REPORT

TO

JDH ARCHITECTS

ON

GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION

FOR

PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS PROJECT

AT

ST IVES NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL, ST IVES, NSW

8 May 2018

Ref: 31387Srpt

JK Geotechnics
GEOTECHNICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS

PO Box 976, North Ryde BC NSW 1670
Tel: 02 9888 5000 Fax: 02 9888 5001
www.jkgeotechnics.com.au

Jeffery & Katauskas Pty Ltd, trading as JK Geotechnics ABN 17 003 550 801

Date: 8 May 2018
Report No: 31387Srpt
Revision No: 0

Report prepared by:

Paul Stubbs
Principal I Geotechnical Engineer

For and on behalf of
JK GEOTECHNICS
PO Box 976
NORTH RYDE BC NSW 1670

This Report (which includes all attachments and annexures) has been prepared by JK Geotechnics (JKG) for its Client, and is intended for the use only by that Client.

This Report has been prepared pursuant to a contract between JKG and its Client and is therefore subject to:

a) JKG's proposal in respect of the work covered by the Report;

b) the limitations defined in the Client's brief to JKG;

c) the terms of contract between JK and the Client, including terms limiting the liability of JKG.

If the Client, or any person, provides a copy of this Report to any third party, such third party must not rely on this Report, except with the express written consent of JKG which, if given, will be deemed to be upon the same terms, conditions, restrictions and limitations as apply by virtue of (a), (b), and (c) above.

Any third party who seeks to rely on this Report without the express written consent of JKG does so entirely at their own risk and to the fullest extent permitted by law, JKG accepts no liability whatsoever, in respect of any loss or damage suffered by any such third party.

At the Company's discretion, JKG may send a paper copy of this report for confirmation. In the event of any discrepancy between paper and electronic versions, the paper version is to take precedence. The USER shall ascertain the accuracy and the suitability of this information for the purpose intended; reasonable effort is made at the time of assembling this information to ensure its integrity. The recipient is not authorised to modify the content of the information supplied without the prior written consent of JKG.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

1 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of a geotechnical investigation for the proposed capital works project at St Ives North Public School, St Ives NSW. The investigation was commissioned by Zoya Kuptsova of JDH Architects in an email dated 10 April 2018. The commission was on the basis of our proposal (Ref P46568S) dated 12 January 2018. The site location is shown on the attached Figure 1.

Based on the supplied brief prepared by JDH Architects, we understand that the proposed works will comprise the construction of a three storey building. We have assumed that nominal site levelling will be required and that typical structural loads for this type of development apply.

The purpose of the investigation was to obtain geotechnical information on subsurface conditions as a basis for comments and recommendations on site preparation, AS2870 site classification, shrink-swell potential, footings and on grade floor slabs.

2 INVESTIGATION PROCEDURE

The fieldwork for the investigation was carried out on 17 April 2018 and comprised the auger drilling of three boreholes (BH1 to BH3) to depths between 5.7m and 6.0m using our track mounted JK205 drill rig. The test locations, as indicated on attached Figure 2, were set out using taped measurements from existing surface features and were electromagnetically scanned by a specialist subcontractor for buried services prior to drilling commencing.

The nature and composition of the subsurface soil and rock strata were assessed by logging the materials recovered during drilling. The relative compaction of the fill and the strength of the residual soil profile were assessed by Standard Penetration Test (SPT) 'N' values, which were augmented, where possible, by hand penetrometer readings on cohesive samples recovered in the SPT split tube sampler. The strength of the shale and sandstone bedrock (see note below) was assessed from observation of auger drilling resistance using a tungsten carbide (TC) bit, examination of the recovered rock cuttings and subsequent correlation with the results of laboratory moisture contents. It should be noted that strengths assessed in this way are approximate and variances of one strength order should not be unexpected. Groundwater observations were recorded during drilling and shortly after completion of the boreholes. No long term groundwater monitoring has been carried out. Further details of the methods and procedures employed in the investigation are presented in the attached Report Explanation Notes.

Our geotechnical engineer was present full-time on site during the fieldwork to set out the test locations, direct the electromagnetic scanning, log the encountered subsurface profile and nominate insitu testing and sampling. The borehole logs are presented with this report together with a glossary of logging terms and symbols used.

Selected soil and rock chip samples were returned to our Soil Test Services Pty Ltd (STS) NATA registered laboratory, to test for moisture content, Atterberg Limits and linear shrinkage. The results of the testing are presented on the attached STS Table A. Contamination testing of the site soils was outside the scope of this geotechnical investigation.

3 RESULTS OF INVESTIGATION

3.1 Site Description

The site is located within a gently undulating topography generally sloping down towards the north-east at approximately 4^o. The site is located within the southern portion of St Ives North Public School.

At the time of fieldwork, the site sloped north-east at 3^o to 4^o, with the western and southern portions occupied by single level brick teaching facilities, with a pergola extending the length of the southern structure. The eastern portion of the site was occupied by a 'COLA' area, surfaced with asphaltic concrete (AC) and was retained along its northern and eastern sides by a brick retaining wall which was between 0.3m and 1.8m in height and appeared to be in good condition. A 'garden' area abutted the western boundary of the 'cola' area, surfaced with astro-turf and was occupied by a large tree, the remainder of the site was surfaced with concrete.

Along the eastern boundary of the site was a two level brick structure (Building B), extending the length of the site, with the northern portion of the building having a suspended floor supported by brick piers up to approximately 2.0m in height.

Based upon cursory inspection, surrounding buildings and pavements appear to be in good condition upon inspection, unless previously stated otherwise.

3.2 Subsurface Conditions

The 'Sydney' geological sheet shows that the area is underlain by the Ashfield Shale unit of the Wianamatta Group, with the underlying Hawkesbury Sandstone outcropping not far the south and west. The 'shale' comprises a mixture of siltstone, claystone and laminite with a few sandstone bands.

The boreholes have revealed a profile comprising shallow surficial fill overlying a thin cover of residual clay soils over interbedded siltstone, sandstone and laminite bedrock. A summary of the subsurface conditions is provided below but for details reference should be made to the attached borehole logs.

Pavements

Concrete and AC pavements were encountered at each of the boreholes.

Fill

Fill, comprising sandy soils which form a low-quality roadbase layer, was encountered below the pavements in all boreholes to depths between 0.2m (BH5) and 0.5m. Inclusions of both ironstone and igneous gravel were found in the fill.

Residual Soils

Natural silty clays were encountered below the fill in boreholes BH1 and BH2 and were of high plasticity and firm to hard strength. The residual silty clays contained inclusions of sand and ironstone gravel. The high moisture content and low strength of the clay in BH1 seem anomalous and may be due to a leaking pipe.

Weathered Bedrock

Weathered shale and sandstone bedrock was encountered in all boreholes at the depths and RL's tabulated below:

Borehole	Borehole RL (mAHD)	Depth to Weathered Bedrock (m)	RL of Weathered Bedrock (mAHD)
BH1	151.4	2.6	148.8
BH2	151.1	1.2	149.9
BH3	149.4	0.2	149.7

The shale on first contact was extremely weathered and of hard (extremely low) strength but improved with depth to very low to low and medium strengths; BH3 met auger refusal at 5.6 m.

3.3 Laboratory Test Results

The laboratory Atterberg limits tests correlated well with our field assessment of the plasticity of the residual clays, confirming these to be of medium and high plasticity. The linear shrinkage tests indicated the residual clays to be moderately reactive to moisture content change. The moisture content tests on the recovered rock chip samples generally correlated well with our field assessment of the augered bedrock strength.

4 COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Site Classification

Based on the results of the investigation, the area of the proposed new building classifies as Class 'P' sites in accordance with AS2870-2011. This is due to the potential for abnormal moisture conditions resulting from the presence of existing trees and partial cover of the proposed building footprint by existing pavements and structures.

Notwithstanding this, where the underlying residual silty clays are present, it is likely that under 'normal' site conditions the soils below the buildings will undergo shrink-swell movements similar to a Class 'M' site.

The designer must also take into account the presence of existing trees and that some trees will be removed to allow development. The presence of trees and the removal of trees will increase the potential for problematic shrink-swell movements beyond the normal Class 'M' range, probably to the 'H1 or H2' range. Levelling of sites by cutting and filling also adversely affects site classification as the resulting ground has a diminished or absent cracked zone.

4.2 Footings

The most suitable footing system for the proposed building is expected to comprise bored piles. Prior to footing construction we recommend that the surficial fill material (including all root affected soils) should be stripped from the site to expose the underlying residual silty clay soils or weathered bedrock. The weathered bedrock towards the northern end of the building is expected at shallow depth but it is expected to be extremely weathered and only of soil strength. As a result for uniformity of founding conditions we recommend the whole building be founded on piers as noted below.

Bored piles can be founded at a minimum depth of 3m to 5m below ground level and founded in distinctly weathered, very low strength rock for which an allowable bearing pressure of 800kPa may be adopted provided there is a nominal socket of 0.3m into the weathered rock. Penetrating a bit deeper to rock of at least low strength would allow an end bearing pressure of 1000kpa to be adopted. For rock sockets of good cleanliness and roughness an allowable shaft adhesion of 10% of the end bearing pressure may be adopted for each layer where loads are in compression and 5% for loads in tension.

At least a selection of bored piles should be inspected by a geotechnical engineer prior to placing steel and pouring concrete. Footings should be cleaned and poured at least on the same day as excavation/drilling and preferably as soon as possible after excavation/drilling, cleaning and inspection. Seepage was not noted while drilling but seepage collected at the base of the boreholes within an hour of drilling being completed. Water should be prevented from ponding in the base of footings or bored piles as this will soften the base. Where water has ponded in the base of footings, the softened material must be removed prior to pouring concrete.

The edge beams of the buildings should have sufficient embedment to significantly reduce shrink-swell movements affecting floor slabs. Where the soils comprise medium to high plasticity clays this embedment should be at least 0.7m. External areas should be paved for a minimum width of 1.5m around the building with falls away from the building to avoid ponding of water. All precautions for building on reactive clay soils noted in AS2870 should be incorporated into the design.

4.3 Subgrade Preparation and Engineered Fill

If the floor slabs will be fully suspended on the footings then no particular subgrade preparation would be necessary other than stripping all root-affected or deleterious topsoil/fill. In view of the potential for clay soils to rehydrate after removal of the trees it would be advisable to place a void former of 50mm thickness below suspended slabs.

Alternatively, if the slab is to rely on the soil subgrade for support then the following subgrade preparation is recommended; the slab-on-ground should also be made separate from the footings of the building noting that movement of the slab may occur as the clay soil reaches equilibrium:

1. Stripping of top layer of root affected or deleterious fill or topsoil layer; these stripped materials should be taken off site or used for landscaping as they are not suitable for reuse as engineered fill.
2. Thereafter, any remaining fill should be further excavated down to the surface of the natural clays.

3. Once the surface of the natural clays is reached then this should be proof-rolled using about seven passes of a 7 tonne minimum deadweight non-vibratory smooth drum roller under the supervision of an experienced geotechnician or geotechnical engineer. The objectives of the proof rolling should be to improve the near surface compaction/strength of the subsoil and to detect any unstable areas. Caution is required when proof rolling near the site boundaries and existing buildings even when using a vibratory roller, so as not to damage buildings or services. Tolerable vibration thresholds are given in the attached *Vibration Emission Design Goals* information sheet.
4. Unstable subgrade detected during proof rolling should be locally excavated down to a sound base and replaced with engineered fill or further advice should be sought.
5. Any fill placed to raise site levels should be engineered fill.

Earthworks recommendations provided in this report should be complemented by reference to AS3798.

All fill used to replace unstable areas or existing fill or raise site levels should be engineered fill. Materials preferred for use as engineered fill are well-graded granular materials, such as ripped or crushed sandstone, free of deleterious substances and having a maximum particle size not exceeding 75 millimetres (mm). Soils comprising clays of medium or high plasticity should preferably not be used as fill and a geotechnical engineer should approve any cohesive soil prior to use.

Fill should be compacted in layers not greater than 200mm loose thickness, to a density of at least 98% of Standard Maximum Dry Density (SMDD). Clay fill must be compacted to a range of 98% to 102% of SMDD and be within 2% of Standard Optimum Moisture Content (SOMC). Density tests should be regularly carried out on the fill to confirm the above specifications are achieved. The frequency of density testing should be at least one test per layer per 250m^2 or three tests per visit whichever requires the most tests. We recommend that at least Level 2 control of fill compaction, as defined in AS3798-1996, be adhered to on this site.

4.4 Earthquake Classification

Where the depth to rock is no more than 3m the site can be considered a rock site which is Class B_e in accordance with AS1170.4 – 2007. However the degree of weathering in BH2 results in material of less than 1MPa compressive strength extending to about 5.2m and as a result the site must be classified as C_e which is a shallow soil site.

4.5 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:

- Inspection of stripping and proof rolling.
- Inspection of bored piers.

5 GENERAL COMMENTS

The recommendations presented in this report include specific issues to be addressed during the construction phase of the project. As an example, special treatment of soft spots may be required as a result of their discovery during proof-rolling, etc. In the event that any of the construction phase recommendations presented in this report are not implemented, the general recommendations may become inapplicable and JK Geotechnics accept no responsibility whatsoever for the performance of the structure where recommendations are not implemented in full and properly tested, inspected and documented.

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

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

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

A waste classification will need to be assigned to any soil excavated from the site prior to offsite disposal. Subject to the appropriate testing, material can be classified as Virgin Excavated Natural Material (VENM), General Solid, Restricted Solid or Hazardous Waste. Analysis takes seven to 10 working days to complete, therefore, an adequate allowance should be included in the construction program unless testing is completed prior to construction. If contamination is encountered, then substantial further testing (and associated delays) should be expected. We strongly recommend that this issue is addressed prior to the commencement of excavation on site.

This report has been prepared for the particular project described and no responsibility is accepted for the use of any part of this report in any other context or for any other purpose. If there is any change in the proposed development described in this report then all recommendations should be reviewed. Copyright in this report is the property of JK Geotechnics. We have used a degree of care, skill and diligence normally exercised by consulting engineers in similar circumstances and locality. No other warranty expressed or implied is made or intended. Subject to payment of all fees due for the investigation, the client alone shall have a licence to use this report. The report shall not be reproduced except in full.

---

115 Wicks Road
Macquarie Park, NSW 2113
PO Box 976
North Ryde, BC 1670
Telephone: 02 9888 5000
Facsimile: 02 9888 5001

SOIL TEST SERVICES
ABN 43 002 145 173

TABLE A
MOISTURE CONTENT, ATTERBERG LIMITS AND LINEAR SHRINKAGE TEST REPORT

Client:	JK Geotechnics	**Ref No:**	31387S
Project:	Proposed Capital Works Project	**Report:**	A
Location:	St Ives North Public School, St Ives, NSW	**Report Date:**	4/05/2018
		Page 1 of 1	

AS 1289	TEST METHOD	2.1.1	3.1.2	3.2.1	3.3.1	3.4.1
BOREHOLE NUMBER	DEPTH m	MOISTURE CONTENT %	LIQUID LIMIT %	PLASTIC LIMIT %	PLASTICITY INDEX %	LINEAR SHRINKAGE %
1	0.50-0.95	17.2				
1	1.50-1.95	16.4	43	16	27	12.0
2	0.50-0.95	15.1	45	18	27	13.0
2	1.50-1.65	10.8				
3	0.50-0.95	11.8				
3	1.50-1.95	11.1				

Notes:
- The test sample for liquid and plastic limit was air-dried & dry-sieved
- The linear shrinkage mould was 125mm
- Refer to appropriate notes for soil descriptions
- Date of receipt of sample: 1/5/18

JK Geotechnics
GEOTECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS

BOREHOLE LOG

Borehole No. 1

Client: JDH ARCHITECTS
Project: PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS PROJECT
Location: ST IVES NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL, ST IVES, NSW

Job No. 31387S
Method: SPIRAL AUGER JK205
R.L. Surface: ≈ 151.4m
Date: 17/4/18
Datum: AHD
Logged/Checked by: S.M./P.S.

Groundwater Record	Samples (ES / U50 / DB / DS)	Field Tests	Depth (m)	Graphic Log	Unified Classification	DESCRIPTION	Moisture Condition/ Weathering	Strength/ Rel. Density	Hand Penetrometer Readings (kPa.)	Remarks
DRY ON COMPLETION			0		-	ASPHALTIC CONCRETE: 50mm.t	D			
						FILL: Silty sand, fine to medium grained, dark grey, with fine to medium grained igneous gravel.				
		N = 13 3,5,8	1		CH	Silty CLAY: high plasticity, yellow brown, with fine grained sand and fine to medium grained ironstone gravel.	w>PL	F	70 80 80	RESIDUAL
					SC	Clayey SAND: fine to medium grained, light grey, with fine to medium grained ironstone gravel.	M	L		
		N = 12 5,5,7	2		CI	Sandy CLAY: medium plasticity, light grey, fine to medium grained sand, with fine to medium grained ironstone gravel.	w>PL	VSt-Hd	460 280 320	
					-	Extremely Weathered siltstone: Silty CLAY, high plasticity, light grey, with low to medium strength iron indurated bands.	W	Hd		VERY LOW 'TC' BIT RESISTANCE
		N > 16 9,16 REFUSAL	3		-	Extremely Weathered sandstone: Clayey SAND, fine to medium grained, light grey.	DW	VL	>600 >600 >600	
			4			INTERBEDDED SILTSTONE AND SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey and dark grey.	DW	VL		LOW RESISTANCE
			5				DW	L		LOW TO MODERATE RESISTANCE
AFTER 1 HR			6			END OF BOREHOLE AT 6.0m				
			7							

JK Geotechnics
GEOTECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS

BOREHOLE LOG

Borehole No.
2
1/1

Client: JDH ARCHITECTS
Project: PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS PROJECT
Location: ST IVES NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL, ST IVES, NSW

Job No. 31387S **Method:** SPIRAL AUGER JK205 **R.L. Surface:** ≈ 151.1m
Date: 17/4/18 **Datum:** AHD
Logged/Checked by: S.M./P.S.

Groundwater Record	SAMPLES (ES, U50, DB, DS)	Field Tests	Depth (m)	Graphic Log	Unified Classification	DESCRIPTION	Moisture Condition/ Weathering	Strength/ Rel. Density	Hand Penetrometer Readings (kPa.)	Remarks
DRY ON COMPLETION			0			CONCRETE: 85mm.t				8mm DIA. REINFORCEMENT 15mm BOTTOM COVER
					-	FILL: Silty sand, fine to medium grained, dark brown, with fine to medium grained ironstone gravel.	D			
	DS	N = 17 4,6,11	1		CI	Sandy CLAY: medium plasticity, yellow brown, fine to medium grained sand, trace of fine to medium grained ironstone gravel.	w>PL	Hd	>600 >600 >600	RESIDUAL
					-	Extremely Weathered siltstone: Silty CLAY, high plasticity, light grey, with low to medium strength iron indurated bands.	XW	Hd		VERY LOW 'TC' BIT RESISTANCE
	DS	N = SPT 15/150mm REFUSAL	2		-	Extremely Weathered sandstone: Clayey SAND, fine to medium grained, light grey.	XW	D	>600 >600	
	DS	N = 22 5,10,12	3			Extremely Weathered interbedded siltstone and sandstone: interbedded Silty CLAY, high plasticity, light grey with Clayey SAND, fine to medium grained, light grey, with low to medium strength iron indurated bands.	XW	Hd/MD	>600 >600 >600	
	DS	N = SPT 5/100mm REFUSAL	4–5							
AFTER 1 HR	DS					INTERBEDDED SILTSTONE AND SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, dark and light grey.	DW	VL		LOW 'TC' BIT RESISTANCE
			6			END OF BOREHOLE AT 6.0m				
			7							

JK Geotechnics
GEOTECHNICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERS

BOREHOLE LOG

Borehole No.
3
1/1

Client: JDH ARCHITECTS
Project: PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS PROJECT
Location: ST IVES NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL, ST IVES, NSW

Job No. 31387S
Date: 17/4/18
Method: SPIRAL AUGER JK205
R.L. Surface: ≈ 149.4
Datum: AHD
Logged/Checked by: S.M./P.S.

Groundwater Record	Samples (ES, U50, DB, DS)	Field Tests	Depth (m)	Graphic Log	Unified Classification	DESCRIPTION	Moisture Condition/ Weathering	Strength/ Rel. Density	Hand Penetrometer Readings (kPa.)	Remarks
DRY ON COMPLETION			0			CONCRETE: 105mm.t				8mm DIA. REINFORCEMENT 20mm BOTTOM COVER
					-	FILL: Silty sand, fine to medium grained, brown, with fine to medium grained ironstone gravel.	D			
		N = 26 7,12,14			-	Extremely Weathered interbedded siltstone and sandstone: interbedded Silty CLAY, high plasticity, light grey, with Clayey SAND, fine to medium grained, light grey, with low to medium strength iron indurated bands.	XW	Md/ MD		VERY LOW 'TC' BIT RESISTANCE
		N = 28 11,14,14	1, 2							
			3, 4, 5		-	LAMINITE: fine to medium grained, light grey and dark grey.	DW	VL		LOW RESISTANCE
							DW	L		MODERATE RESISTANCE
					-	SANDSTONE: fine to medium grained, light grey.	SW	M		HIGH RESISTANCE 'TC' BIT REFUSAL
			6, 7			END OF BOREHOLE AT 5.7m				

AERIAL IMAGE SOURCE: GOOGLE EARTH PRO 7.1.5.1557
AERIAL IMAGE ©: 2015 GOOGLE INC.

This plan should be read in conjunction with the JK Geotechnics report.

Title: **SITE LOCATION PLAN**

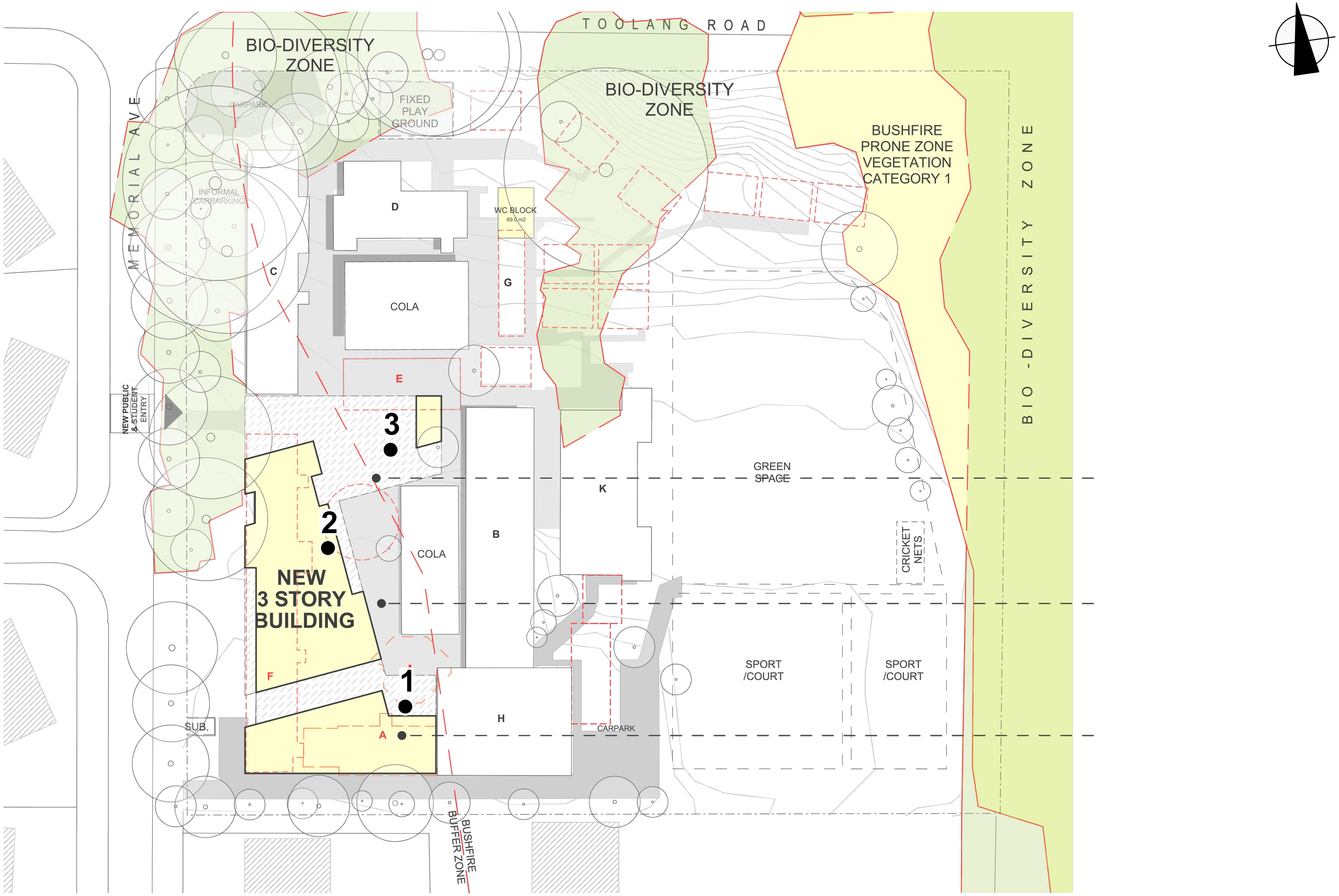
Location: ST IVES NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
ST IVES, NSW

Report No: 31387S

Figure No: 1

JK Geotechnics

PLOT DATE: 19/04/2018 2:07:48 PM DWG FILE: S:\6 GEOTECHNICAL\6F GEOTECHNICAL JOBS\31000's\31387S ST IVES\CAD\31387S.DWG



Title:	**BOREHOLE LOCATION PLAN**
Location:	ST IVES NORTH PUBLIC SCHOOL ST IVES, NSW
Report No:	31387S
Figure No:	2

0 8 16 24 32 40

SCALE 1:800 @A3 METRES

This plan should be read in conjunction with the JK Geotechnics report.

JK Geotechnics

PLOT DATE: 17/04/2018 5:34:48 PM DWG FILE: S:\6 GEOTECHNICAL\6F GEOTECHNICAL JOBS\31000's\31387S ST IVES\CAD\31387S.DWG

VIBRATION EMISSION DESIGN GOALS

German Standard DIN 4150 – Part 3: 1999 provides guideline levels of vibration velocity for evaluating the effects of vibration in structures. The limits presented in this standard are generally recognised to be conservative.

The DIN 4150 values (maximum levels measured in any direction at the foundation, OR, maximum levels measured in (x) or (y) horizontal directions, in the plane of the uppermost floor), are summarised in Table 1 below.

It should be noted that peak vibration velocities higher than the minimum figures in Table 1 for low frequencies may be quite 'safe', depending on the frequency content of the vibration and the actual condition of the structure.

It should also be noted that these levels are 'safe limits', up to which no damage due to vibration effects has been observed for the particular class of building. 'Damage' is defined by DIN 4150 to include even minor non-structural effects such as superficial cracking in cement render, the enlargement of cracks already present, and the separation of partitions or intermediate walls from load bearing walls. Should damage be observed at vibration levels lower than the 'safe limits', then it may be attributed to other causes. DIN 4150 also states that when vibration levels higher than the 'safe limits' are present, it does not necessarily follow that damage will occur. Values given are only a broad guide.

Table 1: DIN 4150 – Structural Damage – Safe Limits for Building Vibration

Group	Type of Structure	Peak Vibration Velocity in mm/s			
		At Foundation Level at a Frequency of:			Plane of Floor of Uppermost Storey
		Less than 10Hz	10Hz to 50Hz	50Hz to 100Hz	All Frequencies
1	Buildings used for commercial purposes, industrial buildings and buildings of similar design.	20	20 to 40	40 to 50	40
2	Dwellings and buildings of similar design and/or use.	5	5 to 15	15 to 20	15
3	Structures that because of their particular sensitivity to vibration, do not correspond to those listed in Group 1 and 2 and have intrinsic value (eg. buildings that are under a preservation order).	3	3 to 8	8 to 10	8

Note: For frequencies above 100Hz, the higher values in the 50Hz to 100Hz column should be used.

REPORT EXPLANATION NOTES

INTRODUCTION

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

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

DESCRIPTION AND CLASSIFICATION METHODS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SAMPLING

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

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

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

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

INVESTIGATION METHODS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The test is carried out in a borehole by driving a 50mm diameter split sample tube with a tapered shoe, under the impact of a 63.5kg hammer with a free fall of 760mm. It is normal for the tube to be driven in three successive 150mm increments and the 'N' value is taken as the number of blows for the last 300mm. In dense sands, very hard clays or weak rock, the full 450mm penetration may not be practicable and the test is discontinued.

The test results are reported in the following form:

- In the case where full penetration is obtained with successive blow counts for each 150mm of, say, 4, 6 and 7 blows, as

  N = 13
  4, 6, 7

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

  N > 30
  15, 30/40mm

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

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

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

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

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

The information provided on the charts comprise:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The DMT is used to measure material index (I_D), horizontal stress index (K_D), and dilatometer modulus (E_D). Using established correlations, the DMT results can also be used to assess the 'at rest' earth pressure coefficient (K_o), over-consolidation ratio (OCR), undrained shear strength (C_u), friction angle (ϕ), coefficient of consolidation (C_h), coefficient of permeability (K_h), unit weight (γ), 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 self-weight into the 'soft' soils beyond the depth at which the test is to be carried out. A calibrated torque head is used to rotate the rods and vane and to measure the resistance of the vane to rotation.

With the vane in position, torque is applied to cause rotation of the vane at a constant rate. A rate of 6° 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.

Copyright in all documents (such as drawings, borehole or test pit logs, reports and specifications) provided by the Company shall remain the property of Jeffery and Katauskas Pty Ltd. Subject to the payment of all fees due, the Client alone shall have a licence to use the documents provided for the sole purpose of completing the project to which they relate. Licence to use the documents may be revoked without notice if the Client is in breach of any obligation to make a payment to us.

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:

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

ii) a visit to assist the contractor or other site personnel in identifying various soil/rock types and appropriate footing or pile founding depths, or

iii) full time engineering presence on site.

SYMBOL LEGENDS

SOIL

- FILL
- TOPSOIL
- CLAY (CL, CI, CH)
- SILT (ML, MH)
- SAND (SP, SW)
- GRAVEL (GP, GW)
- SANDY CLAY (CL, CI, CH)
- SILTY CLAY (CL, CI, CH)
- CLAYEY SAND (SC)
- SILTY SAND (SM)
- GRAVELLY CLAY (CL, CI, CH)
- CLAYEY GRAVEL (GC)
- SANDY SILT (ML, MH)
- PEAT AND HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS (Pt)

ROCK

- CONGLOMERATE
- SANDSTONE
- SHALE/MUDSTONE
- SILTSTONE
- CLAYSTONE
- COAL
- LAMINITE
- LIMESTONE
- PHYLLITE, SCHIST
- TUFF
- GRANITE, GABBRO
- DOLERITE, DIORITE
- BASALT, ANDESITE
- QUARTZITE

OTHER MATERIALS

- BRICKS OR PAVERS
- CONCRETE
- ASPHALTIC CONCRETE

CLASSIFICATION OF COARSE AND FINE GRAINED SOILS

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

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

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:

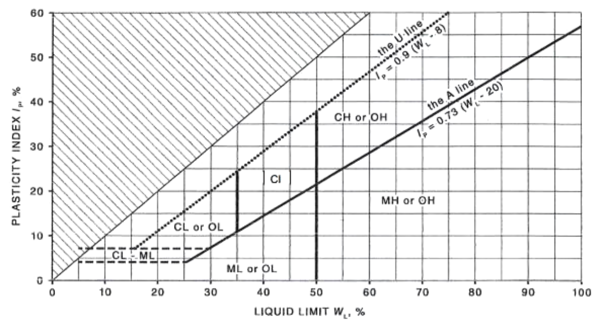
$$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}} \quad \text{and} \quad C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10}\ D_{60}}$$

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

NOTES:

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.
2. Where the grading is determined from laboratory tests, it is defined by coefficients of curvature (C_c) and uniformity (C_u) derived from the particle size distribution curve.
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.

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



LOG SYMBOLS

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

Log Column	Symbol	Definition	Density Index (I_D) Range (%)	SPT ‘N’ Value Range (Blows/300mm)
Density Index/ Relative Density (Cohesionless Soils)	VL	VERY LOOSE	≤ 15	0 – 4
	L	LOOSE	> 15 and ≤ 35	4 – 10
	MD	MEDIUM DENSE	> 35 and ≤ 65	10 – 30
	D	DENSE	> 65 and ≤ 85	30 – 50
	VD	VERY DENSE	> 85	> 50
	( )	Bracketed symbol indicates estimated density based on ease of drilling or other assessment.		
Hand Penetrometer Readings	300 250	Measures reading in kPa of unconfined compressive strength. Numbers indicate individual test results on representative undisturbed material unless noted otherwise.		

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

Classification of Material Weathering

<table>
<tr><th colspan="2">Term</th><th colspan="2">Abbreviation</th><th>Definition</th></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Residual Soil</td><td colspan="2">RS</td><td>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.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Extremely Weathered</td><td colspan="2">XW</td><td>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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Highly Weathered</td><td rowspan="2">Distinctly Weathered (Note 1)</td><td>HW</td><td rowspan="2">DW</td><td>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.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Moderately Weathered</td><td>MW</td><td>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.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Slightly Weathered</td><td colspan="2">SW</td><td>Rock is partially discoloured with staining or bleaching along joints but shows little or no change of strength from fresh rock.</td></tr>
<tr><td colspan="2">Fresh</td><td colspan="2">FR</td><td>Rock shows no sign of decomposition of individual minerals or colour changes.</td></tr>
</table>

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

Rock Material Strength Classification

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

Abbreviations Used in Defect Description

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