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Dear Sir

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We are pleased to present our geotechnical investigation report at 1241 Old Cooma Road, in Googong, NSW.

The report outlines the methods and results of exploration, describes site subsurface conditions and provides recommendations for excavation conditions, preparation of subgrades, stability of cut and fill batters and groundwater conditions.

Should you require any further information regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours faithfully

ACT Geotechnical Engineers Pty Ltd

Jeremy Murray Director

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1 INTRODUCTION

At the request of Queanbeyan-Palerang Regional Council (QPRC), ACT Geotechnical Engineers Pty Ltd carried out a geotechnical investigation at 1241 Old Cooma Road, in Googong, NSW. It has been indicated that the site will be used for an unspecified development.

The aim of the investigation was to:

- (i) Identify subsurface conditions including the extent and nature of any fill materials, soil strata, bedrock type and depth, and groundwater presence.
- (ii) Advise on excavation conditions and suitability of excavated material for use as structural fill.
- (iii) other geotechnical advice.

2 SITE DESCRIPTION & GEOLOGY

The 36.4ha site is located on the eastern side of Old Cooma Road, at the Burra Drive intersection, in Googong, NSW. There is an existing cottage located at the centre of the site and the lot is used as pasture land. Church Creek drains NW through the site, with several smaller tributaries draining into it. The topography is mostly the flood-plain of the creek and its tributaries. The land starts to elevate along the NE Burra Road boundary of the site. Figure 1 shows the site locality and Figure 2 is a recent aerial photograph showing the present site layout.

The 1:100,000 Canberra Geology map (Reference 1) documents the site to be underlain by Silurian age Colinton Volcanics bedrock, which includes dark green dacitic ignimbrite and minor volcaniclastic sediments.



3 INVESTIGATION METHODS

To establish the subsurface conditions, a JCB 3CX backhoe with a ~300mm auger attachment was used to drill ten holes extending to the nominated investigation depth at 3.5m depth or earlier refusal in rock, on 6 April 2017. The subsurface profiles were logged in terms of the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). The locations of the boreholes, designated 1A to 10A, are shown on Figure 2, and the detailed logs are included in Appendix A.

Definitions of geotechnical engineering terms used in the report on the borehole logs, including a copy of the USCS chart, are provided in Appendix B.

4 INVESTIGATION RESULTS

4.1 Subsurface Conditions

The subsurface conditions of the proposed development were investigated by ten auger holes designated 1A to 10A. The borehole logs in Appendix A can be referred to for more detail.

The investigation auger holes found the subsurface profile to comprise:

Geological Profile	Typical Depth Interval	Description
TOPSOIL	0m to 0.1m/0.2m	SILTY SAND; fine to coarse sand, low plasticity silt, brown, some grass roots, dry to moist, loose.
SLOPEWASH	0.1m/0.2m to 0.4m/0.6m	SILTY SAND; fine to medium sand, low plasticity silt, pale grey-brown, dry to moist, medium dense. Only encountered in boreholes 1A, 2A, 5A, 8A and 9A.
ALLUVIAL/ RESIDUAL SOIL	0.1m/0.6 to 0.3m/>3.5m	SILTY SANDY CLAY, SILTY CLAYEY SAND, & SANDY CLAY; fine to coarse sand, low to medium and some medium to high plasticity clay, red-brown, orange-brown, brown, grey, dry to moist and moist, stiff to very stiff and dense.
BEDROCK	Below 0.2m/1m	DACITE; fine to coarse grained, orange brown, grey, highly weathered (HW) and weak rock grading to moderately weathered (MW) and medium strong rock. Only encountered in boreholes 4 A, 6A, 7A and 8A.

Bedrock was encountered in boreholes 4A, 6A, 7A and 8A, below 0.2m/1m, with refusal occurring at 1.5m, 0.3m, 0.6m and 1.3m depth in medium strong rock. The bedrock is predominantly on the elevated, northern portion of the site, towards the intersection of Old Cooma Road and Burra Road. Bedrock was not encountered within the remaining boreholes within the investigation depth of 3.5m, although bedrock could be encountered at greater depths.

4.2 Groundwater

Groundwater was not encountered and the soils were mostly dry to moist. However, temporary, perched seepages could be encountered following rainfall within the more pervious soils.



5 DISCUSSION & RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Building Footings

Footings and slabs for one and two-storey, residential-type structures must be in accordance with the principles of AS2870 (Reference 2). For structures founded at existing grade, footings, including thickened sections of slabs forming footings should be founded below any topsoil and slopewash, into the stiff to very stiff alluvial soils or weathered bedrock. A depth of ~0.2m/0.4m from existing levels may be required to reach a suitable founding stratum. Shallow footings could be founded in any newly placed controlled fill following removal of any topsoil and slopewash (see Section 5.5). Alternatively, footings could be founded on piers extending to weathered bedrock at 0.2m (1m depth (northern portion of site) or >3.5m depth (the remainder of the site).

If designing footings based on engineering principles, recommended allowable end-bearing pressures for various footing systems and likely foundation materials are provided in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Recommended Allowable End-Bearing Pressures for Footings

Foundation	Depth Below Existing	Allowable	e End-Bearing	Allowable Shaft Adhesion on Bored Piers		
Material Type	Surface Level	Strips	Strips Pads Bored Piers		Downward Loading	Uplift
Newly Placed Controlled Fill	_	100kPa	125kPa	N.A	N.A	N.A
Stiff to Very Stiff Alluvial Soils	0.2m/0.4m	125kPa	150kPa	200kPa	20kPa	10kPa
HW & less weathered bedrock	0.2m/1m (northern portion) >3.5m (elsewhere)	1250kPa	1500kPa	2000kPa	200kPa	100kPa

All footings should be inspected and approved by an experienced geotechnical engineer to confirm the foundation material and design values, and to ensure the excavations are clean and stable.

Groundslabs can be constructed on the natural soils or newly placed controlled fill, following the removal of any topsoil. Following excavation to required level, slab areas on soil should be proof-rolled by a pad foot roller to check for any weak, wet or deforming soils that may require replacement. Suitable replacement fill should be compacted in not thicker than 150mm layers to not less than 98%StdMDD.

If required for design of ground slabs, a modulus of subgrade reaction of 30kPa/mm can be assumed for a natural soil or controlled fill foundation.



5.2 Excavation Conditions & Use of Excavated Material

Shallow excavations will be through topsoil, slopewash, alluvial soil, and bedrock. The soils are readily diggable by backhoe and medium sized excavator to at least 3.5m depth over most of the site. However, medium strong bedrock is exposed below 0.5m/1.5m depth on the northern portion of the site (in the vicinity of boreholes 4A, 6A, 7A and 8A), which will require heavy ripping and rock hammering to excavate.

The low/medium plasticity alluvial soils and weathered bedrock can be used in controlled fill construction of building platforms, although any rock particles should be broken down to <75mm size. Topsoil and silty slopewash should not be used in controlled fill construction, but could be used in non-structural applications such as landscaping.

If imported fill is required, a suitable select fill material would include a low or medium plasticity soil such as clayey sand or gravelly clayey sand, containing between 25% and 50% fines less than 0.075mm size (silt and clay), and no particles greater than 75mm size.

5.3 Stable Excavation Batters

Temporary site excavations to 1.5m depth can be formed near vertical, although loose topsoil should be cut back at 1(H):1(V). If required and space allows, deeper temporary cuts can be formed at 1(H):1(V) or benched at 1.5m intervals in soils. A geotechnical engineer should inspect all cut batters during construction to confirm stability. Exposed temporary batters should be protected from the weather by black plastic pinned to the face with link-wire mesh, or similar.

Permanent cut & fill batter slopes should be formed at no steeper than 2(H):1(V) in soil and EW bedrock and be protected against erosion by shotcreting, stone pitching or other suitable methods. Alternatively permanent excavations can be supported by structural retaining walls.

5.4 Low Retaining Walls

Retaining walls constructed in open excavation, with the gap between the excavation face and the wall backfilled later, can be designed for an earth pressure distribution given by:

$$\sigma_h = (K\gamma'h) + Kq$$

where,

- σ_h is the horizontal earth pressure acting on the back of the wall, in kPa
- K is the dimensionless coefficient of earth pressure; this can be assumed to be 0.4 when the top of the wall is unrestrained horizontally, and 0.6 when the top of the wall is restrained (i.e. by building slabs etc.)
- γ' is the effective unit weight of the backfill, and can be assumed to be 20kN/m³ for a lightly compacted soil backfill
- h is the height of the backfill, in metres
- q is any uniform distributed vertical surcharge acting on the top of the backfill, in kPa

Apart from structural restraints such as floor slabs, resistance to overturning and sliding of retaining walls is provided by frictional and adhesive resistance on the base, and by passive resistance at the toe of the wall. For a natural soil or controlled fill foundation, an ultimate base friction factor (tan&) of 0.4, base adhesion (c) of 50kPa, and allowable passive earth pressure coefficient Kp=2.5 can be used for calculation of sliding resistance.



Free-draining granular backfill or synthetic fabric drains should be installed behind all walls. These should connect to weep holes and/or a collector drain, and ultimately to the stormwater system. Granular backfill should be wrapped in a suitable filter fabric to minimise infiltration of silt/clay fines

5.5 Controlled Fill Construction

For construction of any new fill foundation platforms and road subgrades, it is recommended that:

- Areas be fully stripped of all topsoil. A stripping depth of ~0.2m/0.4m may be required.
 Stripped foundations should be proof-rolled by a vibratory pad-foot roller of not less than 9 tonne static mass to check for any weak or wet areas that would require replacement. No fill should be placed until a geotechnical engineer has confirmed the suitability of the foundation.
- Controlled fill comprising suitable site excavated or imported materials of not greater than 75mm maximum particle size, be compacted in not greater than 150mm layers to not less than 98%StdMDD at about OMC.
- Fill placement and control testing be overviewed and certified by a geotechnical engineer at Level 1 or 2 involvement of AS3798 1996 "Guidelines on Earthworks for Commercial & Residential Developments" (Reference 3).

5.6 Design CBR Values

On-grade carpark, and access ramp subgrades should be stripped of all topsoil and silty slopewash, and soil subgrades then proof-rolled by a pad-foot roller to check for any wet or otherwise weak spots which may require additional removal. Suitable replacement fill can be compacted in not thicker than 150mm layers, to not less than 98%StdMDD.

The silty topsoil and slopewash in the upper 0.2m/0.4m is susceptible to weakening when saturated. Therefore, the site will be difficult to traffic following rainfall, and hardstand or gravel haul roads may be required during construction.

Road and carpark pavements are expected to comprise natural soils or newly placed controlled fill or similar materials, and pavements can be designed for a subgrade CBR value of 3%. A geotechnical engineer should inspect prepared subgrades to confirm design values, and preferably view a proof-roll to identify any soft spots or other weaknesses.

5.7 Earthquake Site Factor

Table 2.3 of AS1170.4 "Minimum Design Loads on Structures - Part 4: Earthquake Loads" (Reference 4) lists the earthquake acceleration coefficients for major centres to be considered in structural design. The Googong area has an acceleration coefficient of 0.06.

Section 4.2 of AS1170.4 "Minimum Design Loads on Structures – Part 4: Earthquake Loads" lists the site sub-soil classes to be considered in structural design. The site is classified as a "Class C_e – Shallow Soil Site".



5.8 Site Drainage

Groundwater was not encountered during the investigation. The permanent groundwater table is expected to be well below expected excavations, although temporary perched seepages will be present following rain, but should be readily controllable through the use of pumps during construction.

Suitable surface drainage should be provided to ensure rainfall run-off or other surface water cannot pond against buildings or pavements. Drainage should be provided behind all retaining walls, and subsoil drains should be installed along the upslope sides of access roads and carparks.

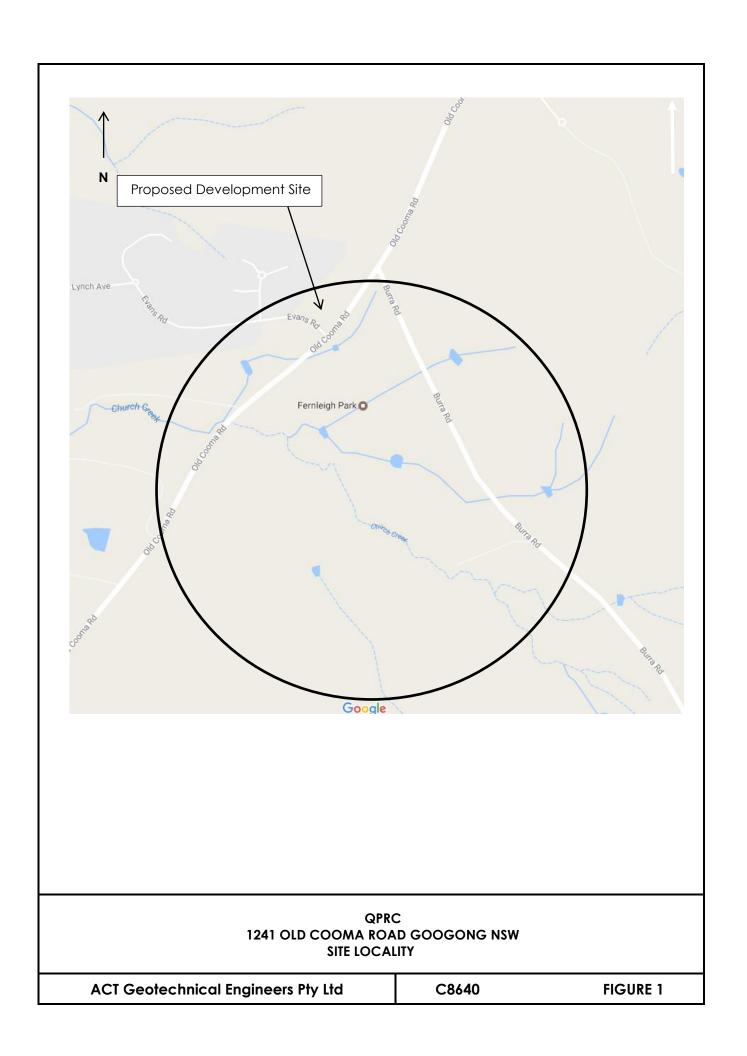
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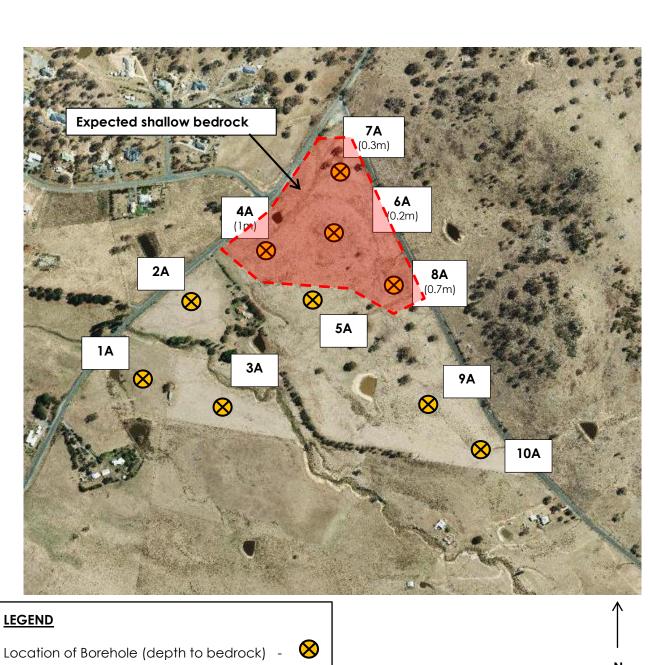


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QPRC 1241 OLD COOMA ROAD GOOGONG NSW AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH & BOREHOLE LOCATIONS

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FIGURE 2

APPENDIX A
Borehole Log 1A to 10A

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APPENDIX B
Definitions of Geotechnical Engineering Terms

DATA FOR DESCRIPTION IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OFSOILS UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM (METRICATED)

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DESCRIPTION AND CLASSIFICATION OF SOILS

The methods of description and classification of soils used in this report are based on Australian Standard 1726 - 1981, the SAA Site Investigation Code. In general, descriptions cover the following properties - soil type, colour, secondary grain size, structure, inclusions, strength or density and geological description.

Soil types are described according to the predominating particle size, qualified by the grading of other particles present (e.g. sandy clay) on the following basis:

Particle Size	less than 0.002mm		0.06 to 2.00mm	
Classification	Clay	Silt	Sand	Gravel

Soils are also classified according to the Unified Soil Classifications System which is included in this Appendix.

Rock types are classified by their geological names.

Cohesive soils are classified on the basis of strength either by laboratory testing or engineering examination. The terms are defined as follows:

Classification	 Shear Strength KPa.
Very soft	less than 12
Soft	12 - 25
Firm	25 - 50
Stiff	50 - 100
Very stiff	100 - 200
Hard	Greater than 200

Non-cohesive soils are classified on the basis of relative density, generally from the results of insit' standard penetration tests as below:

Relative Density	"N" Value blows/300mm	ws/300mm
Very loose	less than 5	
Loose	5 - 10	
Medium dense	10 - 30	
Dense	30 - 50	
Very dense	greater than 50	50

SAMPLING

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

Disturbed samples taken during drilling provide information on colour, type, inclusions and depending upon the degree of disturbance, some information on strength and structure.

Undisturbed samples are generally taken by one of two methods:

- (i) driving or pushing a thinwalled sample tube into the soil and withdrawing with a sample of the soil in a relatively undisturbed state.
- (ii) Core drilling using a retractable inner tube (R.I.I.) core barrel.

Such samples yield information on structure and strength in addition to that obtained from disturbed samples and are necessary for laboratory determination of shear strength and compressibility. Undisturbed sampling is generally effective only in cohesive soils.

Details of the type and method of sampling are given in the report.

PENETRATION TESTING

The relative density of non-cohesive soils is generally assessed by insitu penetration tests, the most common of which is the standard penetration test. The test procedure is described in Australian Standard 1289 "Testing Soils for Engineering Purposes" - Test No. F3.1.

The standard penetration test is carried out by driving a 50mm diameter split tube penetrometer of standard dimensions under the impact of a 63 kg hammer having a free fall of $750\mathrm{mm}$.

The "N" value is determined as the number of blows to achieve 300mm of penetration (generally after disregarding the first 150mm penetration through possibly disturbed material). The results of these tests can be related empirically to the engineering properties of the soil.

The test is also used to provide useful information in cohesive soils under certain conditions, a good quality disturbed sample being recovered with each test.

Other forms of insitu testing are used under certain conditions and where this occurs, details are given in the report.



DEFINITIONS OF ROCK, SOIL, AND DEGREES OF CHEMICAL WEATHERING

(A) GENERAL DEFINITIONS - ROCK AND SOIL

ROCK In engineering usage, rock is a natural aggregate of minerals connected by strong and permanent cohesive forces.

Note: Since "strong" and "permanent" are subject to different interpretations, the boundary between rock and soil is necessarily an arbitrary one. In engineering usage, soil is a natural aggregate of mineral grains which can be separated by such gentle mechanical means as agitation in water, can be remoulded and can be classified according to the Unified Soil Classification System. Three principal classes of soil recognised

SOIL

(a) Residual soils: soils which have been formed insitu by the chemical weathering of parent rock. Residual soil may retain evidence of the original rock texture or fabric or, when mature, the original rock texture may be destroyed.

(b) Transported soils: soils which have been moved from their places of origin and deposited elsewhere. The principal agents of erosion, transport and deposition are water, wind and gravity. Two important types of transported soil in engineering geology and materials investigations are:

(i) Colluvium - a soil, often including angular rock fragments and boulders, which has been transported downslope predominantly under the action of gravity assisted by water. The principal forming process is that of soil creep in which the soil moves after it has been weakened by saturation. It may be water borne for short distances

(ii) Alluvium - a soil which has been transported and deposited by running water. The larger particles (sand and gravel size) are water worn. (c) Lateritic soils: soils which have formed insitu under the effects of tropical weathering and include all reddish residual and non residual soils which genetically form a chain of material ranging from decomposed rock through clays to sesquioxide rich crusts. The term does not necessarily imply any compositional, textural or morphological definition; all distinctions useful for engineering purposes are based on the differences in geotechnical characteristics.

(B) ROCK WEATHERING DEFINITIONS

Extremely Weathered (EW)

Rock substance affected by weathering to the extent that the rock exhibits soil properties, i.e. it can be remoulded and can be classified according to the Unified Classification System, but the texture of the original rock is still evident.

Highly Weathered (HW)

Rock substance affected by weathering to the extent that limonite staining or bleaching affects the whole of the rock substance and other signs of chemical or physical decomposition are evident. Porosity and strength may be increased or decreased compared to the fresh rock usually as a result of iron leaching or deposition. The colour and strength of the original fresh rock substance is no longer recognisable.

Moderately Weathered (MW)

Rock substance affected by weathering to the extent that staining extends throughout the whole of the rock substance and the original colour of the fresh rock is no longer recognisable.

Slightly Weathered (SW)

Rock substance affected by weathering to the extent that partial staining or discolouration of the rock substance, usually by limonite, has taken place. The colour and texture of the fresh rock is recognisable.

Fresh (Fr)

Rock substance unaffected by weathering.

The degrees of rock weathering may be gradational. Intermediate stages are described by dual symbols with the prominent degree of weathering first (e.g. EW-HW).

The various degrees of weathering do not necessarily define strength parameters as some rocks are weak, even when fresh, to the extent that they can be broken by hand across the fabric, and some rocks may increase in strength during the weathering process.

Fresh drill cores of some rock types, such as basalt and shale may disintegrate after exposure to the atmosphere due to slaking, desiccation, expansion or contraction, stress relief or a combination of any of these factors.

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AN ENGINEERING CLASSIFICATION OF SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

This classification system provides a standardized terminology for the engineering description of the sandstone and shales in the Sydney area, but the terms and definitions may be used elsewhere when applicable. Where other rock types are encountered, such as in dykes, standard geological descriptions are used for rock types and the same descriptions as below are used for strength, fracturing and weathering.

Under this system rocks are classified by Rock Type, Strength, Stratification Spacing, Degree of Fracturing and Degree of Weathering. These terms do not cover the full range of engineering properties. Descriptions of rock may also need to refer to other properties (e.g. durability, abrasiveness, etc) where these are relevant.

ROCK TYPE DEFINITIONS

ROCK TYPE	DEFINITION
Conglomerate:	More than 50% of the rock consists of gravel sized (greater than 2mm) fragments.
Sandstone:	More than 50% of the rock consists of sand sized (.06 to 2mm) grains.
Siltstone:	More than 50% of the rock consists of silt-sized (less than .06mm) granular particles and the rock is not laminated.
Claystone:	More than 50% of the rock consists of clay or sericitic material and the rock is not laminated.
Shale:	More than 50% of the rock consists of silt or clay sized particles and the rock is laminated.

Rocks possessing characteristics of two groups are described by their predominant particle size with reference also to the minor constituents, e.g. clayey sandstone, sandy shale.

STRATIFICATION SPACING

Term	Separation of Stratification Planes
Thinly laminated	< 6mm
Laminated	6mm to 20mm
Very thinly bedded	20mm to 60mm
Thinly bedded	60mm to 0.2m
Medium bedded	0.2m to 0.6m
Thickly bedded	0.6m to 2m
Very thickly bedded	> 2m

DEGREE OF FRACTURING

This classification applies to diamond drill cores and refers to the spacing of all types of natural fractures along which the core is discontinuous. These include bedding plane partings, joints and other rock defects, but exclude known artificial fractures such as drilling breaks.

Term	Description
Fragmented:	The core is comprised primarily of fragments of length less than 20mm, and mostly of width less than the core diameter.
Highly Fractured:	Core lengths are generally less than 20mm - 40mm with occasional fragments.
Fractured:	Core lengths are mainly 30mm - 100mm with occasional shorter and longer section.
Slightly Fractured:	Core lengths are generally 300mm - 1000mm with occasional longer sections and occasional sections of 100mm - 300mm.
Unbroken:	The core does not contain any fracture.

ROCK STRENGTH

Rock strength is defined by the Point Load Strength Index (Is 50) and refers to the strength of the rock substance in the direction normal to the bedding. The test procedure is described by the International Society of Rock Mechanics.

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	Extremely Weak:	0.03	Easily remoulded by hand to a material with soil properties.	0.7
er.	Very Weak:	0.1	May be crumbled in the hand. Sandstone is "sugary" and friable.	2.4
	Weak:	0.3	A piece of core 150mm long x 50mm dia. may be broken by hand and easily scored with a knife. Sharp edges of core may be friable and break during handling.	7
The state of the s	Medium Strong:	1	A piece of core 150mm long x 50mm dia. can be broken by hand with considerable difficulty. Readily scored with knife.	24
	Strong:	٤	A piece of core 150mm long x 50mm dia. core cannot be broken by unaided hands, can be slightly scratched or scored with knife.	70
	Very Strong	10	A piece of core 150mm long x 50mm dia. may be broken readily with hand held hammer. Cannot be scratched with pen knife. 2	240
	Extremely Strong:		A piece of core 150mm long x 50mm dia. is difficult to break with hand held hammer. Rings when struck with a hammer.	

The approximate unconfined compressive strength (qu) shown in the table is based on an assumed ratio to the point load index of 24:1. This ratio may vary widely.

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