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For the attention of : - Chris Hansen

Dear Chris,

## **Northpoint Tower Structural Engineering Consultant Advice Note 007 Sydney Metro**

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Further to your recent request, we have reviewed the proposed Sydney Metro plans and provide a section showing the approximate level of the new bored tunnels relative to the Northpoint basement level. The tunnel alignment appears to be at least 12m beneath the lowest basement level at Northpoint.

The commercial tower at Northpoint sits on a rock pedestal at level 6 with the basement carpark being excavated around this pedestal. Based on discussions with Jim Forrest of our office who worked on the original Northpoint project in the early 1970's, we understand that a number of issue were encountered during the excavation works to expose this pedestal. These issues related to stress relief of the pedestal during excavation and the presence of seams and soft layers running through the pedestal. As a result of these seams and soft layers, a significant underpinning exercise was undertaken to enhance the vertical capacity of the pedestal. A concrete buttress (some 11m x 8m in section) was also constructed in the south east corner of the pedestal to bridge the seam. These works are shown on the existing Ove Arup structural drawings for the project. I attach a marked up set of extracts from the available existing structural drawings showing the principles of these works. We can provide a full set of all available relevant drawings if required.

Given that the Northpoint tower foundations lie within the TfNSW typical zone of influence, we believe that it would be prudent to make a formal submission alerting the tunnel designers to the remedial works that were undertaken on the site.

We have also had brief discussions on the matter with Paul Hewitt and Dr. David Och of Parsons Brinkerhoff and they both support the position that a formal submission should be made.

I trust this satisfies your requirements at this point.

Should you have any comments or queries on the above, please don't hesitate to contact me.



Yours Sincerely,

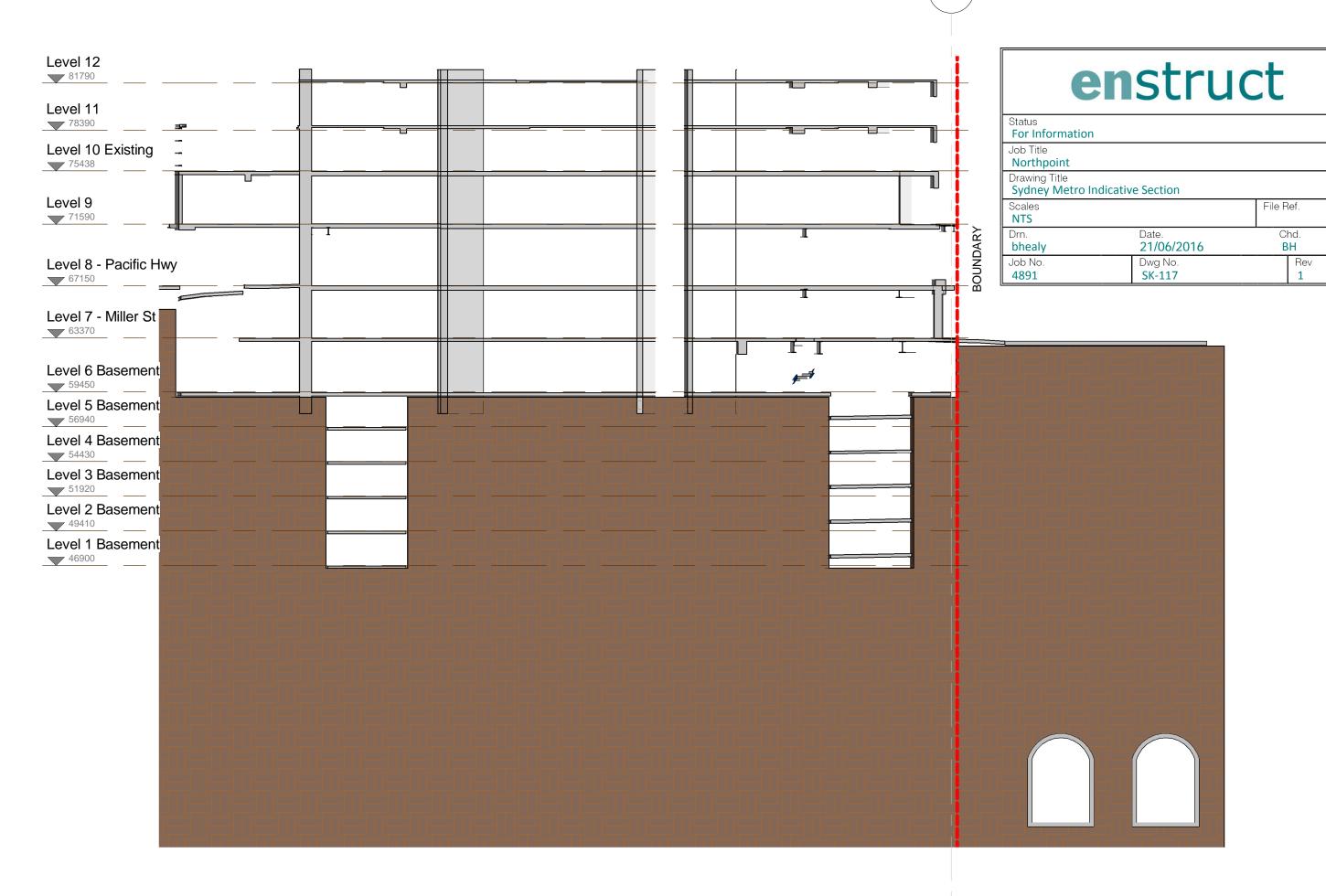
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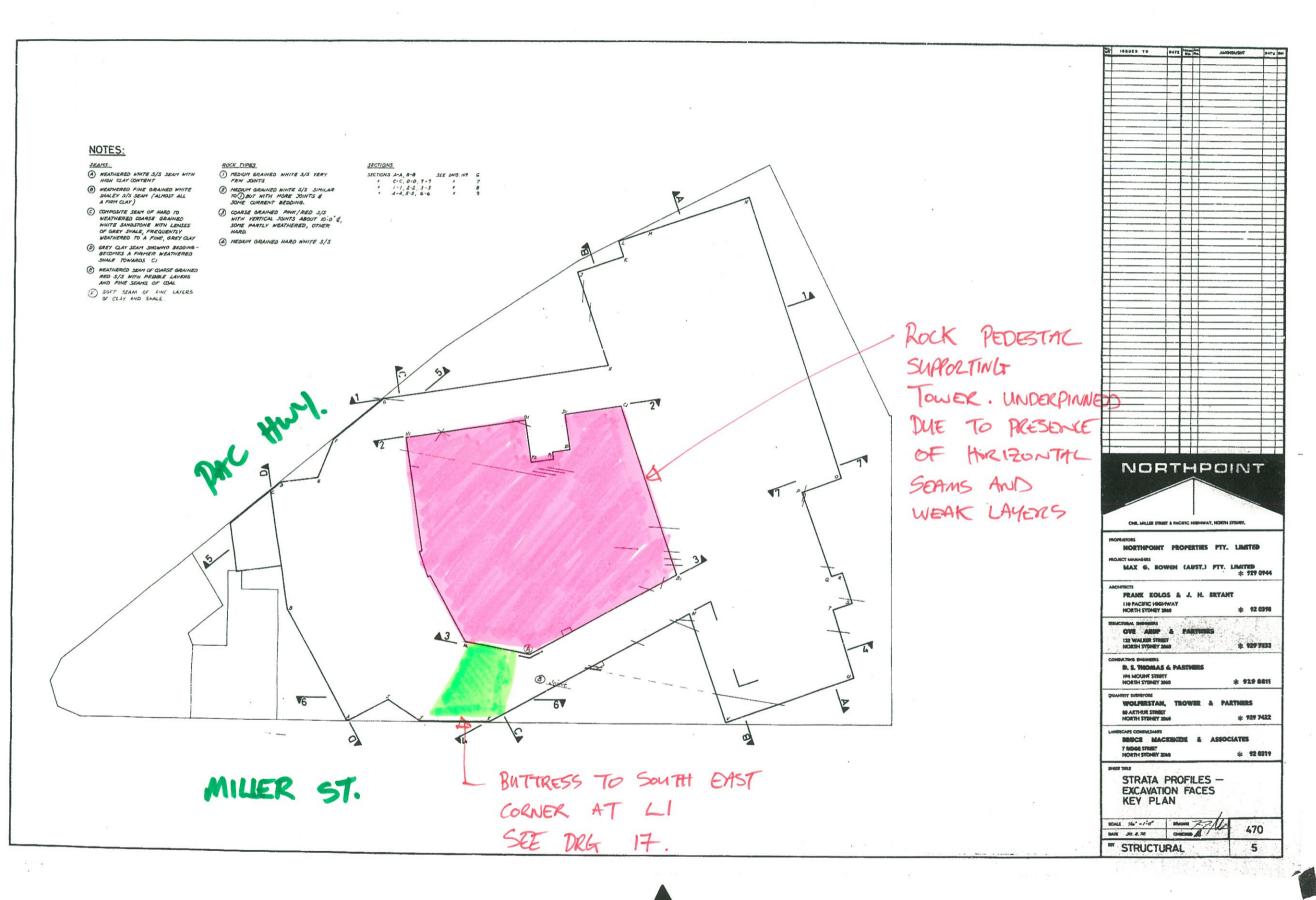
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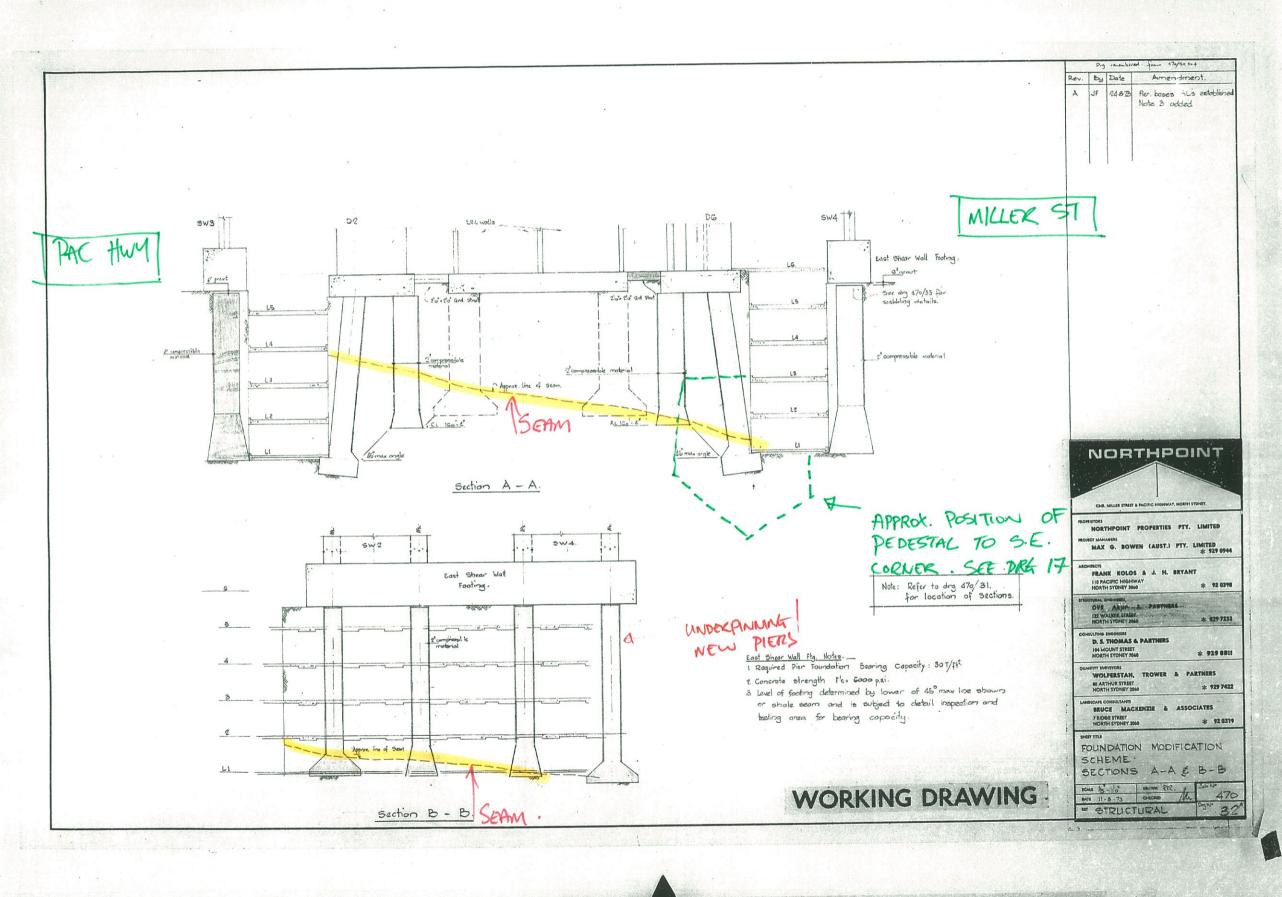
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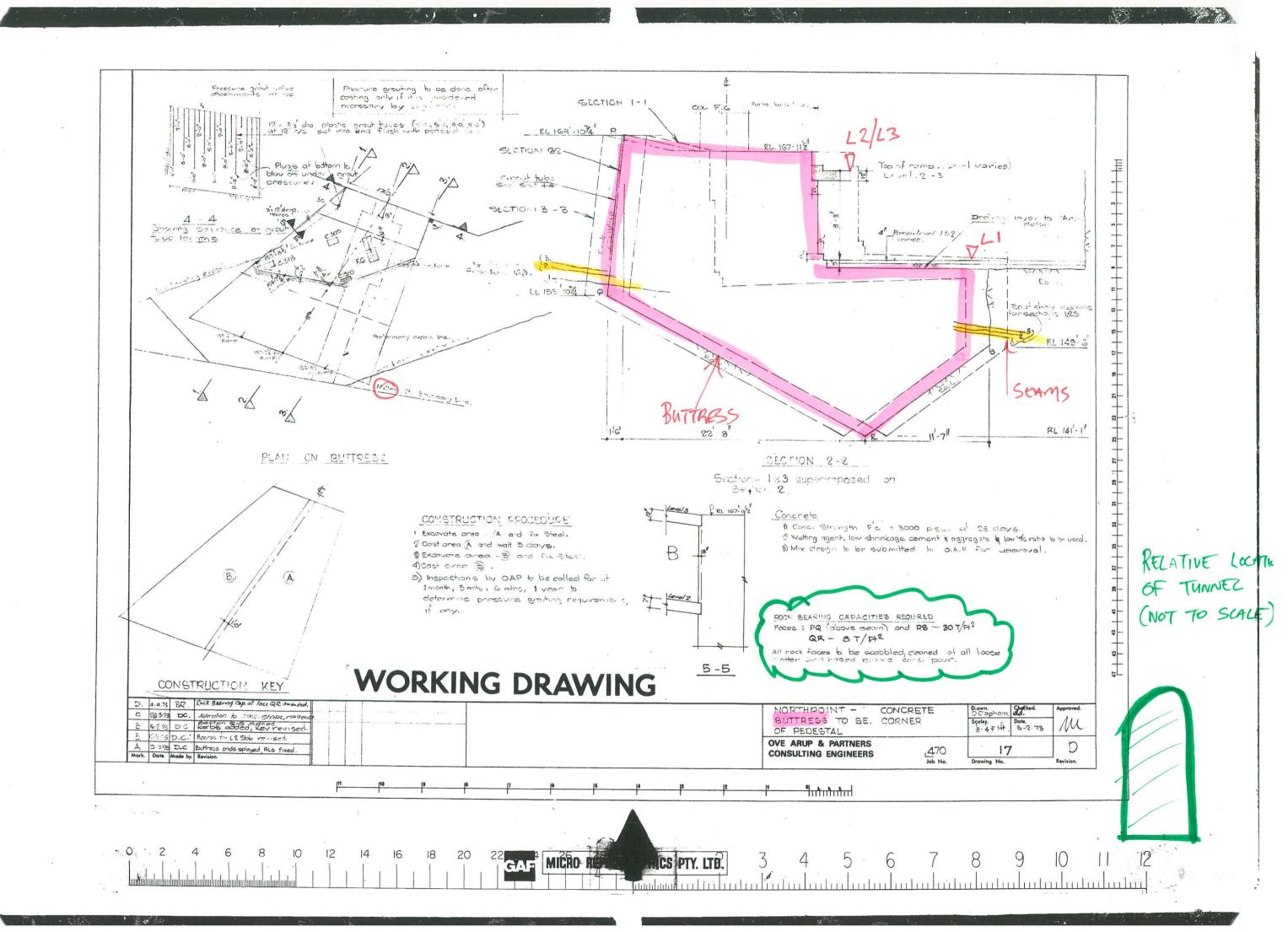
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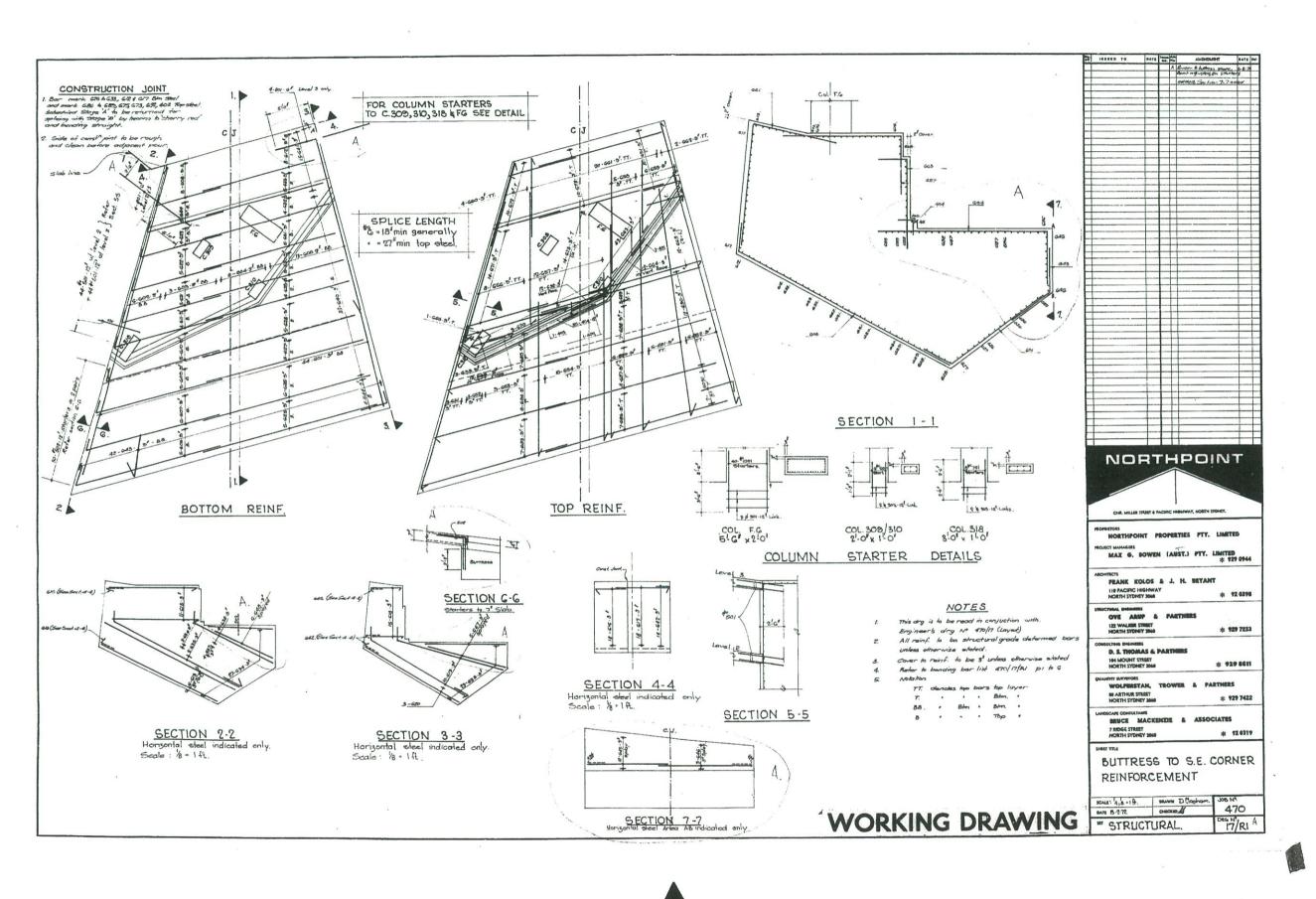
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