

# Application for Planning Approval

# Land Use Planning and Approvals Act 1993

APPLICATION NO.

# DA2023/200

LOCATION OF AFFECTED AREA

## **126 BRAEVIEW DRIVE, OLD BEACH**

DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

### **DWELLING & OUTBUILDING**

A COPY OF THE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION MAY BE VIEWED AT <u>www.brighton.tas.gov.au</u> AND AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, 1 TIVOLI ROAD, OLD BEACH, BETWEEN 8:15 A.M. AND 4:45 P.M., MONDAY TO FRIDAY OR VIA THE QR CODE BELOW. ANY PERSON MAY MAKE WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS CONCERNING AN APPLICATION UNTIL 4:45 P.M. ON **18/12/2023**. ADDRESSED TO THE GENERAL MANAGER AT 1 TIVOLI ROAD, OLD BEACH, 7017 OR BY EMAIL AT <u>development@brighton.tas.gov.au</u>.

REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD INCLUDE A DAYTIME TELEPHONE NUMBER TO ALLOW COUNCIL OFFICERS TO DISCUSS, IF NECESSARY, ANY MATTERS RAISED.

JAMES DRYBURGH General Manager





Per Residence for M&T D'ORAZIO	PUGGLE PLACE LOT 27 BRAEVIEW DRIVE, OLD BEACH, TASMANIA, 7017 Title Reference: CT173735/27 PROJECT NUMBER 2046-DA PROJECT NUMBER 2046-DA		Owner Details: M&T D'ORAZIO	Title Reference: CT173735/27 PID: LOT 27   Wind Classification: A TC1 T3 NS MA 47m/s 24m/s Site	classification to AS 4055-2006 Refer engineers report 27 April 2022	Soil Classification: "M" / "S" Site classification to AS 2870-2011	Climate Zone: 7 (www.abcb.gov.au map)	BAL Level: BAL 19 (Lark Creese 5033-01) Alpine Area: NIA BCA Figure 3.7.5.2	Corrosion Environment: For steel subject to the influence of salt water, breaking surf or heavy industrial areas. refer to BCA section 3.4.2.2 & BCA	Table 3.4.4.2. Cladding and fixings to manufacturer's recommendations	Other Hazards: Refer AS2870-2011 Site classification report recm. for High wind,	earinquark, incoming, randshp, dispersive soils, sand dunes, mine subsidence, landfill, snow & ice or other relevant factors	Planning Permit TBA	Site area 2.175ha New dwelling enclosed area 372.5m2 Garace area 94.5m2			Paul Wilkins 4 + 1 1	PoBox 325 South Hobart	Tasmania 7004 P. 0400 595 876 e. wilkinsp@netspace.net.au
		DATE 20.10.2023	20.10.2023	20 10 2023	20 10 2023		20.10.2023	20.10.2023	20.10.2023	20.10.2023	20.10.2023	20.10.2023	20.10.2023	20.10.2023	20.10.2023	20.10.2023			

DA

 $\sim$ 

DA

DA

REV 2

TITLE	LOCATION PLAN	SITE PLAN	SETOUT PLAN 1	SETOUT PLAN 2	FLOOR PLAN	ATRIUM PLAN / ROOF PLAN	REFLECTED CEILING PLAN	ROOF PLAN	ELEVATIONS 1	ELEVATIONS 2	ELEVATIONS 3	SECTIONS 1	SHED ELEVATIONS	SHED PLAN - ROOF PLAN	
SHEET	1000	2000	1201	1202	1300	2200	2300	4000	3200	3202	3203	5100	4100	4101	

DA

DA

DA

DA

DA

DA

DA





























# LOT 27 BRAEVIEW DRIVE HONEYWOOD

### **GEOTECHNICAL SUMMARY**

In general accordance with AS1726 (2017) Geotechnical Site Investigations

# SITE (SOIL TEST) CLASSIFICATION

In general accordance with AS2870 (2011) Residential slabs and footings

AND

WIND LOAD CLASSIFICATION In general accordance with AS4055 (2012) Wind loads for housing



#### Cover

View southeast over the site for the proposed house on Lot 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood. Test pit C is in the foreground, and test pit D is at the backhoe. Test pit A is behind the white 4WD, and test pit B is out of view at right of camera. Photo: Bill Cromer, 19 April 2022.

#### Refer to this report as

Cromer, W. C. (2022). *Geotechnical summary, site classification and wind classification, Lot 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood.* Unpublished report for R. D'Orazio by William C. Cromer Pty. Ltd., 27 April 2022.

#### Important Notes

New geotechnical information is contained in this report. The information may be useful to regulators and other geotechnical practitioners. Dissemination of such knowledge ought to be encouraged by practitioners and regulators.

Permission is hereby given by William C. Cromer as author for an electronic copy of this report to be distributed to, or made available to, interested parties, but only if it is distributed or made available in full. No responsibility is otherwise taken for its contents.

Permission is hereby given by William C. Cromer as author for hard copies of this report to be distributed to interested parties, but only if they are reproduced in colour, and only distributed in full. No responsibility is otherwise taken for the contents.

The local planning or building authority is encouraged to make this report (or a reference to it) available on line.

William C Cromer Pty Ltd may submit hard or electronic copies of this report to Mineral Resources Tasmania to enhance the geotechnical database of Tasmania.

#### **Footings and foundations**

In this report, <u>foundations</u> are (usually) natural materials into which man-made <u>footings</u> are placed to support man-made structures.

#### Limitations of this geotechnical report

Site investigations for geotechnical reports usually but not always involve digging test holes and taking samples, at locations thought appropriate based on site conditions and general experience. The reports only apply to that part of the site actually tested, and if not specifically stated otherwise results should not be extrapolated to adjacent areas.

The main aim of the investigations is to reasonably determine the variability in subsurface conditions at the time of inspection. The number and location of test sites, and the number and types of tests done and samples collected, will vary from site to site. Subsurface conditions may change laterally and vertically between test sites, so discrepancies may occur between what is described in the reports, and what is exposed by subsequent excavations. No responsibility is therefore accepted for (a) any differences between what is reported, and actual site and soil conditions for parts of an investigation site not assessed at the time of inspection, and (b) subsequent activities on site by others, and/or climate variability (eg rainfall),which may alter subsurface conditions at the sites assessed at the time of inspection.

#### **Report Disclaimer**

This document has been prepared for use by the client named above by William C Cromer Pty Ltd (WCCPL) and has been compiled using the firm's expert knowledge, due care and professional expertise. WCCPL does not guarantee that the publication is without flaw of any kind or is wholly appropriate for every purpose for which it may be used.

To the extent permitted by law, WCCPL (including its employees and consultants) excludes all liability to any person for any consequences, including but not limited to all losses, damages, costs, expenses and any other compensation, arising directly or indirectly from using this document (in part or in whole) and any information or material contained in it.

> Warning Printed copies of this report must be in colour, and in full. No responsibility is otherwise taken for its contents.





### SUMMARY STATEMENTS

#### Geotechnical risk

Risks to property for residential development of Lot 27 Braeview Drive Honeywood range from Very High to Low and Very Low.

The highest risks relate to (a) dispersive soils, and (b) reactive clayey subsoils.

Risks for all geotechnical issues will be reduced to Low and Acceptable levels with appropriate risk treatment.

Risk treatment suggestions are included in Table 4.3 in Attachment 4, and Attachment 5.

#### AS2870 Site Classification

In accordance with Australian Standard 2870 (2011) *Residential slabs and footings* the area **abcdef** on Lot 27 Braeview Drive Honeywood in Attachment 2 is classed as **Class M**. The reasons for this classification are discussed in Attachment 4.

If al house footings extend through the soil profile to weathered bedrock at depths below about 0.6m, the classification is **Class S**.

Site works subsequent to the date of investigation in this report may alter this latter classification.

#### AS4055 Wind Classification

In accordance with Australian Standard 4055 (2012) *Wind loads for housing*, the following wind load classification is made for Lot 27 Braeview Drive Honeywood:

Wind Region	Α
Terrain Category classification	TC1
Topographic classification	Т3
Shielding classification	NS
Wind classification	N4
Max. Design Gust Wind Speed	47m/s [Serviceability limit state (Vh, s)]
	74m/s [Ultimate limit state (Vh, u)]

Wermen

W. C. Cromer Principal

27 April 2022





#### This report is and must remain accompanied by the following Attachments

- Attachment 1. Location and landslide hazard bands, aerial imagery, hillshading and published geology (4 pages)
- Attachment 2. Aerial image showing test pits and the area abcd to which the AS2870 site classification in Attachment 4 applies (1 page)
- Attachment 3. Site and test pit photographs (6 pages)
- Attachment 4. Interpretation of site geology and soils, AS2870 site classification, and Notes for Designers, Engineers, Builders, Building Surveyors and Owners (8 pages)
- Attachment 5. Summary of geotechnical issues, risks and consequences to development site, and suggested risk treatment practices (2 pages) Terminology used in geotechnical risk assessment (1 page), and Examples of good and poor hillside engineering practices (2 pages)

Designers, builders, engineers, building surveyors, developers, and owners/occupiers are encouraged to read the Attachments to this report.



#### Attachment 1 (4 pages)

Location and landslide hazard bands, aerial imagery, hillshading and published geology Sources: <u>http://maps.thelist.tas.gov.au</u>; Mineral Resources Tasmania























9 27 April 2022

#### Attachment 2

(1 page) Aerial image showing test pits and the area abcd to which the AS2870 site classification in Attachment 4 applies

Source for base image: Google Earth; image date 12 April 2019







#### Attachment 3 (6 pages including this page) Site and test pit photographs

The scale in the photos is graduated into red- and black-numbered segments each one metre long. The numbers are decimetres.

There are three photos for test pits A, B and D (no photos were taken of pit C). The first and main photo shows the soil profile in the test pit, the second shows the location of the test pit relative to site features, and the third shows the materials excavated from the test pit (first to last is from right to left)







From top to bottom: views looking east, east-southeast and southeast from near the western property boundary over the area (between pits C and D) proposed for the new house.





LOT 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood Geotechnical summary, and AS2870 site and AS4055 wind classifications 12 27 April 2022







LOT 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood Geotechnical summary, and AS2870 site and AS4055 wind classifications 13 27 April 2022







There are no photographs of test pit C Table 4.1 in Attachment 4 shows its soil profile to be very similar to that in test pit D.





15 27 April 2022







#### Attachment 4 (8 pages) Interpretation of site geology, AS2870 site classification and Notes for Designers, Builders and Owners

#### 4.1 Site geology

#### 4.1.1 Published geology of the property

The geological map<sup>1</sup> of the area (Map 4, Attachment 1) shows the property to be entirely underlain by subhorizontal Triassic-age sedimentary rocks (sandstone, siltstone).

#### 4.1.2 My interpretation of the geology

No surface exposures of bedrock was observed on the property, but siltstone and mudstone were encountered at shallow depth in all four backhoe test pits dug at and near the proposed house site.

These materials are interpreted as Triassic in age. n the surface metre or so, they are extremely weathered (Layer 3 in Table 4.1; exhibiting soil properties) strengthening to highly weathered with depth (Layer 4 in Table 4.1).

#### 4.2 Soils

#### 4.2.1 Texture and thickness

Soils in pits A – D (Layers 1 and 2 in Table 4.1) on the property are duplex (two-layered) consisting of a sandy silt topsoil (SM, GM) 0.25 - 0.3m thick over a high plasticity silty clay subsoil 0.25 - 0.3m thick.

#### 4.2.2 Soil reactivity<sup>2</sup>

To assess potential ground surface movement from reactive clays, and to assist in site classification in terms of AS2870:2011 Residential slabs and footings, clayey subsoils are sometimes tested for their shrink swell indices ( $I_{ss}$ ).

However, the subsoils were too thin for sampling.

Clayey soils (Layer 2) on Triassic sedimentary rocks elsewhere in southern Tasmania typically have lss values in the 2 - 4% range.

When this range of Iss values<sup>3</sup> is applied to the soil profiles in test pits A – D in Table 4.1, ground surface movements in the 15 - 25mm range are indicated. This range corresponds to Class S – M in terms of AS2870 (2011) Residential slabs and footings. But see Section 4.7.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Forsyth, S. M. (compiler) (2002). Digital Atlas 1:25,000 Series. Sheet 5226. Richmond. Mineral Resources Tasmania.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Reactive materials contain clays which shrink and swell in volume when their moisture content decreases or increases respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> When estimating ground surface movement, Iss values of 0.5% have also and conservatively been applied to Layers 1 and 3 in Table 4.1. The regional suction base is the bedrock depth (c. 1m)



#### Table 4.1. Summary of test pits A – D

	Client	R. D'ORAZIO			Test pit	Α	в	С	D		
	Location	Lot 27		Dep	th dug (m)	1.1	1.7	0.9	1.3		
		Braeview Drive, Honeywo	od	Eastir	ng (GDA94)	524965	524935	524935	524967		
	Date dug	19-Apr-22		Northin	ng (GDA94)	5268308	5268313	5268334	5268328		
			Wate	er inflow (de	epths in m)	None	None	None	None		
			Sta	anding wate	r level (m)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		
				Interpr	etation						
No.	Layer	Details	USCS	Horizon	AS/NZS1547 soil category	Figures are depths to top and bottom of layer, in metres					
1	Sandy SILT	Grey brown grading to light grey; cloddy, fractured; non-plastic; locally with up to 20% angular siltstone/mudstone clasts well-graded to 50mm; D; Fb-H	SM, GM	Topsoil (A horizon)	4 - 5	0 to 0.25 D@0.1	0 to 0.25 D@0.15	0 to 0.3 D@0.1	0 to 0.3 D@0.15		
2	Silty CLAY	Orange brown; some silt and sand; high plasticity; fractured to base; M< <pl; h<="" th=""><th>СН</th><th>Subsoil (B horizon)</th><th>5 - 6</th><th>0.25 to 0.6 D@0.4</th><th>0.25 to 0.5 D@0.4</th><th>0.3 to 0.6 D@0.4</th><th>0.3 to 0.6 D@0.4</th></pl;>	СН	Subsoil (B horizon)	5 - 6	0.25 to 0.6 D@0.4	0.25 to 0.5 D@0.4	0.3 to 0.6 D@0.4	0.3 to 0.6 D@0.4		
3	Silty CLAY - clayey SILT	Grey brown, light yellowish brown; low plasticity to non-plastic with depth; strength increases with depth; weak horizontal texture/bedding; D; Fb-D	CL	CB horizon (extremely weathered bedrock	4 - 5	0.6 to c1.2	0.9 to 1.1				
4	SILTSTONE, MUDSTONE, SANDSTONE	Grey brown; subhorizontal; strongly fracture; highly weathered	SP	Triassic- age siltstone - mudstone bedrock	N/A	c1.2 to 1.65 EAR	1.1 EAR	0.6 to 0.9 CR	0.6 to 1.3 CR		

Notes and abbreviations

USCS = Unified Soil Classification System

Grey cells indicate a missing layer or layers in a test pit

Easting and Northing coordinates from Google Earth and hand-held GPS. Datum is GDA94.

Excavability Equipment = Backhoe; 0.45m GP bucket; 4 teeth; Operator: Renzo D'Orazio

EAR = end as required; NR = no refusal; CR = close to refusal; R = refusal.

Samples D = disturbed sample; U50 = Undisturbed 50mm diam drive tube sample

Weathering For rock only. F = fresh; SW = slightly weathered; MW = moderately weathered; HW = highly weathered; EW = extremely weathered (ie soil properties; material can be remolded in the hand, with or without water)

Moisture D = dry; M = moist (M<=>PL = moisture less than, equal to or greater than Plastic Limit); W = wet.

Consistency Fb = Friable (crumbles to powder when scraped with thumbnail)

- S = Soft (Easily penetrated by fist; 25 50kPa)
- F = Firm (Easily penetrated by thumb; 50 100kPa)

St = Stiff (Indented with thumb; penetrated with difficulty; 100 - 200kPa)

VSt = Very stiff (Easily indented with thumbnail; 200 – 400kPa)

H = Hard (Indented by thumbnail with difficulty; >400kPa)

Rel density VL = Very loose (ravelling)

- L = Loose (easy shovelling)
- MD = Medium dense (hard shovelling)

D = Dense (picking)

VD = Very dense (hard picking)





#### 4.2.3 Soil moisture

No free water was observed in pits.

At the time of investigation Layers 1 and 2 in pits A and D were relatively dry, and Layer 2 was of hard consistency.

#### 4.2.4 Soil dispersion

Testing of Layer 1 and 2 soils showed that Layer 1 topsoils are non-dispersive, and Layer 2 clayey subsoils are moderately – severely dispersive (Figure 4.1). This has implications for stormwater management and the design of an on-site wastewater management system.



Figure 4.1 General example of degrees of soil dispersion in four different soils. Each is a single ped in a flat glass dish in a laboratory – after adding tap water. Left to right: no dispersion, slight dispersion, moderate dispersion, and severe dispersion. The soil at left is non-sodic; the soil at right is highly sodic. Source: https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/dispersive-and-sodic-soils/identifying-dispersive-sodic-soils

#### 4.3 Fill

No fill is present at the proposed house site.

#### 4.4 Bearing capacities of materials

A dynamic cone penetrometer (DCP) profile was done adjacent to each of pits C and D in an to attempt to assess the strength of the soil profile. These profiles are designated DCP Pit C and DCP Pit in Figure 4.2. DCP values are expressed as the number of hammer blows/100mm.

Results are very similar in both profiles and strength increases with depth. Surface values in Layer 1 increase from 5 - 8 blows/100mm, and in Layer 2 from about 8 blows/100mm to over 20 blows/100m.

Comparison with Table 4.2 shows that DCP values more than about 6 - 9 blows/100mm correspond with allowable bearing capacities of 200 - 400kPa. These are adequate to support a house.

#### 4.5 Groundwater

#### 4.5.1 Temporary groundwater conditions

At the time of investigation, no shallow subsurface water was encountered in test pits. None is expected to occur even after heavy rain because the gentle slope of the property currently allows for adequate surface drainage.

#### 4.5.2 Permanent groundwater

Permanent groundwater conditions are expected to exist in fractured bedrock beneath the property and throughout the area, but at depths which will not affect residential subdivision.



LOT 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood Geotechnical summary, and AS2870 site and AS4055 wind classifications **19** 27 April 2022



Figure 4.2 DCP results adjacent to test pits C and D at the house site (see Attachment 2 for locations). See Figure 4.2 for some published correlations between DCP values and some soil properties

#### 4.6 Slope stability

The lower, southern parts of Lot 27 are in the Low Landslide Hazard Band (Map 1, Attachment 1). Map 2 (hillshading) shows broad but subtle topographic undulations over the same area. A small feature on 10+<sup>0</sup> slopes some 40m south of the proposed house site may be evidence of former shallow slope instability.

At the proposed house site on the broad crest of a topographic divide:

- slope angles are in the  $0 3^0$  range, and
- stable (albeit weathered) bedrock is at depths less than about 0.6m (Table 4.1).

The risk of future instability is regarded as low.





#### Table 4.2. Allowable bearing capacity from DCP results

Blows/ 100mm	Allowable bearing capacity (kPa)	Typical material
<=1	<=50	Very soft to soft clays, very loose sands
1 – 2	50 - 100	Firm clays, loose sands
2 – 5	100 - 200	Stiff clays, medium dense sands
6 – 9	200 - 400	Very stiff clays, medium dense to dense sands
>=10	>400	Hard clays, dense to very dense sands

**Reference**: Look, B. (2014). *Handbook of Geotechnical Investigation and Design Tables* (2<sup>nd</sup> edition). CRC Press. The Netherlands. Table 5.15. The Table applies to shallow footings. Factor of Safety =3. For high and low plasticity clays the allowable bearing capacity may be lower and higher, respectively.

Note: Practitioners may prefer other published or unpublished correlations.

#### 4.7 AS2870 site classification

In accordance with Australian Standard 2870 (2011) *Residential slabs and footings* the area **abcd** in Attachment 2 is classed as **Class M** for the current situation. This classification is based on the presence of Layer 2 reactive clayey subsoils up to about 0.3m thick, beneath a similar thickness of much less reactive topsoil.

However, if all house footings extend through the Layer 2 subsoil into either extremely weathered bedrock (Layer 3) or highly weathered bedrock (Layer 4), the classification becomes Class S.

If major site works occur and change the current land surface this latter classification may need to be changed.

#### 4.8 Notes for designers, engineers, builders, and building surveyors

#### 4.8.1 Table 4.3 Risk assessments

Designers, engineers, builders and building surveyors are strongly encouraged to read, and take note of, Table 4.3. Many of the 18 geotechnical issues listed in the Table are carefully addressed on a site-specific basis.

#### 4.8.2 Variability of subsurface conditions

Based on the soil profiles in test pits A - D, there is little variability in subsurface conditions over the house footprint.

However, if significant variability is encountered, WCC should be immediately contacted for advice.

#### 4.8.3 Footings

My firm recommendation is that all house footings should be extended into Layer 3 or 4 bedrock.



#### 4.8.4 Excavations

As a general comment, it is preferable to avoid or minimise the depth of cut and fill at house sites, as shown in the hillside construction examples in Attachment 5.

However, if the house footprint is to be cut into the site, the deeper part of the excavation is likely to reveal variably-weathered mudstone or siltstone bedrock, and the shallower parts, Layer 1 and 2 soil.

#### 4.8.5 Use of fill

Fill may be required to complete the house footprint. If so, it should be placed in an engineered manner (ie topsoil removed and the site benched, and fill placed in properly compacted layers in an engineered fashion). In any case, fill should not be used as a weight-bearing material, and all footings should extend to in-situ Layer 3 or 4 materials.

Elsewhere, on-site Layer 1 material may be used as fill, but not to support infrastructure.

#### 4.8.6 Drainage

All roof and hardstand runoff should be discharged to reticulated TasWater stormwater mains if available. If not, and because of the dispersive subsoils, stormwater shall be tightly controlled:

- it shall be discharged to lower slopes in a diffuse manner (for example, through perforated pipework laid along contours), and
- it shall not be discharge upslope from the on-site wastewater management system.

#### 4.9 Notes for owners and occupiers

Owners and occupiers are advised to:

- read Table 4.3,
- read the <u>AGS Geoguides</u><sup>4</sup> and in particular, the examples provided for good and bad hillside construction methods (the latter, and a geoguide on retaining walls, are included here as Attachment 6), and
- take plenty of photographs at all stages of building.

#### 4.10 Geotechnical risk assessment

See Table 4.3. Ensure recommendations are applied.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> AGS (2007e). The Australian Geoguides for Slope Management and Maintenance. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007





# Table 4.3. Geotechnical issues, risks and treatments for residential development of this property. See also Attachment 5.

			Bef	ore treatment			After treatment				
	lssue #	lssue	Likelihood of occurrence	Consequenc es to property	Level of risk to property	Recommended risk treatment	Likelihood of occurrence	Consequenc es to property	Level of risk to property		
	1	Rotational or translational <u>deep seated</u> earth or debris slide.	Major Barely		Verylow	None	Barely	Major	Verylow		
	2	Rotational or translational shallow earth or debris slide.	credible	Medium	Very low		credible	Medium	veryiow		
slope instability/	3	Translational earth or debris slide, fall or topple: <u>Very small scale</u> ; on steep, unsupported (artificial) excavations.				Control stormwater discharge. Avoid er					
Landslide/	4	Rotational or translational earth or debris slide: <u>Very</u> <u>small to small scale;</u> shallow, in fill (eg beneath or next to building, on the outside of access drive).	Unlikely	Minor	Low	excavations >0.8m high with engineered, drained retaining walls. Ensure fill placement is controlled.	Unlikely	Minor	Low		
-	5	Earth or debris flow: <u>Very</u> small to small scale; shallow; in soil and/or uncontrolled fill. Soil creep									





#### Table 4.3 (continued)

			Bef	ore treatment			After treatment						
	ssue #	Issue	Likelihood of occurrence	Consequenc es to property	Level of risk to property	Recommended risk treatment	Likelihood of occurrence	Consequenc es to property	Level of risk to property				
	7	Surface soil erosion	Possible	Minor	Moderate	As for Issues 3-6. Use diffuse							
	8	Tunnel erosion (dispersive soils)	Likely	Medium	High	stormwater outlets along contours to avoid point discharges.Obtain advice on the design of these.							
irface conditions, coastal issues	9	Foundation movement (eg settlement) due to low strength materials (eg uncontrolled fill, soft soils)	Possible		Moderate to High	As for Issues 3 – 6. Also. design footings in accord with AS2870 - 2011 <i>Residential slabs and footings</i> and the		Minor					
	10	Foundation movement due to reactive or unstable soils	Likely	Medium to High	High to Very High	site classification recommendation(s) in this report.							
	11	Foundation movement due to tree removal or planting	Possible		Moderate to High	Restrict tree planting to (and tree removal from) a distance from a building of 1.5x, 1x and 0.75x mature tree height for Class P, (H1, H2) and M sites respectively	Unlikely		Low				
ge, subsi	12	Poor surface drainage	Possible		Moderate	Divert surface drainage away from buildings and the wastewater disposal area							
draina	13	Flooding or waterlogging		Minor		As for Issues 3 – 6, and 12							
sion, fill, c	14	Shallow groundwater seepages	Unlikely	MINO		Divert seepages with interception drains behind retaining walls, away from buildings							
Ë	15	Site contamination from previous activities			Low	Visual examination during construction.							
	16	Earthquake (magnitude <=4)	Likely	Insignificant		Nera	Likely	Insignificant					
	16	Earthquake (magnitude >4)	Unlikely	Minor		None	Unlikely	Minor					
	17	Coastal erosion	Not applicable										
	18	Sea level rise											

Notes

1. The risk assessments are qualitative and colour-coded in accordance with Appendix C of Practice Note Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management AGS (2007c)

2. Further reading: AGS (2007c). Practice Notes Guidelines for Landslide Risk Management, and AGS (2007e) Australian Geoguides for Slope Management and Maintenance. Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007




# Attachment 5

(6 pages including this page) Some AGS guidelines for hillside construction (1 page), AGS Geoguide LR8 illustrating good and poor hillside engineering practices (2 pages), and AGS Geoguide LR6 Retaining walls (2 pages)





## **APPENDIX G - SOME GUIDELINES FOR HILLSIDE CONSTRUCTION**

ADVICE :	GOOD ENGINEERING PRACTICE	POOR ENGINEERING PRACTICE
GEOTECHNICAL	Obtain advice from a qualified, experienced geotechnical practitioner at early stage of planning and before site works	Prepare detailed plan and start site works before geotechnical advice.
PLANNING	ange of planning and certor and notion	
SITE PLANNING	Having obtained geotechnical advice, plan the development with the risk arising from the identified hazards and consequences in mind.	Plan development without regard for the Risk.
DESIGN AND CON	STRUCTION	
HOUSE DESIGN	Use flexible structures which incorporate properly designed brickwork, timber or steel frames, timber or panel cladding. Consider use of split levels.	Floor plans which require extensive cutting and filling. Movement intolerant structures.
SITE CLEARING	Retain natural vegetation wherever practicable	Indiscriminately clear the site
ACCESS & DRIVEWAYS	Satisfy requirements below for cuts, fills, retaining walls and drainage. Council specifications for grades may need to be modified. Driveways and parking areas may need to be fully supported on piers.	Excavate and fill for site access before geotechnical advice.
EARTHWORKS	Retain natural contours wherever possible.	Indiscriminatory bulk earthworks.
Cuts	Minimise depth. Support with engineered retaining walls or batter to appropriate slope. Provide drainage measures and erosion control.	Large scale cuts and benching. Unsupported cuts. Ignore drainage requirements
FILLS	Minimise height. Strip vegetation and topsoil and key into natural slopes prior to filling. Use clean fill materials and compact to engineering standards. Batter to appropriate slope or support with engineered retaining wall. Provide surface drainage and appropriate subsurface drainage.	Loose or poorly compacted fill, which if it fails, may flow a considerable distance including onto property below. Block natural drainage lines. Fill over existing vegetation and topsoil. Include stumps, trees, vegetation, topsoil, boulders, building rubble etc in fill.
ROCK OUTCROPS & BOLLDERS	Remove or stabilise boulders which may have unacceptable risk. Support rock faces where necessary.	Disturb or undercut detached blocks or boulders.
RETAINING WALLS	Engineer design to resist applied soil and water forces. Found on rock where practicable. Provide subsurface drainage within wall backfill and surface drainage on slope above. Construct wall as soon as possible after cut/fill operation.	Construct a structurally inadequate wall such as sandstone flagging, brick or unreinforced blockwork. Lack of subsurface drains and weepholes.
FOOTINGS	Found within rock where practicable. Use rows of piers or strip footings oriented up and down slope, Design for lateral creep pressures if necessary. Backfill footing exeavations to exclude ingress of surface water.	Found on topsoil, loose fill, detached boulders or undercut cliffs.
SWIMMING POOLS	Engineer designed. Support on piers to rock where practicable. Provide with under-drainage and gravity drain outlet where practicable. Design for high soil pressures which may develop on uphill side whilst there may be little or no lateral support on downhill side.	
DRAINAGE		
SURFACE	Provide at tops of cut and fill slopes. Discharge to street drainage or natural water courses. Provide general falls to prevent blockage by siltation and incorporate silt traps. Line to minimise infiltration and make flexible where possible.	Discharge at top of fills and cuts. Allow water to pond on bench areas.
SUBSURFACE	Provide filter around subsurface delegy a changes of stope and/of direction. Provide filter around subsurface drain. Provide drain behind retaining walls. Use flexible pipelines with access for maintenance. Prevent inflow of surface water.	Discharge roof runoff into absorption trenches.
SEPTIC & SULLAGE	Usually requires pump-out or mains sewer systems; absorption trenches may be possible in some areas if risk is acceptable. Storage tanks should be water-tight and adequately founded.	Discharge sullage directly onto and into slopes. Use absorption trenches without consideration of landslide risk.
EROSION CONTROL & LANDSCAPING	Control erosion as this may lead to instability. Revegetate cleared area.	Failure to observe earthworks and drainage recommendations when landscaping.
DRAWINGS AND S	ITE VISITS DURING CONSTRUCTION	
DRAWINGS SITE VISITS	Building Application drawings should be viewed by geotechnical consultant Site Visits by consultant may be appropriate during construction/	
INSPECTION AND	MAINTENANCE BY OWNER	
OWNER'S RESPONSIBILITY	Clean drainage systems; repair broken joints in drains and leaks in supply pipes. Where structural distress is evident see advice.	

Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007

113





#### Good and poor hillside construction practices

#### AGS Geoguide LR8 (Construction Practice)

#### HILL SIDE CONSTRUCTION PRACTICE

Sensible development practices are required when building on hillsides, particularly if the hillside has more than a low risk of instability (GeoGuide LR7). Only building techniques intended to maintain, or reduce, the overall level of landslide risk should be considered. Examples of good hillside construction practice are illustrated below.

## EXAMPLES OF GOOD HILLSIDE CONSTRUCTION PRACTICE



#### WHY ARE THESE PRACTICES GOOD?

**Roadways and parking areas** - are paved and incorporate kerbs which prevent water discharging straight into the hillside (GeoGuide LR5).

Cuttings - are supported by retaining walls (GeoGuide LR6).

**Retaining walls** - are engineer designed to withstand the lateral earth pressures and surcharges expected, and include drains to prevent water pressures developing in the backfill. Where the ground slopes steeply down towards the high side of a retaining wall, the disturbing force (see GeoGuide LR6) can be two or more times that in level ground. Retaining walls must be designed taking these forces into account.

Sewage - whether treated or not is either taken a way in pipes or contained in properly founded tanks so it cannot soak into the ground.

**Surface water** - from roofs and other hard surfaces is piped away to a suitable discharge point rather than being allowed to infiltrate into the ground. Preferably, the discharge point will be in a natural creek where ground water exits, rather than enters, the ground. Shallow, lined, drains on the surface can fulfil the same purpose (GeoGuide LR5).

**Surface loads** - are minimised. No fill embankments have been built. The house is a light weight structure. Foundation loads have been taken down below the level at which a landslide is likely to occur and, preferably, to rock. This sort of construction is probably not applicable to soil slopes (GeoGuide LR3). If you are uncertain whether your site has rock near the surface, or is essentially a soil slope, you should engage a geotechnical practitioner to find out.

Flexible structures - have been used because they can tolerate a certain amount of movement with minimal signs of distress and maintain their functionality.

**Vegetation clearance** - on soil slopes has been kept to a reasonable minimum. Trees, and to a lesser extent smaller vegetation, take large quantities of water out of the ground every day. This lowers the ground water table, which in turn helps to maintain the stability of the slope. Large scale clearing can result in a rise in water table with a consequent increase in the likelihood of a landslide (GeoGuide LR5). An exception may have to be made to this rule on steep rock slopes where trees have little effect on the water table, but their roots pose a landslide hazard by dislodging boulders.

Possible effects of ignoring good construction practices are illustrated on page 2. Unfortunately, these poor construction practices are not as unusual as you might think and are often chosen because, on the face of it, they will save the developer, or owner, money. You should not lose sight of the fact that the cost and anguish associated with any one of the disasters illustrated, is likely to more than wipe out any apparent savings at the outset.

#### ADOPT GOOD PRACTICE ON HILLSIDE SITES

174

Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007





# AUSTRALIAN GEOGUIDE LR8 (CONSTRUCTION PRACTICE)



#### WHY ARE THESE PRACTICES POOR?

Roadways and parking areas - are unsurfaced and lack proper table drains (gutters) causing surface water to pond and soak into the ground.

Cut and fill - has been used to balance earthworks quantities and level the site leaving unstable cut faces and added large surface loads to the ground. Failure to compact the fill properly has led to settlement, which will probably continue for several years after completion. The house and pool have been built on the fill and have settled with it and cracked. Leakage from the cracked pool and the applied surface loads from the fill have combined to cause landslides.

Retaining walls - have been avoided, to minimise cost, and hand placed rock walls used instead. Without applying engineering design principles, the walls have failed to provide the required support to the ground and have failed, creating a very dangerous situation.

A heavy, rigid, house - has been built on shallow, conventional, footings. Not only has the brickwork cracked because of the resulting ground movements, but it has also become involved in a man-made landslide.

Soak-away drainage - has been used for sewage and surface water run-off from roofs and pavements. This water soaks into the ground and raises the water table (GeoGuide LR5). Subsoil drains that run along the contours should be avoided for the same reason. If felt necessary, subsoil drains should run steeply downhill in a chevron, or herring bone, pattern. This may conflict with the requirements for effluent and surface water disposal (GeoGuide LR9) and if so, you will need to seek professional advice.

Rock debris - from landslides higher up on the slope seems likely to pass through the site. Such locations are often referred to by geotechnical practitioners as "debris flow paths". Rock is normally even denser than ordinary fill, so even quite modest boulders are likely to weigh many tonnes and do a lot of damage once they start to roll. Boulders have been known to travel hundreds of metres downhill leaving behind a trail of destruction.

Vegetation - has been completely deared, leading to a possible rise in the water table and increased landslide risk (GeoGuide LR5).

#### DON'T CUT CORNERS ON HILLSIDE SITES - OBTAIN ADVICE FROM A GEOTECHNICAL PRACTITIONER

More information relevant to your particular situation may be found in other Australian GeoGuides:

- GeoGuide LR1 Introduction GeoGuide LR6 - Retaining Walls GeoGuide LR2 - Landslides GeoGuide LR3 - Landslides in Soil
  - GeoGuide LR7 Landslide Risk GeoGuide LR9 - Effluent & Surface Water Disposal
    - GeoGuide LR10 Coastal Landslides
  - GeoGuide LR4 Landslides in Rock GeoGuide LR11 - Record Keeping GeoGuide LR5 - Water & Drainage

The Australian GeoGuides (LR series) are a set of publications intended for property owners; local councils; planning authorities; developers; insurers; lawyers and, in fact, anyone who lives with, or has an interest in, a natural or engineered slope, a cutting, or an excavation. They are intended to help you understand why slopes and retaining structures can be a hazard and what can be done with appropriate professional advice and local council approval (if required) to remove, reduce, or minimise the risk they represent. The GeoGuides have been prepared by the Australian Geomechanics Society, a specialist technical society within Engineers Australia, the national peak body for all engineering disciplines in Australia, whose members are professional geotechnical engineers and engineering geologists with a particular interest in ground engineering. The GeoGuides have been funded under the Australian governments' National Disaster Mitigation Program.





# AUSTRALIAN GEOGUIDE LR6 (RETAINING WALLS)

#### **RETAINING WALLS**

Retaining walls are used to support cuts and fills. Some are built in the open and backfill is placed behind them (gravity walls). Others are inserted into the ground (cast *in situ* or driven piles) and the ground is subsequently excavated on one side. Retaining walls, like all man-made structures, have a finite life. Properly engineered walls should last 50 years, or more, without needing significant repairs. However, not all walls fit this category. Some, particularly those built by inexperienced tradesmen without engineering input, can deflect and even fail because they are unable to withstand the pressures that develop in the ground around them or because the materials from which they are built deteriorate with time. Design of retaining walls more than 900mm high should be undertaken by a geotechnical practitioner or structural engineer and normally require local council approval.

Retaining walls have to withstand the weight of the ground on the high side, any water pressure forces that develop, any additional load (surcharge) on the ground surface and sometimes swelling pressures from expansive clays. These forces are resisted by the wall itself and the ground on the low side. Engineers calculate the forces that the retained ground, the water, and the surcharge impose on a wall (the disturbing force) as well as the maximum force that the wall and ground on the low side can provide to resist them (the restoring force). The ratio of the restoring force to the disturbing force is called the "factor of safety" (GeoGuide LR1). Permanent retaining walls designed in accordance with accepted engineering standards will normally have a factor of safety in the range 1.5 to 2.

<u>Never</u> add surcharge to the high side of a wall (e.g. place fill, erect a structure, stockpile bulk materials, or park vehicles) unless you know the wall has been designed with that purpose in mind.

Never more than lightly water plants on the high side of a retaining wall.

#### Never excavate at the toe of a retaining wall.

Any of these actions will reduce the factor of safety of the wall and could lead to failure. If in doubt about any aspect of an existing retaining wall, or changes you would like to make near one, seek advice from a geotechnical practitioner, or a structural engineer. This GeoGuide sets out basic inspection requirements for retaining walls and identifies some common signs that might indicate all is not well. GeoGuide LR11 provides information about records that should be kept.

#### GRAVITY WALLS

Gravity walls are so called because they rely on their own weight (the force of gravity) to hold the ground behind in place.

Formed concrete and reinforced blockwork walls (Figure 1) - should be built so the backfill can drain. They should be inspected at least once a year. Look for signs of tilting, bulging, cracking, or a drop in ground level on the high side, as any of these may indicate that the wall has started to fail. Look for rust staining, which may indicate that the steel reinforcement is deteriorating and the wall is losing structural strength ("concrete cancer"). Ensure that weep holes are clear and that water is able to drain at all times, as high water pressures behind the wall can lead to sudden and catastrophic failure.

Concrete "crib" walls (Figure 2) - should be filled with clean gravel, or "blue metal" with a nominated grading. Sometimes soil is used to reduce cost, but this is undesirable, from an engineering perspective, unless internal drainage is incorporated in the wall's construction. Without backfill drainage, a soil filled crib wall is likely to have a lower factor of safety than is required. Crib walls should be inspected as for formed concrete walls. In addition, you should check that material is not being lost through the structure of the wall, which has large gaps through it.

Timber "crib" walls - should be checked as for concrete crib walls. In addition, check the condition of the timber. Once individual elements show signs of rotting, it is necessary to have the wall replaced. If you are uncertain seek advice from a geotechnical practitioner, or a structural engineer.

Masonry walls: natural stone, brick, or interlocking blocks (Figure 3)more than about 1m high, should be wider at the bottom than at the top and include specific measures to permit drainage of the backfill. They should be checked as for formed concrete walls. Natural stone walls should be inspected for signs of deterioration of the individual blocks: strength loss, corners becoming rounded, cracks appearing, or debris from the blocks collecting at the foot of the wall.











Figure 3 -Typical masonry wall

170

Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007





# AUSTRALIAN GEOGUIDE LR6 (RETAINING WALLS)

Old Masonry walls (Figure 4) - Many old masonry retaining walls have not been built in accordance with modern design standards and often have a low "factor of safety" (GeoGuide LR1). They may therefore be close to failure and a minor change in their condition, or loading, could initiate collapse. You need to take particular care with such structures and seek professional advice sooner rather than later. Although masonry walls sometimes deflect significantly over long periods of time collapse, when it occurs, is usually sudden and can be catastrophic. Familiarity with a particular situation can instil a false sense of confidence.

Reinforced soil walls (Figure 5) - are made of compacted select fill in which layers of reinforcement are buried to form a "reinforced soil zone". The reinforcement is all important, because it holds the soil "wall" together. Reinforcement may be steel strip, or mesh, or a variety of geosynthetic ("plastic") products. The facing panels are there to protect the soil "wall" from erosion and give it a finished appearance.

Most reinforced soil walls are proprietary products. Construction should be carried out strictly in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Inspection and maintenance should be the same as for formed concrete and concrete block walls. If unusual materials such as timber, or used tyres, are used as a facing it should be checked to see that it is not rotting, or perishing.

#### OTHER WALLS

Cantilevered and anchored walls (Figure 6) - rely on earth pressure on the low side, rather than self-weight, to provided the restoring force and an adequate factor of safety. These walls may comprise:

- a line of touching bored piers (contiguous bored pile wall) or
- sprayed concrete panels between bored piers (shotcrete wall) or
- horizontal timber or concrete planks spanning between upright timber or steel soldier piles or
- steel sheet piles.

Depending on the form of construction and ground conditions, walls in excess of 3 m height normally require at least one row of permanent ground anchors.

#### INSPECTION

All walls should be inspected at least once a year, looking for tilting and other signs of deterioration. Concrete walls should be inspected for cracking and rust stains as for formed concrete gravity walls. Contiguous bored pile walls can have gaps between the piles - look for loss of soil from behind which can become a major difficulty if it is not corrected. Timber walls should be inspected for rot, as for timber crib walls. Steel sheet piles should be inspected for signs of rusting. In addition, you should make sure that ground anchors are maintained as described in GeoGuide LR4 under the heading "Rock bolts and rock anchors".

One of the most important issues for walls is that their internal drainage systems are operational. Frequently verify that internal drainage pipes and surface interception drains around the wall are not blocked nor have become inoperative.

More information relevant to your particular situation may be found in other Australian GeoGuides:

<ul> <li>GeoGuide LR1</li> <li>GeoGuide LR2</li> <li>GeoGuide LR3</li> <li>GeoGuide LR4</li> <li>GeoGuide LR5</li> </ul>	- Introduction - Landslides - Landslides in Soil - Landslides in Rock - Water & Drainage	•	GeoGuide LR7 GeoGuide LR8 GeoGuide LR9 GeoGuide LR10 GeoGuide LR11	<ul> <li>Landslide Risk</li> <li>Hillside Construction</li> <li>Effluent &amp; Surface Water Disposal</li> <li>Coastal Landslides</li> <li>Record Keeping</li> </ul>
--	--	---	--	--

The Australian GeoGuides (LR series) are a set of publications intended for property owners; local councils; planning authorities; developers; insurers; lawyers and, in fact, anyone who lives with, or has an interest in, a natural or engineered slope, a cutting, or an excavation. They are intended to help you understand why slopes and retaining structures can be a hazard and what can be done with appropriate professional advice and local council approval (if required) to remove, reduce, or minimise the risk they represent. The GeoGuides have been prepared by the <u>Australian Geomechanics Society</u>, a specialist technical society within Engineers Australia, the national peak body for all engineering disciplines in Australia, whose members are professional geotechnical engineers and engineering geologists with a particular interest in ground engineering. The GeoGuides have been funded under the Australian governments "National Disaster Mitigation Program.

Australian Geomechanics Vol 42 No 1 March 2007

171



Inadequate wall thickness No drainage medium behind wall No weep holes

Figure 4 - Poorly built masonry wall







Figure 6 - Typical cantilevered or anchored wall



PROPOSED NEW HOUSE LOT 27 BRAEVIEW DRIVE, HONEYWOOD

SITE AND SOIL EVALUATION REPORT AND SYSTEM DESIGN FOR ON-SITE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

April 2022



2

### Cover

View west-northwest towards on Lot 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood. The site for the proposed house is on the broad crest of the hill (right of camera). The proposed land application area (LAA) for wastewater disposal is on the gentle southwest-facing slope in the foreground and middleground shown here. Photo: Bill Cromer, 19 April 2022.

### Refer to this report as

Cromer, W. C. (2022). Site and Soil Evaluation Report, and System Design for On-site Wastewater Management, new house, Lot 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood. Unpublished report for R. D'Orazio by William C. Cromer Pty. Ltd., 28 April 2022.

#### **Important Note**

Permission is hereby given by William C. Cromer as author, and the client, for this report to be copied and distributed to interested parties, but only if it is reproduced in colour, and only distributed in full. No responsibility is otherwise taken for the contents.

#### Limitations of this geotechnical report

Site investigations for geotechnical reports usually but not always involve digging test holes and taking samples, at locations thought appropriate based on site conditions and general experience. The reports only apply to that part of the site actually tested, and if not specifically stated otherwise results should not be extrapolated to adjacent areas.

The main aim of the investigations is to reasonably determine the variability in subsurface conditions at the time of inspection. The number and location of test sites, and the number and types of tests done and samples collected, will vary from site to site. Subsurface conditions may change laterally and vertically between test sites, so discrepancies may occur between what is described in the reports, and what is exposed by subsequent excavations. No responsibility is therefore accepted for (a) any differences between what is reported, and actual site and soil conditions for parts of an investigation site not assessed at the time of inspection, and (b) subsequent activities on site by others, and/or climate variability (eg rainfall), which may alter subsurface conditions at the sites assessed at the time of inspection.

#### **Report Disclaimer**

This document has been prepared for use by the client named above by William C Cromer Pty Ltd (WCCPL) and has been compiled using the firm's expert knowledge, due care and professional expertise. WCCPL does not guarantee that the publication is without flaw of any kind or is wholly appropriate for every purpose for which it may be used.

To the extent permitted by law, WCCPL (including its employees and consultants) excludes all liability to any person for any consequences, including but not limited to all losses, damages, costs, expenses and any other compensation, arising directly or indirectly from using this document (in part or in whole) and any information or material contained in it

> Warning Printed copies of this report must be in colour, and in full. No responsibility is otherwise taken for its contents.



# Guidance documents

Where required or appropriate, this document is in accordance with, or obtains guidance from, the following:

**MPORTANT NOTES FOR CLIENT** 

- Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS1547:2012 On-site domestic wastewater management; "AS/NZS1547" in this report
- The Tasmanian On-site Wastewater Management Code (Code E23 in 2015 interim planning schemes)
- The Tasmanian Director of Building Control's *Guidelines for On-site Wastewater Management* Systems (Nov 2017); the "Guidelines" in this report
- The Tasmanian Director of Building Control's Determination Accreditation and Maintenance of Plumbing Installations (Dec 2016), and
- The software program Trench<sup>R</sup>3<sup>1</sup> for site assessment and system sizing for domestic wastewater management

#### Scope and intent of this report

This document includes:

- a Site and Soil Evaluation Report in accordance with AS/NZS1547:2012 and
- a wastewater design and recommendations for wastewater management.

#### Applying for a Plumbing Permit (PP)

This document is intended to support, not replace, an application (if required) to local Council for a Plumbing Permit.

#### The designer and system certification

William C Cromer Pty Ltd is the Designer for the design(s) suggested in this report. A **Form 35** is included as Attachment 6 in this document.

The designer may make site inspections to assess whether:

- the installed system appears to conform with the approved design, and
- the system, as installed, appears to conform with AS/NZS1547

It is the responsibility of the client or the client's agent to contact the designer before construction starts on the wastewater disposal system, to establish the stages of construction (if any) required to be inspected by the designer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Cromer, W. C. (1999). Trench<sup>™</sup>3.0: A computer application for site assessment and system sizing, <u>in</u> Patterson, R. A. (Ed.) *On-site '99 – Proceedings of the On-Site '99 Conference: Making on-site wastewater systems work*. Univ. of New England, Armidale, 13-15 Jul 1999, pp 85-88.



# SUMMARY STATEMENT

A new five-bedroom equivalent house is proposed for Lot 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood.

The water supply is reticulated mains water.. A daily wastewater volume of 1,050L is assumed.

Topsoils on site are Category 4 - 5 clayey silt up to about 0.3m thick. Subsoils are Category 5 - 6 silty clay. The natural profile will first be thoroughly ripped to 0.6m and topped by the addition of up to 1.5m of nearby-stockpiled Category 4 topsoil to produce a Category 5 profile.

The proposed on-site wastewater management system will comprise a min. 3500L dual purpose septic tank (4,000L preferred) with outlet filter, discharging via a *Flout* dosing device to a nonconventional (raised) bed of 200m<sup>2</sup> wetted area and (with soil apron) approx. 420m<sup>2</sup> footprint.

Detailed design specifications are provided.

A reserve area is available if required.

The design and location of the wastewater system satisfies AS/NZS1547:2012 *On-site domestic wastewater management*, and Section 3.1 of the Director of Building Control's *Guidelines for On-site Wastewater Management Systems* (November 2017).





# 1 BACKGROUND

A new five-bedroom equivalent house is proposed for the 2.18ha Lot 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood (Attachments 1 and 2).

The property is un-sewered.

This report is a site and soil assessment (SSER) and system design for an on-site wastewater management system (OSWMS) for the proposed development.

# 2 SITE AND SOIL EVALUATION

# 2.1 Topography and drainage

The proposed house is on the broad crest of a west-northwest – east-southeast hill. Natural slope angles are in the range  $3 - 8^{\circ}$ . The property's southern corner extends to an un-named, west-flowing intermittent creek.

## 2.2 Vegetation

Cleared to pasture.

## 2.3 Land use

Property is zoned *Rural Living* in the Tasmanian Interim Planning Scheme.

## 2.4 Water and power supply

Reticulated mains water; electrical power available.

# 2.5 Assumed daily wastewater

Five bedroom equivalents = 7 people = 150 L/day/person x 7 = 1,050 L/day

# 2.6 Geology and soils

## 2.6.1 Published geology of the property

The geological map<sup>2</sup> of the area (Map 4, Attachment 1) shows the property to be entirely underlain by subhorizontal Triassic-age sedimentary rocks (sandstone, siltstone).

# 2.6.2 My interpretation of the geology

No surface exposures of bedrock was observed on the property, but siltstone and mudstone were encountered at shallow depth in all four backhoe test pits dug at and near the proposed LAA.

These materials are interpreted as Triassic in age. In the surface metre or so, they are extremely weathered (Layer 3 in Table 1; exhibiting soil properties) strengthening to highly weathered with depth (Layer 4 in Table 1).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Forsyth, S. M. (compiler) (2002). Digital Atlas 1:25,000 Series. Sheet 5226. Richmond. Mineral Resources Tasmania.



### 2.6.3 Soil

## Texture and thickness

Soils in pits A – D (Layers 1 and 2 in Table 1) on the property are duplex (two-layered) consisting of a sandy silt topsoil (SM, GM) 0.25 - 0.3m thick over a high plasticity silty clay subsoil 0.25 - 0.3m thick.

## Soil moisture

The soil profile in all test pits was dry to only slightly moist at the time of investigation.

## Soil reactivity<sup>3</sup>

To assess potential ground surface movement from reactive clays, and to assist in site classification in terms of AS2870:2011 Residential slabs and footings, clayey subsoils are sometimes tested for their shrink swell indices ( $I_{ss}$ ).

However, the subsoils were too thin for sampling.

Clayey soils (Layer 2) on Triassic sedimentary rocks elsewhere in southern Tasmania typically have Iss values in the 2 – 4% range.

## Soil dispersion

Testing of Layer 1 and 2 soils showed that Layer 1 topsoils are non-dispersive, and Layer 2 clayey subsoils are moderately – severely dispersive (Figures 1 and 2).



Figure 1 General example of degrees of soil dispersion in four different soils. Each is a single ped in a flat glass dish in a laboratory – after adding tap water. Left to right: no dispersion, slight dispersion, moderate dispersion, and severe dispersion. The soil at left is non-sodic; the soil at right is highly sodic. Source: https://www.agric.wa.gov.au/dispersive-and-sodic-soils/identifying-dispersive-sodic-soils

## Acid sulphate soils

It is inferred that no soils in and near the test pits have the potential to be acid-forming.

# 2.6.4 AS/NZS1547 soil categories (Table 1)

Topsoil (Layer 1): judged to be Category 4 - 5Subsoil (Layer 2): judged to be Category 5 - 6Extremely weathered bedrock (Layer 3): judged to be Category 4 - 5

On this basis, the existing soil profile at the LAA is conservatively classified Category 6.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Reactive materials contain clays which shrink and swell in volume when their moisture content decreases or increases respectively.



#### Table 1. Summary of test pits A – D

Client R. D'ORAZIO Test più					Α	В	С	D	
Location Lot 27 Depth				oth dug (m)	1.1	1.7	0.9	1.3	
	Braeview Drive, Honeywood Easting (GDA94)					524965	524935	524935	524967
	Date dug	19-Apr-22		Northin	ng (GDA94)	5268308	5268313	5268334	5268328
			Wate	er inflow (de	epths in m)	None	None	None	None
			Sta	anding wate	er level (m)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
				Interpr	etation	1			
No.	Layer	Details	USCS	Horizon	AS/NZS1547 soil category	Figures a	are depths layer, in	to top and I metres	pottom of
1	Sandy SILT	Grey brown grading to light grey; cloddy, fractured; non-plastic; locally with up to 20% angular siltstone/mudstone clasts well-graded to 50mm; D; Fb-H	SM, GM	Topsoil (A horizon)	4 - 5	0 to 0.25 D@0.1	0 to 0.25 D@0.15	0 to 0.3 D@0.1	0 to 0.3 D@0.15
2	Silty CLAY	Orange brown; some silt and sand; high plasticity; fractured to base; M< <pl; h<="" th=""><th>СН</th><th>Subsoil (B horizon)</th><th>5 - 6</th><th>0.25 to 0.6 D@0.4</th><th>0.25 to 0.5 D@0.4</th><th>0.3 to 0.6 D@0.4</th><th>0.3 to 0.6 D@0.4</th></pl;>	СН	Subsoil (B horizon)	5 - 6	0.25 to 0.6 D@0.4	0.25 to 0.5 D@0.4	0.3 to 0.6 D@0.4	0.3 to 0.6 D@0.4
3	Silty CLAY - clayey SILT	Grey brown, light yellowish brown; low plasticity to non-plastic with depth; strength increases with depth; weak horizontal texture/bedding; D; Fb-D	CL	CB horizon (extremely weathered bedrock	4 - 5	0.6 to c1.2	0.9 to 1.1		
4	SILTSTONE, MUDSTONE, SANDSTONE	Grey brown; subhorizontal; strongly fracture; highly weathered	SP	Triassic- age siltstone - mudstone bedrock	N/A	c1.2 to 1.65 EAR	1.1 EAR	0.6 to 0.9 CR	0.6 to 1.3 CR

Notes and abbreviations

USCS = Unified Soil Classification System

Grey cells indicate a missing layer or layers in a test pit

Easting and Northing coordinates from Google Earth and hand-held GPS. Datum is GDA94.

Excavability Equipment = Backhoe; 0.45m GP bucket; 4 teeth; Operator: Renzo D'Orazio

EAR = end as required; NR = no refusal; CR = close to refusal; R = refusal.

Samples D = disturbed sample; U50 = Undisturbed 50mm diam drive tube sample

Weathering For rock only. F = fresh; SW = slightly weathered; MW = moderately weathered; HW = highly weathered;

EW = extremely weathered (ie soil properties; material can be remolded in the hand, with or without water) Moisture D = dry; M = moist (M<=>PL = moisture less than, equal to or greater than Plastic Limit); W = wet.

Consistency Fb = Friable (crumbles to powder when scraped with thumbnail)

S = Soft (Easily penetrated by fist; 25 – 50kPa)

F = Firm (Easily penetrated by thumb; 50 - 100kPa)

St = Stiff (Indented with thumb; penetrated with difficulty; 100 - 200kPa)

VSt = Very stiff (Easily indented with thumbnail; 200 - 400kPa)

H = Hard (Indented by thumbnail with difficulty; >400kPa)

Rel density VL = Very loose (ravelling)

L = Loose (easy shovelling)

MD = Medium dense (hard shovelling)

D = Dense (picking)

VD = Very dense (hard picking)





Lot 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood Site and Soil Evaluation and System Design for wastewater management 8



Figure 2. Results of dispersion testing of samples from pits A – D at and near the LAA. Soil peds immersed for 24 hours in tap water either slake (Emerson Classes 1 - 6) or don't slake (Classes 7 and 8)

Of those that slake, some clearly disperse (Classes 1 and 2) or show no or slight dispersion (Classes 3 - 6). Peds in Classes 3 - 6 which disperse after remoulding are Class 3. Other remoulded peds which do not disperse (or do so after shaking) are Classes 4, 5, or 6. The testing for this project does not distinguish between Classes 4, 5 or 6.





## 2.7 Soil selected for wastewater disposal

The existing soil profile (Category 6) will be used for wastewater disposal. The profile will be modified by the construction of a nonconventional (raised) bed (here called an NCB), with imported topsoil<sup>4</sup>.

This topsoil has been stockpiled on and from adjacent lots owned by the D'Orazio family and is available in sufficient quantities for constructing wastewater disposal system.

The soil from two of these stockpiles was tested for permeability (Plates 1 and 2). Results were 0.06m/day and 0.25m/day (geometric mean = 0.12m/day; Category 4 clay loam; Table L1 of AS/NZS1547).

## Thickness

Combined existing Category 4 –5 topsoil and imported Category 4 topsoil, up to one metre thick.

The overall Category for system sizing = Category 5 in terms of Table L1 of AS/NZS1547.

## Design Loading Rate (DLR)

Adopted as 5mm/day for Category 5 soils.

## 2.8 Groundwater

## 2.8.1 Temporary groundwater conditions

At the time of investigation, no shallow subsurface water was encountered in test pits. None is expected to occur even after heavy rain because the gentle slope of the property currently allows for adequate surface drainage.

## 2.8.2 Permanent groundwater

Permanent groundwater conditions are expected to exist in fractured bedrock beneath the property and throughout the area, but at depths which will not affect residential subdivision.

## 2.8.3 Closest water bore

There are no recorded groundwater extraction bores within one kilometre or so of the area proposed for wastewater disposal (see the <u>Groundwater Information Access Portal</u>).



 $<sup>^4</sup>$ Any topsoil from the house site on Lot 27 should not be used in the NCB because it is Category 4 – 5.





Plate 1 (above). A Cromer Constant Head permeameter test (duration 117 mins) on stockpile 1 at grid coordinate GDA94 525049mE, 5268351mN produced a permeability of 0.06m/day. Texturally, in hand specimen, the topsoil was a dark brown clayey sandy silt. In terms of AS/NZS1547 Table L1, the field permeability corresponds to a "Light clay; weakly to moderately structured (Category 5).

Plate 2 (below). A Cromer Constant Head permeameter test (duration 55 mins) on stockpile 2 at grid coordinate GDA94 525134mE, 5268350mN produced a permeability of 0.25m/day. Texturally, in hand specimen, the topsoil was a dark brown clayey sandy silt. In terms of AS/NZS1547 Table L1, the field permeability corresponds to a "Clay loam; weakly structured (Category 4).







# SYSTEM DESIGN

# 3.1 Regulatory requirements

Wastewater management on this property must comply with:

3

- the requirements of AS/NZS1547:2012 On-site domestic wastewater management and (in lieu of any wastewater provisions in the Tasmanian Planning Scheme – Brighton Council),
- the Director of Building Control's *Guidelines for On-site Wastewater Management Systems* (November 2017; the "Guidelines")

## 3.2 System selection

Because there is a large area of land available for wastewater disposal on moderate slopes down-gradient from the house site, it is proposed to install a septic tank (with outlet filter), discharging via a dosing device to a nonconventional (raised) bed (Attachment 4).

## 3.3 System sizing

## 3.3.1 Septic tank

For reticulated mains water supply and five bedrooms equivalents (seven people and a daily wastewater flow of 1,050L), Table J1 of AS/NZS1547 specifies a minimum volume of between 3,500L and 4,000L for the dual purpose septic tank. The latter is suggested. It shall be fitted with an outlet filter. A bristle filter is appropriate.

# 3.3.2 Pump pit

Not required.

## 3.3.3 Sizing of the wetted area for wastewater disposal

In accordance with Section L4.2 of AS/NZS154, a minimum of 200m<sup>2</sup> of wetted area is required for a daily wastewater volume of 1,050L and a DLR of 5mm/day.

# 3.3.4 Design for land application area (LAA)

Attachment 4 contains a detailed design for the nonconventional bed.

The LAA includes the minimum  $200m^2$  wetted area, and an apron of soil on all sides. These together constitute the nonconventional bed. The footprint of the nonconventional bed is approximately  $30m \times 14 = 420m^2$ .



## 3.3.5 *Flout* dosing device

It is recommended that a *Flout* dosing device be installed between the septic tank and the nonconventional bed. The suggested dosing volume is 400L. See Attachment 4 for details of the device, and links to short videos of it operating. An address for ordering the *Flout* is provided.

## 3.3.6 Cut-off drain

Required. See Attachment 4. A suggested drain design is 0.15 - 0.2m wide and 0.5m deep, with a basal 65mm ag pipe or slotted PVC pipe in a bed of clean aggregate to the surface; the aggregate is wrapped in geofabric.

## 3.4 Land area available

Sufficient area is available for a back-up system, and to satisfy Table 3 of the Guidelines.

## 3.5 Compliance with regulations

The system as designed complies with AS/NZS1547: 2012, and Section 3.1 of the Guidelines (Table 1).

## 3.6 Summary of system design (Attachment 4)

Method	Dual purpose septic tank of min. 3,500L fitted with an outlet filter, and gravity discharge via a <i>Flout</i> to a nonconventional bed
Design details	See Attachment 4. The installer <u>shall</u> also refer to further <u>details for</u> <u>nonconventional beds on my website</u>
Wetted Area	Min. 200m <sup>2</sup>
Second. Disposal Area	a Available if required.
Dosing facility	Required.
Cut-off drain(s)	Required. See Attachment 4.
Setback(s)	See Table 1.





Table 1. System compliance with Guidelines Section 3.1 *Standards for Land Application Areas* 

#### Address

Lot 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood

#### **Director's Guidelines for Onsite Wastewater Management Systems** Section 3.1 Standards for Land Application Areas

OBJECTIVE: To provide for sustainable onsite wastewater management through the provision of appropriately designed and located land application areas and wastewater treatment units

Separation distances to a LAA	Compliance of proposed new lot	Reasons for compliance
Horizontal distance from a building	Complies with A1(i) and (ii)	LAA more than 2m from closest upslope building; no downslope building
Horizontal distance from downslope surface water	Complies with A2(a)	LAA more than 100m from downslope surface water
Horizontal distance from a property boundary (measured at right angles to contours)	Complies with A3(a)	LAA more than 40m from downslope property boundary
Horizontal distance from a downslope bore, well or similar water supply	Complies with A4	No recorded operating water bore within 1km or so of site. See the Groundwater Information Access Portal (http://dpipwe.tas.gov.au/water/ groundwater/groundwater- information-access-portal)
Vertical distance from groundwater	Complies with A5(a)	Vertical separation to groundwater >1.5m
Vertical distance from a limiting layer	Complies with P6	Primary treatment, subsurface application, setback is consistent with AS/NZS1547 Appendix R
Arrangement of the LAA	Complies with P7	LAA will have a minimum horizontal dimension >3m, and will not include areas beneath buildings, driveways or other hard stand areas.

13



# 4 GENERAL NOTES

Depending on the type of on-site wastewater management system installed, owners may be required by Council to satisfy all or some of the following, which would usually form a set of conditions of approval for a Plumbing Permit.

1. The system shall comply with the currently-adopted version of AS/NZS1547.

2. All tank and system openings shall be accessible at finished surface level for inspection and servicing, and adequately sealed to prevent stormwater infiltration.

3. Where pumps are fitted and power is required for system operation, a hard-wired audible and visible (indicator light) alarm shall be installed to warn of pump failure, blower failure and power failure.

4. Where an existing disposal system is being added to or altered and the existing septic tank is going to be used, a filter will need to be retro-fitted to the existing septic tank. Owners will need to advise their plumber to ensure that this matter is taken into consideration when purchasing a new septic tank or where the filter is to be retro-fitted.

5. The minimum wetted area requirement for wastewater disposal must be installed and maintained in the approved locations as per the design by the Designer and lodged with the application for a Plumbing Permit.

6. All wastewater disposal (including irrigation) areas shall be completed, approved and formally signed off by the Designer as complying with AS/NZS1547 prior to commissioning of the system. Certification, in a format approved by Council; shall include a site plan to scale showing the wastewater disposal locations and areas property boundaries, infrastructure, GPS grid coordinates.

7. All pipes, pipe sleeves, identification tapes, and outlets on an irrigation system shall be coloured lilac (P23), in accordance with AS2700.

8. If one or more wastewater irrigation systems are proposed, they shall be constructed and installed in accordance with approved plans accompanying the Plumbing Permit, and the following:

Spray Irrigation Systems:

- The sprinklers used for distributing the wastewater must of a type that minimise formation of small droplets and aerosols. Impact and pencil type sprays shall not be used.
- A flush valve is to be installed on each irrigation area so that the lines can be flushed. The discharge from the flush valve must discharge either onto the irrigation area or piped back to a suitable chamber of the treatment system, having regard to whether the wastewater is chlorinated or not, so that the efficacy of the treatment plant is not compromised by the introduction of the flush water.
- Flush valves are to be installed in valve boxes to enable inspection and service.



Drip and Sub-surface Irrigation Systems:

- Only pressure compensated drip line shall be used.
- Vacuum breaker valves are to be provided at the high point(s) of all irrigation fields. Such valves are to be installed in valve boxes to enable inspection and service.
- A flush valve is to be installed on the low point of each irrigation field with piping discharging the flush water to a suitable chamber of the treatment system, having regard to whether the wastewater is chlorinated or not, so that the efficacy of the treatment plant is not compromised by the introduction of the flush water. Flush valves are to be installed in valve boxes to enable inspection and service.

9. Unless specifically advised by the Designer as unnecessary or inappropriate, an effective surface water diversion drain or mound shall be provided and maintained on the high side of wastewater disposal (including irrigation) areas. Note that all concentrated stormwater must be retained on the property.

10. Weed matting, plastic or other materials that impede water penetration into the soil shall not be used between the irrigation system and the soil surface.

11. All wastewater irrigation areas shall be maintained in good order at all times. Such maintenance includes but may not be restricted to weeding, mowing, and replacement of mulch or plants.

12. Council shall be provided with an amended plan if the location of the irrigation area is altered or changed from the "as installed" plan. The owner shall ensure that any altered wastewater disposal (including irrigation) areas meet minimum setback distances from boundaries and buildings and any other conditions contained within this permit.

13. The wastewater treatment system shall be regularly maintained in accordance with the conditions of accreditation issued under relevant plumbing codes, guidelines or regulations.

14. Any septic tank associated with the disposal system shall be desludged at least once every three years.

15. Where required, the owner shall enter into and maintain an on-going service maintenance agreement with a person with appropriate qualifications and experience to maintain the wastewater disposal system in accordance with relevant plumbing codes, guidelines or regulations. A copy of the signed agreement shall be submitted to Council before commissioning of the system.

16. Where required, secondary treated effluent quality for covered drip and shallow subsurface irrigation on a land application area shall meet the criteria specified in the installed system's certificate of accreditation or, if not specified, as follows (from Appendix M of AS/NZS1547:2012):

5-day Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD5)	90% of samples <=20g/m3
	(no sample >30g/m3)
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	90% of samples <=30g/m3





(no sample >45g/m3)

For spray irrigation of secondary treated wastewater, the above shall apply, and in addition the following shall apply:

E. coli

average concentration 10cfu/100ml

(less than 20% of samples >20cfu/100ml)

Free available chlorine

between 0.5 – 2mg/L

17. Only when these tests indicate compliance will the unit be regarded as being commissioned. A NATA approved laboratory should conduct such tests. Testing shall be conducted as follows:

a) Commissioning phase: Mandatory testing after three months from the final installation inspection (to coincide with the normal on-going scheduled maintenance visits) but fortnightly in the event of failure to comply

b) On going operational phase: Mandatory testing for a free chlorine residue is required every three months. Remedial works should be undertaken when the minimum fire chlorine residual is not met. Random surveillance for BOD5, TSS and thermotolerant coliforms shall be done at no less than once each 4 years. An authorised person may require sampling for BOD5, TSS and thermotolerant coliforms or to undertake other chemical analyses to help identify operational problems.

18. Where required, monitoring details for individual on-site waste water management systems are to be recorded on a standardised form and lodged with the Council each quarter.

19. A final inspection of all installations may be conducted by a Council Environmental Health Officer following receipt of the written certification from the system designer. Plumbers and owners should be made aware that a minimum number of working days' notice is required for such inspections and the building will need to be open for inspection as required.

WEimer

W. C. Cromer Principal

This report is	and must remain accompanied by the following Attachments
Attachment 1.	Location and landslide hazard bands, aerial imagery, hillshading
Attachment 2	Site and test pit photographs (6 pages)
	Site and test pit photographs (0 pages)
Attachment 3.	Aerial image showing test pits and approximate house site,
	and the location of proposed LAA relative to house site ((1 page)
Attachment 4.	Schematic system layout and construction details (6 pages)
Attachment 5.	Loading Certificate and risk assessment (4 pages)
Attachment 6.	Form 35 for this project (3 pages)
Attachment 7.	Documents required in relation to a plumbing permit for an on-site wastewater management system (2 pages)





## Attachment 1 (4 pages)

Location and landslide hazard bands, aerial imagery, hillshading and published geology Sources: <u>http://maps.thelist.tas.gov.au;</u> Mineral Resources Tasmania



















21

### Attachment 2 (6 pages including this page) Site and test pit photographs

The scale in the photos is graduated into red- and black-numbered segments each one metre long. The numbers are decimetres.

There are three photos for test pits A, B and D (no photos were taken of pit C). The first and main photo shows the soil profile in the test pit, the second shows the location of the test pit relative to site features, and the third shows the materials excavated from the test pit (first to last is from right to left)







From top to bottom: views looking east, east-southeast and southeast from near the western property boundary over the area (between pits C and D) proposed for the new house.



28 April 2022

23













25

There are no photographs of test pit C Table 4.1 in Attachment 4 shows its soil profile to be very similar to that in test pit D.





Lot 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood Site and Soil Evaluation and System Design for wastewater management

28 April 2022

26







27

**Attachment 3** (1 page) Aerial image showing test pits and approximate house site, and the location of proposed LAA relative to house site

Source for base image: Google Earth; image date 12 April 2019











28 April 2022





#### MATERIALS AND RECOMMENDED DIMENSIONS

Mate	nais
1	Topsoil after any grass cover stripped. Thoroughly rip as shown to depth s
2	Subsoil. Thoroughly rip as shown to depth s
3	Bedrock
4	On-site and/or imported Category 1, 2, 3 or 4 soil. See Note 1 below.
5	Distribution module: 7-10mm durable screened aggregate below and above distribution pipework
6	Distribution pipework: 100mm PVC perforated with 4mm diam holes nom. each metre or so.
7	Geofabric
8	Soil cover over bed and distribution module
9	100mm inspection opening to surface
10	Cut-off drain, with nom. 65mm ag pipe at base, backfilled to surface with aggregate; geofabric lined

#### Recommended dimensions for the current system

	Unit	Size	Description/comment
L	m	25	Length of distribution module. L x a = wetted area.
а	m	8	Width of distribution module. L x a = wetted area.
b	m	0.8	Distance from pipework to outer edge of distribution module
С	m	1	Distance between centres of distribution pipework
d	m	3	Distance between centres of lateral pipework
е	m	1	Distance from edge of distribution module to break of slope of bed
f	m	3.5-4	Width of downslope apron
g	m	2	Width of upslope apron
h	m	2-Mar	Width of side apron
i	m	0.1	Thickness of Type 4 soil at upslope end of distribution module
j	m	1.5	Thickness of Type 4 soil at downslope end of distribution module
k	mm	160	Thickness of aggregate in distribution module; contains distribution pipework.
1	mm	120	Thickness of covering soil over distribution module and bed
m	m	0.5	Distance from bed to upslope cut-off drain
n	m	0.5	Depth of cut-off drain with ag, pipe and aggregate wrapped in geofabric.; maintain 1:50 gradient.
0	m	0.15-0.2	Width of cut-off drain. Continue aggregate to surface.
р	degrees	30	Slope of downslope apron
q	degrees	2	Slope of upslope apron
r	degrees	2	Slope of final surface of bed
S	m	0.6	Depth of ripping

#### Important notes

1. CHECK WHETHER DESIGNER REQUIRES A SAMPLE OF YOUR PROPOSED IMPORTED SOIL FOR CERTIFICATION BEFORE CONSTRUCTION.

2. CHECK WITH DESIGNER WHETHER SITE INSPECTION(S) ARE REQUIRED, AND AT WHAT STAGE(S) OF CONSTRUCTION.











30


# Flout dosing device

"The Flout is used to turn a normal, sporadic flow of wastewater into controlled, equal intermittent doses. This is useful when delivering water to reed beds or leachfields, ensuring an even spread of water, optimising treatment performance and reliability. Because they operate solely under gravity, where there is a suitable fall in the land Flouts eliminate the need for electrical pumps." https://watercoursesystems.co.uk/flout-floating-outlet/

View a short lab video. View another with a Flout emptying



The Flout can be ordered from:

Whitehead & Associates 197 Main Road Cardiff NSW 2285 Telephone 02 4954 4996 mail@whiteheadenvironmental.com.au





31





Plate 4.1 (above). Example of a nonconventional bed before covering the distribution pipework with more aggregate, geofabric, and covering soil. This is the stage when the pipework grid should be water- filled and carefully perforated. Start with 4mm holes every 2m or so, and in-fill the holes to obtain even distribution of wetted areas. Holes in outer pipework should point inwards. Note inspection openings (to surface) at ends of laterals.

Plate 4.2 (below). Detail of the inlet pipework and fittings to the distribution pipework. The setup is designed to facilitate even distribution of wastewater to the laterals. Note inspection opening on incoming line (foreground)











Plate 4.3 (above). Example of a nonconventional bed before covering the distribution pipework with more aggregate, geofabric, and covering soil. This is the stage when the pipework grid should be water- filled and carefully perforated.

Plate 4.4 (below). Example of completed nonconventional bed (arrowed)







# Attachment 5

#### (4 pages) Loading Certificate and risk assessment

The owner should retain and read any certificate of accreditation, operating manual or related documents for components of the selected wastewater treatment system, to ensure optimal, nuisance free operation of the system with minimal environmental health impacts.

This loading certificate is provided in accordance with Clause 7.4.2(d) of AS/NZS 1547

## 5.1 System capacity (medium-long term)

1,050 litres/day; 7 persons

## 5.2 Design criteria summary:

Effluent quality	Primary from a dual-purpose septic tank
Soil category	Category 4 – 5. Max medium-long term Design
<i>c</i> ,	Loading Rate no more than 5mm/day.
Land application system	Discharge from the septic tank via an outlet (eg bristle) filter, through a <i>Flout</i> dosing device (400L dose) and thence to a nonconventional bed with a minimum wetted area of 200m <sup>2</sup> . See this report.

## 5.3 Primary disposal area (land application area)

The LAA includes the wetted area, and an apron of soil on all sides. These together constitute the nonconventional bed. The footprint of the bed+apron is approximately  $30m \times 14m = c.420m^2$ . See Attachment 4.

## 5.4 Secondary disposal area (Reserve land application area)

A nominal location for the Reserve area (SDA) is available.

## 5.5 Water efficient fittings etc

Design assumes standard use of water efficient fixtures and fittings, eg 3L/6L flush toilets, 9L/min (max) showerheads, aerator fittings on taps. (see https://apps5a.ris.environment.gov.au/wels-public/search-product-select-load.do)

## 5.6 Phosphorus free detergents, etc

Phosphorus free detergents and soaps are recommended for the house.

## 5.7 Variation from design flows etc.

The system should successfully manage additional <u>occasional</u> short term (eg no longer than daily) peak loadings provided that this does not exceed more than 25% of the design system capacity.

#### 5.8 Consequences of changing wastewater characteristics.

Users of the system should avoid disposing of wastes which would be additional to those normally disposed in a household sewerage system; in particular, increases in organic loadings such as from the use of sink-waste disposal units are to be avoided.

Users of the system should avoid using disinfectants or bactericides in anything more than small amounts and at recommended rates of dilution, and should not dispose of solvents and other chemicals or pharmaceuticals such as antibiotics or antimicrobials which may kill bacteria and other microorganisms required for effective wastewater treatment.

## 5.9 Consequences of overloading the system.

Long term daily wastewater generation exceeding system capacity may result in biological and hydraulic overloading of the nonconventional bed, surfacing of effluent, environmental health nuisances, pollution of surface water and groundwater etc.

#### 5.10 Consequences of underloading the system.

Long periods of zero use may result in poor functioning of the system when normal use recommences.





#### **5.11 Consequences of lack of operation, maintenance and monitoring attention.** The components of the wastewater system are

- 1. the dual-purpose septic tank fitted with outlet filter,
- 2. the Drainwave dosing device,
- 3. the 100mm PVC delivery line, and
- 4. the nonconventional bed at the LAA

Consequences of failure to observe the regular maintenance requirements may include any of the following:

- Spread of infectious diseases
- Nuisance and unpleasant odours
- Pollution of waterways, streams, beaches and shellfish beds
- Contamination of bores, wells and groundwater
- Excessive and unsightly weed growth
- Alteration of local ecology
- 5.12 Maintenance of a system log book

It is recommended that a log book be kept of system maintenance (eg pump out of septic tank), problems or modifications.

### 5.13 Other relevant considerations

Fence off the land application area so people (including children), animals and vehicles do not have access.

Do not allow vehicles within the LAA. If grassed, the LAA and its batter slopes can be maintained with a lawn mower.

Make no modifications to the design of this system without authorisation.

#### 5.14 Risk management of the proposed wastewater management system

Tables 5.1 and 5.2 summarise a risk management approach for the wastewater management system at this site, in general accordance with Clause A3.2 of AS/NZS1547.

Table 5.1 Terminology used in risk management in this report

Table 5.2 Issues relating to the use and sustainable management of the wastewater system at this site





	0,	0	1	
Likelihood	Consequenc	es to property a	nd or indicated s	stakeholders
	Major	Medium	Minor	Insignificant
Almost certain	VH	VH	Н	L
Likely	VH	Н	M	L
Possible	H	M	L	VL
Unlikely	M	L	L	VL
Rare	L	L	VL	VL
Barely credible	VL	VL	VL	VL

## Table 5.1. Terminology used in risk management in this report

#### Notes

1. In this report, an **issue** is defined as a physical, chemical or environmental aspect of a particular site (as listed in Trench<sup>R</sup>3) which should usually (but not necessarily always) be considered in the design of a wastewater system at the site.

 Likelihood describes the possibility – if untreated – of the issue causing a hazard over the projected operational life of the on-site wastewater management system

A hazard is a physical, chemical or biological agent with the potential to cause harm.
Consequence describes the level of impact or harm caused by a hazard, and in this report is defined as:

Insignificant = harm easily remedied by landowner or licenced plumber; all wastewater retained on land application area

Minor = harm requires licenced plumber to remedy; all wastewater retained on land application area

<u>Medium</u> = harm requires licenced plumber to remedy; some or all wastewater discharges via surface or shallow seepage off the land application area but all is retained on the property

<u>Major</u> = harm requires licenced plumber to remedy; some or all wastewater discharges via surface or shallow seepage off the land application area and property to one or more neighbours and/or receiving waters. Regulator may or may not serve notice to landowner.

 Risk = Likelihood combined with Consequence. VL = Very Low; L = Low; M = Moderate; H = High; VH = Very High. Levels are colour-coded.

6. Stakeholders (Section A3.2.1 of AS/NZS1547:2012)

This risk assessment applies to the stakeholders indicated below: Internal stakeholders

client (property owner) property occupier (if not owner) site investigator system designer system installer equipment supplier servicing agent

External stakeholders

regulator

neighbouring property owners

7. The definitions of issue, likelhood, consequence and risk shown here are proposed by William C Cromer Pty Ltd, but do not have the approval of any regulatory authority. In the interests of improving risk assessments for on-site wastewater management, constructive comment and feedback are invited and welcomed from wastewater practitioners and





Table 5.2 Issues relating to the use and sustainable management of the wastewater system at this site From The Director of Building Control Accreditation and Maintenance of Plumbing Installations (December 2016)

					Before treatment				After treatm	ent	
Issue #	System component	Size, etc	Confidence level of value used	Potential hazard(s) related to use	Likelihood of this issue causing a hazard	Consequences to property and stakeholders if issue causes a hazard	Level of risk to property and stakeholders if issue creates a hazard	Recommended risk treatment (and explanatory notes)	Likelihood of this issue becoming a hazard	Consequences to property and stakeholders if issue causes a hazard	Level of risk to property and stakeholders if issue becomes a hazard
1	Dual purpose septic tank	Min. 3500 with outlet filter and <i>Flout</i> dosing device (400L dose)	High	Malfunction of any component	Possible	Medium	Moderate	Maintian septic tank with the schedule of maintenance issued in accordance with Section 206 of the Building Act 2016. Pump out at least every 5 years (or as specified by the designer of the tank or as required) when the building has been permanently occupied. Check and clean outlet filter regularly (monthly?). Inspect and clean dosing device regularly as required.	Possible	Minor	Low
2	Buried pipework from septic tank to nonconventional bed	DN100 PVC; <i>Flout</i> tank, 250L dose volume	High	Breakage; clogging of pipework	Possible	Medium	Moderate	Heavy-footed animals (horses, cows, etc), and/or vehicles must not be located and have no access over the line of pipework. If necessary, fence off or otherwise isolate.	Possible	Minor	Low
3	Nonconventional bed (LAA)	Approx. 420m2 footprint with min. wetted area of 200m2	High	Clogging of pipework	Possible	Medium	Moderate	Heavy-footed animals (horses, cows, etc), and/or vehicles must not be located and have no access over the LAA. Inspect pipework annually or more frequently as required and if necessary flush out pipework via IOs.	Possible	Minor	Low



28 April 2022

## Attachment 6 (3 pages) Form 35 for this project

	CERTIFICAT	IFICATE OF THE RESPONSIBLE DESIGNER						Section 94 Section 106 Section 129 Section 155		
	To:	R. D'Orazio					Owner nan	ne	25	
		renzo@daystrom.com.au Ad				Address Suburb/postc	ode	Form <b>35</b>	)	
	Designer detail	s.								_
	Name:						0-1			
	Name.	Bill Cromer	Bill Cromer				Category			
	Business name:	William C Cromer F	William C Cromer Pty Ltd				Phone No	): (	0408   22   27	
	Business address:	74A Channel Highwa	ау							
		Taroona					Fax No	D:		
	Licence No:	CC6184Q	Email address:	bi	illcrom	er@	)bigpond.co	m		
	Details of the p	roposed work:								
	Owner/Applicant	R. D'Orazio	R. D'Orazio				Designer's pr	oject		
	Address:	Lot 27 Braeview Drive								
<del>،</del> †•		Honeywood								
+	Type of work:	Building work Plumbing work X (X all applicable						X (X all applicable)		
	Description of work:									
	On-site wastewater management system On-site wastewater management system <i>vater / seve</i> <i>stormwater / on-site waste</i> <i>management</i> <i>backflow previous</i>					/ building / alteration / ion / repair / removal / ection er / sewerage / mwater / ite wastewater agement system / flow prevention / other)				
	Description of the	Design Work (Scope,	limitations o	or e	xclusio	ons):	(X all applica	ble c	ertificates)	
	Certificate Type:	Certificate				Res	ponsible P	ract	itioner	
		Building design	1			Arc	hitect or Buil	ding	Designer	
		Eiro Safoty dos	gn			Fire	Engineer	li De	signer	
			sign			Civi	I Engineer o	r Civ	vil Designer	
		Hydraulic desig	gn			Buil	ding Service	s D	esigner	
		Fire service de	□ Fire service design E			Building Services Designer				
		Electrical design	jn			Building Services Designer				
Mechanical design						Building Service Designer				
		X Plumbing design Designer <del>or Engineer</del>						<del>rchitect</del> , Building <del>er</del>		
		Other (specify)	Other (specify)							
	Deemed-to-Satisfy:	X Performance Soluti			oluti	on: 🗖 (X	the a	ppropriate box)		
	Other details:		I						-	
	See Cromer (2022)	report below								

Director of Building Control - date approved: 2 August 2017

Building Act 2016 - Approved Form No 35





Design documents provided	:				
The following documents are provid Document description:	ed with this Certificate –				
Drawing numbers: See Cromer (2022) report below	Prepared by:	Date:			
Schedules: See Cromer (2022) report below	Prepared by:	Date:			
Specifications: See Cromer (2022) report below	Prepared by:	Date:			
Computations: See Cromer (2022) report below	Prepared by:	Date:			
Performance solution proposals: See Cromer (2022) report below	Prepared by:	Date:			
Test reports: See Cromer (2022) report below	Prepared by:	Date:			
Standards, codes or guidelin	nes (where applicable)				
AS/NZS1547:2012 On-site domestic wastewater management Cromer, W. C. (1999). Trench <sup>™</sup> 3.0: A computer application for site assessment and system sizing, <u>in</u> Patterson, R. A. (Ed.) On-site '99 – Proceedings of the On-Site '99 Conference: Making on-site wastewater systems work. Univ. of New England, Armidale, 13-15 Jul 1999, pp 85-88 E23.0 Tasmanian On-site Wastewater Management Code The Tasmanian Director of Building Control's Guidance for On-site Wastewater Management Systems (Nov 2017) The Tasmanian Director of Building Control's Determination – Accreditation and Maintenance of Plumbing Installations (Dec 2016)					
Any other relevant documentation: Cromer, W. C. (2022). Site and Soil Evaluation Report, and System Design for On-site Wastewater Management, new house, Lot 27 Braeview Drive, Honeywood. Unpublished report for R. D'Orazio by William C. Cromer Pty. Ltd., 28 April 2022.					
Attribution as designer:					
I William C Cromer	I William C Cromer				

am responsible for the design of that part of the work as described in this certificate;

The documentation relating to the design includes sufficient information for the assessment of the work in accordance with the *Building Act 2016* and sufficient detail for the builder or plumber to carry out the work in accordance with the documents and the Act;

This certificate confirms compliance and is evidence of suitability of this design with the requirements of the National Construction Code.

	Name: (print)	Signed	Date
Designer:	William C Cromer	Witcomen	28 Mar 2022
Licence No:	CC6184Q		

Director of Building Control - date approved: 2 August 2017

Building Act 2016 - Approved Form No 35



Assessment of Certifiable Works: (TasWater)
Note: single residential dwellings and outbuildings on a lot with an existing sewer connection are not considered to increase demand and are not certifiable.
If you cannot check ALL of these boxes, LEAVE THIS SECTION BLANK.
TasWater must then be contacted to determine if the proposed works are Certifiable Works.
I confirm that the proposed works are not Certifiable Works, in accordance with the Guidelines for TasWater CCW Assessments, by virtue that all of the following are satisfied:
The works will not increase the demand for water supplied by TasWater
The works will not increase or decrease the amount of sewage or toxins that is to be removed by, or discharged into, TasWater's sewerage infrastructure
The works will not require a new connection, or a modification to an existing connection, to be made to TasWater's infrastructure
The works will not damage or interfere with TasWater's works
The works will not adversely affect TasWater's operations
The work are not within 2m of TasWater's infrastructure and are outside any TasWater easement
I have checked the LISTMap to confirm the location of TasWater infrastructure
If the property is connected to TasWater's water system, a water meter is in place, or has been applied for to TasWater.

#### Certification:

I being responsible for the proposed work, am satisfied that the works described above are not Certifiable Works, as defined within the *Water and Sewerage Industry Act 2008,* that I have answered the above questions with all due diligence and have read and understood the Guidelines for TasWater CCW Assessments.

Note: the Guidelines for TasWater Certification of Certifiable Works Assessments are available at: <u>www.taswater.com.au</u>

Name: (print)

Designer:

Signed

Date

Director of Building Control - date approved: 2 August 2017





## Attachment 7

## (2 pages)

## Documents required in relation to a plumbing permit for an

on-site wastewater management system

Source: Director of Building Control Director's Specified List (Part 3), September 2017 v1.2

The documents listed below are required to accompany an application for a plumbing permit for the installation of an on-site wastewater management system.

1.Complete drawings of the installation, drawn to a scale of not less than 1:200 or as agreed to by the Permit Authority, showing the following:

- (a) the title boundaries of the land;
- (b) the position of any existing or proposed buildings on the land and their use;
- (c) the position of any roads or driveways on the land;
- (d) the location of any water courses;
- (e) the contours on the land;
- (f) the position of the Wastewater treatment unit; Wastewater land application

area (absorption trenches, mound, irrigation area); Pump chamber, distribution box or other manual or automatic valve; Soil evaluation test holes.

(g) the location and size of any drains and vents;

(h) the location of any cut-off drains diverting surface water or sub-soil drains for ground water;

(i) the location of the outlets from the building;

(j) A cross section drawing demonstrating that there is sufficient gravity fall from the plumbing fixtures to the wastewater treatment unit and land application area.

(k) Operation and maintenance guidelines for the OWMS

(I) Installation instructions for the wastewater treatment unit and land application area

2. Written details of the proposed fixture unit load on the system or parts of the system.

3. A site-and-soil evaluation report completed in accordance with AS/NZS 1547:2012 clause 5.2

4. A Design report which is consistent with the Director of Building Control Onsite Wastewater Management Guidelines and includes the following;

(a) A design based on the site and soil evaluation report

(b) Design calculations for the wastewater land application system and wastewater treatment unit

(c) Specification for the wastewater treatment unit, if a unique on-site wastewater management system a design report from a suitably qualified designer demonstrating compliance with the performance requirements of the Volume 3 of the NCC.

(d) A loading certificate setting out the design criteria and the limitations associated with use of the system incorporating the following:

- System capacity (number of persons and daily flow)
- Summary of design criteria
- The location of and use of the reserve area
- Use of water efficient fittings, fixtures, or appliances
- Allowable variation from design flows (peak loading events)





• Consequences of changes in loading (due to varying wastewater characteristics)

- Consequences of overloading the system
- Consequences of underloading the system
- Consequences of lack of operation, maintenance, and monitoring attention
- Any other relevant considerations related to use of the system; and

(e) The results of the risk management process undertaken in accordance with AS/NZS 1547 Clause A3.2. if required by the Director of Building Control Onsite Wastewater Management Guidelines.

5. A written specification and construction details of the land application system to be used, including details of the following:

- (a) the type of system;
- (b) the trade name, if any;
- (c) the manufacturer's name and address;
- (d) the design capacity of the system; and

(e) a section (drawing detail) through the land application system, of not less than 1:20, specifying its construction.

(f) Pump chamber capacity, pump and supply pipe specifications (where appropriate)

(g) Distribution boxes, automatic sequencing valves, dosing syphons or other pulse dosing devices.

6. Copy of Certificate of Accreditation issued under the Building Act by the Director of Building Control for the on-site wastewater management system (if applicable).

7. Any other document or certificate required by the relevant permit authority or environmental health officer



42

