# Onsite Sewage Site Feasibility Assessment Proposed LEP Amendment

## **Location:**

Lot 8 DP 589795 53 McAuley's Lane Myocum NSW 2481

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HMC Environmental Consulting Pty Ltd is pleased to present our report for On-site Sewage Management Design for the abovementioned site.

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

HMC Environmental Consulting Pty Ltd has been commissioned by the client to prepare an Onsite Sewage Site Feasibility Assessment for proposed amendments to the Byron Local Environmental Plan 2014 relating to Lot 8 DP 589795, 53 McAuley's Lane, Myocum, NSW.

The rural property contains two existing dwellings with On-Site Sewage Management (OSSM) facilities. The property is predominantly zoned RU1 primary production and also contains small portions of Environmental Conservation (E2) zoned land within rainforest. It is proposed to rezone a portion of the rural primary production zone (RU1) to Large Lot, part RU2, and part Residential (R5).

#### The LEP amendments involve:

- changing the existing 40ha minimum lot size for the proposed R5 zoned land to part 4000m2 and part 2.5ha minimum lot size.
- proposed 8000m2 minimum Lot size for the RU2 land zone

There are no changes to the boundaries of any of the existing E2 – Environmental Conservation zoned land on the subject land.

This report provides a site and soil assessment to support the planning proposal and justify the feasibility of the proposed minimum lot sizes for the future provision of on-site sewage management.

A site walkover and soil investigation were carried out on the 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020 by Taylah Richards & Matthew Flanagan of HMC Environmental Consulting. The soil investigation was carried out via the excavation of nine (9) test pits, as shown in Appendix 2 of this report. Laboratory analyses for soil chemistry was carried out to determine site limitations, see Appendix 8. Figure 1 within the report provides an aerial view of the site, looking north.

The soil profiles recorded for the majority of the test pits were deep Krasnozems (BH2, BH4, BH6, BH7, BH8 & BH9), and mapped as a Wollongbar soil landscape (Morand, 1994). Light to medium clay subsoils were observed within the more perimeter locations at BH1, BH3 & BH5, which were mapped as a Burringbar soil landscape

To determine the feasibility of the proposed minimum lot sizes, the land area required for typical on-site sewage management systems was calculated using water balance and nutrient modelling. By adopting worst case site constraints such as a 30m setback to the drainage lines and dams, and the least permeable soil type recorded, the likely maximum LAA size was determined, based on future 4-bedroom dwellings.

The likely lot yield of a future possible subdivision is dependent on road and boundary configurations and will be assessed via a future planning proposal.

This report concludes that, on the basis of the information presented, on-site sewage management is feasible within the proposed minimum lot sizes on the subject site. There is adequate land area available for effluent land application in each zone that presents with >15% ground slope, minimum 30m setback to watercourses and soil suitable for effluent disposal. It is considered the site is suitable for the planning proposal in regard to on-site sewage management.



## **ABBREVIATIONS**

AWTS Aerated Wastewater Treatment System

BOD<sub>5</sub> Biochemical oxygen demand over 5 day period

CFU Colony forming unit
DIR Design irrigation rate
DLR Design loading rate

ETA Evapo-Transpiration Absorption (ETA)
HMC HMC Environmental Consulting Pty Ltd
LAA Land application area for effluent

LTAR Long term acceptance rate (also described as Deep Drainage Rate in LCC OSSWM Strategy, 2013)

SDI Subsurface Drip Irrigation

STS Secondary Treatment System accredited under the "Secondary Treatment System Accreditation

Guideline May 2018". STS are tested and product certified to Australian Standard

AS1546.3:2017

TN Total nitrogen
TP Total phosphorus
TSS Total suspended solids



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#### 1 INTRODUCTION

HMC Environmental Consulting Pty Ltd has been commissioned by Tareeda Developments Pty Ltd and Boreas Group Pty Ltd (the client) to prepare an Onsite Sewage Site Feasibility Assessment for a proposed Local Environmental Plan 2014 relating to Lot 8 DP 589795, 53 McAuley's Lane, Myocum, NSW.

The rural property contains two existing dwellings with On-Site Sewage Management (OSSM) facilities. The property also contains small portions of Environmental Conservation (E2) zoned land within rainforest.

The property is predominantly zoned rural (RU1) land and also contains small portions of Environmental Conservation (E2) zoned land within rainforest. It is proposed to rezone a portion of the rural primary production zone (RU1) to Large Lot Residential (R5).

The LEP amendments also involve:

- changing the existing 40ha minimum lot size for the proposed R5 zoned land to part 4000m2 and part 2.5ha minimum lot size.
- proposed 8000m2 minimum Lot size for the RU1 land zone

This report supports the planning proposal and provides justification for the proposed minimum lot sizing based on a site and soil investigation and relevant water balance and nutrient modelling.



Figure 1 Property boundary (Source: BSC, 2020).

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## **2 PROJECT OUTLINE**

Proposal	Proposed Rezoning			
Address	Lot 8 DP 589795			
	53 McAuley's Lane			
	Myocum NSW 2481			
Allotment Size	~34.95 ha			
Proposed Minimum Lot Size	RU2: Rural Landscape	R5: Large l	ot Residential	
	8000m2	4000m2	2.5 Ha	
Regulatory Authority &	Byron Shire Council			
Guidelines:	Byron Shire Rural Settlement Strategy			
	Byron Shire Council On-site Sewage Management Strategy (2001)			
	Byron Shire Council Design Guidelines for On-site Sewage Management for Single			
	Households (2004)			
Water Supply	Non-reticulated roof watc	h catchment supply		
Site constraints	High volume seasonal rain	fall, typical of region		
	Moderate to steep slopes			
Proximity to watercourses				
	Proximity to groundwater bores/wells			
	Low permeability of sub-soils			

## **3 SITE INFORMATION**

Should conditions vary from those described below during any stage of installation, HMC is to be notified to ensure the recommendations of this report remain valid or alternative recommendations be made. The information relates to the general site and is not intended to be used for installation or construction.

## 3.1 Site Conditions

Inspected by	Taylah Richards & Matthew Flanagan
Date & Time of Inspection	30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Weather	Weather – Warm, dry. Nil rainfall during site inspection. Rainfall totalling 52mm for the week preceding site inspection and a total of 75mm for the preceding month (BOM Stn 58007 Byron Bay, Jacaranda Drive).
Summary of Soil Types (AS/NZS1547:2012)	Clay Loam, Light Clay, and Medium Clay subsoils
(A3/NZ31347.2012)	Soil Category 4 – 6 See Appendix 7 for full soil profiles, field test and laboratory results and photos
Drainage	Moderate drainage available
Slope Range	<10%-25% slope available.
Ground cover/vegetation	Pasture grass 100% coverage



## 4 LAND APPLICATION AREA SIZING FOR LOT SIZE FEASIBILITY

## 4.1 Passive On-site Sewage Management

	SITE FEASIBILITY ONLY – NOT FOR INSTALLATION				
		4,000m2 MINIMUM LOT SIZE			
Development	Typical 4-bedroom dwelling				
Treatment Type	Typical: Septic tank + reed beds				
LAA Method	ETA beds				
Model Used	Byron Shire Council OSSM Desig	n Model			
Soil Type	Clay Loam Soil Category 4	Light Clay Soil Category 5	Medium Clay Soil Category 6		
Design Hydraulic Load	690L/day	690L/day	690L/day		
Typical system	3 x ETA beds	4 x ETA beds	4 x ETA beds		
components	ETA trench area = 110m2	ETA trench area = 155m2	ETA trench area = 185m2		
	Spacing = 110m2 Spacing = 155m2 Spacing = 185m2				
	Reed bed area = 27m2 Reed bed area = 27m2 Reed bed area = 27m2				
RECOMMENDED LAA	TOTAL 237m2	TOTAL 340m2	TOTAL = 400m2		

	SITE FEASIBILITY ONLY – NOT FOR INSTALLATION				
		8,000m2 MINIMUM LOT SIZE			
Development	Typical 4-bedroom dwelling				
Treatment Type	Typical: Septic tank + reed beds				
LAA Method	ETA beds	ETA beds			
Model Used	Byron Shire Council OSSM Desig	n Model			
Soil Type	Clay Loam Soil Category 4	Light Clay Soil Category 5	Medium Clay Soil Category 6		
Design Hydraulic Load	690L/day	690L/day	690L/day		
Typical system	2 x ETA beds	2 x ETA beds	4 x ETA beds		
components	ETA trench area = 68m2	ETA trench area = 68m2	ETA trench area = 185m2		
	Spacing = 68m2 Spacing = 68m2 Spacing = 185m2				
	Reed bed area = 27m2 Reed bed area = 27m2 Reed bed area = 27m2				
RECOMMENDED LAA	TOTAL 163m2	TOTAL 163m2	TOTAL = 397m2		

	SITE FEASIBILITY ONLY – NOT FOR INSTALLATION				
		2.5ha MINIMUM LOT SIZE			
Development	Typical 4-bedroom dwelling				
Treatment Type	Typical: Septic tank + reed beds				
LAA Method	ETA beds	ETA beds			
Model Used	Byron Shire Council OSSM Desig	Byron Shire Council OSSM Design Model			
Soil Type	Clay Loam Soil Category 4	Light Clay Soil Category 5	Medium Clay Soil Category 6		
Design Hydraulic Load	690L/day	690L/day	690L/day		
Typical system	2 x ETA beds	2 x ETA beds	6 x ETA beds		
components	ETA trench area = 67m2 ETA trench area = 68m2 ETA trench area = 163m2				
	Spacing = 67m2 Spacing = 68m2 Spacing = 163m2				
	Reed bed area = 18m2 Reed bed area = 27m2 Reed bed area = 27m2				
RECOMMENDED LAA	TOTAL 152m2	TOTAL 163m2	TOTAL = 352m2		



## 4.2 Non-passive OSSM System

	SITE FEASIBILITY ONLY – NOT FOR INSTALLATION				
		4000m2 MINIMUM LOT SIZE			
Development	Typical 4-bedroom dwelling				
Treatment Type	Typical: Aerated Wastewater T	reatment System, TN reduction 5	3%		
LAA Method	Typical: Pressure compensated	Typical: Pressure compensated sub-surface drip irrigation			
Model Used	Byron Shire Council OSSM Des	ign Model			
Soil Type	Clay Loam Soil Category 4	Light Clay Soil Category 5	Medium Clay Soil Category 6		
Design Hydraulic Load	690L/day	690L/day	690L/day		
Typical system	SDI field – shallow sub- SDI field – shallow sub-surface SDI field – shallow sub-				
components	surface surface				
RECOMMENDED LAA	417m2	TOTAL 417m2	TOTAL = 447m2		

	SITE FEASIBILITY ONLY – NOT FOR INSTALLATION				
		8000m2 MINIMUM LOT SIZE			
Development	Typical 4-bedroom dwelling				
Treatment Type	Typical: Aerated Wastewater T	Freatment System, TN reduction 5	53%		
LAA Method	Typical: Pressure compensated	Typical: Pressure compensated sub-surface drip irrigation			
Model Used	Byron Shire Council OSSM Des	ign Model			
Soil Type	Clay Loam Soil Category 4	Light Clay Soil Category 5	Medium Clay Soil Category 6		
Design Hydraulic Load	690L/day	690L/day	690L/day		
Typical system	SDI field – shallow sub- SDI field – shallow sub-surface SDI field – shallow sub-				
components	surface surface				
RECOMMENDED LAA	367m2	TOTAL 378m2	TOTAL = 446m2		

	SITE FEASIBILITY ONLY – NOT FOR INSTALLATION					
		2.5ha MINIMUM LOT SIZE				
Development	Typical 4-bedroom dwelling					
Treatment Type	Typical: Aerated Wastewater 1	Freatment System, TN reduction 5	53%			
LAA Method	Typical: Pressure compensated sub-surface drip irrigation					
Model Used	Byron Shire Council OSSM Des	ign Model				
Soil Type	Clay Loam Soil Category 4	Light Clay Soil Category 5	Medium Clay Soil Category 6			
Design Hydraulic Load	690L/day	690L/day	690L/day			
Typical system	SDI field – shallow sub- SDI field – shallow sub-surface SDI field – shallow sub-					
components	surface surface					
RECOMMENDED LAA	283m2	TOTAL 356m2	TOTAL = 446m2			



#### 5 SETBACK DISTANCE ASSESSMENT

The setbacks from the existing on-site sewage management system for this development were adopted from the recommendations within the following guidelines:

- Byron Shire Council Design Guidelines for On-site Sewage Management for Single Households (BSC,2004)
- AS/NZS1547: 2012

There are several non-perennial drainage lines and dams on the subject site.

An ecological assessment has been carried out as part of the planning proposal and includes an assessment of the threats to flora, fauna, and water quality (Biodiversity Assessments & Solutions, Project #201009, 28/11/2020). The drainage lines and dams have been identified as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Order streams, and stream buffers are nominated to enable habitat improvement in these areas.

The ecological assessment identifies the site as having low to moderate ecological value or provide low to moderate wildlife habitat. Sub-tropical rainforest species and freshwater wetland species were identified.

The ecological assessment concludes that with protection of freshwater wetlands, native vegetation and stream order buffers, the site is entirely suitable for the proposed and subsequent development.

There are existing cleared areas can be utilised for future possible residential development, thereby minimising the need for removal of existing native vegetation. In addition, the recommended stream order buffers for the identified  $1^{st}$  Order streams are 20m, and the  $2^{nd}$  Order stream buffer extends up to 40m.

Using the modelling calculations provided within the previous section, this report demonstrates that future possible on-site sewage management is feasible within the minimum lot sizes, and within a 30m setback to watercourses. However, to comply with the ecological assessment, a larger 40m setback is recommended to the section of 2<sup>nd</sup> Order stream, as shown in the On-site Sewage Site Feasibility Assessment plan in Appendix 2.

A total of four registered groundwater bores off-site are located less 250m of the property boundary and these locations are also detailed in Appendix 2. The nearest GW bore to the property boundary is located <50m from the property boundary, off-site in the north west, adjacent to McAuleys Road. This bore is located approximately 150m from the existing dwelling and is effectively upslope of the dwelling due to the formed McAuleys Road. The remaining bores are all located approximately 200m from the boundary. Due to the steep slopes and E2 zoning, it is not feasible that land application areas would ever be sited within 250m of these bores.

The table below presents a summary the setback distance compliance assessment for the existing site features and constraints that are most limiting to on-site sewage management (OSSM) systems.

Non-compliance with future possible land uses is capable of being addressed via design mitigation options set out in future applications. The design mitigations are in accordance with those recommended with Byron Shire Council Design Guidelines for On-site Sewage Management for Single Households (BSC, 2004).

This report therefore demonstrates that on-site sewage management for future possible uses is feasible on the subject site.



**Table 1 Setback Distance Compliance Assessment Summary** 

Site Feature	Setback Distance/Criteria	Proposed Minimum	Design Mitigation
Flood prone land (flood level)	> 1:100-year flood level	>1:100 year	N/A
Sloping land	<15% >	<20%	<ul> <li>Pressure- compensating dripperline</li> <li>Narrow ETA beds, passive dosing</li> </ul>
Groundwater Well	>250m to GW bore	>250m	YES
Groundwater Well	>50m to upslope GW bore	>50m	YES
Permanent/perennial	>100m	>40m to 2 <sup>nd</sup> Order stream	<ul> <li>Ecological</li> </ul>
watercourse, dam	>100111	240III to 2 Graci Stream	assessment
Dam or intermittent watercourse	>40m	>30m to 1 <sup>st</sup> Order streams	recommendations • Secondary effluent treatment
Buffer to seasonally high-water table or bedrock	>1200mm	>1200mm	YES
Soil permeability	Avoid very poorly drained soil	Strong structured Medium Clay	YES
, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	K <sub>sat</sub> <0.06m/day	K <sub>sat</sub> >0.06m/day	10
Reserve Area	100%	100%	YES

This report demonstrates that future possible on-site sewage management is feasible within a minimum 30m setback to all drainage lines. Existing cleared areas can be utilised for future possible residential development, thereby minimizing the need for removal of native vegeation.

#### **6 OVERALL EVALUATION**

The subject site for the proposed rezoning is generally constrained by proximity to watercourses and slopes greater than 15%.

Several off-site groundwater bores are located on adjacent properties, however overland distance and topography minimises the likely impact on groundwater quality from future possible uses of the site.

The southern portion of the property is constrained by steep slopes and medium clay sub-soil. Elevated areas of the property are constrained by an abundance of gravels, cobbles and boulders which would also present a limitation to effluent disposal.

The proposed minimum lot sizes for the R5, large lot residential, rezoning is 4000m2 and 2.5 ha (250,000m2). It is proposed to retain a northern portion of the subject site zoned as RU2 with a minimum 8000m2 lot size. Modelling based on a typical 4-bedroom dwelling was completed for effluent disposal via passive (septic, reed beds & ETA beds) and non-passive (AWTS & irrigation) methods of treatment and disposal. Modelling was also completed for three identified soil categories throughout the site, category 4 (clay loams), category 5 (light clays) and category 6 (medium clays).



The results of the model reveal effluent disposal is feasible within the proposed land rezoning and minimum lot sizes, even with a 30m setback to watercourses. Nitrogen was shown to be the limiting factor for effluent disposal for category 4 soils within the 4,000m2 residential lots. The modelled effluent disposal areas and 100% reserve effluent disposal area are available on the proposed minimum 4,000m2 residential lots.

Generally, the site exhibits a deep topsoil layer suitable for effluent disposal via irrigation. Test pits BH2, BH6, BH7 & BH8 showed minimal constraint for effluent disposal and are considered suitable for both passive and active treatment and disposal methods. BH1, BH3 & BH5 are constrained by medium clay (category 6) subsoils. BH4 & BH9 are constrained by the abundance of gravels, cobbles & boulders.

Typically, medium to heavy clay sub-surface soils is not considered suitable for effluent disposal via trenching. Evapotranspiration beds, sized in accordance with Council's OSSM design model for passively treated secondary effluent are feasible but not the method considered to be best practice within the above-mentioned limited effluent disposal test pit locations (BH1, BH3, BH4, BH5 & BH9).

#### 7 CONCLUSION

This report demonstrates that future possible on-site sewage management is feasible within a minimum 30m setback to all drainage lines. Existing cleared areas can be utilised for future possible residential development, thereby minimizing the need for removal of native vegetation. There are no absolute soil limitations which cannot be overcome by on-site sewage management design.

The subject site is considered suitable in terms of on-site sewage management for the planning proposal involving rezoning and adoption of minimum lot sizes.



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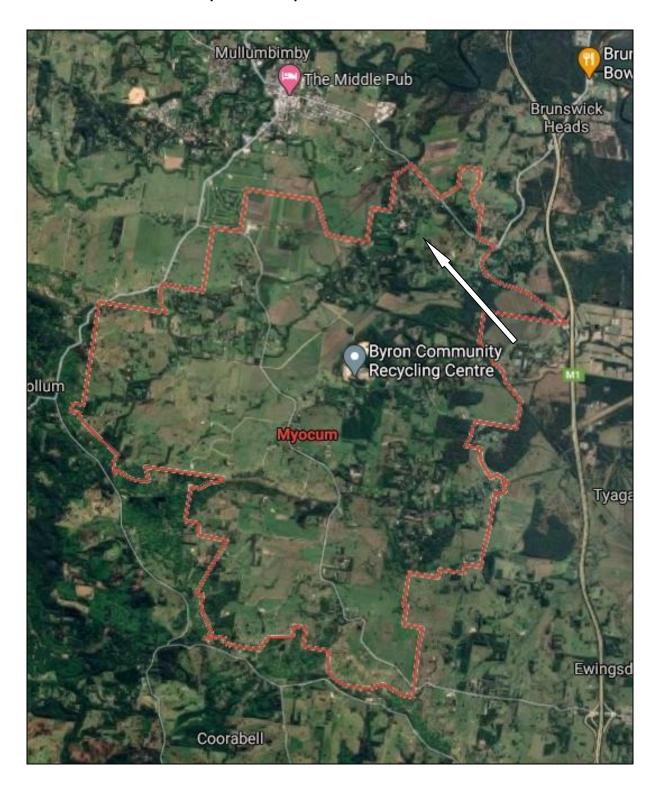
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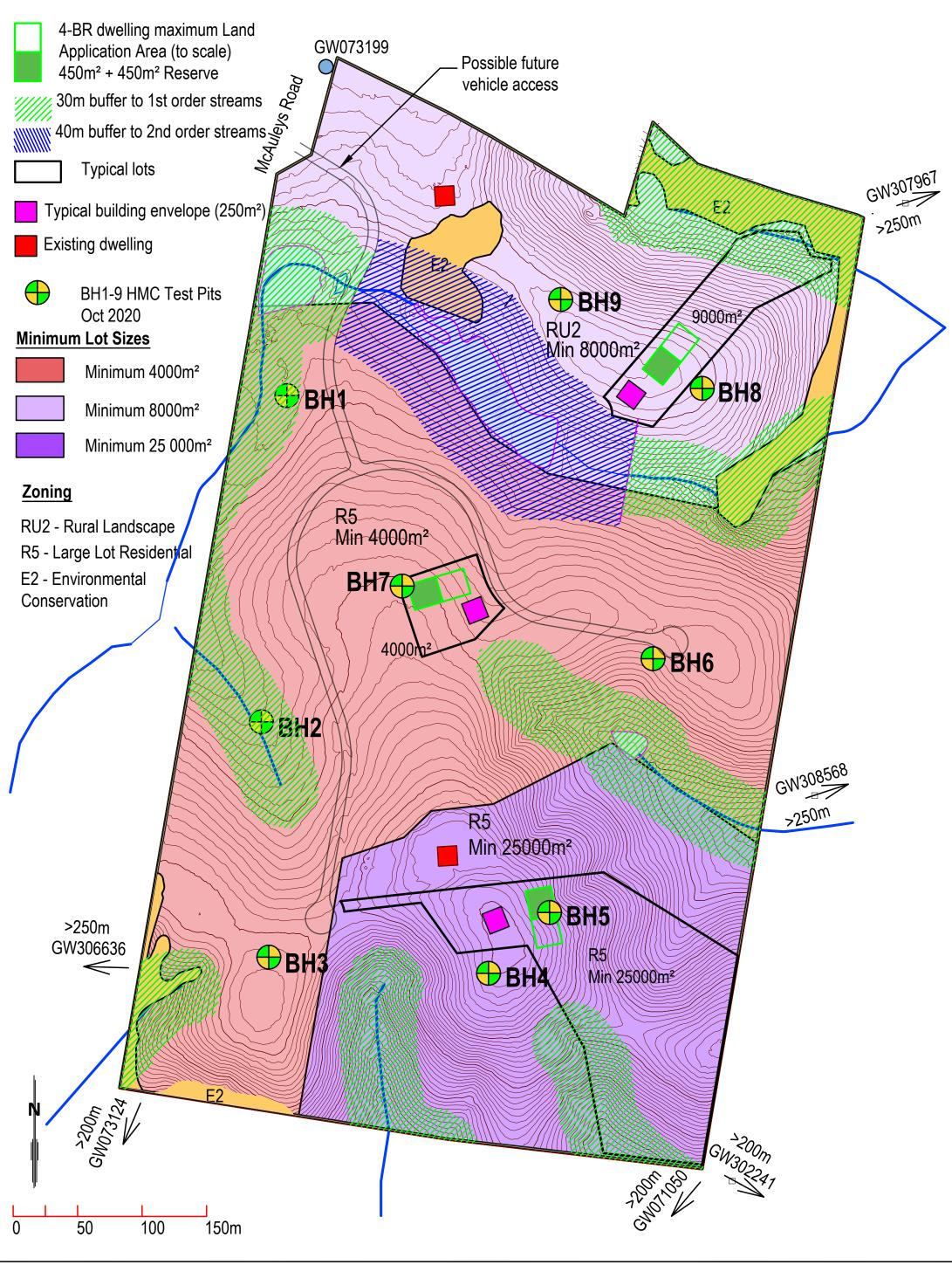
## **APPENDIX 1** Site Location within Myocum Locality



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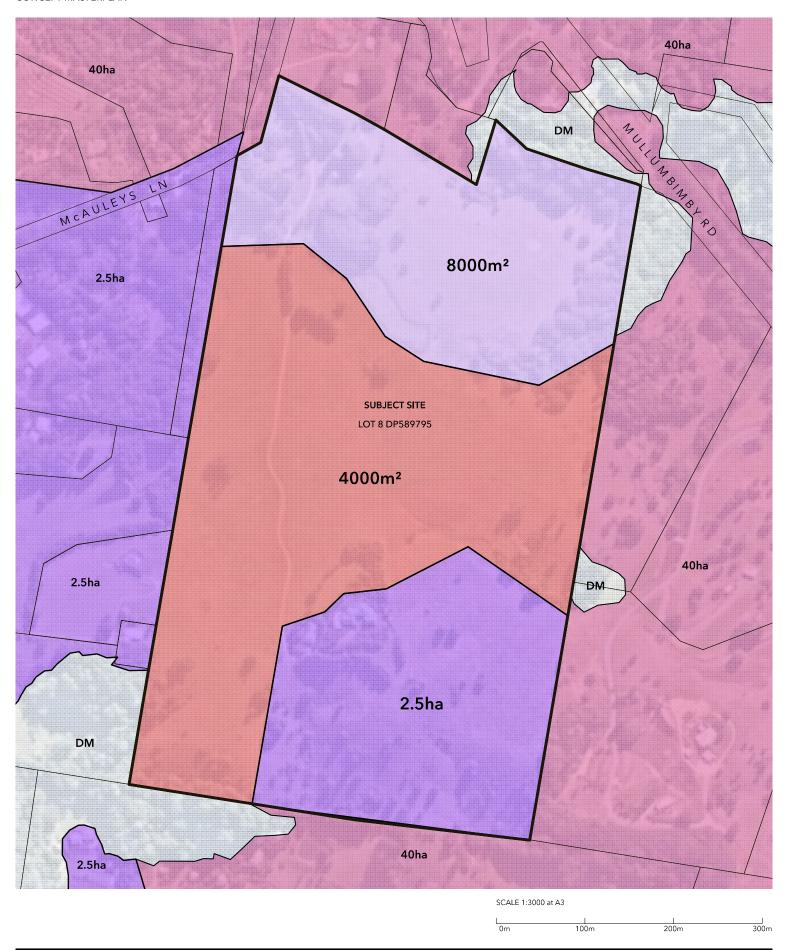
## APPENDIX 3 Rezoning Plan

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## MCAULEYS LANE SUBDIVISION

53 McAULEYS LN, MYOCUM, NSW LOT 8 DP589795

## CONCEPT MASTERPLAN



PROJECT	MCAULEYS LN SUBDIVISION	
ADDRESS	53 MCAULEYS LN.	
	MYOCUM, NSW	
DOCUMENT	SKETCH PLAN -CONFIDENTIAL	

DRAWING	CONCEPT MIN. LOT SIZE PLAN		
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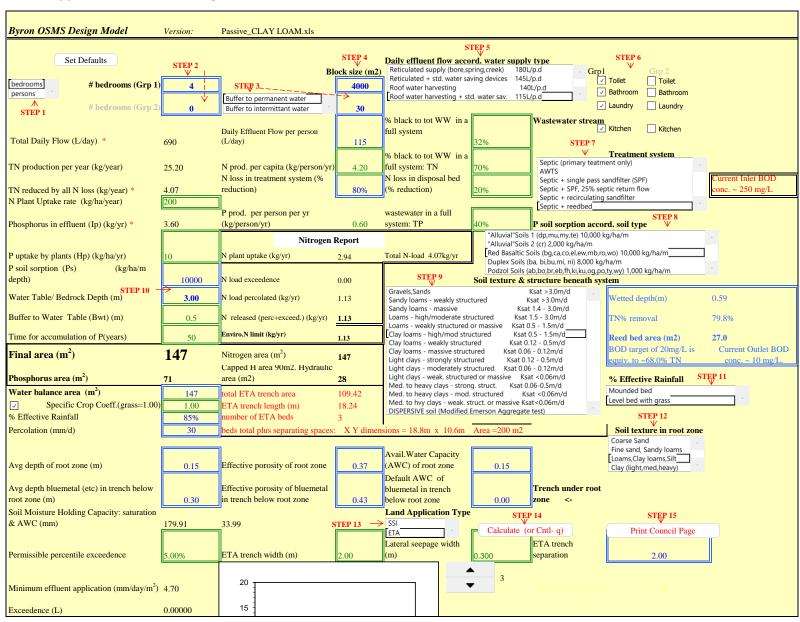
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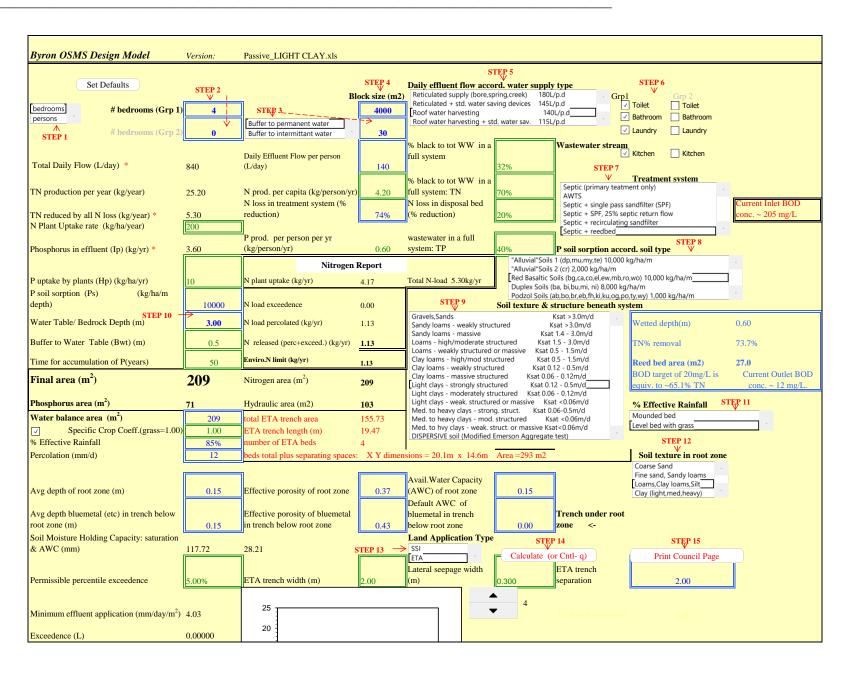




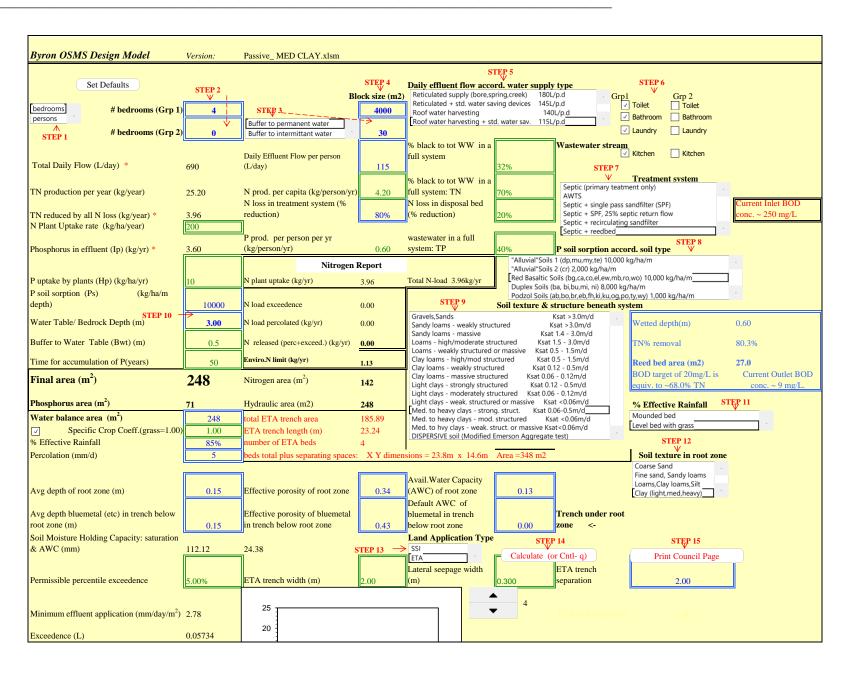
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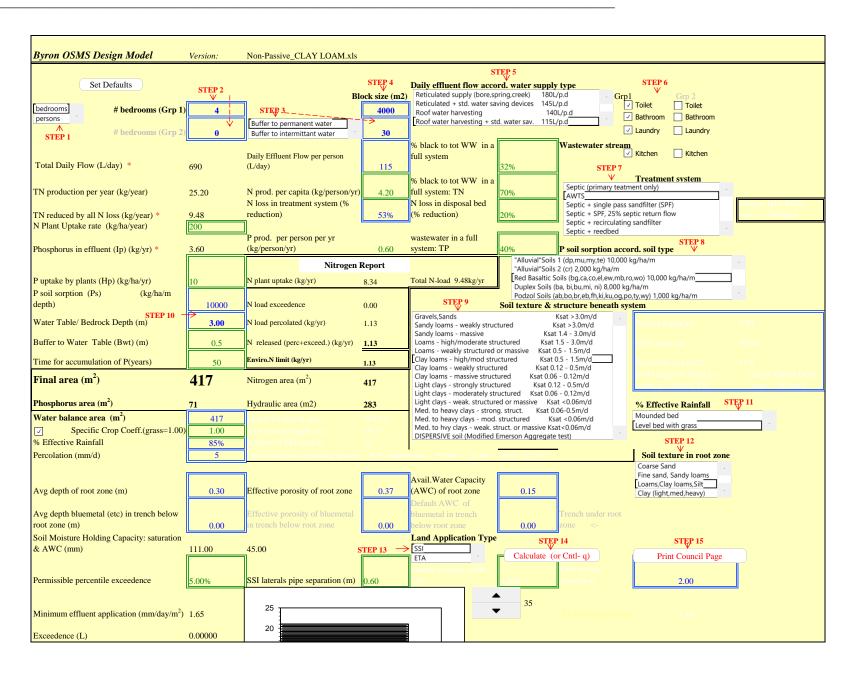




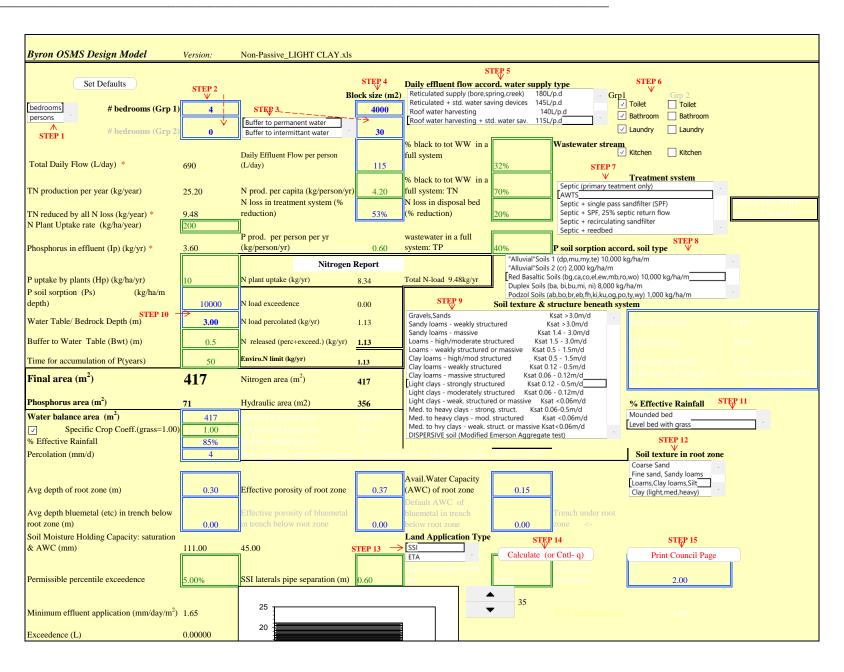




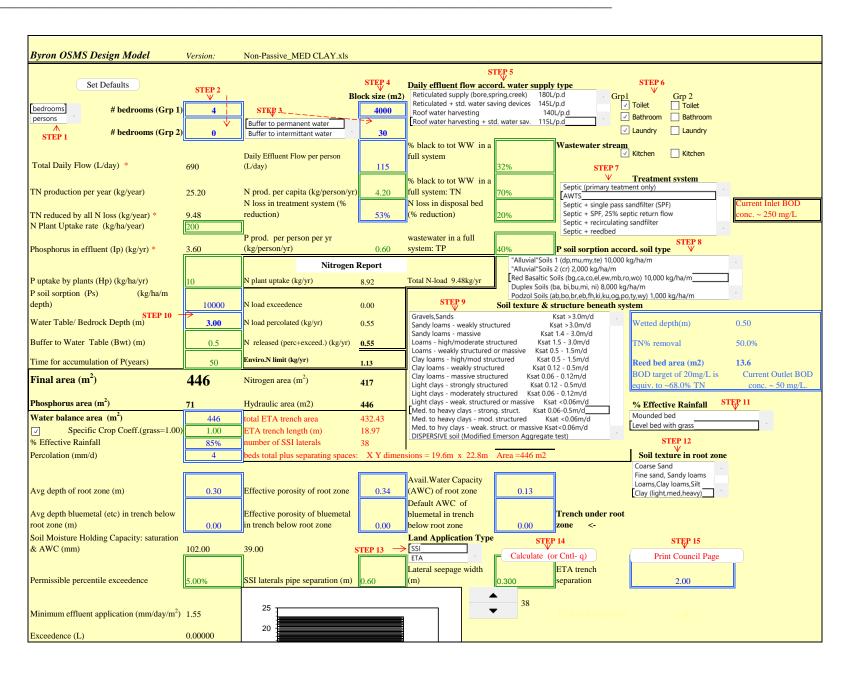






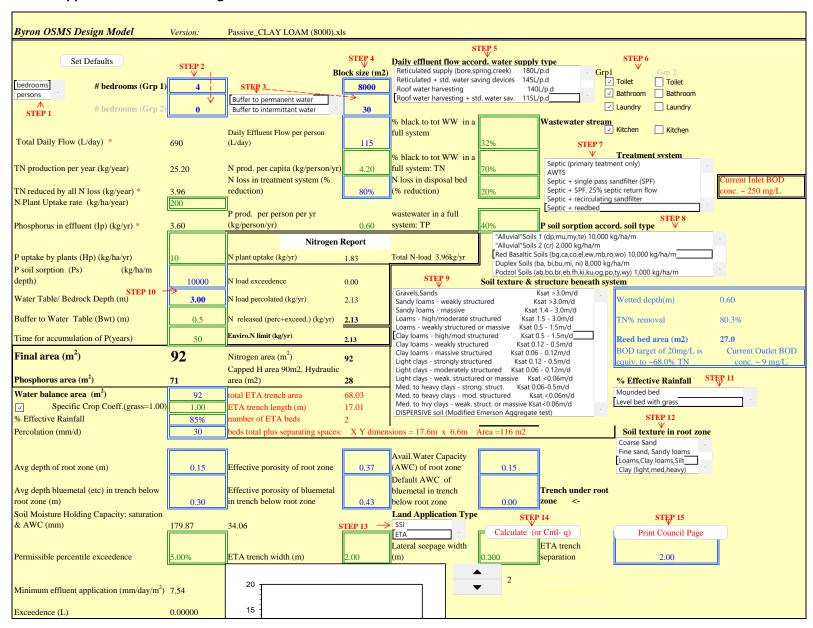




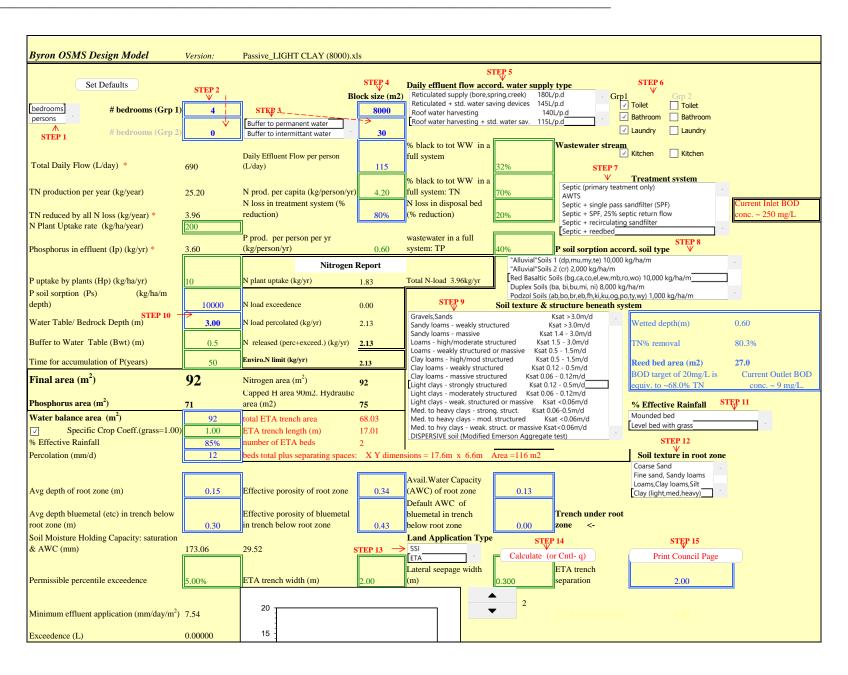




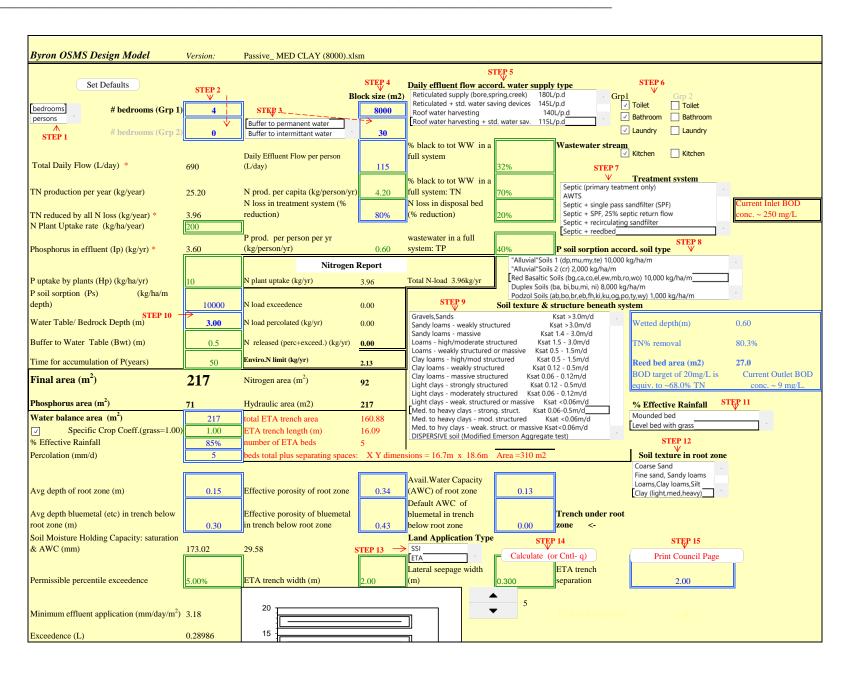
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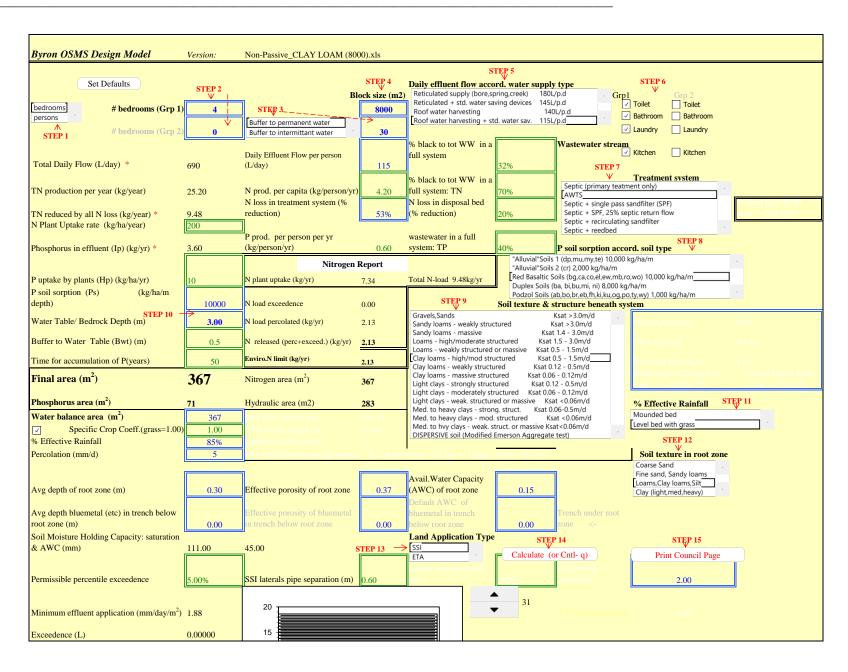




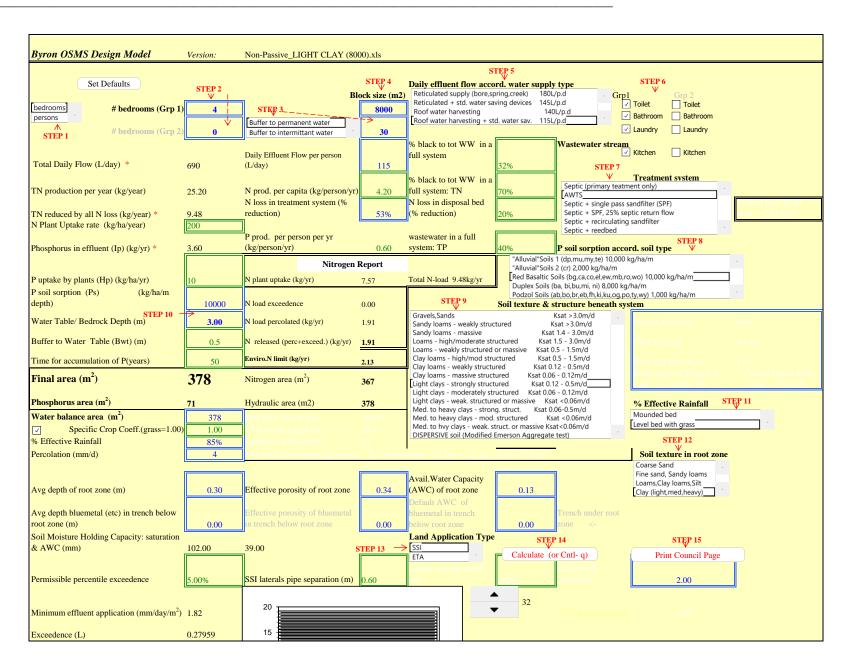




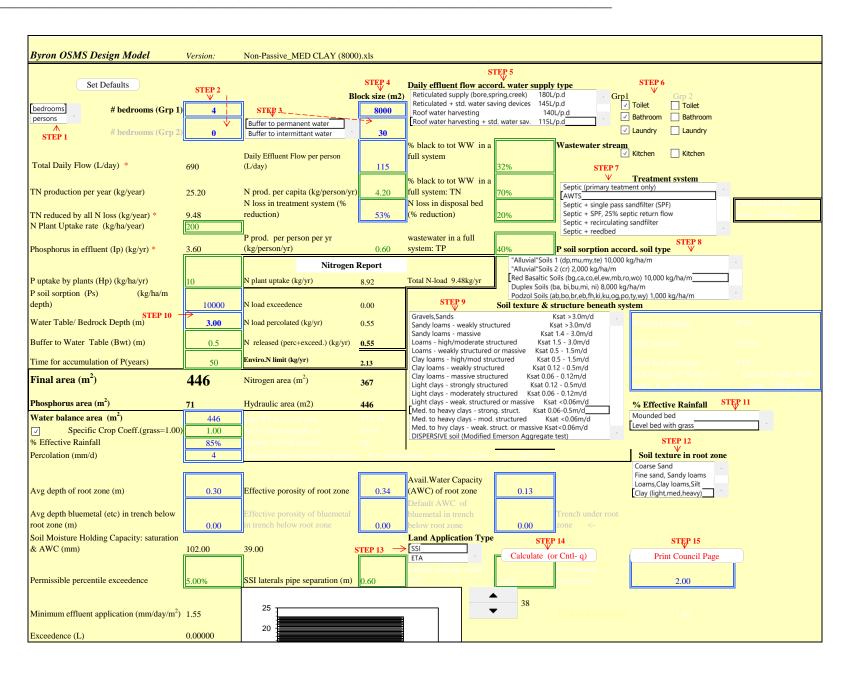






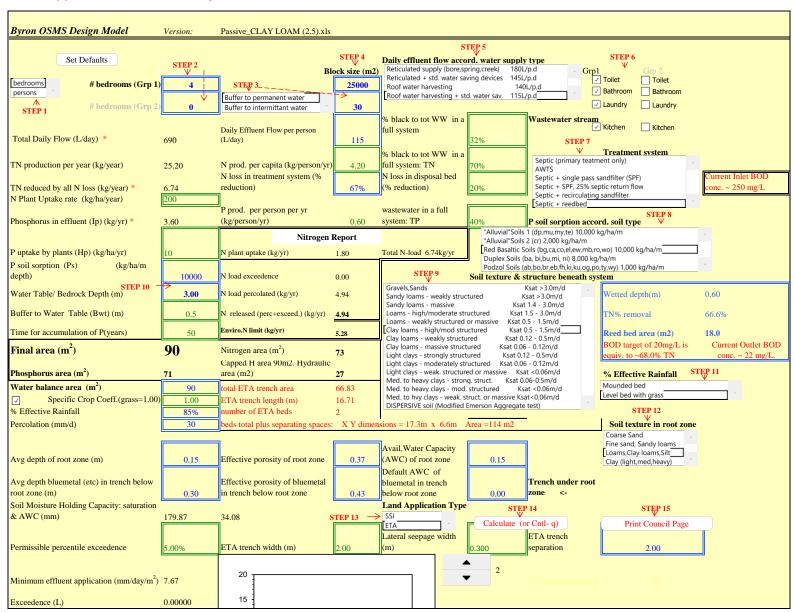




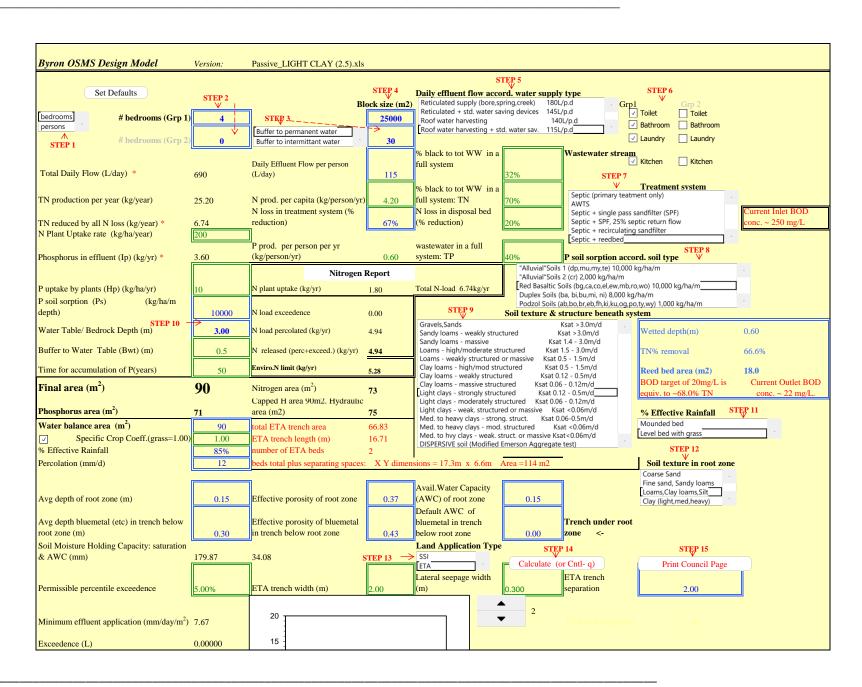




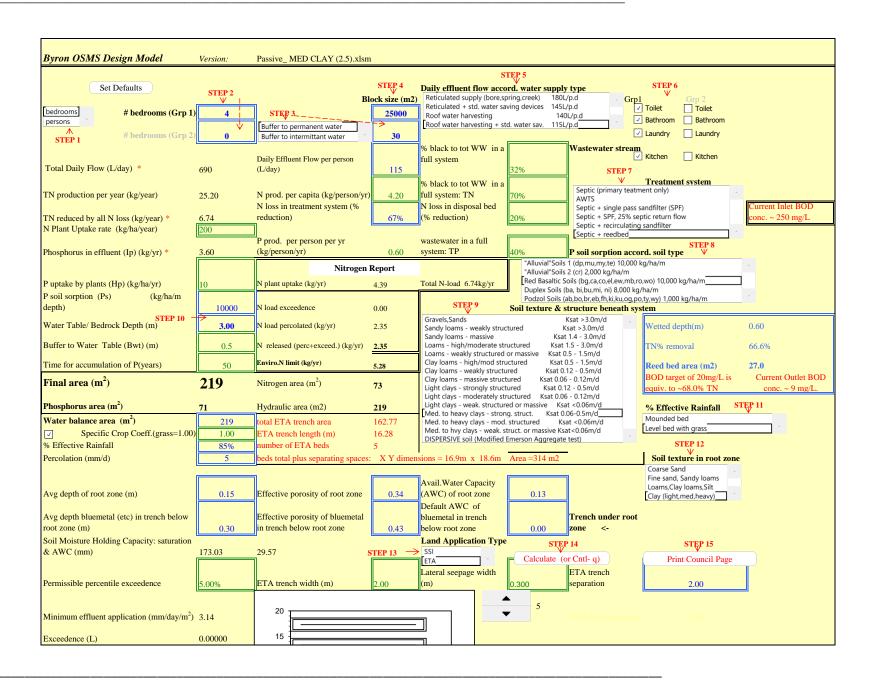
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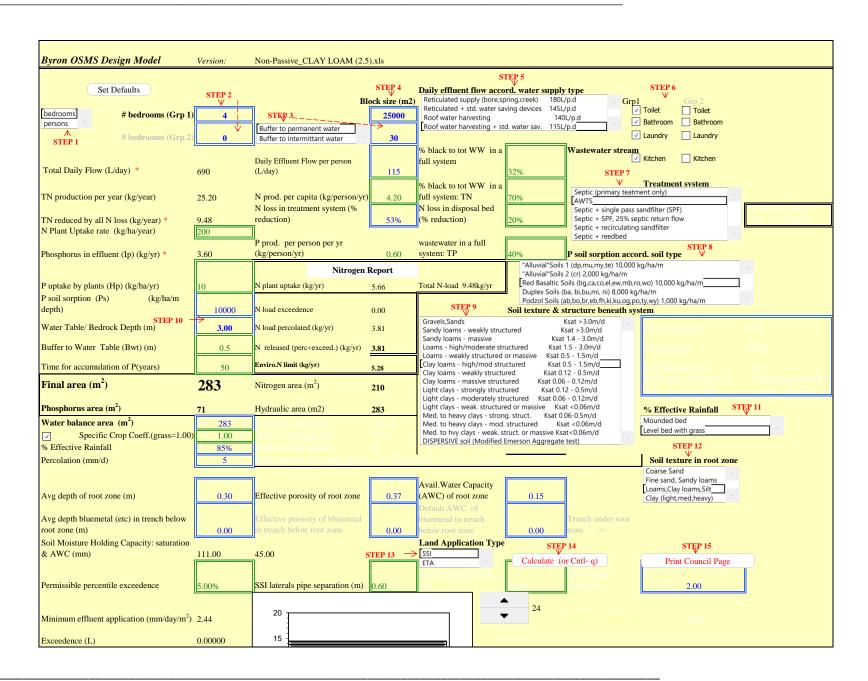




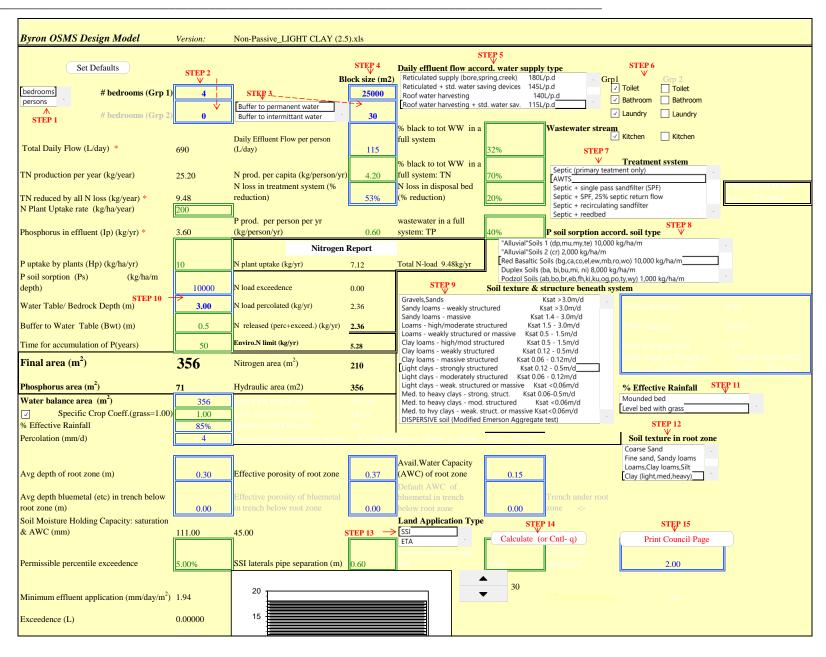




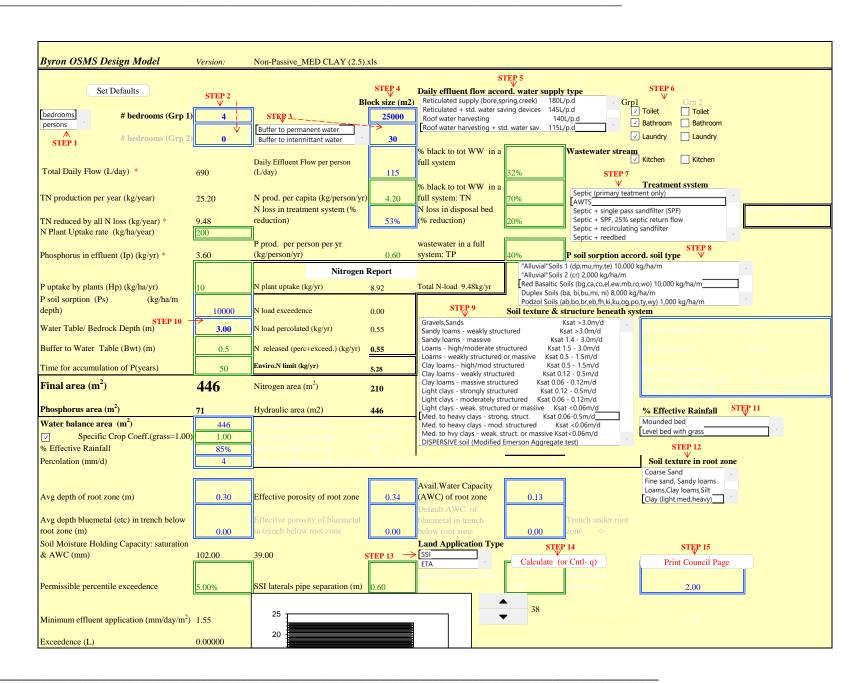














## **APPENDIX 7** Soil Profile Investigation – HMC Test Pits

	BH1	BH2		ВН3		BH4		BH5	
	Clay loam topsoil to		oil	Clay loa	m		sandy loam	Fine sandy clay	
	400mm overlying	to 1m dept		topsoil t		tops	•	loam topsoil to	
	light clay to 600mm			250mm		100n		200mm	
	with medium clay			overlying light		overlying sandy		overlying sandy	
	subsoil (1m depth).				clay to 500mm,		oam soil to	clay to 400mm,	
	(= (=)				with medium		nm, with	with a medium	
				clay sub			y clay	clay subsoil to	
				1m dept			oil to 1m	1m depth.	
						dept		d.op	
	BH6	BH7		BH8		BH9			
	Clay loam soil to 1n		oil	Clay loa	m soil		loam soil to 8	300m depth.	
	depth.	to 1m dept		-	to 1m depth.		Clay loam soil to 800m depth.  Numerous large boulders		
			to im deptin		13 III Geptiii		untered.		
Soil Chemistry	BH1C	ВН2В	ВНЗА		A BH4B		ВН5С	вн6А	
Sample Depth	(600-1000mm)	(500-	500- (0-25		50mm) (100-		(400-	(0-500mm)	
		1000mm)	-		700mm	)	1000mm)		
	12,924								
P-sorption		90,691	16,19	92	6,194		9,244	38,863	
(kg/ha/m)-	3.8								
		4.7	4.5		4.3		4.2	4.7	
pH	0.4								
		2.5	1.5		2.4		1.0	3.0	
Exchangeable									
sodium percentage	17.5								
(ESP)		1.1	4.4		1.3		9.3	2.4	
Effective Cation									
Exchange Capacity									
(ECEC) cmol+/kg									
See Appendix 8 for									
laboratory									
certificates									

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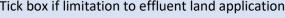


BOREHOLE No. BH1

SOIL LANDSCAPE (Morand, 1994):

Wollongbar variant a (woa) soil landscape (Expected)

Groundwater	Depth	Texture	Structure	Colour	Soil	Coarse	Soil	Dispersive	Phosphorus
intrusion	(mm)			(MUNSELL)	Category	Fragments	pН	Class (BSC, 2004)	sorption (kg P/ha)
Not encountered	0-400	Clay Loam	Strong (Moist)	Brown 10YR 4/3	4	Fine & Moderate Gravels <20%	5.5	3	-
	400- 600	Light Clay	Strong (Moist)	Dark Yellowish Brown 10YR 4/6	5	Fine, Moderate & Large Gravels <20%	5.5	3	-
	600- 1000	Medium Clay	Moderate (Moist)	Reddish Yellow 7.5YR 8/1 Mottles	6	Fine & Moderate Gravels <20%	5.0	3	12,924
	>1000	Heavy Clay	Massive (Moist)	White 7.5YR 8/1	6	Nil	4.5	4	-
Tick box if limit	tation to		✓						







### SOIL ASSESSMENT – HMC – 30th October 2020

### **BOREHOLE No. BH2**

SOIL LANDSCAPE (Morand, 1994):

Wollongbar variant a (woa) soil landscape (Expected)

Mostly deep (<200cm) well drained Krasnozems with shallower (80-150cm) stonier Krasnozems on crest/upper slope boundaries. Wet alluvial Krasnozems in drainage lines. Moderately broad to broad (100–>300 m) crests and ridges.

C	D	T	C1	C.I	6.1		C . 'I	D'	Di l
Groundwater	Depth	Texture	Structure	Colour	Soil	Coarse	Soil	Dispersive	Phosphorus
intrusion	(mm)			(MUNSELL)	Category	Fragments	рН	Class (BSC,	sorption
								2004)	(kg P/ha)
Not encountered	0-500	Clay Loam	Strong (Moist)	Dark Reddish Brown 2.5YR 2.5/3	4	Nil	6.0	3	-
	500-	Clay	Strong	Dusky Red	4	Nil	5.5	3	90,691
10	1000	Loam	(Moist)	10R 3/4	<b>T</b>	INII	3.3	3	50,051

Tick box if limitation to effluent land application





BOREHOLE No. BH3

SOIL LANDSCAPE (Morand, 1994):

Wollongbar variant a (woa) soil landscape (Expected)

						•		<u>'</u>	
Ground	Depth	Texture	Structure	Colour	Soil	Coarse	Soi	Dispersiv	Phosphorus
water	(mm)			(MUNSELL)	Category	Fragments	1	e Class	sorption
intrusio							рН	(BSC,	(kg P/ha)
n								2004)	
	0-250	Clay Loam	Strong	Dark Brown	4	Fine Gravels	5.5	3	16,192
	0-230	Clay Loaili	(Moist)	7.5YR 3/2	4	<20%	ر. ر	3	10,192
				Dark		Fine &			
Not	250-	Light Clay	Strong	Yellowish	5	Moderate	5.5	3	
	500	Ligit Clay	(Moist)	Brown	5	Gravels	5.5	3	-
encount ered				10YR 4/4		<20%			
ereu				Reddish					
	500-	Medium	Moderate	Yellow	6	Fine Gravels	5.0	4	
	1000	Clay	(Moist	7.5YR 6/6	0	<20%	5.0	4	_
				Mottles					
Tick box if	Tick box if limitation to effluent land application								





BOREHOLE No. **BH4** 

SOIL LANDSCAPE (Morand, 1994):

Wollongbar variant a (woa) soil landscape (Expected)

					,	·			
Groundwater	Depth	Texture	Structure	Colour	Soil	Coarse	Soil	Dispersi	Phosphorus
Depth	(mm)			(MUNSELL)	Category	Fragments	рН	ve Class	sorption
								(BSC,	(kg P/ha)
								2004)	
		Fine		Very Dark		Fine &			
	0-100		Strong	· •	2	Moderate	5.0	4	
	0-100	Sandy	(Moist)	Gray 7.5YR 3/1	2	Gravels	5.0	4	-
		Loam		7.5YK 3/1		<20%			
	100	Sandy	Ctrong	Drown		Fine			
Not	100-	Clay	Strong (Majist)	Brown 7.5YR 4/4	4	Gravels	5.5	2	6,194
encountered	700	Loam	(Moist)	7.51K 4/4		<20%			
						Fine,			
	700	Candy	Ctrong	Strong		Moderate			
	700-	Sandy	Strong (Majist)	Brown	5	& Large	6.0	2	-
	1000	Clay	(Moist)	7.5YR 4/6		Gravels			
						>20%			
Tick box if limit	Fick box if limitation to effluent land application					✓		✓	
					41-2-11-11		40.7840.1		





BOREHOLE No. **BH5** 

SOIL LANDSCAPE (Morand, 1994):

Wollongbar variant a (woa) soil landscape (Expected)

Groundwater	Depth	Texture	Structure	Colour	Soil	Coarse	Soil	Dispersiv	Phosphorus
intrusion	(mm)			(MUNSELL	Category	Fragment	рН	e Class	sorption (kg
				)		S		(BSC,	P/ha)
								2004)	
		Fine		Dark		Fine &			
	0-200	Sandy	Strong		4	Moderate	5.0	3	
	0-200	Clay	(Moist)	Brown 7.5YR 3/2	4	Gravels	5.0	3	-
		Loam		7.51K 3/2		<20%			
						Fine &			
Not	200-	Sandy	Strong	Brown	4	Moderate	5.5	2	
encountered	400	Clay	(Moist)	7.5YR 4/4	4	Gravels	5.5	2	-
						<20%			
				Strong		Fine &			
	400-	Medium	Strong	Brown	6	Moderate	6.0	3	9,244
	1000   Clav   (Moist)		7.5YR 4/6	O	Gravels	0.0	3	3,244	
				7.318 4/6		<20%			
Tick box if limit	Fick box if limitation to effluent land application				✓			✓	





BOREHOLE No. **BH6** 

SOIL LANDSCAPE (Morand, 1994):

Wollongbar variant a (woa) soil landscape (Expected)

Mostly deep (<200cm) well drained Krasnozems with shallower (80-150cm) stonier Krasnozems on crest/upper slope boundaries. Wet alluvial Krasnozems in drainage lines. Moderately broad to broad (100->300 m) crests and ridges.

Groundwater	Depth	Texture	Structure	Colour	Soil	Coarse	Soil	Dispersive	Phosphorus
intrusion	(mm)			(MUNSELL)	Category	Fragments	рН	Class	sorption
								(BSC,	(kg P/ha)
								2004)	
Not	0-500	Clay Loam	Strong (Moist)	Dark Reddish Brown 2.5YR 2.5/4	4	Fine Gravels <20%	5.5	3	38,863
encountered	500- 1000	Clay Loam	Strong (Moist)	Dusky Red 10YR 3/4	4	Fine & Moderate Gravels <20%	5.0	3	-

Tick box if limitation to effluent land application





BOREHOLE No. BH7

SOIL LANDSCAPE (Morand, 1994):

Wollongbar variant a (woa) soil landscape (Expected)

Mostly deep (<200cm) well drained Krasnozems with shallower (80-150cm) stonier Krasnozems on crest/upper slope boundaries. Wet alluvial Krasnozems in drainage lines. Moderately broad to broad (100–>300 m) crests and ridges.

Groundwater intrusion	Depth (mm)	Texture	Structure	Colour (MUNSELL)	Soil Category	Coarse Fragments	Soil pH	Dispersive Class (BSC, 2004)
Not encountered	0-500	Clay Loam	Strong (Moist)	Dark Reddish Brown 2.5YR 2.5/4	4	Nil	6.0	3
	500- 1000	Clay Loam	Strong (Moist)	Dusky Red 10YR 3/4	4	Fine Gravels <20%	5.5	3

Tick box if limitation to effluent land application



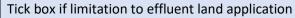


BOREHOLE No. BH8

SOIL LANDSCAPE (Morand, 1994):

Wollongbar variant a (woa) soil landscape (Expected)

Groundwater	Depth	Texture	Structure	Colour	Soil	Coarse	Soil	Dispersive
intrusion	(mm)			(MUNSELL)	Category	Fragments	рН	Class (BSC,
								2004)
				Dark				
	0-500	Clay	Strong	Reddish	4	Nil	5.0	3
	0-300	Loam	(Moist)	Brown	4	INII	5.0	3
Not				5YR 3/4				
encountered				Dark				
	500-	Clay	Strong	Reddish	4	Nil	5.5	3
	1000	Loam	(Moist)	Brown	4	INII	5.5	3
				5YR 3/3				







BOREHOLE No. BH9

SOIL LANDSCAPE (Morand, 1994):

Wollongbar variant a (woa) soil landscape (Expected)

Groundwater	Depth	Texture	Structure	Colour	Soil	Coarse	Soil	Dispers	ive
intrusion	(mm)			(MUNSELL)	Category	Fragments	рН	Class	(BSC,
								2004)	
Not	0-400	Clay Loam	Strong (Moist)	Dark Reddish Brown 2.5YR 2.5/3	4	Fine Gravels <20%, large boulders	5.0	3	
encountered	400- 800	Clay Loam	Strong (Moist)	Dark Reddish Brown 5YR 3/4	4	Fine, Moderate & Large Gravels >20%. Large boulders	4.5	3	
Tick box if limit	tation to	effluent land		✓	✓				





# APPENDIX 8 Laboratory Results – Effluent Disposal Analyses

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#### WASTEWATER DISPOSAL SOIL ASSESSMENT

6 samples supplied by HMC Environmental Consulting Pty Ltd on 2/11/2020 - Lab Job No. K0115

Analysis requested by Helen Tunks. - Your Project: HMC2020.248

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	SAMPLE 1 BH1C	SAMPLE 2 BH2B	SAMPLE 3 BH3A	SAMPLE 4 BH4B	SAMPLE 5 BH5C	SAMPLE 6 BH6A
Job No.	K0115/1	K0115/2	K0115/3	K0115/4	K0115/5	K0115/6
Description	Medium Clay	Clay Loam	Clay Loam	Sandy Clay Loam	Medium Clay	Clay Loam
Moisture Content (% moisture)	20	26	21	12	13	29
Emerson Aggregate Stability Test (SAR 5 Solution) i	EAST Class 3/6, Slake 3 see note 12	EAST Class 3/6, Slake 3 see note 12	EAST Class 3/6, Slake 1 see note 12	EAST Class 3/6, Slake 3 see note 12	EAST Class 3/6, Slake 3 see note 12	EAST Class 3/6, Slake 2 see note 12
Soil pH (1:5 CaCl <sub>2</sub> )	3.82	4.66	4.49	4.33	4.17	4.67
Soil Conductivity (1:5 water dS/m)	0.038	0.018	0.022	0.018	0.018	0.021
Soil Conductivity (as EC <sub>e</sub> dS/m) <sup>note 10</sup>	0.324	0.158	0.189	0.151	0.152	0.183
Native NaOH Phosphorus (mg/kg P)	2.38	95.40	43.20	132.12	14.80	77.40
Residual phosphorus remaining in solution from the	initial phospha	ate phosphoru	s			
Initial Phosphorus concentration (ppm P)	31.428	31.428	31.428	31.428	31.428	31.428
72 hour - 3 Day (ppm P)	10.94	0.21	7.60	20.33	15.80	0.84
120 hour - 5 Day (ppm P)	10.21	0.16	6.90	19.93	15.23	0.66
168 hour - 7 Day (ppm P)	9.88	0.08	6.71	19.36	14.66	0.51
Equilibrium Phosphorus (ppm P)	9.10	0.01	5.99	18.80	13.95	0.29
EXCHANGEABLE CATIONS						
Calcium (cmol+/kg)	0.42	0.35	1.19	0.31	0.87	0.91
Magnesium (cmol+/kg)	0.15	0.24	0.60	0.20	0.28	0.40
Potassium (cmol+/kg)	0.04	0.03	0.15	0.02	0.03	0.36
Sodium (cmol+/kg)	0.06	0.03	0.07	0.03	0.09	0.07
Aluminium (cmol+/kg)	16.82	0.44	2.15	0.59	7.68	0.60
Hydrogen (cmol+/kg)	0.00	0.02	0.21	0.10	0.33	0.09
ECEC (effective cation exchange capacity)(cmol+/k	17.5	1.1	4.4	1.3	9.3	2.4
Exchangeable Calcium %	2.4	31.4	27.3	24.5	9.4	37.5
Exchangeable Magnesium %	0.8	21.8	13.7	15.9	3.0	16.4
Exchangeable Potassium %	0.2	2.3	3.4	1.8	0.3	14.8
Exchangeable Sodium % (ESP)	0.4	2.5	1.5	2.4	1.0	3.0
Exchangeable Aluminium %	96.2	40.0	49.2	47.2	82.7	24.5
Exchangeable Hydrogen %	0.0	1.9	4.9	8.2	3.6	3.8
Calcium/ Magnesium Ratio	2.84	1.44	1.99	1.53	3.11	2.29

#### Notes:

- 1: ECEC = Effective Cation Exchange Capacity = sum of the exchangeable Mg, Ca, Na, K, H and Al
- 2: Exchangeable bases determined using standard Ammonium Acetate extract (Method 15D3) with no pretreatment for soluble salts. When Conductivity ≥0.25 dS/m soluble salts are removed (Method 15E2).
- 3. ppm = mg/kg dried soil
- $4.\ Insitu\ P\ determined\ using\ 0.1M\ NaOH\ and\ shaking\ for\ 24\ hrs\ before\ determining\ phosphate$
- 5. Soils were crushed using a ceramic grinding head and mill; five 1g subsamples of each soil were used to which 40ml of 0.1M NaCl with Xppm phosphorus was added to each. The samples were shaken on an orbital shaker
- $\hbox{6. Exchangeable so dium percentage (ESP) is calculated as so dium (cmol+/kg) divided by ECEC } \\$
- $7. \ All \ results \ as \ dry \ weight \ DW soils \ were \ dried \ at \ 60C \ for \ 48hrs \ prior \ to \ crushing \ and \ analysis.$
- 8. Phosphorus Capacity method from Ryden and Pratt, 1980.
- 9. Aluminium detection limit is 0.05 cmol+/kg; Hydrogen detection limit is 0.1 cmol+/kg. However for calculation purposes a value of 0 is used.
- 10. For conductivity 1 dS/m = 1 mS/cm = 1000  $\mu$ S/cm; EC<sub>e</sub> conversions: sand loam 14, loam 9.5; clay loam 8.6; heavy clay 5.8
- 11. 1 cmol+/kg = 1 meq/100g
- 12. Emerson Aggregate Stability Test (EAST) for Wastewater applications (see Sheet 3 Patterson, 2015). MEAT Class 1: Slaking, complete dispersion;

Class 2: Slaking, some dispersion; Class 3-6: Slaking 1 slight to 3 complete, No dispersion; Class 7: No slaking, yes swelling; Class 8: No slaking, no swelling.

- $13. \ Analysis\ conducted\ between\ sample\ arrival\ date\ and\ reporting\ date.$
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### **PHOSPHORUS SORPTION TRIAL**

6 samples supplied by HMC Environmental Consulting Pty Ltd on 2/11/2020 - Lab Job No. K0115 Analysis requested by Helen Tunks. - Your Project: HMC2020.248

#### Calculations for Equilibrium Absorption Maximum for Soil provided

I.D.	JOB NO.	Equilibrium P mg P/L (in solution)	Added P mg P/L	P Sorb at Equil. mg P/kg	Native P mg P/kg	Equilibrium P Sorption Level µg P/g soil	Divide Ø (from Table)	Equilibrium Absorption Maximum (B)  µg P/g soil
BH1C BH2B BH3A BH4B BH5C BH6A	K0115/1 K0115/2 K0115/3 K0115/4 K0115/5 K0115/6	9.1 0.0 6.0 18.8 14.0	31.428 31.428 31.428 31.428 31.428 31.428	893 1257 1017 505 699 1246	2 95 43 132 15 77	896 1352 1061 637 714 1323	0.75 0.16 0.69 0.88 0.83	1,186 8,419 1,534 724 864 3,651

#### Calculations for phosphorus sorption capacity

	JOB NO.	Equilibrium	multiply by theta of	minus the	kg P sorption / hectare	kg P sorption / hectare
		Absorption Maximum (Brastewater to be applie		native P	(to a depth of 15cm)	(to a depth of 100cm)
		μg P/g soil	(=X)	(=Y)	(1.95 is a correction factor for density, etc.)	(1.95 is a correction factor for density, etc)
BH1C	K0115/1	1186	(=B x theta)	(=X -native P)	(=Y x 1.95)	(=Y x 1.95 x 100/15)
BH2B	K0115/2	8419	(=B x theta)	(=X - native P)	(=Y x 1.95)	(=Y x 1.95 x 100/15)
ВН3А	K0115/3	1534	(=B x theta)	(=X -native P)	(=Y x 1.95)	(=Y x 1.95 x 100/15)
BH4B	K0115/4	724	(=B x theta)	(=X - native P)	(=Y x 1.95)	(=Y x 1.95 x 100/15)
BH5C	K0115/5	864	(=B x theta)	(=X - native P)	(=Y x 1.95)	(=Y x 1.95 x 100/15)
BH6A	K0115/6	3651	(=B x theta)	(=X - native P)	(=Y x 1.95)	(=Y x 1.95 x 100/15)

#### EXAMPLE 1 - Calculations for phosphorus sorption capacity using a wastewater phosphorus of 15mg/L P

		Equilibrium	multiply by theta of	minus the	kg P sorption / hectare	kg P sorption / hectare
	JOB NO.	Absorption Maximum (E	astewater to be applie	native P	(to a depth of 15cm)	(to a depth of 100cm)
		μg P/g soil	(ie. 0.84)	(=Y)	(1.95 is a correction factor for density, etc	(1.95 is a correction factor for density, etc)
BH1C	K0115/1	1186	996	994	1,939	12,924
BH2B	K0115/2	8419	7072	6976	13,604	90,691
внза	K0115/3	1534	1289	1246	2,429	16,192
BH4B	K0115/4	724	609	476	929	6,194
BH5C	K0115/5	864	726	711	1,387	9,244
BH6A	K0115/6	3651	3067	2989	5,829	38,863





#### **APPENDIX 9** Site Photos



Photo 1 Aerial photograph looking north over subject site, with existing dwelling in foreground and BH5 location at arrow.



Photo 2 Aerial photograph looking south-west over subject site.





Photo 3 View SE showing gentle sloping land, BH1 location at arrow.



Photo 4 View SW showing gentle sloping land towards a gully, BH2 location at arrow.





Photo 5 View SW showing moderate sloping land, BH3 location on top of ridge at arrow.



Photo 6 View E showing steep sloping land, BH4 location on top of ridge at arrow.





Photo 7 View S showing BH5 location on top of ridge at arrow.



Photo 8 View NE and downslope showing gullies feeding into property dam. Location of BH6 shown by arrow.





Photo 9 View SW from BH6 looking upslope, location of BH5 shown via arrow.



Photo 10 View SE showing gentle sloping towards the centre of the property, BH7 shown via arrow.





Photo 11 View E through E2 zoned land (rainforest), not suitable for effluent disposal.



Photo 12 View E from BH9 looking towards the location of BH8, shown via arrow.





Photo 13 View W from BH8 looking towards the location of BH9, shown via arrow.



Photo 14 View S showing permanent watercourse.