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of Soak-holes in the Otumoetai  
Area**

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## Executive summary

Tonkin & Taylor Ltd was commissioned by the Tauranga City Council (TCC) to carry out a study into the effect of soak-holes on the stability of slopes in the Bellevue, Brookfield, Judea and Otumoetai areas of Tauranga following the 18 May 2005 rainstorm event. The intent of this study is to define and prioritise areas in which soak-holes should be decommissioned to enhance the stability of adjacent slopes.

The stability of the slopes in the area is mostly controlled by their height and gradient. The shallow geology tends to follow the topography and any water supplied to them is likely to flow sub parallel to surface water. Slopes that are greater than 5 m high with gradients greater than 25 degrees have been classified as slopes vulnerable to landslipping. The vulnerable slopes have been further subdivided into major (greater than or equal to 15 m) and minor (less than 15 m) slopes.

Although not the primary cause of landslipping in and around Otumoetai, the soak-holes in the area still have a detrimental effect on slope stability. Zones where decommissioning of soak-holes is recommended include any areas that direct water toward vulnerable slopes. For major slopes these zones extend to the catchment boundaries behind the slope crests, and for minor slopes they extend behind the crest for three times the slope height. These zones have been categorised into three levels of priority to aid Tauranga City Council (TCC) resourcing the decommissioning process. Soak-holes should be set back from slope crests in any case, including areas where soak-hole decommissioning has not been specifically recommended. We suggest that soak-holes should not be drilled closer than 15 m to the crest of any slope, embankment or cutting that is greater than 5 m high or steeper than 20 degrees.

No new soak-holes should be drilled in areas where their decommissioning is recommended. In other areas specific designs for individual soak-holes should be submitted to TCC for their approval prior to excavation. These designs should take into account the outlet points of the seepage and should be in accordance with TCC regulations. We understand that these regulations currently require that soak-holes are sufficient to cope with water supplied to them during 1 in 10 year 10 minute storms.

# 1 Introduction

Tonkin & Taylor Ltd was commissioned by the Tauranga City Council (TCC) to carry out a study into the effect of soak-holes on the stability of slopes in the Bellevue, Brookfield, Judea and Otumoetai areas of Tauranga following the 18 May 2005 rainstorm event. The event led to widespread landslippage throughout Tauranga City, but particularly in the areas mentioned and also Maungatapu and Welcome Bay<sup>[1]</sup>.

A previous study into soak-holes in Tauranga was carried out in 1992<sup>[2]</sup>. This subdivided Tauranga into areas where soak-holes were generally suitable, areas where specific investigations should be carried out prior to their excavation and areas that were generally unsuitable for soak-holes. The 1992 study classified most of the elevated areas in Otumoetai and those areas proximal to steep slopes as generally unsuitable for soak-holes.

The field area for the current study is shown in Figure 1 and includes the area bounded by Waihi Road in the South and Ngatai Road in the north. Previous studies into slope stability in the Otumoetai area indicate that major landslippage was generally isolated to steep slopes and that it occurred during intense rainfall events that were preceded by periods of high rainfall or relatively recent storm events<sup>[1]</sup>. Many of the slips in Otumoetai occurred close to or within overland flow paths of water and, although many were small shallow failures, there were a number of failures of substantial volume including those at Vale Street, Lemon Grove, Milton Road, Pillans Road and Grange Road.

The primary cause of the landslips has been determined as substantial infiltration of water into the ground caused by rainfall<sup>[1]</sup>. It was also noted that soak-holes may be detrimental to slope stability, albeit to a lesser extent, by concentrating water and creating local areas of high pore water pressure. They may also supply water to the fissured surface of the Hamilton Ash allowing deeper permeation of the water than would naturally occur which would clearly have adverse effects, particularly when the soak-holes are present close to the crests of steep slopes<sup>[1]</sup>. With this in mind we have been asked to demarcate areas where soak-holes should be prohibited in order to minimise their effect on slopes in the area. The aim of this project is, therefore, to produce a map with a line or lines around vulnerable slopes to demarcate areas where soak-holes should be decommissioned and prohibited to minimise their effect on slope stability.

## 2 Methodology

Our methodology has been to:

- i. Research relevant documents that pertain to landslipping in Tauranga.
- ii. Map soil in new exposures and head scarps created by recent landslips in the area and format the new information for addition to the TCC GIS database.
- iii. Drill window sample holes along three lines across the peninsula to broadly examine the variability of the shallow geology and enable drafting of geological cross sections.
- iv. Analyse the geomorphology.
- v. Determine slopes that are vulnerable to landslipping and define catchment boundaries for those slopes.
- vi. Estimate the capacity of the Rotoehu Ash to cope with soak-hole discharge during major storm events, to assist in determining areas where soak-holes should be decommissioned and prohibited from future developments based on (iv) and (v) above.

It is our understanding that contractors excavating soak-holes usually drill until they reach the Hamilton Ash, i.e. through the Rotoehu Ash<sup>[3]</sup>. The Rotoehu Ash is generally a silty fine to medium sand that is porous and permeable and the water being supplied to the soak-holes drains away through this layer. Although we believe this to be the most common practice, it does not always occur. In areas where the Rotoehu Ash is not present contractors are likely to keep excavating the holes until they reach a porous and permeable layer. Such layers are also present at various levels in the Matua Subgroup but at depths where they are unlikely to greatly affect the stability of the slopes. This being the case we have concentrated our investigations on the Rotoehu Ash and have mapped its distribution, thickness and depth at various locations around the peninsula. Our approach to examining the geology and geomorphology has been to try and determine broad variations over the peninsula. This approach allows us to interpret general controls on slope stability rather than analyse individual slopes in detail. A detailed study into the factors controlling the locations of certain eroded gullies, gully heads and individual landslips would require a much more intensive drilling programme which is outside the scope of this report.

We have also estimated the capacity of the Rotoehu Ash to cope with the discharge from soak-holes, examining both the storage capacity of the layer, and the rate at which water can flow into and out of the layer. This governs the influence that the water entering the soak-holes has on groundwater regime. The results have assisted in determining areas around Otumoetai where the decommissioning of soak-holes is recommended. To aid TCC in the allocation resources to the decommissioning process we have further refined these areas assigning three levels of priority. Areas in which we believe soak-hole decommissioning should take place first are assigned priority level 1.

## **3 Geology and Geomorphology**

### **3.1 Introduction**

The geological map of the Tauranga Area, (1:50,000 scale)<sup>4</sup> shows the field area to be underlain by Te Ranga Ignimbrite, with overlying fluvial terrace sequences of the Matua Subgroup volcanic ash deposits. The volcanic ash deposits overlying the Matua Subgroup are further subdivided into the Younger Ash, Rotoehu Ash and Hamilton Ash.

### **3.2 Geomorphology**

The Otumoetai/Brookfield/Bellevue/Judea peninsula comprises an upstanding area of land that reaches 56 metres above sea level. This is bounded by steep sea cliffs and is dissected by deep gullies that have eroded inland from the sea cliffs. The gullies sometimes have active streams at their bases and usually have rounded head scarps.

The slopes in the field area have been classified according to their gradients using ArcInfo GIS software based on topographic information provided by the TCC. The results of this slope gradient classification are shown in Figures 2 and 3. These show that the slopes vary in steepness with many slopes greater than 35 degrees. The head scarps of new landslips visited during the course of this study are shown in Figures 4 and 5.

Comparison of these figures with Figures 2 and 3 indicates that locations of many of the landslips that occurred during 18 May 2005 were coincident with the steepest slopes and, for the purposes of this study, slopes with gradients greater than 25 degrees (or approximately 1 m vertical: 2 m horizontal) have been considered as potentially susceptible to landslipping. Major landslides such as those at Pillans Road, Lemon Grove and Vale Street also occurred where the slopes were relatively high, so the overall stability of slopes in the area is also partly controlled by their height.

### **3.3 Geology**

The landslipping that occurred in the area was almost entirely within the Matua Subgroup and overlying ash deposits that outcrop in the sides of the steep gullies and sea cliffs<sup>1</sup>. To determine any geological controls on slope stability the geological variation of the area was examined by field mapping and window sampling. The field mapping was undertaken in February and March 2006 and the window sampling carried out during March and April 2006, with the data being compiled onto Figures 4 and 5. This information was augmented using existing borehole data and allowed the drafting of a number of cross sections across the peninsula (Figures 6, 7, 8 and 9).

#### **3.3.1 Window Sample Holes**

The window sample holes were drilled at positions shown in Figures 4 and 5 to analyse the variation in the shallow geology along three lines that run approximately east-west across the peninsula. It is understood that it is common practice when drilling soak-holes for contractors to drill until they hit 'chocolate' (Hamilton Ash)<sup>3</sup>. The layer above this is the porous and permeable Rotoehu Ash and it is this layer into which the soak-holes usually drain. This being the case it was decided to target the Rotoehu Ash and terminate the window samples when its base was observed. The logs of the window sample holes are given in Appendix C.

The general geological sequence described in section 3.1 was confirmed in the window sample holes and various shallow layers are described below.

### **3.3.2 Younger Ashes**

Younger ashes were observed in all of the window sample holes and were generally slightly clayey, slightly sandy SILT, orangish yellow, moist, low plasticity and low sensitivity, becoming sandy to very sandy SILT towards their base. This material was often friable and sometimes crumbled on remoulding.

### **3.3.3 Rotoehu Ash**

The Rotoehu Ash mainly comprised silty, fine to medium SAND that was light greyish white and finely bedded. It was loosely packed, crystal-rich, pumiceous, moist, well graded with two fine clayey silt beds 0.2 to 0.4m thick above its base. The Rotoehu Ash was seen in all of the window samples drilled and its thickness varied between 0.4 and 1.3 m, but it was usually between 0.8 and 1.0 m thick. The top of the Rotoehu Ash was between 0.6 and 3.4 metres below ground level (mbgl) although it was usually encountered between 1.5 and 2.5 mbgl.

### **3.3.4 Hamilton Ash**

Most of the window sample holes were terminated in the Hamilton Ash. It was observed in all of the window samples with the exception of WS27 adjacent to Otumoetai Road. It was clayey SILT, dark brown (becoming orange brown with depth), moist, moderately plastic, moderately sensitive. The Hamilton Ash has been described as blocky in Reference 1. This blocky nature is imparted by numerous fissures that seem to penetrate this unit and are likely to have the effect of allowing water to permeate to the deeper layers of the Matua Subgroup. The exact cause of the fissuring is unknown, but it is thought to be related to stress relief adjacent to slopes.

### **3.3.5 Matua Subgroup**

The Matua Subgroup is described in Reference 2 as comprising silts sands and gravels, lacustrine and estuarine muds, low grade coal and peat, interbedded with tephtras and distal ignimbrites. It also contains the Pahoia Tephtras which are very sensitive, rhyolitic clay. The Matua Subgroup was observed in only one window sample hole (WS27), but was seen in many of the outcrops visited and in the boreholes drilled as part of other investigations which confirmed the above description.

### **3.3.6 Groundwater**

Standpipes were installed in eight window sample holes (WS3, WS7, WS12, WS17, WS19, WS21, WS25 and WS30). Where possible these standpipes were installed adjacent to vulnerable slopes or in positions where effects of the soak-hole decommissioning may be observed. Groundwater measurements were taken on 26 April 2006 and the results are given in Appendix B. The readings were taken the day after a reasonably heavy rainfall event and most of the wells were dry with only one reliable reading taken from WS25 where groundwater was 4.1 metres below ground level.

### 3.4 Types of Slope Failure Observed

Previous studies into the slope stability of the Tauranga area include References 1, 5, 6 and 7. A number of types of slope failure have been observed in Tauranga. These include<sup>(1,5)</sup>:

- Large scale block failures
- Piping-triggered block failure
- Wave erosion triggered block failure
- Colluvium/Topsoil failure

Many of these failures occurred on steep sea cliffs during periods of intense rainfall as was experienced in March 1979 at Maungatapu, and in August 1979 at Omokoroa<sup>(6)</sup> although along the shoreline there is probably also undercutting of the cliff caused by marine erosion<sup>(5)</sup> that is not necessarily coincident with storm events. It has also been noted that storms which resulted in numerous slope failures were preceded by periods of high rainfall. The 18 May 2005 event was preceded by another storm event on 3 May 2005.

Most of the slips caused by the 18 May 2005 event involved shallow block failure of the upper half of a slope with the slip material mixing with water and becoming small mudflows<sup>(1)</sup>. Large landslides such as Vale Street were large block slides that involved the whole slope<sup>(1)</sup>. Both of these types of failure would have involved a number of the ashes and fluvial sediments described above. The initial stages of piping failure were also noted in the Rotoehu Ash during this study. In the head scarp of the Vale Street landslide the Rotoehu Ash had begun to erode away from around water seepages. Although this kind of erosion is unlikely to lead to the larger landslides observed, it may lead to shallow failures involving the upper few metres of the ground where the Rotoehu Ash is exposed, e.g. the steep sea cliffs adjacent to shorelines in the area.

### 3.5 Discussion

The dip of the Rotoehu Ash across the field area is shown in Figures 4 and 5 and the shallow geology along the various sections across the peninsula is shown in Figures 6, 7, 8 and 9.

The dip of the Rotoehu Ash was measured during field mapping and calculated from the window sample holes and boreholes. The dip of the ash mostly appears to follow the topography i.e. where the topography flat, the dip of the ash is very shallow and vice versa. The steepest dips were seen in the areas with the steepest slopes e.g. Lemon Grove.

The cross sections show that there is generally no great variation in geology across the peninsula. The geology described earlier in this section was almost always encountered where we drilled and mapped albeit at varying depths and the Younger, Rotoehu and Hamilton ashes appear to follow the topographic variation dipping subparallel to slope directions suggesting that the gullies are at least older than that Hamilton Ash and the shallow geology is only exposed where active erosion has taken place e.g. sea cliffs, steeper gully sides that have experienced recent slope failure or adjacent to incised streams. The mapping and cross sections indicate that there is nothing in a broad geological sense that makes some slopes more susceptible to failure than others and landslips appear to occur through the volcanic ashes and Matua Subgroup by similar mechanisms irrespective of the dips of the individual strata. There may be local geological controls on the positions of certain landslips, gullies and gully heads, but it is

likely that the general stability of any given slope in the area is more dependent on its morphology. The dependence on the slope morphology is further evidenced by the locations of the slips themselves, with the larger slope failures e.g. Pillans Road, Vale Street and Lemon Grove all occurring in areas that are relatively high and steep.

It is understood that most soak-holes utilise the porosity of the Rotoehu Ash to dispose of storm water. If the interpretation of the dip directions and cross sections is correct then any water supplied to the Rotoehu Ash from the soak-holes will essentially flow parallel to the topography away from catchment boundaries (see Figures 4 and 5) following the surface water flow paths. In most cases in the Otumoetai area, this means towards the gullies and sea cliffs which is not desirable in the case of vulnerable slopes.

A further effect of the soak-holes is the rapid supply of water to deeper soil levels than it would otherwise reach. The Hamilton Ash underlying the Rotoehu Ash has a fissured surface allowing water to permeate the Matua Subgroup, particularly in the proximity of slopes. This would result in significant lateral disturbing forces in the slope in addition to the reduction in effective stress of the soils. The Matua Subgroup contains a number of sensitive ash layers (Pahoia Tephra) that may be affected by significant influx of water into overlying layers. The water supplied to the Rotoehu Ash may lead to a significant increase in the pore water pressure at depth and thereby contribute to the instability of the slope, particularly where sensitive layers such as the Pahoia Tephra are present.

At the head of the Vale Street slip the initial stages of piping failure were observed in an outcrop of Rotoehu Ash. If left unchecked piping can decrease the stability of a slope. In the Otumoetai Area the zone affected by piping is generally shallow, but its extent may be reduced by minimising the amount of water flow into the Rotoehu Ash.

## **4 Analysis of Water Flow in Soak-holes**

### **4.1 Introduction**

This section analyses the volume of water supplied to soak-holes during storm events and the subsequent infiltration of water into the Rotoehu Ash. It examines the storage capacity and permeability of Rotoehu Ash and its probable behaviour during the 18 May 2005 storm event. It also describes the reasons for the decommissioning of soak-holes by providing criteria for the delineation of zones in the Otumoetai area in which they should be removed.

### **4.2 Criteria for Removal of the Soak-holes**

Our starting point for establishing zones for the removal of soak-holes was to identify the slopes most vulnerable to instability in the event of major storms similar to the one of 18 May 2005. Excluding effects from rainfall, the most significant factors influencing the stability of the slopes are their shape and their geological structure. The detailed geological investigation described in Section 3, has shown that the basic geology of all the slopes is very similar. The same sequence of ash layers is generally found right across the study area, with the shallower layers closely following the topography of the ground. It is only at the cliff lines themselves, which have been formed by sea erosion and slipping, that the surface topography cuts across the ash layers. There are thus no geological features (such as dip/strike angles, or weaker layers at particular sites) that may make some slopes more likely to slip than others.

The most vulnerable slopes have therefore been identified primarily on the basis of their surface shape, in particular their inclination and height. Based on past experience and observations, especially those arising from the 18 May 2005 event, a definition of vulnerable slopes would be those with portions that are steeper than 2H:1V (or approximately 25 degrees) and of reasonable height (in this case greater than or equal to 5 m). These slopes have been first identified on a broad basis using the 1:5000 topographical maps and subdivided into major and minor slopes with major slopes comprising those that are greater than or equal to 15 m high and minor slopes less than 15 m high. They have then been further refined to some extent by visual site inspections, and by consideration of any other factors that may possibly influence their stability. Apart from height and inclination, a further factor that influences stability is the shape of the cliff line in plan. Where the cliff line is concave, especially where it forms deep horse-shoe shaped gullies, the likelihood of slips is significantly higher than where it is convex. This is because both surface run-off and groundwater seepage tend to become concentrated in the concave areas. However, the convex and concave areas are so closely interconnected in the Otumoetai area that it is not considered practical to separate them for the purposes of establishing the soak-hole zones.

Having established the vulnerable slopes, the next step was to determine the extent of soak-hole removal from the residential areas above the slopes. As mentioned above, the geological investigation has established that the ash layers quite closely follow the ground topography. The Rotoehu Ash layer, which is the permeable layer that the soak-holes are designed to discharge into, generally follows the ground shape at a depth of 2 m to 3 m so that any water discharged into this layer from sites up-hill of vulnerable slopes flows towards these slopes. Ideally, therefore it is desirable to remove and ban all such soak-holes. Establishing the "up-hill" areas is fairly straightforward; it simply involves

determining the flow direction of surface water, i.e. the “catchment” of the vulnerable slopes. This can generally be done with sufficient accuracy from the 1:5000 contour plans.

The above procedure means that in general the maximum distance from the top of the slopes requiring soak-hole removal will be about 100 to 150m. This limiting distance comes about because the width of the plateau areas between cliff lines is generally less than 300m. This is reasonable for the major slopes in view of their height. The zone of greatest direct influence in terms of rainfall effects would be about three times the height of the slope; in many cases the steep portions of these slopes are about 30m to 40m high giving set back distances of at least 100m. However, for the minor slopes, including the entire catchment area above the slopes would result in excessively large set back distances, so for the minor slopes a set back distance of three times the slope height has been adopted.

As an aid to further refining the above procedure, an attempt has been made to determine analytically the way in which the soak-holes and the Rotoehu Ash (the “aquifer”) actually handle the discharge during major storms. The detailed calculations are set out in Appendix D and approximate the ability of the Rotoehu Ash to take up water supplied to it during heavy rainfall. A summary of what they show is described in Sections 4.2.1 and 4.2.2.

#### **4.2.1 Capacity of the aquifer to receive water from the soak-holes**

If the aquifer is essentially “dry”, it could accept 80 to 160 m<sup>3</sup> of water from a single house. In other words this is the storage capacity of the aquifer beneath the area of an average house site. The volume of water coming from a house during the 18 May 2005 storm was about 17 m<sup>3</sup> in the first hour of the storm and about 67 m<sup>3</sup> in the 24 hour period. Thus, from a volume point of view the aquifer should be able to take the flow, provided it was “empty” i.e. “dry” at the start of the storm.

However, it is not just the volume that governs the capacity of the aquifer. It is also the rate at which water can flow into it from a soak-hole. Calculations suggest that the rate of flow into the aquifer is unlikely to exceed about 2.5 m<sup>3</sup>/hour unless pressure builds up within the soak-hole. This flow rate is too slow to handle the storm discharge and therefore the soak-hole is likely to “fill up” with water and provide a pressure head forcing the water to flow into the aquifer at a faster rate. However, even with the increased flow coming from this effect, it is probable that not all the discharge from the house roof will go into the aquifer. The soak-hole will fill up and overflow with water then discharging onto the ground.

The implication from the above calculation is that water pressure is likely to build up in the aquifer, with the result that water is more likely to be “forced” into the deeper layers, especially the brown Hamilton Ash immediately below the Rotoehu Ash. The presence of the soak-holes, with their discharge into the Rotoehu Ash, clearly means that water can more rapidly enter the slopes, especially the deeper layers and thus reduce the overall stability of the slope.

The calculation is approximate because exact values of the soil properties use are not known. Assumed values have been used. The calculation is also approximate because it fails to take account of direct infiltration into the aquifer from the ground surface. Some of the upper layers are of moderate permeability and some water will enter the aquifer

directly, in which case it may fill up with water more rapidly than the above estimates suggest.

#### **4.2.2 Rate at which water will flow out of the aquifer once the rainfall has stopped**

It is generally the case that the distance from which water will flow towards any particular slope varies from about 50m to 150m or in some cases more than 200m. If we take a mean figure of 100 m, then the time needed for the aquifer to drain completely could be as short as about 5 days, but is more likely to be approximately 120 days i.e. almost 4 months.

The first implication from this calculation is that the aquifer would only become “dry” after a reasonably long dry period. The term “dry” is used here to mean that all the water that can drain out of the aquifer under the influence of gravity has drained out of it. It does not mean that it is bone dry. Surface tension effects mean that significant water is still present. Thus at the end of a reasonable summer the aquifer could well be “dry” and have the capacity to take up inflow from a reasonable storm without becoming pressurised, i.e. without significant head building up within the soak-hole or the aquifer. The second implication is that if a storm event follows fairly soon after another storm, or after a prolonged period of intermittent rain, then the consequences are likely to be much more severe than if it occurs after a relatively long dry period.

### **4.3 Discussion**

The calculations summarised above generally confirm what was believed to be the case from the observed behaviour of the soils during the 18 May 2005 event. They do not provide any justification for taking out fewer soak-holes than those identified by the method described at the beginning of Section 4.2. Areas where soak-holes should be decommissioned are shown in Figures 4 and 5 with the set back for these areas following the criteria of three times the slope height for minor slopes and to the nearest catchment boundary for major slopes. A certain amount of judgement was necessary in applying the above criteria, especially where the steepness or height of the relic cliff lines change rapidly, or where the cliffs fade out altogether. A certain degree of judgement in situations such as this is inevitable.

Further to the above criteria we have classified areas for the removal of soak-holes as Priority 1, 2, or 3. These priorities have been assigned to assist the TCC in allocating resources to the soak-hole decommissioning process. They are not meant for any other purpose. These classifications are applied to vulnerable slopes and are based on the following:

- Priority 1 – Catchments of major slopes where extensive landslipping occurred during the 18 May 2005 storm event.
- Priority 2 – All other major slopes and minor slopes that experienced stability problems in the 18 May 2005 storm event.
- Priority 3 – All other minor slopes.

No new soak-holes should be permitted in any of the areas shaded in Figures 4 and 5 regardless of their priority.

The removal of soak-holes from all areas above slopes would be advantageous to slope stability. In areas that have not been classified as priority 1 to 3, caution should be exercised during soak-hole design. No soak-holes should be drilled within 15 m of the crest of a slope, embankment or cutting that are greater than 5 m high and steeper than 20 degrees. Where they are permitted the design of individual soak-holes should be submitted to TCC for approval. These designs should take into account the exit point of the seepage and they should be carried out according to TCC regulations. We understand that these regulations currently require that the soak-holes are sufficient to receive water from 1 in 10 year ten minute storms without overflowing. For storms of greater intensity the soak-holes are likely to overflow. In these cases the overland flow paths should be considered for storm water management purposes. A full appreciation of local overland flow paths is beyond the scope of this report but, where possible, directing overland flow away from appurtenant structures on neighbouring properties should be given consideration in the planning of any proposed future developments.

## 5 Conclusions

The soak-holes in the Otumoetai area were identified as having a detrimental effect on slope stability in the Otumoetai area<sup>[1]</sup>. With this in mind a study was initiated to determine where decommissioning of the soak-holes would have the greatest effect in enhancing the stability of slopes in the area. This study looked at the geology and geomorphology of the area to determine any possible controls they have on the stability of the slope. It then determined slopes vulnerable to landslipping and produced a set of criteria to determine areas in which soak-holes should be decommissioned from the said slopes. The set back distances of soak-holes from the slope crests was quantified using assumed soil parameters, and property and roof areas. The following conclusions have been reached:

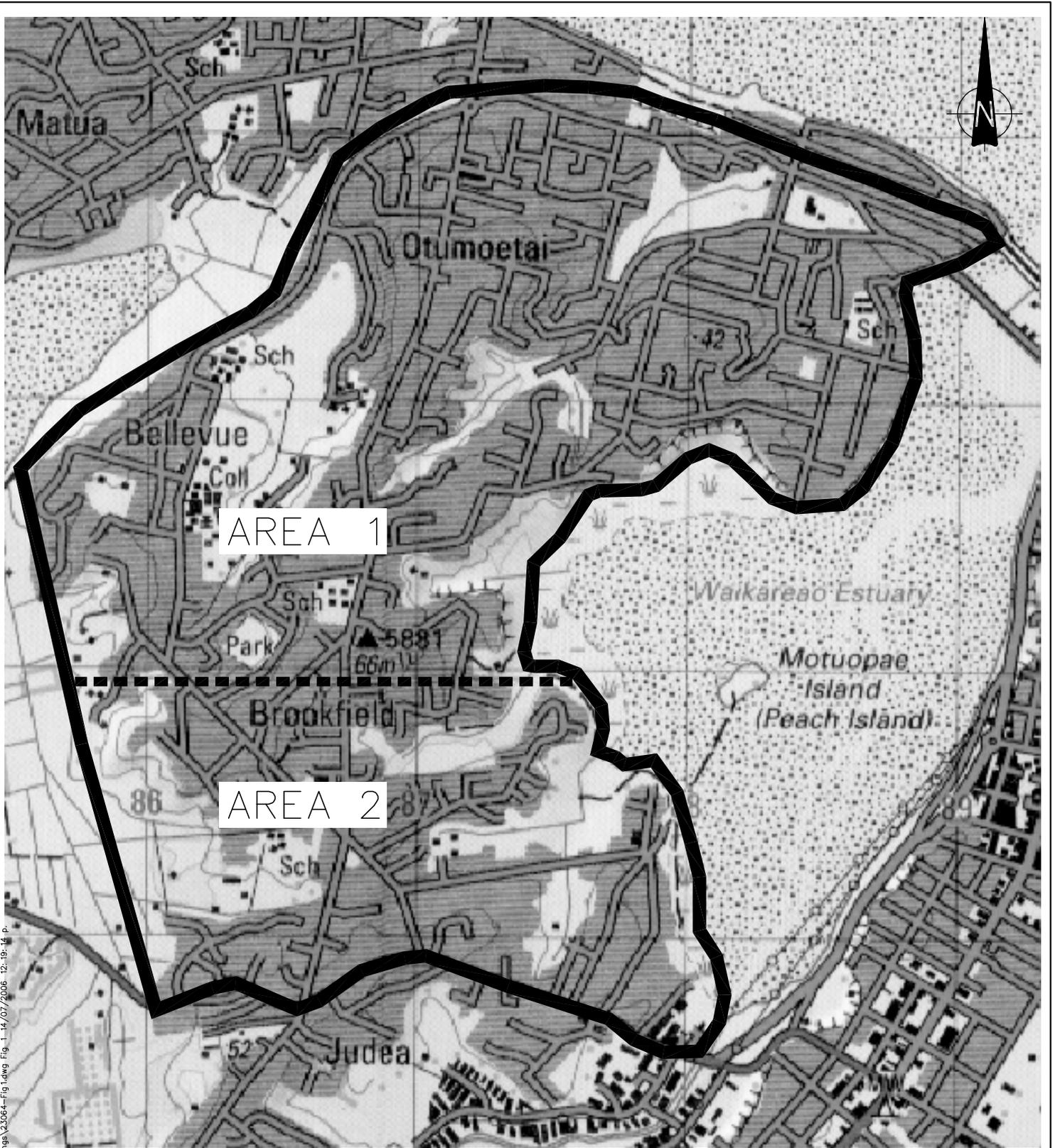
- The stability of any given slope is mostly controlled by its morphology and vulnerable slopes are those that are greater than or equal to 25 degrees and greater than or equal to 5 m high;
- Slopes have been further subdivided into minor slopes (less than 15 m high) and major slopes (greater than or equal to 15 m high);
- In most places the shallow geology is subparallel to the surface topography, and there are thus no apparent geological controls on a large scale that make some slopes more susceptible to slope failure than others;
- Water supplied to the Rotoehu Ash will generally flow subparallel to the surface water flow paths;
- Water supplied to the soak-holes may also gain access to deeper sensitive layers in the Matua Subgroup faster than it would under natural conditions;
- The initial stages of piping erosion were observed in the Rotoehu Ash and this may contribute to shallow failures where the unit outcrops, e.g. the steep and high sea cliffs. Restricting the infiltration of water into the Rotoehu Ash would minimise the effect of piping erosion on slope stability;
- Areas where it is recommended that soak-holes be decommissioned are shown on Figures 4 and 5. The areas of soak-hole decommissioning are based on the criteria of removing the soak-holes completely in areas where the water will flow towards the major slopes (i.e. to the nearest catchment boundary behind the slope crest), and within three times the slope height for minor slopes;
- In areas where decommissioning has not been prioritised they should not be drilled closer than 15 m to the crest of a slope, embankment or cutting;
- Where soak-holes are permitted their designs should take into account the exit points for the seepage and they should be designed according to TCC regulations. We understand that these regulations currently require that soak-holes are able to receive water from a 1 in 10 year ten minute storm without overflowing.



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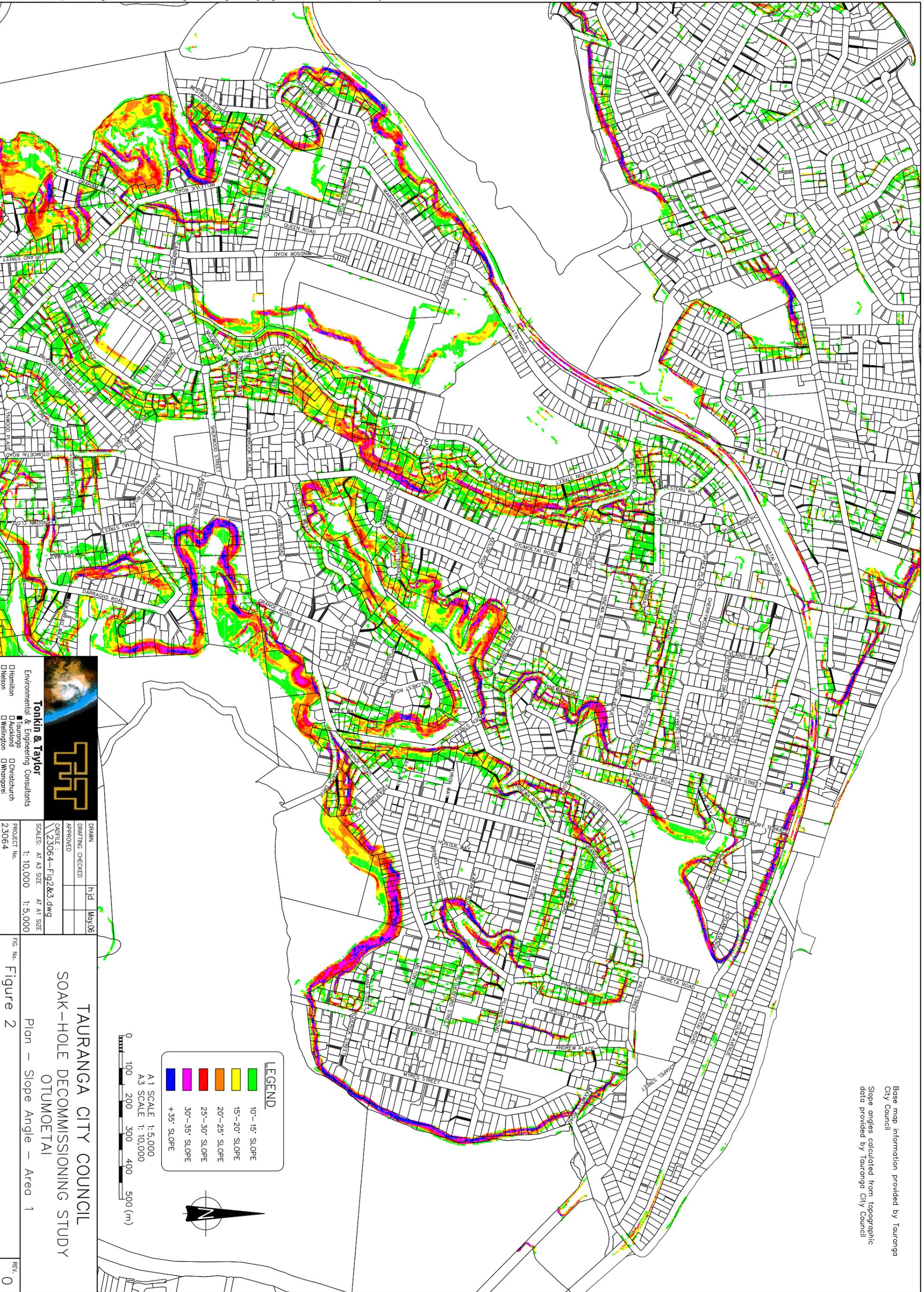
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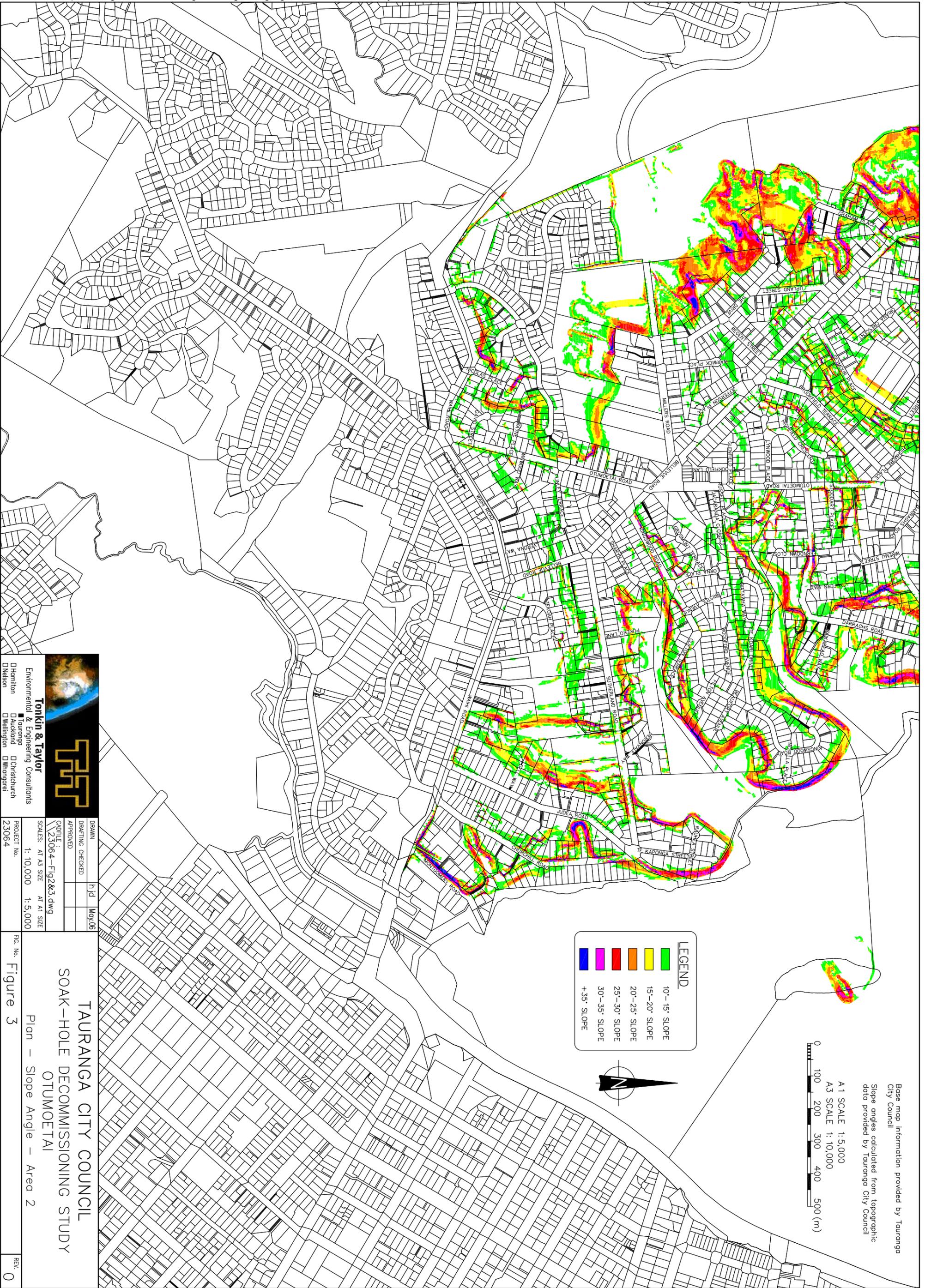
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Plan - Slope Angle - Area 1

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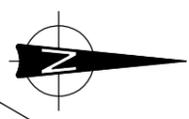


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**LEGEND**

- 10-15° SLOPE
- 15-20° SLOPE
- 20-25° SLOPE
- 25-30° SLOPE
- 30-35° SLOPE
- +35° SLOPE



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Plan - Slope Angle - Area 2

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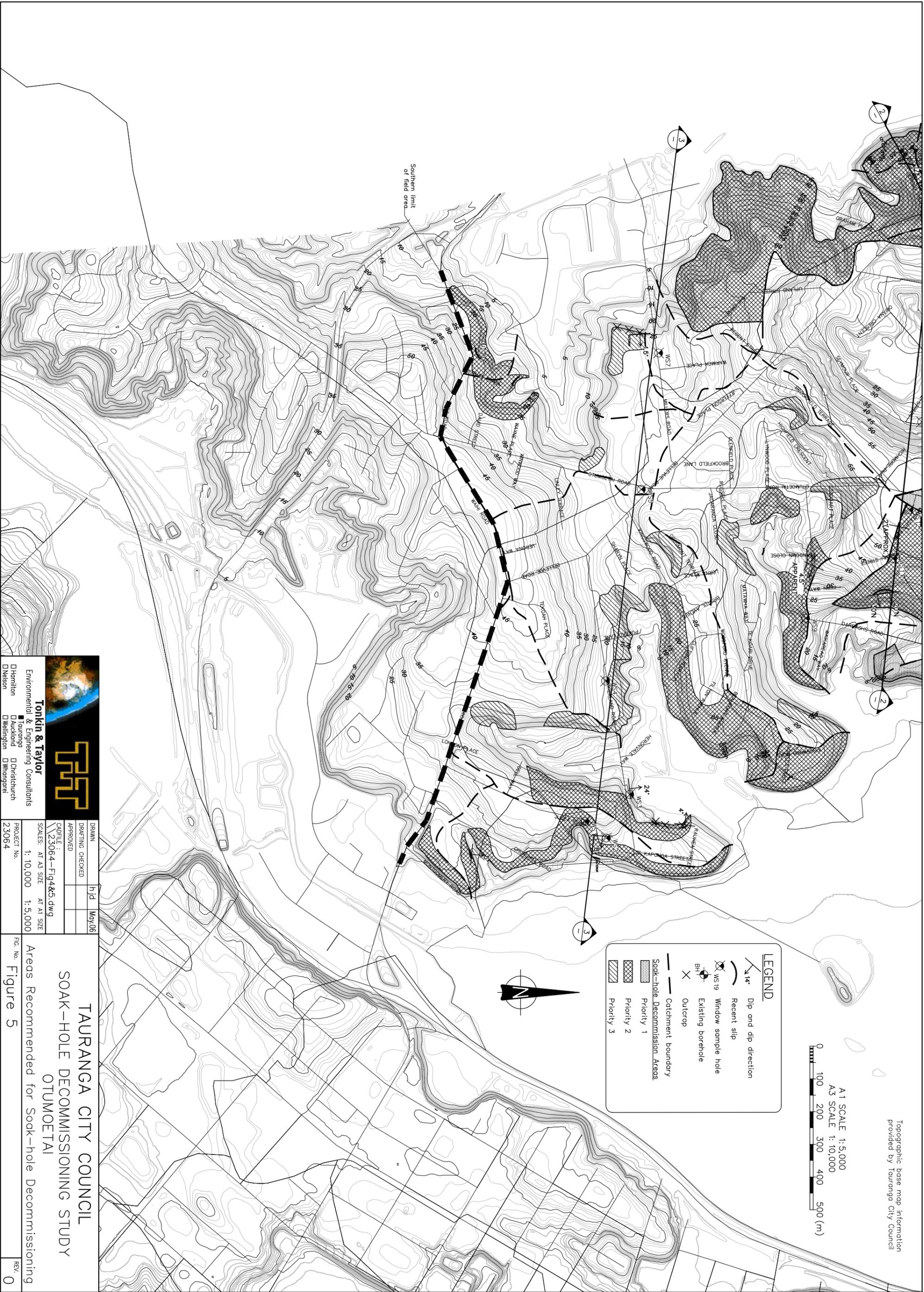
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**LEGEND**

- Dip and dip direction
- Recent slip
- Window sample hole
- Existing borehole
- Outcrop
- Catchment boundary
- Soak-hole Decommissioning Areas
  - Priority 1
  - Priority 2
  - Priority 3

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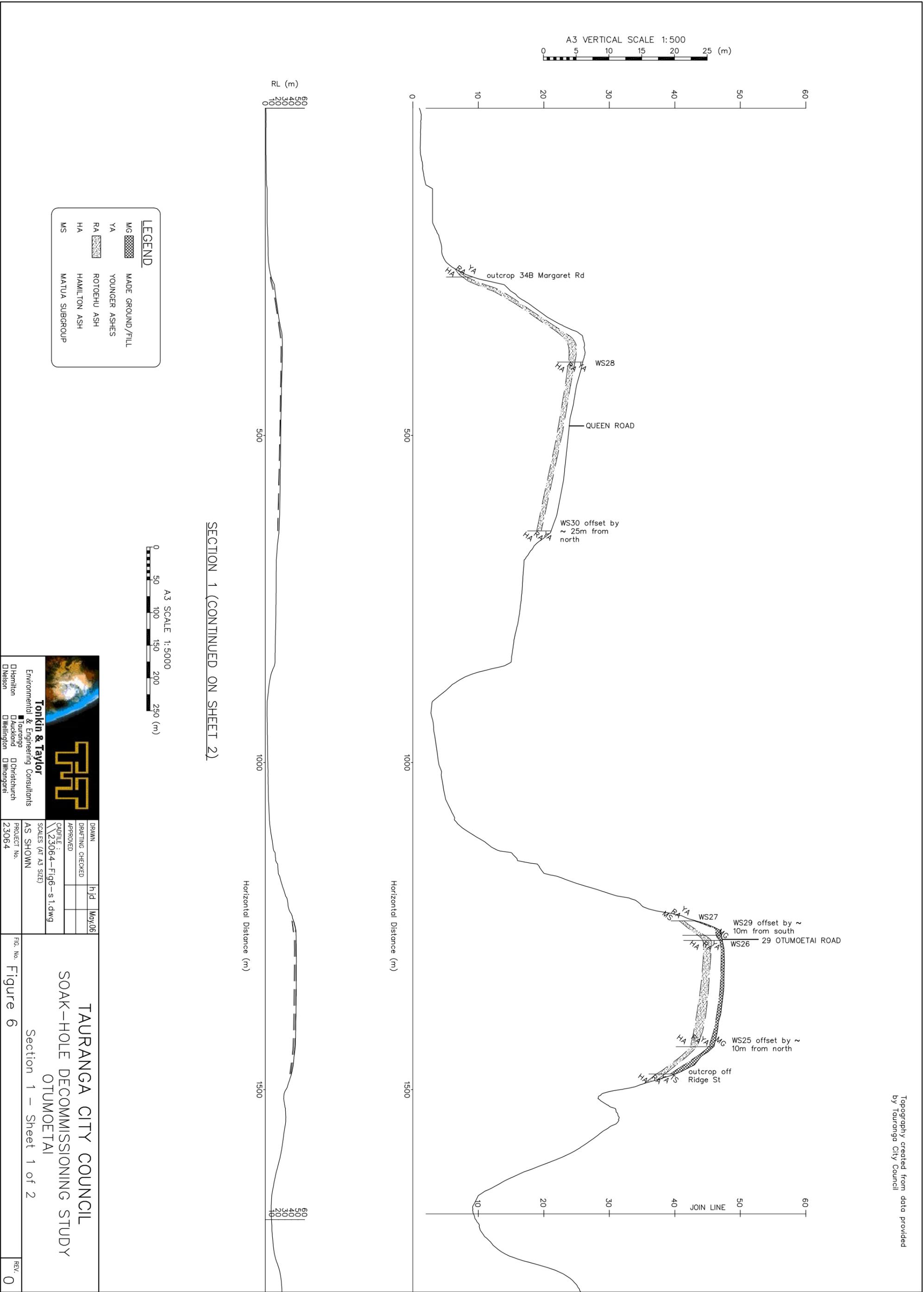
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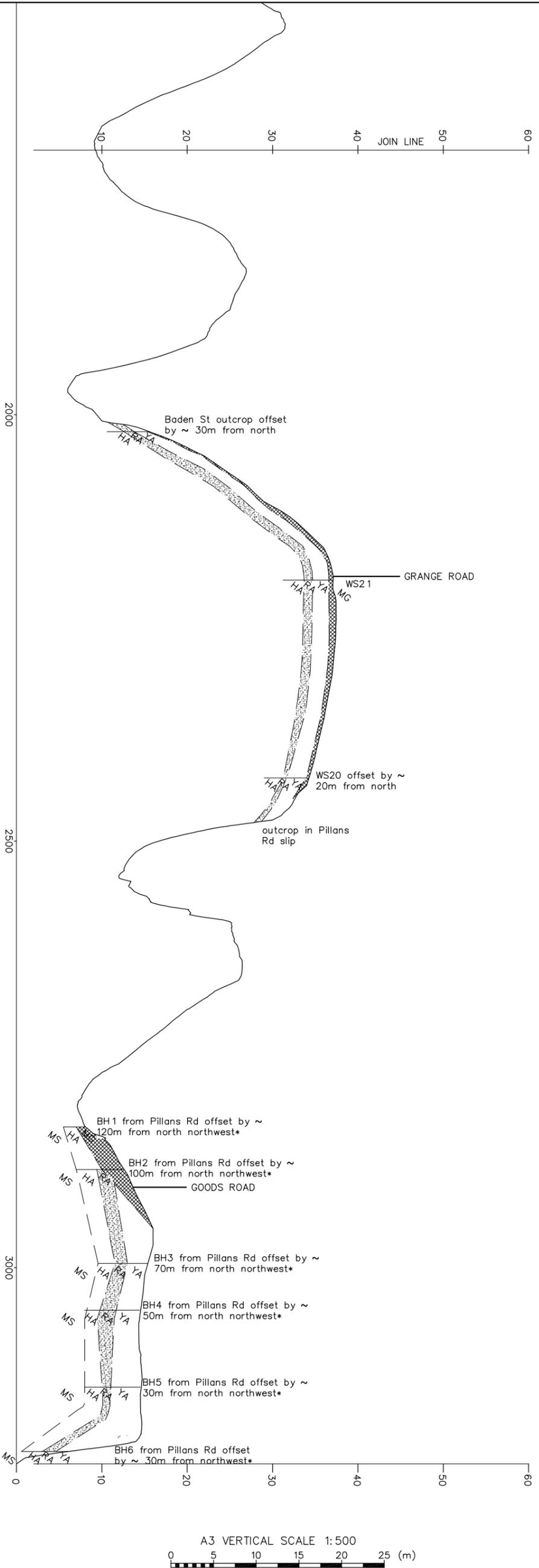


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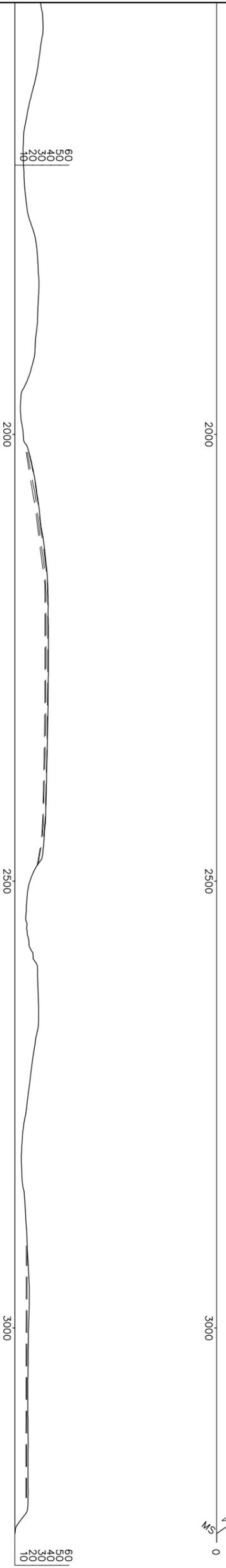
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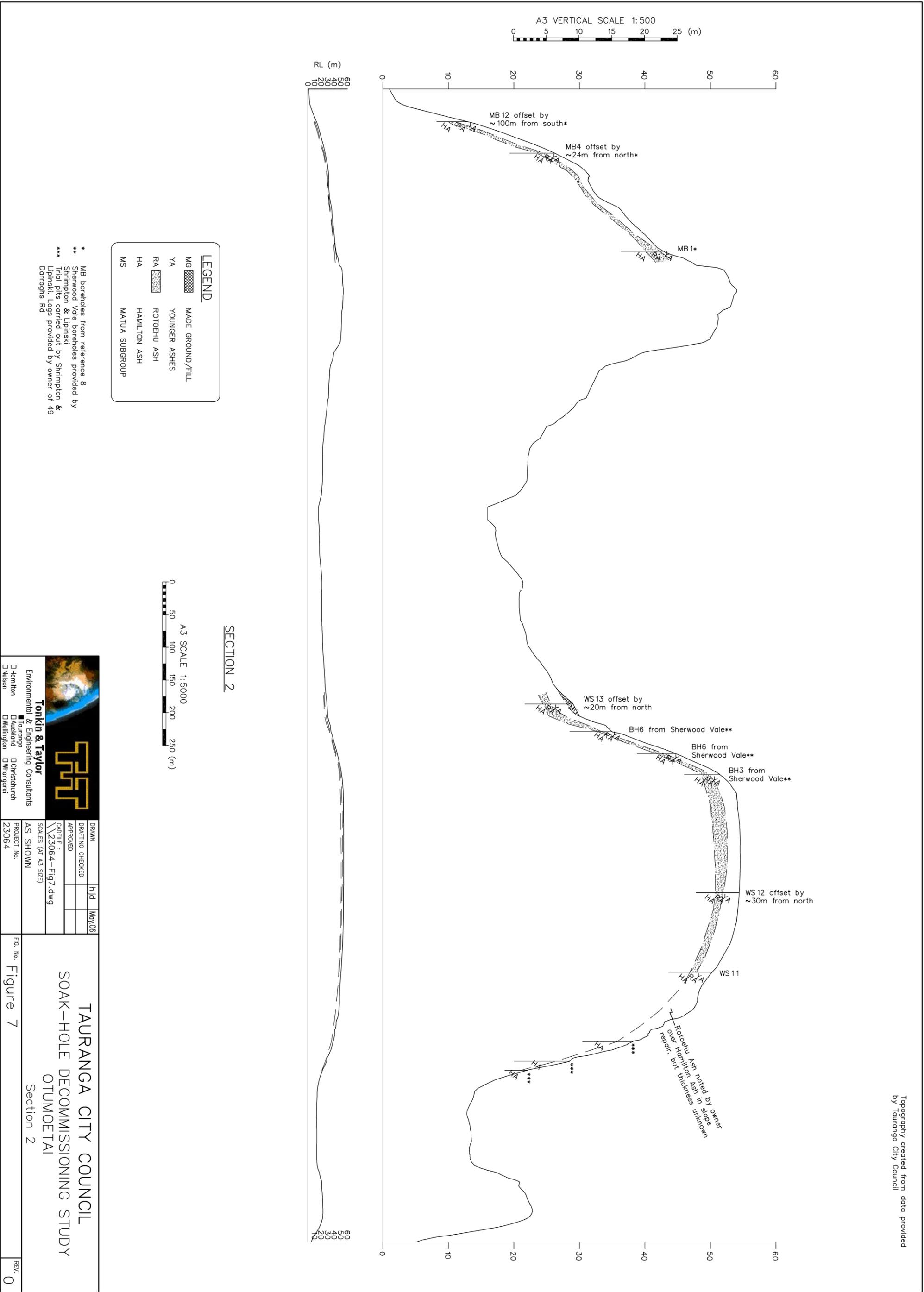
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RA	ROTOEHU ASH
HA	HAMILTON ASH
MS	MATUA SUBGROUP

\* Borehole data from Reference 9

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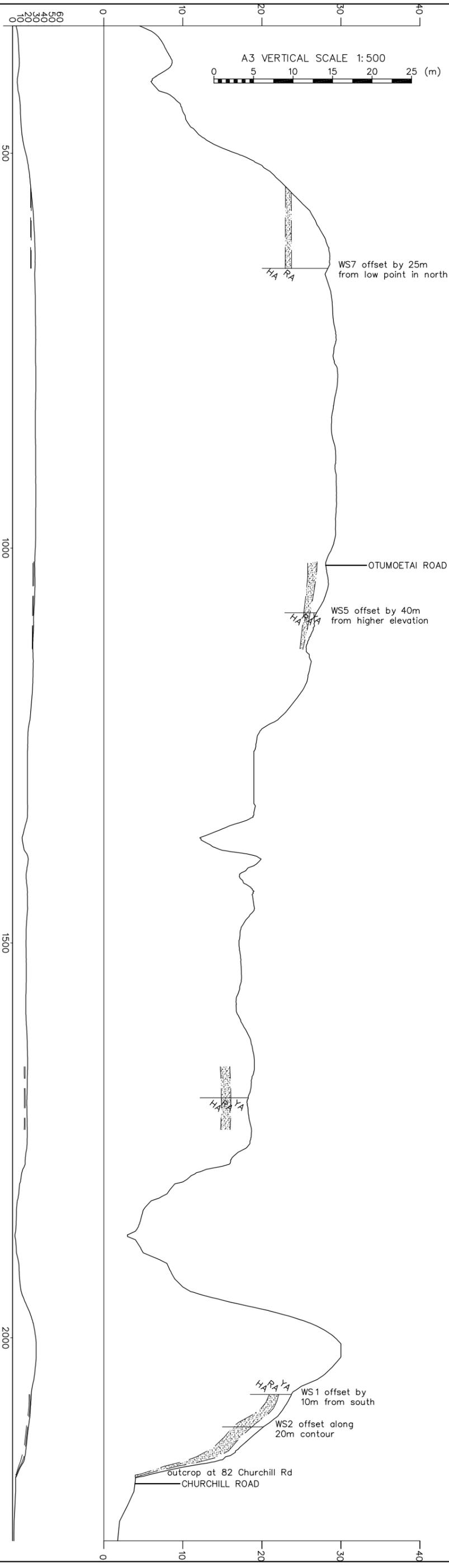
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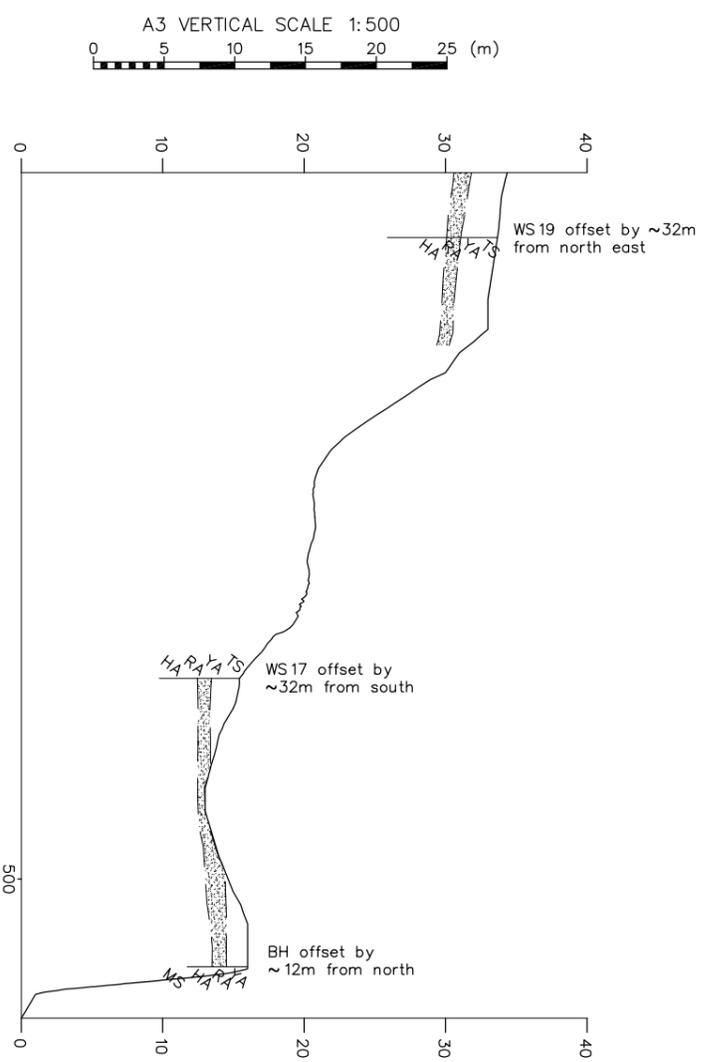


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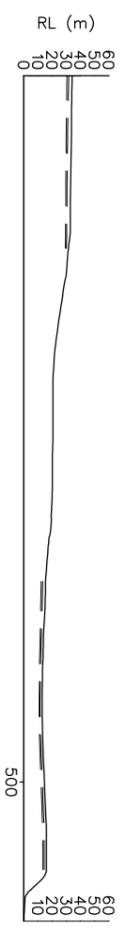


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## **Appendix B: Site Investigation Information**





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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS2

Hole Location: 67 Judea Rd

SHEET.....1..... OF.....1.....

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT	LOCATION: OTUMOETAI	JOB No: 23064
CO-ORDINATES 6385268.00 mN 2787829.00 mE	DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler	HOLE STARTED: 21/03/06
R.L. m	DRILL METHOD:	HOLE FINISHED: 21/03/06
DATUM	DRILL FLUID:	DRILLED BY: jbb
		LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:

GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION																	
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)		COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)		DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.  ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.
														10	20	50	100		
TOPSOIL																			sandy SILT, dark brown
YOUNGER ASH																			sandy SILT, brown, loose, dry
																			slightly sandy SILT, light brownish orange, loose, dry, sand is very fine and contains crystals
									1										clayey SILT, light brown, firm to stiff, dry, insensitive - becomes slightly sandy
ROTOEHU ASH																			very sandy SILT, loose to medium dense, friable, dry
									2										clayey, slightly sandy SILT, light brown, moist, slightly sensitive, very greasy and probably contains allophanes
																			slightly silty, fine to medium SAND, whitish grey, loose, medium dense, sand contains small pumice fragments, quartz and feldspar, also other ferromagnesian minerals
HAMILTON ASH																			slightly silty, fine to coarse SAND, whitish grey - two fine silty bands at 3.2m and 3.5m, fine sand coarsening to medium sand at base
																			CLAY, dark brown, soft, firm, paleosol
									4										clayey SILT, dark brown, stiff, paleosol
																			silty CLAY, light yellow brown, stiff, moist, plastic, moderately sensitive
									5										<b>END OF BOREHOLE AT 5.0m</b>
									6										



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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS3

Hole Location: 19 Sutherland Rd

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R.L. m	DRILL METHOD:	HOLE FINISHED: 21/03/06
DATUM	DRILL FLUID:	DRILLED BY: jbb
		LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:

GEOLOGICAL										ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION										
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.										SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.										
ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.																				
FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)	DEFECT SPACING (mm)					
TOPSOIL / FILL																clayey, sandy SILT, brown, loose, slightly moist, some roots, one large rhyolite cobble at base - probably made ground				
ROTOEHU ASH								1								sandy, clayey SILT, yellowish orange to brown, with large rhyolite fragments, moist slightly clayey, sandy SILT, orange brown, sand is small crystals, ferromags, quartz and feldspar				
HAMILTON ASH								2								clay rich sensitive band at 1.0m silty, fine to coarse SAND, greyish white, mostly dry with moist clay rich band, sensitive				
MATUA SUBGROUP								3								thin clay rich band at 1.15m silty CLAY, brown, firm, paleosol, moderately sensitive				
								4								silty, fine SAND, orangish brown				
								5								clayey, slightly sandy SILT, pink grey, moist				
								6								clayey, fine SAND, orangish yellow, loose to medium dense				
								7								silty, slightly sandy CLAY, brownish grey, soft, moist to wet, moderately sensitive				
								8								<b>END OF BOREHOLE AT 4.0m - 19mm standpipe installed</b>				



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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS4

Hole Location: 71 Sutherland Rd

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PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT	LOCATION: OTUMOETAI	JOB No: 23064
CO-ORDINATES 6385253.00 mN 2787366.00 mE	DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler	HOLE STARTED: 11/04/06
R.L. m	DRILL METHOD:	HOLE FINISHED: 11/04/06
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		LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:

GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION																	
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)		COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)		DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.
														10	20	50	100		
TOPSOIL																			SILT, dark brown, organic
YOUNGER ASH									1										slightly clayey SILT, brown, moist, non plastic, non sensitive  - becomes light grey brown 0.8 - 1.0m
									2										slightly sandy clayey SILT, orangish yellow, moist, plastic, moderately sensitive  - becomes light grey brown clayey SILT, moist to wet
ROTOEHU ASH									3										silty fine to coarse SAND, light pinkish grey, moist, well graded  - 3.0-3.1m becomes light grey sandy SILT  - at 3.2m becomes orangish brown, non plastic, non sensitive
HAMILTON ASH									4										clayey SILT, dark brown, moist, plastic, moderately sensitive
									4										END OF BOREHOLE AT 4.0m
									5										
									6										



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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS5

Hole Location: Lees Park,  
Otumoetai Rd

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PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT	LOCATION: OTUMOETA	JOB No: 23064
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R.L. m	DRILL METHOD:	HOLE FINISHED: 24/03/06
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														10	20	30	10	20	30		
TOPSOIL									0												sandy SILT, dark brown, moist, non plastic, non sensitive, sand is very fine
YOUNGER ASH									1												slightly sandy SILT, brownish orange, moist, non plastic, non sensitive, sand is fine
									2												sandy, clayey SILT, orangish yellow, moist, slightly plastic
									3												clayey SILT, light brown, moist, plastic, sensitive
ROTOEHU ASH									4												silty, fine to coarse SAND, light whitish yellow, loose to medium dense, moist
									5												clayey SILT, greyish white, moist to wet, plastic, sensitive
									6												silty, fine to coarse SAND, white, loose to medium dense, moist to wet
HAMILTON ASH									7												clayey SILT, dark brown, moist to wet, moderately plastic, moderately sensitive
									8												<b>END OF BOREHOLE AT 4.0m</b>



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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS7

Hole Location: 45 Miller Rd

SHEET.....1..... OF.....1.....

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT	LOCATION: OTUMOETAI	JOB No: 23064
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R.L. m	DRILL METHOD:	HOLE FINISHED: 21/03/06
DATUM	DRILL FLUID:	DRILLED BY: mhh
		LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:

GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION															
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)	DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.
TOPSOIL / FILL																	sandy SILT, dark brown, contains glass etc.
YOUNGER ASH									1								slightly sandy SILT, brown, loose, friable, non sensitive (old soil)
									1								SILT, orangish brown, friable, dry
									1								clayey, slightly sandy SILT, light pink orange, firm, moist, slightly sensitive, contains allophane
ROTOEHU ASH									2								clayey, fine to medium SAND, loose to medium dense, moist, poorly graded
									3								sandy, silty CLAY, grey, moist to wet, firm, moderately sensitive
									3								silty, fine to coarse SAND, light whitish grey, loose to medium dense, sand is pumiceous and crystal rich containing poorly graded sub horizontal beds of whitish grey silt
HAMILTON ASH									4								silty CLAY, dark brown
									4								silty CLAY, dark brown, firm, moist, moderately sensitive
									5								sandy SILT, orangish brown, soft, moderately plastic, sensitive
								5									<b>END OF BOREHOLE AT 5.0m - 19mm standpipe installed</b>
								6									



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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS8

Hole Location: 172 Darraghs Rd

SHEET...1... OF ...1...

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT		LOCATION: OTUMOETAI		JOB No: 23064															
CO-ORDINATES 6388583.00 mN 2787125.00 mE		DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler		HOLE STARTED: 22/03/06															
R.L. m		DRILL METHOD:		HOLE FINISHED: 22/03/06															
DATUM		DRILL FLUID:		DRILLED BY: jbb															
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GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)		COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)		DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.  ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.
														10	20	50	100		
FILL																			very gravelly SILT, brown, dry
YOUNGER ASH																			sandy, very gravelly SILT, light brown, loose to medium dense, dry, non plastic, non sensitive sandy fine SILT, light yellow to yellow brown, dense, dry, non plastic, non sensitive, sand is small crystals
ROTOEHU ASH									1										silty very fine SAND, light whitish yellow, dry, pumiceous with crystals of quartz and feldspar silty fine SAND, light greyish white, dense, dry, pumiceous with crystals of quartz and feldspar
HAMILTON ASH									2										slightly silty CLAY, dark brown, firm, moist, slightly plastic, sensitive - becomes less sensitive - becomes orangish brown, firm to stiff, moist, low plasticity  - becomes light orangish brown
									3										END OF BOREHOLE AT 3.0m
									4										
									5										
									6										



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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS10

Hole Location: 43 Darraghs Rd

SHEET.....1..... OF.....1.....

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				LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:	

GEOLOGICAL										ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION														
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.										SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.														
TESTS										ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.														
FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)	DEFECT SPACING (mm)										
															FILL, with sand and gravel									
							1								END OF BOREHOLE AT 0.75m - borehole terminated due to mixed fill including concrete, and proximity to services									
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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS11

Hole Location: 2 Wiremu St

SHEET.....1..... OF.....1.....

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT		LOCATION: OTUMOETAHAI		JOB No: 23064															
CO-ORDINATES 6386093.00 mN 2786951.00 mE		DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler		HOLE STARTED: 22/03/06															
R.L. m		DRILL METHOD:		HOLE FINISHED: 22/03/06															
DATUM		DRILL FLUID:		DRILLED BY: jbb															
				LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:															
GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION																	
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)		COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)		DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.  ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.
														10	20	50	100		
TOPSOIL									1	X									sandy SILT, dark brown, organic
									1	X									slightly sandy SILT, brown, friable, loose to medium dense, dry, non plastic, non sensitive
									1	X									clayey SILT, brownish grey
YOUNGER ASH									2	X									very silty SAND, orangish yellow, loose to medium dense, dry, coarse ash
									2	X									sandy SILT, with minor clay, greyish brown, firm, low plasticity, sand is fine crystals
ROTOEHU ASH									3	X									fine to coarse SAND, light greyish white, bedded, well graded, sand comprises pumice, lithics and crystals, loose to medium dense with bands of fine ash
									3	X									silty CLAY, with minor sand, dark brown, moist, slightly sensitive, paleosol
HAMILTON ASH									4	X									firm to stiff CLAY / SILT, dark orange brown, moist, moderately sensitive
									4	X									<b>END OF BOREHOLE AT 4.0m</b>
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									6										





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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS13

Hole Location: 66 Seymour Pl

SHEET.....1..... OF.....1.....

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT	LOCATION: OTUMOETA	JOB No: 23064
CO-ORDINATES 6386203.00 mN 2786527.00 mE	DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler	HOLE STARTED: 22/03/06
R.L. m	DRILL METHOD:	HOLE FINISHED: 22/03/06
DATUM	DRILL FLUID:	DRILLED BY: jbb
		LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:

GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION															
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)	DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.  ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.
TOPSOIL																	sandy SILT, dark brown, organic
FILL																	layers sequence of slightly clayey SILT, orange brown, very stiff, dry, non plastic, non sensitive with slightly clayey, slightly sandy SILT, brown
YOUNGER ASH																	CLAY, brown, moist, low to moderate plasticity, moderately sensitive, with clumps of white sand slightly clayey, slightly sandy SILT, brown, moist, low plasticity, non sensitive, old natural soil
																	CLAY, with minor sand and silt, brown, moist, low plasticity, moderately sensitive, sand is small crystals of quartz or feldspar, manganese staining smears when sample extracted
																	CLAY, with minor sand, light brown, moist, moderately plastic, moderately sensitive
																	very sandy CLAY, orange yellow, moist to wet, low plasticity, low sensitivity, sand is mostly crystals of quartz, feldspar and ferromags
																	clayey SILT, with minor sand, light grey, moist to wet, low plasticity, low sensitivity
ROTOEHU ASH																	silty fine SAND, greyish white, thinly bedded, some dark bands and iron staining (unusual)
																	fine to coarse SAND, greyish white, moist to wet
HAMILTON ASH																	silty CLAY, dark brown, moist, moderately plastic, moderately sensitive, paleosol
																	<b>END OF BOREHOLE AT 5.0m</b>





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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS19

Hole Location: 49 Milton Rd

SHEET...1... OF ...1...

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT		LOCATION: OTUMOETA		JOB No: 23064																
CO-ORDINATES mN mE		DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler		HOLE STARTED: 11/04/06																
R.L. DATUM		DRILL METHOD:		HOLE FINISHED: 11/04/06																
		DRILL FLUID:		DRILLED BY: mhh																
				LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:																
GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION																		
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE CONDITION	WEATHERING	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)		COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)		DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.
															10	20	50	100		
TOPSOIL																				SILT, dark brown, organic
YOUNGER ASH									1											slightly sandy, clayey SILT, dark brown, moist, moderately plastic, low sensitivity  - becomes light brown grey  - becomes brown yellow, very sandy  - becomes light brown slightly sandy SILT
ROTOEHU ASH									2											SAND, greyish white
HAMILTON ASH									3											clayey SILT, dark brown
									4											<b>END OF BOREHOLE AT 4.0m</b> - 19mm standpipe installed to 4.0m
									5											
									6											



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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS20

Hole Location: end of Karaka St

SHEET.....1..... OF.....1.....

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT		LOCATION: OTUMOETAU		JOB No: 23064													
CO-ORDINATES 6387131.00 mN 2788097.00 mE		DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler		HOLE STARTED: 24/03/06													
R.L. m		DRILL METHOD:		HOLE FINISHED: 24/03/06													
DATUM		DRILL FLUID:		DRILLED BY: mhh													
				LOGGED BY: mhh CHECKED:													
GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION															
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)	DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION
																	Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.
																	ROCK DESCRIPTION
																	Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components.
																	Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.
TOPSOIL																	sandy SILT, dark brown, organic
YOUNGER ASH																	SILT, with traces of fine sand, friable, stiff, moist, organic rootlets present
									1								- become orange brown, sandy at 1.6m
									2								- becomes brown, traces of fine sand at 2.0m
ROTOEHU ASH																	silty, fine to medium SAND, light brown with black and white speckling, moist
																	- band of soft SILT, traces of fine sand, sensitive
HAMILTON ASH									3								SILT, dark brown, hard, friable, moist
																	- becomes orange brown, slightly sandy
									4								<b>END OF BOREHOLE AT 4.0m</b>
									5								
									6								



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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS21  
 Hole Location: corner Brinkley Rd & Grange Rd  
 SHEET...1... OF ...1...

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT	LOCATION: OTUMOETA	JOB No: 23064
CO-ORDINATES 6387073.00 mN 2787822.00 mE	DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler	HOLE STARTED: 29/03/06
R.L. m	DRILL METHOD:	HOLE FINISHED: 29/03/06
DATUM	DRILL FLUID:	DRILLED BY: mhh LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:

GEOLOGICAL	ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION																					
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)			COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)			DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.  ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.	
														10	20	30	50	100	200			50
TOPSOIL / FILL																						SILT, with minor sand, dark brown, soft, loose, moist
FILL																						SILT with minor sand, dark brown with orange mottling, soft, moist to wet
YOUNGER ASH																						SILT with minor sand, light brown, loose, moist, non plastic, non sensitive, sand is very fine mafic and felsic crystals, firm
									1													sandy SILT, with minor clay, orangish yellow, medium dense, loose, moist, non plastic, slightly sensitive, sand is fine to medium with crystals of quartz, feldspar and mafics
									2													SILT, with minor sand, grey, soft, loose, moist, non plastic, non sensitive
ROTOEHU ASH																						silty, fine to coarse SAND, light grey to greyish white, loose, moist, moderately graded, pumiceous with crystals of quartz, feldspar, mica and fine mafics
									3													silty, very fine SAND, light grey, loose, moist to wet, well graded
																						silty, fine to medium SAND, loose, moist to wet, moderately graded, pumiceous with mafic and felsic crystals
HAMILTON ASH																						clayey SILT, dark brown, moist to wet, low plasticity, non to moderately sensitive, paleosol
									4													- becomes orange brown
																						<b>END OF BOREHOLE AT 4.0m</b> - 19mm standpipe installed to 4.0m
									5													
									6													





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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS24

Hole Location: Ridge/Keilor

SHEET.....1..... OF.....1.....

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT	LOCATION: OTUMOETAI	JOB No: 23064
CO-ORDINATES 6387174.00 mN 2787063.00 mE	DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler	HOLE STARTED: 11/04/06
R.L. m	DRILL METHOD:	HOLE FINISHED: 11/04/06
DATUM	DRILL FLUID:	DRILLED BY: mhh
		LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:

GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION																	
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)		COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)		DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.  ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.
														10	20	50	100		
TOPSOIL									0										SILT, dark brown, organic
YOUNGER ASH									1										slightly sandy, slightly clayey SILT, orangish brown, moist, low plasticity, non sensitive  - becomes light greyish brown  - becomes moist, moderately plastic, moderately sensitive - becomes very sandy SILT, orangish yellow, moist, non plastic, non sensitive
ROTOEHU ASH									2										- becomes grey SILT, wet slightly silty, fine to coarse SAND, light yellowish grey, moist, well graded  - becomes fine light grey sandy SILT - becomes light greyish white silty fine SAND
HAMILTON ASH									3										clayey SILT, dary brown, moist, plastic, moderately sensitive - becomes orangish brown clayey SILT, low plasticity, moderately sensitive
									4										END OF BOREHOLE AT 4.0m
									5										
									6										



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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS25

Hole Location: 96 Ridge St

SHEET.....1..... OF.....1.....

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT		LOCATION: OTUMOETA		JOB No: 23064	
CO-ORDINATES	6387038.00 mN 2787031.00 mE	DRILL TYPE:	Window Sampler	HOLE STARTED:	29/03/06
R.L.	m	DRILL METHOD:		HOLE FINISHED:	29/03/06
DATUM		DRILL FLUID:		DRILLED BY:	
				LOGGED BY:	dmmm
				CHECKED:	

GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION																				
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE CONDITION	WEATHERING	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)		COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)		DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.	ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.	
															10	20	50	100				200
TOPSOIL																					sandy SILT, dark brown, firm, moist, non plastic, non sensitive	
FILL																					sandy SILT, brown, loose, moist, mottled with pieces of soil	
YOUNGER ASHES																					clayey, slightly sandy SILT, orangish brown, loose, moist, non plastic, non sensitive	
									1												clayey, slightly sandy SILT, light orangish brown, moist, non plastic, non sensitive, sand is small crystals of pyroxene, hornblende, feldspar and quartz	1
																					very sandy, clayey SILT, orange brown, poorly graded, plastic, moderately sensitive, sand is hornblende, quartz and feldspar	
									2												sandy, very clayey SILT, greyish brown, soft, moderately plastic, moderately sensitive, sand is hornblende, feldspar and quartz	2
																					slightly sandy, clayey SILT, light brownish grey, moist, moderate plasticity, moderate sensitivity, sand is crystals of mica, ferromags, quartz and feldspar	
ROTOEHU ASH																					silty, fine to coarse SAND, grey to greyish white, loose, poorly graded, moist, some crude subhorizontal bedding, pumiceous with crystals of mica, quartz, feldspar and pyroxene	
									3												- becomes soft, wet, clayey SILT with minor fine sand, moist to wet, moderately plastic, moderately sensitive	3
																					- becomes fine sand at 3.4m	
HAMILTON ASH																					CLAY / SILT, soft to firm, dark brown, moist, moderate to high plasticity, moderately sensitive	
									4												- becomes orange brown at 3.7m	
																					CLAY / SILT, firm to stiff, orangish brown, moist, low plasticity, low to non sensitive	4
																					SILT / CLAY, firm, light orange brown, moist, moderate plasticity, moderately sensitive	
									5												END OF BOREHOLE AT 5.0m - 19mm standpipe installed to 4.0m	5
									6													



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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS26  
 Hole Location: 342c Otumoetai Rd  
 SHEET.....1..... OF.....1.....

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT	LOCATION: OTUMOETA I	JOB No: 23064
CO-ORDINATES 6387034.00 mN 2786880.00 mE	DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler	HOLE STARTED: 29/03/06
R.L. m	DRILL METHOD:	HOLE FINISHED: 29/03/06
DATUM	DRILL FLUID:	DRILLED BY: mhh
		LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:

GEOLOGICAL										ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION									
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.										SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.									
ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.																			
FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)	COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)	DEFECT SPACING (mm)				
																slightly sandy SILT, dark brown, moist, low plasticity, low sensitivity			
								1								slightly sandy SILT, dark brown but becomes light brown, moist, not plastic, not sensitive, sand is crystals of felsic and mafic minerals			
								2								sandy SILT, orange yellow, moist, non plastic, non sensitive, sand is fine to medium grained with crystals of pryoene, quartz and feldspar			
								3								slightly sandy, clayey SILT, light brown grey, moist, low plasticity, moderate sensitivity, sand is crystals of mafic and felsic minerals including muscavite and also small pumice clasts			
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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS27  
 Hole Location: 342c Otumoetai Rd  
 SHEET.....1..... OF.....1.....

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT	LOCATION: OTUMOETA I	JOB No: 23064
CO-ORDINATES 6387059.00 mN 2786827.00 mE	DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler	HOLE STARTED: 29/03/06
R.L. m	DRILL METHOD:	HOLE FINISHED: 29/03/06
DATUM	DRILL FLUID:	DRILLED BY: mhh
		LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:

GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION																			
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)			COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)			DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.  ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.
														10	20	30	50	100	200		
TOPSOIL																					clayey SILT, dark brown, soft, moist, moderate plasticity, moderate sensitivity
YOUNGER ASH									1												clayey SILT, with minor very fine sand, brown, soft, moist, low plasticity, moderate sensitivity - becomes soft to very soft, moderate to high plasticity, moderate to high sensitivity sandy SILT, light grey brown, moist, low plasticity, not sensitive, sand is fine to medium with mafic and felsic crystals, friable and loose - becomes pinkish grey
ROTOEHU ASH									2												slightly sandy SILT, light brown, moist, not plastic, not sensitive, sand is small fragments of pumice, crystals of pyroxene and mica obvious, behaves in a granular fashion
MATUA SUBGROUP									3												silty, fine to medium SAND, light pinkish grey, loose, moist, poorly graded, pumiceous, fine sand-sized crystals of pyroxene, quartz and mica silty, fine SAND, grey, loose, wet, poorly graded, pumiceous (very small clasts) silty, very fine SAND, light grey brown, medium dense, moist to wet, poorly graded CLAY / SILT, light grey, stiff, moist to dry, low plasticity, low sensitivity clayey, fine to medium SAND, loose to medium dense, moist, poorly graded
									4												clayey SAND, orange yellow, moist to wet, poorly graded, full of allophane, very greasy
																					CLAY / SILT, brownish grey, wet, high plasticity, high sensitivity
									4												END OF BOREHOLE AT 4.0m
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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS28

Hole Location: 34 Margaret Rd

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PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT		LOCATION: OTUMOETAI		JOB No: 23064																
CO-ORDINATES 6386928.00 mN 2785990.00 mE		DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler		HOLE STARTED: 24/03/06																
R.L. m		DRILL METHOD:		HOLE FINISHED: 24/03/06																
DATUM		DRILL FLUID:		DRILLED BY: mhh																
				LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:																
GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION																		
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)		COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)		DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.	ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.
														10	20	50	100			
TOPSOIL									0										sandy SILT, dark brown, organic, moist	
YOUNGER ASH									1										very sandy SILT, brown, friable, loose, dry, sand is very fine	1
ROTOEHU ASH									2										silty, fine to coarse SAND, very light yellowish white to greyish white, friable, moist, pumiceous with numerous crystals	
									2										silty fine SAND, grey, loose to medium dense	2
HAMILTON ASH									3										silty CLAY / very clayey SILT, dark brown, moist to wet, plastic, sensitive	
									3										clayey SILT, orange brown, firm, moist, low plasticity, moderately sensitive	
									4										clayey SILT, brown to grey, soft, moist to wet, plastic, sensitive	
									4										<b>END OF BOREHOLE AT 4.0M</b>	4
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## BOREHOLE LOG

BOREHOLE No: WS29  
 Hole Location: 342c Otumoetai Rd  
 SHEET.....1..... OF.....1.....

PROJECT: SOAKPITS PROJECT	LOCATION: OTUMOETA I	JOB No: 23064
CO-ORDINATES 6386998.00 mN 2786868.00 mE	DRILL TYPE: Window Sampler	HOLE STARTED: 29/03/06
R.L. m	DRILL METHOD:	HOLE FINISHED: 29/03/06
DATUM	DRILL FLUID:	DRILLED BY: mhh LOGGED BY: dmmm CHECKED:

GEOLOGICAL		ENGINEERING DESCRIPTION																	
GEOLOGICAL UNIT, GENERIC NAME, ORIGIN, MINERAL COMPOSITION.	FLUID LOSS	WATER	CORE RECOVERY	METHOD	CASING	TESTS	SAMPLES	R.L. (m)	DEPTH (m)	GRAPHIC LOG	CLASSIFICATION SYMBOL	MOISTURE / WEATHERING CONDITION	STRENGTH/DENSITY CLASSIFICATION	SHEAR STRENGTH (MPa)		COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH (MPa)		DEFECT SPACING (mm)	SOIL DESCRIPTION Soil type, minor components, plasticity or particle size, colour.  ROCK DESCRIPTION Substance: Rock type, particle size, colour, minor components. Defects: Type, inclination, thickness, roughness, filling.
														10	20	50	100		
TOPSOIL																			sandy SILT, dark brown
FILL																			sandy SILT, with clasts of soil, beds of greyish white sand, variable dark brown - light orange brown mottled, moist, non plastic, non sensitive
YOUNGER ASH									1										sandy SILT, light brown, moist, low plasticity, low sensitivity, sand is small mafic and felsic crystals
ROTOEHU ASH																			silty, fine to coarse SAND, light pinkish brown, loose, moist, poorly graded, crystals of quartz, biotite, feldspar and pryoene (possible also homblende)
HAMILTON ASH									2										clayey SILT, dark brown, firm, moist to wet, plastic, moderately sensitive
																			clayey SILT, orangish brown, firm, moist, low plasticity, moderately sensitive
HAMILTON ASH / MATUA SUBGROUP									3										- becomes light orangish brown, moist to wet, sensitive
									4										END OF BOREHOLE AT 4.0m
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Job Name: TONTJUDEARDSITE	Job No: 650035.029	Test: Ground water monitoring.	Date: 26/04/06
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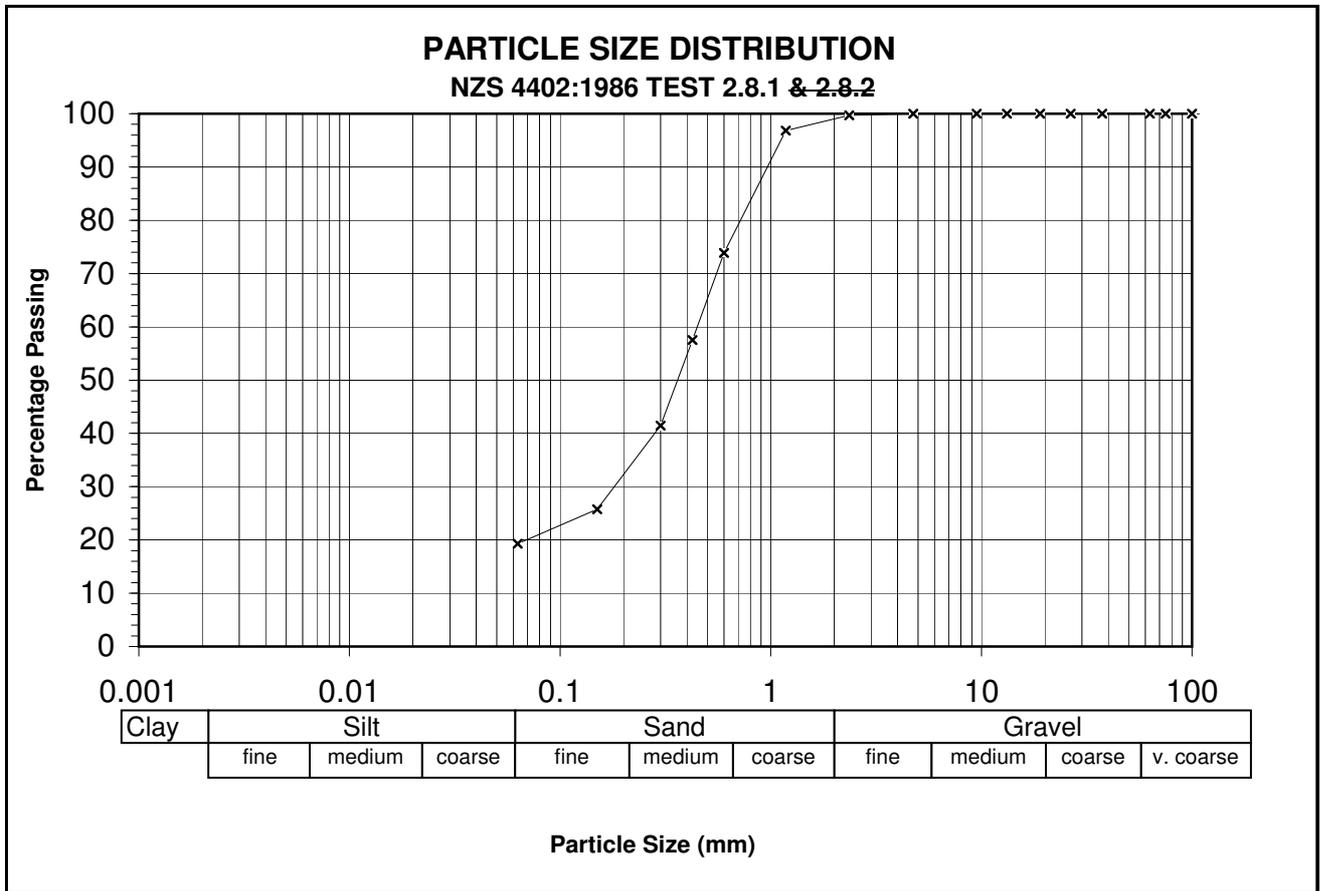
Goods Rd and Roderick St	No Water
49 Milton Rd	No Water
Brinkley St and Grange Rd	No Water
Ridge St	4.1m
162 Windsor Rd	2.9m
Millars Rd	No Water
Darraghs Rd	4m (Bottom of hole)



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Location: JUDEA RD TAURANGA	Job Name: TONTJUDEASITE
Material: SEE BELOW	Job Number: 650035.029
Sample Number: JUDEARD/110406/PSD/WS12	Depth: -
Sample History: Natural/Air-dried/Oven Dried/Unknown- Whole Soil/Fraction-passing.....mm sieve	



Sieve Aperture (mm)	Cumulative % Passing	Sieve Aperture (mm)	Cumulative % Passing
200.0	100	9.5	100
150.0	100	4.75	100
100.0	100	2.36	100
75.0	100	1.18	97
63.0	100	0.60	74
37.5	100	0.425	58
26.5	100	0.30	41
19.0	100	0.15	26
13.2	100	0.063	19

Note: For Wet Sieve, the percentage passing the < 0.063mm was obtained by Difference /Weight.

Tested: KHC	Date: 13/4/06
Calculated: EEK	Date: 26/4/06
Checked:	Date:

Pumice SAND, fine to medium round/subround, possible traces of silt, light to medium grey-brown, moist



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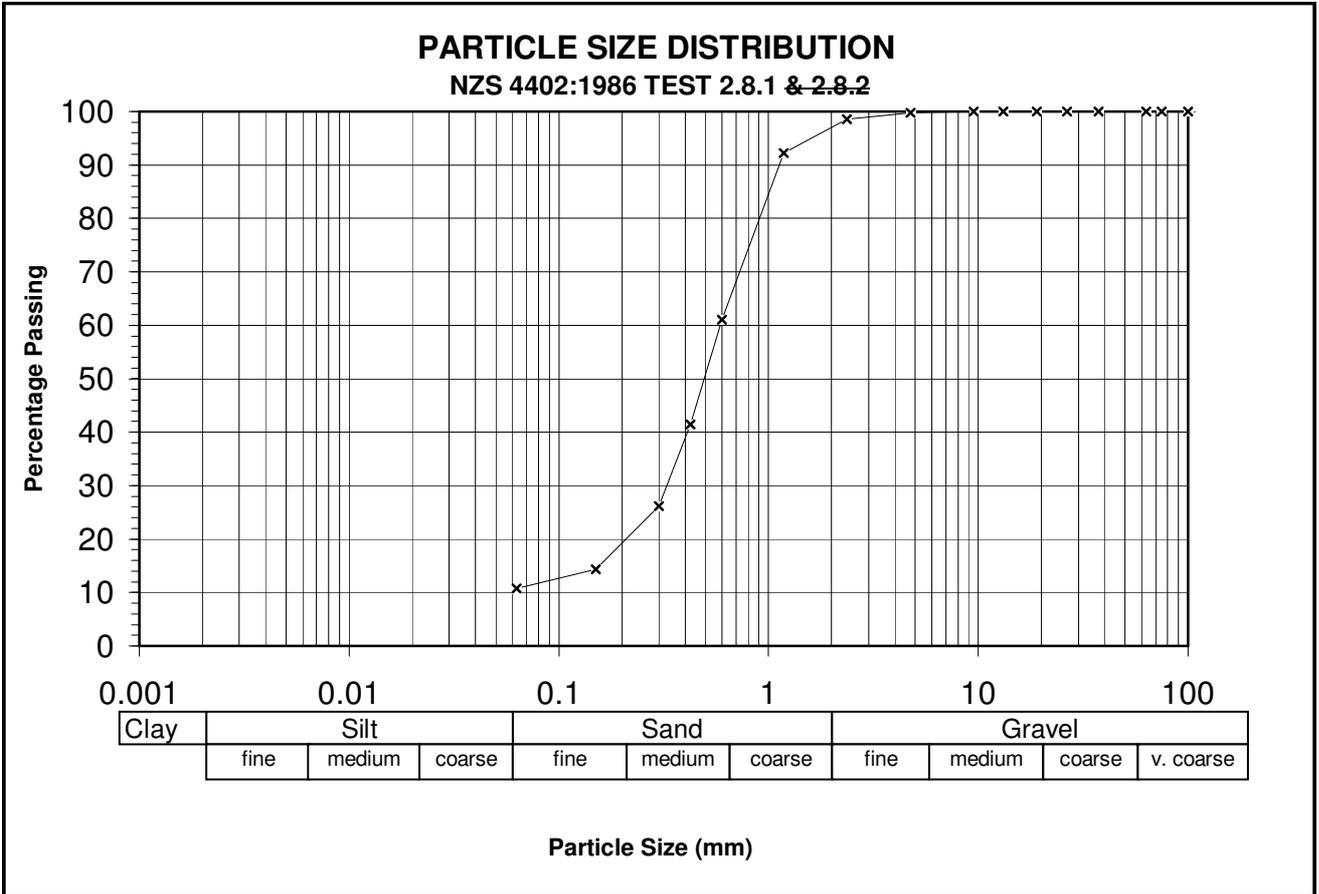
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Location: OTUMOETAI	Job Name: TONTJUDEASITE
Material: SEE BELOW	Job Number: 650035.029
Sample Number: JUDEARD/110406/PSD/WS24	Depth: -
Sample History: Natural/Air dried/Oven Dried/Unknown. Whole Soil/Fraction passing.....mm sieve	



Sieve Aperture (mm)	Cumulative % Passing
200.0	100
150.0	100
100.0	100
75.0	100
63.0	100
37.5	100
26.5	100
19.0	100
13.2	100

Sieve Aperture (mm)	Cumulative % Passing
9.5	100
4.75	100
2.36	99
1.18	92
0.60	61
0.425	41
0.30	26
0.15	14
0.063	11

Note: For Wet Sieve, the percentage passing the < 0.063mm was obtained by Difference / Weight.

Tested: KHC	Date: 13/4/06
Calculated: EEK	Date: 13/4/06
Checked:	Date:

Pumice SAND, f-m round-subround, traces fine gravel, l-m grey-brown, creamy gravel, moist

**Appendix C: Calculations on the Performance of Soak-holes**

These calculations are fairly approximate, but we believe they provide a reliable indication of the way the soak-holes are most likely to behave during major storm events.

Assumptions:

1. Soak-holes have a diameter of 0.2m and discharge into the Rotoehu ash layer (referred to as the “aquifer”). For simplicity, one soak-hole per site was assumed.
2. The Rotoehu ash layer is 1m thick
3. The coefficient of permeability of the Rotoehu ash is  $10^{-3}$  m/sec (most probable value), and the porosity is 0.3. The available porosity (the porosity which water actually flows in and out of) is 0.1 to 0.2.
4. Depth of soil above the Rotoehu ash is 2.5m (average).
5. Average size of a house section is 20m by 40m ( $800\text{m}^2$ ) and the average roof area of each house is  $250\text{m}^2$ .
6. The inclination of the ground towards the top of the cliffs is between 1/50 to 1/20.
7. Rainfall figures for the May 2005 event are 67mm in the first hour, 112 mm in the second hour and 265mm in 24 hours.

### **Estimation of the volume capacity of the aquifer**

The storage capacity of the aquifer =  $800 \times 1 \times (0.1 \text{ to } 0.2) = 80 \text{ to } 160\text{m}^3$ .

Volume coming from a house in the first hour =  $0.067 \times 250 = 16.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$

Volume coming from a house in 24 hours =  $0.265 \times 250 = 66.7 \text{ m}^3$ .

### **Estimation of the rate at which water will flow from soak-holes into the aquifer**

For simplicity, consider a flat site, and use the Dupuit assumption and formula for flow towards a well. A soak-hole will act as a reverse well so that the same assumptions and formula can be applied to the soak-hole. For this estimate, it is assumed that the discharge from each house is taken up by the aquifer area immediately beneath the section the house occupies. In other words the discharge goes into an aquifer area of  $800\text{m}^2$ . In practice each house may have more than one soak-hole but for simplicity the assumption is made that there is only one soak-hole. Initially, assuming the aquifer is dry, flow will be unconfined, and given by the formula

$$Q = \frac{\pi k (h_2^2 - h_1^2)}{\log_e \frac{R}{r}}$$

This expression is for a well, which is circular; it can be used approximately for a rectangular area by using a circle of the same area. The equivalent radius, R, is therefore =  $\sqrt{800/\pi} = 16\text{m}$ .

Taking  $h_2 = 0$ ,  $h_1 = 1\text{m}$ ,  $r = 0.1\text{m}$

Putting these figures into the above formula gives  $Q = 0.62\text{k m}^3/\text{sec} = 2,230\text{k m}^3/\text{hour}$ .

For  $k = 10^{-3}$  m/s this gives  $Q = 2.23 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$

This figure can now be compared with the flow rate into the soak-hole coming from the storm.

Volume to be discharged in the first hour =  $0.067 \times 250 = 16.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$

Volume to be discharged in 24 hours =  $0.267 \times 250 = 66.7 \text{ m}^3$ .

This shows that the soak-hole will rapidly fill up with water and the flow rate will immediately increase because of the “driving force” coming from the head of water in the aquifer. The value of  $h_2$  increases to 3.5m and this gives  $Q = 7.58 \text{ k m}^3/\text{sec} = 27,300 \text{ k m}^3/\text{hour}$ . For  $k = 10^{-3} \text{ m/s}$  this gives  $Q = 27.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$ . This is adequate to accept the discharge into the soak-hole, but for only a very short period of time. Once the aquifer becomes full, or approaches full, the flow will become confined, and the flow will also reach the boundaries of the site and meet with flow coming from neighbouring properties.

For confined flow, the Dupuit formula is:  $Q = \frac{2\pi kH (h_2 - h_1)}{\log_e \frac{R}{r}}$

where H is the thickness of the aquifer.

This formula give  $Q = 3.10 \text{ k m}^3/\text{sec}$ , =  $11,160 \text{ k m}^3/\text{hour}$ , which for  $k = 10^{-3} \text{ m/sec}$  gives  $Q = 11.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}$ . This is an absolute maximum and would apply for only a very short period, before the aquifer starts to fill with water and the flow comes up against flow from soak-holes on neighbouring properties. These figures suggest that the capacity of the aquifer to take in the storm-water discharge is inadequate until the head (water level) builds up in the soak-hole. This means that the aquifer is almost certainly “pressurised” during storms such as the May 2005 event.

### Calculation of the rate at which water will drain out of the aquifer

Use Darcy's Law  $Q = kiA$ :

For  $i = 1/20$  and  $k = 10^{-3} \text{ m/sec}$   $Q = 0.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}/\text{m} = 0.18 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}/\text{m}$

This is a peak rate, and the average rate over which drainage occurs would be about half this rate, =  $0.09 \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}/\text{m}$

If the aquifer is fully saturated, volume of water free to drain out (assuming the distance over which water will drain out is 100m) =  $n(\text{porosity}) \times 100 \times 1 \times 1 = 100n \text{ m}^3$  per m width along the slope. For  $n = 0.1$  Vol =  $10 \text{ m}^3$  and for  $0.2$  Vol =  $20 \text{ m}^3$ .

The time for water to drain out therefore =  $10/0.09 = 111 \text{ hours} = 4.6 \text{ days}$

With the lower gradient (1/50) and possibly lower permeability

Flow rate  $Q = 7.2 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^3/\text{hour}/\text{m}$

Time =  $10/7.2 \times 10^{-3} = 2778 \text{ hours} = 116 \text{ days} (= 4 \text{ months})$ .