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1 Scope

This drainage line classification assessment has been prepared by Martens & Associates (MA) in relation to the land located at 4 Vineys Road in Dural, NSW (the 'site').

This revised report has been prepared to support the submission of an amended Site Compatibility Certificate (SCC) to the NSW Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) for proposed development at the subject site. The report has also been prepared with the assistance and discussions with the Natural Resources Access Regulator (NRAR).

This document has been prepared in accordance with the following:

- o Hornsby Development Control Plan, 2013.
- Guidelines for riparian corridors on waterfront land (NSW Department of Primary Industries Office of Water (NSW DPI OoW); 2012).



2 Analysis

2.1 Site Survey

Site contours and the position of the drainage depression within the site are shown in Attachment A.

2.2 1:25,000 Scale Topographic Map

Figure 1 at Attachment B provides a copy of the 1:25,000 scale map for the site. This shows that a 'blue' line is drawn within the site, suggesting that a 1st order watercourse could possibly be present.

2.3 Council and NSW Government Mapping

The site is not mapped as Waterways and Riparian Land or Terrestrial Biodiversity by Hornsby Shire Council's (HSC) Local Environmental Plan 2013.

The site is not mapped as having high biodiversity value on the NSW Biodiversity Values Map, nor is the site mapped as containing native vegetation on the Native Vegetation Regulatory Map.

2.4 Site Inspection

A site inspection was undertaken on 20 December, 2018 by Dr Daniel Martens, MA's principal hydrologist and engineer. The inspection included undertaking the following:

- 1. Inspecting the dam and dam embankment upslope of the site.
- 2. Inspecting the drainage line within the site.
- 3. Inspecting the drainage line downslope of the site.

The aim of the inspection was to assist in assessing whether the mapped 'blue line' constituted a watercourse. Based on this inspection, the following drainage line 'reaches' were identified:

- 1. Reach 1 Upslope of farm dam and embankment, located on adjacent property to the west.
- 2. Reach 2 Upper portion of the drainage line, reach is located in the western portion of the site.
- 3. Reach 3 This constructed reach is located in the central portion of the site.



4. Reach 4 – This reach is located in the eastern portion of the site, discharging offsite towards Tunks Creek to the east.

Reach locations are shown on the site survey at Attachment A.

2.1 Analysis of Historical Aerial Photographs

An analysis of historical photographs was undertaken to assist with classifying the drainage line within the site. Images included in the assessment were sourced from Google Earth and Nearmaps, and included images for 2003, 2007, 2014 and 2018. These images are provided at Figures 2, 3, 4 and 5 at Attachment B.

Results of the aerial photograph interpretation assessment are provided in Table 1.



Table 1: Waterway historical aerial image, and site inspection comments.

	Historical Aerial Images ²					
Reach ID ¹	March 2003	November 2007	November 2014	September 2018	Site Inspection Comments (20 December, 2018)	
R1	A farm dam is visible on the neighbouring property to the west of the subject site. No bed or banks, or watercourse is visible.	An adjoining small dam has been constructed to the north of the existing dam. A shed has been constructed to the north of the new smaller dam. Orchards are visible to the west of the dam. No bed or banks, or watercourse is visible.	Vegetation to south and east of dam more established. Significant surface vegetation on dam waters. No bed or banks, or watercourse is visible.	The two dams have been amalgamated. Growth of vegetation along the southern and eastern dam embankments. No bed or banks, or watercourse is visible.	An upslope online farm dam is located on the adjacent property to the west. The dam receives overland flow from the north and west. Water seepage at the base of the dam embankment was observed. No bed or banks, or watercourse observed.	
R2	No bed or banks, or watercourse is visible.	No bed or banks, or watercourse is visible.	No bed or banks, or watercourse is visible.	No bed or banks, or watercourse is visible.	This reach is characterised as a grassed swale receiving intermittent shallow and broad overland flows from the upslope dam. No riparian vegetation and no material ecological value. No bed or banks, or watercourse occurs in this reach.	
R3	Evidence of earthworks or construction, soil erosion, gully head and excavated drainage channel. Limited vegetation. No watercourse is visible.	Image shows stabilised gully head and rock boulder lined stormwater drainage channel. Vegetation is present within the drainage channel. No watercourse is visible.	Some increase in vegetation within the rock lined channel, rock lined channel perimeter generally visible. No watercourse is visible.	Some increase in vegetation within the rock lined channel, largely obscuring rock lined channel. No watercourse is visible.	The drainage channel at this reach was a constructed stormwater feature. Multiple stormwater pipes were observed to be connected into the rock lined stormwater channel. Central portions of the channel had been colonised by a variety of weed species. Very limited habitat value. Potential as a weed plume source to downstream areas. Likely classification as a stormwater drain and not a watercourse.	



	Historical Aerial Images ²					
Reach ID ¹	March 2003	November 2007	November 2014	September 2018	Site Inspection Comments (20 December, 2018)	
R4	The reach is heavily vegetated, no watercourse channel or other elements visible.	Growth of vegetation, otherwise little change from 2003 aerial image.	Clearing of some vegetation within the reach area to the south of the tennis court on the neighbouring property to the north of the subject site. No watercourse channel or other elements are visible.	Little change from 2014 image. No watercourse channel or other elements are visible.	This reach appears to be a 'natural watercourse'. The watercourse was observed to flow offsite, draining to the east and towards Tunks Creek. Shallow defined bed and banks were observed, to a depth of approximately 0.3 to 0.5 m and approximately 1 – 1.5 m channel width. The riparian zone is vegetated with native and exotic species, and retains habitat and ecological value. Where R3 (gully head) was observed to be wide and deep, R4 is conversely narrow and shallow. This shows that the natural creek morphology is not consistent, and substantiates that R3 is not a natural watercourse.	

Notes:



¹ See Figure 6, Attachment B for reach locations and drainage line photograph locations.

² Historical aerial images are provided in Figures 2-5, Attachment B.

3 NRAR Advice

NRAR (Jeremy Morice) agreed during discussions with MA (19 March, 2019) that Reaches 1 and 2 were not considered to be watercourses, and that no riparian zones were required. NRAR also agreed that Reach 4 should be considered as a first order watercourse, and appropriate riparian zone widths should be adopted.

NRAR advised that the lower part of the stormwater drainage channel (Reach 3) may possibly be considered a first order watercourse.



4 Conclusion

On the basis of our site inspection and review of a number of historical aerial photographs, we conclude as follows:

- 1. Reach 1 is not a watercourse, as it contains a farm dam and only supports broad overland flows during storm events.
- 2. Reach 2 is not a watercourse. There is no defined channel with bed and banks. The reach is characterised by a broad shallow and grassed overland flow path with no riparian vegetation or habitat value. This reach can be regraded and integrated into a revised future site stormwater management scheme.
- 3. Reach 3 is a rock lined stormwater drain that has been constructed as part of historical erosion control works. The reach is significantly wider than downslope areas in Reach 4, and is characterised by invasive weeds within the drainage line.

Whilst we are of the view that Reach 3 is a constructed stormwater drainage channel and not a watercourse, we note that NRAR may ultimately come to a different view. On that basis, we recommend that it be treated as a first order watercourse, and understand that a riparian offset has been incorporated into the site design.

A riparian plan to accommodate riparian requirements applicable to Reaches 3 and 4 is provided at Attachment C. We have reviewed the plan and observe that it is consistent with NRAR's riparian policy, and note that General Terms of Approval (GTAs) have already been provided by NRAR under the former development application (DA/668/2018).

4. Reach 4 is a first order watercourse. It has been modified to some degree, but the extent of riparian vegetation is reasonable and the corridor provides ecological value.



5 References

Hornsby Shire Council (2015) Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) Reference Guidelines.

Hornsby Shire Council (1997) Sustainable Best Water Practices.

Hornsby Shire Council (2011) Sustainable Total Water Cycle Management Strategy.

Hornsby Shire Council (2006) Biodiversity Conservation Strategy, 2006.

Hornsby Shire Council (2008) Guidelines for the preparation of Vegetation Management and Restoration Plans.

Hornsby Development Control Plan, 2013

NSW Department of Primary Industries – Office of Water (2012) Guidelines for riparian corridors on waterfront land.

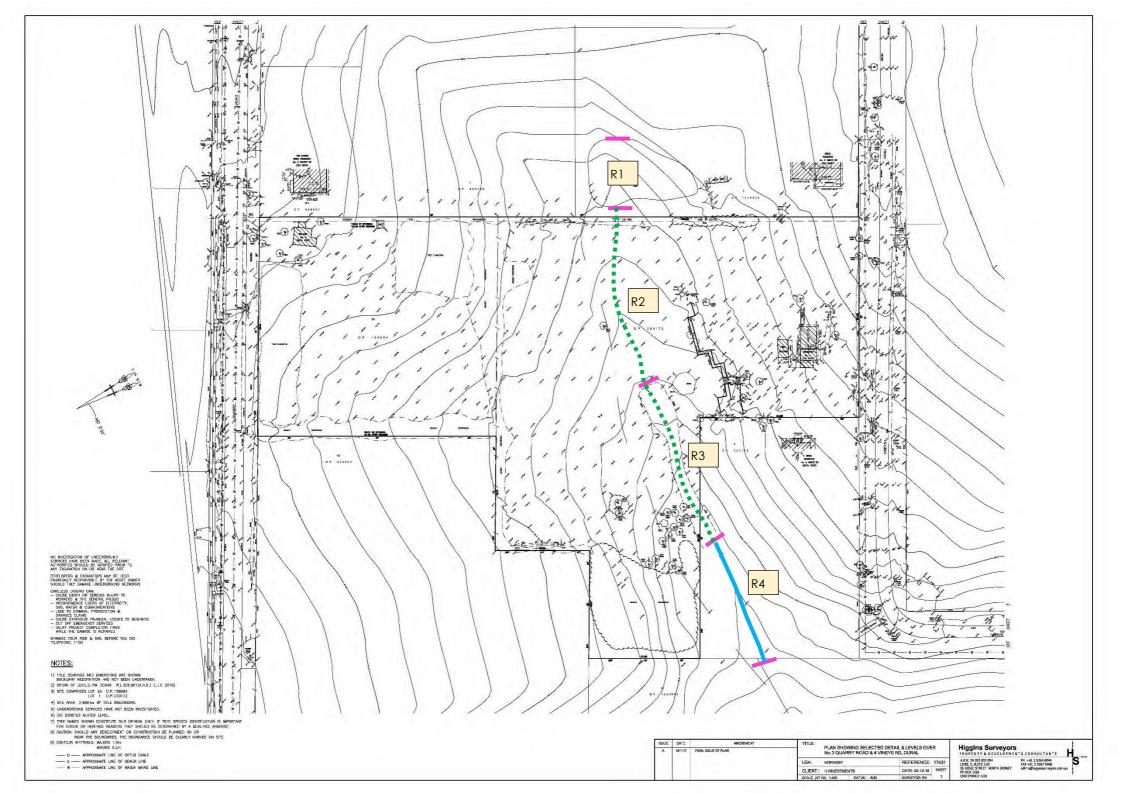
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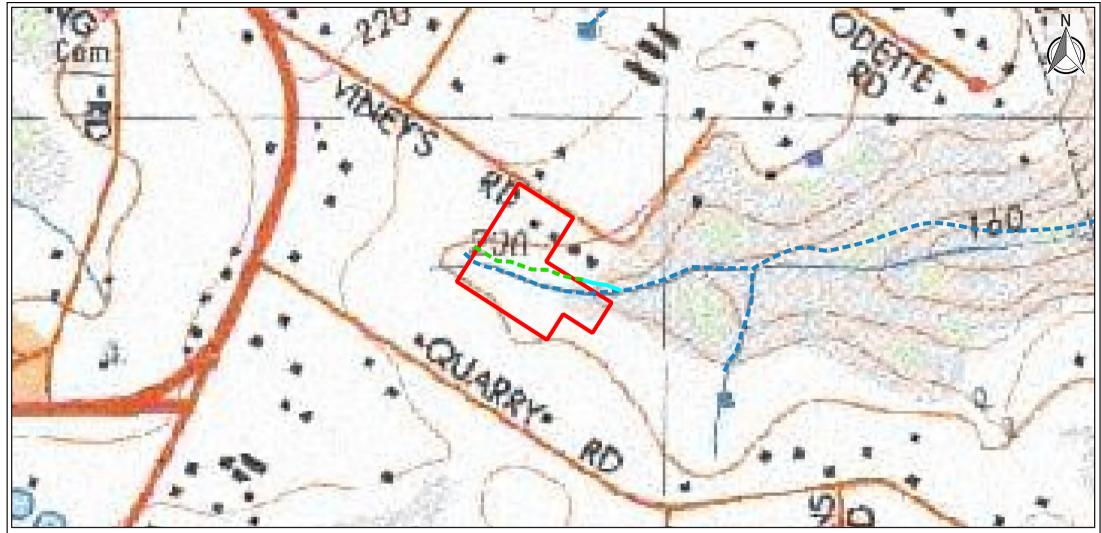
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7 Attachment B - Figures







--- Mapped 'Blue Line'

Observed Drainage Line

Observed Watercourse

Topographic Map

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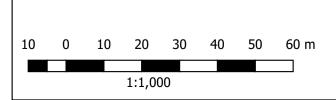




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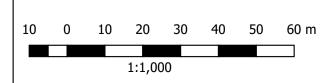


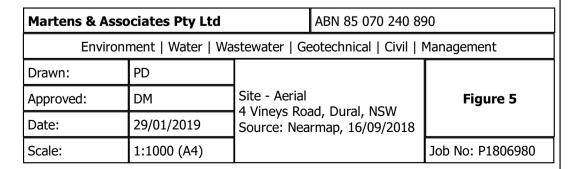


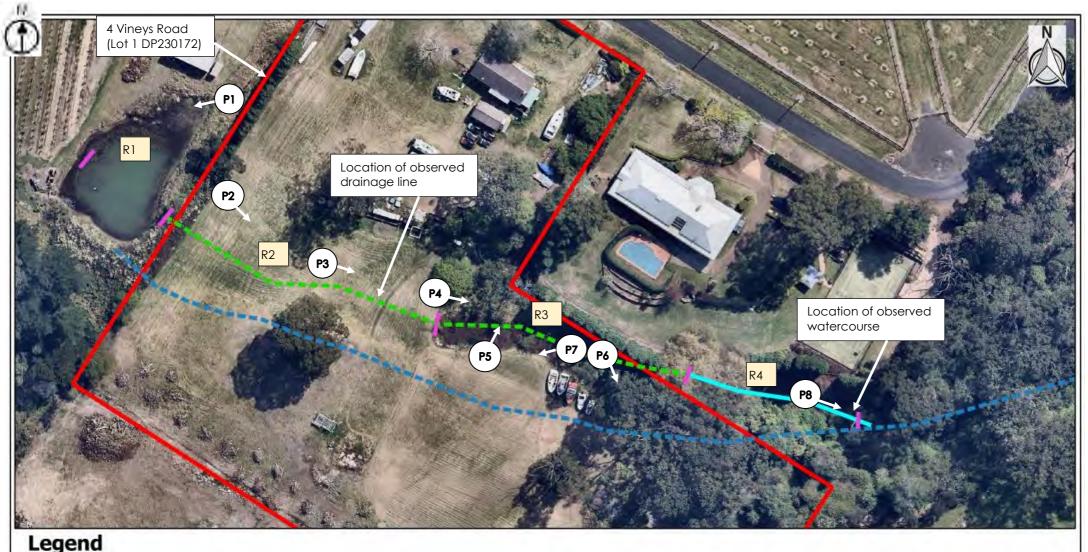
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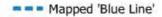












Reach

Observed Drainage Line

Observed Watercourse

Lot Bdy

2018.09.16 Aerial Nearmap

20 60 m

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Reach identification / locations

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Plate location / image direction (refer to Figures 7 and 8)

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Plate 1: (Reach 1) View west across dam and to orchards on adjacent property to west of the subject site.



Plate 4: (Reach 3) View west of constructed stormwater drain and old erosion gully head. Vegetation is exotic and of low ecological value.



Plate 2: (Reach 2) View south east of grassed swale (observed 'drainage line'), to east of the dam.



Plate 5: (Reach 3) View north of stormwater pipe discharging to Reach 3.



Plate 3: (Reach 2) View west across grassed swale, observed 'drainage line' (Reach 2) toward constructed drainage line (Reach 3).



Plate 6: (Reach 3) View south of stormwater pipe discharging to Reach 3.

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Plate 7: (Reach 3) View west of vegetated (constructed) drainage channel and historical erosion gully.



Plate 8: (Reach 4) View east of watercourse banks and channel, and riparian vegetation.

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Attachment C - Riparian Plan (Site Design Studios, 2019) 8



