



12 December 2019

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Dear Daniel,

**Response to Information Request**

**Development Application: MCUI3171/2019**

**Street Address: Cape Tribulation Road CAPE TRIBULATION, 4/3910 Cape Tribulation Road  
CAPE TRIBULATION**

**Real Property Description: Lot 0 TYP: SP PLN 219085, LOT: 4 TUP: SP PLN: 219085**

**Optus reference: B8857 Cape Tribulation**

We refer to Council's information request dated 31 July 2019 and to subsequent discussions including the meeting held at Council's office between Council staff and Optus, Huawei and Metasite representatives.

We note Council's clear position that the planning intent for Cape Tribulation is to only accommodate one (1) telecommunications structure and the advice that Telstra had submitted an application for a telecommunications facility at 3726 Cape Tribulation Road, Cape Tribulation. We also recognize Council's desire to facilitate competitive service provision in Cape Tribulation.

As discussed, Optus had been working with Telstra to develop one site and Optus' application provided for co-location by Telstra. Unfortunately Telstra submitted their application without reference to Optus.

Optus and Telstra have consulted further about the provision of telecommunications services to the Cape Tribulation area and we are pleased to provide this RFI response along with confirmation that the proposal has been amended, at Telstra's request, to formally include Telstra's facilities.

Optus also sought to investigate using the proposed Telstra facility at 3726 Cape Tribulation Road, Cape Tribulation but those investigations were not able to be progressed. Because of this, at this point there is no possibility that Optus can provide services from that location. We understand that Telstra will not be proceeding with that proposed facility.

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### Revised Design

The original application showed Telstra's antennas as indicative at 37m on the proposed tower. The proposal has been amended to formally incorporate Telstra's facilities. The proposed facilities are shown in the attached plans. For assessment purposes these plans supersede the plans submitted with the original application.

The proposal now consists of the following:

- 1 x 50m lattice tower and headframes
- 4 x Optus panel antennas (49m)
- 16 x Optus Remote Radio Units (at 50m)
- 8 x Optus ancillary radio units (49m)
- 1 x Optus 1800m face mounted parabolic antenna (45m)
- 1 x Telstra 1800m face mounted parabolic antenna (40m)
- 6 x Telstra panel antennas (37.5m) with ancillary radio units
- 1 x Telstra 1800m face mounted parabolic antenna (35m)
- 1 x Optus equipment shelter on steel platform
- 1 x Telstra equipment shelter on steel platform
- 1 x Telstra standby generator
- 1 x 1.8m Telstra satellite dish on steel base frame
- Security fencing
- Ancillary items as shown in the attached plans
- Removal of some existing trees surrounding the facility location.

### Excavation and Fill

We note your comments that the site area was observed to be soft and wet.

Although this may be the case, the structural adequacy of the tower and footing will be certified and signed off as required to comply with relevant Australian Standards and the Building Code of Australia.

The volume of fill required for the project has been assessed by the design engineers as per the information request from council (item 1) to be as follows:

- a) Volume of fill required for vehicle access:  
 $3.0\text{m} \times 0.1\text{m} \times 60\text{m length} = \text{approx. } 18\text{m}^3$
- b) Volume of excavation required for structure footing (assuming worse case of pad footing):  
 $7.5\text{m} \times 7.5\text{m} \times 1.5\text{m depth} = \text{approx. } 84\text{m}^3$
- c) Volume of fill required to be imported for the construction of the proposal:  
No additional fill will be required to be imported as the soil excavated can be reused, with excess to be distributed throughout the parcel. 'Grey Metal' will be imported and spread over the unpaved area of the existing access route as per the proposed plans.
- d) Volume of excavation required for trenching for service cables:  
 $0.3\text{m} \times 0.5\text{m} \times 282\text{m length} = \text{approx. } 42\text{m}^3$
- e) Please find attached an assessment of acid sulfate soils in accordance with the relevant guidelines. As per the report, no acid sulfate soils were detected.

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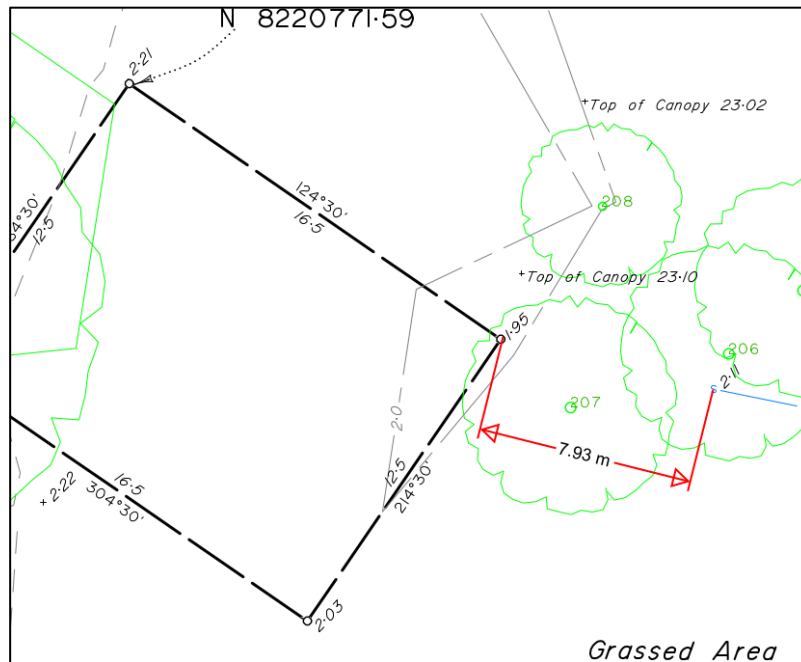
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## Siting of the Proposed Development

The site has been surveyed with reference to the existing on-site effluent system. The survey plan attached shows the extent the system. The below image shows the distance from the associated sprinklers, which have an approximate maximum reach of 5m. The proposed site does not interfere with the existing system.



## Plan of Development

The site has now been surveyed and attached plan shows the requested information. Updated design drawings have also been submitted with this response.

## Visual Impact

We note that council has concerns regarding the visual impact the proposed structure may have on the Cape Tribulation area. We note that as per the tree canopy measurements recorded on the attached site survey, the existing tree canopy surrounding the facility is between 22 and 32 meters in height. We also note that the proposed tower is located around 235m back from this roadway and the existing properties in the cape tribulation township. As such, we believe that the proposed tower will have a very minimal visual impact onto the Cape Tribulation township, as much of the facility will be obstructed by this existing vegetation.

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Image 1 – photo facing towards the tower location from Cape Tribulation Road



Image 2 – photo of the existing trees along Cape Tribulation Road

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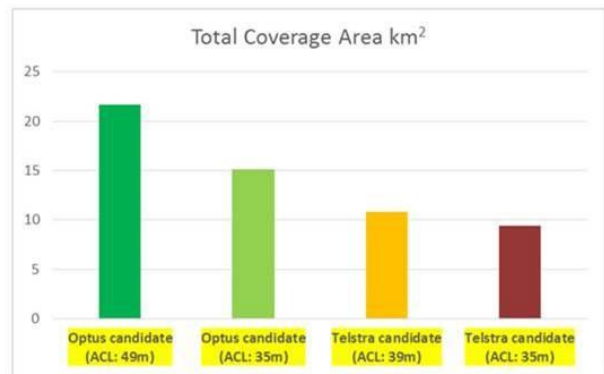
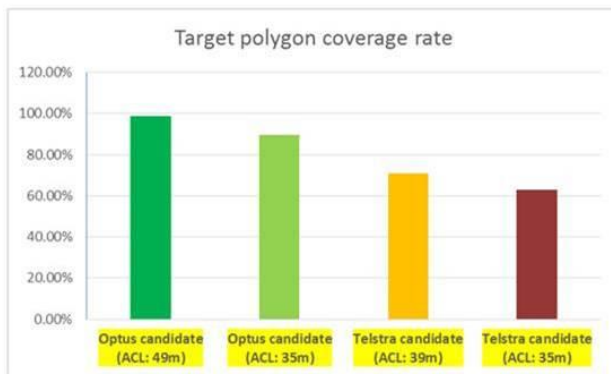
## Coverage Test Metrics

The table and graphs shown below demonstrate predicted radio performance levels at varying heights at both the proposed Optus location and the proposed Telstra location.

Note that predictions between 34-36m would show negligible differences and are not modelled.

The predictions demonstrate a material difference in radio performance for Optus between the two sites. This is the primary reason that the Optus location is strongly preferred by Optus.

	Target polygon coverage rate	Total Coverage Area km <sup>2</sup>
Optus candidate (ACL: 49m)	98.74%	21.64
Optus candidate (ACL: 35m)	89.54%	15.13
Telstra candidate (ACL: 39m)	70.82%	10.82
Telstra candidate (ACL: 35m)	63.02%	9.42



We trust that this information satisfies the request for information and ask that Council continue with the assessment.

If there are any queries about the information provided or if any further information is required please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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**Attachments:**

**Appendix A – Proposed Plans (updated)**

**Appendix B – Survey Plan**

**Appendix C – Acid Sulfate Soil Assessment Report**

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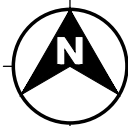
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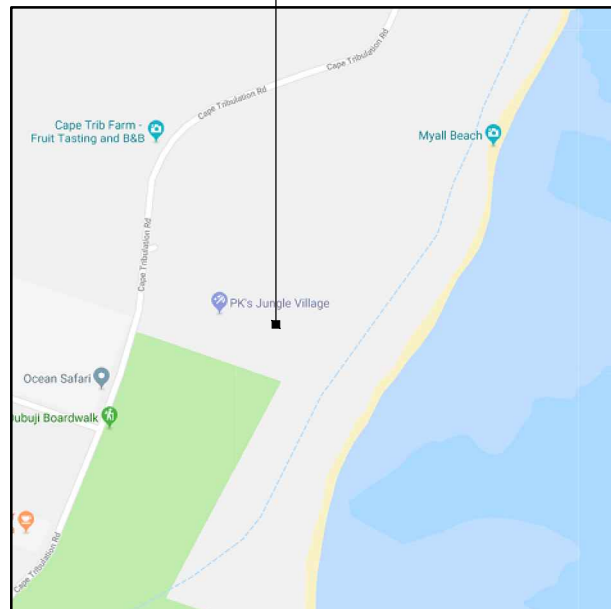
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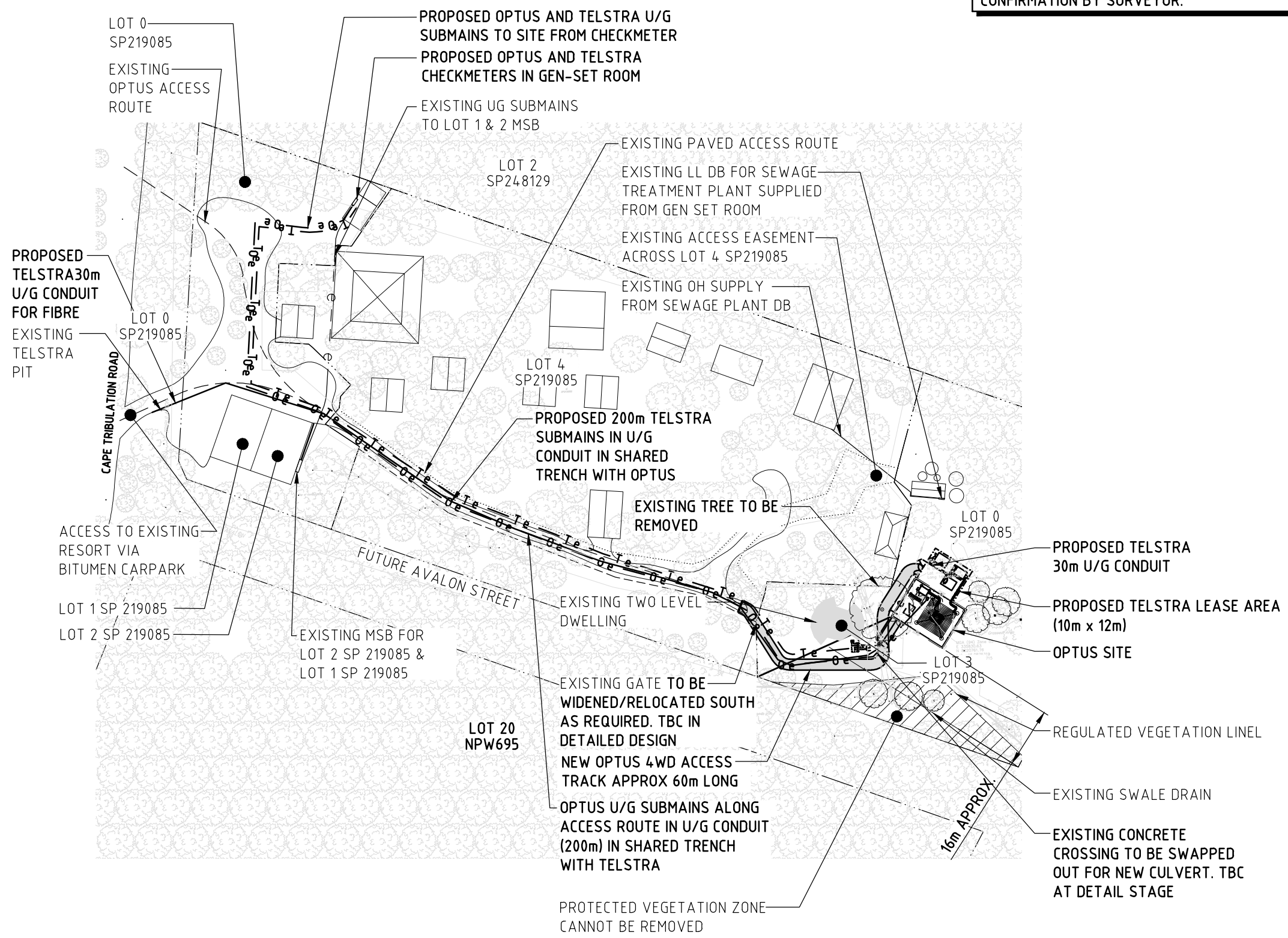


PROPOSED OPTUS  
BASE STATION



**LOCALITY MAP**  
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**LEGEND:**

- LOT BOUNDARIES
- 0 e - 0 e - OPTUS SUBMAINS
- T e - T e - TELSTRA SUBMAINS
- SURVEY MARKER
- - - e - - - e - EXISTING ELECTRICAL CABLES
- OPTUS SITE ACCESS ROUTE
- - - - - EXISTING PAVED ACCESS ROUTE
- ..... EXISTING EASEMENT
- █ PROPOSED ACCESS TRACK

**OVERALL SITE PLAN**  
SCALE 1:1250

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PROPOSED TELSTRA 3m WIDE 4WD ACCESS TRACK

PROPOSED OPTUS EQUIPMENT SHELTER SUPPORTED ON STEEL SUPPORT PLATFORM ABOVE 1:100 FLOOD LEVELS. (TO BE CONFIRMED AT DETAILED DESIGN)

PROPOSED OPTUS AC POWER DRAW PIT

PROPOSED RECYCLED CONCRETE GROUND COVER

PROPOSED OPTUS GENERATOR PARKING 3m x 2m

PROPOSED OPTUS SECURITY FENCE AND ACCESS GATES

PROPOSED OPTUS U/G POWER SUBMAINS TO RUN TO PROPOSED OPTUS SHELTER

PROPOSED OPTUS 3m WIDE 4WD ACCESS TRACK

PROPOSED OPTUS 50m HIGH LATTICE TOWER

PROPOSED TELSTRA STANDBY GENERATOR SUPPORTED ON CONCRETE SLAB, GENERATOR TYPE & SIZE, TBC AT DETAILED DESIGN

PROPOSED TELSTRA NETWORK CABLE IN U/G CONDUIT IN NEW TRENCH (30m)

PROPOSED TELSTRA U/G SUMAINS IN CONDUIT IN NEW U/G TRENCH (30m)

PROPOSED TELSTRA MK4.0 SHELTER ON STEEL ELEVATED PLATFORM

PROPOSED TELSTRA NETWORK CABLE DRAW PIT

PROPOSED TELSTRA 1.8m SATELLITE DISH AND ODU SUPPORTED ON SKID STEEL BASE FRAME

PROPOSED TELSTRA 300mm CABLE TRAY ON SUPPORT POSTS

PROPOSED OPTUS FEEDERS TO RUN IN 450 WIDE ELEVATED CABLE LADDER ON SUPPORT POSTS

OPTUS RRU'S (16-OFF PROPOSED)

OPTUS ANCILLARIES (8-OFF PROPOSED)

PROPOSED OPTUS PANEL ANTENNAS (4-OFF)

MGA ZONE 55  
E 335 830  
N 8 220 762  
AT € LATTICE TOWER

PROPOSED OPTUS (1800mm) PARABOLIC ANTENNA (1 OFF PROPOSED)

**SITE ADDRESS:**  
LOT 0 / SP219085  
CAPE TRIBULATION ROAD,  
CAPE TRIBULATION, QLD 4873

- NOTES:**
- BASIS OF DESIGN**
    - > SITE INSPECTION 19/06/2019
  - PANEL ANTENNAS**
    - > 1-OFF PROPOSED HUAWEI ASI4517R1 12 PORT ANTENNA PER SECTOR (EACH 2.8m MAX. LONG) AT EL 49.00m.
    - > SECTOR 1 - 20°, SECTOR 2 - 110°, SECTOR 3 - 210°, SECTOR 4 - 290°
    - > MOUNTED TO STAND OFF MOUNTS ON HEADFRAME.
  - TRANSMISSION**
    - > Ø1800 PARABOLIC ANTENNA AT EL 45.00m (1 OFF PROPOSED)
  - EQUIPMENT SHELTER**
    - > PROPOSED ICS TYPE A2 SHELTER (2.5m x 1.8m WITH AIRCONS).
    - > SUPPORTED ELEVATED STEEL PLATFORM ABOVE 1:100 LEVEL.
  - OPTUS LATTICE TOWER**
    - > PROPOSED 50m HIGH LATTICE TOWER WITH OPTUS SQUARE HEADFRAME AT EL 49.00m.
  - FEEDER CABLES**
    - > SIZE: 6/12 (4 OFF) TRUNK CABLE
    - > LENGTH: 60m
    - > PROPOSED TRUNK CABLES TO RUN FROM SHELTER IN 450 WIDE ELEVATED CABLE LADDER THEN RUN UP LATTICE TOWER UTILISING FEEDER SUPPORT BRACKETS.
  - SITE ACCESS**
    - > SITE ACCESS VIA EXISTING BITUMEN CARPARK AND THEN VIA NEW 50m APPROX. 4WD ACCESS TRACK. ENTRY OFF CAPE TRIBULATION ROAD.
    - > OPTUS SITE 250m FROM CAPE TRIBULATION ROAD ENTRY.
  - ANTENNA ACCESS**
    - > CLIMBING LADDER AND DOUBLE LANYARD ACCESS PROVIDED ON LATTICE TOWER.
  - POWER SUPPLY**
    - > PROPOSED OPTUS CHECK METER TO BE INSTALLED IN LANDLORDS' GEN SET ROOM AND 3-PHASE AC POWER TO BE PROVIDED FROM THE GEN SET. OPTUS AC POWER SUBMAINS TO TAKE SHORTEST ROUTE TO OPTUS SHELTER.
    - > PROPOSED U/G OPTUS AC POWER SUBMAINS >320m APPROX.
    - > DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED AT DETAILED DESIGN.
  - OTHER (PAINTING, LANDSCAPING, SCREENING)**
    - > PROPOSED OPTUS EQUIPMENT INCLUDES, LATTICE TOWER, HEADFRAME, MOUNTS, SHELTER, SHELTER PLATFORM, ANTENNAS, RRUS, ANCILLARIES TO BE PAINTED PALE EUCALUPT.

**SITE LAYOUT**  
SCALE 1:100

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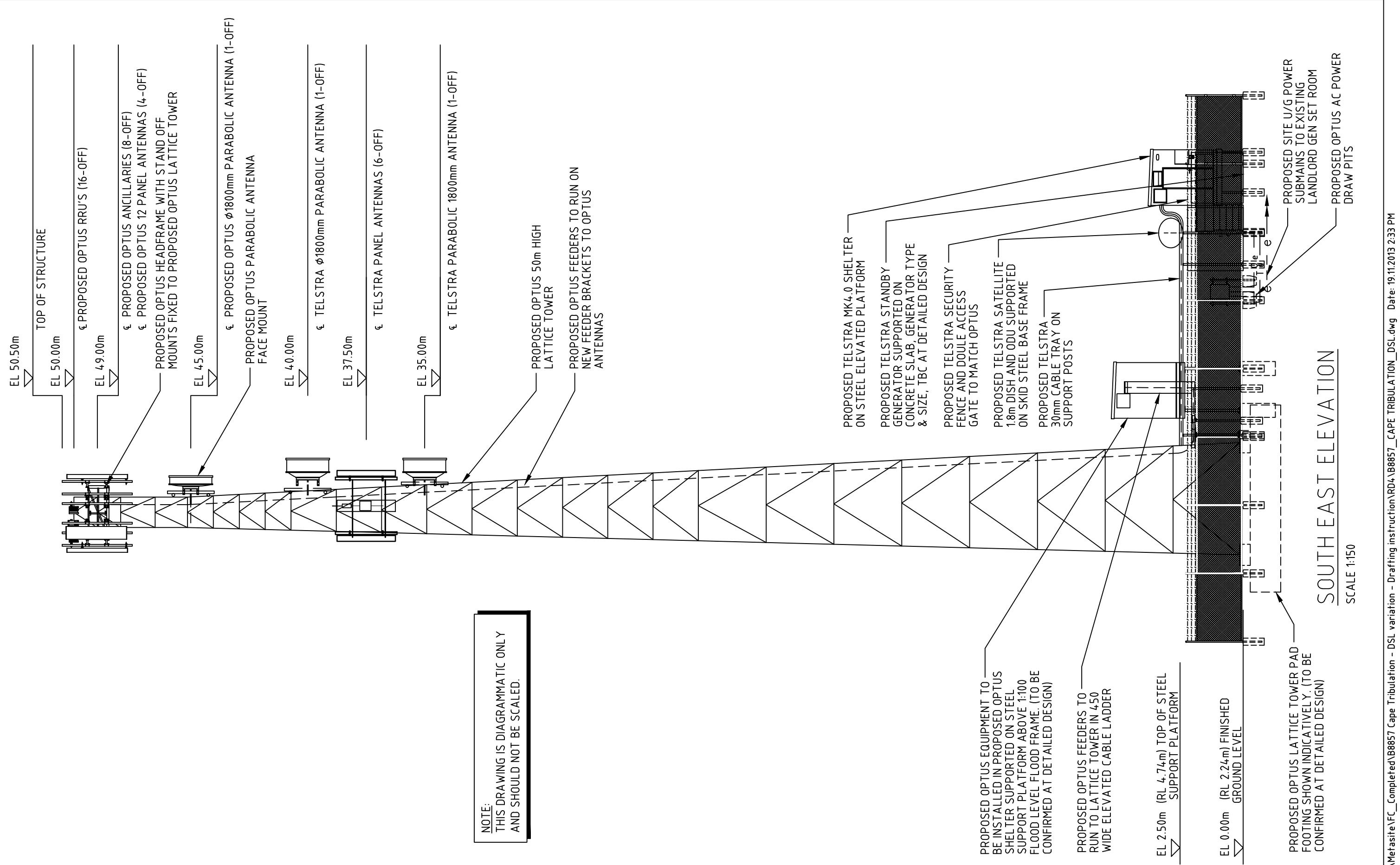
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PROPOSED OPTUS FEEDERS TO RUN TO LATTICE TOWER IN 450 WIDE ELEVATED CABLE LADDER

EL 2.50m (RL 4.74m) TOP OF STEEL SUPPORT PLATFORM

EL 0.00m (RL 2.24m) FINISHED GROUND LEVEL

PROPOSED OPTUS LATTICE TOWER PAD FOOTING SHOWN INDICATIVELY. (TO BE CONFIRMED AT DETAILED DESIGN)

**SOUTH EAST ELEVATION**  
SCALE 1:150

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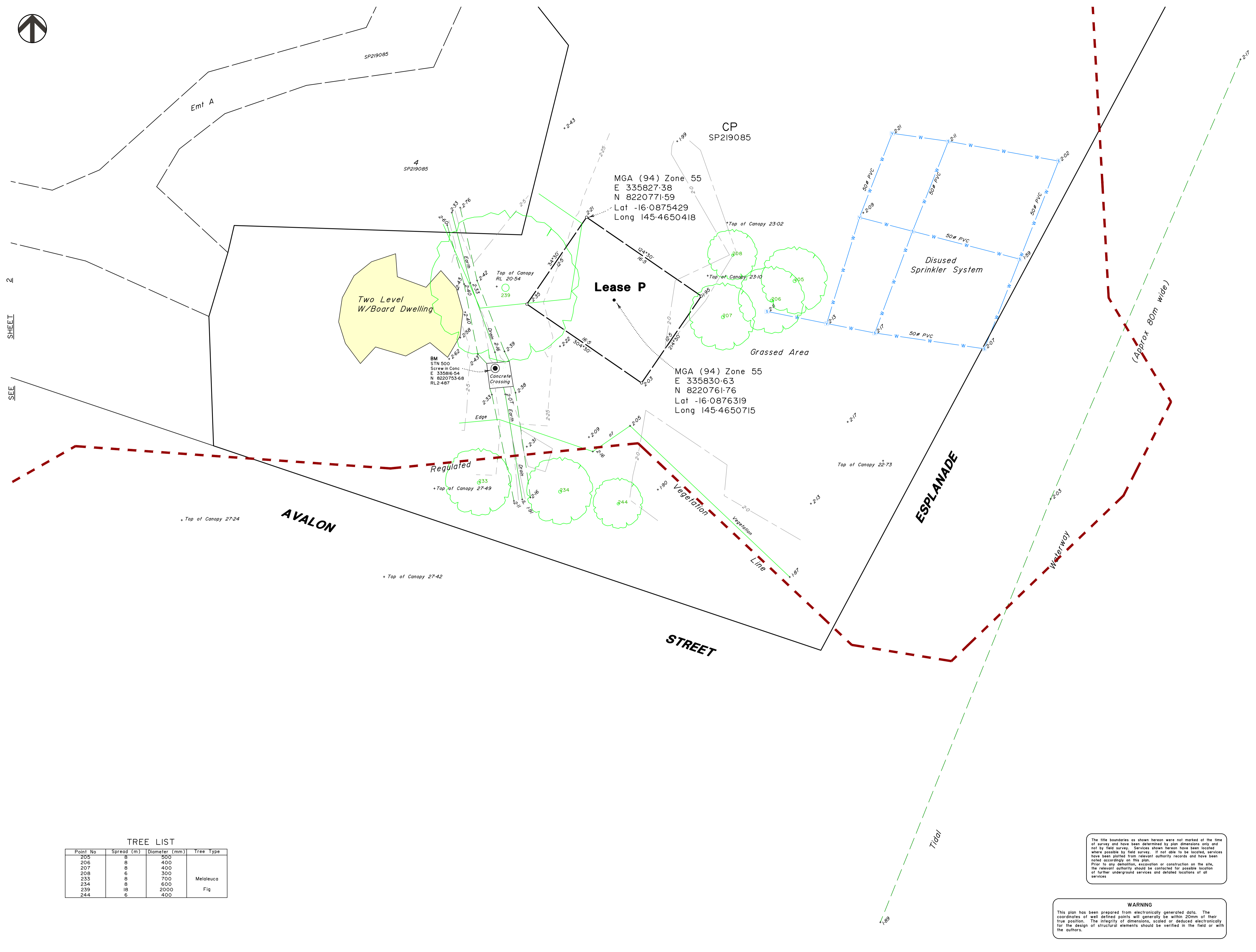
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**LEGEND**

- Bench Mark
- Sprinkler
- Sprinkler Valve
- Drain
- Water

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**Optus Mobile Site: B8857**  
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**Plan of Level & Detail**  
**Survey over part of Common**  
**Property on SP219085**  
**3910 Cape Tribulation Rd,**  
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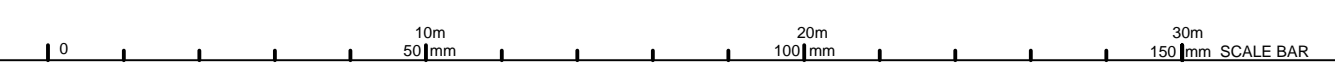
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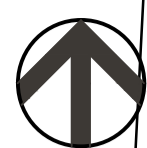
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207	8	400	
208	6	300	
233	8	700	
234	8	600	
239	18	2000	Fig
244	6	400	

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CAPE TRIBULATION ROAD

AVALON

STREET

4  
SP219085

+Top of Canopy 32.69

CP  
SP219085

Emi A

Edge

4.16

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4.04

+Top of Canopy 24.07

Vegetation 3.81

3.75

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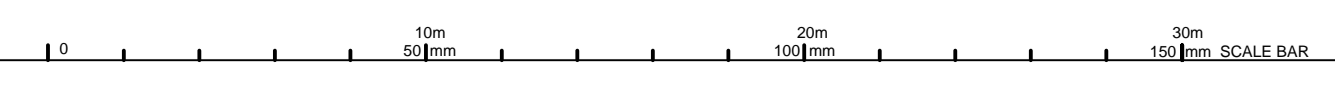


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**PRELIMINARY ACID SULFATE SOIL INVESTIGATION FOR  
SITE NO: B8857-Q CAPE TRIBULATION ROAD,  
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Dear Raj

**RE: PRELIMINARY ACID SULFATE SOIL INVESTIGATION FOR SITE NO:  
B8857-Q CAPE TRIBULATION ROAD, CAPE TRIBULATION QLD 4873**

Geoquitards Environmental has conducted soil sampling and laboratory analysis from one (1) test location and the findings are presented in this report. This Preliminary Acid Sulfate Investigation has been undertaken as part of your correspondence received by Jim Perry from Civiltest Pty Ltd on behalf of Metasite. The report and associated attachments are presented in this report and my qualification experience is as follows:

**Qualification and Experience**

- I am a Senior Environmental Scientist with 23 years of experience providing consulting services in contaminated land projects, hydrogeological assessments, NATA signatory for soil testing and more than five years' experience in providing consulting services for acid sulphate soil assessments;
- I have a Bachelor of Science Degree in Chemistry, Botany and Geology, Master of Science Degree in Geology with a specialisation in Hydrogeology and Graduate Diploma in Environmental Management;
- I am experienced (15 years) in designing and implementing ASS investigations, ASS treatment programs and environmental management plans (EMPs). The range and scope of ASS, contaminated land projects hydrogeological investigation projects, salinity assessment projects evidence of previous approved EMP's from EPA Victoria are provided in Appendix H.

**Professional Affiliations**

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## **1 Introduction**

Geoaquitards Environmental was requested Civiltest Pty Ltd on behalf of Metasite to undertake an Acid Sulphate Soil Assessment for Site No: B8857-Q Cape Tribulation Road, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873.

This preliminary assessment has been requested as part of the proposed construction of a 50 metre high lattice tower with Optus Square Headframe at EL 49.00m at the site the investigation was limited to sampling from one (1) test location covering an area of 4m x 4.0m. It comprised a desktop review of the potential for ASS to exist at proposed tower construction area, as well as preliminary soil sampling and laboratory analysis.

### **1.1 Site Identification**

Summary of site information is as follows. (Refer to Appendix E for Site Plan).

**TABLE 1– SITE INFORMATION**

<b>Site Address</b>	Site No: B8857-Q Cape Tribulation Road, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873 (“Site”)
<b>Lot Plan Number</b>	OSP219085
<b>Local Government</b>	Douglas Shire Council
<b>Regional land use categories</b>	Category - Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area Region - Far North Queensland Status - Current - February 2009
<b>Regional planning boundary</b>	Far North Regional Plan
<b>State Planning Policy mapping layers</b>	AGRICULTURE - Agricultural land classification - class A and B BIODIVERSITY - MSES - Wildlife habitat - MSES - Regulated vegetation (category B) - MSES - Regulated vegetation (essential habitat) - MSES - Regulated vegetation (wetland) - MSES - High ecological significance wetlands - MSES - High ecological value waters (wetland) COASTAL ENVIRONMENT - Coastal management district CULTURAL HERITAGE - National heritage place WATER QUALITY - High ecological value water areas NATURAL HAZARDS RISK AND RESILIENCE - Flood hazard area - Level 1 - Queensland floodplain assessment overlay* - Bushfire prone area - Erosion prone area - Medium storm tide inundation area - High storm tide inundation area

## **1.2 Surrounding Land uses and site existing features**

Site is located in a Regional Landscape and Rural Production Area and surrounding land uses are rural residential, national parks, horticultural, holiday resorts and vacant lands.

The subject land is located on the east side of Cape Tribulation Road and in Cape Tribulation QLD. The subject site contains some building structures and appears to be a holiday resort. Most of the site area is covered in small to large trees. Area under investigation is vacant and covered in grass (Refer to Appendix E for Investigation Site).

Desktop study indicates that the site is not located in a land with probability of occurrence of Acid Sulphate Soil within the soil profile (Ref: Acid Sulphate Soil Map Refer to Figure 2), however preliminary confirmation tests pHFOX, Chromium suite SCR and groundwater  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ : Cl Ratio tests were undertaken).

## **1.3 Proposed Works**

It is proposed to construct a 50 metre high lattice tower with Optus Square Headframe at EL 49.00m at the site.

## **2 QLD Acid Sulfate Soils Technical Manual**

The Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual encompasses four individual guidelines: a legislation and policy guide; laboratory methods guidelines; (this) soil management guidelines; and guidelines for sampling and analysis of lowland acid sulfate soils.

This document, the *Queensland Acid Sulfate Soil Technical Manual, Soil Management Guidelines* is based on earlier versions prepared with funding from the Queensland Government and the National Landcare Program (NLP) of the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT). The guidelines have been refined following 10 years of use. Some material in this document (including earlier versions) builds on information from the *NSW Acid Sulfate Soil Manual* (Stone, Ahern, & Blunden, 1998) and guidelines and policy developed by the WA Department of Environment and Conservation. Elements of these guidelines have been incorporated into ASS guidelines of other Australian states.

These guidelines describe best practice standards for managing coastal acid sulfate soil material. The laboratory methods guideline describes techniques for quantifying the status of acid sulfate soils and determining treatment rates. The management guideline contains information on how to conduct a risk assessment, avoid or minimise soil disturbance, and manage unavoidable disturbances. Techniques like chemical neutralisation and controlled dewatering are discussed in detail.

The guidelines should be used by consultants, earth moving contractors, developers, agricultural and aquaculture producers, sand and gravel extraction operators, community groups and administering authorities from state and local government.

### **3 Geology**

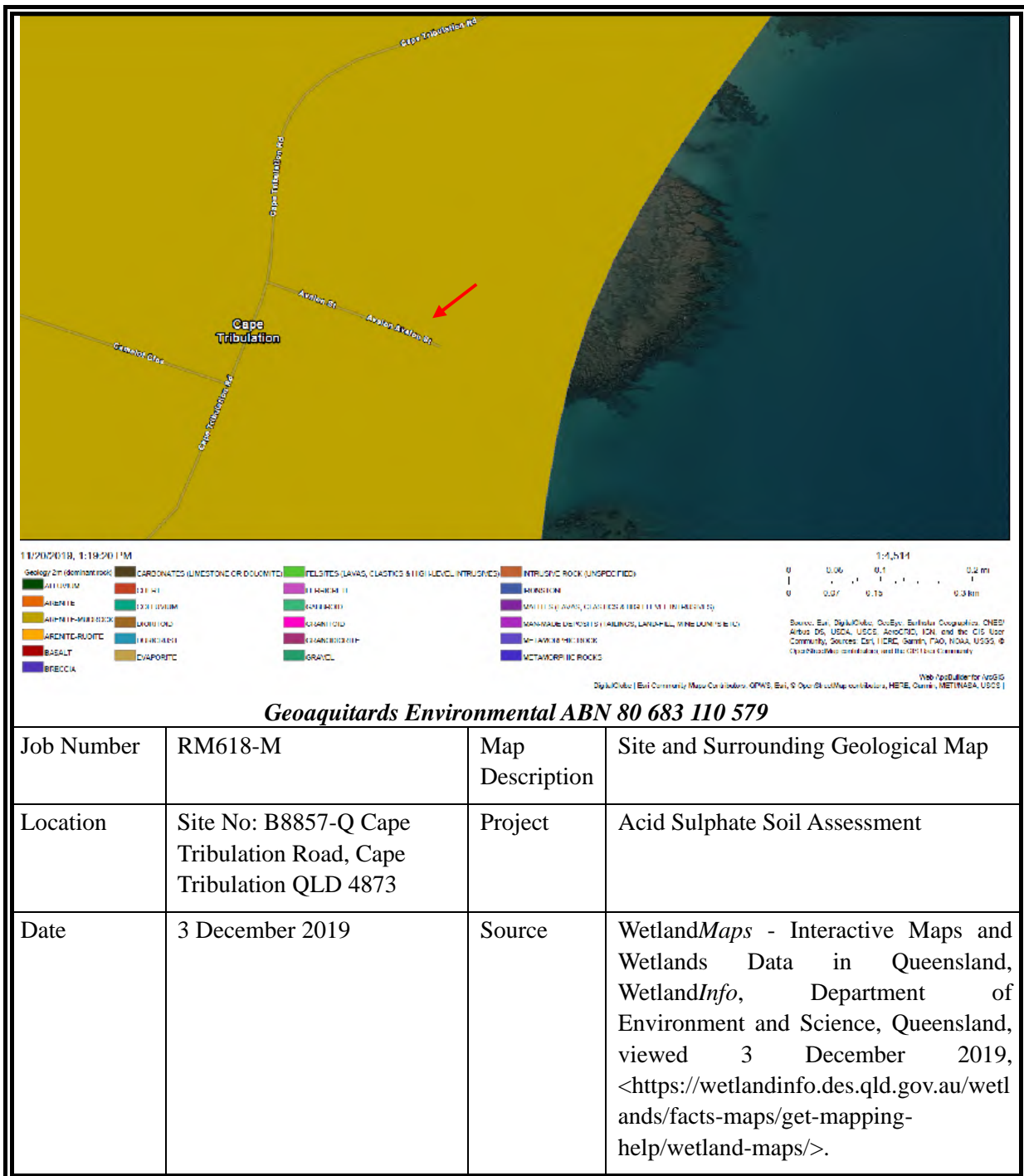
The geology of the site is located on Hodgkinson Formation and information is as follows (Refer to Table 3 - Site and Surrounding Geological Information and Figure 1 for Geological Map).

**TABLE 2 - SITE AND SURROUNDING GEOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

<b>Rock Unit Key (Surface)</b>	657
<b>Rock Unit Name</b>	Hodgkinson Formation
<b>Map Symbol</b>	Dh
<b>Lithological Summary</b>	Mainly Pale To Dark Or Greenish Grey, Fine To Medium-Grained, Medium To Thick-Bedded, Quartz-Intermediate Greywacke, Rhythmically Interbedded With Siltstone And Mudstone; Minor Conglomerate, Conglomeratic Greywacke
<b>Dominant Rock</b>	Arenite-Mudrock
<b>Rock Type</b>	Stratified Unit (Including Volcanic And Metamorphic)
<b>Age</b>	Devonian
<b>Legend Sequence</b>	3,963

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**FIGURE 1 - GEOLOGICAL MAP**

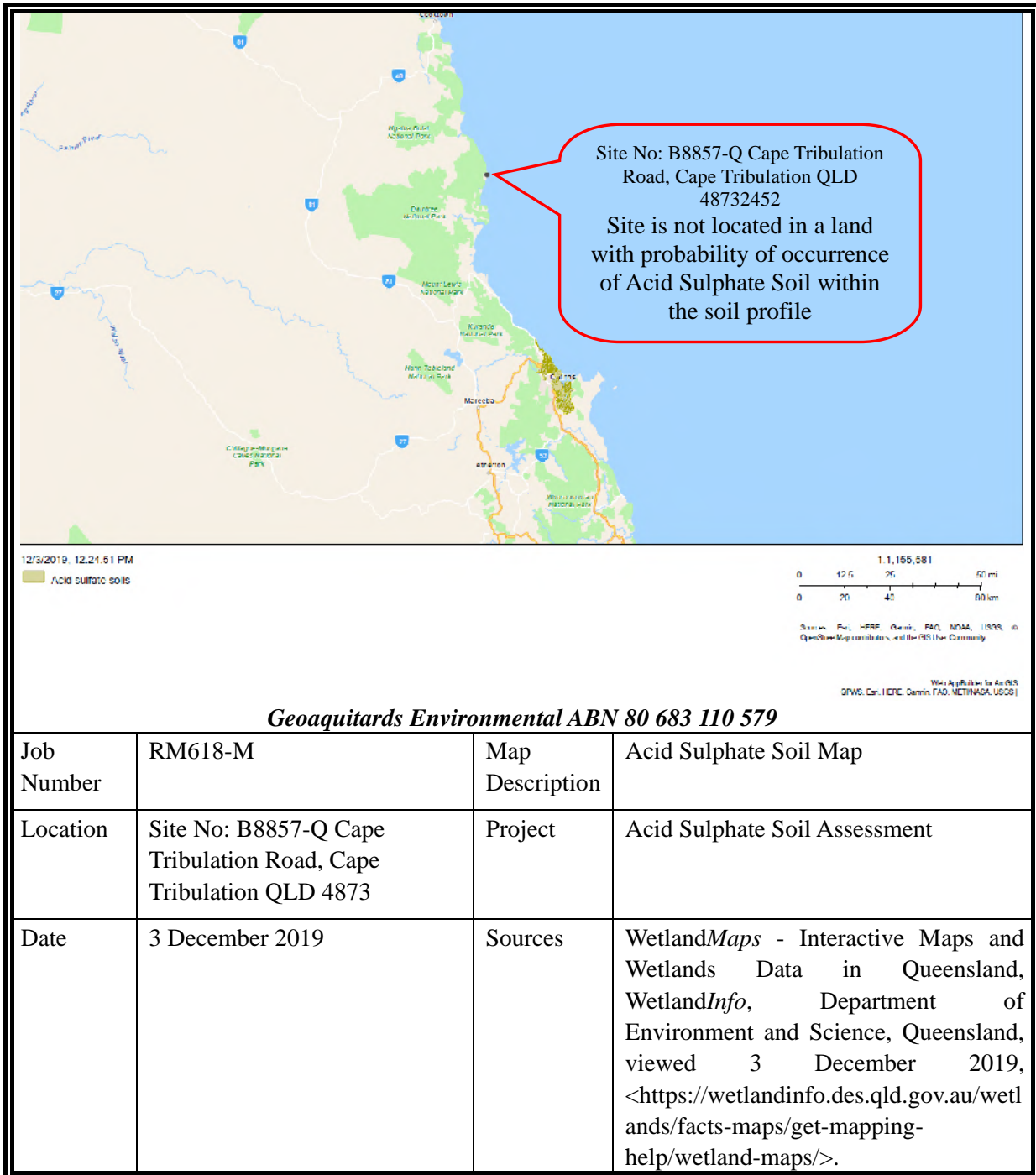


## 4 Review of Acid Sulfate Soil Risk Map

As part of the Acid Sulfate Soils Assessment a review of Acid Sulfate Soils Risk Map for Cape Tribulation QLD was undertaken on 3 December 2019 through WetlandMaps - Interactive Maps and Wetlands Data in Queensland, WetlandInfo, Department of Environment and Science, Queensland. The results indicated that Site No: B8857-Q Cape Tribulation Road, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873 is not located in a land with probability of occurrence of Acid Sulphate Soil within the soil profile. (Refer to Figure 2)

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**FIGURE 2 – ACID SULFATE SOIL RISK MAP**

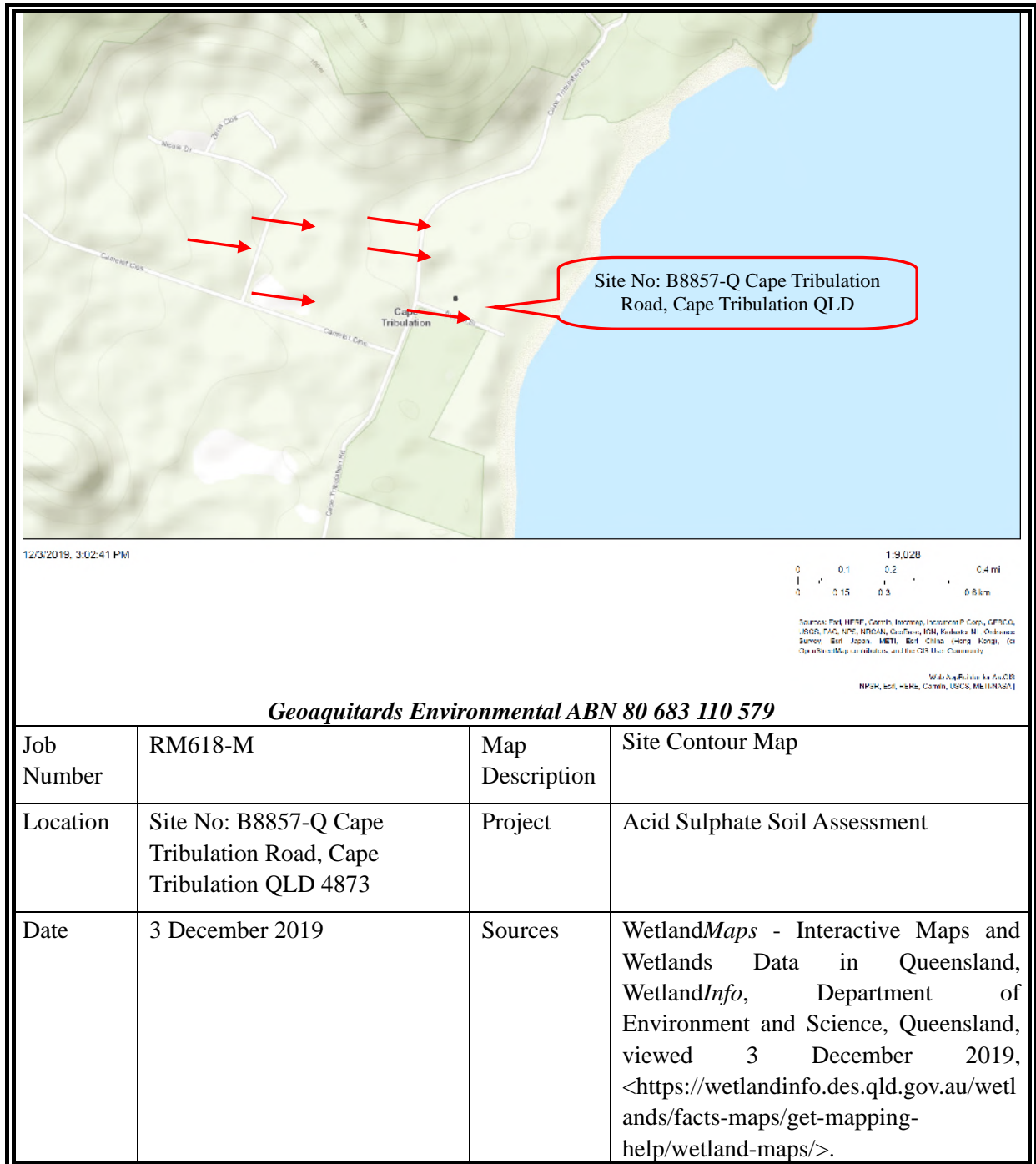


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## 5 Topography

The subject land and regional topography is sloping to the east direction towards Coral Sea. The site lies approximately between 0 to 10 meters above the sea level. (Refer to Figure 3 for site contour map).

**FIGURE 3 - SITE CONTOUR MAP**



## 6 Subsurface Conditions

Based on the field observations and borehole, logs the subsurface conditions at the site are summarised in Table 4 and the borehole logs are included in Appendix D.

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**TABLE 3 - GENERALISED SUBSURFACE PROFILE**

Soil Horizon	Depth (m)	Material Description
FILL	0.0 – 1.00	FILL, sandy silty CLAY/SAND/CRUSHED ROCK/silty CLAY, gravel, red brown/grey brown/dark brown grey, dry/moist, firm/medium dense/firm to stiff, no odour detected
Natural	1.00 – 5.90	silty SAND, pale grey/pale grey brown/yellow brown, trace gravel, moist to wet/moist, medium dense, no odour detected
Natural	5.90 – 8.00	extremely weathered ROCK/sandy GRAVEL/ extremely weathered GRANITE ROCK, occasional fractures with sand lenses, dark grey/pale brown, dry to moist/moist, low strength/dense/very low strength, no odour detected

## 7 Soil Assessment

Soil sampling was undertaken from one (1) test location at the proposed tower area. Samples were retrieved at 0.50m, 1.00m, 1.50m, 2.00m, 2.50m, 3.00m, 3.50m, 4.00m, 4.50m, 5.00m and 6.00m, 7.0m and 8.0m.

### 7.1 Scope of Works

The aim of this Acid Sulphate soil assessment was to collect soil samples from one (1) test locations and to submit the soil samples to a NATA registered laboratory for analysis. Soil samples were analysed for chromium reducible sulphur method.

The works carried out as follows generally can be considered in the following order:

- Collection of soil samples in accordance with relevant Acid Sulfate Soils Guidance for Construction Activities;
- Review of previous site history was not requested by the client and therefore was not undertaken as a part of this project works;
- Sampling and analysis of soil samples collected during the drilling program; Interpretation and reporting of the works conducted at one (1) test location (at the proposed 50m high lattice tower with Optus square headframe at EL49m).
- Analysis of soil samples on selected soil samples by Eurofins; and
- Preparation of a report detailing the findings of the investigation works.

Initial Assessment field assessment of Acid Sulfate soils was undertaken as follows:

- A field description of the soil was noted;
- Including: location, depth, colour, texture, and presence of field indicators organic matter or shell fragments; and
- All visible shell fragments if any were removed during sampling.
- pH tests were carried out to indicate the likely presence of PASS or AASS.

### 7.2 Summary of Soil Sampling

Eleven (11) soil samples were retrieved from one (1) test locations on 13 November 2019. Boreholes were drilled at locations one (1) as shown in the attached Test Location Plan

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(Appendix E). Drilling sampling was undertaken by Civiltest Pty Ltd (Drilling Method: Mechanical Auger Drilling).

### 7.3 Decontamination

Decontamination of sampling equipment was completed in accordance with the Standard Procedures. Decontamination of the solid augers comprised removal of encrusted materials; brush scrubbing with detergent cleaning solution and a rinse in potable water. Disposable gloves were worn during collection of samples. Gloves were replaced after each sample was collected, to prevent cross contamination.

**TABLE 4 - SUMMARY OF SAMPLING PROGRAM**

Sampling Date	Sample Number	Lab Number	Soil Description
13 November 2019	1 AT 0.5m	M19-No21102	FILL, SAND/CRUSHED ROCK, grey brown, dry to moist, medium dense, no odour detected
13 November 2019	1 AT 1.0m	M19-No21103	FILL, silty CLAY, gravel, dark brown grey, moist, firm to stiff, no odour detected
13 November 2019	1 AT 1.5m	M19-No21104	silty SAND, pale grey, moist to wet, medium dense, no odour detected
13 November 2019	1 AT 2.0m	M19-No21105	silty SAND, pale grey, moist to wet, medium dense, no odour detected
13 November 2019	1 AT 2.5m	M19-No21106	silty SAND, pale grey, moist to wet, medium dense, no odour detected
13 November 2019	1 AT 3.0m	M19-No21107	silty SAND, yellow brown, moist, medium dense, no odour detected
13 November 2019	1 AT 3.5m	M19-No21108	silty SAND, yellow brown, moist, medium dense, no odour detected
13 November 2019	1 AT 4.0m	M19-No21109	silty SAND, yellow brown, moist, medium dense, no odour detected
13 November 2019	1 AT 4.5m	M19-No21110	silty SAND, yellow brown, moist, medium dense, no odour detected
13 November 2019	1 AT 5.0m	M19-No21111	silty SAND, yellow brown, moist, medium dense, no odour detected
13 November 2019	1 AT 6.0m	M19-No21112	extremely weathered ROCK, dark grey, dry to moist, low strength, no odour detected

### 7.4 Laboratory Analysis Program for Soil

All analyses were completed by NATA registered Laboratory Eurofins. Selected soil samples were analysed individually as follows:

**Preliminary laboratory soil testing:**

Eurofins (Report number: 688205-S)

- Eleven (11) soil samples from one (1) test location were analysed for Acid Sulfate Soils Field pH Tests.



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**7.4.1 Acid Sulphate Initial Field pH Assessment**

Field pH tests were carried out to indicate the likely presence of PASS or AASS. Field tests were conducted by NATA registered Laboratories, Principal laboratory – Eurofins (Report number: 688205-S). The tests involved measuring soil pH before and after oxidation using the following parameters:

- pHF - measure of soil pH of a soil: water paste;
- pHFOX - measure of soil pH after rapid oxidation with hydrogen peroxide (H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>); and
- Effervescence (or reaction rate) - a visual measure of the vigorousness of the oxidation reaction where: 1 = slight; 2 = moderate; 3 = high; and 4 = extreme.

Interpretation of the results and actions required are summarised in Table 7. Even if only one positive result is obtained, the required action should be followed.

**TABLE 5 - FIELD DATA INTERPRETATIONS**

Parameters	Action	Field pH	Field pH of Peroxide Extract	Change in pH	Reaction Rate 1- Slight 2- Moderate 3- High 4- Very Vigorous
1	No Action	>5.0	<5.0	<2	1-2
2	PASS may be present	4 - 5	3 - 5	>2	>2
3	AASS or PASS likely	<4	<3	>2	>2

Interpretation of field pH results:

- Parameter 1- If no other field indicators or acid sulfate soil risk indicators are present, no further action is required;
- Parameter 2- PASS may be present, further assessment is required; and
- Parameter 3 - AASS or PASS are likely to be present, further assessment is required.
- Initial Field pH tests indicated slight reaction rate indicating that no further action is required for the soil samples tested.
- pHF readings less than 4, along with other indicators of ASS such as jarosite and/or reddish-orange iron mineral staining in the horizon, or the presence of jarosite and/or reddish-orange iron mineral staining or PASS in the vicinity, indicates the soil is an AASS with past oxidation of RIS, resulting in an acidic soil material (and acidic soil pore water).
- pHF readings greater than 4 may indicate the absence of AASS but PASS may still be present.
- soil pHF < 4 (when soil pHF > 4 but < 5 this may indicate some existing acidity and other indicators should be used to confirm presence or absence of AASS)

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Screening Test Results

- Assessment of screening test results (pHF and pHFox) and their indications of actual or potential ASS were based on QASSIT (1998) and can be described as follows (Table 6).
- The field pH test (pHF) measures the existing acidity of the soil and is used to help identify whether actual ASS is present. If pHF is less than 4, it is considered that either actual ASS is present or soils contain a high organic content. A pHF is between 4 and 5 indicates acidic soils. All natural horizon soil samples reported a pHF greater than 5.8 to or equal to 6.2 with a median value of 6.0, which indicates that actual ASS is not present.
- Natural horizon - The change in pH (ApH) is also used as an indicator of potential ASS. Generally, the greater the ApH, the more likelihood there is of potential ASS being present. A pHFox value at least one unit below pHF may also indicate potential ASS. Calculated ApH values varied between 1.3 and 1.9 with a median value of 1.3 in the natural horizon.
- FILL horizon - The change in pH (ApH) is also used as an indicator of potential ASS. Generally, the greater the ApH, the more likelihood there is of potential ASS being present. A pHFox value at least one unit below pHF may also indicate potential ASS. Calculated ApH values varied between 1.8 and 2.0 with a median value of 1.9 in the FILL horizon.
- The strength of reaction with peroxide is rated between 1 and 4, where 1 represents no reaction and 4 represents a violent reaction. This is a useful indicator that must be considered in conjunction with other field test results (pHF, pHFox, ApH). All samples reported reaction rate of in the natural horizon and in the FILL horizon 2 and FILL horizon sample location 1.00m was further tested for chromium suite laboratory analysis.
- On the basis of the qualitative screening results, the likelihood of actual and/or potential ASS is considered to be low. However one fill horizon sample which detected Field pH peroxide extract reading of 3.8 pH units was requested for further confirmation tests for chromium suite SCR laboratory analysis (Table 7).

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**TABLE 6 - FIELD INVESTIGATION DATA FOR ACID SULPHATE SOIL**

<b>Client:</b>		Metasite			<b>Office:</b>		Melbourne	
<b>Project:</b>		Acid Sulphate Soil Assessment			<b>Job Number:</b>		RM618-M	
<b>Location:</b>		Site No: B8857-Q Cape Tribulation Road, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873			<b>Sampling Date:</b>		13 November 2019	
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Field pH</b>	<b>Field pH of Peroxide Extract</b>	<b>Change in pH</b>	<b>Reaction Rate</b>	<b>Reaction Rate:</b> 1- Slight 2- Moderate 3- High 4- Very Vigorous		
1	No Action	>5.0	<5.0	<2	1-2			
2	PASS may be present	4-5	3-5	>2	>2			
3	AASS or PASS likely	<4	<3	>2	>2			
<b>Field ID/ Depth</b>	<b>FILL Horizon</b>	<b>Natural Horizon</b>	<b>Matrix Description</b>	<b>Field pH</b>	<b>Field pH of Peroxide Extract</b>	<b>Change in pH</b>	<b>Reaction</b>	<b>Action</b>
1 AT 0.5m	FILL		FILL, SAND/ CRUSHED ROCK	6.1	4.3	1.8	2	No Action
1 AT 1.0m	FILL		FILL, silty CLAY	5.8	3.8	2	2	Further confirmation test for Chromium Reducible Sulphate required
1 AT 1.5m		Natural	silty SAND	6.1	4.8	1.3	1	No Action
1 AT 2.0m		Natural	silty SAND	6.1	4.5	1.6	1	No Action
1 AT 2.5m		Natural	silty SAND	6	4.1	1.9	1	No Action
1 AT 3.0m		Natural	silty SAND	5.9	5.1	0.8	1	No Action
1 AT 3.5m		Natural	silty SAND	6	5.1	0.9	1	No Action
1 AT 4.0m		Natural	silty SAND	6	5.1	0.9	1	No Action
1 AT 4.5m		Natural	silty SAND	5.9	5.3	0.6	1	No Action
1 AT 5.0m		Natural	silty SAND	6.2	4.7	1.5	1	No Action
1 AT 6.0m		Natural	extremely weathered ROCK	6.2	4.7	1.5	1	No Action

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**TABLE 7 - SUMMARY OF ACID SULFATE SOIL LABORATORY RESULTS**

Chromium Suite Test Results (%S) for Sample number 1 at 1.0m in the FILL Horizon							
pHKCl (pH units)	Reducible Sulfur, SCR	Titratable Actual Acidity, TAA		Sulfur in KCl extract, SKCl	Retained Acidity (NASS)	Acid Neutralising Capacity, ANC	Net Acidity
		mol H <sup>+</sup> /t	% pyrite S				
5.1	<0.005	18	0.030	-	-	-	<0.02

*Note: Yellow cells indicate a net acidity greater than or equal to the guideline level of 0.03% S*

On the basis of the qualitative screening results, the likelihood of actual and/or potential ASS is considered to be low. Chromium suite laboratory analysis was conducted on selected samples to confirm this (Table 7). Results can be interpreted as follows:

The majority of samples returned no action required values for all the samples tested except for one (1) sample at 1.0m depth in the FILL horizon *indicate a net acidity greater than or equal to the guideline level of 0.03% S*. Therefore it is considered that negligible amounts of sulfides were identified.

## 8 Groundwater Assessment

### 8.1 Depth to Watertable

Standing Water Level measurements was undertaken by Civiltest Pty Ltd following the completion of drilling and also after development of the bores that is after the bores were pumped and allowed to recover.

Standing Water Level (SWL) for the GWB1 on 13 November 2019 was 1.60mbgl.

### 8.2 Anticipated Groundwater Flow Direction

The subject land and regional topography is sloping to the east direction towards Coral Sea.

The anticipated groundwater flow direction at the site is to eastern direction, towards the Coral Sea. (Refer to Figure 4 for Site Contour Map).

### 8.1 Summary of Groundwater Sampling

The following Groundwater sampling program was completed as part of Acid Sulphate soil assessment:

**TABLE 8 – GROUNDWATER SAMPLING PROGRAM**

Date	Works
13 November 2019	Groundwater samples from one (1) groundwater bore (GWB 1)

### 8.2 Summary of Laboratory Analysis for Groundwater Sampling

Analyses for Groundwater sampling are as follows:

**TABLE 9 – ANALYSIS OF GROUNDWATER SAMPLING PROGRAM**

Bore Identification	Analysis
GWB 1	Total Dissolved Solids, Sulphate (as SO <sub>4</sub> ), pH, Chloride, calculated Sulphate : Chloride Ratio

### 8.3 Findings of Groundwater Analysis

The laboratory analysis of the groundwater samples reported concentrations for Chloride, pH, Sulphate (as SO<sub>4</sub>), Total Dissolved Solids and SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>: Cl<sup>-</sup> Ratio as follows:

**TABLE 10 - GROUNDWATER INVESTIGATION DATA**

Sample Number	Chloride	pH	TDS	Sulphite as SO <sub>4</sub>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> : Cl <sup>-</sup> Ratio
	mg/L	pH Units	mg/L	mg/L	%
GWB 1	68	6.5	38	<5	0.026

## 9 Assessment Results Summary and Conclusions

Soil analytical results and laboratory data are presented in Appendix E. Certified laboratory reports are included in Appendix A, Chain of Custody (COC) documentation is presented in Appendix D and borehole logs are presented in Appendix F. Soil analytical results comparison with *Acid Sulfate Soils Assessment Guidelines, NSW Acid Sulfate Soils Management Advisory Committee August 1998 (ASSMAC, 1998)* are summarised in Appendix E.

### 9.1 Desktop Review of CASS:

As part of the Acid Sulfate Soils Assessment a review of Acid Sulfate Soils Risk Map for Cape Tribulation QLD was undertaken on 3 December 2019 through *WetlandMaps* - Interactive Maps and Wetlands Data in Queensland, *WetlandInfo*, Department of Environment and Science, Queensland. The results indicated that Site No: B8857-Q Cape Tribulation Road, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873 is not located in a land with probability of occurrence of Acid Sulphate Soil within the soil profile.

Based on preliminary assessment of the site (Site No: B8857-Q Cape Tribulation Road, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873) it is considered site is not located in a potential Acid Sulphate Soil risk area.

### 9.2 Soil Assessment Results

Soil assessment comprised a soil assessment at one (1) location drilled, within the site area. All the eleven (11) soil samples from one (1) test location were assessed for pH-F and pH-FOX.

Soil Field pH (pH-F) results ranged from 5.8 to 6.2 pH units. Following oxidation in peroxide, pH-FOX results ranged from 3.8 to 5.3 pH units.

No samples were reported a decrease of >2 units between pHF and pHFOX.

Reaction Rate for all the soil samples tested were one to two (1-2), which indicated that AASS or PASS may not present in these soil samples.

On the basis of the qualitative screening results, the likelihood of actual and/or potential ASS is considered to be low. However one (1) fill horizon sample which detected Field pH peroxide extract reading of 3.8 pH units was requested for further confirmation tests for chromium suite SCR laboratory analysis.

The majority of samples returned no action required values for all the samples tested except for one (1) sample at 1.0m depth in the FILL horizon *indicate a net acidity greater than or equal to the guideline level of 0.03% S*. Therefore it is considered that negligible amounts of sulfides were identified.

### 9.3 Groundwater Test Results

Samples of the groundwater were collected from GWB1 and were tested for a standard suite of possible contaminants. Refer to Appendix C for detailed laboratory data presentation table for Groundwater sampling.

- Standing Water Level (SWL) for the GWB1 on 13 November 2019 was 1.60mbgl.
- The anticipated groundwater flow direction at the site is to eastern direction, towards the Coral Sea.

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Summary of groundwater test results at GWB1:

- Salinity results in the groundwater monitoring bore GWB1 is 38 mg/L;
- The results indicate pH values in the groundwater monitoring bore GWB1 as 6.5 pH units.
- Sulfate results (as SO<sub>4</sub>) in the groundwater monitoring bore GWB1 is <5 mg/L.
- Chloride results in the groundwater monitoring bore GWB1 is 68 mg/L.
- Sulphate: Chloride (SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>: Cl<sup>-</sup>) Ratio in the groundwater monitoring bore GWB1 is 0.026 %.

Groundwater quality parameters that can be used to indicate the presence of ASS materials include a soluble sulfate to soluble chloride (SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>: Cl<sup>-</sup>) of more than 0.25 (Mulvey 1993),

The analysis of groundwater (and drain water) for SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>: Cl<sup>-</sup> ratio has frequently been used as an indicator of ASS. As seawater has a sulfate concentration of approximately 2700 mg/L and chloride concentration of approximately 19400 mg/L, the SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>: Cl<sup>-</sup> ratio of seawater and coastal landscapes on a mass basis is 0.14. The ratio of dominant ions in saline water remains approximately the same when diluted with rainwater, and therefore, estuaries, coastal saline creeks and associated groundwater can be expected to have similar dominant anion ratios to seawater. Any other source of sulfate ions (such as the oxidation of RIS) in these locations can lower this ratio and hence provide an indication of the possible presence of ASS materials in the surrounding landscape.

A SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>: Cl<sup>-</sup> ratio of greater than 0.5 is a strong indicator of an extra source of sulfate from RIS oxidation (Mulvey 1993).

The SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>: Cl<sup>-</sup> ratio of groundwater (or indeed of the soil material's soluble ions) is especially useful to help discriminate between Actual ASS materials and naturally-occurring acidic soil materials.

However detected concentration does not show indication of an extra source of sulfate from previous sulfide oxidation.

## **9.4 Conclusions**

Initial Field pH tests indicated slight reaction rate and no samples were reported a decrease of >2 units between pHF and pHFOX, indicating that no further action is required for the soil samples tested except for one (1) sample at 1.0m depth in the FILL horizon *indicate a net acidity greater than or equal to the guideline level of 0.03% S*. Therefore it is considered that negligible amounts of sulfides were identified.

In addition to the above one (1) groundwater monitoring bore was installed and sampled and tested for SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>:Cl<sup>-</sup> Ratio detected concentration does not show indication of an extra source of sulfate from previous sulfide oxidation.

Standing Water Level (SWL) for the GWB1 on 13 November 2019 was 1.60mbgl.

This report was intended to identify areas of potential environmental concern at one (1) test location to represents the proposed tower area.

## **10 Recommendations**

Presence of potential ASS (PASS) as well as AAS action criteria exceedances were not identified at the proposed construction site area.

## **11 Limitations**

Geoquitards Environmental (GE) has performed investigation and consulting services for this project in accordance with current professional and industry standards for environmental site assessments. GE's assessment is necessarily based on the results of limited site investigations and upon the restricted program of surface and subsurface sample screening and chemical testing. Neither GE, nor any other reputable consultant, can provide unqualified warranties, nor does GE assume any liability for site conditions not observed or inaccessible during the time of the investigations.

Despite all reasonable care and diligence, the ground conditions encountered and concentrations of analytes measured may not be representative of conditions between the locations sampled and investigated. In addition, site characteristics may change at any time in response to variations in natural conditions, chemical reactions and other events, e.g. groundwater movement. These changes may occur after GE's investigations and assessment.

The investigation addresses the likelihood of the presence of acid sulfate soils within the substrate. As a result, certain environmental characteristics at the site may not be revealed; inter alia these may include background levels of toxins in the substrate including soils, rock, water and biomass in the site.

No site investigations can be thorough enough to provide absolute confirmation of the presence or absence of acid sulfate soils. Similarly the level of testing cannot be considered to unequivocally characterise the degree or extent of acid sulfate soils on the site. In addition regulatory or guideline criteria for the evaluation of environmental soil and groundwater quality are frequently being reviewed and thresholds which are considered acceptable now may in the future be considered to exceed or meet acceptance criteria.

This report and associated documentation and the information herein have been prepared solely for the use of Metasite , and any reliance assumed by other parties on this report shall be at such parties' own risk. Local Council, State and Federal government departments may also use the report solely to review the assessment of acid sulfate soils at the site. Any ensuring liability resulting from use of the report by other parties cannot be transferred to GE.

Geoquitards Environmental has conducted work concerning the limited preliminary soil sampling from one (1) test location, laboratory analysis and reporting the findings which is the subject of this report, and has prepared this report based on this investigation. The work was conducted, and the report has been prepared, in response to specific instructions received from client to whom this report is addressed, within the time and budgetary requirements of the client, and in reliance on certain data and information made available to Geoquitards Environmental. The analyses, evaluations, opinions and conclusions presented in this report are based on those instructions, requirements, data or information, and they could change if such instructions etc. are in fact inaccurate or incomplete. The findings contained within this assessment are the result of standard assessment techniques used in accordance with normal practices and standards. To the best of our knowledge, they represent a reasonable interpretation of the current conditions. Under no circumstances, however, do these findings represent the exact physical conditions of the site at all points. It is also noted that sub-surface conditions can change with time, and the report is based on data that was gathered at the time of the report.



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Soil, rock and aquifer conditions are variable, resulting in non-homogenous distribution of analyte concentrations across the site. Analyte concentrations have been measured at chosen sample locations. However, conditions between sample locations can only be inferred based on the estimated geological and hydrological conditions and the nature and extent of the identified concentrations. Boundaries between different zones of analyte concentrations are indistinct and may not identify analyte concentrations occurring in unexpected locations or sources.

This report has been interpreted based on the available information and the application of professional judgement.

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This report was intended to identify areas of potential environmental concern at one (1) test locations as shown in the Appendix E and this report cannot be used as substitute for classification of wastes for off-site disposal (Note: If off-site disposal of the soil is required then Classification of Wastes in accordance with Queensland *New Regulated Waste Classification and Waste-related Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) Regulations* must be undertaken.

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**APPENDIX A - LABORATORY ANALYTICAL REPORTS**

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**Report** 688205-S  
 Project name SITE NO B8857-Q CAPE TRIBULATION RD QLD 4873  
 Received Date Nov 15, 2019

Client Sample ID			1 AT 0.5m	1 AT 1.0m	1 AT 1.5m	1 AT 2.0m
<b>Sample Matrix</b>			<b>Soil</b>	<b>Soil</b>	<b>Soil</b>	<b>Soil</b>
<b>Eurofins Sample No.</b>			<b>M19-No21102</b>	<b>M19-No21103</b>	<b>M19-No21104</b>	<b>M19-No21105</b>
<b>Date Sampled</b>			<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>	<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>	<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>	<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>
Test/Reference	LOR	Unit				
<b>Acid Sulfate Soils Field pH Test</b>						
pH-F (Field pH test)*	0.1	pH Units	6.1	5.8	6.1	6.1
pH-FOX (Field pH Peroxide test)*	0.1	pH Units	4.3	3.8	4.8	4.5
Reaction Ratings* <sup>S05</sup>		comment	2.0	2.0	1.0	1.0

Client Sample ID			1 AT 2.5m	1 AT 3.0m	1 AT 3.5m	1 AT 4.0m
<b>Sample Matrix</b>			<b>Soil</b>	<b>Soil</b>	<b>Soil</b>	<b>Soil</b>
<b>Eurofins Sample No.</b>			<b>M19-No21106</b>	<b>M19-No21107</b>	<b>M19-No21108</b>	<b>M19-No21109</b>
<b>Date Sampled</b>			<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>	<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>	<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>	<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>
Test/Reference	LOR	Unit				
<b>Acid Sulfate Soils Field pH Test</b>						
pH-F (Field pH test)*	0.1	pH Units	6.0	5.9	6.0	6.0
pH-FOX (Field pH Peroxide test)*	0.1	pH Units	4.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
Reaction Ratings* <sup>S05</sup>		comment	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0

Client Sample ID			1 AT 4.5m	1 AT 5.0m	1 AT 6.0m
<b>Sample Matrix</b>			<b>Soil</b>	<b>Soil</b>	<b>Soil</b>
<b>Eurofins Sample No.</b>			<b>M19-No21110</b>	<b>M19-No21111</b>	<b>M19-No21112</b>
<b>Date Sampled</b>			<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>	<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>	<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>
Test/Reference	LOR	Unit			
<b>Acid Sulfate Soils Field pH Test</b>					
pH-F (Field pH test)*	0.1	pH Units	5.9	6.2	6.2
pH-FOX (Field pH Peroxide test)*	0.1	pH Units	5.3	4.7	4.7
Reaction Ratings* <sup>S05</sup>		comment	1.0	1.0	1.0

**Sample History**

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**Description**

Acid Sulfate Soils Field pH Test

**Testing Site**

Brisbane

**Extracted**

Nov 19, 2019

**Holding Time**

7 Days

- Method: LTM-GEN-7060 Determination of field pH (pHF) and field pH peroxide (pHFOX) tests

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Sample Detail						Chloride	pH (at 25°C)	Sulphate (as SO4)	Sulphate : Chloride Ratio	Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 180°C ± 2°C	Acid Sulfate Soils Field pH Test
<b>Melbourne Laboratory - NATA Site # 1254 &amp; 14271</b>						X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Sydney Laboratory - NATA Site # 18217</b>											
<b>Brisbane Laboratory - NATA Site # 20794</b>											X
<b>Perth Laboratory - NATA Site # 23736</b>											
<b>External Laboratory</b>											
No	Sample ID	Sample Date	Sampling Time	Matrix	LAB ID						
1	GWB1	Nov 13, 2019		Water	M19-No21101	X	X	X	X	X	
2	1 AT 0.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21102						X
3	1 AT 1.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21103						X
4	1 AT 1.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21104						X
5	1 AT 2.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21105						X
6	1 AT 2.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21106						X
7	1 AT 3.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21107						X
8	1 AT 3.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21108						X
9	1 AT 4.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21109						X
10	1 AT 4.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21110						X

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<b>Sydney Laboratory - NATA Site # 18217</b>											
<b>Brisbane Laboratory - NATA Site # 20794</b>											X
<b>Perth Laboratory - NATA Site # 23736</b>											
11	1 AT 5.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21111						X
12	1 AT 6.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21112						X
<b>Test Counts</b>						1	1	1	1	1	11

## Internal Quality Control Review and Glossary

### General

- Laboratory QC results for Method Blanks, Duplicates, Matrix Spikes, and Laboratory Control Samples follows guidelines delineated in the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure 1999, as amended May 2013 and are included in this QC report where applicable. Additional QC data may be available on request.
- All soil/sediment/solid results are reported on a dry basis, unless otherwise stated.
- All biota/food results are reported on a wet weight basis on the edible portion, unless otherwise stated.
- Actual LORs are matrix dependant. Quoted LORs may be raised where sample extracts are diluted due to interferences.
- Results are uncorrected for matrix spikes or surrogate recoveries except for PFAS compounds.
- SVOC analysis on waters are performed on homogenised, unfiltered samples, unless noted otherwise.
- Samples were analysed on an 'as received' basis.
- Information identified on this report with blue colour, indicates data provided by customer, that may have an impact on the results.
- This report replaces any interim results previously issued.

### Holding Times

Please refer to 'Sample Preservation and Container Guide' for holding times (QS3001).

For samples received on the last day of holding time, notification of testing requirements should have been received at least 6 hours prior to sample receipt deadlines as stated on the SRA.

If the Laboratory did not receive the information in the required timeframe, and regardless of any other integrity issues, suitably qualified results may still be reported.

Holding times apply from the date of sampling, therefore compliance to these may be outside the laboratory's control.

For VOCs containing vinyl chloride, styrene and 2-chloroethyl vinyl ether the holding time is 7 days however for all other VOCs such as BTEX or C6-10 TRH then the holding time is 14 days.

**\*\*NOTE:** pH duplicates are reported as a range NOT as RPD

### Units

**mg/kg:** milligrams per kilogram

**mg/L:** milligrams per litre

**ug/L:** micrograms per litre

**ppm:** Parts per million

**ppb:** Parts per billion

**%:** Percentage

**org/100mL:** Organisms per 100 millilitres

**NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**MPN/100mL:** Most Probable Number of organisms per 100 millilitres

### Terms

<b>Dry</b>	Where a moisture has been determined on a solid sample the result is expressed on a dry basis.
<b>LOR</b>	Limit of Reporting.
<b>SPIKE</b>	Addition of the analyte to the sample and reported as percentage recovery.
<b>RPD</b>	Relative Percent Difference between two Duplicate pieces of analysis.
<b>LCS</b>	Laboratory Control Sample - reported as percent recovery.
<b>CRM</b>	Certified Reference Material - reported as percent recovery.
<b>Method Blank</b>	In the case of solid samples these are performed on laboratory certified clean sands and in the case of water samples these are performed on de-ionised water.
<b>Surr - Surrogate</b>	The addition of a like compound to the analyte target and reported as percentage recovery.
<b>Duplicate</b>	A second piece of analysis from the same sample and reported in the same units as the result to show comparison.
<b>USEPA</b>	United States Environmental Protection Agency
<b>APHA</b>	American Public Health Association
<b>TCLP</b>	Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure
<b>COC</b>	Chain of Custody
<b>SRA</b>	Sample Receipt Advice
<b>QSM</b>	US Department of Defense Quality Systems Manual Version 5.3
<b>CP</b>	Client Parent - QC was performed on samples pertaining to this report
<b>NCP</b>	Non-Client Parent - QC performed on samples not pertaining to this report, QC is representative of the sequence or batch that client samples were analysed within.
<b>TEQ</b>	Toxic Equivalency Quotient

### QC - Acceptance Criteria

RPD Duplicates: Global RPD Duplicates Acceptance Criteria is 30% however the following acceptance guidelines are equally applicable:

Results <10 times the LOR : No Limit

Results between 10-20 times the LOR : RPD must lie between 0-50%

Results >20 times the LOR : RPD must lie between 0-30%

Surrogate Recoveries: Recoveries must lie between 20-130% Phenols & 50-150% PFASs

PFAS field samples that contain surrogate recoveries in excess of the QC limit designated in QSM 5.3 where no positive PFAS results have been reported have been reviewed and no data was affected.

WA DWER (n=10): PFBA, PFPeA, PFHxA, PFHpA, PFOA, PFBS, PFHxS, PFOS, 6:2 FTSA, 8:2 FTSA

### QC Data General Comments

- Where a result is reported as a less than (<), higher than the nominated LOR, this is due to either matrix interference, extract dilution required due to interferences or contaminant levels within the sample, high moisture content or insufficient sample provided.
- Duplicate data shown within this report that states the word "BATCH" is a Batch Duplicate from outside of your sample batch, but within the laboratory sample batch at a 1:10 ratio. The Parent and Duplicate data shown is not data from your samples.
- Organochlorine Pesticide analysis - where reporting LCS data, Toxaphene & Chlordane are not added to the LCS.
- Organochlorine Pesticide analysis - where reporting Spike data, Toxaphene is not added to the Spike.
- Total Recoverable Hydrocarbons - where reporting Spike & LCS data, a single spike of commercial Hydrocarbon products in the range of C12-C30 is added and it's Total Recovery is reported in the C10-C14 cell of the Report.
- pH and Free Chlorine analysed in the laboratory - Analysis on this test must begin within 30 minutes of sampling. Therefore laboratory analysis is unlikely to be completed within holding time. Analysis will begin as soon as possible after sample receipt.
- Recovery Data (Spikes & Surrogates) - where chromatographic interference does not allow the determination of Recovery the term "INT" appears against that analyte.
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls are spiked only using Aroclor 1260 in Matrix Spikes and LCS.
- For Matrix Spikes and LCS results a dash " - " in the report means that the specific analyte was not added to the QC sample.
- Duplicate RPDs are calculated from raw analytical data thus it is possible to have two sets of data.



**Quality Control Results**

Test	Lab Sample ID	QA Source	Units	Result 1			Acceptance Limits	Pass Limits	Qualifying Code
<b>Duplicate</b>									
<b>Acid Sulfate Soils Field pH Test</b>				Result 1	Result 2	RPD			
pH-F (Field pH test)*	M19-No21102	CP	pH Units	6.1	6.0	pass	30%	Pass	
Reaction Ratings*	M19-No21102	CP	comment	2.0	2.0	pass	30%	Pass	
<b>Duplicate</b>									
<b>Acid Sulfate Soils Field pH Test</b>				Result 1	Result 2	RPD			
pH-F (Field pH test)*	M19-No21112	CP	pH Units	6.2	6.2	pass	30%	Pass	
Reaction Ratings*	M19-No21112	CP	comment	1.0	1.0	pass	30%	Pass	

**Comments**
**Sample Integrity**

Custody Seals Intact (if used)	N/A
Attempt to Chill was evident	Yes
Sample correctly preserved	Yes
Appropriate sample containers have been used	Yes
Sample containers for volatile analysis received with minimal headspace	Yes
Samples received within HoldingTime	Yes
Some samples have been subcontracted	No

**Qualifier Codes/Comments**

Code	Description
S05	Field Screen uses the following fizz rating to classify the rate the samples reacted to the peroxide: 1.0; No reaction to slight. 2.0; Moderate reaction. 3.0; Strong reaction with persistent froth. 4.0; Extreme reaction.

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**General Manager**

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 Project name **SITE NO B8857-Q CAPE TRIBULATION RD QLD 4873**  
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<b>Client Sample ID</b>			<b>GWB1</b>
<b>Sample Matrix</b>			<b>Water</b>
<b>Eurofins Sample No.</b>			<b>M19-No21101</b>
<b>Date Sampled</b>			<b>Nov 13, 2019</b>
<b>Test/Reference</b>	LOR	Unit	
Chloride	1	mg/L	68
pH (at 25°C)	0.1	pH Units	6.5
Sulphate (as SO4)	5	mg/L	< 5
Sulphate : Chloride Ratio		%	0.026
Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 180°C ± 2°C	10	mg/L	38

**Sample History**

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<b>Description</b>	<b>Testing Site</b>	<b>Extracted</b>	<b>Holding Time</b>
Chloride - Method: LTM-INO-4090 Chloride by Discrete Analyser	Melbourne	Nov 15, 2019	28 Days
pH (at 25°C) - Method: LTM-GEN-7090 pH in water by ISE	Melbourne	Nov 15, 2019	0 Hours
Sulphate (as SO <sub>4</sub> ) - Method: LTM-INO-4110 Sulfate by Discrete Analyser	Melbourne	Nov 15, 2019	28 Days
Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 180°C ± 2°C - Method: LTM-INO-4170 Total Dissolved Solids in Water	Melbourne	Nov 15, 2019	7 Days

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Sample Detail						Chloride	pH (at 25°C)	Sulphate (as SO4)	Sulphate : Chloride Ratio	Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 180°C ± 2°C	Acid Sulfate Soils Field pH Test
<b>Melbourne Laboratory - NATA Site # 1254 &amp; 14271</b>						X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Sydney Laboratory - NATA Site # 18217</b>											
<b>Brisbane Laboratory - NATA Site # 20794</b>											X
<b>Perth Laboratory - NATA Site # 23736</b>											
<b>External Laboratory</b>											
No	Sample ID	Sample Date	Sampling Time	Matrix	LAB ID						
1	GWB1	Nov 13, 2019		Water	M19-No21101	X	X	X	X	X	
2	1 AT 0.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21102						X
3	1 AT 1.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21103						X
4	1 AT 1.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21104						X
5	1 AT 2.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21105						X
6	1 AT 2.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21106						X
7	1 AT 3.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21107						X
8	1 AT 3.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21108						X
9	1 AT 4.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21109						X
10	1 AT 4.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21110						X

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<b>Melbourne Laboratory - NATA Site # 1254 &amp; 14271</b>						X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Sydney Laboratory - NATA Site # 18217</b>											
<b>Brisbane Laboratory - NATA Site # 20794</b>											X
<b>Perth Laboratory - NATA Site # 23736</b>											
11	1 AT 5.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21111						X
12	1 AT 6.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21112						X
<b>Test Counts</b>						1	1	1	1	1	11

## Internal Quality Control Review and Glossary

### General

- Laboratory QC results for Method Blanks, Duplicates, Matrix Spikes, and Laboratory Control Samples follows guidelines delineated in the National Environment Protection (Assessment of Site Contamination) Measure 1999, as amended May 2013 and are included in this QC report where applicable. Additional QC data may be available on request.
- All soil/sediment/solid results are reported on a dry basis, unless otherwise stated.
- All biota/food results are reported on a wet weight basis on the edible portion, unless otherwise stated.
- Actual LORs are matrix dependant. Quoted LORs may be raised where sample extracts are diluted due to interferences.
- Results are uncorrected for matrix spikes or surrogate recoveries except for PFAS compounds.
- SVOC analysis on waters are performed on homogenised, unfiltered samples, unless noted otherwise.
- Samples were analysed on an 'as received' basis.
- Information identified on this report with blue colour, indicates data provided by customer, that may have an impact on the results.
- This report replaces any interim results previously issued.

### Holding Times

Please refer to 'Sample Preservation and Container Guide' for holding times (QS3001).

For samples received on the last day of holding time, notification of testing requirements should have been received at least 6 hours prior to sample receipt deadlines as stated on the SRA.

If the Laboratory did not receive the information in the required timeframe, and regardless of any other integrity issues, suitably qualified results may still be reported.

Holding times apply from the date of sampling, therefore compliance to these may be outside the laboratory's control.

For VOCs containing vinyl chloride, styrene and 2-chloroethyl vinyl ether the holding time is 7 days however for all other VOCs such as BTEX or C6-10 TRH then the holding time is 14 days.

**\*\*NOTE:** pH duplicates are reported as a range NOT as RPD

### Units

**mg/kg:** milligrams per kilogram

**mg/L:** milligrams per litre

**ug/L:** micrograms per litre

**ppm:** Parts per million

**ppb:** Parts per billion

**%:** Percentage

**org/100mL:** Organisms per 100 millilitres

**NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Units

**MPN/100mL:** Most Probable Number of organisms per 100 millilitres

### Terms

<b>Dry</b>	Where a moisture has been determined on a solid sample the result is expressed on a dry basis.
<b>LOR</b>	Limit of Reporting.
<b>SPIKE</b>	Addition of the analyte to the sample and reported as percentage recovery.
<b>RPD</b>	Relative Percent Difference between two Duplicate pieces of analysis.
<b>LCS</b>	Laboratory Control Sample - reported as percent recovery.
<b>CRM</b>	Certified Reference Material - reported as percent recovery.
<b>Method Blank</b>	In the case of solid samples these are performed on laboratory certified clean sands and in the case of water samples these are performed on de-ionised water.
<b>Surr - Surrogate</b>	The addition of a like compound to the analyte target and reported as percentage recovery.
<b>Duplicate</b>	A second piece of analysis from the same sample and reported in the same units as the result to show comparison.
<b>USEPA</b>	United States Environmental Protection Agency
<b>APHA</b>	American Public Health Association
<b>TCLP</b>	Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure
<b>COC</b>	Chain of Custody
<b>SRA</b>	Sample Receipt Advice
<b>QSM</b>	US Department of Defense Quality Systems Manual Version 5.3
<b>CP</b>	Client Parent - QC was performed on samples pertaining to this report
<b>NCP</b>	Non-Client Parent - QC performed on samples not pertaining to this report, QC is representative of the sequence or batch that client samples were analysed within.
<b>TEQ</b>	Toxic Equivalency Quotient

### QC - Acceptance Criteria

RPD Duplicates: Global RPD Duplicates Acceptance Criteria is 30% however the following acceptance guidelines are equally applicable:

Results <10 times the LOR : No Limit

Results between 10-20 times the LOR : RPD must lie between 0-50%

Results >20 times the LOR : RPD must lie between 0-30%

Surrogate Recoveries: Recoveries must lie between 20-130% Phenols & 50-150% PFASs

PFAS field samples that contain surrogate recoveries in excess of the QC limit designated in QSM 5.3 where no positive PFAS results have been reported have been reviewed and no data was affected.

WA DWER (n=10): PFBA, PFPeA, PFHxA, PFHpA, PFOA, PFBS, PFHxS, PFOS, 6:2 FTSA, 8:2 FTSA

### QC Data General Comments

- Where a result is reported as a less than (<), higher than the nominated LOR, this is due to either matrix interference, extract dilution required due to interferences or contaminant levels within the sample, high moisture content or insufficient sample provided.
- Duplicate data shown within this report that states the word "BATCH" is a Batch Duplicate from outside of your sample batch, but within the laboratory sample batch at a 1:10 ratio. The Parent and Duplicate data shown is not data from your samples.
- Organochlorine Pesticide analysis - where reporting LCS data, Toxaphene & Chlordane are not added to the LCS.
- Organochlorine Pesticide analysis - where reporting Spike data, Toxaphene is not added to the Spike.
- Total Recoverable Hydrocarbons - where reporting Spike & LCS data, a single spike of commercial Hydrocarbon products in the range of C12-C30 is added and it's Total Recovery is reported in the C10-C14 cell of the Report.
- pH and Free Chlorine analysed in the laboratory - Analysis on this test must begin within 30 minutes of sampling. Therefore laboratory analysis is unlikely to be completed within holding time. Analysis will begin as soon as possible after sample receipt.
- Recovery Data (Spikes & Surrogates) - where chromatographic interference does not allow the determination of Recovery the term "INT" appears against that analyte.
- Polychlorinated Biphenyls are spiked only using Aroclor 1260 in Matrix Spikes and LCS.
- For Matrix Spikes and LCS results a dash " - " in the report means that the specific analyte was not added to the QC sample.
- Duplicate RPDs are calculated from raw analytical data thus it is possible to have two sets of data.

**Quality Control Results**

Test				Units	Result 1		Acceptance Limits	Pass Limits	Qualifying Code
<b>Method Blank</b>									
Chloride				mg/L	< 1		1	Pass	
Sulphate (as SO4)				mg/L	< 5		5	Pass	
Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 180°C ± 2°C				mg/L	< 10		10	Pass	
<b>LCS - % Recovery</b>									
Chloride				%	116		70-130	Pass	
Sulphate (as SO4)				%	103		70-130	Pass	
Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 180°C ± 2°C				%	112		70-130	Pass	
Test	Lab Sample ID	QA Source	Units	Result 1			Acceptance Limits	Pass Limits	Qualifying Code
<b>Spike - % Recovery</b>									
					Result 1				
Sulphate (as SO4)		M19-No19834	NCP	%	102		70-130	Pass	
Test	Lab Sample ID	QA Source	Units	Result 1			Acceptance Limits	Pass Limits	Qualifying Code
<b>Duplicate</b>									
					Result 1	Result 2	RPD		
Chloride		M19-No19804	NCP	mg/L	48	47	21	30%	Pass
pH (at 25°C)		M19-No16995	NCP	pH Units	7.0	6.9	pass	30%	Pass
Sulphate (as SO4)		M19-No20777	NCP	mg/L	1100	1100	5.0	30%	Pass
Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 180°C ± 2°C		M19-No16112	NCP	mg/L	24000	19000	8.0	30%	Pass



**Comments****Sample Integrity**

Custody Seals Intact (if used)	N/A
Attempt to Chill was evident	Yes
Sample correctly preserved	Yes
Appropriate sample containers have been used	Yes
Sample containers for volatile analysis received with minimal headspace	Yes
Samples received within HoldingTime	Yes
Some samples have been subcontracted	No

**Authorised By**

Savini Suduweli                      Analytical Services Manager  
Julie Kay                                Senior Analyst-Inorganic (VIC)

**Glenn Jackson  
General Manager**

Final report - this Report replaces any previously issued Report

- Indicates Not Requested

\* Indicates NATA accreditation does not cover the performance of this service

Measurement uncertainty of test data is available on request or please [click here](#).

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**APPENDIX B - CHAIN-OF-CUSTODY FORMS**

# CHAIN OF CUSTODY DOCUMENTATION

COMPANY NAME: GEOAQUITARDS ENVIRONMENTAL

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MOBILE NO: 03 0434 890 678

FAX NO: 03 9705 7948

**Geoaquitards Environmental**

Job No: RM618-AM

Project: Site No. B8857-Q, Cape Tribulation Rd, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873

Date: 13/11/2019

EMAIL: REPORT TO: geo@birtius.com.au

Attention: Emmanuel Ernest

TURNAROUND TIME:

1 Day Turnaround

SPECIAL DIRECTIONS & COMMENTS

COMMENTS / SPECIAL HANDLING / STORAGE OR DISPOSAL:

ANALYSIS REQUIRED INCLUDING SUITES

Secondary Lab Address

No Total Number of samples

SAMPLE INFORMATION (note: S = Soil, W=Water)

CONTAINER INFORMATION

No	SAMPLE ID	MATRIX	DATE	Lab ID	Comments	Other	P	H	F	O	X	H	TDS	Soluble CL <sup>-</sup> Concentration for Groundwater	Soluble SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> Concentration for Groundwater	Cl:SO <sub>4</sub> Ratio	
1	GWB 1	Water	13/11/19														
2	1 at 0.50m	Soil	13/11/19														
3	1 at 1.00m	Soil	13/11/19														
4	1 at 1.50m	Soil	13/11/19														
5	1 at 2.00m	Soil	13/11/19														
6	1 at 2.50m	Soil	13/11/19														
7	1 at 3.00m	Soil	13/11/19														
8	1 at 3.50m	Soil	13/11/19														
9	1 at 4.00m	Soil	13/11/19														
10	1 at 4.50m	Soil	13/11/19														
11	1 at 5.00m	Soil	13/11/19														
12	1 at 6.00m	Soil	13/11/19														

RELEAUSED BY:

RECEIVED BY:

METHOD OF SHIPMENT

Name: EMMANUEL ERNEST Date: 13/11/2019

Name: *Emmanuel Ernest*

Date: 15/11/19

Courier: *Hand Delivered*

Signature: *[Signature]* Time: 5:00 p.m.

Signature: *[Signature]*

Time: 10:50am

Transport Co: *Postal*

Y= Yee Analysis Required

688205

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## Sample Receipt Advice

Company name: **Geoquitards Environmental**  
Contact name: Emmanuel Ernest  
Project name: SITE NO B8857-Q CAPE TRIBULATION RD QLD 4873  
COC number: Not provided  
Turn around time: 2 Day  
Date/Time received: Nov 15, 2019 10:57 AM  
Eurofins reference: **688205**

### Sample information

- A detailed list of analytes logged into our LIMS, is included in the attached summary table.
- All samples have been received as described on the above COC.
- COC has been completed correctly.
- Attempt to chill was evident.
- Appropriately preserved sample containers have been used.
- All samples were received in good condition.
- Samples have been provided with adequate time to commence analysis in accordance with the relevant holding times.
- Appropriate sample containers have been used.
- Sample containers for volatile analysis received with zero headspace.
- Split sample sent to requested external lab.
- Some samples have been subcontracted.
- N/A Custody Seals intact (if used).

### Contact notes

If you have any questions with respect to these samples please contact:

Savini Suduweli on Phone : or by e.mail: SaviniSuduweli@eurofins.com

Results will be delivered electronically via e.mail to Emmanuel Ernest - geo@geoquitards.com.au.

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Sample Detail						Chloride	pH (at 25°C)	Sulphate (as SO4)	Sulphate : Chloride Ratio	Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 180°C ± 2°C	Acid Sulfate Soils Field pH Test
<b>Melbourne Laboratory - NATA Site # 1254 &amp; 14271</b>						X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Sydney Laboratory - NATA Site # 18217</b>											
<b>Brisbane Laboratory - NATA Site # 20794</b>											X
<b>Perth Laboratory - NATA Site # 23736</b>											
<b>External Laboratory</b>											
No	Sample ID	Sample Date	Sampling Time	Matrix	LAB ID						
1	GWB1	Nov 13, 2019		Water	M19-No21101	X	X	X	X	X	
2	1 AT 0.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21102						X
3	1 AT 1.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21103						X
4	1 AT 1.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21104						X
5	1 AT 2.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21105						X
6	1 AT 2.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21106						X
7	1 AT 3.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21107						X
8	1 AT 3.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21108						X
9	1 AT 4.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21109						X
10	1 AT 4.5m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21110						X

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**Eurofins Analytical Services Manager : Savini Suduweli**

Sample Detail						Chloride	pH (at 25°C)	Sulphate (as SO4)	Sulphate : Chloride Ratio	Total Dissolved Solids Dried at 180°C ± 2°C	Acid Sulfate Soils Field pH Test
<b>Melbourne Laboratory - NATA Site # 1254 &amp; 14271</b>						X	X	X	X	X	
<b>Sydney Laboratory - NATA Site # 18217</b>											
<b>Brisbane Laboratory - NATA Site # 20794</b>											X
<b>Perth Laboratory - NATA Site # 23736</b>											
11	1 AT 5.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21111						X
12	1 AT 6.0m	Nov 13, 2019		Soil	M19-No21112						X
<b>Test Counts</b>						1	1	1	1	1	11

**APPENDIX C - LABORATORY DATA COMPILATION**

<b>Geoaquitards Environmental</b>						<b>ASS Field Screening Analysis</b>				
						pH (Field)	pH-FOX (Field pH Peroxide test)	Change in pH	Reaction Ratings*	Action
						pH_Units	PH UNITS	pH Unit	-	-
EQL						0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-
Field ID	Sampled Date	SampleCode	Lab Report Number	Sample Depth	Lithological Description					
1 AT 0.5m	13/11/2019	M19-No21102	688205	0.50m	FILL, SAND	6.1	4.3	1.8	2	No Action
1 AT 1.0m	13/11/2019	M19-No21103	688205	1.00m	FILL, silty CLAY	5.8	3.8	2	2	No Action
<b>Statistical Summary</b>										
Number of Results						2	2			
Minimum Concentration						5.8	3.8			
Maximum Concentration						6.1	4.3			
Average Concentration										
Median Concentration						5.95	4.05			

**Interpretation of field pH results**

Parameters	Action	Field pH	Field pH of Peroxide Extract	Change in pH	Reaction Rate*
1	No Action	>5.0	<5.0	<2	1 - 2
2	PASS may be present	4 - 5	3 - 5	>2	>2
3	AASS or PASS likely	<4	<3	>2	>2

\* Field Screen uses the following fizz rating to classify the rate the samples reacted to the peroxide: 1.0; No reaction to slight. 2.0; Moderate reaction. 3.0; Strong reaction with persistent froth. 4.0; Extreme reaction.



<b>Geoaquitards Environmental</b>						<b>ASS Field Screening Analysis</b>				
						pH (Field)	pH-FOX (Field pH Peroxide test)	Change in pH	Reaction Ratings*	Action
						pH_Units	PH UNITS	pH Unit	-	-
EQL						0.1	0.1	0.1	-	-
Field ID	Sampled Date	SampleCode	Lab Report Number	Sample Depth	Lithological Description					
1 AT 1.5m	13/11/2019	M19-No21104	688205	1.50m	silty SAND	6.1	4.8	1.3	1	No Action
1 AT 2.0m	13/11/2019	M19-No21105	688205	2.00m	silty SAND	6.1	4.5	1.6	1	No Action
1 AT 2.5m	13/11/2019	M19-No21106	688205	2.50m	silty SAND	6	4.1	1.9	1	No Action
1 AT 3.0m	13/11/2019	M19-No21107	688205	3.00m	silty SAND	5.9	5.1	0.8	1	No Action
1 AT 3.5m	13/11/2019	M19-No21108	688205	3.50m	silty SAND	6	5.1	0.9	1	No Action
1 AT 4.0m	13/11/2019	M19-No21109	688205	4.00m	silty SAND	6	5.1	0.9	1	No Action
1 AT 4.5m	13/11/2019	M19-No21110	688205	4.50m	silty SAND	5.9	5.3	0.6	1	No Action
1 AT 5.0m	13/11/2019	M19-No21111	688205	5.00m	silty SAND	6.2	4.7	1.5	1	No Action
1 AT 6.0m	13/11/2019	M19-No21112	688205	6.00m	Extremely Weathered ROCK	6.2	4.7	1.5	1	No Action
<b>Statistical Summary</b>										
Number of Results						9	9			
Minimum Concentration						5.9	4.1			
Maximum Concentration						6.2	5.3			
Average Concentration						6	4.8			
Median Concentration						6	4.8			

**Interpretation of field pH results**

Parameters	Action	Field pH	Field pH of Peroxide Extract	Change in pH	Reaction Rate*
<b>1</b>	<b>No Action</b>	<b>&gt;5.0</b>	<b>&lt;5.0</b>	<b>&lt;2</b>	<b>1 - 2</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>PASS may be present</b>	<b>4 - 5</b>	<b>3 - 5</b>	<b>&gt;2</b>	<b>&gt;2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>AASS or PASS likely</b>	<b>&lt;4</b>	<b>&lt;3</b>	<b>&gt;2</b>	<b>&gt;2</b>

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**APPENDIX D- BOREHOLE LOG**



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**LOCATION NUMBER: GWB1**

CLIENT \_\_\_\_\_ PROJECT NAME Acid Sulphate Soil Assessment

PROJECT NUMBER RM618-M PROJECT LOCATION Site No: B8857-Q Cape Tribulation Road, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873

DATE STARTED \_\_\_\_\_ COMPLETED \_\_\_\_\_ R.L. SURFACE \_\_\_\_\_ DATUM \_\_\_\_\_

DRILLING CONTRACTOR Civil Test Pty Ltd SLOPE 90° BEARING ---

EQUIPMENT Mechanical Auger Drilling HOLE LOCATION \_\_\_\_\_

HOLE SIZE \_\_\_\_\_ LOGGED BY \_\_\_\_\_ CHECKED BY \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTES**

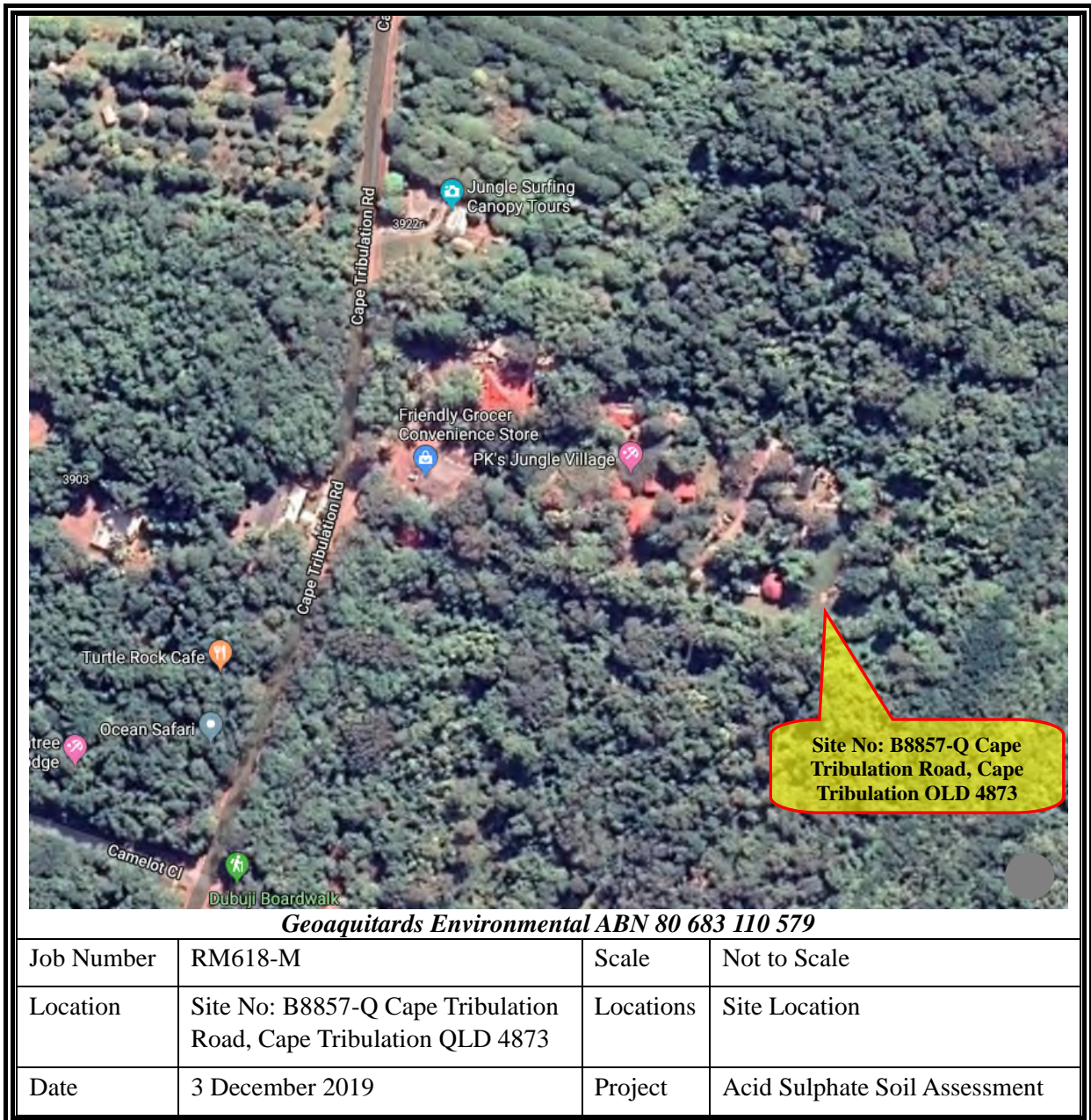
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					FILL, sandy silty CLAY, red brown, dry to moist, firm		No odour detected
					FILL, SAND/CRUSHED ROCK, grey brown, dry to moist, medium dense, no odour detected	1 AT 0.5m	No odour detected
			1.00		FILL, silty CLAY, gravel, dark brown grey, moist, firm to stiff	1 AT 1.0m	No odour detected
					silty SAND, pale grey, moist to wet, medium dense		No odour detected
						1 AT 1.5m	
			2.00			1 AT 2.0m	
						1 AT 2.5m	
			3.00		silty SAND, trace gravel, pale grey brown, moist to wet, medium dense		No odour detected
					silty SAND, yellow brown, moist, medium dense	1 AT 3.0m	No odour detected
						1 AT 3.5m	
			4.00			1 AT 4.0m	
						1 AT 4.5m	
			5.00			1 AT 5.0m	
			6.00		extremely weathered ROCK, dark grey, dry to moist, low strength	1 AT 6.0m	No odour detected
					sandy GRAVEL, pale brown, moist, dense		No odour detected
			7.00		extremely weathered GRANITE ROCK, occasional fractures with sand lenses, dark grey, dry to moist, low strength		No odour detected
			8.00		Location GWB1 terminated at 8m		
			9.00				

Acid Sulphate Soil Assessment, RM618-M, Site No: B8857-Q Cape Tribulation Road, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873, 03/12/19.

**APPENDIX E - SITE LOCATION PLAN, TEST LOCATIONS PLAN**

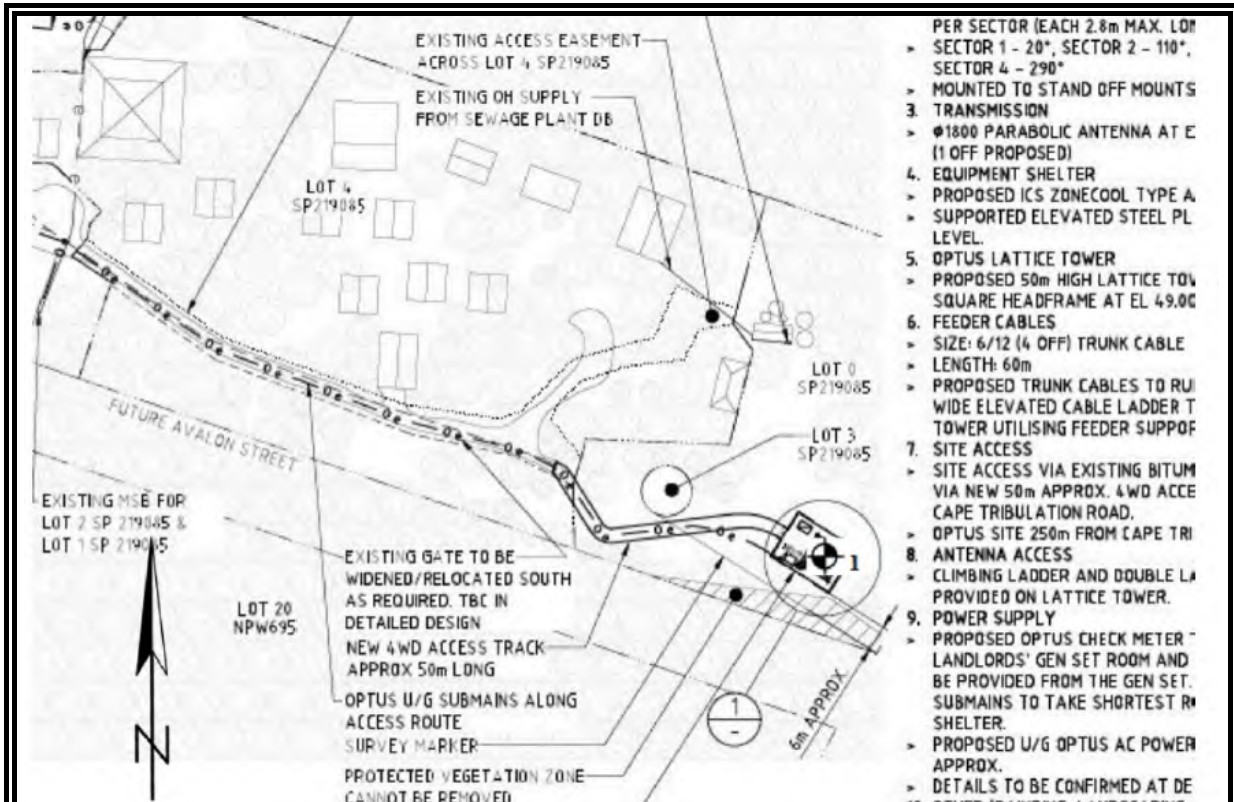
**PRELIMINARY ACID SULFATE SOIL INVESTIGATION FOR SITE NO: B8857-Q  
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**FIGURE 4 – SITE LOCATION**



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**FIGURE 5 – TEST LOCATIONS PLAN**



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Job Number	RM618-M	Map Description	Test Location Plan
Location	Site No: B8857-Q Cape Tribulation Road, Cape Tribulation QLD 4873	Sampling Date	13 November 2019
Date	3 December 2019	Project	Acid Sulphate Soil Assessment

**APPENDIX F – CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS WORK**

27 October 2010

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Dear Mr Ernest,

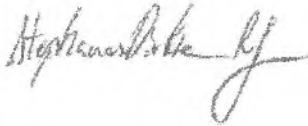
**ASS EMP FOR 211-212 NEPEAN HIGHWAY, SEAFORD**

Thank you for the Acid Sulfate Soil Environment Management Plan ("EMP") submitted on behalf of Cockram Group Pty Ltd. The EMP was submitted to the Authority for approval in accordance with *Industrial Waste Management Policy (Waste Acid Sulfate Soils)* ("IWMP") and concerns the on-site handling of acid sulfate soil at 211-212 Nepean Highway, Seaford.

The Authority has reviewed the EMP and determined that it meets the general intent of the IWMP. Notwithstanding the above, as best practice<sup>i</sup> measures will be implemented to manage waste acid sulfate soils on site, Cockram Group Pty Ltd is exempted<sup>ii</sup> under section 10(1) of the IWMP from the need to obtain EPA's approval of the EMP.

If you need additional information or assistance, please contact the undersigned on 9695 2522.

Yours sincerely



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<sup>i</sup> Refer to section 10(2) of the IWMP

<sup>ii</sup> Refer to section 10(1) of the IWMP



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Dear Mr Ernest,

**ACID SULFATE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN (ASS EMP) - 117 GOULD STREET, FRANKSTON**

Thank you for your Addendum (dated 30 April 2012) to the ASS EMP (dated 24 February 2012) for the above described address ("the site").

I understand that the acid sulphate soil ("ASS") will now be managed according to best practice methods, including:

- minimising the potential for the ASS to oxidise by limiting the maximum storage period at the site to 24 hours;
- crushed limestone will be placed below the cut site to neutralize any potential acidic runoff; and
- the ASS will be disposed of at a site licensed to take ASS, or a site with an approved ASS EMP;

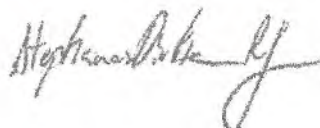
As such, under section 10(1) of the *Industrial Waste Management Policy (Waste Acid Sulfate Soil)* the site is now exempted from the requirement to have the ASS EMP further assessed and formally approved by EPA. The exemption is given on the following provisos in relation to ASS handling activities at the site:

- that no additional ASS will be received onto the site;
- that no liming of ASS occur at the site; and
- that the best practice methods described above are implemented.

Please ensure that a signed copy of the Addendum is returned to both Council and EPA.

If you need additional information or assistance, please contact the undersigned on 9695 2522.

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