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Dear Sir,

Euroley Poultry Production Complex - Groundwater Drilling and Testing

1 Introduction

ProTen Holdings Pty Limited (ProTen) is seeking development consent for the Euroley Poultry Production Complex around 26 km northwest of Narrandera in the Riverina region of New South Wales. The development will require approximately 460 ML/year (1.26 ML/day or 14.6 L/s averaged over a year) of groundwater during operations, which is to be sourced from two production bores proposed to be established within the development site (**Figure 1**). The bores will extract from the deep aquifer source known as the Calivil Formation.

The NSW Office of Water (NOW) submission dated 7 July 2015 raised the following:

- 3. It is recommended that proper pump testing be carried out to confirm bore yields at the proposed sites to confirm water supply security; and*
- 5. The assessment of potential impacts of 460 ML extraction on nearby bores is considered inadequate and it is recommended that the analytic model be re-run to assess the impact of extraction using modified aquifer parameters and a longer pumping period (i.e. 2,000 days).*

This letter report presents the results of the drilling and pump testing program of the two groundwater production bores, and presents revised groundwater impact predictions based on the project-specific pump test analysis.

2 Drilling Program

ProTen engaged Watson Drilling of Deniliquin to undertake the drilling and bore construction program, and engaged SLR Consulting (SLR) to provide hydrogeological support during the program. Bore drilling and construction was undertaken by a NSW licensed Class 4 driller, and according to the *Minimum Construction Requirements for Water Bores in Australia, Third Edition, February 2012*".

The drilling program targeted the Calivil Formation aquifer, which lies beneath around 50 m of the Shepparton Formation at the development site. The Shepparton Formation in turn is overlain by 4 to 5 m of topsoil and weathered silty clay, which provides low permeability cover to the Shepparton Formation. The 4m of surficial topsoil and silty clay will provide a significant attenuation barrier to any migration of water from surface operations to both the clayey Shepparton Formation, and the deeper Calivil Formation.

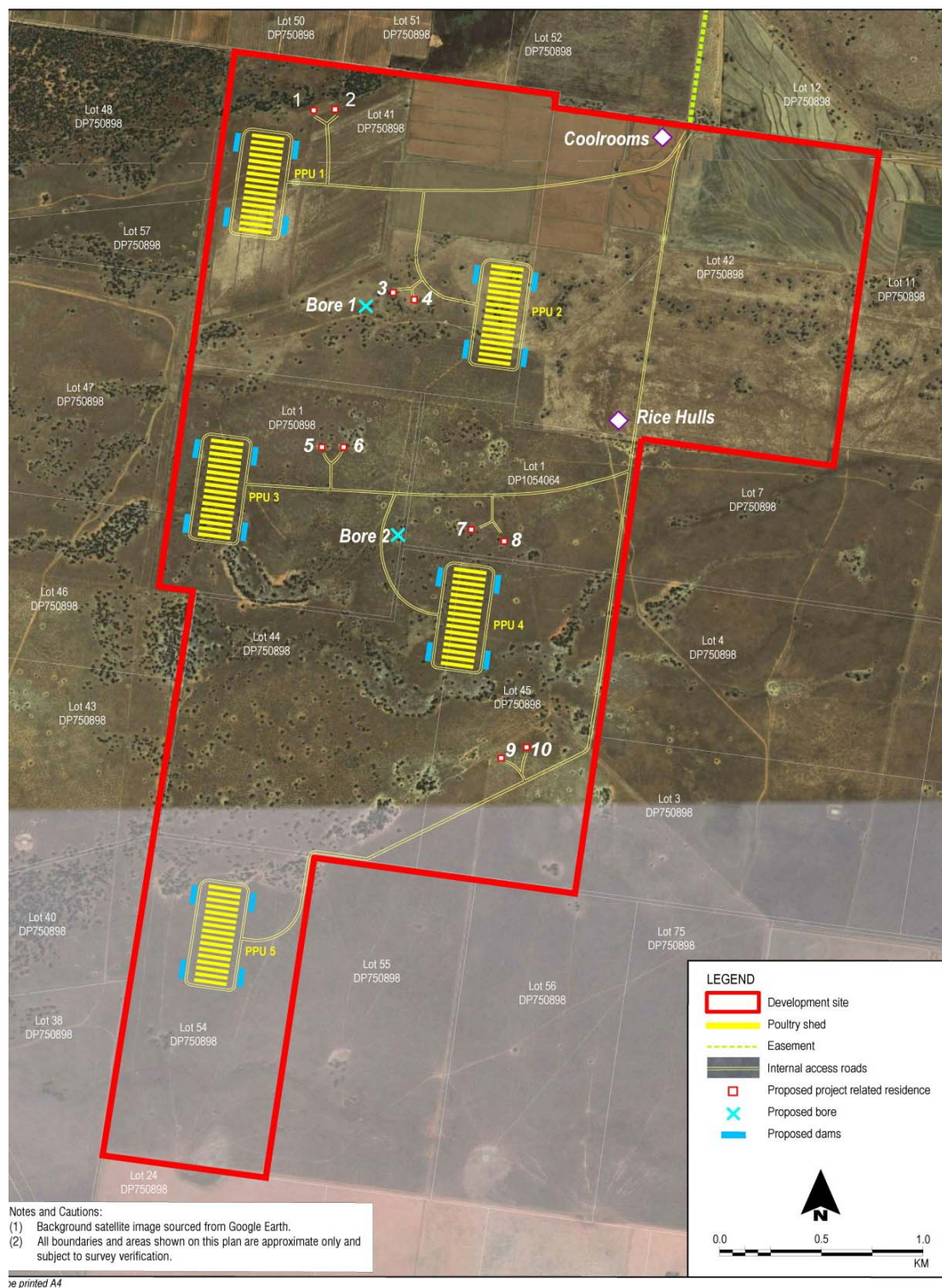


Figure 1 Development Concept Plan

Locality information for the two new production bores is provided in **Table 1**.

Table 1 Drilling locality information

Bore ID	Easting (GDA94)	Northing (GDA94)
Bore 1	430623	6157517
Bore 2	430780	6156352

In general, the drilling and bore construction process involved:

- Drilling of a pilot hole at 6 inch diameter to intersect the Calivil Formation aquifer using mud-rotary methods
- Design of screen intervals and slot size to suit the lithology encountered
- Reaming of the pilot hole to accept uPVC Cl.18 production casing and 316SS screens, both of 9 inch diameter
- Installation of production casing and screens in an in-line fashion
- Cementing the production casing in place
- Development by jetting with water and airlifting

Lithological drilling logs prepared by SLR are provided in **Appendix A**. A summary of the bore construction information is provided in **Table 2**.

Table 2 Bore drilling and construction information

Bore ID	Total Drilled Depth (mBGL)	Top of Calivil Formation (mBGL)	Base of Calivil Formation (mBGL)	Well Screens (ss wire-wound)		Standing Water Level (mBGL)
				Aperture	Setting (mBGL)	
Bore 1	78	54	not drilled	0.050"	57-79	24.48
				0.060"	59-60	
				0.040"	64-65	
				0.050"	65-66	
				0.060"	66-71	
				0.070"	71-73	
Bore 2	107	54	100	0.060"	73-75	24.22
				0.070"	75-77	
				0.040"	85-91	
				0.050"	91-93	

The target Calivil Formation was intersected at 54 m depth/below ground level (BGL) at both drilling locations (located ~1.2 km apart), lying immediately below the Shepparton Formation and noted to be 24 m thick at Bore 1 and 46 m thick at Bore 2, although its entire thickness was not drilled in Bore 1. However at Bore 2, the Renmark Group was intersected below the Calivil Formation at 100 m depth, giving a total formation thickness of 46 m. The interpreted depths of the formation intersections are consistent with depths identified in relevant literature (eg CSIRO, 1997). In the two drilling locations, the Calivil Formation consisted of medium to coarse grained clean white quartzose sands, interbedded with thin clayey horizons.

3 Testing Program

ProTen engaged Wayne Kempton Bore Pumps of Deniliquin to undertake the bore testing program (ie pump test) under the guidance of SLR. Testing was undertaken according to *AS 2368-1990 Test Pumping of Water Wells*. Testing comprised:

- A single constant rate test on Bore 1 at a rate of 45 L/s (i.e. well in excess of the long term forecast water demand and licensed extraction of the development) for 48 hours, with drawdown monitored in both Bore 1 and Bore 2 using electronic data loggers and e-tapes. The constant rate test was undertaken with the objective of obtaining reliable estimates of the aquifer hydraulic properties of transmissivity and storativity.
- A short monitored recovery test following the constant rate test, with recovery monitored in Bore 1 using an electronic data logger and an e-tape. The recovery test was undertaken with the objective of obtaining additional data on aquifer hydraulic properties.

The results of the pumping test indicate that the aquifer has sufficient capacity to support the long term licensed pumping demand of 1.26 ML/day and can support significantly higher rates of extraction. The pumped bore recorded a maximum drawdown of only 4.18 m after 2 days of pumping at 45 L/s (3.89 ML/d), with the observation bore located almost 1.2 km away recording a maximum of 0.44 m drawdown.

Analysis of the pumping test data has been undertaken by SLR using the following published solutions (Kruseman & de Ridder, 1994):

- Cooper-Jacob straight-line method (pumping data, pumping bore and observation bore)
- Theis recovery straight-line method (recovery data, pumping bore only)

As an additional means to cross check the results of the above straight-line methods analysis, fitting of the drawdown curve from the observation bore against a theoretical Theis analytical drawdown curve was also undertaken. This curve fitting method provides a means to cross-check that the results obtained from the straight-line analysis methods are valid.

The analyses are presented in **Appendix B** and a summary of the results of the pumping test analysis are provided in **Table 3**.

Table 3 Aquifer testing analysis results

Pumped Bore ID	Observation Bore	Transmissivity (m ² /d)	Storativity
Bore 1	Bore 1	3,389 (pumping, Cooper-Jacob)	n/a
		3,953 (Theis recovery)	n/a
	Bore 2	3,389 (pumping, Cooper-Jacob)	3.45 x 10 ⁻⁴
		3,350 (pumping, Theis curve fitting)	3.30 x 10 ⁻⁴
	Geometric mean	3,512	3.4 x 10 ⁻⁴

The aquifer test analysis indicates that the transmissivity of the Calivil Formation aquifer is about 3,400 m²/day in the development area, and storativity is around 3.4 x 10⁻⁴. This compares to theoretical values of 1,500 m²/day for transmissivity and 1 x 10⁻⁴ for storativity that were used in the EIS for predictive modelling purposes. The difference in these values indicates that in the development area, the Calivil Formation aquifer appears more transmissive than general literature values.

Aquifer test results also show the influence of aquifer boundaries on response to pumping, as evidenced by a change in slope on the log-linear drawdown plot from the pumped bore after around 1,000 minutes of pumping, and the departure from the theoretical Theis analytical drawdown curve for the observation bore after 2,000 minutes of pumping. Such aquifer boundaries are considered to be a result of thinning or pinching out of the screened sand units within the Calivil Formation, given the fluvial depositional environment of the sediments.

4 Analytical Modelling

The aquifer parameters obtained from the testing program as outlined in **Section 3** have been input to an analytical model using the Theis distance-drawdown equation to determine likely groundwater drawdown resulting from operation of the development. The modelling assumes the following parameters:

- Pumping rate of 1.26 ML/day, equivalent to the development's proposed extraction of approximately 460 ML/year (see **Section 1**)
- Pumping from only Bore 1 (see **Section 2**), rather than splitting the 1.26 ML/day extraction over two bores, to provide the most conservative estimate of groundwater drawdown
- Transmissivity of 3,512 m²/day and storativity of 3.37×10^{-4} as per the results of the aquifer testing program (see **Section 3**)
- Pumping duration of 2,000 days, to provide an indication of the long term groundwater drawdown impacts

The results of the analytical model are presented in **Figure 2** below, and show a predicted long term drawdown of maximum 0.8 m in the immediate vicinity of the pumping bore, with the 0.5 m drawdown radius extending only around 110 m from the pumping bore. The results of the pump test indicate that the groundwater abstraction production levels will not significantly affect surrounding bores on adjacent properties or impact groundwater levels in excess of the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy thresholds.

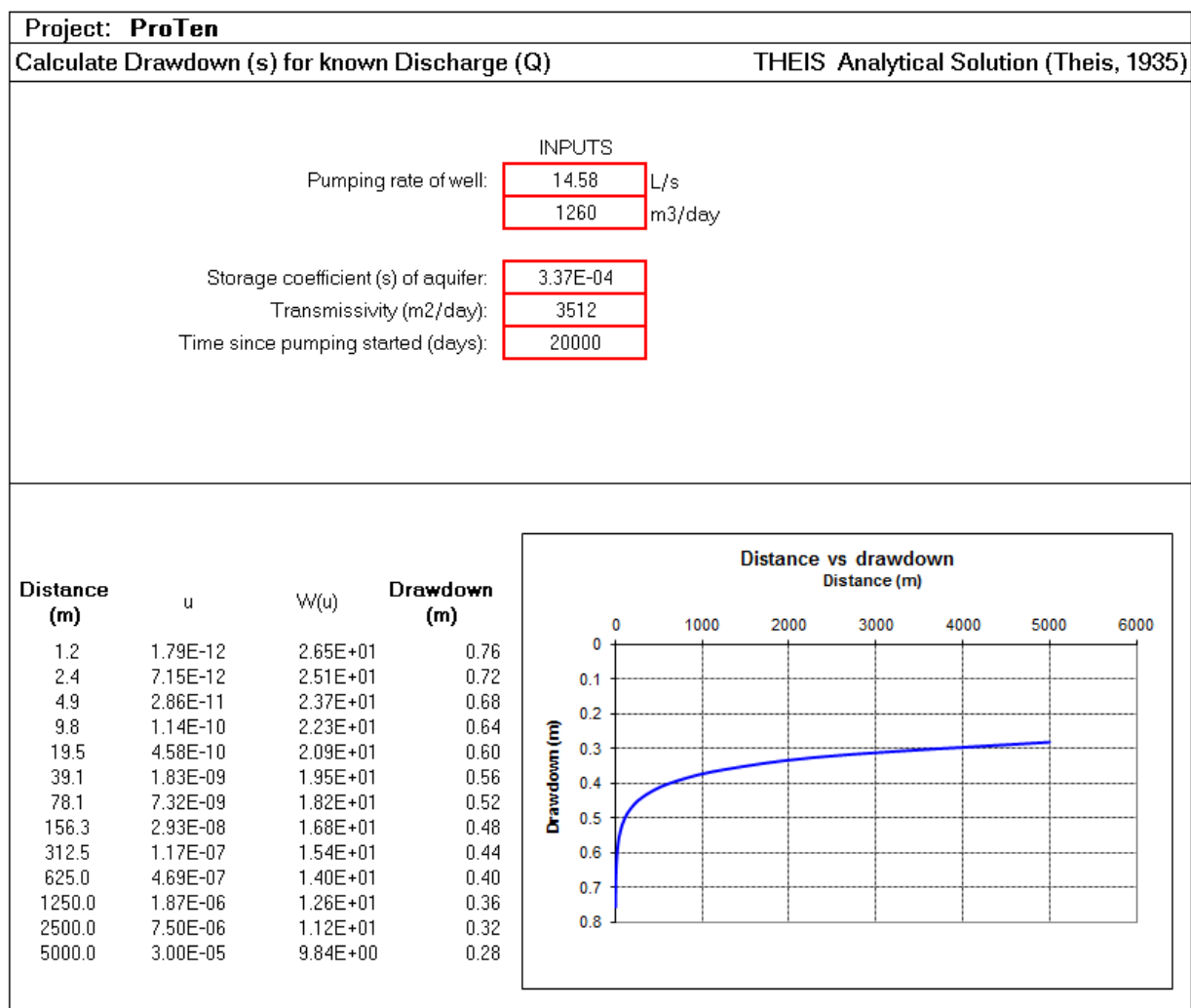


Figure 2 Analytical Model Predictions

5 Conclusions

The drilling of the wells shows the stratigraphy to include surficial topsoil and silty clay (4-5m thick), above the Shepparton Formation (generally sandy clay, and approximately 50m thick) above the Calivil Formation (generally quartzose sand). The focus of this report is to assess the hydrogeological characteristics of the deeper Calivil Formation, rather than assessing the surface hydrogeology. However, it is noted that the 4 to 5m of surficial topsoil and silty clay will provide a significant attenuation barrier to any migration of water from surface operations to both the clayey Shepparton Formation and the deeper Calivil Formation.

The results of the pumping test indicate that the Calivil Formation aquifer has sufficient capacity to support the development's water supply requirements of approximately 1.26 ML/day and can support significantly higher rates of extraction. The achieved yields indicate the proposed development has demonstrated appropriate water supply security.

The pump test analysis indicates that the groundwater abstraction production levels will not significantly affect surrounding bores on adjacent properties or impact groundwater levels in excess of the NSW Aquifer Interference Policy thresholds. This analysis has also considered longer term impacts of 2,000 days, as discussed with NOW, and has found that the site-specific pump test shows the Calivil Formation to be more transmissive than general hydrogeological literature previously suggests in this area.

Yours sincerely



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6 References

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Appendix A – Drilling Summary Reports

Water Bore Drilling Summary Report

Bore 1

Spudded: 07-04-2015	Report Date: 21-07-2015
TD Reached: 07-04-2015	Job: ProTen - Euroley
Rig Release	Job No: 610.14072
Well Name.: Bore 1	Co-ordinates (GDA94): 430623 e
Tenure: n/a	6157517 n
Target Formation: Calivil Formation	Elevation:
Predicted TD (m GL): 90	Logging hydrogeologist: Derwin Lyons
Drilling Co./Rig: Watson Drilling	TD Reached (m GL): 78

Stratigraphy

Depth (m GL)			Unit
From	To	Thickness	
0	1	1	Topsoil
1	54	53	Shepparton Formation
54	78	24	Calivil Formation

Cuttings Description

Depth (m GL)			Description
From	To	Thickness	
0.0	1.0	1.0	CLAY, brown; some fine-medium grained sand
1.0	3.0	2.0	CLAY, medium grey/brown and/orange mottled, firm
3.0	4.0	1.0	SILTY CLAY, brown, some sand
4.0	7.0	3.0	CLAYEY SAND, red-brown, fine to medium grained
7.0	8.0	1.0	SILTY SAND, fine grained, orange-brown
8.0	9.0	1.0	CLAY, light grey and orange, firm
9.0	11.0	2.0	SAND, medium to coarse grained, moderately well sorted, moderately well rounded, lithic, orange-brown
11.0	12.0	1.0	SAND, medium grained, clean, well sorted, orange-brown
12.0	13.0	1.0	CLAYEY SAND, fine grained, orange
13.0	15.0	2.0	SILTY CLAY, orange and grey mottled, firmer with less silt towards base
15.0	16.0	1.0	SAND, fine to coarse grained, poorly sorted, lithic, orange
16.0	17.0	1.0	CLAYEY SAND, medium to coarse grained, orange-brown
17.0	31.0	14.0	CLAY, firm, orange-brown, some light grey clay. Occasional stiff red clay and siltier clay horizons
31.0	35.0	4.0	SILTY CLAY, orange-brown
35.0	36.0	1.0	CLAYEY SAND, medium grained, orange
36.0	37.0	1.0	GRAVELLY SAND, loose, angular lithic grains
37.0	39.0	2.0	SAND, fine to coarse grained, poorly sorted, moderately angular, light brown
39.0	41.0	2.0	GRAVELLY CLAY, dark orange-brown with up to 1cm diameter moderately rounded lithics. Gravel decreases with depth
41.0	43.0	2.0	SANDY CLAY, coarse grained sand in stiff dark orange-brown clay matrix
43.0	44.0	1.0	CLAYEY SAND, firm, orange-brown
44.0	46.0	2.0	CLAY, stiff, brown
46.0	49.0	3.0	CLAY, stiff, brown, mottled with red & grey clay
49.0	51.0	2.0	CLAY, stiff, brown
51.0	54.0	3.0	CLAY, stiff, brown, mottled with grey clay, minor sand 52-53m
54.0	57.0	3.0	SAND, medium grained, clean, well sorted, angular grains, orange. Coarsening with depth
57.0	58.0	1.0	SAND, coarse grained, clean, sub-rounded, moderate sorting, orange and white
58.0	60.0	2.0	GRAVELLY SAND, coarse grained, clean, sub-rounded, orange and white
60.0	62.0	2.0	GRAVELLY SAND, clayey, sub-angular gravels up to 5mm diameter, orange. Lithic. Gravel decreasing with depth
62.0	63.0	1.0	CLAY, gravelly, orange
63.0	64.0	1.0	SAND, fine to medium grained, clean, orange
64.0	65.0	1.0	SAND, medium to coarse grained, moderately sorted, clean, orange-white
65.0	67.0	2.0	SAND, coarse to gravelly, quartz rich, clean, sub-angular, orange
67.0	68.0	1.0	SAND and GRAVEL, poorly sorted, clean, sub-rounded gravels, white-orange
68.0	69.0	1.0	SAND, medium to coarse grained, quartz rich, moderate sorting, clean, orange-white
69.0	70.0	1.0	SAND, coarse to gravelly, clean, sub-angular, white
70.0	71.0	1.0	SAND, fine to coarse grained, poorly sorted, some sub-rounded gravels to 5mm diameter, clean, orange
71.0	72.0	1.0	SAND, medium to coarse grained, white-orange
72.0	73.0	1.0	SANDY GRAVEL, quartz rich, agular, clean, white-orange
73.0	75.0	2.0	SAND, medium to coarse grained, some fine quartz gravels, white-orange
75.0	76.0	1.0	CLAYEY SAND, medium to coarse grained, orange
76.0	78.0	2.0	CLAY, with some rounded gravels, white

Bit log		Mud Log		Well Construction log			
Depth (m GL)	Type	Depth (m GL)	Description	Depth (m GL)	Material/grade	Diameter/size/type	Purpose
0-78	6" blade	0-78	Bentonite mud (Aus-gel)	0-57	uPVC CI 18	225 mm DN	Bore Casing
0-73	12" blade			57-59	SS wedge-wire	225mm DN, 0.05" slot	Well Screen
				59-60	SS wedge-wire	225mm DN, 0.06" slot	Well Screen
				60-64	uPVC CI 18	225 mm DN	Bore Casing
				64-65	SS wedge-wire	225mm DN, 0.04" slot	Well Screen
				65-66	SS wedge-wire	225mm DN, 0.05" slot	Well Screen
				66-71	SS wedge-wire	225mm DN, 0.06" slot	Well Screen
				71-73	SS wedge-wire	225mm DN, 0.07" slot	Well Screen
				52	Cement basket	12"	Cement plug
				73-78	Cuttings backfill (natural)		Rathole backfill
				0-52	Cement	5% bentonite	Annular seal
				52-73	Natural development		Filter pack

Testing

Observations

Water Strike (m GL)	Airlift yield (L/s)	Salinity	SWL (mTOC)	Other observations

Water Bore Drilling Summary Report

Bore 2

Spudded: 22-07-2015	Report Date: 22-07-2015
TD Reached: 29-07-2015	Job: ProTen - Euroley
Rig Release	Job No: 610.14072
Well Name.: Bore 2	Co-ordinates (GDA94): 430780
Tenure: n/a	6156352
Target Formation: Calivil Formation	Elevation:
Predicted TD (m GL): 90	Logging hydrogeologist: Derwin Lyons
Drilling Co./Rig: Watson Drilling	TD Reached (m GL): 107

Stratigraphy			
Depth (m GL)			Unit
From	To	Thickness	
0	5	5	Topsoil & weathering
5	54	49	Shepparton Formation
54	100	46	Calivil Formation
100	107	>7	Renmark Group

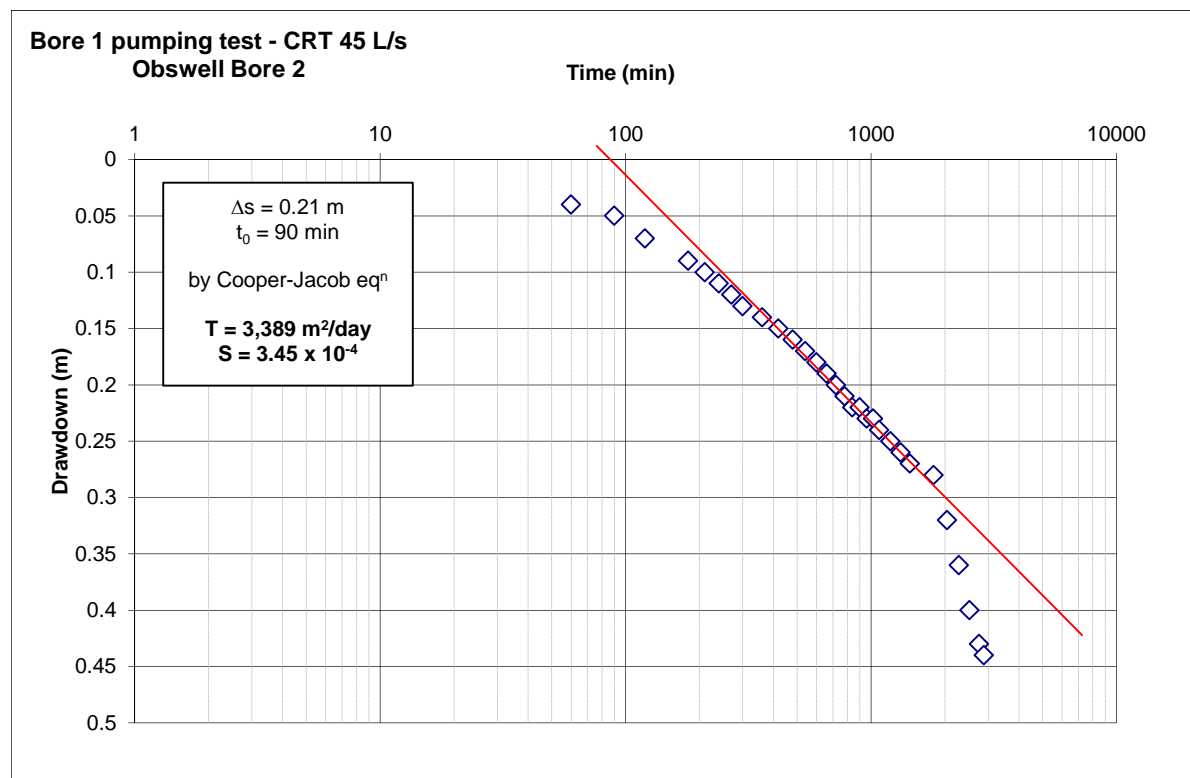
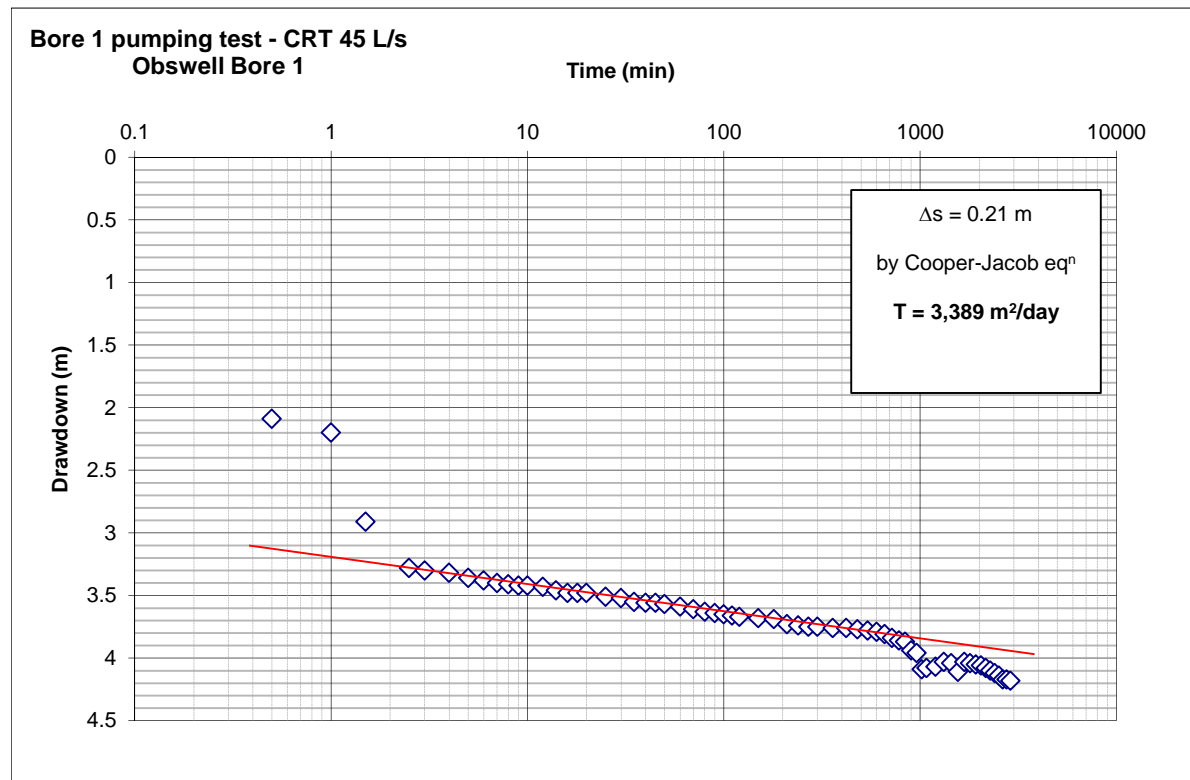
Cuttings Description			Description
Depth (m GL)			
From	To	Thickness	
0.0	1.0	1.0	SILTY CLAY, dark brown and light grey mottled
1.0	2.0	1.0	CLAY, firm, light brown to dark grey
2.0	4.0	2.0	SILTY CLAY, light brown to grey
4.0	5.0	1.0	SANDY CLAY, fine grained sand in light brown to grey mottled clay matrix
5.0	6.0	1.0	SILTY CLAY, light brown to grey
6.0	16.0	10.0	CLAY, firm to stiff, grey. Some light brown-orange fine sand and silt with depth
16.0	17.0	1.0	SILTY SAND, fine grained, light brown to orange
17.0	18.0	1.0	GRAVEL, very coarse. Up to 2cm diameter pebbly lithics, moderately well rounded, poorly sorted.
18.0	19.0	1.0	GRAVEL, fine to coarse, lithics up to 1cm diameter. Poorly sorted, well rounded.
19.0	20.0	1.0	GRAVEL, medium to coarse lithics, clean, well rounded.
20.0	21.0	1.0	CLAY, firm, orange. 50% gravel inclusions likely hole fall-in from above
21.0	23.0	2.0	CLAY, firm, orange, with 50% very stiff red clay
23.0	24.0	1.0	CLAYEY SAND, coarse grained, well sorted, orange
24.0	25.0	1.0	SILTY SAND, coarse grained, well sorted, orange
25.0	27.0	2.0	SAND, coarse, clean, orange. Some rounded fine gravel
27.0	29.0	2.0	SANDY CLAY, firm, orange-brown and grey
29.0	30.0	1.0	SILTY SAND, coarse grained, with some fine to medium gravels. Orange
30.0	33.0	3.0	GRAVEL, fine to medium grading to coarse with depth, moderately rounded lithics, poorly sorted. Orange
33.0	37.0	4.0	CLAY, firm to stiff, light grey
37.0	38.0	1.0	SANDY CLAY, orange-brown
38.0	39.0	1.0	CLAYEY SAND, medium to coarse grained, orange-brown
39.0	40.0	1.0	SILTY SAND, medium to coarse grained, lithic. Orange-brown
40.0	41.0	1.0	GRAVELLY SAND, coarse grained, clean, orange.
41.0	43.0	2.0	SILTY SAND, medium to coarse grained, becoming clayey towards base. Light brown
43.0	44.0	1.0	SANDY CLAY, coarse grained sand grains, orange-brown
44.0	47.0	3.0	CLAY, stiff, red-brown to light brown. Thin hard dark grey to black laminations up to 3mm thick
47.0	49.0	2.0	CLAY, stiff, red-brown to light brown.
49.0	52.0	3.0	CLAY, firm, light brown & grey
52.0	53.0	1.0	CLAYEY SAND, coarse grained, quartzose, well sorted, light brown-orange
53.0	54.0	1.0	SAND, very coarse grained, moderately well sorted, quartzose and lithic, clean, orange-grey
54.0	58.0	4.0	SAND, coarse to very coarse grained, moderately well sorted, quartzose and lithic, clean, light grey to white
58.0	59.0	1.0	SANDY CLAY, firm, orange-brown. Coarse well sorted quartzose sand grains.
59.0	63.0	4.0	CLAY, firm to stiff, orange to light orange
63.0	64.0	1.0	CLAY, soft, orange to light orange
64.0	65.0	1.0	CLAY, firm, orange to light orange
65.0	66.0	1.0	SILTY SAND, medium grained, dark orange
66.0	67.0	1.0	CLAYEY SILTY SAND, medium grained, dark orange
67.0	68.0	1.0	CLAYEY SILTY SAND, coarse grained, dark orange
68.0	69.0	1.0	SAND, coarse to gravelly, quartzose, poorly sorted, moderately rounded, clean, orange
69.0	70.0	1.0	GRAVELLY SAND, quartzose with minor lithics, moderately well sorted, clean, white
70.0	71.0	1.0	SAND, medium to coarse grained with minor gravels, quartzose with minor lithics, moderately well sorted, clean, white-orange
71.0	73.0	2.0	GRAVELLY SAND, coarse grained, well sorted, moderately well rounded, clean, orange
73.0	75.0	2.0	GRAVELLY SAND, coarse grained, well sorted, moderately well rounded, clean, white-orange to white
75.0	76.0	1.0	GRAVELLY SAND, very coarse grained, well sorted, moderately well rounded, clean, white
76.0	77.0	1.0	GRAVELLY SAND, very coarse grained, well sorted, moderately well rounded, clean, orange
77.0	79.0	2.0	CLAYEY GRAVEL, well sorted, well rounded, white-orange
79.0	80.0	1.0	SANDY GRAVEL, coarse grained, clean, white-orange
80.0	83.0	3.0	CLAYEY SAND, coarse grained, quartzose and lithic, orange-brown
83.0	84.0	1.0	SAND, fine to gravelly, poorly sorted, angular, quartzose, clean, white
84.0	86.0	2.0	SAND, medium grained, poorly sorted, angular, quartzose, clean, white
86.0	89.0	3.0	SAND, medium to coarse grained, poorly sorted, angular, quartzose, clean, white
89.0	90.0	1.0	SAND, medium grained, poorly sorted, angular, quartzose with some lithics, clean, orange-white
90.0	91.0	1.0	SAND, medium to coarse grained, poorly sorted, angular, quartzose, clean, white
91.0	92.0	1.0	SAND, coarse grained, poorly sorted, angular, quartzose, clean, white
92.0	93.0	1.0	SAND, coarse grained, poorly sorted, angular, quartzose with some lithics, clean, orange-white
93.0	96.0	3.0	CLAYEY SAND, coarse grained, well sorted, well rounded, orange-white
96.0	98.0	2.0	CLAYEY SAND, silty, coarse grained, well sorted, well rounded, orange-white
98.0	100.0	2.0	CLAYEY SAND, coarse grained, well sorted, well rounded, dark orange-white
100.0	101.0	1.0	CLAYEY SAND, fine to medium grained, carbonaceous with some coal flecks, quartzose, well sorted, dark grey
101.0	102.0	1.0	SILTY SAND, medium grained, quartzose, well sorted, dark grey
102.0	103.0	1.0	SAND, medium grained, well sorted, quartzose, grey
103.0	104.0	1.0	SAND, fine to coarse grained, poorly sorted, quartzose, carbonaceous with some coal flecks, dark grey
104.0	106.0	2.0	SAND, medium to coarse grained, poorly sorted, quartzose, some carbonaceous flecks, dark grey
106.0	107.0	1.0	SAND, coarse grained, quartzose, moderately sorted, grey

Bit log		Mud Log		Well Construction log		
Depth (m GL)	Type	Depth (m GL)	Description	Depth (m GL)	Material/grade	Diameter/size/type
0-107	6" blade	0-107	Bentonite mud (Aus-gel)	0-73	uPVC CI 18	225 mm DN
0-93	12" blade			73-75	SS wedge-wire	225mm DN, 0.06" slot
				75-77	SS wedge-wire	225mm DN, 0.07" slot
				77-85	uPVC CI 18	225 mm DN
				85-91	SS wedge-wire	225mm DN, 0.04" slot
				91-93	SS wedge-wire	225mm DN, 0.05" slot
				68	Cement basket	12"
				93-107	Cuttings backfill (natural)	
				0-68	Cement	5% bentonite
				68-93	Natural development	Filter pack

Testing

Observations				
Water Strike (m GL)	Airlift yield (L/s)	Salinity	SWL (mTOC)	Other observations

Appendix B – Aquifer Test Analysis



Bore 1 pumping test - Recovery
Obswell Bore 1

