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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the request of Orion Project Consulting (Orion) ARO Industries Pty Ltd (ARO) has undertaken a geotechnical assessment for the proposed remediation works to the scour damage that occurred along 160m of the Don River Streambank affecting Kellys Road, Dixalea. The scour damage is visible along the toe of the batter indicating potential for instability.

A site investigation was undertaken by Douglas Partner Pty Ltd (Douglas) involving the drilling of two boreholes to approximately 20m below ground level. Stability modelling was undertaken based on the stratigraphy encountered during the investigation and inferred parameters were assumed based on these results. Modelling indicates that the existing batter does not meet the minimum batter stability requirements and that remediation of the batter would be required. Various remediation methods were considered, however, the recommended remediation for the site involves a combination of rock protection and soil nails.

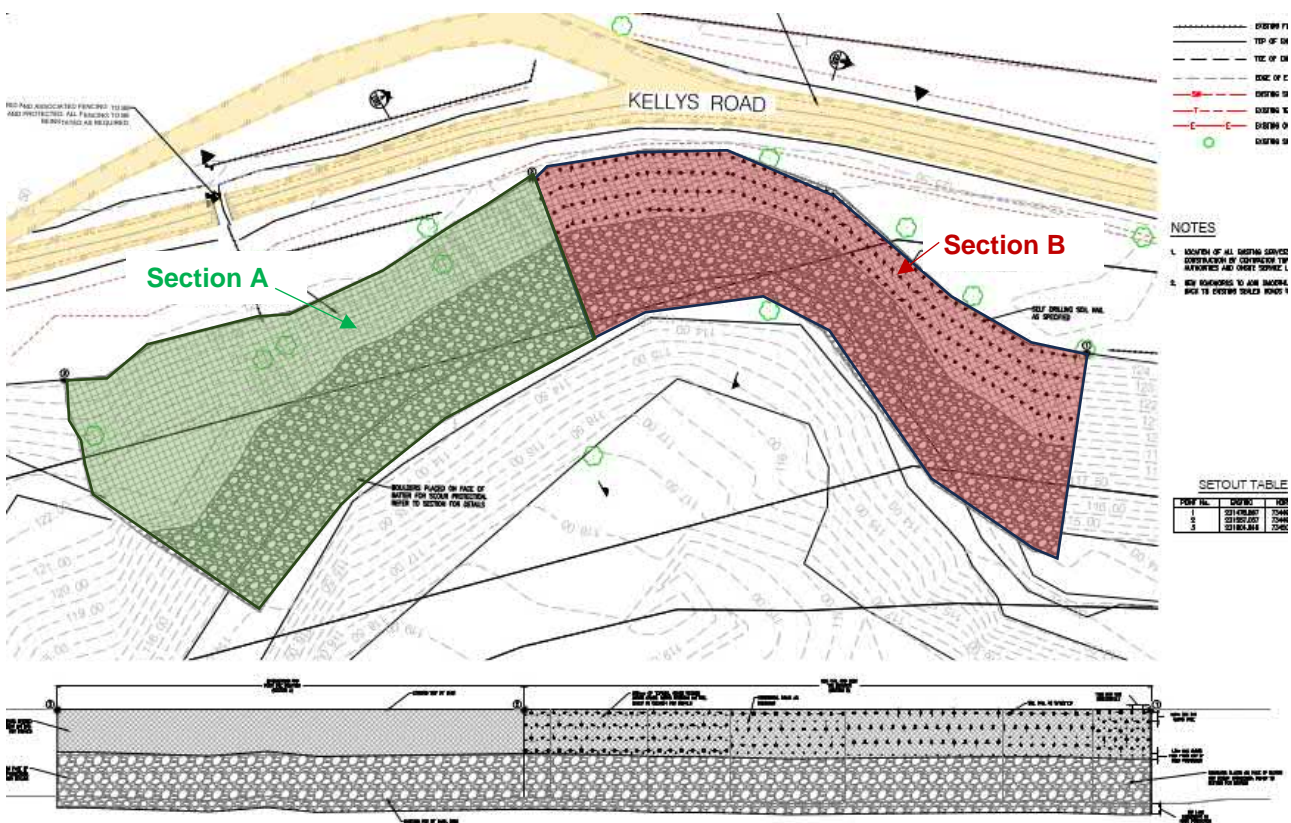


Figure 1: Overall Schematic of bank stabilisation works

It is proposed to stabilise the green shaded portion (Section A), with rock protection at the base of the bank up to approximately 6m in height. The top portion will be revegetated. The red section of the bank (Section B) will have the same rock protection works on the lower portion of the site, but soil nails are recommended to the upper portion of the batter. The soil nails were required in the red Section B, to ensure that the batter stability met factor of safety requirements for dry and saturated conditions.

The report details the process undertaken to reach the recommended solution.

1. INTRODUCTION

This report has been prepared as supporting information for the proposed remediation to Don River Streambank scour damage affecting Kelly's Road, Dixalea. Orion Project Consulting (Orion) Pty Ltd. have commissioned the report on behalf of Banana Shire Council.

The report outlines the geotechnical stability assessment of the site and investigates alternative remediation options that could be used to stabilise the site. Figures 1 and 2 show the location and extent of the slip.



Figure 1 – Locality Plan of Site (source: Queensland Globe)



Figure 2 – Plan view of site showing extent of the erosion

2. SITE UNDERSTANDING

2.1. Site Overview

The Don River originates in the Calliope Range in the Don River State Forest and flows in westerly direction until it joins with the Dawson River at Gainsford. The site is located approximately 15 km upstream of its confluence point with Callide Creek, a major tributary of the Don River, and approximately 86 km upstream of the Dawson River. The landslide is located on the outside of the low flow channel and is approximately 12m high and 160m in length located on the south-eastern side of Don River streambank. The batter failure is evidenced by the vertical scarp which has formed at the crest of the batter, which is located adjacent to the road as illustrated in Figure 4.



Figure 3 – Active erosion of the toe of the batter



Figure 4 – Photo showing the geotechnical failure of the batter immediately adjacent to Kelly's Road

2.2. Previous Reports

The author is aware of the following previous reports for the site.

- 1) An Options Assessment Report (by ARO, dated 8 May 2023).
- 2) A geotechnical investigation factual report (Douglas Partners, dated 8 November 2023).

Copies of each of the reports are provided in Appendix B.

2.3. Site Geology

The Geological Survey of Queensland's detailed surface geology mapping indicates the site is underlain by Quaternary aged floodplain alluvium described as typically comprising "Clay, silt, sand and gravel". The floodplain alluvium is expected to be underlain at depth by Eocene aged Biloela Formation. An extract of the maps from Queensland Globe is shown in Figure 5.

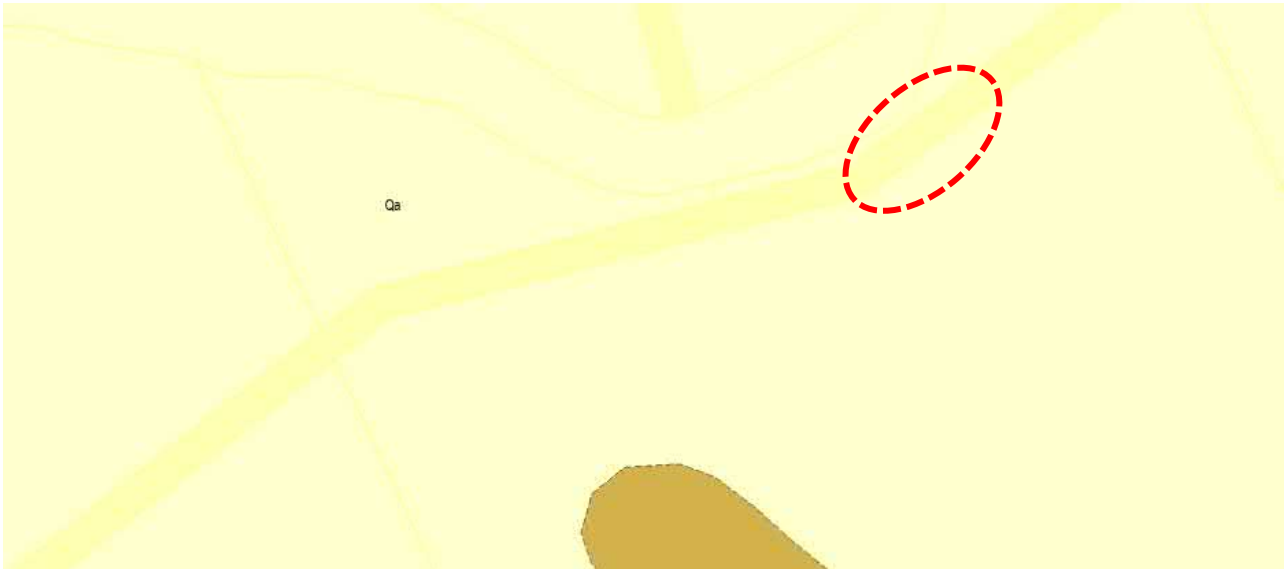


Figure 5 - Geological Survey of Queensland's 1:100,000 Series Map

2.4. Tenure

The location of the landslip relative to the council tenure is illustrated in Figure 6 and Figure 7. Based on available information - Queensland Globe and Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB) survey, (refer to Figure 6 and Figure 7 respectively), it is important to note the following:

- Generally, the crest of the slip lies within Lot 10/RN1393 (shaded pale blue) with the batter and toe of the slip in the road reserve (shaded yellow).
- Kelly's Road currently lies outside the perimeter of the council road reserve.
- The location of the landslip is within an existing waterway (Don River).

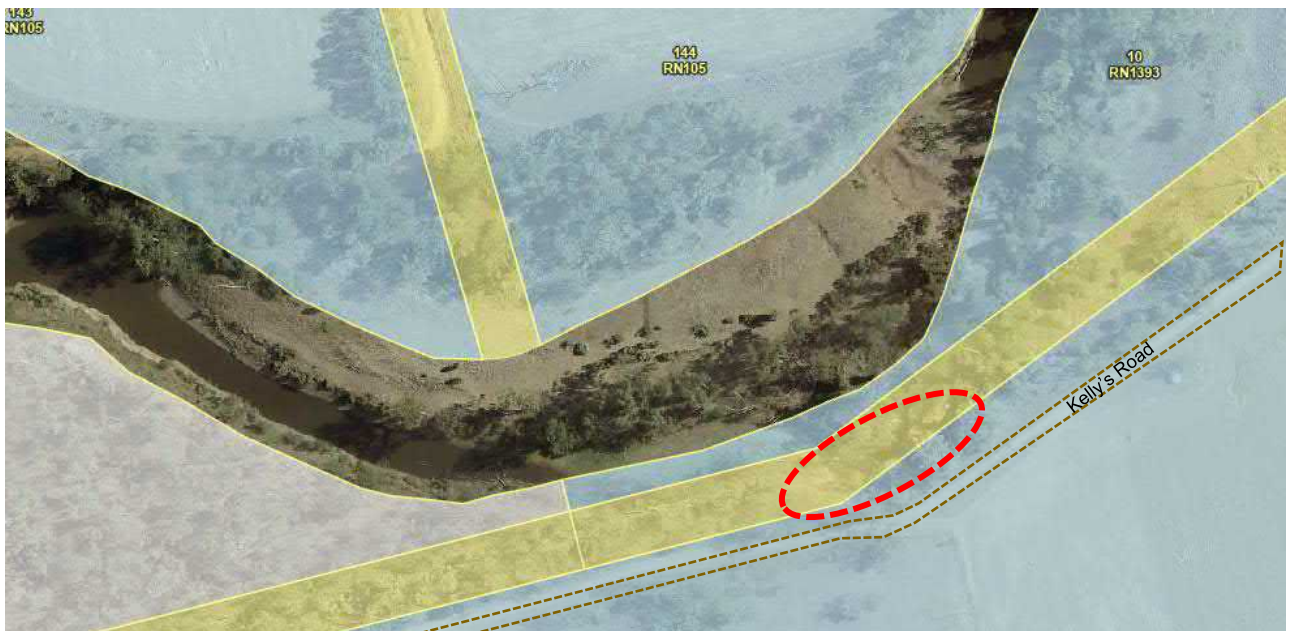


Figure 6 – Tenure of Landslip on Don River Streambank

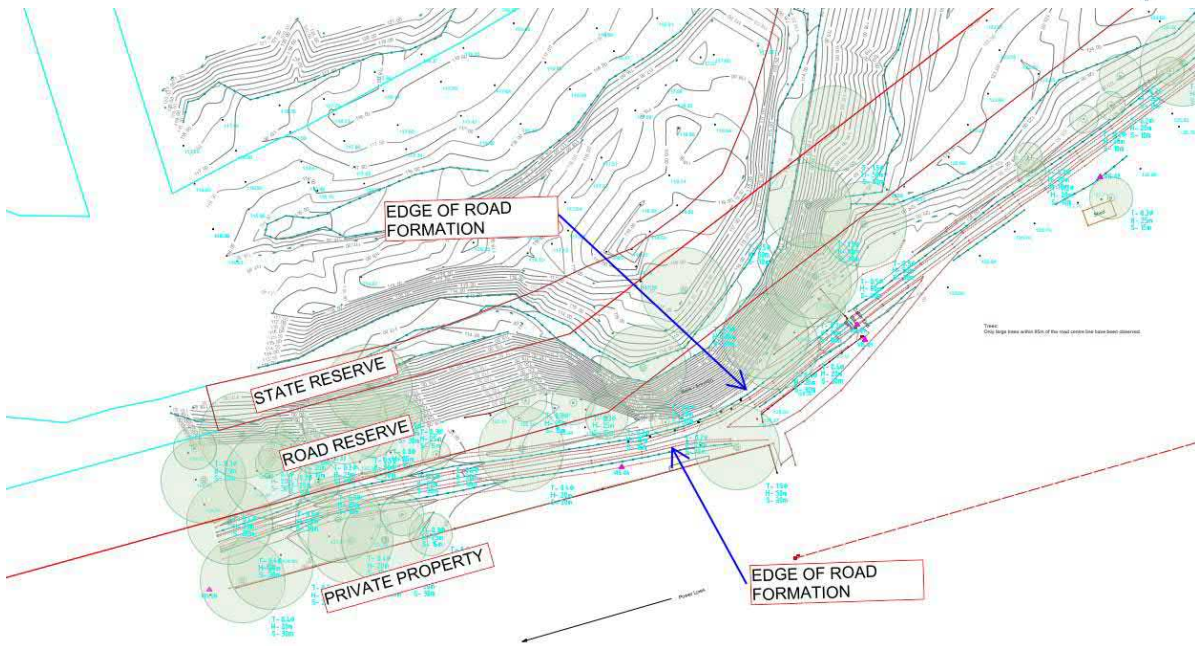


Figure 7 – Digital Cadastral Database (DCDB) Engineering survey

A cadastral survey is recommended to confirm lot/road reserve boundaries.

3. SITE CONSTRAINTS

A site constraint analysis was provided in the options assessment report (Appendix B). A brief overview of the primary constraints is provided below.

3.1. Planning Overlays

3.1.1. Native Vegetation Mapping

The site has been identified as containing vegetation which is a matter of State Environmental Significance (MSES). The site is identified as containing vegetation in Category B on the regulated vegetation management map (Figure 8).



Figure 8 – Regulated Vegetation management Map highlighting category B (Remnant Vegetation)

Figure 9 illustrates Category X the area which are typically exempt from clearing restrictions under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*.



Figure 9 – Regulated Vegetation management map highlighting category X.

3.1.2. Fish Habitat Areas

Don River is a declared fish habitat area (FHA) and is identified as a purple category waterway by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (DAF).

Fish Habitat Areas (FHA) are areas protected from physical disturbance associated with coastal development and declared under Queensland's *Fisheries Act 1994*. They are part of Australia's Nationally Representative System of Marine Protected Areas and fit within the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) Protected Area Management Category VI - 'Managed Resource Protected Area'.

Development works in declared FHAs require application for a resource allocation authority under the *Fisheries Act 1994* and a development approval under the *Planning Act 2016*, unless the works comply with the accepted development requirements. Development assessment in declared FHAs is provided by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries on behalf of the department.

The DAF manages these waterways and provide guidelines to what works are allowable to be undertaken. The proposed remediation will involve remediation on the exiting bank and therefore within a waterway.

When any work is undertaken within a fish habitat area (FHA), then the works must be: -

- i) Be classified as excepted works ¹ OR
- ii) Comply with the Accepted Development Requirements², OR
- iii) Apply for a development approval which meets the requirements of the State Development Assessment Provisions (SDAP) Code 18 – Constructing or raising of waterway barrier works³.

Based on information provided by Queensland Government Department of Agriculture and Fisheries (<https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/fisheries/habitats/policies-guidelines/factsheets/what-is-not-a-waterway-barrier-work>), several works and types of structures have been excluded from consideration as waterway barrier works based on their minimal impact to fisheries productivity. Below is an excerpt of works **not** considered waterway barrier works include:

- *Bank revetment or another bank stabilisation works when they:*
 - *fill minor erosion pockets to regularise the bank of the waterway.*
 - *in waterways less than 50m wide at the main channel width, do not extend into the waterway beyond the toe of the bank, or raise the bed level of the waterway above its natural profile.*

1 <https://www.business.qld.gov.au/industries/farms-fishing-forestry/fisheries/development/waterways/barriers>

2 <https://www.publications.qld.gov.au/dataset/fisheries-development-activities/resource/011a916e-30ad-4f52-87e9-f9c5a6b2532f>

3 <https://planning.statedevelopment.qld.gov.au/planning-framework/state-assessment-and-referral-agency/state-development-assessment-provisions-sdap>

- in waterways greater than 50m wide at the main channel width, do not extend beyond 10% of the width of the waterway (main channel width), or raise the bed level of the waterway above its natural profile (both maintenance and new works).

The proposed remediation falls within these guidelines, they are not considered waterway barrier works. This is an important finding.

3.1.3. Engineering Constraints

Several engineering factors were considered in the proposed remediation. These include:

- Geotechnical Stability and scour protection to the batter
- Road location – it is understood that the preference is not relocate the road away from the existing alignment.
- Budget
- Constructability – considering accessibility, local civil construction resource, specialisation of the works.
- Ongoing Maintenance – preference for a low maintenance and durable remediation option, which can be maintained within the council's existing workforce and skill set.

4. SITE CHARACTERISATION

4.1. Subsurface Conditions

A fieldwork investigation was undertaken by Douglas Partners on 8 November 2023 which involved the drilling of two boreholes to depths ranging from 19.45m to 19.95m below ground level (BGL) with standard Penetration Testing (SPT) conducted at 1.5m intervals.

Test locations are shown in Figure 10 and a detailed description of the investigation findings is presented in the Douglas Partners geotechnical report provided in Appendix B.



Figure 10 – Test location plan (Douglas Partners)

Based on the conditions encountered at the boreholes the embankment is underlain by at least 20 m of alluvial sediments comprising of interbedded sequences of silty clay, sandy clay, and clayey sandy gravel. Note, rock was not intercepted within the boreholes and the depth of alluvial sediments within the profile is not known.

Results from laboratory testing that was undertaken on selected samples from the site is included in Appendix B.

4.2. Groundwater Conditions

Groundwater was not encountered during investigation activities due to the introduction of drilling fluid at 2.5m depth in both boreholes. It is anticipated that groundwater conditions would fluctuate depending on prevailing weather conditions and groundwater seepage may develop in more permeable horizons in the soil.

5. GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED SLOPE STABILISATION OPTIONS

5.1. Methodology

The approach to modelling the risk of slope stability for the site was undertaken in a two-stage process:

- i) The existing and proposed slopes were assessed using the Landslide Risk Assessment Framework as outlined by the Australian Geomechanics Society (2007).
- ii) The detailed assessment of slope stability was undertaken using a limit state equilibrium analysis, using the proprietary software Rocscience SLIDE 2.

5.2. Risk Assessment (AGS 2007)

A risk assessment of the site was undertaken in accordance with the Australian Geomechanics Society (AGS) 2007 Guidelines for landslide risk assessment and results are summarised in Table 1.

Table 1 - Qualitative assessment of risk to property due to future site works

	Potential Hazard	Risk to	Condition	WITHOUT Engineering Controls			Engineering Controls to Reduce Risk	WITH Engineering Controls						
				Consequence	Likelihood	Qualitative Risk		Consequence	Likelihood	Qualitative Risk				
Existing	Earth slides in 1V:3H to 1V:2.5H (18-22 degree) slopes on site	Road (Roadway)	Dry	Minor	Rare	Very Low	Provide adequate drainage and erosion protection, including lined drains at the crest of batters. Vegetate existing, exposed batter slopes with deep rooted, native species. Use vegetation matting (or approved equivalent) to assist with seeding/ germination/ establishment and erosion protection.	Minor	Rare	Very Low				
			Wet	Minor	Unlikely	Low		Minor	Rare	Very Low				
	Earth slides in 1V:1.5H to 1V:1H (34-45 degree) slopes on site	Road (Roadway)	Dry	Medium	Likely	High		Positive retention of the slope is recommended to reduce risk of slope failure	Refer to Future/ Proposed					
			Wet	Medium	Almost Certain	Very High								
Future/ Proposed	Earth slide in future cut batters less than 1V:3H to 1V:2.5H (18-22 degree)	Road (Roadway)	Dry	Minor	Rare	Very Low	Provide adequate drainage and erosion protection, including lined drains at the crest of batters. Vegetate existing, exposed batter slopes with deep rooted, native species. Use vegetation matting (or approved equivalent) to assist with seeding/ germination/ establishment.					Minor	Rare	Very Low
			Wet	Minor	Unlikely	Low						Minor	Rare	Very Low
	Earth slide in future cut batters greater than 1V:2.5H (~22 degrees)	Road (Roadway)	Dry	Medium	Unlikely	Low	Limit batter/bench heights to appropriate heights or provide positive support/retention. Stable batter profiles should be designed and certified by a suitably qualified and experienced RPEQ. Provide adequate drainage and erosion protection, including lined drains at the crest and toe of batters. Vegetate existing, exposed batter slopes with deep rooted, native species. Use vegetation matting (or approved equivalent) to assist with seeding/ germination/ establishment and erosion protection.	Medium	Rare	Low				
			Wet	Medium	Possible	Moderate		Medium	Rare	Low				
	Earth slides in future fill batters	Road (Roadway)	Dry				Not applicable - No fill batters proposed for future works							
			Wet											
	Failure of future retention structure and resulting earth slide	Road (Roadway)	Dry	Major	Barely Credible	Very Low	Suitably designed and certified retention systems to be installed - Provide adequate drainage and erosion protection, including lined drains at the crest and toe of batters. Vegetate existing, exposed batter slopes with deep rooted, native species. Use vegetation matting (or approved equivalent) to assist with seeding/ germination/ establishment and erosion protection.	Major	Barely Credible	Very Low				
			Wet	Major	Rare	Low		Major	Rare	Low				
	Degradation of earth batters	Road (Roadway)	Dry	Minor	Likely	Moderate	Provide adequate drainage and erosion protection, including lined drains at the crest of batters Vegetate existing, exposed batter slopes with deep rooted, native species. Use vegetation matting (or approved equivalent) to assist with seeding/ germination/ establishment and erosion protection.	Minor	Rare	Very Low				
			Wet	Minor	Almost Certain	High		Provide erosion control at locations of high erosion potential (riverbanks, creek banks, stormwater outlets and/ or flow paths.)	Minor	Unlikely	Low			

The qualitative risk to property of the existing slopes at less than 1V:2.5H was assessed as between “Very Low” to “Low” without engineering controls. Normally regulators accept risk levels of “Low” or “Very Low” when assessed in accordance with AGS (2007). Where risks levels are assessed to be above these limits, engineering controls are typically introduced to reduce the risks to acceptable levels.

The survey of the existing sites indicate that the batters are steeper and are between 1V:2.5H. The assessment of risk for these slopes indicated a high - very high level of risk. In such circumstances engineering controls are required to reduce the risk levels to acceptable levels.

A limit state analysis of the existing condition and proposed solution was undertaken to confirm the suitability of the preferred option. Section 6.3 describes the process and findings of the modelling.

5.3. Limit State Analysis

Limit State Analysis of the sites was undertaken using the proprietary software Rocscience Slide. The type and extent of engineering controls required were determined by modelling the existing conditions and then applying increasing levels of support until the required factors of safety have been reached.

5.3.1. Geotechnical Model

For geotechnical characterization of the site, a geotechnical model was formulated based on the stratigraphy encountered during the geotechnical investigation activities carried out by Douglas Partners, 2023 (Appendix B). The existing slope geometry was adopted from the DCDB survey information. The locations of the sections analysed are presented in Figure 11. Figure 12 and Figure 13 illustrate the interpolated ground conditions based on the geotechnical units encountered during the investigation. A 15 kN/m² loading was applied to account for any live (vehicular) loads.

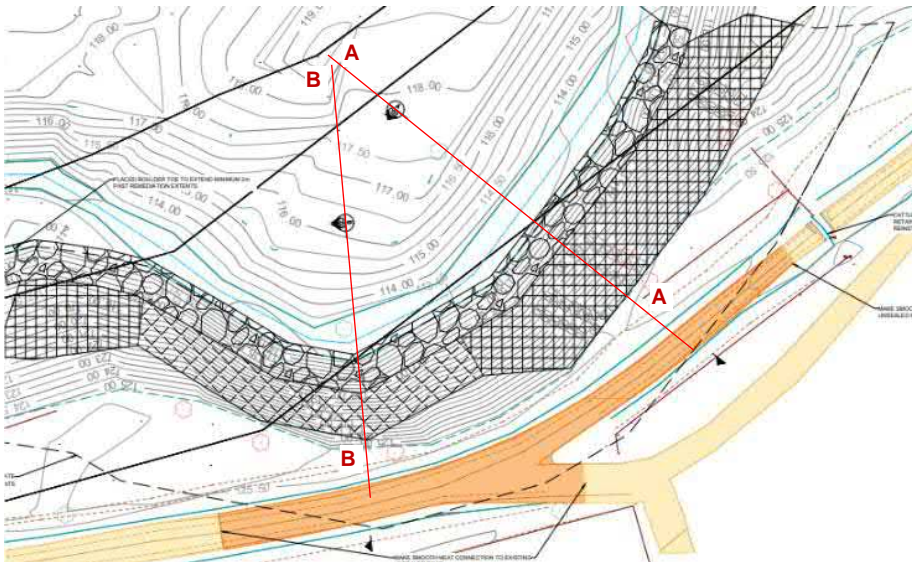


Figure 11 – Plan illustrating location of sections A-A' and B-B'

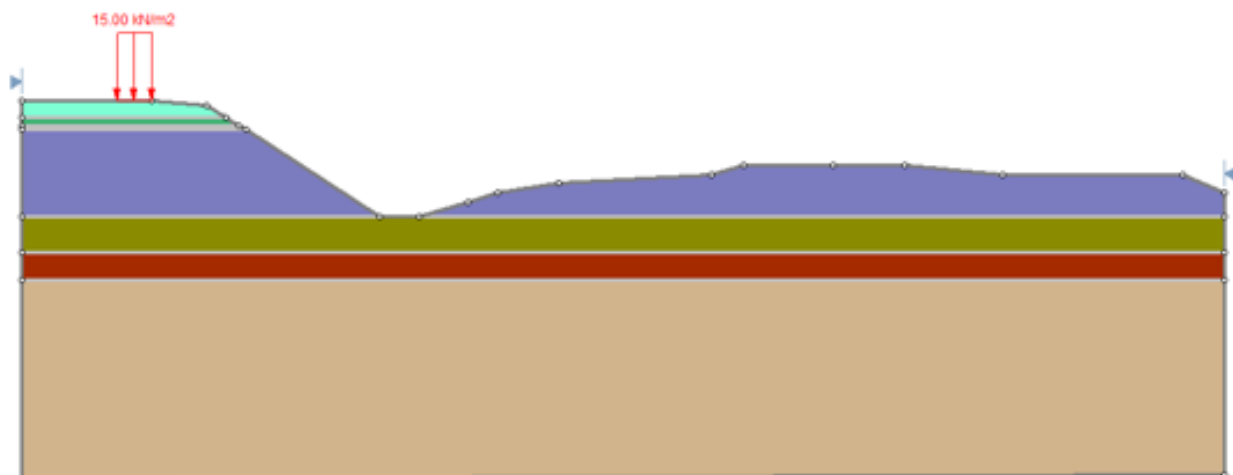


Figure 12 – Section A-A' with interpreted ground conditions based on report provided by Douglas Partners

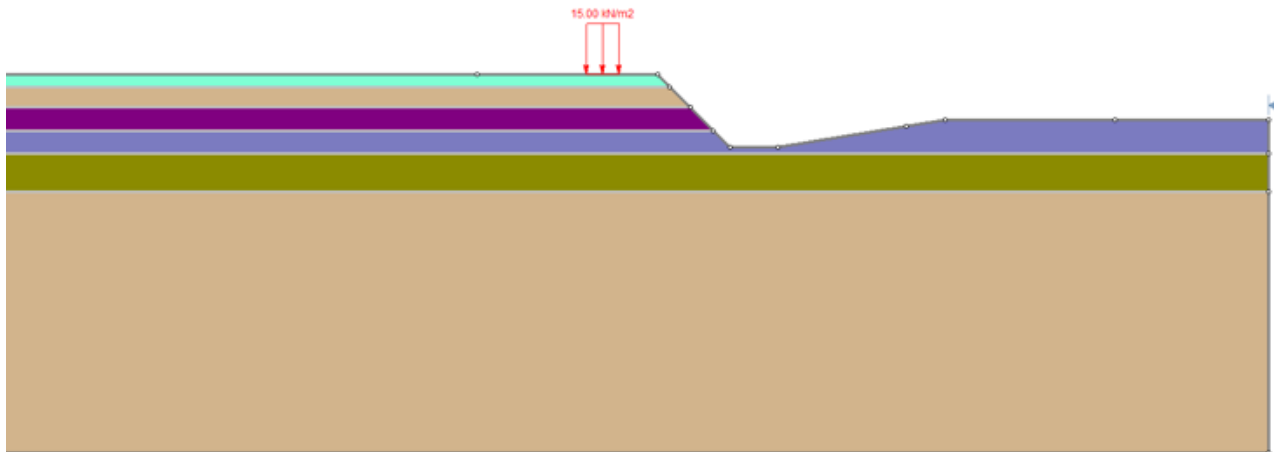


Figure 13 – Section B-B' with interpreted ground conditions based on report provided by Douglas Partners

5.3.2. Material Properties (Mohr Coulomb)

Geotechnical design parameters adopted in the design has been formulated based on the geological origin as well as stratigraphic units identified during investigation activities. The geotechnical parameters adopted for each unit type are based on a combination of in situ test results, laboratory test results, and correlations and estimations based on descriptions from the boreholes logs and experience. A summary of the parameters adopted in the geotechnical assessment are provided in Table 2.

Table 2 - Material Parameters

Material Description Strength Type / Mohr Coulomb	Bulk Density γ_b (kN/m ³)	Drained ("Effective") Soil Parameters		Undrained (Total) Soil Parameters
		Cohesion c' (kPa)	Friction angle ϕ' (degrees)	Undrained Shear Strength , S_u (kPa)
Sandy Clay (Stiff)	18	3	22	25
Clayey SAND *1 (Medium Dense)	20	2	30	-
Silty CLAY (Very Stiff)	19	5	28	150
Silty CLAY (hard)	20	10	28	200
Clayey Sandy GRAVEL (Dense)	20	4	35	-
Sandy Gravelly CLAY*1 (Very Stiff-Hard)	20	8.5	30	175
Sandy CLAY (hard)	20	10	30	200

*1 Material only encountered in Section A-A

The shear strength of rockfill is dependent on the effective confining stress (or effective stress normal to the shear surface). This is evident by the ability of rockfill to stand at steep angles without ravelling due to interlocking of large particles at low effective stresses. Research has shown that the angle of shearing resistance (ϕ') for rockfill is significantly higher under low effective stresses (i.e. near the surface) than it is at

higher effective stresses due to dilatant behaviour during shearing. The Barton model has been adopted as a material strength for the rockfill with parameters detailed in Table 3.

Table 3 - Material properties (Strength Type – Barton-Bandis)

Material Description Strength Type – Barton-Bandis	Bulk Density (kN/m ³)	Joint Roughness Coefficient JRC	Joint Wall Compressive strength JCS (kPa)	Residual Friction Angle (degrees)
Rock Fill (Scour Protection)	20	6	40000	30

5.3.3. Slope Stability Assessment

Condition States

The stability analysis for the selected profiles were performed for.

- **Dry** (“normal”) conditions and
- Two variants of the (2) wet (“extreme”) conditions. These are referred to as **saturated drained** and **saturated undrained**.

The drained and undrained conditions refer to the rate of loads being applied to the soil matrix and the consequential ability of water to drain from the same matrix.

In the undrained condition loads are applied quickly. The loads are transferred into the soil-water matrix. The load is transferred into the water, which is trapped in the soil matrix, thus increasing the water (pore) pressure. Once the water pressure exceeds the pressure carried by the soil matrix, the water “pushes” the soil particles apart, and failure occurs. This is like what happens in quicksand or in mud-rushes. This is referred to as the **saturated-undrained** condition.

In the drained conditions, the load is applied more slowly. In the soil-water matrix, the load is transferred from the water to the soil matrix – as the water can drain (i.e. leaves the soil matrix). This is referred to as the **saturated drained** condition. To know at what stage this occurs is more complex. To make a rationalised assumption of how this occurs, the saturated drained conditions were modelled by assuming a fully saturated profile, then solving the groundwater conditions to a steady state solution. This is to understand where the phreatic surface (i.e., groundwater) is likely to be in a saturated – steady state condition. This would represent a likely soil profile that would exist after a prolonged period of rain, such as in the monsoonal condition. Once this has been determined, it is used as an input to the slope stability assessment for the saturated drained condition.

Factors of Safety

For the purposes of assessing stability the following is provided which are considered appropriate to the site:

- A calculated factor of safety⁴ > 1.5 indicates that the profile is likely to be stable.
- A calculated factor of safety from 1.0 – 1.5 indicates a marginally stable profile.
- A calculated factor of safety < 1.0 indicates a marginally stable profile.

Generally, for normal operating conditions a long-term factor of safety of 1.5 is acceptable. For short term or “extreme” conditions, it may be acceptable to design for a reduced factor of safety of 1.2. The two cross-sections analysed were based on the geotechnical models illustrated in Figure 10 and Figure 11. The results of the analysis are summarised in Table 3.

Loading

A 15kPa surcharge loading was applied to the embankment slope for the ‘during construction’ design slope stability analysis to simulate the loading generated by machinery / vehicular movements during construction.

⁴ In general terms, the factor of safety (Fos) is calculated by dividing the forces resisting instability (i.e. strength of the soil) by the forces driving instability (i.e. the weight of the soil, groundwater, and loads on the slope).

Groundwater Conditions

The site is located at an embankment adjacent to Don River and is affected with annual rainfall. Slope stability analysis has assumed 'dry, conditions within Don River. i.e. no running water within the river. This is a more conservative assumption as the addition of water within the creek would likely improve the factor of safety in the stability analysis.

Table 4 - Factor of Safety for Existing Batters

Site	Calculated Factor of Safety ⁵		
	Dry Conditions	Wet Conditions	
		Undrained	Drained (Steady State Groundwater)
A-A'	<1.5	>1.2	<1.2
B-B'	<1.5	>1.2	<1.2

The results of the stability analyses show that the factors of safety are not within the acceptable limits during both wet and dry conditions. These results indicate instability of the batters which is consistent with the failures observed on site. The site is still considered unstable and requires retention or other remediation works to strengthen and stabilise the batters to achieve the required factor of safety. These may include:

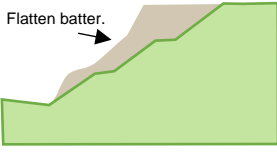
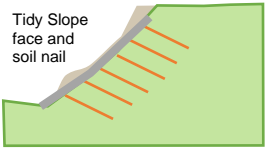
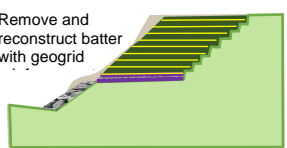


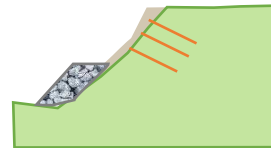
1. Reducing batter steepness to a stable profile, or
2. Various forms of Positive retention or reinforcement
 - a. These can take the form of soil nails, soil anchors or geosynthetic reinforced structures. These forms of reinforcement act by confining the soil to function as a single mass by increasing the resistive forces along the slip plane. Other types of reinforcement include gravity retaining (bulk rock fill/ rock buttressing) and cantilever retaining walls (sheet piles), These are passive reinforcement. They provide an inertial resistive force due to self-weight or converts horizontal pressures from behind the wall to vertical pressures on the ground below respectively.

6 OPTIONS ASSESSMENT

Multiple remedial options were considered to stabilise the failure. These have been summarised in Table 5.

⁵ Factors of safety recorded within the report were calculated assuming circular slip surface analysis.

Table 5 - Proposed Solutions

	Proposed Solution					
	Option 1: Batter back slope (decrease angle) 	Option 2: Soil nailing of batter 	Option 3: Reinforced Earth 	Option 4: Placed Rock 	Option 5: Rock Protection of the toe, Revegetation of upper batter 	Option 6: Rock Protection of the toe, Soil Nails for upper batter 
Summary of proposed remediation	Reprofile streambank to 1V:3.5H providing rock toe protection and revegetation to upper portions of bank	Tidy slope face and install soil nails. Add rock to protection. Preliminary stability analysis indicates > 10km soil nails required to stabilize	Stabilize streambank by excavating zone behind embankment (approx. 17.5m and replace with interbedded layers of won material at specified compaction and layers of geogrid. Install grassroots erosion matting	Based on preliminary stability analysis an 8 – 10m width of rock armor required along entire face of slope. Significant earthworks and costs	Leave embankment as is with addition of some rock toe protection to prevent further erosion, revegetation of upper batter.	Add rock for toe protection to prevent further erosion, install soil nails along upper slope. (Stability analysis indicates length of soil nails required to reach the required factor of safety as 9m (section A) to 12m (section B)).
Cost	Medium	High	High	High	Low	Medium
Constructability	Simple construction. Will require working platforms to be created within the batter to allow for removal of material at the bottom of the batter.	Complex construction requiring specialist machinery, operators, and expert input. This will require a working platform to be created within the batter to allow for installation.	Simple construction. Can be constructed by removing the bank in a top-down manner by ramping longitudinally with the road. Earthworks exercise.	Simple construction.	Simple construction	Soil nailing required for upper slope requires complex construction requiring specialist machinery, operators, and expert input. It is anticipated that soil nailing on the upper slope could be undertaken using a long-arm excavator to install soil nails from the road level.
Approvals/ Environmental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All existing vegetation on batter to be removed as part of proposed remediation solution. Potential risk of erosion on the upper portions of the batter until vegetation establishes. Requires Environmental investigations and application to SARA. Anticipated that bank revetment/stabilization works for option 1 fall outside DAF's definition of works not considered waterway barrier works and therefore it is anticipated that permit/approval would be required. Would need to resume land from adjacent farmland. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All existing vegetation on batter to be removed as part of the proposed remediation solution. May need approvals for in stream works from DAF and/or Department of Environment and Sciences Requires Environmental investigations and application to SARA. Would need to discuss options with landowner regarding easement and/or resumption of land to install soil nails. Once remediated, Kelly's Road can be reinstated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All existing vegetation on batter to be removed as part of the proposed remediation solution. Likely will not need approval for the geotechnical solution for any proposed scour protection. May need approvals for in stream works from DAF and/or Department of Environment and Sciences Requires Environmental investigations and application to SARA. Would need to discuss options with landowner regarding easement and/or resumption of land to construct geosynthetic reinforced structure. Once installed, Kelly's Road can be reinstated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All existing vegetation on batter to be removed as part of the proposed remediation solution. Require approvals from DAF and/or Department of Environment and Science for bank revetment works as quantity of rockfill required exceeds guidelines regarding altering width of channel. Requires Environmental investigations and application to SARA. Would need to discuss options with landowner regarding easement and/or resumption of land to place rockfill as within their lot. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited Environmental Approvals required. Fits into an exemption for waterway barrier works. Longer Term stability for batter is increased by the establishment of vegetation. Short Term: risk of further failures, until vegetation establishes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All existing vegetation on batter to be removed as part of the proposed remediation solution. May need approvals for in stream works from DAF and/or Department of Environment and Sciences Requires Environmental investigations and application to SARA. Would need to discuss options with landowner regarding easement and/or resumption of land to install soil nails. Once remediated, Kelly's Road can be reinstated.

Based on preliminary stability assessment of the above options and considering site constraints, the following options were not considered further:

- Option 1
 - If we adopt the worst-case scenario (Section B-B) and reduce the existing batter angle approximately 1V:3.5H, the stability modelling indicates that adequate factors of safety can be achieved in all condition states (Dry, Saturated Undrained, Saturated Drained).
 - To apply this over the entire site would require large scale earthworks (60,000m³+), and significant environment assessments and approvals., potentially quarrying permits (resource entitlement etc.) would be required.
 - Resumption of land from the adjacent landowner would be required. Modelling suggests the road would need to be moved approximately 25m back and into private property.

- Option 3 and Option 4
 - Similar to Option 1, statutory requirements and would likely be required to implement the solutions. i.e. the solution would require large scale earthworks and significant environment assessments and approvals., potentially quarrying permits (resource entitlement etc.)

Remedial options two, five and six were modelled to assess the stability of each section of the site (A-A) and (B-B).

6.1 Summary of Stability Assessments

The results of the stability analysis are summarised in Table 5. The outputs from the modelling are contained in Appendices B and C.

Table 5: Summary of stability analysis (FOS) for primary modelling cases

Section	Factors of Safety		
	Dry	Saturated undrained	Saturated Drained
EXISTING CONDITION			
Section A-A'	1.32	0.86	2.43
Section B-B'	1.00	0.66	2.61
OPTION 2: Soil Nails (18m)			
Section A-A'	2.54	1.43	2.81
Section B-B'	2.87	1.62	2.71
OPTION 5: Rock Protection of the toe to a height of 6m up the slope – 4m thickness at base grading to a 3m thickness at height 6m, with 0.5m embedment in creek, maintain the road in the existing location.			
Section A-A'	1.57	1.20	1.38
Section B-B'	1.16	1.07	1.54
OPTION 6: Rock Protection of the toe, soil nails on upper slope (A-A: 4 rows of 9m long soil nails at 3m spacing along boundary; B-B 3 rows of 12m long soil nails at 3m spacing along boundary), maintain the road in the existing location.			
Section A-A'	1.75	1.31	1.67
Section B-B'	1.51	1.31	1.51

Table five (5) shows that the existing bank is unstable, in the dry and saturated undrained cases and is likely to continue to fail, without the intervention of some form of remediation on the site. Options two, five and six were all modelled

Option 2 included the installation of long soil nails (18m). over the full length and height of the location. It is stable in all conditions.

Option 5 included rock protection of the toe to approximately 6m up the slope. In this assessment Section A-A of the slope remains stable, however Section B-B is not. Section B-B is the steeper section of the batter and the section of the batter closest to the existing road. It also occurs on the bend which is likely to induce more turbulent flows, and erosion.

Option 6 is option 5 (toe rock protection) plus soil nailing on the top portion of the batter. This was modelled along the full length of the site.

Based on the results of modelling it is considered prudent to include an additional option (Option 7) – which is rock protection along the toe of the full site (as per option 5). It also includes soil nails but applied to section B-B only.

Table 6: Summary of stability analysis (FOS) for secondary/ combined modelling cases

Section	Factors of Safety		
	Dry	Saturated undrained	Saturated Drained
OPTION 7: Rock Protection of the toe (full length), soil nails on upper slope (B-B) only. Upper Section of Section A-A remains as per current vegetation.			
<i>Note: Section B-B 3 includes: rows of 12m long soil nails at 3m spacing along boundary), maintain the road in the existing location.</i>			
Section A-A'	1.57	1.20	1.38
Section B-B'	1.51	1.31	1.51

6.2 Assumptions

It should be noted that the classical engineering approach to stability modelling includes a number of assumptions, including:

1. The stability of the site must include the assessment of the three (3) critical design cases:
 - Dry.
 - Saturated-Drained⁶, and
 - Saturated Undrained⁷
 These design cases represent “Extreme” conditions.
2. The proposed solution needs to meet the accepted factors of safety (FOS) for
 - Dry : FOS >1.5
 - Saturated /Temporary : FOS >1.2
3. The critical saturated design case was after a rapid drawdown
4. The effect of vehicles using the road above the embankment have been modelled using a distributed load of 15kPa across the road width
5. The geotechnical model has been constructed based on the results from the in-field investigations. The stratigraphy between the two (2) test locations have been interpolated. There may be localised deviations from the model. In cases where this is identified, the designer should be contacted to ensure that the identified field conditions do not compromise the design integrity.
6. Temporary batters/ works are to be the responsibility of the Contractor and meet the requirements of their construction methodology and Workplace health and safety management plan

⁶ The *Saturated Drained* Condition– is where the soil mass is full saturated (the voids in the soil matrix are filled with water), and a load is applied slowly, such that the water is able to escape from the soil matrix without increasing in pressure (excess pore pressure). This applied load in the saturated soil matrix is absorbed by the soil particles.

⁷ The *Saturated Undrained* Condition– is where the soil mass is full saturated (the voids in the soil matrix are filled with water), and a load is applied quickly. In this case, the water is not able to escape from the soil matrix without increasing in pressure (excess pore pressure). This applied load in the saturated soil matrix is absorbed by the water particles. The consequence of generating excess pore (water) pressure in the soil is it pushes the soil particles apart with the same amount of water pressure. In the most extreme cases, when the water (pore) pressure in the soil matrix exceeds the pressure applied from particle to particle, the soil mass liquefies. This is known as liquefaction; Quicksand is an example of a liquefied soil (A soil where the pore pressure exceeds the pressure applied from soil particle to soil particle).

6.3 Estimate of Construction Costs

An estimate of costs has been made for each of the options and Summarised in Table 7.

Table 7: Cost Estimate for Remediation Options

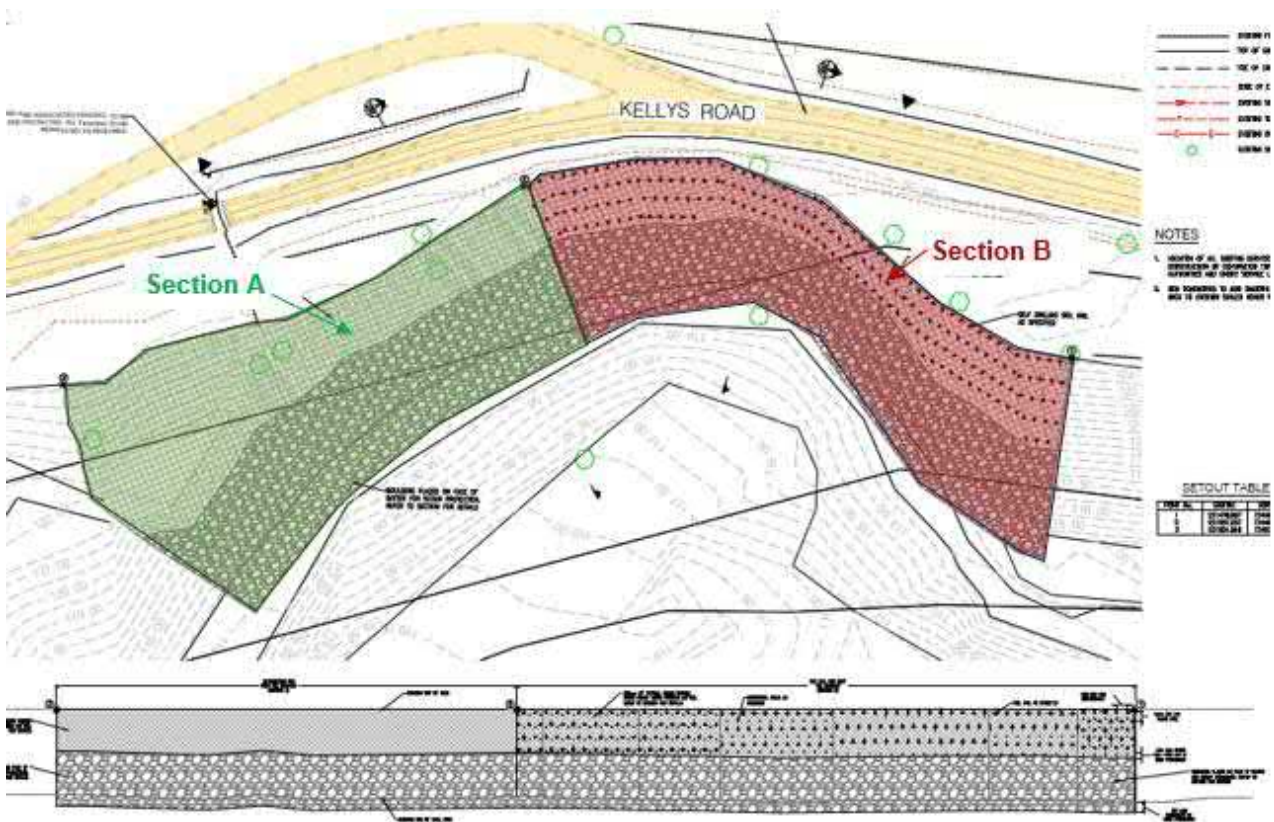
	Option 2 – Soil Nails (18m)	Option 6 – Rock Protection to 6m, Soil Nails above	Option 7– Rock Protection to 6m, Soil Nails above in Section B-B only
Estimate of Construction Cost (ex-GST)			
GST			
Estimate of Construction Cost (incl-GST)			

6.4 Recommended Option

Option 7 is the recommended remedial option for the Dom Riverbank Stabilisation. This includes:

- Rock protection along the toe of the full length of the failure to a height of 6m,
- Soil nails (12m long) installed in Section B only (*Red Section below).
- Revegetation of the upper portion of the banks (above the rock protection) using locally sourced native species.

Detailed Design drawings for the proposed remediation options are provided in Appendix A.



Option 7 is the preferred remediation, based on technical suitability and cost effectiveness. Option 7 provides the greatest value for money solution.

7 CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS

Through the construction of the proposed reconstruction work, inspections by a suitably qualified and experienced geotechnical engineer are required to be undertaken to confirm design assumptions. Localised landslips may occur during construction activities. All works should aim to minimise disturbance of the natural slope outside of the immediate earthworks zone. Where possible, all earthworks should be completed in the dry season. Construction activities should not take place in heavy or prolonged rainfall due to the potential reduction of slope stability. Works should be protected prior to forecast rainfall.

8 SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Banana Shire Regional Council consider the findings and suggested remediation works described in this geotechnical report and detailed in ARO Industries Engineering Drawings ARO0388-C00, ARO0388-C01, ARO0388-C02, ARO0388-C03, ARO0388-C04 and ARO0388-C05, refer Appendix A. The proposed remediation works ensure that the batter will remain geotechnically stable.

APPENDIX A
Previous Reports

Investigation Summary Report

Client	ARO Industries Pty Ltd	Project No.	224488.00
Project	Don River Stabilisation	Date	08 Nov 2023
Address	Don River, Kellys Road, Dixalea	Doc No.	R.001.Rev0

Introduction: This report presents the results of a factual geotechnical investigation undertaken by Douglas Partners Pty Ltd (DP) for the proposed stabilisation of a streambank failure on the Don River, at Kellys Road, Dixalea.

The investigation was undertaken at the request of ARO Industries Pty Ltd in general accordance with DP's proposal 224488.00.P.001.Rev0 dated 8 August 2023 and following authorisation to proceed received on 23 August 2023.

The investigation comprised the drilling of two bores, followed by laboratory testing on selected samples. Details of the field work and laboratory testing are presented in this report.

This report must be read in conjunction with the attached notes entitled "*About This Report*" along with any other explanatory notes and should be kept in its entirety without separation of individual pages or sections.

Regional Geology: The Geological Survey of Queensland's detailed surface geology mapping indicates the site is underlain by Quaternary aged floodplain alluvium described as typically comprising "*Clay, silt, sand and gravel*". The floodplain alluvium is expected to be underlain at depth by Eocene aged Biloela Formation

Description of Site: The streambank failure on the Don River is located adjacent to Kellys Road, Dixalea (refer to Drawing 1 attached).

The riverbank (backscarp of streambank failure) was very steep and estimated to be approximately 15 m in height. The crest of the riverbank was relatively flat and level, covered with grass and vegetated with mature gum trees. The existing unsealed gravel road (Kellys Road) was setback between 2 m and 20 m from the crest of the riverbank. Photographs of typical site conditions at the time of investigation are shown in Figures 1.



Figure 1: View of drill rig set up at Bore 2.



Figure 2: View of riverbank failure

Field Work Methods: The field work was carried out between 11 and 14 September 2023 and comprised the drilling of two bores (designated as Bores 1 and 2) to 19.95 m and 19.45 m depth respectively. The nominated bore locations were set out with reference to site features by an experienced geotechnical engineer. The bore locations and surface level were recorded afterwards using a real-time DGPS device. The approximate bore locations are indicated on Drawing 1 attached.

The bores were drilled with a track mounted Hanjin 8D drilling rig using solid flight augers fitted with a tungsten carbide (TC) bit to 2.5 m depth and then advanced using rotary washboring to termination depth. Standard penetration tests (SPTs) were carried out at regular depth intervals where possible to assess the relative density and strength consistency of the soils, as well as to recover samples for subsequent laboratory testing. Details of the SPT procedure are given in the accompanying notes with the penetration 'N' values recorded on the borehole logs. On completion, the bores were backfilled with drill spoil.

The drilling was undertaken by experienced geotechnical personnel under the supervision of an experienced geotechnical engineer from DP who logged the bores, and collected samples for visual and tactile assessment and subsequent laboratory testing. Strata identification was undertaken through observation of cutting returns and recovered samples.

Field Work Results: The subsurface conditions encountered in the bores are described in detail on the attached borehole logs, together with accompanying notes which define the classification methods and descriptive terms used. The depths were measured below existing surface levels at the time of investigation.

In summary, the subsurface conditions encountered in the bores typically comprised localised gravel fill overlying natural clayey sand, sandy and silty clays, clayey/sandy gravel, and sandy gravelly clay. The subsurface conditions encountered are further described below:

- **Fill:** Surficial silty sandy gravel fill was encountered to 0.1 m depth in Bore 2.
- **Sandy Clay:** From the surface in Bore 1, and underlying the surficial fill in Bore 2, natural sandy clay was encountered in the bores to 1.8 m and 5.4 m depth respectively. The strength consistency of the sandy clay was initially stiff, grading hard below 2.1 m depth in Bore 2. Hard sandy clay was encountered between 9.4 m and 12.6 m depth in Bore 1.
- **Clayey Sand:** Underlying the upper sandy clay in Bore 1, medium dense clayey sand was encountered between 1.8 m and 2.7 m depth.
- **Silty Clay:** Underlying the clayey sand in Bore 1, and the sandy clay in Bore 2, silty clay was encountered. The strength consistency of the silty clay was initially very stiff, grading hard below 3.2 m depth in Bore 1, and very stiff grading very stiff to hard with depth in Bore 2.
- **Clayey/Sandy Gravel:** Underlying the silty clay, clayey/sandy gravel was encountered at 12.6 m and 13.0 m depth in Bores 1 and 2 respectively. The relative density of sandy gravel was typically dense. The sandy gravel continued to 16.4 m depth in Bore 1 and to termination of Bore 2 at 19.45 m depth.
- **Sandy Gravelly Clay:** Underlying the sandy gravel in Bore 1, very stiff to hard sandy gravelly clay was encountered and continued to bore termination at 19.95 m depth.

No groundwater seepage was encountered in the bores during augering. Water introduced for drilling below 2.5 m depth prevented any further groundwater observation. No water return during washbore drilling occurred below 12.6 m and 6.8 m depth in Bores 1 and 2 respectively.

It should be noted however, that groundwater depths and ground moisture conditions are affected by climatic conditions, drainage conditions and soil permeability, as well as human influences, and will therefore vary with time.

Laboratory Testing: Samples recovered from the bores were tested in the laboratory for engineering properties of plasticity and particle size distribution for classification purposes. The results of this testing are summarised in Table 1 with detailed material test reports attached.

Table 1: Results of Plasticity and Particle Size Distribution Testing

Bore No.	Depth (m)	Material	FMC (%)	Plasticity				Particle Size Distribution (%)		
				LL (%)	PL (%)	PI (%)	LS (%)	Gravel	Sand	Silt/Clay
1	0.0-0.4	Sandy CLAY	6.4	26	17	9	6.5	1	43	56
1	2.5-2.95	Silty CLAY	11.7	39	20	19	12.0	0	18	82
1	5.5-5.95	Silty CLAY	16.5	47	17	30	16.0	0	11	89
1	8.5-8.95	Silty CLAY	17.1	39	16	23	13.0	0	20	80
1	14.5-14.95	Sandy GRAVEL	14.8	-	-	-	-	62	29	9
2	4.0-4.45	Sandy CLAY	16.0	39	15	24	12.5	0	26	74
2	7.0-7.45	Silty CLAY	25.5	45	17	28	13.5	0	4	96
2	10.0-10.45	Silty CLAY	19.7	58	17	41	18.0	0	5	95
2	13.0-13.27	Clayey Sandy GRAVEL	13.4	-	-	-	-	58	23	19

Where FMC = Field Moisture Content, LL = Liquid Limit, PL = Plastic Limit, PI = Plasticity Index, LS = Linear Shrinkage

Standard compaction and single point soaked California bearing ratio (CBR) tests were undertaken on a bulk sample recovered from Bore 1. The sample was first screened over the 19 mm sieve, as required by the test standard, and then compacted to 97% Standard dry density ratio at near to optimum moisture content (OMC). The sample was soaked for four days under a 4.5 kg surcharge.

The results of the compaction and CBR testing are summarised in Table 2 with detailed material test reports attached.

Table 2: Results of Compaction and Soaked CBR Testing

Bore No.	Depth (m)	Material	FMC (%)	Standard Compaction		CBR	
				MDD (t/m ³)	OMC (%)	Swell (%)	CBR (%)
1	0.0-0.4	Sandy CLAY	6.5	1.79	13.0	0.5	11

Where FMC = Field moisture content, MDD = Maximum Dry Density, OMC = Optimum moisture content

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Attachments:

- About this Report
- Drawing 1 - Test Location Plan
- Sampling, Testing and Excavation Methodology
- Soil Descriptions
- Borehole Logs
- SPT Photographs
- Laboratory Test Results

Introduction

These notes have been provided to amplify DP's report in regard to classification methods, field procedures and the comments section. Not all are necessarily relevant to all reports.

DP's reports are based on information gained from limited subsurface excavations and sampling, supplemented by knowledge of local geology and experience. For this reason, they must be regarded as interpretive rather than factual documents, limited to some extent by the scope of information on which they rely.

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The borehole and test pit logs presented in this report are an engineering and/or geological interpretation of the subsurface conditions, and their reliability will depend to some extent on frequency of sampling and the method of drilling or excavation. Ideally, continuous undisturbed sampling or core drilling will provide the most reliable assessment, but this is not always practicable or possible to justify on economic grounds. In any case the boreholes and test pits represent only a very small sample of the total subsurface profile.

Interpretation of the information and its application to design and construction should therefore take into account the spacing of boreholes or pits, the frequency of sampling, and the possibility of other than 'straight line' variations between the test locations.

Groundwater

Where groundwater levels are measured in boreholes there are several potential problems, namely:

- In low permeability soils groundwater may enter the hole very slowly or perhaps not at all during the time the hole is left open;
- A localised, perched water table may lead to an erroneous indication of the true water table;
- Water table levels will vary from time to time with seasons or recent weather changes. They may not be the same at the time of construction as are indicated in the report; and
- The use of water or mud as a drilling fluid will mask any groundwater inflow. Water has to be blown out of the hole and drilling mud must first be washed out of the hole if water measurements are to be made.

More reliable measurements can be made by installing standpipes which are read at intervals over several days, or perhaps weeks for low permeability soils. Piezometers, sealed in a particular stratum, may be advisable in low permeability soils or where there may be interference from a perched water table.

Reports

The report has been prepared by qualified personnel, is based on the information obtained from field and laboratory testing, and has been undertaken to current engineering standards of interpretation and analysis. Where the report has been prepared for a specific design proposal, the information and interpretation may not be relevant if the design proposal is changed. If this happens, DP will be pleased to review the report and the sufficiency of the investigation work.

Every care is taken with the report as it relates to interpretation of subsurface conditions, discussion of geotechnical and environmental aspects, and recommendations or suggestions for design and construction. However, DP cannot always anticipate or assume responsibility for:

- Unexpected variations in ground conditions. The potential for this will depend partly on borehole or pit spacing and sampling frequency;
- Changes in policy or interpretations of policy by statutory authorities; or
- The actions of contractors responding to commercial pressures.

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Site Anomalies

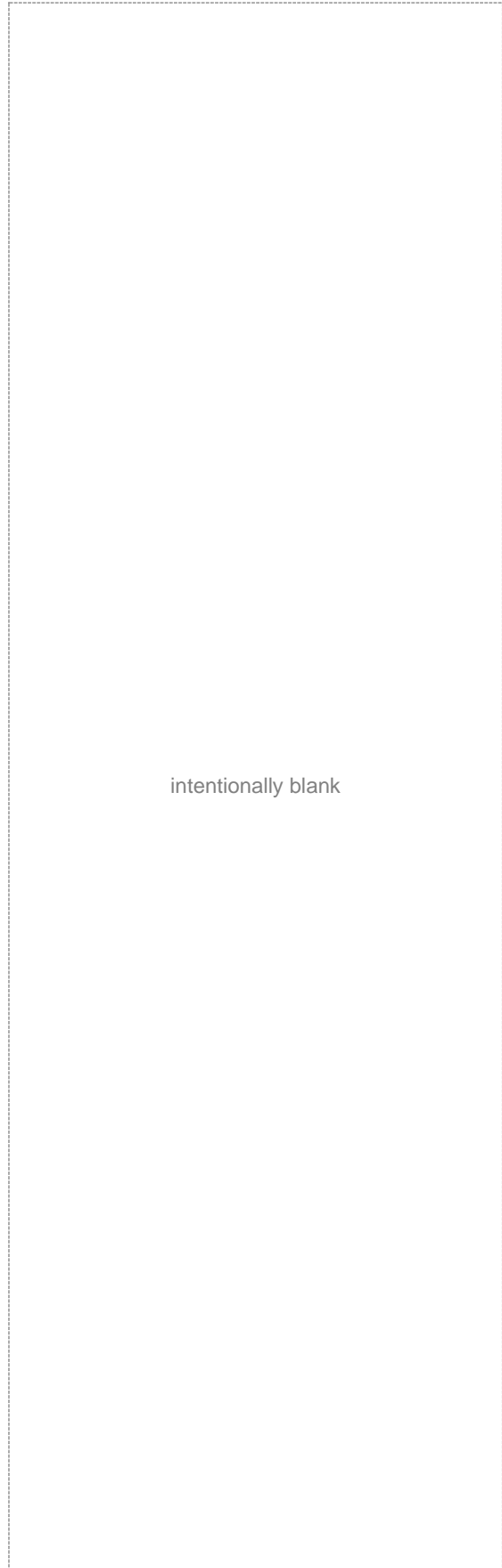
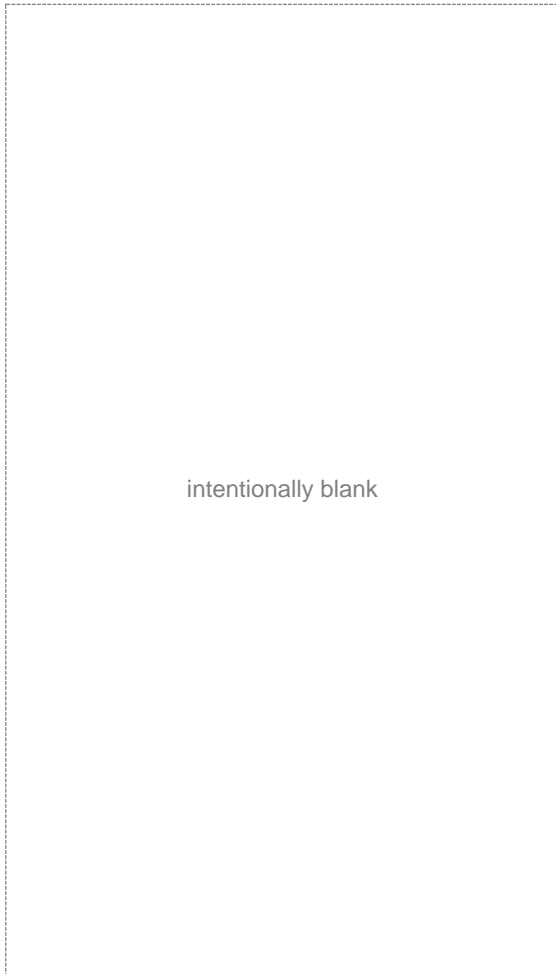
In the event that conditions encountered on site during construction appear to vary from those which were expected from the information contained in the report, DP requests that it be immediately notified. Most problems are much more readily resolved when conditions are exposed rather than at some later stage, well after the event.

Information for Contractual Purposes

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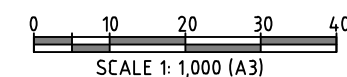
Site Inspection

The company will always be pleased to provide engineering inspection services for geotechnical and environmental aspects of work to which this report is related. This could range from a site visit to confirm that conditions exposed are as expected, to full time engineering presence on site.





Location Plan



LEGEND:-

 Bore Location and Number

NOTE:-

1. Test locations are approximate only and are shown with reference to existing site features.
2. Image obtained from Google Earth Pro. Date of imagery 20-06-2023.

Sampling and Testing

A record of samples retained, and field testing performed is usually shown on a Douglas Partners' log with samples appearing to the left of a depth scale, and selected field and laboratory testing (including results, where relevant) appearing to the right of the scale, as illustrated below:

SAMPLE			DEPTH (m)	TESTING	
SAMPLE REMARKS	TYPE	INTERVAL		TEST TYPE	RESULTS AND REMARKS
	SPT		1.0 1.45	SPT	4,9,11 N=20

Sampling

The type or intended purpose for which a sample was taken is indicated by the following abbreviation codes.

Sample Type	Code
Auger sample	A
Bulk sample	B
Core sample	C
Disturbed sample	D
Sample from SPT test	SPT
Environmental sample	ES
Gas sample	G
Undisturbed tube sample	U ¹
Water sample	W
Piston sample	P
Core sample for unconfined compressive strength testing	UCS
Material Sample	MT

¹ – numeric suffixes indicate tube diameter/width in mm

The above codes only indicate that a sample was retained, and not that testing was scheduled or performed.

Field and Laboratory Testing

A record that field and laboratory testing was performed is indicated by the following abbreviation codes.

Test Type	Code
Pocket penetrometer (kPa)	PP
Photo ionisation detector (ppm)	PID
Standard Penetration Test x/y = x blows for y mm penetration HB = hammer bouncing HW = fell under weight of hammer	SPT
Shear vane (kPa)	V
Unconfined compressive strength, (MPa)	UCS

Field and laboratory testing (continued)

Test Type	Code
Point load test, (MPa), axial (A), diametric (D), irregular (I)	PLT()
Dynamic cone penetrometer, followed by blow count penetration increment in mm (cone tip, generally in accordance with AS1289.6.3.2)	DCP/150
Perth sand penetrometer, followed by blow count penetration increment in mm (flat tip, generally in accordance with AS1289.6.3.3)	PSP/150

Groundwater Observations

▷	seepage/inflow
▽	standing or observed water level
NFGWO	no free groundwater observed
OBS	observations obscured by drilling fluids

Drilling or Excavation Methods/Tools

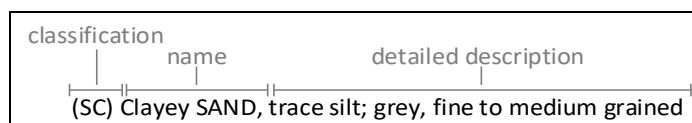
The drilling/excavation methods used to perform the investigation may be shown either in a dedicated column down the left-hand edge of the log, or stated in the log footer. In some circumstances abbreviation codes may be used.

Method	Abbreviation Code
Toothed bucket	TB ¹
Mud/blade bucket	MB ¹
Ripping tyne/ripper	R
Rock breaker/hydraulic hammer	RB
Hand auger	HA ¹
NMLC series coring	NMLC
HMLC series coring	HMLC
NQ coring	NQ3
HQ coring	HQ3
PQ coring	PQ3
Push tube	PT ¹
Rock roller	RR ¹
Solid flight auger. Suffixes: /T = tungsten carbide tip, /V = v-shaped tip	AD ¹
Sonic drilling	SON ¹
Vibrocore	VC ¹
Wash bore (unspecified bit type)	WB ¹
Existing exposure	X
Hand tools (unspecified)	HAND
Predrilled	PD
Diatube	DT ¹
Hollow flight auger	HSA ¹
Vacuum excavation	VE

¹ – numeric suffixes indicate tool diameter/width in mm

Introduction

All materials which are not considered to be “in-situ rock” are described in general accordance with the soil description model of AS 1726-2017 Part 6.1.3, and can be broken down into the following description structure:



The “classification” comprises a two character “group symbol” providing a general summary of dominant soil characteristics. The “name” summarises the particle sizes within the soil which most influence its behaviour. The detailed description presents more information about composition, condition, structure, and origin of the soil.

Classification, naming and description of soils require the relative proportion of particles of different sizes within the whole soil mixture to be considered.

Particle size designation and Behaviour Model

Solid particles within a soil are differentiated on the basis of size.

The engineering behaviour properties of a soil can subsequently be modelled to be either “fine grained” (also known as “cohesive” behaviour) or “coarse grained” (“non cohesive” behaviour), depending on the relative proportion of fine or coarse fractions in the soil mixture.

Particle Size Designation	Particle Size (mm)	Behaviour Model	
		Behaviour	Approximate Dry Mass
Boulder	>200	Excluded from particle behaviour model as “oversize”	
Cobble	63 - 200		
Gravel ¹	2.36 - 63		
Sand ¹	0.075 - 2.36	Coarse	>65%
Silt	0.002 - 0.075	Fine	>35%
Clay	<0.002		

¹ – refer grain size subdivision descriptions below

The behaviour model boundaries defined above are not precise, and the material behaviour should be assumed from the name given to the material (which considers the particle fraction which dominates the behaviour, refer “component proportions” below), rather than strict observance of the proportions of particle sizes. For example, if a material is named a “Sandy CLAY”, this is indicative that the material exhibits fine grained behaviour, even if the dry mass of coarse grained material may exceed 65%.

Component proportions

The relative proportion of the dry mass of each particle size fraction is assessed to be a “primary”, “secondary”, or “minor” component of the soil mixture, depending on its influence over the soil behaviour.

Component Proportion Designation	Definition ¹	Relative Proportion	
		In Fine Grained Soil	In Coarse Grained Soil
Primary	The component (particle size designation, refer above) which dominates the engineering behaviour of the soil	The clay/silt component with the greater proportion	The sand/gravel component with the greater proportion
Secondary	Any component which is not the primary, but is significant to the engineering properties of the soil	Any component with greater than 30% proportion	Any granular component with greater than 30%; or Any fine component with greater than 12%
Minor ²	Present in the soil, but not significant to its engineering properties	All other components	All other components

¹ As defined in AS1726-2017 6.1.4.4

² In the detailed material description, minor components are split into two further sub-categories. Refer “identification of minor components” below.

Composite Materials

In certain situations, a lithology description may describe more than one material, for example, collectively describing a layer of interbedded sand and clay. In such a scenario, the two materials would be described independently, with the names preceded or followed by a statement describing the arrangement by which the materials co-exist. For example, “INTERBEDDED Silty CLAY AND SAND”.

Classification

The soil classification comprises a two character group symbol. The first character identifies the primary component. The second character identifies either the grading or presence of fines in a coarse grained soil, or the plasticity in a fine grained soil. Refer AS1726-2017 6.1.6 for further clarification.

Soil Name

For most soils, the name is derived with the primary component included as the noun (in upper case), preceded by any secondary components stated in an adjective form. In this way, the soil name also describes the general composition and indicates the dominant behaviour of the material.

Component ¹	Prominence in Soil Name
Primary	Noun (eg "CLAY")
Secondary	Adjective modifier (eg "Sandy")
Minor	No influence

¹ – for determination of component proportions, refer component proportions on previous page

For materials which cannot be disaggregated, or which are not comprised of rock or mineral fragments, the names "ORGANIC MATTER" or "ARTIFICIAL MATERIAL" may be used, in accordance with AS1726-2017 Table 14.

Commercial or colloquial names are not used for the soil name where a component derived name is possible (for example "Gravelly SAND" rather than "CRACKER DUST").

Materials of "fill" or "topsoil" origin are generally assigned a name derived from the primary/secondary component (where appropriate). In log descriptions this is preceded by uppercase "FILL" or "TOPSOIL". Origin uncertainty is indicated in the description by the characters (?), with the degree of uncertainty described (using the terms "probably" or "possibly" in the origin column, or at the end of the description).

Identification of minor components

Minor components are identified in the soil description immediately following the soil name. The minor component fraction is usually preceded with a term indicating the relative proportion of the component.

Minor Component Proportion Term	Relative Proportion	
	In Fine Grained Soil	In Coarse Grained Soil
With	All fractions: 15-30%	Clay/silt: 5-12% sand/gravel: 15-30%
Trace	All fractions: 0-15%	Clay/silt: 0-5% sand/gravel: 0-15%

The terms "with" and "trace" generally apply only to gravel or fine particle fractions. Where cobbles/boulders are encountered in minor proportions (generally less than about 12%) the term "occasional" may be used. This term describes the sporadic distribution of the material within the confines of the investigation excavation only, and there may be considerable variation in proportion over a wider area which is difficult to factually characterise due to the relative size of the particles and the investigation methods.

Soil Composition

Plasticity

Descriptive Term	Laboratory liquid limit range	
	Silt	Clay
Non-plastic materials	Not applicable	Not applicable
Low plasticity	≤50	≤35
Medium plasticity	Not applicable	>35 and ≤50
High plasticity	>50	>50

Note, Plasticity descriptions generally describe the plasticity behaviour of the whole of the fine grained soil, not individual fine grained fractions.

Grain Size

Type	Particle size (mm)	
	Gravel	Coarse
Sand	Medium	6.7 - 19
	Fine	2.36 - 6.7
	Coarse	0.6 - 2.36
Sand	Medium	0.21 - 0.6
	Fine	0.075 - 0.21

Grading

Grading Term	Particle size (mm)
Well	A good representation of all particle sizes
Poorly	An excess or deficiency of particular sizes within the specified range
Uniformly	Essentially of one size
Gap	A deficiency of a particular size or size range within the total range

Note, AS1726-2017 provides terminology for additional attributes not listed here.

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Soil Condition*Moisture*

The moisture condition of soils is assessed relative to the plastic limit for fine grained soils, while for coarse grained soils it is assessed based on the appearance and feel of the material. The moisture condition of a material is considered to be independent of stratigraphy (although commonly these are related), and this data is presented in its own column on logs.

Applicability	Term	Tactile Assessment	Abbreviation code
Fine	Dry of plastic limit	Hard and friable or powdery	w<PL
	Near plastic limit	Can be moulded	w=PL
	Wet of plastic limit	Water residue remains on hands when handling	w>PL
	Near liquid limit	"oozes" when agitated	w=LL
	Wet of liquid limit	"oozes"	w>LL
Coarse	Dry	Non-cohesive and free running	D
	Moist	Feels cool, darkened in colour, particles may stick together	M
	Wet	Feels cool, darkened in colour, particles may stick together, free water forms when handling	W

The abbreviation code **NDF**, meaning "not-assessable due to drilling fluid use" may also be used.

Note, observations relating to free ground water or drilling fluids are provided independent of soil moisture condition.

Consistency/Density/Compaction/Cementation/Extremely Weathered Material

These concepts give an indication of how the material may respond to applied forces (when considered in conjunction with other attributes of the soil). This behaviour can vary independent of the composition of the material, and on logs these are described in an independent column and are generally mutually exclusive (i.e it is inappropriate to describe both consistency and compaction at the same time). The method by which the behaviour is described depends on the behaviour model and other characteristics of the soil as follows:

- In fine grained soils, the "consistency" describes the ease with which the soil can be remoulded, and is generally correlated against the materials undrained shear strength;
- In granular materials, the relative density describes how tightly packed the particles are, and is generally correlated against the density index;
- In anthropogenically modified materials, the compaction of the material is described qualitatively;
- In cemented soils (both natural and anthropogenic), the cemented "strength" is described qualitatively, relative to the difficulty with which the material is disaggregated; and
- In soils of extremely weathered material origin, the engineering behaviour may be governed by relic rock features, and expected behaviour needs to be assessed based the overall material description.

Quantitative engineering performance of these materials may be determined by laboratory testing or estimated by correlated field tests (for example penetration or shear vane testing). In some cases, performance may be assessed by tactile or other subjective methods, in which case investigation logs will show the estimated value enclosed in round brackets, for example (VS).

Consistency (fine grained soils)

Consistency Term	Tactile Assessment	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	Abbreviation Code
Very soft	Extrudes between fingers when squeezed	<12	VS
Soft	Mouldable with light finger pressure	>12 - ≤25	S
Firm	Mouldable with strong finger pressure	>25 - ≤50	F
Stiff	Cannot be moulded by fingers	>50 - ≤100	St
Very stiff	Indented by thumbnail	>100 - ≤200	VS _t
Hard	Indented by thumbnail with difficulty	>200	H
Friable	Easily crumbled or broken into small pieces by hand	-	Fr

Relative Density (coarse grained soils)

Relative Density Term	Density Index	Abbreviation Code
Very loose	<15	VL
Loose	>15 - ≤35	L
Medium dense	>35 - ≤65	MD
Dense	>65 - ≤85	D
Very dense	>85	VD

Note, tactile assessment of relative density is difficult, and generally requires penetration testing, hence a tactile assessment guide is not provided.

Compaction (anthropogenically modified soil)

Compaction Term	Abbreviation Code
Well compacted	WC
Poorly compacted	PC
Moderately compacted	MC
Variably compacted	VC

Cementation (natural and anthropogenic)

Cementation Term	Abbreviation Code
Moderately cemented	MOD
Weakly cemented	WEK

Extremely Weathered Material

AS1726-2017 considers weathered material to be soil if the unconfined compressive strength is less than 0.6 MPa (i.e. less than very low strength rock). These materials may be identified as “extremely weathered material” in reports and by the abbreviation code **XWM** on log sheets. This identification is not correlated to any specific qualitative or quantitative behaviour, and the engineering properties of this material must therefore be assessed according to engineering principles with reference to any relic rock structure, fabric, or texture described in the description.

Soil Origin

Term	Description	Abbreviation Code
Residual	Derived from in-situ weathering of the underlying rock	RS
Extremely weathered material	Formed from in-situ weathering of geological formations. Has strength of less than ‘very low’ as per as1726 but retains the structure or fabric of the parent rock.	XWM
Alluvial	Deposited by streams and rivers	ALV
Estuarine	Deposited in coastal estuaries	EST
Marine	Deposited in a marine environment	MAR
Lacustrine	Deposited in freshwater lakes	LAC
Aeolian	Carried and deposited by wind	AEO
Colluvial	Soil and rock debris transported down slopes by gravity	COL
Slopewash	Thin layers of soil and rock debris gradually and slowly deposited by gravity and possibly water	SW
Topsoil	Mantle of surface soil, often with high levels of organic material	TOP
Fill	Any material which has been moved by man	FILL
Littoral	Deposited on the lake or seashore	LIT
Unidentifiable	Not able to be identified	UID

Cobbles and Boulders

The presence of particles considered to be “oversize” may be described using one of the following strategies:

- Oversize encountered in a minor proportion (when considered relative to the wider area) are noted in the soil description; or
- Where a significant proportion of oversize is encountered, the cobbles/boulders are described independent of the soil description, in a similar manner to composite soils (described above) but qualified with “MIXTURE OF”.

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PROJECT: Don River Stabilisation
LOCATION: Don River, Dixalea, QLD

SURFACE LEVEL: 125.2 AHD
COORDINATE: E:231571.6, N:7345000.7
DATUM/GRID: MGA2020 Zone 56
DIP/AZIMUTH: 90°/---°

LOCATION ID: 1
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DATE: 11/09/23
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CONDITIONS ENCOUNTERED				SAMPLE			TESTING AND REMARKS		
GROUNDWATER	DEPTH (m)	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	GRAPHIC	ORIGIN (#)	CONSIS. (%) DENSITY (%)	MOISTURE	REMARKS	TEST TYPE	RESULTS AND REMARKS
RL (m)	125	Sandy CLAY (CL): dark brown; low plasticity; fine sand.		ALV	St	w<PL		B	
	1								
	1.80	Clayey SAND (SC): brown streaked grey; fine to medium.		ALV	MD	D to M			
	2					NDF			
	2.70	Silty CLAY (CI): grey streaked brown and orange; medium plasticity.			VSt				
	3								
	4								
	5								
	6			ALV	H	NDF			
	7	6.90m: brown streaked orange							
	8								
	8	8.10m: pale brown streaked orange and grey							
	9								
	9.40	Sandy CLAY (CH): grey streaked orange and brown; high plasticity; fine sand.		ALV	H	NDF			

DEPTH (m)	TEST TYPE	RESULTS AND REMARKS
0.40		
1	SPT	4,6,9 N=15
3	SPT	5,12,15 N=27
4	PP	>600kPa
4	SPT	10,12,20 N=32
6	SPT	11,14,19 N=33
7	SPT	11,14,24 N=38
8		
9	SPT	10,16,26 N=42

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115		[CONT] Sandy CLAY (CH): grey streaked orange and brown; high plasticity; fine sand.									SPT	10,16,23 N=39
114	11			ALV	H	NDF						
113	12										SPT	8,12,21 N=33
112	12.60	Sandy GRAVEL (GW): brown grey; fine to coarse; fine to coarse sand.									SPT	16,16,26 N=42
111	13			ALV	D	NDF						
110	14										SPT	13,14,17 N=31
109	15										SPT	30/110
108	16.40	Sandy Gravelly CLAY (CI-CH): orange brown; medium to high plasticity; fine to coarse sand; fine to coarse gravel; trace of cobbles.									SPT	30/80
107	17										SPT	12,23,30/90
106	18			ALV	VSt H to	NDF					SPT	30/120
	19										SPT	5,10,10 N=20

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19.95 Borehole discontinued at 19.95m depth.
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Bore 1 – SPT 1.0m



Bore 1 – SPT 2.5m



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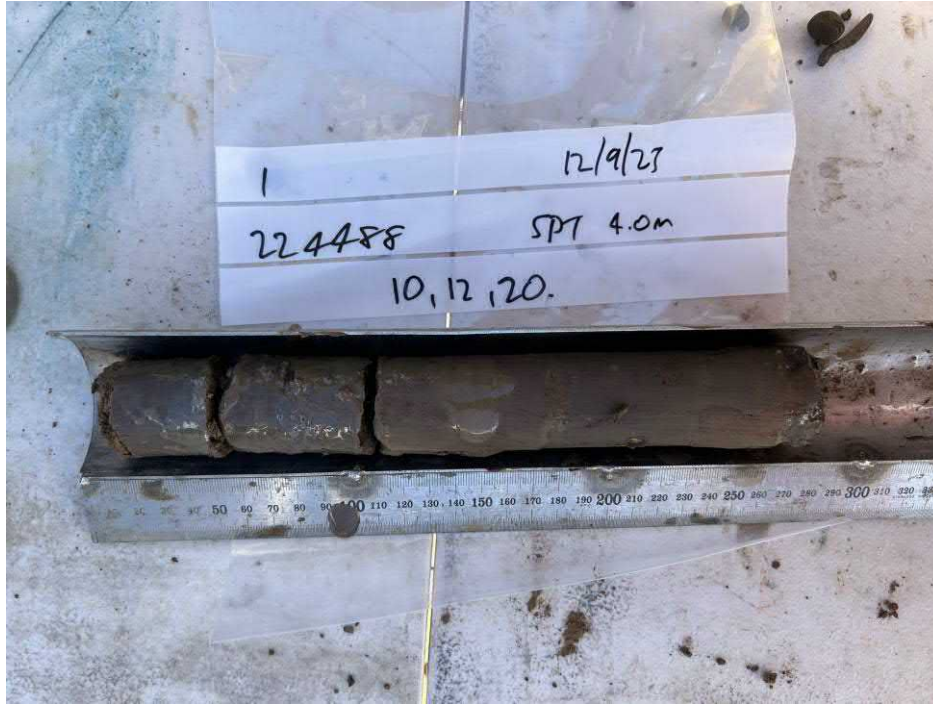
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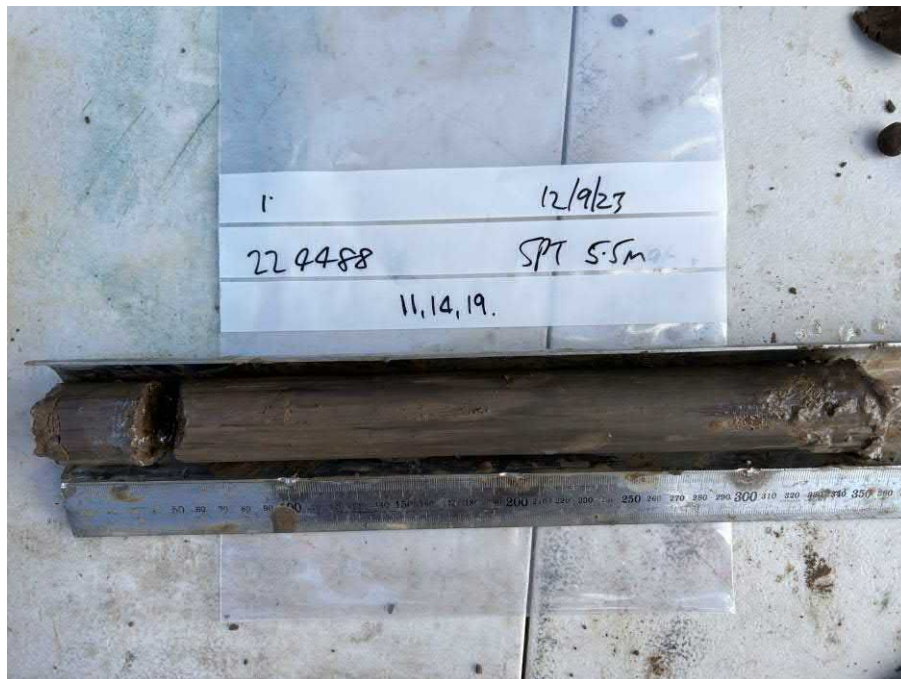
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Bore 1 – SPT 4.0m



Bore 1 – SPT 5.5m



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Bore 1 – SPT 7.0m



Bore 1 – SPT 8.5m



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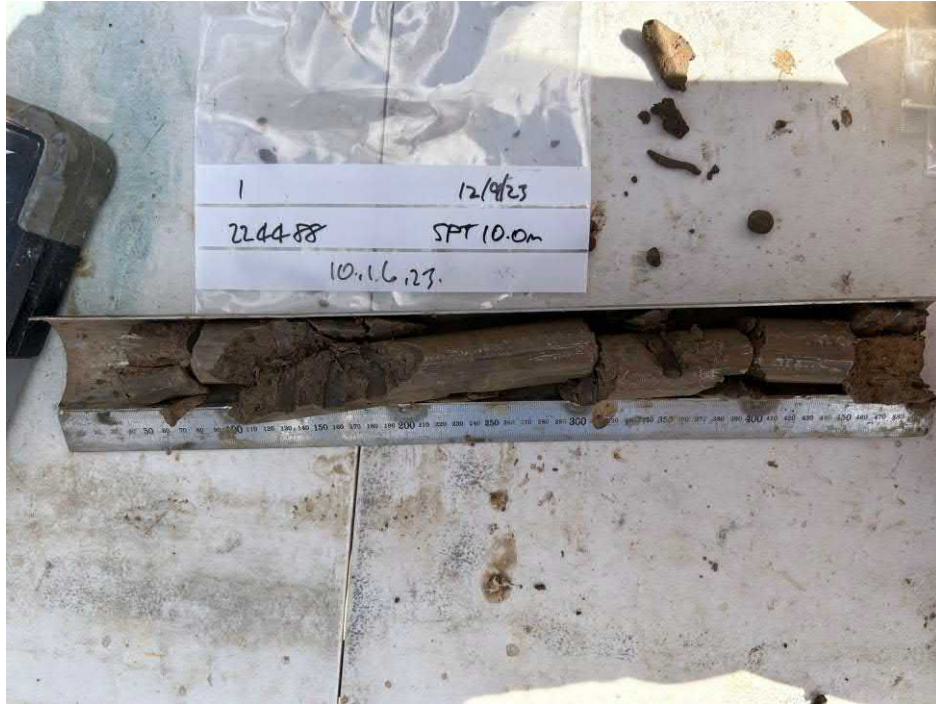
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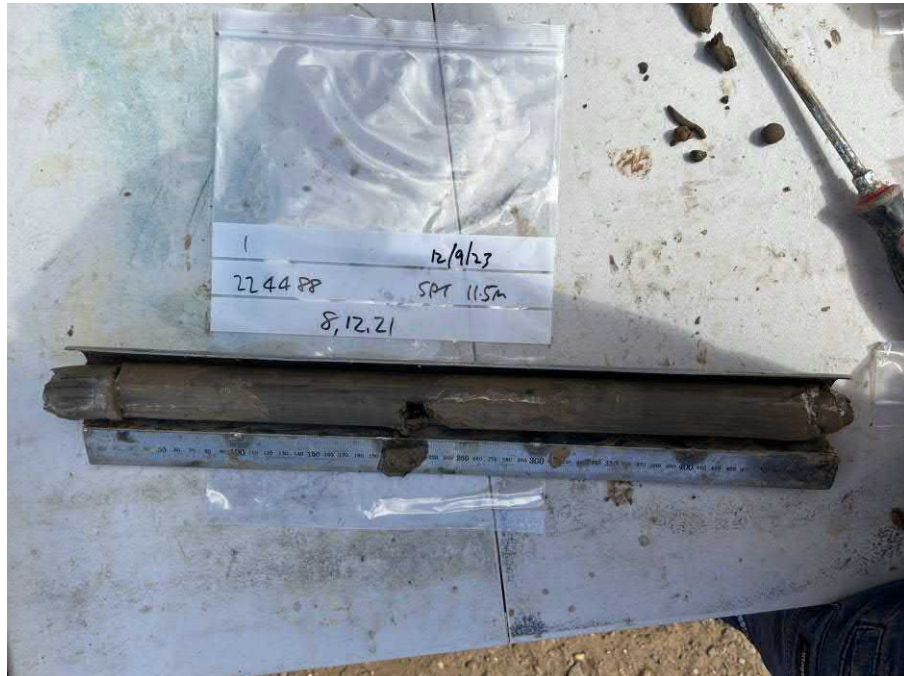
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Bore 1 – SPT 10.0m



Bore 1 – SPT 11.5m



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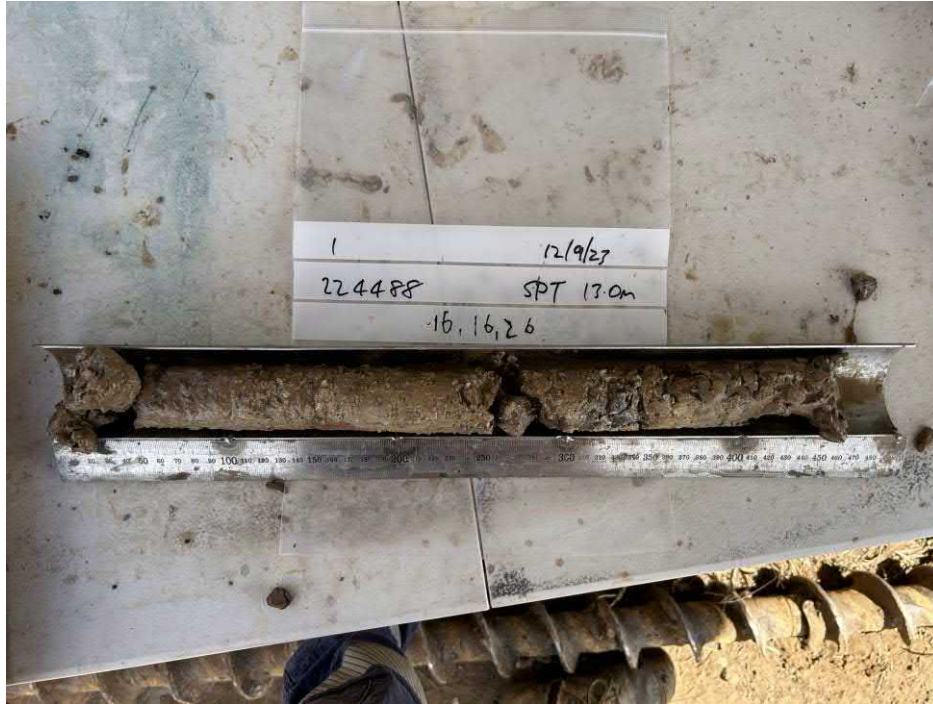
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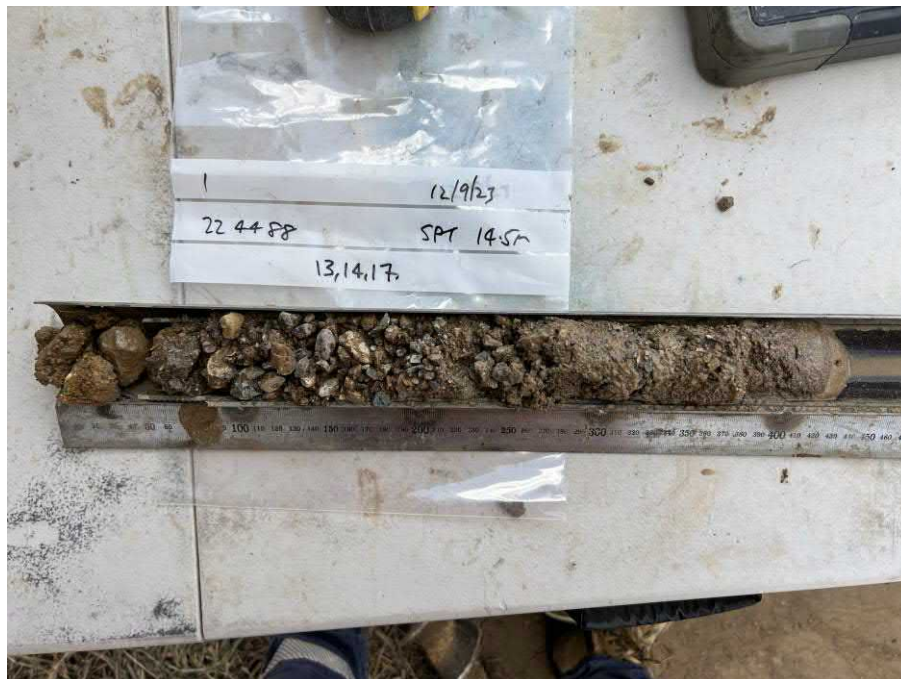
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Bore 1 – SPT 13.0m



Bore 1 – SPT 14.5m



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BOREHOLE LOG

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LOCATION: Don River, Dixalea, QLD

SURFACE LEVEL: 125.1 AHD
COORDINATE: E:231524.3, N:7344975.9
DATUM/GRID: MGA2020 Zone 56
DIP/AZIMUTH: 90°/---°

LOCATION ID: 2
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DATE: 13/09/23
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CONDITIONS ENCOUNTERED				SAMPLE			TESTING AND REMARKS													
GROUNDWATER RL (m)	DEPTH (m)	DESCRIPTION OF STRATA	GRAPHIC	ORIGIN (#)	CONSIS. (°) DENSITY. (°)	MOISTURE	REMARKS	TYPE	INTERVAL	DEPTH (m)	RESULTS AND REMARKS									
											FILL	VD	D	TEST TYPE	5	10	15	21	28	30
125	0.10	FILL / Silty Sandy GRAVEL (GM): grey-pale brown; fine to medium, with cobbles; fine to coarse sand. Sandy CLAY (CL): dark brown; low plasticity; fine sand.		FILL	VD	D														
124	1			ALV	St	w<PL														
123	2.10	Sandy CLAY (CI): brown streaked grey and pale grey; medium plasticity; fine to medium sand.																		
122	3			ALV	H	w=PL														
121	4																			
120	5																			
119	5.40	Silty CLAY (CI): grey brown streaked dark grey; medium plasticity.																		
118	6																			
117	7	7.00m: grey streaked pale brown																		
116	8			ALV	VSt	NDF														
	9																			

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	9.99	Silty CLAY (CH): grey streaked brown; high plasticity.		ALV	VSt to H		NDF				11.5	SPT	6,12,19 N=31
	11.0										11.0		
	12.0	Clayey Sandy GRAVEL (GW-GC): brown grey; fine to coarse, with cobbles; fine to coarse sand; low plasticity.		ALV	D		NDF				12.0	SPT	5,9,12 N=21
	13.00										13.00	SPT	27,30/120
	14.0										14.0	SPT	25,30/80
	15.0										15.0	SPT	12,20,30/140
	16.0										16.0	SPT	30/150
	17.0										17.0	SPT	17,26,27 N=53
	18.0										18.0		
	19.0										19.0		
	19.45	Borehole discontinued at 19.45m depth. Limit of Investigation.											

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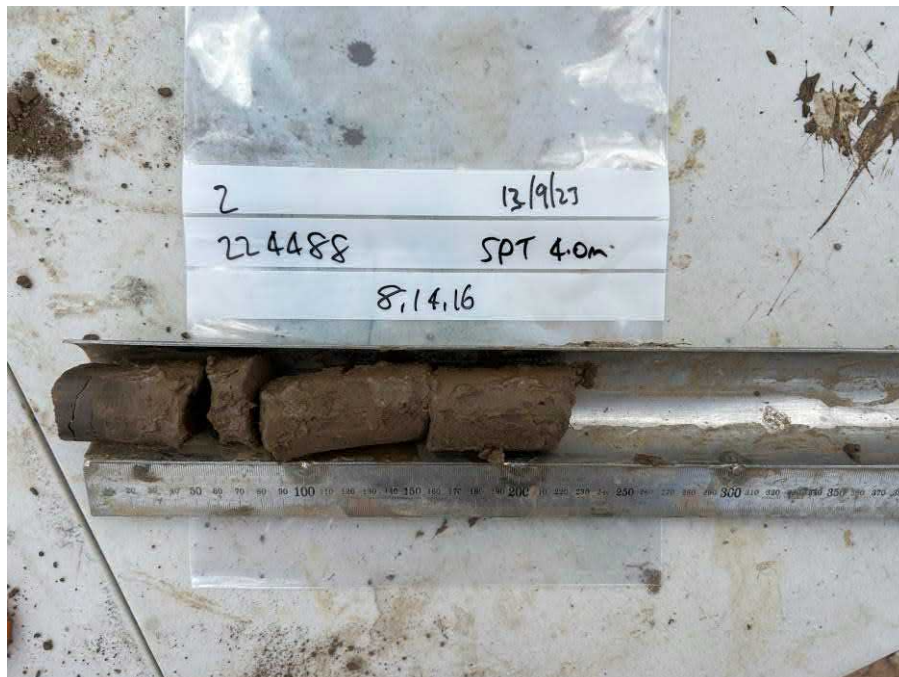
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Bore 2 – SPT 2.5m



Bore 2 – SPT 4.0m



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Bore 2 – SPT 5.5m



Bore 2 – SPT 7.0m



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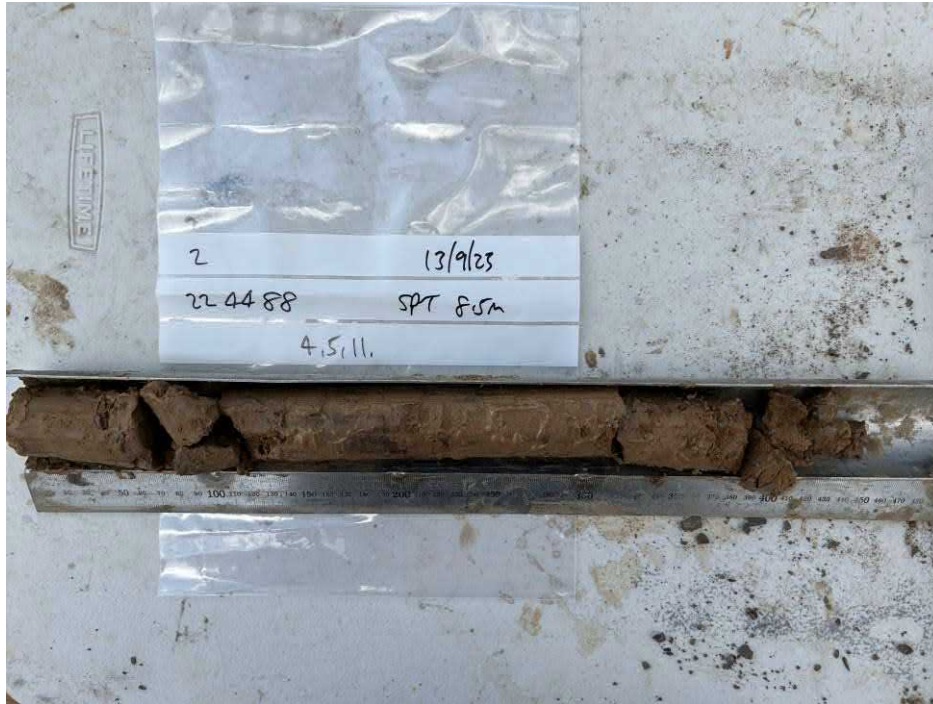
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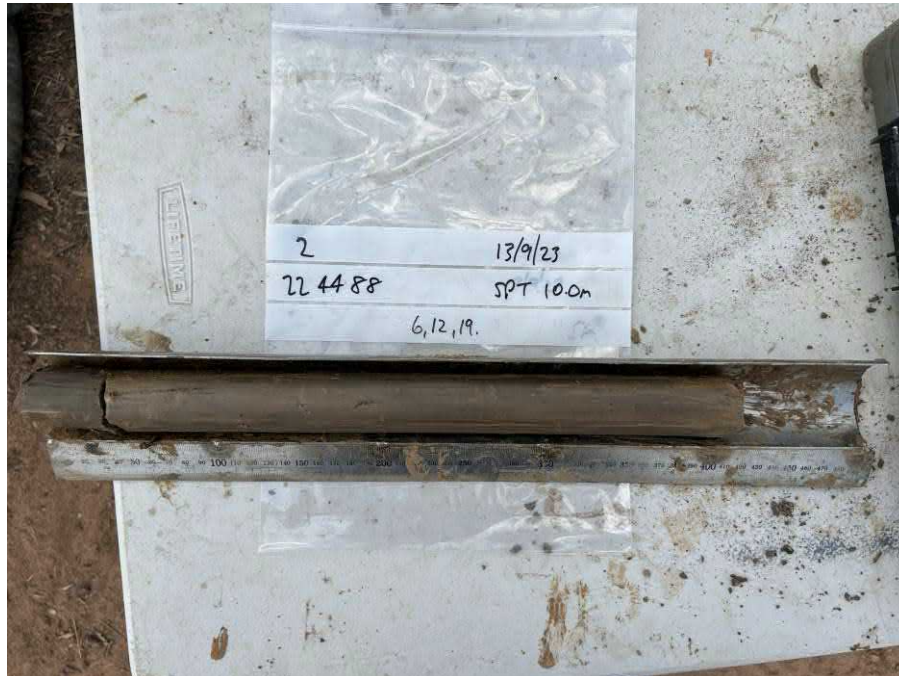
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Bore 2 – SPT 8.5m



Bore 2 – SPT 10.0m



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Bore 2 – SPT 11.5m



Bore 2 – SPT 13.0m



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Bore 2 – SPT 14.5m



Bore 2 – SPT 16.0m



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Bore 2 – SPT 17.5m



Bore 2 – SPT 19.0m



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Material Test Report

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Issue Number: 1
Date Issued: 01/11/2023
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 44 McLeod Street, Cairns QLD 4870
Contact: Jarrod Williams
Project Number: 224488.00
Project Name: Don River Stabilisation
Project Location: Don River, Dixalea QLD
Work Request: 26106
Sample Number: SS-261061
Date Sampled: 12/09/2023
Dates Tested: 11/10/2023 - 25/10/2023
Sampling Method: Sampled by Engineering Department
The results apply to the sample as received
Sample Location: Bore 1 , Depth: 0.0 - 0.4 m



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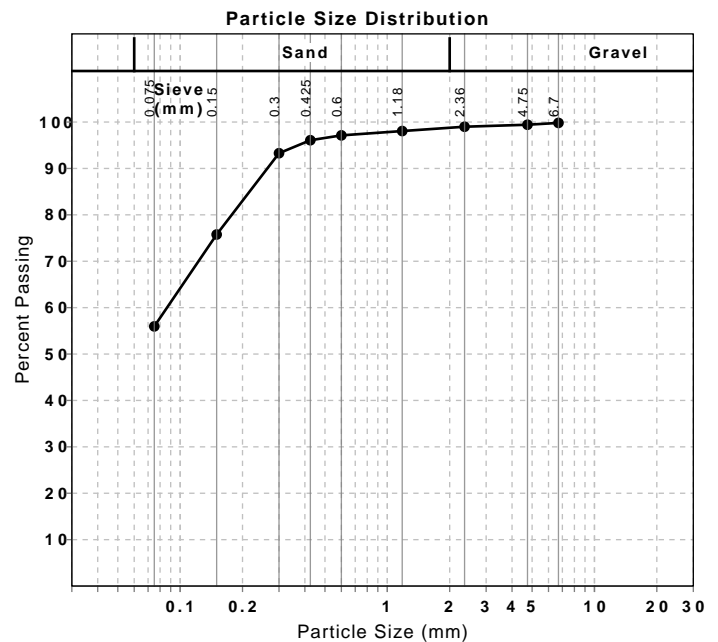
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Particle Size Distribution (AS1289 3.6.1)		
Sieve	Passed %	Passing Limits
6.7 mm	100	
4.75 mm	99	
2.36 mm	99	
1.18 mm	98	
0.6 mm	97	
0.425 mm	96	
0.3 mm	93	
0.15 mm	76	
0.075 mm	56	

Atterberg Limit (AS1289 3.1.2 & 3.2.1 & 3.3.1)		Min	Max
Sample History	Oven Dried		
Preparation Method	Dry Sieve		
Liquid Limit (%)	26		
Plastic Limit (%)	17		
Plasticity Index (%)	9		

Linear Shrinkage (AS1289 3.4.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Condition Determined By	AS 1289.3.1.2		
Linear Shrinkage (%)	6.5		
Cracking Crumbling Curling	None		

Moisture Content (AS 1289 2.1.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Content (%)	6.4		



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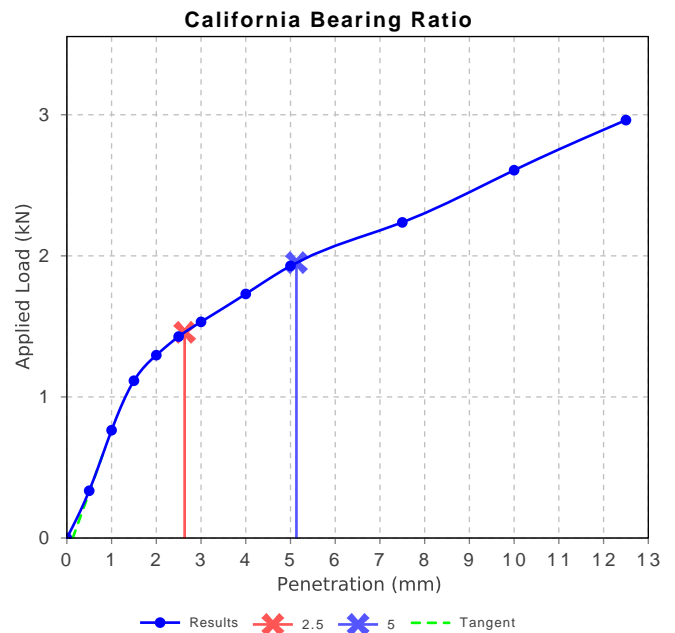
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Sample Location: Bore 1 , Depth: 0.0 - 0.4 m



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California Bearing Ratio (AS 1289 6.1.1 & 2.1.1)		Min	Max
CBR taken at	2.5 mm		
CBR %	11		
Method of Compactive Effort	Standard		
Method used to Determine MDD	AS 1289 5.1.1 & 2.1.1		
Method used to Determine Plasticity	AS1289 3.1.2		
Maximum Dry Density (t/m ³)	1.79		
Optimum Moisture Content (%)	13.0		
Laboratory Density Ratio (%)	97.5		
Laboratory Moisture Ratio (%)	98.5		
Dry Density after Soaking (t/m ³)	1.73		
Field Moisture Content (%)	6.5		
Moisture Content at Placement (%)	12.9		
Moisture Content Top 30mm (%)	17.2		
Moisture Content Rest of Sample (%)	17.3		
Mass Surcharge (kg)	4.5		
Soaking Period (days)	4		
Curing Hours (h)	24.0		
Swell (%)	0.5		
Oversize Material (mm)	19		
Oversize Material Included	Excluded		
Oversize Material (%)	0.0		



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Sample Location: Bore 1 , Depth: 2.5 - 2.95 m



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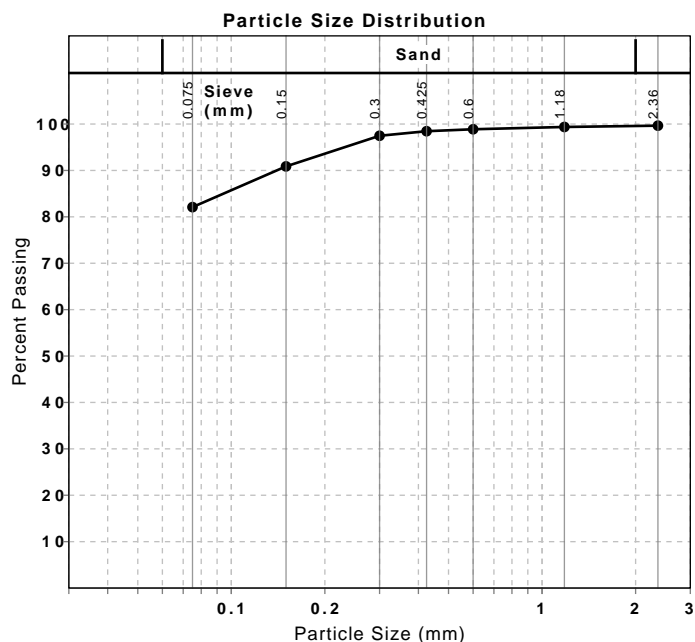
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Particle Size Distribution (AS1289 3.6.1)		
Sieve	Passed %	Passing Limits
2.36 mm	100	
1.18 mm	99	
0.6 mm	99	
0.425 mm	98	
0.3 mm	97	
0.15 mm	91	
0.075 mm	82	

Atterberg Limit (AS1289 3.1.2 & 3.2.1 & 3.3.1)		Min	Max
Sample History	Oven Dried		
Preparation Method	Dry Sieve		
Liquid Limit (%)	39		
Plastic Limit (%)	20		
Plasticity Index (%)	19		

Linear Shrinkage (AS1289 3.4.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Condition Determined By	AS 1289.3.1.2		
Linear Shrinkage (%)	12.0		
Cracking Crumbling Curling	None		

Moisture Content (AS 1289 2.1.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Content (%)	11.7		



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Sample Number: SS-26106F
Date Sampled: 12/09/2023
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Sampling Method: Sampled by Engineering Department
The results apply to the sample as received
Sample Location: Bore 1 , Depth: 5.5 - 5.95 m

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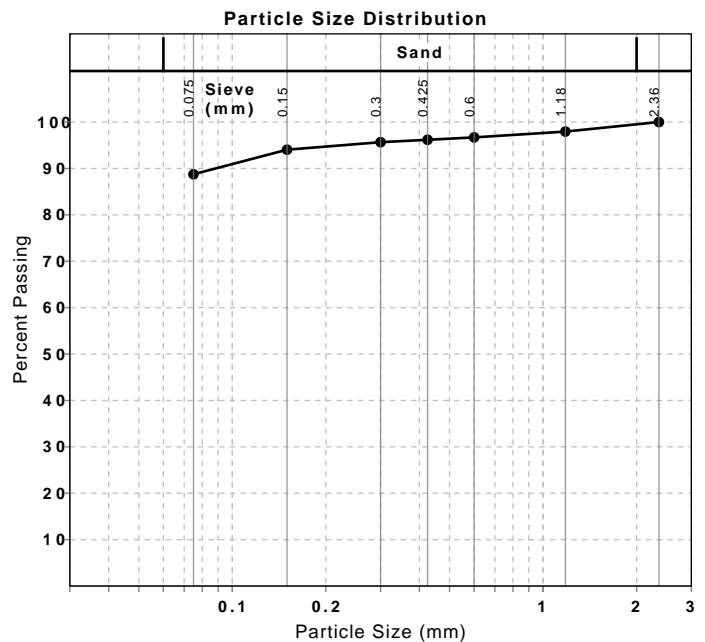
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Particle Size Distribution (AS1289 3.6.1)		
Sieve	Passed %	Passing Limits
2.36 mm	100	
1.18 mm	98	
0.6 mm	97	
0.425 mm	96	
0.3 mm	96	
0.15 mm	94	
0.075 mm	89	

Atterberg Limit (AS1289 3.1.2 & 3.2.1 & 3.3.1)		Min	Max
Sample History	Oven Dried		
Preparation Method	Dry Sieve		
Liquid Limit (%)	47		
Plastic Limit (%)	17		
Plasticity Index (%)	30		

Linear Shrinkage (AS1289 3.4.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Condition Determined By	AS 1289.3.1.2		
Linear Shrinkage (%)	16.0		
Cracking Crumbling Curling	None		

Moisture Content (AS 1289 2.1.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Content (%)	16.5		



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Sample Number: SS-26106G
Date Sampled: 12/09/2023
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Sample Location: Bore 1 , Depth: 8.5 - 8.95 m



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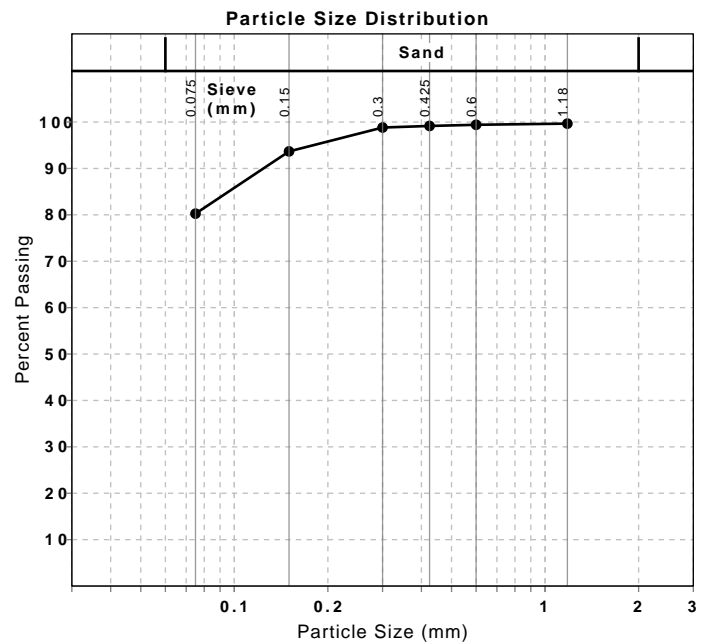
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Particle Size Distribution (AS1289 3.6.1)		
Sieve	Passed %	Passing Limits
1.18 mm	100	
0.6 mm	99	
0.425 mm	99	
0.3 mm	99	
0.15 mm	94	
0.075 mm	80	

Atterberg Limit (AS1289 3.1.2 & 3.2.1 & 3.3.1)		Min	Max
Sample History	Oven Dried		
Preparation Method	Dry Sieve		
Liquid Limit (%)	39		
Plastic Limit (%)	16		
Plasticity Index (%)	23		

Linear Shrinkage (AS1289 3.4.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Condition Determined By	AS 1289.3.1.2		
Linear Shrinkage (%)	13.0		
Cracking Crumbling Curling	Cracking		

Moisture Content (AS 1289 2.1.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Content (%)	17.1		



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Work Request: 26106
Sample Number: SS-26106H
Date Sampled: 12/09/2023
Dates Tested: 11/10/2023 - 13/10/2023
Sampling Method: Sampled by Engineering Department
The results apply to the sample as received
Sample Location: Bore 1 , Depth: 14.5 - 14.95 m



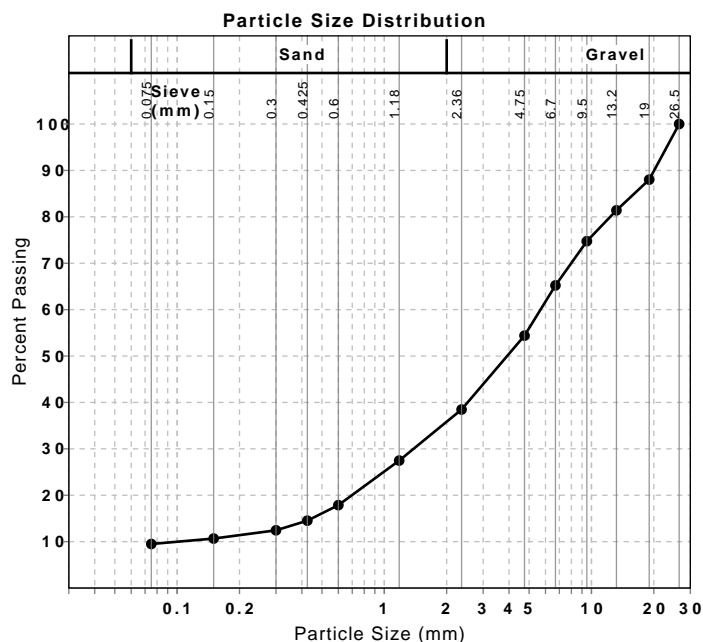
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Particle Size Distribution (AS1289 3.6.1)			
Sieve	Passed %	Passing Limits	
26.5 mm	100		
19 mm	88		
13.2 mm	81		
9.5 mm	75		
6.7 mm	65		
4.75 mm	54		
2.36 mm	38		
1.18 mm	27		
0.6 mm	18		
0.425 mm	15		
0.3 mm	12		
0.15 mm	11		
0.075 mm	9		
Moisture Content (AS 1289 2.1.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Content (%)	14.8		



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Sample Number: SS-26106A
Date Sampled: 12/09/2023
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Sampling Method: Sampled by Engineering Department
The results apply to the sample as received
Sample Location: Bore 2 , Depth: 4.0 - 4.45 m



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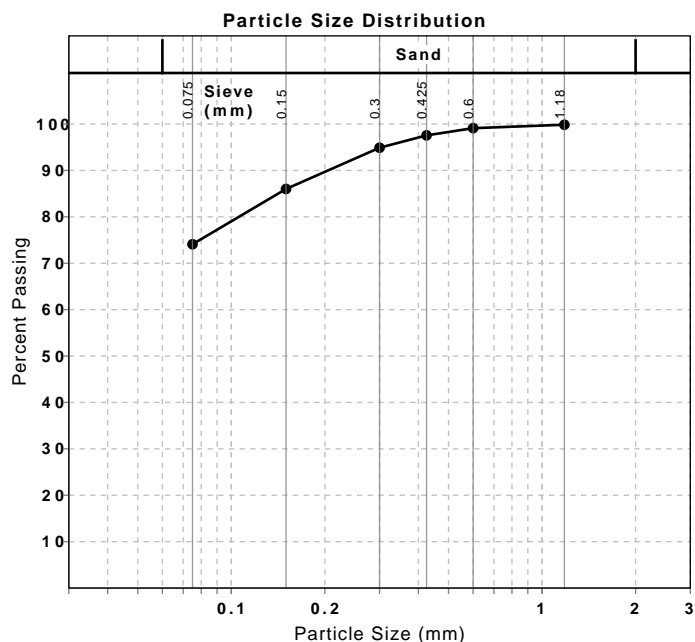
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Particle Size Distribution (AS1289 3.6.1)		
Sieve	Passed %	Passing Limits
1.18 mm	100	
0.6 mm	99	
0.425 mm	98	
0.3 mm	95	
0.15 mm	86	
0.075 mm	74	

Atterberg Limit (AS1289 3.1.2 & 3.2.1 & 3.3.1)		Min	Max
Sample History	Oven Dried		
Preparation Method	Dry Sieve		
Liquid Limit (%)	39		
Plastic Limit (%)	15		
Plasticity Index (%)	24		

Linear Shrinkage (AS1289 3.4.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Condition Determined By	AS 1289.3.1.2		
Linear Shrinkage (%)	12.5		
Cracking Crumbling Curling	None		

Moisture Content (AS 1289 2.1.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Content (%)	16.0		



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Work Request: 26106
Sample Number: SS-26106B
Date Sampled: 12/09/2023
Dates Tested: 11/10/2023 - 25/10/2023
Sampling Method: Sampled by Engineering Department
The results apply to the sample as received
Sample Location: Bore 2 , Depth: 7.0 - 7.45 m

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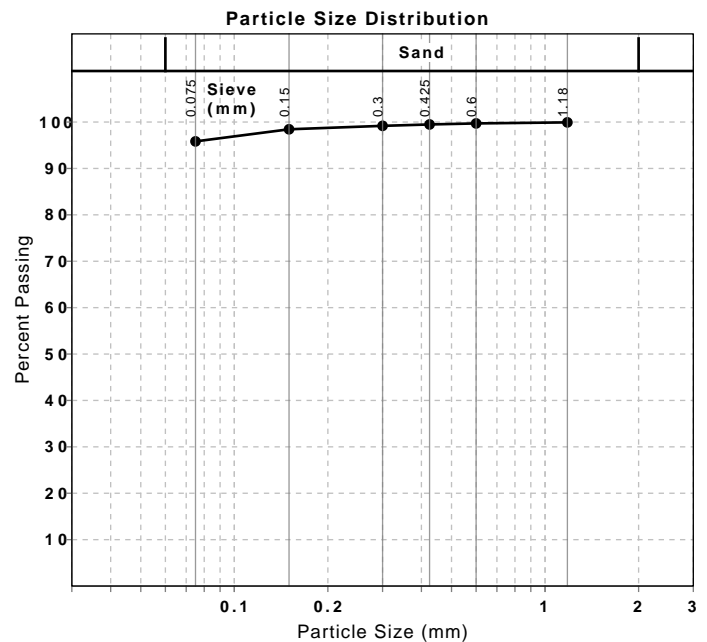
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Particle Size Distribution (AS1289 3.6.1)			
Sieve	Passed %	Passing Limits	
0.6 mm	100		
0.425 mm	99		
0.3 mm	99		
0.15 mm	98		
0.075 mm	96		

Atterberg Limit (AS1289 3.1.2 & 3.2.1 & 3.3.1)			Min	Max
Sample History	Oven Dried			
Preparation Method	Dry Sieve			
Liquid Limit (%)	45			
Plastic Limit (%)	17			
Plasticity Index (%)	28			

Linear Shrinkage (AS1289 3.4.1)			Min	Max
Moisture Condition Determined By	AS 1289.3.1.2			
Linear Shrinkage (%)	13.5			
Cracking Crumbling Curling	None			

Moisture Content (AS 1289 2.1.1)			Min	Max
Moisture Content (%)	25.5			



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Work Request: 26106
Sample Number: SS-26106C
Date Sampled: 12/09/2023
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Sampling Method: Sampled by Engineering Department
The results apply to the sample as received
Sample Location: Bore 2 , Depth: 10.0 - 10.45 m

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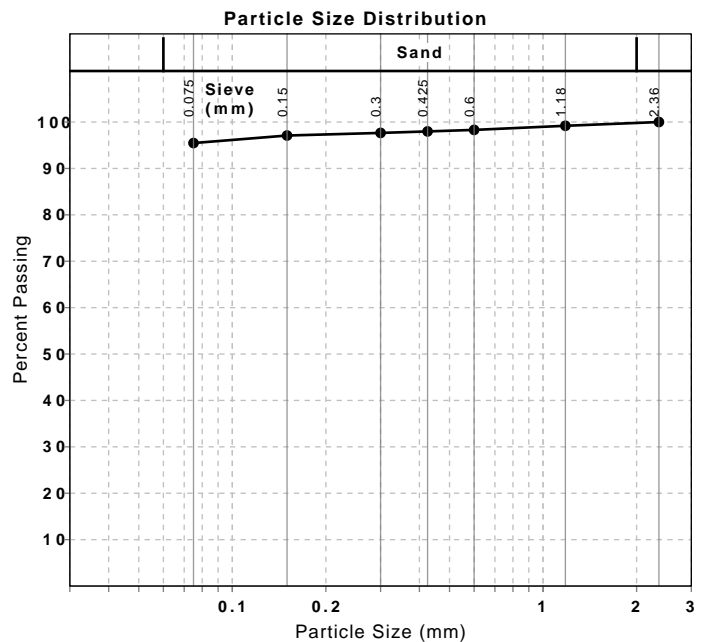
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Particle Size Distribution (AS1289 3.6.1)		
Sieve	Passed %	Passing Limits
2.36 mm	100	
1.18 mm	99	
0.6 mm	98	
0.425 mm	98	
0.3 mm	98	
0.15 mm	97	
0.075 mm	95	

Atterberg Limit (AS1289 3.1.2 & 3.2.1 & 3.3.1)		Min	Max
Sample History	Oven Dried		
Preparation Method	Dry Sieve		
Liquid Limit (%)	58		
Plastic Limit (%)	17		
Plasticity Index (%)	41		

Linear Shrinkage (AS1289 3.4.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Condition Determined By	AS 1289.3.1.2		
Linear Shrinkage (%)	18.0		
Cracking Crumbling Curling	Cracking & Curling		

Moisture Content (AS 1289 2.1.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Content (%)	19.7		



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Sample Number: SS-26106D
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Sampling Method: Sampled by Engineering Department
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Sample Location: Bore 2 , Depth: 13.00 - 13.27 m

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Particle Size Distribution (AS1289 3.6.1)			
Sieve	Passed %	Passing Limits	
26.5 mm	100		
19 mm	89		
13.2 mm	79		
9.5 mm	71		
6.7 mm	63		
4.75 mm	56		
2.36 mm	42		
1.18 mm	37		
0.6 mm	29		
0.425 mm	26		
0.3 mm	24		
0.15 mm	21		
0.075 mm	19		
Moisture Content (AS 1289 2.1.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Content (%)	13.4		

