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**Onsite Wastewater System Design**

**77 Watsons Road  
Kettering**

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## 1. Introduction

Strata Geoscience and Environmental Pty Ltd was commissioned to conduct an onsite wastewater system design for:

<b>Client and Site Details</b>	
Client/Agent Name	Peter Brennan
Site Address	77 Watsons Road Kettering
Proposed Development	New system for renovated dwelling

The investigation was conducted with reference to Australian Standards AS1547-2012 Onsite Domestic Wastewater Management and also follows the principles outlined in AS1726-1993 Geotechnical Site Investigations.

## 2. Summary of Site and Soil Evaluation and Design Outcomes

The investigation's key findings were:

<b>SSE and Design Outcomes</b>	
General Comments	Site suitable for disposal of secondary treatment
Key Site and Soil Limitations to System Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rocky clay soils</li><li>• Potential for shallow ephemeral groundwater</li><li>• Proximal surface waters</li><li>• Sensitive Vegetation</li></ul>
Summary of Proposed System Specification	Primary Treatment: AWTS Secondary Treatment: AWTS Land Application: SUBSURFACE IRRIGATION

### **3. Investigation**

Please refer to Appendix 4 for bore logs, permeability data (where tested) and other relevant site information.

### **4. Interpretation**

The site is situated on a slight simple slope underlain by shallow clays derived from inferred Jurassic aged rocks.

With respect to the sustainability of long term disposal of wastewater within the site boundaries the following comments are made:

**Soils** – Natural soils will have a low permeability for the acceptance of wastewater flows and will show a moderate cation exchange complex for the absorption of nutrients from effluent.

**Environmental Sensitivities** – The development area is slightly sloping with nearest surface water body located approximately 50+ m downslope of the proposed residence. Groundwater was not intersected throughout geotechnical investigation and is anticipated to be several meters beneath the existing ground surface.

**Climate** - the nearest weather station with long term data is Kettering Station with a mean annual rainfall of 566 mm (BOM 2026) and no evaporation data. A net rainfall deficit would likely exist for the site.

**Title Searches** – Searches of the Land Title did not show any easements or right of ways which would affect the positioning of the wastewater land application system.

Given the above, the general environmental and public health risk associated with the site is regarded as low provided adequate setback distances and other controls are adopted.

## 5. Onsite Wastewater System Design

### 5.1 Site and Soil Considerations

Results of the SSE (Appendix 4) found the following typical soil profile on site:

	Topsoils (A1-A3)	Subsoils (B1-B3)
Description	Clayey SILT (ML)	CLAY (CL/CH)
Soil Category (AS1547-2012)	1	5
Indicative Permeability (m/d)	2.0+	0.5
Recommended DIR (mm/d)/DLR (L/D)	5	3
pH	6.1	5.8
EC	2.2	4.2
Emmerson Class	8	5

### 5.2 Risk Management of Site and Soil Constraints

Risk identification and reduction measures compliant with AS1547 – 2012

Clause A3.2 is presented below:

Risk	Factors that Increase Risk Likelihood	Design Risk Reduction Measures
Hydraulic Overloading of System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Under scaled system</li> <li>• Prolonged overuse</li> <li>• Leaking taps</li> <li>• Shock Loading</li> <li>• Excessive solid disposal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scale to peak potential loading</li> <li>• Use Conservative DLR/DIR</li> <li>• Use water conservation practices eg water reduction fixtures</li> </ul>
Biological Failure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overuse of household chemicals</li> <li>• Shock loading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limit detergents and bleach use where practical</li> <li>• System not fit for spa or sinkerator installation</li> </ul>
Marginal Soil Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• low soil hydraulic conductivity</li> <li>• Dispersive soils</li> <li>• Poor aspect/drainage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use appropriate DLR/DIR, avoid trenching</li> <li>• Treat with gypsum, manage sodium inputs</li> </ul>
Site Constraints	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drainage</li> <li>• Variable slopes</li> <li>• Proximal surface water</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use irrigation into topsoils on flatter areas</li> </ul>

Risk	Factors that Increase Risk Likelihood	Design Risk Reduction Measures
High Rainfall/Torrential Rainfall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inappropriate LAA Scaling</li> <li>• Stormwater impacts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use suitable hydraulic scaling</li> <li>• Stormwater Diversion around LAA if required</li> </ul>
Clogged Outlet Filter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overloading</li> <li>• Infrequent cleaning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean monthly</li> </ul>
Pipe Blockages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overloading</li> <li>• Infrequent de-sludging</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduce solids inflows</li> <li>• De-sludge septic max 3 year intervals</li> <li>• Check IO's regularly</li> </ul>
Sludge transport to LAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrequent de-sludging</li> <li>• Clogged outlet filter</li> <li>• High organic loading</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• De-sludge septic max 3 year intervals</li> <li>• Clean filter monthly</li> <li>• No sinkerator installation</li> </ul>
Broken pipes in LAA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stock/vehicles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exclude stock/vehicles</li> </ul>

### 5.3 Proposed Wastewater System Concept Design

It is therefore recommended that the following system be adopted:

Treatment Train Component	Proposed Concept Design
Primary Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AWTS</li> </ul>
Secondary Treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irrigation</li> </ul>
LAA Design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Irrigation</li> </ul>

### 5.4 Effluent Flow and Land Application Area Modelling

The development proposal is for the construction of a new wastewater system to service:

Maximum Daily Hydraulic and BOD Loadings			
Segment	Loading (L/D)	Maximum Daily Hydraulic Loading (L/D)	Maximum Daily BOD Loading (g/D)
5 Bedroom Dwelling 7 EP	7 EP at 120L/D* <sup>1</sup> 7 EP at 60g BOD/EP/D* <sup>1</sup>	840	420
<b>Totals</b>		<b>840</b>	<b>420</b>
<b>Irrigation Area Requirement</b> <b>m<sup>2</sup></b> <b>(based upon DLR of 3 mm/d)</b>			

\*<sup>1</sup> Specific Flow Rate Modelling Notes taken from AS1547-2012

The absorption area could be catered for by one 280m<sup>2</sup> subsurface irrigation installed as shown on the site plan with adequate room for a 50% reserve if required (see Appendix 2). Refer to Appendix 2/3 for more detailed calculations as well as specific design and construction notes.

## 5.5 System Specifications

The system has the following specification (see Appendix 1-3 for further details):

- Min DN100 gravity fed sewer pipe
- Min 1500L/d (daily treatment capacity) approved AWTS. (Note tank should be anchored to prevent popping if influenced by shallow groundwater tables).
- Min 280 m<sup>2</sup> Subsurface irrigation
- Provision for 50% reserve area (must remain free from development)

## 5.6 Management Requirements

It is imperative that regular servicing of the treatment unit compliant with the prescriptions of the manufacturer and Council permit occur.

To ensure that the treatment system functions adequately and provides effective treatment and disposal of effluent over its design life, asset owners have the following responsibilities:

- Suitably qualified maintenance contractors must be engaged to service the system, as required by Council under the approval to operate.
- Keep as much fat and oil out of the system as possible; and
- Conserve water.

Minimum servicing schedule:

Treatment Train Component	Service Interval
AWTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SERIVES AS PER MANUFACTURERS RECOMMENDATIONS WITH QUALIFIED TECHNICIAN, RETAIN ALL RECORDS</li> </ul>
IRRIGATION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ENSURE ADEQUATE PLANTINGS OF 1 PLANT PER 4M<sup>2</sup> AT INSTALLATION.</li> <li>• ENSURE MULCH COVERING IS MAINTAINED</li> <li>• ENSURE UPSLOPE INTERCEPTOR (WHERE RECOMMENDED) IS INSTALLED.</li> </ul>

To ensure that the land application area (LAA) functions adequately and provides effective treatment and disposal of effluent over its design life, asset owners have the following responsibilities:

- LAA should be checked regularly to ensure that effluent is draining freely, including flushing of lines and cleaning of inline filters.
- All vehicles, livestock and large trees should be excluded from around the irrigation area.
- Low sodium/phosphorous based detergents should be used to increase the service life of irrigation area.
- Regularly harvest (mow) vegetation within the LAA and remove this to maximise uptake of water and nutrients;
- Not to erect any structures over the LAA;
- Ensure that the LAA is kept level by filling any depressions with good quality topsoil (not clay).

Excessive surface dampness, smell or growth of vegetation around the LAA may indicate sub-optimal performance and professional advice should be sort.

### **5.7 Compliance Requirements**

The setbacks as indicated on the site plan conform with Acceptable Solutions or Performance Criteria for setback distance outlined in the Tasmanian Building Code 2016.

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Acceptable Solutions	Performance Criteria	Compliance
<p>A1</p> <p>Horizontal separation distance from a building to a land application area must comply with one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. be no less than 6m:</li> <li>b. be no less than: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 3m from an upslope or level building.</li> <li>(ii) If primary treated effluent to be no less than 4m plus 1m for every degree of average gradient from a downslope building</li> <li>(iii) If secondary treatment and subsurface application, no less than 2m plus 0.25m for every degree of average gradient from a downslope building</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>P1</p> <p>a. The land application area is located so that the risk of wastewater reducing the bearing capacity of the buildings foundations is acceptably low</p>	<p>Complies with b(i)</p>
<p>A2</p> <p>Horizontal separation distance from downslope water to a land application area must comply with (a) or (b).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) be no less than 80m</li> <li>b) be no less than the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) If primary treated effluent to be no less than 15m plus 7m for every degree of average gradient from a downslope surface water, or;</li> <li>ii) if secondary treatment and subsurface application, no less than 15m plus 2 m for every degree of average gradient from a downslope surface water</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>P2</p> <p>Horizontal separation distance from downslope water to a land application area must comply with all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Setbacks must be consistent with AS/NZS 1547 Appendix R</li> <li>b) A risk assessment in accordance with Appendix A of AS/NZS 1547 has been completed that demonstrates that the risk is acceptable</li> </ul>	<p>Complies with A2 (bii)</p>
<p>A3</p> <p>Horizontal separation distance from a property boundary to a land application area must comply with either of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) be no less than 40m from a property boundary</li> <li>b) be no less than <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) 1.5m from an upslope or level property boundary; and</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>P3</p> <p>Horizontal separation distance from the boundary to a land application area must comply with all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Setbacks must be consistent with AS/NZS 1547 Appendix R, and</li> </ul>	<p>Complies with A3 (B) (I and III) based upon 5 degree slope</p>

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<p>(ii) if <u>primary treated effluent</u> 2m for every degree of average gradient from a downslope property boundary; or</p> <p>(iii) if <u>secondary treated effluent</u> and subsurface aquifer plus 1m for every degree of average gradient from property boundary.</p>	<p>A risk assessment in accordance with Appendix A of AS/NZS 1547 has been completed that demonstrates that the risk is acceptable</p>	
<p>A4 Horizontal separation distance from a downslope bore, well or similar water supply to a land application area must be no less than 50m and not be within the zone of influence of the bore whether up or down gradient</p>	<p>P4 Horizontal separation distance from a downslope bore to a land application area must comply with all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Setbacks must be consistent with AS/NZS 1547 Appendix R, and</li> <li>b) A risk assessment in accordance with Appendix A of AS/NZS 1547 has been completed that demonstrates that the risk is acceptable</li> </ul>	<p>Complies with A4</p>
<p>A5 Vertical separation distance between groundwater and a land application area must be no less than 1.5m</p>	<p>P5 Vertical separation distance between groundwater to a land application area must comply with all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Setbacks must be consistent with AS/NZS 1547 Appendix R, and</li> <li>b) A risk assessment in accordance with Appendix A of AS/NZS 1547 has been completed that demonstrates that the risk is acceptable</li> </ul>	<p>Complies with A5</p>
<p>A6 Vertical separation distance between a limiting layer and a land application area must be no less than 1.5m</p>	<p>P6</p>	<p>Complies with A6</p>

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	Vertical setback must be consistent with AS/NZS 1547 Appendix R,	
<p>A7</p> <p>The arrangement of a <a href="#">land application area</a> must comply with both of the following:</p> <p>(a) not include areas beneath buildings, driveways or other areas;</p> <p>(b) have a minimum horizontal dimension of 3m.</p>	<p>P7</p> <p>No performance criteria</p>	<p>Complies with A7(a/b)</p>

## 6. Conclusions and Further Recommendations

In conclusion, the following comments and recommendations are made:

- The maximum wastewater flow rate (MWWF) modelling conducted in this report shows that the generated flows are likely to be no more than 840 L/day.
- That such flows will require a land application area (LAA) comprising one 280 m<sup>2</sup> Subsurface Irrigation.
- It is likely that peak flows associated with the development should be within the buffering capacity of the system both in terms of the system sizing as well as for their acceptance into the disposal area.
- If the hydraulic capacity of soils underlying disposal areas is exceeded by effluent water flows, the disposal area has the capacity to be increased by up to 50%.
- **If the prescriptions of this report are followed the likely human and environmental health risks associated with effluent disposal onsite is rated as low.**



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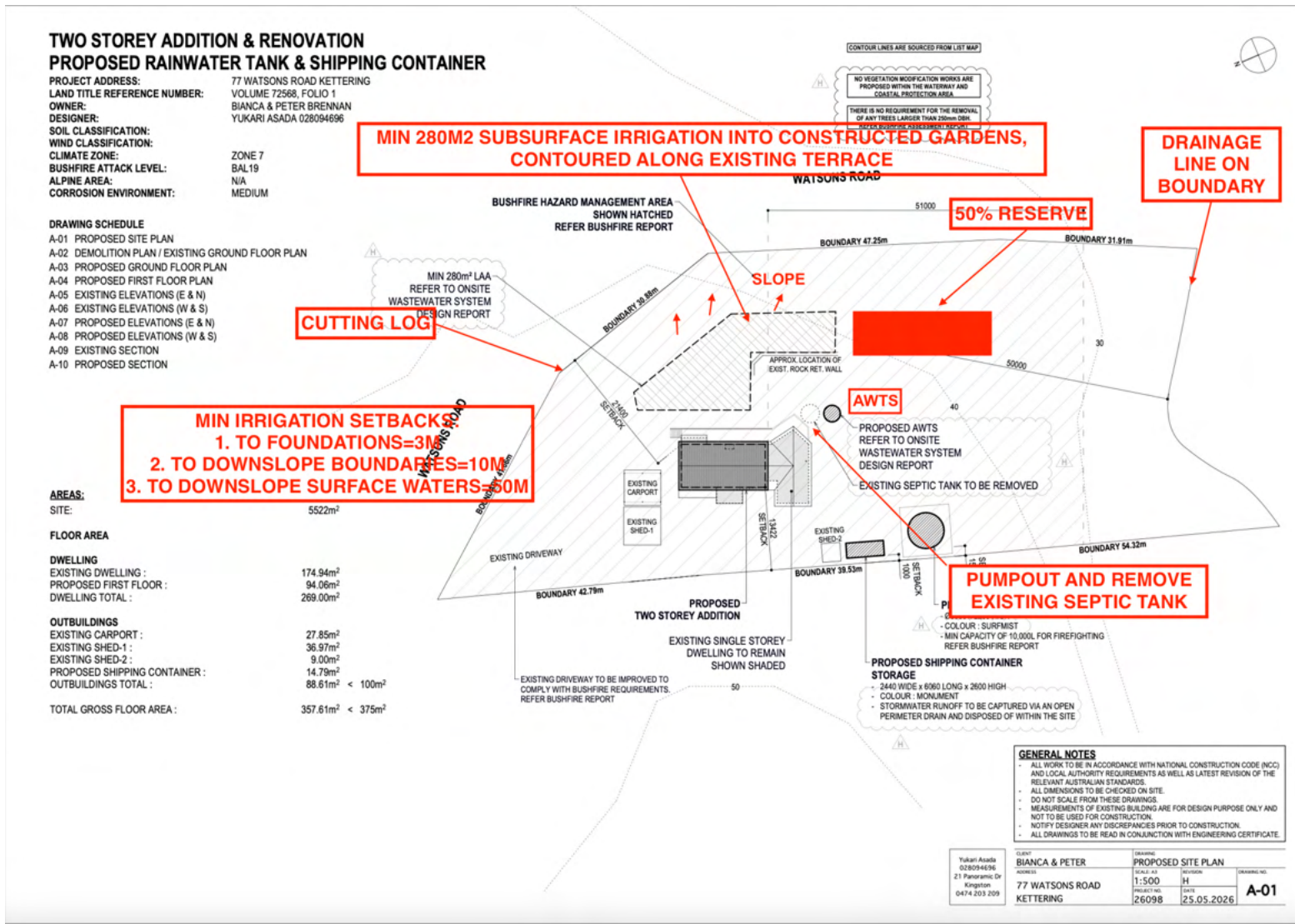
## **7. References**

- AS1726-1993- Geotechnical Site Investigations
- AS1547-2012 Onsite Domestic Wastewater Management
- Bureau of Meteorology Website- Monthly Climate Statistics

## Appendix 1 Detailed Design Calculations

<b>Wastewater Loading Certificate*</b>	
<b>System Capacity</b>	7EP at 120L/person/day = 840 L/D
<b>Design Summary</b>	
• Effluent Quality	Secondary
• Adopted Soil category	5
• Amended Adopted Soil Category	Not amended
• Adopted DLR/DIR (mm/d OR L/m <sup>2</sup> /d)	3
• LAA Design	Irrigation
• Primary LAA Requirement	280 m <sup>2</sup>
• Reserve Area	Min 50% reserve LAA must be maintained in an undeveloped state near the primary LAA as identified on the site plan
<b>Fixtures</b>	Assumes std water saving fixtures inc 6/3L dual flush toilets, aerator forccets, Washing/dishwashing machines with min WELSS rating 4.5 star
<b>Consequences of Variation in Effluent Flows</b>	
• High Flows	The system should be capable of buffering against flows of up to 10 % in a 24 hr period or 5% over a 7 day period. System not rated for spa installation.
• Low Flows	Should not affect system performance
<b>Consequences of Variation in Effluent Quality</b>	Residence to avoid the installation of sink disposal systems (eg "sinkerators"), or the addition of large amounts of household cleaning products or other solvents. These can overload system BOD or affect effluent treatment by system biota.
<b>Consequences of Lack of Maintenance and Monitoring Attention</b>	<p>Owners should maintain the system in compliance with systems Home Owners Manual and council permit.</p> <p>All livestock, vehicles and persons to be excluded from the LAA.</p> <p>Failure to ensure the above may lead to infection of waterways, bores or the spread of disease, as well as production of foul odours, attraction of pests and excessive weed growth.</p>

\* In accordance with Clause 7.4.2(d) of AS/NZS 1547.2012.





**Site De-vegetation and Soil Renovation Processes  
(Only applicable for recently de-vegetated sites)  
(Pre irrigation installation)**

1. The land application area is located in the area contained within the bushfire buffer zone and hence will have all vegetation removed. This will alleviate the effects of the forest canopy reducing evapotranspiration rates.
2. Soils will be disturbed by site de-vegetation and removal of large trees. After de-vegetation the following steps should be taken to renovate the soil profile before irrigation is installed:
  - a. Harrow and level the residual soil surface. Ensure that the ground surface is levelled along natural slope contours and that all major rocks and large roots are removed.
  - b. Gypsum should be incorporated at the rate of 1kg/5m<sup>2</sup>
  - c. Imported topsoil (not clay) should be applied as shown in Fig 1 above. Do not compact this layer, and avoid travelling over with large machinery.
  - d. Irrigation should be laid as per the specifications below (point 3-4) and covered with further topsoil as per Fig 1 above.
  - e. Selected vegetation should be planted at a density of approx. 1 plant per 4m<sup>2</sup>.
  - f. Mulch should be placed over the site as shown in Figure 1 above.

**Land Application Area Design and Construction Notes**

3. Delivery/flush line diameter = 25 -30 mm
4. Irrigation line diameter = 12-16mm
5. Irrigation line spacing (A) =300 mm for Sands, Sandy Loams and Loams to 600mm for Clay Loams, Light Clays and Heavy Clays (see the wastewater flow modelling section of this report for soil classification).
6. Dripper/Sprinkler spacing (B) as per manufacturers specifications.
7. A vacuum breaker should be installed at the highest point of the irrigation area (or in the case of multiple irrigation lots at each lot). This breaker should be protected and marked).
8. A flush line should be installed at the lowest point of the irrigation area incorporating a return valve for back flushing of the system back into the treatment chamber.
9. **All lateral lines MUST be installed parallel to the contours of the land. All minimum setbacks MUST be adhered to.**
10. An inline filter must be inserted into the delivery line.
11. The first 80mm of the natural soil below the ground surface should be mechanically tilled to aid line installation and soil permeability
12. Gypsum should be incorporated at the rate of 1kg/5m<sup>2</sup> in dispersive soils.
13. Imported topsoil (not clay) should be applied as shown above.
14. Selected vegetation should be planted at a density of approx. 1 plant per 4m<sup>2</sup>. Recommendation regarding suitable species is made in this report.
15. Irrigation areas greater than 400 m<sup>2</sup> should be split into 80 m<sup>2</sup> cells with effluent flows switched between irrigation lots with an automatic valve system.
16. Where practical a 50% reserve area should be identified on the site to allow movement of the irrigation area if required.
17. In areas of moderate to steep slopes (>10%) then upslope cut off drainage should be installed to minimise shallow ground water recharge of the irrigation area from upslope.
18. All livestock and Vehicles MUST be excluded from irrigation area.

## Indicative Plantings

### PLANTS 1 – 6m

#### Acacia mucronata

*Variable willow wattle, Narrow leaf wattle*

An upright or spreading, medium to tall shrub 3-4m X 2-3m. Quick growing. Profuse cream to yellow flowers in spring, showy. Attracts seed eating birds. Drought tolerant.

#### Acacia verticillata

*Prickly Moses*

Prickly shrub to 2m. Useful habitat plant and very attractive in flower.

#### Banksia marginata

*Honeysuckle, Silver banksia*

Evergreen shrub or small tree with attractive narrow, smooth edged leaves which are square or notched at the end and silvery beneath. Greenish yellow cones of flowers that last as cut flowers. Grows well in sandy soil. Strong upright growth.

#### Bauera rubioides

*Dog Rose*

Hardy small to medium dense shrub. 1-2m X 1-2m wide with masses of dainty pink flowers, flowering most of year, attracting butterflies. Grows well in wet or moist soils, prefers acid soils. Likes full or filtered sun. Good coastal plant. Frost tolerant. Prune regularly. Good erosion control.

#### Callistemon pallidus

*Lemon Bottlebrush*

Evergreen medium shrub, very upright with silky leaves that become smooth with age. Lovely lemon yellow bottlebrushes in spring and summer. Likes a dry or moist position. Tolerates full or filtered sunlight. Attracts nectar eating birds.

#### Callitris oblonga

*Cypress pine, South esk pine*

This is one of Australia's native conifers. It has an attractive shrubby shape and is suitable for use in the garden as a fast growing hedge, since it can be pruned to shape. It is also useful for gardens where the soil is rocky and sandy but will tolerate a range of soils, providing the drainage is good.

#### Correa backhousiana

*Velvet correa*

A dense, bushy, spreading shrub to 1.5m high by 2m wide. Leaves are glossy green on top, rusty coloured underneath. Greenish cream bell flowers in winter. Spring bird attracting. Tolerates lime and coastal plantings. Usually frost resistant.

#### Leptospermum lanigerum

*Woolley tea-tree*

Hardy medium to large shrub 2.5 to 5m high x 1.2-3m wide, massed with white flowers during spring. Soft grey foliage. Prefers moist to wet soils with good drainage and will grow well in full or filtered sun. Attracts butterflies and seed eating birds. Tolerates light snow, smog and frost.

#### Melaleuca ericifolia

A very hard, fast growing small evergreen tree suited to most soils and aspects. Suitable for poorly drained or saline soils and withstands coastal exposure. Needle-like leaves and 2-3cm long cream flower spikes, in spring and early summer. Ideal for planting as a screen.

#### Melaleuca gibbosa

*Fine leaved paperbark, Slender honey-myrtle*

Evergreen small shrub with mauve/purple ball shaped flowers in late spring and summer. Suitable for most soils, tolerating lime and salt soil. Frost resistant.

#### Melaleuca squarrosa

Tall, bushy shrub, good foliage. Scented, yellow brush flowers, in spring-summer. Suitable for most soils, tolerating very wet conditions, lime, saline and frost.

#### Micranthemum hexandrum

*River box*

Attractive foliage plant with new growth showing red stems. Cream flowers in spring. Grows up to 2m high. Prune to form a dense screen plant.

#### Notelaea ligustrina

*Native Olive, Mock olive, Privet mock olive*

Tall shrub with smooth, dark green leaves. Small yellow flowers and purple fruit. Prefers a moist, semi-shaded position but grows well in a wide range of conditions.

#### Pomaderris apetala

*Dogwood*

Medium to tall shrub 3 to 15 m. This shrub grows in a wide variety of sites from very dry to very wet but will grow larger with moisture. Looks good planted in copses.

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**SHRUBS TO 1m**

**Amperea xiphoclada**

Upright or arching stems. Attractive foliage sculpturesque in appearance to 60cm. Useful for basket weaving. Dry to moist sites.

**Blechnum penna-marina**

*Alpine Water Fern*

Attractive, low growing, matted ground cover. Leathery dark green fronds to 15cm long, tinged pink when young. Ideal hanging baskets. Rockeries and moist positions in the open ground.

**Blechnum watsii**

*Hard Water Fern*

Hardy and vigorous fern with dark green leathery fronds to 1m tall. Very easily grown in large pot or a moist, shady position in the ground.

**Callistemon viridiflorus**

*Green Bottlebrush*

Erect shrub with pale green bottlebrushes. Good in damp conditions. 1-2m X 1m. Frost resistant.

**Carex appressa**

*Tall sedge, Tussock sedge*

A tall perennial to 1.8m high. Stems acutely 3 angled and leaves 3-6mm broad. Occurs in winter wet depressions that can dry out completely in summer. Flowers in spring.

**Carex inyx**

*Tassell Sedge*

Evergreen clump forming sedge with green foliage and gorgeous golden brown pendulous tassels 1m x 1m.

**Carex tasmanica**

*Curley Sedge*

An upright sedge to 30cm. Attractive tight curls on tips of leaves. Wet sites but will tolerate long dry spells.

**Dianella tasmanica**

*Flax Lily*

An evergreen perennial plant with arching, strap-like leaves which can be up to 1.2m long. During spring and summer this plant bears clusters of nodding, star shaped, bright blue to purple flowers which are followed by glossy deep blue berries. Thrives in a sunny to partly shaded position in humus rich, well drained soil. Ideal for rockeries, poolside planting and containers.

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**Ficinea nodosa (syn isolepis nodosa)**

*Knobby club rush*

Dense tufted native rush with stiff stems. Rounded brown flower knobs in summer. Suit damp or moist sandy soil. 60cm X 1m wide.

**Ficinea nodosa (syn isolepis nodosa)**

*Knobby club rush (syn. Isolepis nodosa)*

Ideal for planting around pond margins, this fast growing perennial plant forms clumps of upright, often arching, dark green stems. Brownish, globular flower heads are produced throughout the year. A tough hardy plant which thrives in full sun in a range of soils. Tolerates salt spray, waterlogged and saline soils. Adds texture and colour to seaside gardens and water features, useful for general garden planting.

**Goodenia elongata**

*Lanky Goodenia*

Suckering ground cover 10cm tall X 50cm. Glossy green leaves, rich yellow flowers on tall stems spring-summer, prefers moist soils in full sun or part shade.

**Isolepis inundata**

*Knobby club rush, Swamp club rush*

Handy aquatic for waters edge or general planting (eg. shrub beds, dry creek beds).

**Lomandra longifolia**

*Long leaf mat bush, Sagg*

A popular plant for use as accent in gardens, where the rush like foliage contrasts well with broad leafed plants. Use it next to ponds or as a boarder plant. Flowers in spring, bearing clusters of cream, strongly perfumed flowers - great for use in flora arrangements. A very adaptable plant that will grow well in a range of soils but does best in a moist position.

**Mazus pumilio**

*Mauve carpet*

Low growing creeping plant. Ideal ground cover, with mauve flowers, spring and summer. Semi shade or sun.

**Melaleuca squamea**

A bushy shrub to 1m with stunning mauve flowers in spring-summer. Grows well in a damp spot. Frost hardy.

**Poa labillardieri**

A popular native grass grown for its soft blue foliage. In the warmer months this clumping plant produces an attractive flower head with a purple tint. Thrives in a sunny to partly shaded position and grows in a range of soils. Suitable for planting under trees, embankments and mass plantings. Cut to just above ground level in late winter for fresh new spring growth.

**Polystichum proliferum**

*Mother Shield Fern*

An easy to grow fern with attractive green fronds. New fronds are covered with eye catching brownish scales. An ideal plant for ferneries and shaded garden positions but will perform equally well when planted in a container. Plant in humus rich, moist, well drained soil in part shade. Fertilise with a good organic fertilizer. When planting in containers use a premium potting mix.

**Polystichum proliferum**

*Mother Shield Fern*

Attractive native fern with arching fronds to 1m long forming plantlets near the tip. Very easily grown in a moist position in morning or filtered sun. Suitable for tubs.

**Pratia pedunculata**

*Blue pratia, Common pratia, White pratia*

This dainty, spreading plant forms a carpet of tiny green leaves which from spring to early summer is smothered in a mass of tiny, white flowers. This carpeting plant is ideal for filling in spaces near rocks and sleepers and makes an attractive groundcover. Thrives in a sunny to semi-shaded position in moist soil. Keep moist at all times.

**Pratia pedunculata**

*Blue pratia, Common pratia, White pratia*

This dainty, spreading plant forms a carpet of tiny, green leaves, which from spring to early summer is smothered in a mass of tiny blue flowers. This carpeting plant is ideal for filling in spaces near rocks and sleepers, and makes an attractive groundcover, thrives in a sunny to semi-shaded position in moist soil. Keep moist at all times.

**Scaevola hookeri**

*Creeping fan flower, Mat fan flower*

A very densely matting, evergreen groundcover with glossy, dark green leaves and small, white fan-shaped flowers in flushes, during spring, summer and autumn. An excellent soil binding plant for average to moist positions. Frost hardy.

## **TREES**

### **Acacia dealbata**

*Silver Wattle*

A tall tree with a smooth trunk, often decorated with silvery, mottled patches contrasting with the greyish-green leaves. In spring, clusters of golden-yellow, fluffy ball like flowers almost cover the whole tree.

### **Acacia melanoxylon**

*Blackwood*

A beautiful formal tree that produces one of Australia's most sought after woods for cabinet making. Light yellow flowers occur in winter and early spring. A useful tree for a windbreak or screen as it grows densely. It is also tolerant of a wide range of positions, however its height and width will be greatest if the soil is moist and fertile.

### **Eucalyptus ovata**

*Black gum, Swamp gum*

Evergreen medium to tall moisture loving tree, good for poorly drained soils. Smooth white trunk. Masses of white flowers in autumn which attract birds. Frost hardy. Good tree for cool districts. Water absorber. Drought tolerant. Excellent shade and windbreak tree.

### **Eucalyptus rodwayi**

*Swamp Peppermint*

This tree is suitable for a wide range of conditions, from very dry sandy soils to river banks. Grows 15 to 20m.

### **Eucalyptus viminalis**

*White Gum*

A magnificent tree with a lovely white trunk. This tree is suitable for very dry to very wet sites. Its height is 20 to 40m depending on availability of moisture.

### **Pomaderris apetala**

*Dogwood*

Medium to tall shrub 3 to 15 m. This shrub grows in a wide variety of sites from very dry to very wet but will grow larger with moisture. Looks good planted in copses.

### **Prostanthera lasianthos**

*Christmas bush, Tasmanian Christmas bush*

The Tasmanian Christmas bush comes into flower around Christmas with masses of mint scented foliage. A rapid growth in a range of soils but for best results grow in a well drained soil and mulch to retain moisture in the drier months. An attractive plant that will grow in a range of positions in the garden.

### **Tasmannia lanceolata**

*Mountain pepper, Native pepper*

Small leaved mountain form. Handsome foliage shrub with bright green leaves and red stems. Creamy-yellow flowers in spring. Slow growing to 1.5m, hardy in a cool moist well drained position in sun or shade.

### Appendix 3 Site Investigation Details/ Photos and Indicative Cutting Log

<b>Site and Soil Evaluation with Reference to AS1547 Table D1 Appendix D1</b>	
<b>Site Factor</b>	<b>Result</b>
Slope (over proposed system/LAA)	2-4 Degrees
Shape	Variable
Aspect	ESE
Exposure	Moderate exposure to both sun and wind
Erosion, mass movements landslip	No evidence of erosion, mass movement or landslip
Boulders/Rock Outcrops	Shallow rocky profiles observed in site cut
Vegetation	Grass, weeds, established gardens
Watercourse	See site plans >50m from LAA.
Soil Water Regime	Depth to permanent groundwater estimated >5m
Fill	Possible veneer of good quality fill in places
Run-on/Flooding	Not anticipated over the development area or LAA. .
Channeled Runoff	No concentrated runoff over proposed LAA. See storm water management plan (or similar) for details of onsite storm water management.
Soil Surface Condition	Dry
Salinity	No saline tolerant species, salt scald or bare earth observed.
Other Site and Soil Factors	Ensure tank located to ensure gravity dosing

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Appendix 4 Form 35 and Certificate of Accreditation

CERTIFICATE OF THE RESPONSIBLE DESIGNER

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Form **35**

To:  Owner name  
  
 Address  
  Suburb/postcode

**Designer details:**

Name:  Category:   
 Business name:  Phone No:   
 Business address:   
  Fax No:   
 Licence No:  Email address:

**Details of the proposed work:**

**Owner/Applicant**  Designer's project reference No.   
**Address:**   
   
Lot No:

**Type of work:** Building work  Plumbing work  (X all applicable)

**Description of work:**

WASTEWATER SYSTEM SPECIFICATION – ONLY WARRANTED TO A THE MAXIMUM MODELLED DAILY FLOW RATE AND WHEN INSTALLED AS PER THE DESIGN AND TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE REPORT.

(new building / alteration / addition / repair / removal / re-erection  
water / sewerage / stormwater / on-site wastewater management system / backflow prevention / other)

**Description of the Design Work (Scope, limitations or exclusions):** (X all applicable certificates)

Certificate Type:	Certificate	Responsible Practitioner
	<input type="checkbox"/> Building design	Architect or Building Designer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural design	Engineer or Civil Designer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety design	Fire Engineer
	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil design	Civil Engineer or Civil Designer
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydraulic	Building Services Designer

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<input type="checkbox"/> Fire service design	Building Services Designer
<input type="checkbox"/> Electrical design	Building Services Designer
<input type="checkbox"/> Mechanical design	Building Service Designer
<input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing design	Plumber-Certifier; Architect, Building Designer or Engineer
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	
Deemed-to-Satisfy: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> X	Performance Solution: <input type="checkbox"/> (X the appropriate box)
Other details:	

<b>Design documents provided:</b>	
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The following documents are provided with this Certificate –

*Document description:*

Drawing numbers:	Prepared by: SN	Date:
Schedules:	Prepared by: SN	Date
Specifications:	Prepared by: SN	Date 15/5/26
Computations	Prepared by: SN	Date 15/5/26
Performance solution proposals:	Prepared by: SN	Date:
Test reports:	Prepared by: NA	Date

<b>Standards, codes or guidelines relied on in design process:</b>	
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<b>Any other relevant documentation:</b>	

<b>Attribution as designer:</b>	
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I SVEN NIESEN ..... 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)SVEN NIESEN

SN

Designer:

SVEN NIESEN

*Sven Nielsen*

15/5/26

Licence No:

CC6113K

<b>Assessment of Certifiable Works: (TasWater)</b>	
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**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

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- 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 .....SVEN NIELSEN..... 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: [www.taswater.com.au](http://www.taswater.com.au)

	<i>Name: (print)</i>	<i>Signed</i>	<i>Date</i>
Designer:	SVEN NIELSEN	<i>Sven Nielsen</i>	Date: 15/5/26



# Certificate of Accreditation

## On-Site Wastewater Management System

This Certificate of Accreditation is hereby issued by the Director of Building Control pursuant to Section 18(1) of the *Building Act 2016* and the accreditation of products.

<b>System:</b>	Taylex ABS1500 and PABS1500
<b>Manufacturer or Supplier:</b>	Taylex Australia Pty Ltd
<b>Of:</b>	56 Prairie Rd ORMEAU QLD 4208

This is to certify that the ABS1500 and PABS1500 as described in Schedule 1, has been accredited for use as a **Secondary Treatment System** for the treatment of domestic wastewater generated in association with any class of building defined within the National Construction Code. This accreditation is subject to the conditions and permitted uses specified in Schedule 2, and in accordance with the *Building Act 2016*.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pearce".

**Robyn Pearce**  
**Director of Building Control**  
Consumer, Building and Occupational Services  
Department of Justice

**Date of Issue: 20 October 2025**

**Certificate Number: DOC/25/82462**

**This Certificate of Accreditation is in force until 06 November 2030 unless withdrawn earlier at the discretion of the Director of Building Control**



## Appendix 5 Terms and Conditions

### **Scope of Work**

These Terms and Conditions apply to any services provided to you ("the Client") by Strata Geoscience and Environmental Pty Ltd ("Strata"). By continuing to instruct Strata to act after receiving the Terms and Conditions or by using this report and its findings for design and/or permit application processes and not objecting to any of the Terms and Conditions the Client agrees to be bound by these Terms and Conditions, and any other terms and conditions supplied by Strata from time to time at Strata's sole and absolute discretion. The scope of the services provided to the Client by Strata is limited to the services and specified purpose agreed between Strata and the Client and set out in the correspondence to which this document is enclosed or annexed ("the Services"). Strata does not purport to advise beyond the Services.

### **Third Parties**

The Services are supplied to the Client for the sole benefit of the Client and must not be relied upon by any person or entity other than the Client. Strata is not responsible or liable to any third party. All parties other than the Client are advised to seek their own advice before proceeding with any course of action.

### **Provision of Information**

The Client is responsible for the provision of all legal, survey and other particulars concerning the site on which Strata is providing the Services, including particulars of existing structures and services and features for the site and for adjoining sites and structures. The Client is also responsible for the provision of specialised services not provided by Strata. If Strata obtains these particulars or specialised services on the instruction of the Client, Strata does so as agent of the Client and at the Client's expense. Strata is not obliged to confirm the accuracy and completeness of information supplied by the Client or any third party service provider. The Client is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of all particulars or services provided by the Client or obtained on the Client's behalf. Strata is not liable, and accepts no responsibility, for any claim, demand, charge, loss, damage, injury or expense whatsoever suffered by the Client or any other person or entity resulting from the failure of the Client or third party to provide accurate and complete information. In the event additional information becomes available to the Client, the Client must inform Strata in writing of that information as soon as possible. Further advice will be provided at the Client's cost. Any report is prepared on the assumption that the instructions and information supplied to Strata has been provided in good faith and is all of the information relevant to the provision of the Services by Strata. Strata is not liable, and accepts no responsibility, for any claim, demand, charge, loss, damage, injury or expense whatsoever if Strata has been supplied with insufficient, incorrect, incomplete, false or misleading information.

### **Integrity**

Any report provided by Strata presents the findings of the site assessment. While all reasonable care is taken when conducting site investigations and reporting to the Client, Strata does not warrant that the information contained in any report is free from errors or omissions. Strata is not liable, and accepts no responsibility, for any claim, demand, charge, loss, damage, injury or expense whatsoever resulting from errors in a report. Any report should be read in its entirety, inclusive of any summary and annexures. Strata does not accept any responsibility where part of any report is relied upon without reference to the full report.

### **Project Specific Criteria**

Any report provided by Strata will be prepared on the basis of unique project development plans which apply only to the site that is being investigated. Reports provided by Strata do not apply to any project other than that originally specified by the Client to Strata. The Report must not be used or relied upon if any changes to the project are made. The Client should engage Strata to further advise on the effect of any change to the project. Further advice will be provided at the Client's cost. Strata is not liable, and accepts no responsibility, for any claim, demand, charge, loss, damage, injury or expense whatsoever where any change to the project is made without obtaining a further written report from Strata. Changes to the project may include, but are not limited to, changes to the investigated site or neighbouring sites, for instance, variation of the location of proposed building envelopes/footprints, changes to building design which may impact upon building settlement or slope stability, or changes to earthworks, including removal (site cutting) or deposition of sediments or rock from the site.

### **Classification to AS2870-2011**

It must be emphasised that the site classification to AS2870-2011 and recommendations referred to in this report are based solely on the observed soil profile at the time of the investigation for this report and account has been taken of Clause 2.1.1 of AS2870 - 2011. Other abnormal moisture conditions as defined in AS2870 - 2011 Clause 1.3.3 (a) (b) (c) and (d) may need to be considered in the design of the structure. Without designing for the possibility of all abnormal moisture conditions as defined in Clause 1.3.3, distresses will occur and may result in non "acceptable probabilities of serviceability and safety of the building during its design life", as defined in AS2870 - 2011, Clause 1.3.1. Furthermore the classification is preliminary in nature and needs verification at the founding surface inspection phase. The classification may be changed at this time based upon the nature of the founding surface over the entire footprint of the project area. Any costs associated with a change in the site classification are to be incurred by the client. Furthermore any costs associated with delayed works associated with a founding surface inspection or a change in classification are to be borne by the client. Where founding surface inspections are not commissioned the classifications contained within this report are void.

### **Subsurface Variations with Time**

Any report provided by Strata is based upon subsurface conditions encountered at the time of the investigation. Conditions can and do change significantly and unexpectedly over a short period of time. For example groundwater levels may fluctuate over time, affecting latent soil bearing capacity and ex-situ/insitu fill sediments may be placed/removed from the site. Changes to the subsurface conditions that were encountered at the time of the investigation void all recommendations made by Strata in any report. Strata is not liable, and accepts no responsibility, for any claim, demand, charge, loss, damage, injury or expense whatsoever resulting from any change to the subsurface conditions that were encountered at the time of the investigation. In the event of a delay in the commencement of a project or if additional information becomes available to the Client about a change in conditions becomes available to the Client, the Client should engage Strata to make a further investigation to ensure that the conditions initially encountered still exist. Further advice will be provided at the Client's cost. Without limiting the generality of the above statement, Strata does not accept liability where any report is relied upon after three months from the date of the report, (unless otherwise provided in the report or required by the Australian Standard which the report purports to comply with), or the date when the Client becomes aware of any change in condition. Any report should be reviewed regularly to ensure that it continues to be accurate and further advice requested from Strata where applicable.

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### **Interpretation**

Site investigation identifies subsurface conditions only at the discrete points of geotechnical drilling, and at the time of drilling. All data received from the geotechnical drilling is interpreted to report to the Client about overall site conditions as well as their anticipated impact upon the specific project. Actual site conditions may vary from those inferred to exist as it is virtually impossible to provide a definitive subsurface profile which accounts for all the possible variability inherent in earth materials. This is particularly pertinent to some weathered sedimentary geologies or colluvial/alluvial clast deposits which may show significant variability in depth to refusal over a development area. Rock incongruities such as joints, dips or faults may also result in subsurface variability. Soil depths and composition can vary due to natural and anthropogenic processes. Variability may lead to differences between the design depth of bored/driven piers compared with the actual depth of individual piers constructed onsite. It may also affect the founding depth of conventional strip, pier and beam or slab footings, which may result in increased costs associated with excavation (particularly of rock) or materials costs of foundations. Founding surface inspections should be commissioned by the Client prior to foundation construction to verify the results of initial site characterisation and failure to insure this will void the classifications and recommendations contained within this report. Strata is not liable, and accepts no responsibility, for any claim, demand, charge, loss, damage, injury or expense whatsoever resulting from any variation from the site conditions inferred to exist.

Strata is not responsible for the interpretation of site data or report findings by other parties, including parties involved in the design and construction process. The Client must seek advice from Strata about the interpretation of the site data or report.

### **Report Recommendations**

Any report recommendations provided by Strata are only preliminary. A report is based upon the assumption that the site conditions as revealed through selective point sampling are indicative of actual conditions throughout an area. This assumption cannot be substantiated until earthworks and/or foundation construction is almost complete. Where variations in conditions are encountered, Strata should be engaged to provide further advice. Further advice will be provided at the Client's cost. Strata is not liable, and accepts no responsibility, for any claim, demand, charge, loss, damage, injury or expense whatsoever if the results of selective point sampling are not indicative of actual conditions throughout an area or if the Client becomes aware of variations in conditions and does not engage Strata for further advice.

### **Geo-environmental Considerations**

Where onsite wastewater site investigation and land application system designs are provided by Strata, reasonable effort will be made to minimise environmental and public health risks associated with the disposal of effluent within site boundaries with respect to relevant Australian guidelines and industry best practise at the time of investigation. Strata is not liable, and accepts no responsibility, for any claim, demand, charge, loss, damage, injury or expense whatsoever resulting from:

- (i) changes to either the project or site conditions that affect the onsite wastewater land application system's ability to safely dispose of modelled wastewater flows; or
- (ii) seepage, pollution or contamination or the cost of removing, nullifying or clearing up seepage, polluting or contaminating substances; or
- (iii) poor system performance where septic tanks have not been de-sludged at maximum intervals of 3 years or AWTS systems have not been serviced in compliance with the manufacturers recommendations; or
- (iv) failure of the client to commission both interim and final inspections by the designer throughout the system construction; or
- (v) the selection of inappropriate plants for irrigation areas; or
- (vi) damage to any infrastructure including but not limited to foundations, walls, driveways and pavements; or
- (vii) land instability, soil erosion or dispersion; or
- (viii) design changes requested by the Permit Authority.

Furthermore Strata does not guarantee land application area design life beyond 2 years from installation.

Strata does not consider site contamination, unless the Client specifically instructs Strata to consider the site contamination in writing. If a request is made by the Client to consider site contamination, Strata will provide additional terms and conditions that will apply to the engagement.

### **Copyright and Use of Documents**

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- (i) the Client must not use, infringe or otherwise appropriate the same other than for the purpose of the project without first obtaining the written consent of Strata; and
- (ii) the Client is entitled to a royalty free licence to use the same during the life of the works comprising the project.

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If any report is provided to the Client in an electronic copy except directly from Strata, the Client should verify the report contents with Strata to ensure they have not been altered or varied from the report provided by Strata.