering Pty Ltd ("Asset"), for the specific site investigated. The scope of work may have been limited by a range of factors such as time, budget, access and/or site disturbance constraints.

The report should not be used if there have been changes to the project, without first consulting with Asset to assess if the report's recommendations are still valid. Asset does not accept responsibility for problems that occur due to project changes if they are not consulted.

### Reliance on Data

Asset has relied on data provided by the Client and other individuals and organizations, to prepare the report. Such data may include surveys, analyses, designs, maps, and plans. Asset has not verified the accuracy or completeness of the data except as stated in the report. To the extent that the statements, opinions, facts, information, conclusions and/or recommendations ("conclusions") are based in whole or part on the data, Asset will not be liable in relation to incorrect conclusions should any data, information or condition be incorrect or have been concealed, withheld, misrepresented, or otherwise not fully disclosed to Asset.

### Geotechnical Engineering

Geotechnical engineering is based extensively on judgment and opinion. It is far less exact than other engineering disciplines. Geotechnical engineering reports are prepared for a specific client, for a specific project and to meet specific needs, and may not be adequate for other clients or other purposes (e.g., a report prepared for a consulting civil engineer may not be adequate for a construction contractor). The report should not be used for other than its intended purpose without seeking additional geotechnical advice. Also, unless further geotechnical advice is obtained, the report cannot be used where the nature and/or details of the proposed development are changed.

### Limitations of Site Investigation

The investigation program undertaken is a professional estimate of the scope of investigation required to provide a general profile of subsurface conditions. The data derived from the site investigation program and subsequent laboratory testing are extrapolated across the site to form an inferred geological model, and an engineering opinion is rendered about overall subsurface conditions and their likely behavior regarding the proposed development. Despite investigation, the actual conditions at the site might differ from those inferred to exist, since no subsurface exploration program, no matter how comprehensive, can reveal all subsurface details and anomalies.

The engineering logs are the subjective interpretation of subsurface conditions at a particular location and time, made by trained personnel. The actual interface between materials may be more gradual or abrupt than a report indicates.

Therefore, the recommendations in the report can only be regarded as preliminary. Asset should be retained during the project implementation to assess if the report's recommendations are valid and whether changes should be considered as the project proceeds.

### Subsurface Conditions are Time Dependent

Subsurface conditions can be modified by changing natural forces or man-made influences. The report is based on conditions that existed at the time of subsurface exploration. Construction operations adjacent to the site, and natural events such as floods, or ground water fluctuations, may also affect subsurface conditions, and thus the continuing adequacy of a geotechnical report. Asset should be kept apprised of any such events and should be consulted to determine if any additional tests are necessary.

### Verification of Site Conditions

Where ground conditions encountered at the site differ significantly from those anticipated in the report, either due to natural variability of subsurface conditions or construction activities, it is a condition of the report that Asset be notified of any variations and be provided with an opportunity to review the recommendations of this report. Recognition of change of soil and rock conditions requires experience, and it is recommended that a suitably experienced geotechnical engineer be engaged to visit the site with sufficient frequency to detect if conditions have changed significantly.

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The report presents the site assessment and must not be copied in part or altered in any way.

Logs, figures, drawings, test results etc. included in our reports are developed by professionals based on their interpretation of field logs (assembled by field personnel) and laboratory evaluation of field samples. These data should not under any circumstances be redrawn for inclusion in other documents or separated from the report in any way.

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Where the recommendations of the report are not followed or are only partially followed, there may be significant implications for the project (e.g., commercial loss, property loss or damage, personal injury, or loss of life). Consult Asset if you are not intending to follow all the report recommendations, to assess what the implications could be. Asset does not accept responsibility where the report recommendations have not been followed or have only been partially followed.

### Other Limitations

Asset will not be liable to update or revise the report to consider any events or emergent circumstances or fact occurring or becoming apparent after the date of the report.

## Form 4 – Minimal Impact Certification

DA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

This form may be used where minor construction works which present minimal or no geotechnical impact on the site or related land are proposed to be erected within the “G” line area of the geotechnical maps.

A geotechnical engineer or engineering geologist must inspect the site and/or review the proposed development documentation to determine if the proposed development requires a geotechnical report to be prepared to accompany the development application. Where the geotechnical engineer determines that such a report is not required then they must complete this form and attach design recommendations where required. A copy of Form 4 with design recommendation, if required, must be submitted with the development application.

**Please contact the Alpine Resorts Team in Jindabyne for further information - phone 02 6456 1733.**

To complete this form, please place a cross in the appropriate boxes ☐ and complete all sections.

### 1. Declaration made by geotechnical engineer or engineering geologist in relation to a nil or minimal geotechnical impact assessment and site classification

I,  
Mr ☒ Ms ☐ Mrs ☐ Dr ☐ Other


First Name	Family Name
Mark	Bartel

OF  
Company/organisation

certify that I am a geotechnical engineer /engineering geologist as defined by the “Policy” and I have inspected the site and reviewed the proposed development known as

As a result of my site inspection and review of the following documentation

(List of documentation reviewed)

<input type="text" value="Snowmaking Upgrades: Fan Guns - Lower Supertrail, rev 6, 18/07/2023"/>	 <p><b>Department of Planning and Environment</b></p> <p><i>Issued under the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i></p> <p>Approved Application No 23/12108</p> <p>Granted on the 6 December 2023</p> <p>Signed Z Derbyshire</p> <p>Sheet No 5 of 12</p>
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I have determined that;

- ☒ the current load-bearing capacity of the existing building will not be exceeded or adversely impacted by the proposed development, and
- ☒ the proposed works are of such a minor nature that the requirement for geotechnical advice in the form of a geotechnical report, prepared in accordance with the "Policy", is considered unnecessary for the adequate and safe design of the structural elements to be incorporated into the new works, and
- ☒ in accordance with AS 2870.1 Residential Slabs and Footings, the site is to be classified as a type  
(insert classification type)

Class P

- ☒ I have attached design recommendations to be incorporated in the structural design in accordance with this site classification.

I am aware that this declaration shall be used by the Department as an essential component in granting development consent for a structure to be erected within the "G" line area (as identified on the geotechnical maps) of Kosciuszko Alpine Resorts without requiring the submission of a geotechnical report in support of the development application.

## 2. Signatures

Signature

*Mark Bartel*

Chartered professional status

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Name

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Date

1 August 2023

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