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ON GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

FOR PROPOSED ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS

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# **1** INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of a geotechnical assessment for the proposed alterations and additions to the existing building at 2A Cooper Street, Double Bay. The location of the site is shown in JK Environments (JKE) Figure 1 which is included in Appendix A. The assessment was commissioned by email dated 20 October 2021 from Ms Abigail Cohen of Neoscape, on behalf of Brooklyn Lane Investment Pty Ltd. The commission was on the basis of our proposal Ref: P53166PN rev1 dated 15 October 2021.

From the provided architectural drawings (Job No. J316, Dwg Nos DA01<sup>B</sup>, DA02<sup>C</sup>, DA03<sup>D</sup>, DA04<sup>D</sup>, DA05<sup>D</sup>, DA06<sup>D</sup>, DA07<sup>D</sup>, DA08<sup>D</sup> dated 28 September 2021) prepared by Lawton Hurley, we understand the proposed alterations and additions will include the construction of two additional levels above the existing building, and new stairs and lifts from the existing basement level to the new uppermost floor. Within the basement, excavation for lift pits will be required, likely to about 1.5m below existing basement floor level.

From the provided Xavier Knight Project Investigation and Design Brief report (Ref: 200902 dated 29 September 2021), we understand the building is supported on a reinforced concrete raft slab, which is underlain by a concrete hardstand. We further understand the existing basement is below groundwater level, and is 'leaking' resulting in water ingress to the basement.

The purpose of the assessment was to review the subsurface information obtained from a previous investigation completed by our environmental division, JKE, at the subject site, and from previous JK Geotechnics investigations in the vicinity of the site, and to use this information as a basis for providing preliminary comments and recommendations on geotechnical aspects of the proposed alterations and additions, including excavation conditions, temporary dewatering, and raft slab design. The borehole logs and borehole location plan from the JKE investigation are attached in Appendix A.

Reference should be made to the separate report by JKE, Ref: E34436PHrpt, for the results of the Preliminary (Stage 1) Site Investigation.

# 2 ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

As well as the investigation completed on site by JKE, JK Geotechnics have previously completed investigations for several projects within about 50m of the site, including on the site immediately to the south, and the site across Cooper Street to the north. The information from these previous investigations was referred to in the preparation of this report.

No site inspection was completed as a part of this assessment, however, a review of available Google Earth Pro Streetview and Nearmap imagery was carried out, along with discussions with the JKE Scientist who attended site.



## **3** RESULTS OF ASSESSMENT

### 3.1 Site Description

The site is located in near level terrain, which grades gently to the north to Double Bay. Cooper Street, Brooklyn Lane, and Bay Street bound the site to the north, west and east respectively.

At the time of the JKE investigation (September 2021), the site was wholly occupied by a three-storey commercial building with a single basement level.

To the south of the site was a four-storey mixed use building with at least one basement level. The neighbouring building abutted the site boundary.

## 3.2 Subsurface Conditions

The 1:100,000 geological map of Sydney indicates the site is underlain by Quaternary Age alluvial soils.

The boreholes drilled on site by JKE and nearby JKG investigations encountered a generalise subsurface profile comprising sandy fill to shallow depth, over a deep soil predominantly comprising sands, but with some clay bands at depth. Sandstone bedrock was encountered in boreholes to the east and north of the site, at depths between about 20m and 28m.

Similar subsurface conditions are expected on site, i.e. a deep soil profile, with bedrock at greater than 20m depth.

Groundwater was encountered in the JKE boreholes completed on site, which were drilled from within the existing basement on site, and the groundwater discharged from the boreholes during drilling, i.e. the groundwater level was above the basement floor slab level.

# 4 PRELIMINARY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 4.1 Geotechnical Investigation

This report has been prepared based on the subsurface conditions from previous investigations on and in the vicinity of the subject site and our general knowledge of the area. Prior to the structural design being finalised, a geotechnical investigation including Cone Penetrometer Tests (CPTs) boreholes drilled to the underlying bedrock level is required to confirm the subsurface conditions at the site. Groundwater monitoring wells must also be installed to confirm the depth to groundwater and allow for permeability testing to be completed. Due to the depth of the soil profile and presence of groundwater at shallow depth, investigation using portable equipment is not feasible, and therefore, the investigation would need to be completed from the surrounding footpaths/streets. Following the investigation, detailed comments and recommendations would be able to be provided.





# 4.2 Opinion

Subject to the comments and recommendations in this report being adopted in full, we consider the site is geotechnically suitable for the proposed development.

With regards to items of Clause 6.2 of the Woollahra Council Local Environment Plan 2014 (WLEP2014), which relate to geotechnical considerations, we comment as follows:

- Subclause (3)(a): We consider that the likelihood of "disruption of, or any detrimental effect on, drainage patterns and soil stability in the locality of the development", will be low provided (1) the excavations are temporarily battered or retained, and formed, in accordance with the advice presented in this report; (2) the excavations through soil are permanently supported by retaining walls designed and constructed in accordance with the advice presented in this report.
- Subclause (3)(b): Provided the proposed development is designed and constructed in accordance with the advice presented in this report, then from a geotechnical standpoint, we do not consider that the proposed development will have a detrimental impact "on the likely future use or redevelopment of the land".
- Subclause (3)(d): Provided the proposed development is designed and constructed in accordance with the advice presented in this report, then from a geotechnical standpoint, we do not consider that the development will have a detrimental impact "on the existing and likely amenity of adjoining properties".
- Subclause (3)(h): The advice presented in this report, if strictly adhered to during detailed design and construction, provides "appropriate measures ...to avoid, minimise or mitigate the impacts of the development".

# 4.3 Dilapidation Surveys

Prior to any demolition or excavation commencing, we recommend that detailed dilapidation reports be prepared for the adjoining property to the south of the site. The dilapidation survey should comprise a detailed inspection both externally and internally, with all defects rigorously described, e.g. defect location, defect type, crack width, crack length, etc. The property owner(s) should be provided with a copy of the dilapidation reports.

Such reports can be used as a baseline against which to assess possible future claims for damage arising from the works.

# 4.4 Hydrogeological Conditions and Dewatering

The groundwater level is above the existing basement floor level. Therefore, to facilitate excavation for the proposed lift pits, dewatering will be required, to about 1m below design excavation level. To reduce the groundwater pumping rate and extent of drawdown outside the excavation, shoring, jet grouting, or some form of alternative treatment to reduce the permeability of the soil profile will be required, and would require design and construction input from a specialist contractor.



To assess the pumping rate to dewater to this level, permeability testing of the soils, and seepage analysis will be required. The pumped groundwater would need to be appropriately treated before being discharged to the stormwater system. We can complete the permeability testing and seepage analysis if requested to do so.

### 4.5 Excavation

Excavation for the proposed lift pits is expected to encounter the soil profile only, and would be readily completed using a small excavator or hand tools. We note that excavation would only be possible once dewatering is completed.

## 4.6 Excavation Support

The sandy soils will not be self-supporting, and will need to be retained to allow for excavation to be completed, however, given the limited headroom within the existing basement installation of a conventional, shoring system using a piling rig will not be feasible. Further, due to the high groundwater level, cased hand drilled piles would also not be possible.

We expect the most suitable method of providing excavation support would be to complete jet grouting of the soil profile, to form a rigid 'box' of grouted soils around the proposed lift pits. Such grouting would also be expected to reduce the permeability of the soil profile, thereby reducing the rate of pumping required for dewatering.

We recommend liaising with a specialist contractor to assess suitable methods that could be completed in limited head room, below the water table. We note that grouting of soils below groundwater level is a complex exercise, and allowance must be made for remedial works and delays should any sections of ungrouted soil be encountered during excavation.

# 4.7 Raft Slab

We understand the existing building is supported by a raft slab, i.e. the basement floor slab, and the construction of the additional levels on the building will result in settlement as the load on the raft slab is increased. To reduce the magnitude of settlements, several options could be considered, including jet grouting of the soils below the slab..

To assess the resulting settlement of the raft slab, we recommend the completion of 3D finite element analysis (FEA), but note that such analysis would only be able to commence once the investigation recommended in Section 4.1 above is completed. Such analysis would be able to consider the excavation for and construction of the proposed lifts, as well as multiple load cases.



We note that details of the adjoining building to the south would also be required so that any possible increase in load on its basement walls can be considered, as well as the possible impacts of the increased load on our raft slab.

We can complete the 3D FEA if commissioned to do so.

# 4.8 Further Geotechnical Input

The following is a summary of the further geotechnical input which is required and which has been detailed in the preceding sections of this report:

- Completion of a geotechnical investigation
- Completion of permeability testing and groundwater seepage analysis
- Completion of 3D finite element analysis to assess the performance of the raft slab as additional load Is applied.

## **5 GENERAL COMMENTS**

The recommendations presented in this report include specific issues to be addressed during the detail design and construction phases of the project. In the event that any of the design and 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.

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

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

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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 $\leq$ 50	> 12 and $\leq$ 25		
Firm (F)	> 50 and $\leq$ 100	> 25 and $\leq$ 50		
Stiff (St)	$>$ 100 and $\leq$ 200	> 50 and $\leq$ 100		
Very Stiff (VSt)	> 200 and $\leq$ 400	$>$ 100 and $\leq$ 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 shrinkswell 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

Ν	=	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<sub>D</sub>), horizontal stress index (K<sub>D</sub>), and dilatometer modulus (E<sub>D</sub>). Using established correlations, the DMT results can also be used to assess the 'at rest' earth pressure coefficient (K<sub>o</sub>), over-consolidation ratio (OCR), undrained shear strength (C<sub>u</sub>), friction angle ( $\phi$ ), coefficient of consolidation (C<sub>h</sub>), coefficient of permeability (K<sub>h</sub>), 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 ( $G_o$ ).

**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 selfweight 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° 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 <u>or</u> where only a limited investigation has been completed <u>or</u> 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

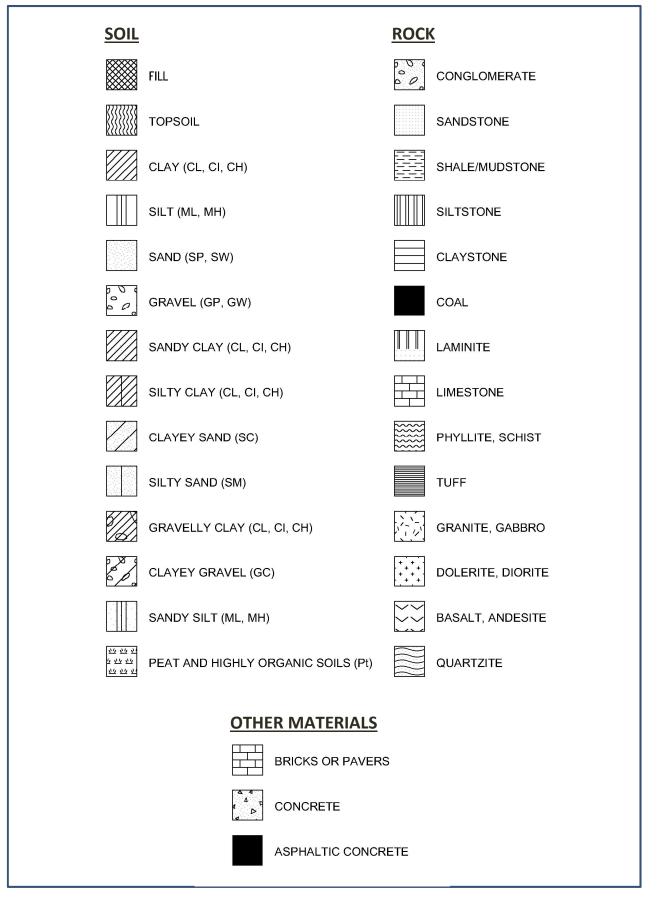
The Company will always be pleased to provide engineering inspection services for geotechnical aspects of work to which this report is related.

Requirements could range from:

- a site visit to confirm that conditions exposed are no worse than those interpreted, to
- 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



# **CLASSIFICATION OF COARSE AND FINE GRAINED SOILS**

Ma	Major Divisions		Typical Names	Field Classification of Sand and Gravel	Laboratory Cl	assification	
ianis	GRAVEL (more		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 <sub>u</sub> >4 1 <c<sub>c&lt;3</c<sub>	
ersize fraction is	of coarse fraction is larger than 2.36mm	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	
6		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	
Coarse grained soil (more than 65% of soil excluding greater than 0.0075mm)		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	
re than 65% greater thar	SAND (more than half	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	Cu>6 1 <cc<3< td=""></cc<3<>	
iai (mare gn	fraction		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
egraineds	2.36mm)	SM	Sand-silt mixtures	'Dirty' materials with excess of non-plastic fines, zero to medium dry strength	≥ 12% fines, fines are silty		
Coarse	Coarse		Sand-clay mixtures	'Dirty' materials with excess of plastic fines, medium to high dry strength	≥ 12% fines, fines are clayey	N/A	

		Group	Group		Field Classification of Silt and Clay						
Maj	or Divisions	Group Symbol Typical Names		Dry Strength	Dilatancy	Toughness	% < 0.075mm				
alpr	SILT and CLAY (low to medium	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				
ained soils (more than 35% of soil excl oversize fraction is less than 0.075mm)	plasticity)	plasticity)	plasticity)	plasticity)	plasticity) CL, Cl	CL, CI	Inorganic clay of low to medium plasticity, gravelly clay, sandy clay	Medium to high	None to slow	Medium	Above A line
an 35% ssthan		OL	Organic silt	Low to medium	Slow	Low	Below A line				
onisle	SILT and CLAY	MH	Inorganic silt	Low to medium	None to slow	Low to medium	Below A line				
soils (m te fracti	(high plasticity)	СН	Inorganic clay of high plasticity	High to very high	None	High	Above A line				
inegrained soils (more than 35% of soil excluding oversize fraction is less than 0.075mm)		ОН	Organic clay of medium to high plasticity, organic silt	Medium to high	None to very slow	Low to medium	Below A line				
.=	.E Highly organic soil Pt Peat, highly organic soil –		-	-	-	-					

#### Laboratory Classification Criteria

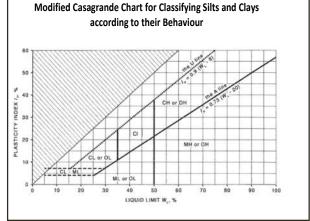
A well graded coarse grained soil is one for which the coefficient of uniformity Cu > 4 and the coefficient of curvature  $1 < C_c < 3$ . Otherwise, the soil is poorly graded. These coefficients are given by:

$$C_U = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}}$$
 and  $C_C = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} D_{60}}$ 

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:

- 1 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.
- 3 Clay soils with liquid limits > 35% and ≤ 50% may be classified as being of medium plasticity.
- 4 The U line on the Modified Casagrande Chart is an approximate upper bound for most natural soils.



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# LOG SYMBOLS

Log Column	Symbol	Definition					
Groundwater Record	<b></b>	Standing water le	vel. Time delay following comp	letion of drilling/excavation may be shown.			
— <del></del>		Extent of borehol	Extent of borehole/test pit collapse shortly after drilling/excavation.				
		— Groundwater see	page into borehole or test pit n	oted during drilling or excavation.			
Samples	ES		er depth indicated, for environm				
	U50 DB		m diameter tube sample taken mple taken over depth indicate	-			
	DB		ag sample taken over depth indicate				
	ASB		over depth indicated, for asbes				
	ASS		over depth indicated, for acid	-			
	SAL	Soil sample taken	over depth indicated, for salini	ty analysis.			
Field Tests	N = 17 4, 7, 10	figures show blow		etween depths indicated by lines. Individual usal' refers to apparent hammer refusal within			
	N <sub>c</sub> =	5 Solid Cone Penet	ration Test (SCPT) performed b	between depths indicated by lines. Individual			
				0° solid cone driven by SPT hammer. 'R' refers			
		BR to apparent hami	mer refusal within the correspo	nding 150mm depth increment.			
	VNS = 25	Vane shear readir	ng in kPa of undrained shear str	ength.			
	PID = 100		Photoionisation detector reading in ppm (soil sample headspace test).				
Moisture Condition	w > PL	Moisture content	estimated to be greater than p	lastic limit.			
(Fine Grained Soils)	$w \approx PL$		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		MOIST – does not run freely but no free water visible on soil surface. WET – free water visible on soil surface.				
Strength (Consistency) Cohesive Soils	۷S		unconfined compressive streng	-			
Concave Solis	S F		unconfined compressive streng	-			
	St		unconfined compressive streng	-			
	VSt		unconfined compressive streng				
	Hd		unconfined compressive streng unconfined compressive streng	-			
	Fr		strength not attainable, soil cru	-			
	( )		Bracketed symbol indicates estimated consistency based on tactile examination or other				
		assessment.					
Density Index/ Relative Density			Density Index (I <sub>D</sub> ) Range (%)	SPT 'N' Value Range (Blows/300mm)			
(Cohesionless Soils)	VL	VERY LOOSE	≤15	0-4			
	L	LOOSE	> 15 and $\leq$ 35	4-10			
	MD	MEDIUM DENSE	$>$ 35 and $\leq$ 65	10 – 30			
	D	DENSE	$> 65 \text{ and } \le 85$	30 – 50			
	VD	VERY DENSE	> 85	> 50			
	()	Bracketed symbo	i indicates estimated density ba	ased on ease of drilling or other assessment.			
Hand Penetrometer Readings	300 250		g in kPa of unconfined compress presentative undisturbed mater	sive strength. Numbers indicate individual rial unless noted otherwise.			

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Log Column	Symbol	Definition		
Remarks	'V' bit	Hardened steel 'V' shaped bit.		
	'TC' bit	Twin pronged tur	ngsten carbide bit.	
	$T_{60}$	Penetration of au without rotation	ger string in mm under static load of rig applied by drill head hydraulics of augers.	
	Soil Origin	The geological ori	gin of the soil can generally be described as:	
		RESIDUAL	<ul> <li>soil formed directly from insitu weathering of the underlying rock.</li> <li>No visible structure or fabric of the parent rock.</li> </ul>	
		EXTREMELY WEATHERED	<ul> <li>soil formed directly from insitu weathering of the underlying rock.</li> <li>Material is of soil strength but retains the structure and/or fabric of the parent rock.</li> </ul>	
		ALLUVIAL	- soil deposited by creeks and rivers.	
		ESTUARINE	<ul> <li>soil deposited in coastal estuaries, including sediments caused by inflowing creeks and rivers, and tidal currents.</li> </ul>	
		MARINE	<ul> <li>soil deposited in a marine environment.</li> </ul>	
		AEOLIAN	<ul> <li>soil carried and deposited by wind.</li> </ul>	
		COLLUVIAL	<ul> <li>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.</li> </ul>	
		LITTORAL	<ul> <li>beach deposited soil.</li> </ul>	



# **Classification of Material Weathering**

Term	Term		viation	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	HW DW 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. 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	(Note 1)			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**

			Guide to Strength		
Term	Abbreviation	Uniaxial Compressive Strength (MPa)	Point Load Strength Index Is <sub>(50)</sub> (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	М	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	н	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.	

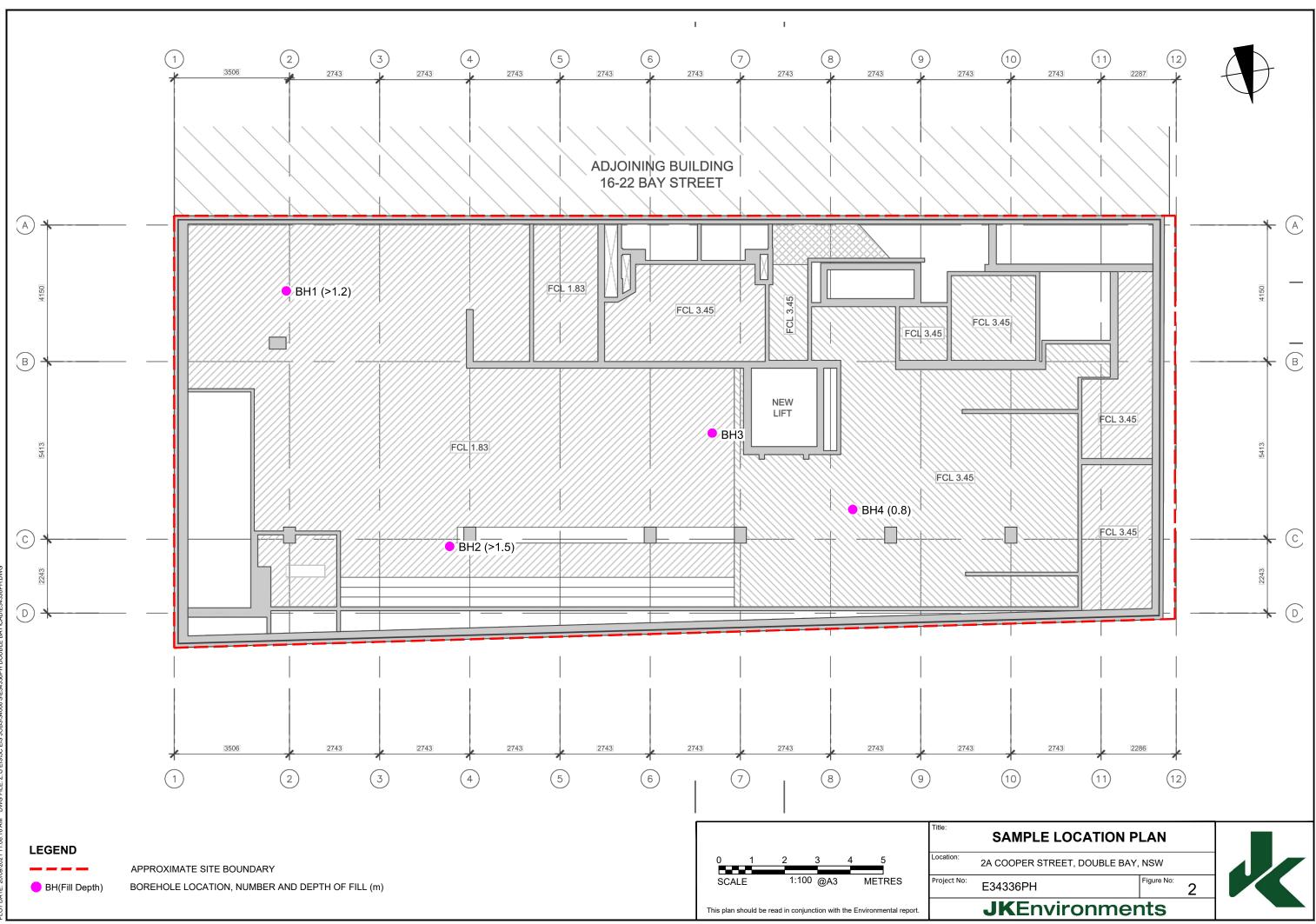


# Abbreviations Used in Defect Description

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	– Туре	Ве	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				
	– Orientation	Degrees	Defect orientation is measured relative to normal to the core axis (ie. relative to the horizontal for a vertical borehole)				
	– Shape	Р	Planar				
		С	Curved				
		Un	Undulating				
		St	Stepped				
		lr	Irregular				
	– Roughness	Vr	Very rough				
		R	Rough				
		S	Smooth				
		Ро	Polished				
		SI	Slickensided				
	– Infill Material	Са	Calcite				
		Cb	Carbonaceous				
		Clay	Clay				
		Fe	Iron				
		Qz	Quartz				
		Ру	Pyrite				
	– Coatings	Cn	Clean				
		Sn	Stained – no visible coating, surface is discoloured				
		Vn	Veneer – visible, too thin to measure, may be patchy				
		Ct	Coating $\leq$ 1mm thick				
		Filled	Coating > 1mm thick				
	– Thickness	mm.t	Defect thickness measured in millimetres				

# **APPENDIX A**





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# JKEnvironments ENVIRONMENTAL LOG

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Client:	BROOKLYN LANE INVESTMENT PTY LTD							
Project:	Project: PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT							
Location:	2A COOPE	R STREET	DOUBLE BAY, NSW					
Job No.: E34	Job No.: E34336PH Method: HAND AUGER R.L. Surface: +1.1m							
Date: 8/9/21	Date: 8/9/21 Datum: AHD							
Plant Type: - Logged/Checked by: N.M./T.H.								
Groundwater Record <u>ASS</u> ASB SAMPLES SAL	Field Tests Depth (m)	Graphic Log Unified Classification	DESCRIPTION	Moisture Condition/ Weathering	Strength/ Rel. Density	Hand Penetrometer Readings (kPa.)	Remarks	
SEEPAGE AT THE SURFACE	0		CONCRETE: 480mm.t				-	
	0.5 - - - - - - - - - - - - -		FILL: Silty clayey sand, fine to medium grained, brown, trace of clay nodules.	W			- SCREEN: 2kg - 0.48-0.58m NO FCF -	
			END OF BOREHOLE AT 1.2m				HAND AUGER REFUSAL	

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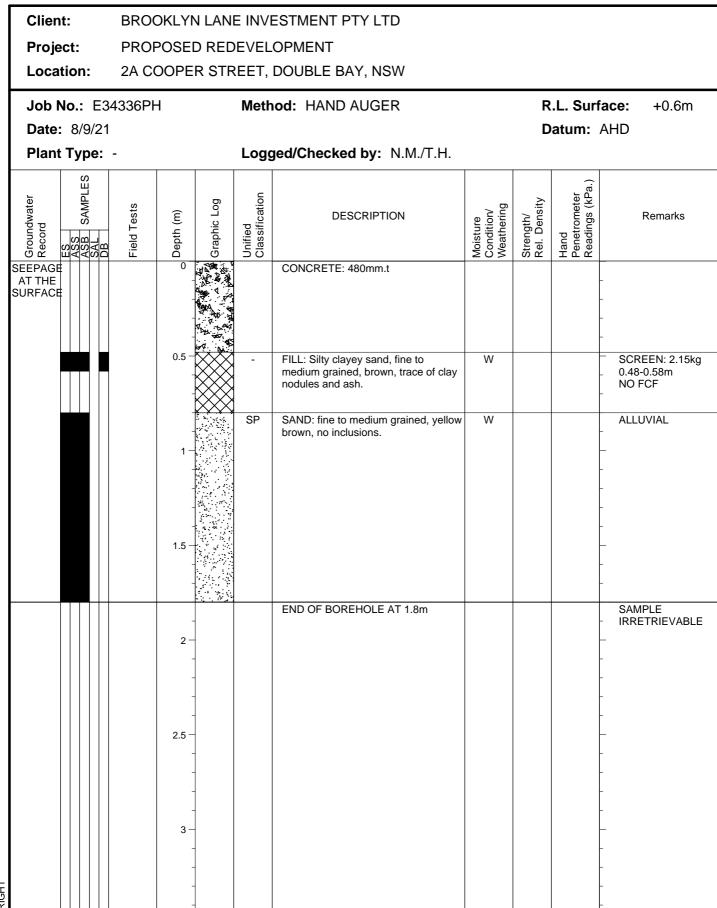
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Client:	BROOKLY	N LANE IN	/ESTMENT PTY LTD					
Project:	Project: PROPOSED REDEVELOPMENT							
Location:	2A COOPE	R STREET	, DOUBLE BAY, NSW					
Job No.: E34	Job No.: E34336PH Method: HAND AUGER R.L. Surface: +0.6m							
Date: 8/9/21						Datum: AHD		
Plant Type:	Plant Type: - Logged/Checked by: N.M./T.H.							
Groundwater Record <u>ASS</u> SAMPLES <u>SAL</u> DB	Field Tests Depth (m)	Graphic Log Unified	DESCRIPTION	Moisture Condition/ Weathering	Strength/ Rel. Density	Hand Penetrometer Readings (kPa.)	Remarks	
SEEPAGE AT THE SURFACE	0.5 -		CONCRETE: 530mm.t				-	
	1-		FILL: Silty sand, fine to medium grained, brown, no inclusions.	W			SCREEN: 2.3kg 0.53-0.63m NO FCF	
COPYRIGHT	2-		END OF BOREHOLE AT 1.5m				SAMPLE IRRETRIEVABLE	

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