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Attention: Stuart Craig

Dear Stuart

RE: 19 ROSEVILLE AVENUE AND 14 LORD STREET, ROSEVILLE - PRELIMINARY GEOTECHNICAL ASSESSMENT

1. Introduction

This letter presents the results of the desktop study and preliminary assessment for the proposed development at 19 Roseville Avenue and 14 Lord Street, Roseville (the Site). The site locality plan is shown in Inset 1.

The purpose of this study is to consider all available information to inform the preliminary impact assessment of the proposed basement excavation in proximity to the existing rail assets. The following scope has been completed and reported:

- 1. Collation and review of available information regarding rail infrastructure relevant to the Site.
- 2. Development of a preliminary geometrical model based on the available information.
- 3. Determination of the protection reserves in accordance with the Sydney Metro Underground Corridor Protection Technical Guidelines, version 2.0, dated April 2021 (**Sydney Metro Guideline**).
- 4. Identification of gaps in information.
- 5. Provision of a qualitative impact assessment based on the predicted deformations resulting from the proposed excavation at the Site.



Inset 1: Aerial Photograph of the Site (the Site is Outlined in Red).

2. Reference Documents

We have relied on the following documents obtained from PSM's archives:

- Parramatta Rail Link drawing, showing the tunnel alignment in plan, drawing no. PRL-CSD 114402 Rev. D, dated 14 July 2003
- Parramatta Rail Link as-built tunnel geological profile, drawing no. PRL-CSD 114421 Rev.2, dated 15 August 2005
- Plan of proposed acquisition of DP1046912, dated 4 November 2002. This drawing is included in Appendix A
- Plan of proposed acquisition of DP1076734, dated 25 October 2002. This drawing is included in Appendix A.

3. Development Details

3.1 Proposed Development

Based on the information provided, we understand that the proposed development comprises:

- Demolition of the existing low-rise buildings
- Construction of a new building with approximately 6 storeys above the ground and 2-level basement excavation. We have assumed that the excavation depth will be 7m. This will result in the deepest portion of the basement excavation at approximately RL 84m.

The proposed building footprint, shoring details for the excavation and the details on foundation loads are not known.

3.2 Existing Rail Tunnels

Based on the Guideline and the available documentations, we understand the following about the existing Epping-to-Chatswood Rail Line (ECRL):

- The rail tunnels comprise twin single track with diameter of 7.2m
- The tunnels were excavated by tunnel boring machine (TBM) and are supported by unreinforced cast insitu concrete lining
- The crown of the tunnels are approximately at RL75.5m to RL76.5m around the Site.

4. Model Development

4.1 Surface Conditions

The site is currently occupied by low-rise residential buildings. Based on the publicly available elevation data, the surface along Roseville Avenue grades gently towards south-west from approximately RL 93m (at the western end) towards RL 91m (at the eastern end).

4.2 Geological Setting

The 1:100,000 Sydney Geological Map (1983) indicates the Site is underlain by (Rwa) Ashfield Shale of Wianamatta Group consisting black to dark-grey Shale and Laminite.

4.3 Subsurface Conditions

Based on the available geotechnical data available on PSM's archives, the inferred subsurface condition at the Site comprises a layer of soil (Residual) overlying Ashfield Shale overlying Mittagong Formation and Hawkesbury Sandstone. The Mittagong Formation is a transitional formation that separates the Ashfield Shale from the underlying Hawkesbury Sandstone.

4.4 Geometrical Assessment

A preliminary two-dimensional geometrical model was developed. The rail protection reserves (i.e. first and second reserves) are in accordance with the Sydney Metro Guideline. The extent of the protection reserves is largely dependent on the geometry (width and height) of the tunnel being assessed and Sydney Metro substratum extent.

Figure 1 to Figure 4 present the assessed extents of the protection reserves relative to the Site and proposed basement excavation in plan and sections.

The following should be noted:

- The Site falls within the protection reserves, partially in the First Reserve.
- The First Reserve on the 19 Roseville Avenue is expected to extend to RL85m.
- The First Reserve on the 14 Lord Street is expected to extend to RL88m.
- We have considered the Sydney Metro substratum extents as shown on DP1046734 and DP1046912 drawings. Buyers should make their own enquiries with a register surveyor to confirm the extent of this substratum. This may indicate that the first reserve extends past the boundaries shown on Figures 1 to 4.

4.5 Construction Activities Permitted in the 1st and 2nd Reserves

The Sydney Metro Guideline states the construction restrictions that are applied to each protection reserve in Table 4.5 of the guideline and reproduced as Inset 2. It is clear from the Sydney Metro Guideline that nothing is allowed within the First Reserve with the exception of investigation holes and installation of instrumentation

(and is subject to assessment). In addition, Section 9.2 of the Sydney Metro Guideline reiterates that ground anchors are not allowed within the First Reserve, and this includes temporary and permanent anchors.

The proposed excavation is generally outside the First Reserve, with a small portion could potentially be in the First Reserve. The basement elevation would need to be adjusted at this location to not encroach on the First reserve. We have considered the likely column loads, which we assess to be in the order of 3,500 kN and consider that these could be supported on shallow footings founded within the shale unit located at the proposed excavation elevation. That is the loads are likely to be able to be supported on shallow footings outside of the First Reserve.

Therefore we consider that based on current information no geometrical restrictions apply to these for the proposed development.

Nevertheless, the permission for excavation and loading via means of shallow footings will be contingent on an impact assessment completed in accordance with the requirements in the **Sydney Metro Guideline**.

Types of construction	First reserve	Second reserve
Excavation for basements, footings	Not allowed	 Excavations less than 2.0 m depth from surface level, assessment not required. Excavation greater than 2.0 m depth, assessment required.
Shallow footings or pile foundations	Not allowed	Allowed, subject to load restrictions. Assessment required.
Tunnels and underground excavations	Not allowed	Allowed, subject to assessment.
Ground anchors	Not allowed	Allowed, subject to assessment.
Demolition of existing subsurface structures	Not allowed	Allowed, subject to assessment.
Penetrative subsurface investigations e.g. boreholes, instrumentation	Allowed away from support zone. Assessment required.	Allowed, subject to assessment (refer to Section 7.1 for requirements)

A preliminary impact assessment is presented in the Section 5.

Inset 2: Construction Restrictions Based on the Sydney Metro Guideline

5. Preliminary Impact Assessment

5.1 General

2D finite element analyses have been completed using the program RS2 version 11.022 by Rocscience to assess the induced ground movements around rail tunnels due to the proposed basement excavation.

A section through the middle of the Site between the basement and the rail tunnels has been selected. Given the geometry of the basement relative to the rail tunnels we consider that the 2D plain strain assumption in our analysis is likely to be conservative and that a 3D model would indicate smaller effects of the excavation on the tunnels.

5.2 Model Geometry

The model geometry has been developed based on information listed on Section 2 and 3.

The as-built ECRL tunnels geological profile drawing shows that the ERCL tunnels are in Class I/II Sandstone. Based on this geological profile, the adopted subsurface profiles above the ECRL on the analysis comprises the following geotechnical units:

- 4m of Soil/Residual Clay, overlying
- 2m of Shale class IV/V, overlying
- 4m of Shale Class II/III, overlying
- 3m Mittagong Formation, overlying
- Sandstone I/II or better.

We note we have not modelled the structural lining of the rail tunnels, nor the presence of other basements in the vicinity of the proposed excavation (if any).

Figure 5 presents the numerical model geometry.

5.3 Modelling Stages

Seven analysis stages from stress initialisation to final excavation and loading of the proposed basement have been modelled. Details of each stage are summarised in Table 1.

Table 1 – Modelling Stages

Stage	Description
Stage 1	Apply in-situ field stresses
Stage 2 ⁽¹⁾	Excavate rail tunnels
Stage 3 – 6	Excavate to basement level in stages (approximately 2 m increments)
Stage 7	Apply nominal building load of 80 kPa across basement footprint (10 kPa x 2 basement levels + 6 storeys) $^{(2)}$

Notes:

(1) The assessed ground movements in this report are related to the end of stage 2 (i.e. the present-day situation).

(2) Building loads are assumptions only, no building load has been provided.

5.4 Material Properties

Table 2 presents elastic material properties adopted for the ground movements assessment:

Table 2 – Geotechnical Unit Properties

Geotechnical Unit	Unit Weight [kN/m ³]	Young's Modulus [MPa]	Poisson's Ratio
Soil/Residual Clay	20	10	0.3
Shale IV/V	22	100	0.25
Shale II/III	22	800	0.25
Mittagong Formation and Sandstone I/II	24	2000	0.25

The geotechnical units are modelled as elastic materials.

5.5 Applied in-Situ Stress

The following in-situ stress scenarios have been considered in the finite-element analyses as shown in Table 3. This is based on de Ambrosis and Clarke (2014) and encompasses the higher end of the expected range of insitu stresses scenarios, in order to model the higher end of expected displacements. These are particularly conservative in the range of depth of our excavation which are only 7 m deep.

Table 3 – Design In-Situ Stresses Cases

Stress Case	Rock Class		
Stress Case	Mittagong Formation and Sandstone II or better	Shale II/III	
Base case	$\sigma_{\rm H} = \sigma_{\rm v} = \sigma_{\rm h}$ $\sigma_{\rm v} = 0.024 \ z$	$\sigma_{H} = \sigma_{v} = \sigma_{h}$ $\sigma_{v} = 0.022 z$	
Sensitivity case	$\sigma_{H} = 2.5 + 2.0 \sigma_{v}$ $\sigma_{h} = 0.7 \sigma_{H}$ $\sigma_{v} = 0.024 z$	$\sigma_{H} = 1.5 + 2.0 \sigma_{v}$ $\sigma_{h} = 0.7 \sigma_{H}$ $\sigma_{v} = 0.022 z$	

Notes: σ_H = Major horizontal stress (MPa), σ_h = Minor horizontal stress (MPa), σ_v = Vertical stress (MPa), z = Depth below ground surface (m). Taken from de Ambrosis & Clarke (2014).

5.6 Analysis Summary

Table 4 summarises the analyses undertaken to assess excavation induced ground movements around ECRL tunnels.

Table 4 – Analyses Summary

Run ID	Descriptions
Run 01	 Base Case Elastic model with material properties as per Section 5.4 Base case in-situ stresses case as per Section 5.5
Run 02	 Sensitivity Case Elastic model with material properties as per Section 5.4 Sensitivity in-situ stresses case as per Section 5.5

6. Results of Analyses

The results of the two analyses are presented in this report. The outputs of the analyses showing vertical displacement contours at the final excavation stage, and following application of a nominal building load are provided in Appendix B.

We have selected 4 points at each of the two tunnels as shown on Inset 3 below and tabulated the predicted total displacement in Table 5.



Inset 3: Displacement Query locations

Table 5 – Summary of Maximum Tunnel Vertical Displacement

Tunnel	Point ID	At the end of basement excavation (mm)		Following application of building load (mm)	
		Run 01	Run 02	Run 01	Run 02
	1	<1	2	<1	2
ECRL Down Tunnel	2	<1	<1	<1	<1
	3	<1	1	<1	1
	4	<1	1	<1	1
	5	<1	3	<1	3
ECRL Up Tunnel	6	<1	1	<1	1
	7	<1	1	<1	1
	8	<1	1	<1	1

Note: Positive vertical displacement indicates upward movement (i.e. heave).

7. Preliminary Assessment of Ground Movement in Relation to Rail Tunnels

The potential impacts on existing ECRL Tunnels have been assessed against the criteria set out in Section 9.1.2 of the Sydney Metro Guideline.

Section 9.1.2 of the Sydney Metro Guideline states.

"For metro cast in-situ cavern and tunnel concrete linings, the allowable total movement in any direction is 10 mm and differential movement in any plane is 10 mm or 1:2000 whichever is less."

The analysis results reported above indicates that the calculated displacement at the ECRL is generally less than 1 mm, with a maximum of 3mm, which is less than the allowable movement limit.

The calculated differential deformations along the horizontal and vertical axes for all of the runs are less than 1:2000 as stipulated by the Sydney Metro Guideline.

We note that we consider that our analyses are conservative as:

- The models adopt the high end of the stress range measured in Sydney. This is typically in the north south direction. The proposed basement excavation occurs somewhat north west of the tunnel alignment.
- The analysis has assumed plane strain two dimensional conditions. In reality the section modelled is through the corner of the excavation. Three dimensional effects are such that the actual deformations at the tunnel are expected to be less 50% to 70% of those calculated in the analyses.

We conclude that at this stage we consider that the proposed basement excavation is feasible and is unlikely to have adverse effects on the rail tunnels.

Further work including assessment of the tunnel structural lining will need to be performed at a later stage to comply with the full requirements for engineering impact assessment as per Section 7.2 of the Sydney Metro Guideline. This will need to include a dilapidation survey and consideration of the current condition of the lining in the impact assessment.

8. Closure

Section 4 of this letter presents:

 An assessment of the protection reserves around the ECRL tunnels and their relation to the Site boundaries and proposed basement excavation. Note that we have considered the Sydney Metro substratum extents as shown on DP1046734 and DP1046912 drawings. Buyers should make their own enquiries with a register surveyor to confirm the extent of this substratum. This may indicate that the first reserve extends past the boundaries shown on Figures 1 to 4. • A list of activities that are allowed and not allowed in each of the protection reserves. Proposed basement levels may need to be adjusted to not encroach on the First Reserve. This might lead in the basement depth limited to a depth of approximately 5m.

This indicates to us that the proposed development is permitted subject to approval by Sydney Metro following completion of an impact assessment as per Section 7.2 of the Sydney Metro Guideline.

Section 6 presents details and results of initial numerical analyses to investigate the potential effects of the proposed excavation and building loads on the ECRL tunnels. The analyses, whilst preliminary in their nature, indicate to us that future detailed impact assessments as per Section 7.2 of the Sydney Metro Guidelines are likely to demonstrate acceptable impacts due to the proposed development on the ECRL tunnels.

Nevertheless, we reiterate that as per the Sydney Metro Guideline further work will need to be undertaken at design and construction stage to confirm the impacts on the tunnels as per Section 7.2 of the Sydney Metro Guideline.

As a minimum this will need to include:

- Detailed survey plan showing the boundaries of proposed development, rail corridor and Sydney Metro easements or substratum extent
- Details of development (e.g. excavation extent, support system and building loads)
- Site investigation to confirm subsurface conditions
- Review of as-built drawings of ECRL tunnels
- Dilapidation survey
- Detailed numerical analysis
- Structural assessment
- Risk assessment
- Noise and vibration assessment
- Instrumentation and monitoring plan
- Remedial action.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have further queries.

Yours Sincerely

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Figure 1	Plan view
Figure 2	Section view
Figure 3	Numerical model geometry
Appendix A	Deposited Plan Drawings
Appendix B	Numerical Modelling Displacement Results



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Notes:

The protection reserves are in accordance with Sydney Metro Underground Corridor Protection Technical Guidelines, version 2.0, April 2021 for the Sydney Metro tunnels. The extent is indicative only.

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Appendix A Deposited Plan Drawings

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Appendix B Numerical Modelling Displacement Results



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