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# GUNNEDAH SOLAR PROJECT – PHASE 1 EARLY WORKS

## Introduction

### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Stantec Australia Pty Ltd (Stantec) has been retained by PCL Constructors Pacific Rim Pty Ltd. (PCL) to provide engineering services for the 147 MV Gunnedah Solar Project located at 765 Orange Grove Road, Gunnedah, New South Wales (NSW) (Site). The Site is located approximately 10 km north east of Gunnedah Township, 430 km north west of Sydney.

As part of an early works program, PCL has requested to produce 90% - Issued for Construction Drawings for the portion of the site access road from Orange Grove Road to the proposed substation pad. The access road is to provide construction access for the owner of the substation, TransGrid (TG), to the ultimate location of the substation pad. Ultimately this construction access will be used as the main access road to the Site.

This report documents Phase 1 of the Water Management Plan relating to the construction of the main access road to the substation to address Schedule 3.24 and 4.3 24 of the project's Development Consent (Application Number SSD 8658).

A water management plan addressing the remaining site area portions of the solar farm will be submitted for approval at a later date.

### 1.1 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

A list of resources referenced when completing this preliminary water management plan has been provided below for reference:

- *Gunnedah Solar Farm – Flood Risk Assessment*, Stantec Consulting Ltd, March 2020
- *Gunnedah Solar Farm Development Consent* – Independent Planning Commission of NSW, March 12, 2019
- *Australia Rainfall and Runoff (ARR)*, Geoscience Australia, 2019
- *Gunnedah Solar Farm Environmental Impact Statement*, Pitt & Sherry Pty Ltd., April 17, 2018
- *Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction* – Landcom, 2004

In addition to the above noted reference documentation various communications with project team members from Stantec, PCL and Canadian Solar (CS) were considered.



## 2.0 EXISTING CONDITIONS

Under existing conditions the current land use of the site is primarily agricultural being used for row crops.

### 2.1 TOPOGRAPHY

The project area is relatively flat with ground slopes in the 0.5% range. Ground surface elevations range from 256 to 280 metres above sea level (masl).

### 2.2 HYDROLOGY

In general, runoff from the site drains as shallow overland flow towards the west. There are no significant natural drainage features across the site. The entire site is bound by irrigation channels which are approximately 5 m wide, 2-3 metres deep with a negligible longitudinal slope. During runoff events water is stored within these channels until they are pumped for irrigation or water infiltrates/evaporates. Anecdotal evidence from PCL suggests that irrigation channels infiltrate/evaporate within 3 days to a week of a rainfall event.

#### 2.2.1 Flood Risk Assessment

An existing conditions flood risk assessment was completed by Pitt & Sherry Pty Ltd. (2018) and Stantec (2020) addressing requirements for regional and local flood modeling, respectively. These reports are available under separate cover. A summary of the local flood modeling completed for the installation of the access road (Phase 1) is included in Section 6 of this report.

### 2.3 SOILS AND HYDROGEOLOGY

Site soils are described in the EIS as “deep alluvial brown clays, typically comprising clay loam topsoil’s (sic) over clay loam to medium clay soils” (pitt&sherry, 2018). The EIS suggests the erosion potential of the site as low to moderate hazard for rill and gully erosion

Groundwater depths range from 6.7 to 7.6 m below ground surface (bgs) in the area. The Site is not designated as groundwater vulnerable under the Gunnedah Local Environment Plan (LEP).



## 3.0 PROPOSED CONDITIONS

The proposed access road consists of a 1.1 km long, 5.5 m to 6.5 m wide granular access road generally built at grade.

### 3.1 GRADING AND DRAINAGE STRATEGY

The proposed grade of the access road generally matches existing conditions elevations on site. In areas where the access road crosses a topographical low the access road has been designed to meet the existing low point and armoured with a hardened surface and/or road sealing to promote conveyance of overland flow to downstream areas.

A portion of the proposed access road alignment (0+610 to 0+800) is in the location of an existing irrigation channel. This channel is proposed to be realigned to the east (upstream) of the access road, with a culvert across the access road at station 0+799 conveying flows across the road to the existing irrigation channel to the west.



## **4.0 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DESIGN**

### **4.1 WATER QUANTITY CONTROLS**

Grading design has been completed to mimic existing site drainage conditions. The increase in impervious coverage to downstream areas as a result of the installation of the proposed access road is minimal compared to the upstream drainage catchments. Therefore any increase in flows, and impact to downstream areas, as a result of the access road construction is expected to be negligible.

It is noted that there is an existing 5+ m wide irrigation channel on the adjacent property to the west, runs parallel to the entire length of the proposed access road, receiving surface runoff. The top of bank elevation for the entire length adjacent to the proposed access road is 267.5 m. It is anticipated that flows crossing the proposed access road will enter the adjacent channel and be distributed along the length of the irrigation channel prior to spilling and continuing downstream.

#### **4.1.1 Water Quantity Monitoring Requirements**

The primary concern for flooding impacts relate to the perimeter fencing and potential of increase in flooding due to blockage from flood debris. It is noted, during Phase 1, no fencing installation is proposed. In addition, impact to water levels during flooding events is proposed to be minimal as the proposed grading design maintains existing conditions drainage patterns by being constructed at/ near grade. Therefore, as no fencing is proposed and impact to water levels is expected to be negligible the monitoring requirements in the Development Consent, Schedule 4.24 (c) and (d), are not applicable or feasible for Phase 1.

### **4.2 WATER QUALITY CONTROLS**

As mentioned above the increase in impervious coverage to downstream areas as a result of the installation of the proposed access road is minimal compared to the upstream drainage catchments.

Hardened surfaces and/or road sealing are proposed at access road low points / surface water crossings in order to mitigate erosion and transport of sediments downstream. In addition, a 20 to 50 m vegetated buffer has been provided between the access road and adjacent property to the east, providing filtration of surface water runoff.



## 5.0 SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL (SEC) MEASURES

The various construction activities required to construct the substation access road include topsoil removal, minor grading activities, placement of granular material and general construction traffic. If left unmitigated, these activities will result in impacts ranging from disturbance of at-surface soils to potential erosion and sediment transport to downstream locations.

Erosion control will be achieved primarily by:

- Managing disturbed soils using soil conservation practices to reduce runoff and sediment transport during construction;
- Constructing barriers to filter runoff

Erosion and sediment control measures (detailed on Drawing C-200) will be implemented prior to any grading or servicing works commencing, and include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following measures:

- Perimeter sediment fencing will be installed at the downstream side of the work limits
  - Where shallow topsoil depths prevent trenching in the filter fabric, 150 mm of clear stone or pea gravel will be used to provide contact between the fabric and ground surface.
- A construction entrance feature (“shaker”) will be provided at the site entrance to minimize the offsite transport of sediment via construction vehicles.
- Orange Grove Road will be inspected for and cleaned daily of any sediment (if necessary) deposited by site construction traffic.
- Stabilize topsoil stockpiles expected to be left in place longer than 10 days with vegetative cover (i.e., hydroseeding) or a rolled erosion control product in the event of unfavourable growing conditions. Topsoil stockpiles are to be surrounded by sediment fence.
- No equipment will be permitted to enter any area beyond the proposed work limits during construction.
- Water or synthetic dust suppressants will be employed to manage wind erosion and reduce dust generated from unsealed roads, stockpiles or areas of disturbed soil.
  - Dust generating activities shall be limited during periods of high velocity wind, as determined by the Construction Manager
- Re-vegetate all disturbed areas where construction is not expected for 20 days with sufficient topsoil to support re-vegetation and hydro-seeding or other stabilizing vegetation / erosion protection. If, given seasonal restriction or other revegetation limiting factors, the disturbed area should be stabilized against erosion impacts by non-vegetated means such as erosion control blankets.



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### Sediment and Erosion Control (SEC) Measures

- All materials and equipment used for site preparation and project construction should be operated and stored in a manner that prevents any deleterious substance (e.g., petroleum products, silt, etc.) from migrating to offsite receivers.
  - Refueling and maintenance of construction equipment should occur in designated areas, a minimum of 100 m from a water body.
- All spills must be reported to the appropriate regulatory authority(ies).
- In the event of inclement weather or unfavourable terrain for construction, construction best practices, such as temporary rig-mats may be used to prevent disruption of surface soils and vegetative cover by construction vehicles and equipment.
- Sediment and erosion control measures are to be cleaned out when sediment reaches 1/3 of the available storage capacity.
- In the event of large or back-to-back storm events where on-site irrigation channels begin to exceed 80% capacity, irrigation channels may be pumped to provide additional containment volume. Pumped water will be discharged through a filter sock a sediment trap located on a gently sloped, vegetated area (when possible) greater than 50 m from any waterbody or downstream property.
- Silt-soxx (or approved equivalent) will be installed downstream of all proposed culvert crossings to minimize transport of sediment downstream.
- Culvert crossings will be installed with a rip-rip apron upstream and downstream of culvert entrances and exits to mitigate erosion as a result of flow concentration.

## 5.1 CONSTRUCTION DEWATERING

Since no significant excavation is anticipated for the construction of the Gunnedah Solar Farm substation access road, construction activities are not expected to intercept the groundwater table. However, if necessary, any required dewatering operations will be completed such that discharge rates will not adversely impact flooding or erosion conditions upstream or downstream of the Site. To mitigate the risk of sediment migration to downstream areas, dewatering discharges may be treated with a variety of measures including, but not limited to, filter socks or sediment traps at the discretion of the contractor in consultation with the owner's engineer. Dewatering measures will be directed through the sediment control measures to a gently sloped, vegetated area (when possible) greater than 30 m from any waterbody or downstream property.

## 5.2 CONTINGENCY PLAN

The purpose of the contingency plan is to help minimize the risk or consequence of failure of the erosion and sediment control works. Failure could result from insufficient measures, lack of maintenance, or severe weather conditions. The contingency plan includes two areas of consideration: the procedures that will be followed where a failure has occurred; and the contingency measures that will be implemented where there is potential for failure.



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### Sediment and Erosion Control (SEC) Measures

The Contractor shall be responsible for following the contingency plan, and will prepare the following items:

- Workers shall be on call for emergency situations for all aspects of the emergency from design to construction of emergency sediment and erosion control measures. Any associated health and safety issues are the responsibility of the Contractor.
- Heavy duty silt fence, erosion control blankets, straw bales and stakes or silt-soxx, sandbags, appropriate sized rip-rap, and clean gravel fill shall be available on-site for emergency installation.
- Heavy equipment shall be on standby for emergency works.
- Fuel spill containment supplies and equipment shall be available on-site for emergency spills of deleterious substances.
- A contact list for any further required equipment or materials shall be prepared and made available for emergency use.

#### 5.2.1 Contingency Measures in Case of Failure

In the event of a failure, the Contractor will cease all construction related work and focus on erosion and sediment control as required to effectively stabilize the site where a failure has occurred or is imminent.

If significant long-term damage to downstream fish habitat or property is suspected, the Environmental Monitor will immediately assess and document the situation and report the incident to the appropriate regulatory agencies. The Contractor will develop a restoration plan in consultation with regulatory authorities. Development of the initial restoration plan will begin within 24 hours of the discovery of sediment discharge, and will be implemented as soon as possible, following consultation and approval. The plan will address:

- Removal and disposal of sediment from outside the work limits;
- Restoration of the affected area; and
- Restoration of any areas disturbed through deposition or removal.

#### 5.2.2 Contingency Measures where there is a High Risk of Failure

Conditions that may potentially cause failures can be identified through two methods: monitoring of the erosion and sediment control measures, and weather forecasts that anticipate severe weather conditions.

##### 5.2.2.1 High Risk Identified Through Monitoring

Where monitoring has identified a high potential for failure, steps shall be immediately taken to reduce the risk. These measures may include repair to existing measures, modification of existing measures, and the addition of new measures.



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#### 5.2.2.2 Severe Weather Anticipated

In cases where the weather forecast indicates that significant rainfall is expected within a 24-hour period, the Contractor shall immediately complete the following:

- Verify that all erosion and sediment control measures are secure and that there is no exposed soil that could erode and be deposited downstream;
- Verify that all other measures are in good working order;
- Monitor all measures during the rainfall event, and where a potential for failure is identified, take corrective measures.

If unforeseen events cause the strategies set out in the contingency plan to be insufficient or inappropriate to meet the objective of containing sediment within the work limits, the Contractor will respond in a timely manner with all reasonable measures consistent with safety, to prevent, counteract or remedy any negative effects on the natural environment or adjacent properties.

### 5.3 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL MONITORING PROGRAM

To ensure the effectiveness of the various erosion and sediment control measures, a routine program should be implemented which includes the inspection of the erosion and sediment controls weekly and after each rainfall event generating runoff, and immediate repair of any deficiencies. Non-urgent repairs (i.e., no immediate risk of sediment discharges to the downstream environment) will be completed within 48 hours of identifying the deficiency, or prior to the next anticipated rainfall event, whichever is less. This program will consist of the following activities:

- Visual inspection of the SEC measures to ensure discharged flows are generally free of sediment and turbidity;
- Inspection of vegetation protection, erosion control blankets and silt fencing to ensure that they are maintained in good repair;
- Removal of construction debris that may accumulate; and
- Implementation of remedial measures including erosion stabilization, repair of damaged measures and any other remediation where required.

If the monitoring program outlined above indicates a persistent problem, then the following steps should be undertaken to determine appropriate mitigative measures (if step 1 does not resolve the issue, proceed to step 2):

1. Analysis of the monitoring information and field visits as required, to determine the cause of the problem and develop a mitigation plan to address the issue in consultation with a qualified Environmental Monitor.





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### **Sediment and Erosion Control (SEC) Measures**

- a. Implement additional mitigation measures and monitor the results.
2. Convene a meeting with the appropriate review agencies.
  - a. Develop a consensus on a proposed plan of action to resolve the problem in consultation with agency staff.
  - b. Implement additional mitigation measures and monitor the results.

## **5.4 LONG TERM EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL**

Approximately one (1) year after completion of construction, a site inspection will be completed to ensure that long-term erosion control measures have been effective. Seeded or replanted areas will be inspected to ensure that vegetation measures were successful and reseeding or replanting will occur where necessary.

If erosion control measures are found to be less than fully effective during this survey, reseeding or replanting of problem areas will take place. Should there be residual effects noted during post-construction monitoring, advice on contingency measures will be sought and applied.



## 6.0 FLOODPLAIN MAPPING

Floodplain mapping was complete to address requirements outlined in the *Floodplain Management Plan for the Upper Namoi Valley Floodplain 2019* (New South Wales, 2019) and the *Carroll to Boggabri Floodplain Management Plan* (NSW Department of Natural Resources, 2006). A detailed floodplain assessment is included in the *Gunnedah Solar Farm Hydrology Report* (Stantec, 2020).

### 6.1 SITE FLOODPLAIN CHARACTERISTICS

During major storm events Namoi River breaks bank and drains in a westerly direction across the access road. The main access road design was completed taking into account the requirements of the *Floodplain Management Plan for the Upper Namoi Valley Floodplain 2019* to maintain flow characteristics during local and regional flood events. The vertical alignment was designed to blend with the existing ground form.

The vertical geometric alignment of the road followed the existing ground level. Cut was required at sections of the alignment and slight fill, not exceeding 0.5m was provided at sections of the road to maintain geometric design requirements.

No stormwater drainage culverts were provided along the proposed access road. Hard surface is provided to at sag point to allow runoff to drain across the road.

### 6.2 FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT

The project site is located in the Upper Namoi Management Zone BL. The Zone BL management zone is important for the conveyance of floodwaters during large flood events. The *Floodplain Management Plan for the Upper Namoi Valley Floodplain 2019* designates access road construction inside Zones BL and AID as flood works. Division 5 of the flood management plan provides rules for granting or amending flood works approvals in Upper Namoi Management Zones BL and AID. Floodplain modeling for the subject works was documented in the *Gunnedah Solar Farm Hydrology Report* (Stantec, 2020), attached.

#### 6.2.1 Fish passage requirement

Inundation of the site occurs during the 5% AEP storm event. There is no defined watercourse along the road alignment and hence there is no permanent water feature along the access road alignment. Fish may cross the proposed road during this rare storm event. The hard pavement provided at the sag points and the road design will meet fish passage requirement as:

- The road is designed to follow the natural ground and minimizes barrier to fish crossing
- The site a prime agricultural land that has a flat regular gradient of less than 0.5%, this has resulted in flow velocities less than 0.5m/sec during major regional storm events



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### Floodplain Mapping

- There is less turbulence created at downstream end of the access road as the difference in height above natural ground surface is limited. Turbulence to flow is limited and fish passage will be maintained

#### 6.2.2 Flood characteristics

The proposed works vertical geometry undulates following the existing ground topography. Fill height is limited along the project to limit increase in flood level upstream and redistribution of flow on adjacent landholdings.

A flood model was completed to determine the impact of the proposed road on flow characteristics during the 1% AEP storm event generated from local catchments. The study has indicated that:

- The maximum reduction in depth of flow downstream of the access road was 8 mm
  - The reduction in flood level was limited to inside the road corridor,
- The maximum increase in flood level downstream of the access road was 0.05m and the increase occurs at a ford crossing inside the project site limits
- The maximum increase in flood level upstream of the project was 90mm
  - The increase in flood level occurs inside project boundary.
- The difference in maximum flow velocity under proposed conditions 0.05m/sec

The flood level difference maps were provided as appendix to the *Gunnedah Solar Farm Hydrology Report* (Stantec, 2020), attached. The flood study has indicated that the impacts are minor and that the impacts occur within the project limits. The study has indicated that there is no impact on adjacent landholding due to the construction of the proposed access road.

#### 6.2.3 Overall

The proposed road is designed taking into consideration the requirements of the *Floodplain Management Plan for the Upper Namoi Valley Floodplain 2019*. There are no defined watercourses along the proposed access road. Runoff occurs as a sheet flow. With the site being flat, ie a grade less than 0.5% maximum flow velocity across the proposed road is less than 0.5m/sec. With the road design blending into the existing natural terrain, there was limited increase in flood levels upstream and limited/no increase in flow redistribution for downstream property.

The proposed road was assessed against the requirements of the floodplain management plan for the upper Namoi River and it meets all the requirements.



### Conclusion

## 7.0 CONCLUSION

The Phase 1 Water Management Plan was developed for the proposed main access road construction as part of the Gunnedah Solar Project early works program. The phased approach has been proposed to allow for the construction of critical infrastructure concurrently with the detailed design for the remainder of the project.

Based on the findings of this report, the following recommendations are provided.

- The proposed stormwater management measures in this report shall be constructed as designed;
- The SEC measures documented herein shall be implemented during construction;
- The monitoring and maintenance program shall be carried out during and following construction; and
- An overall site water management plan will be provided at a later date.



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 SLOPE (3:1 UNLESS  
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HARDENED SURFACE

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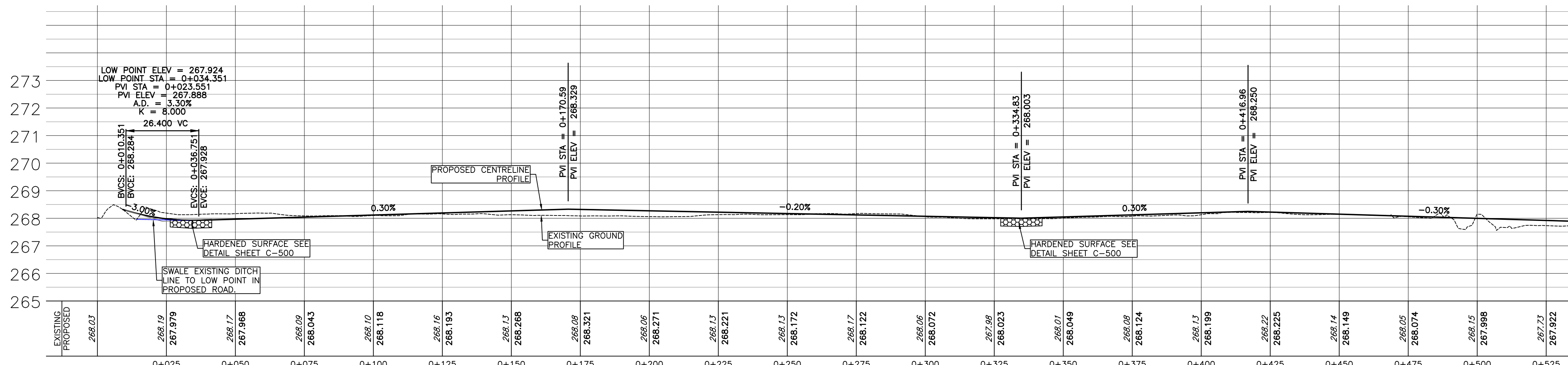
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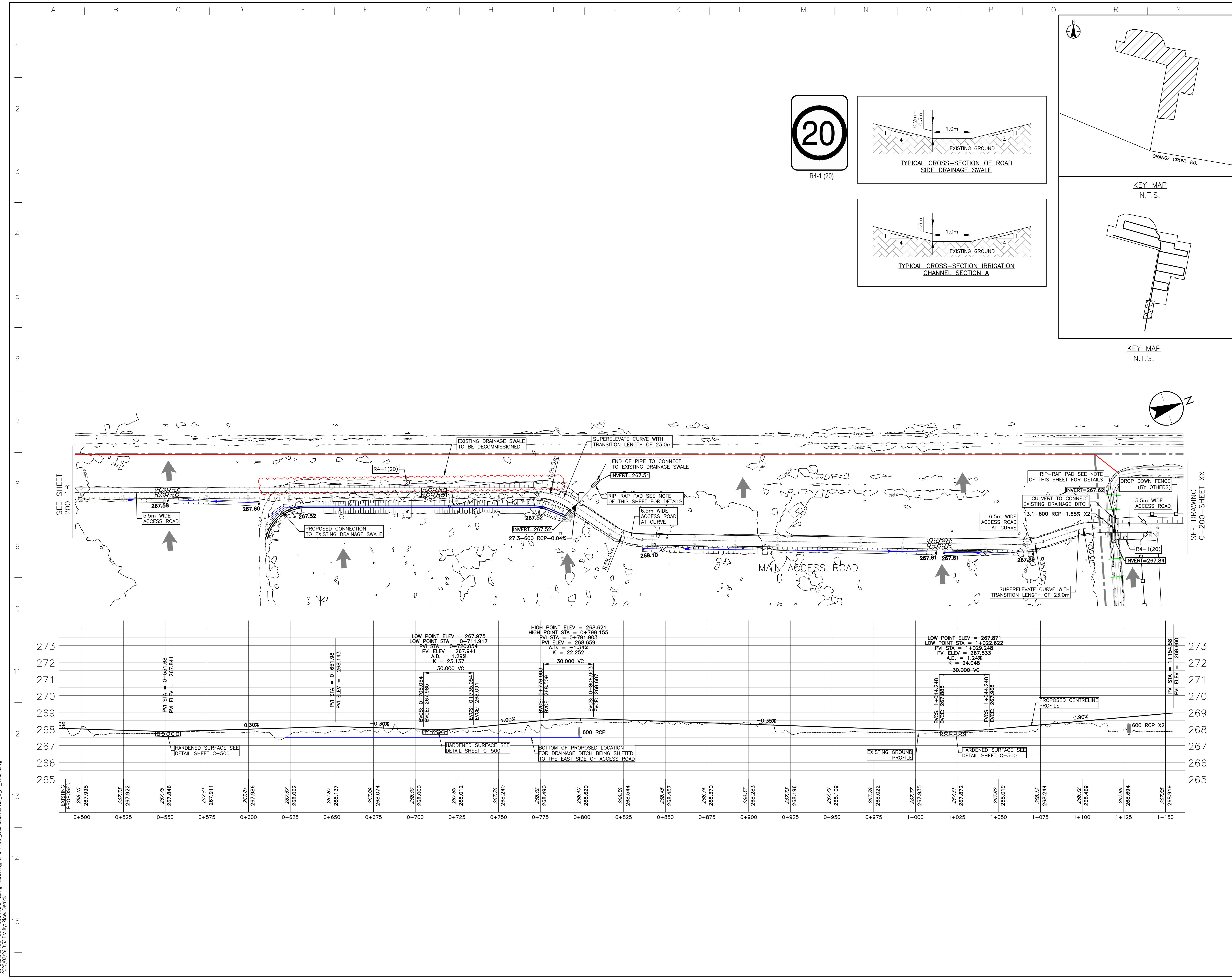
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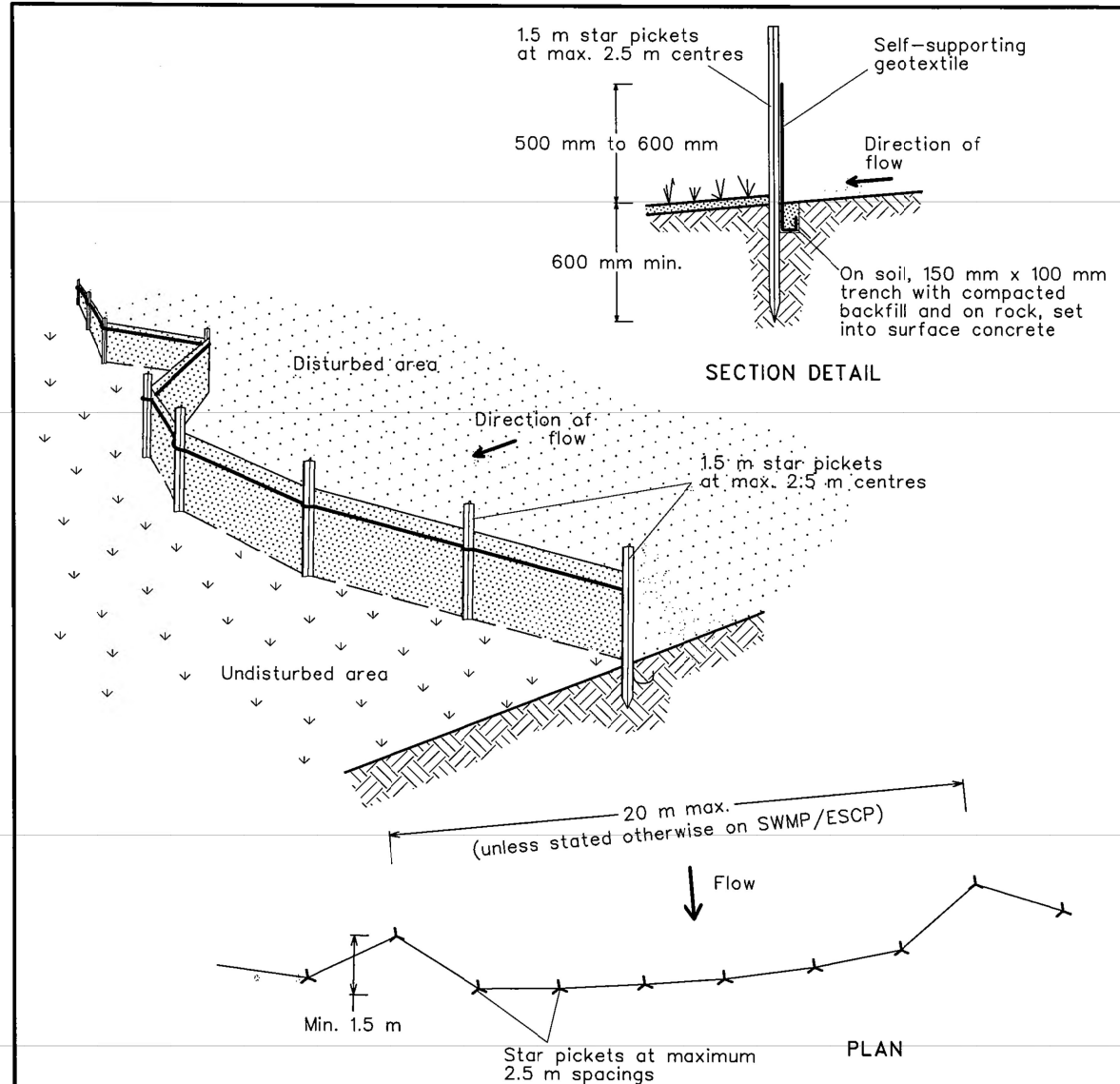
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- NO TOPSOIL MAY BE EXPORTED FROM THE SITE.

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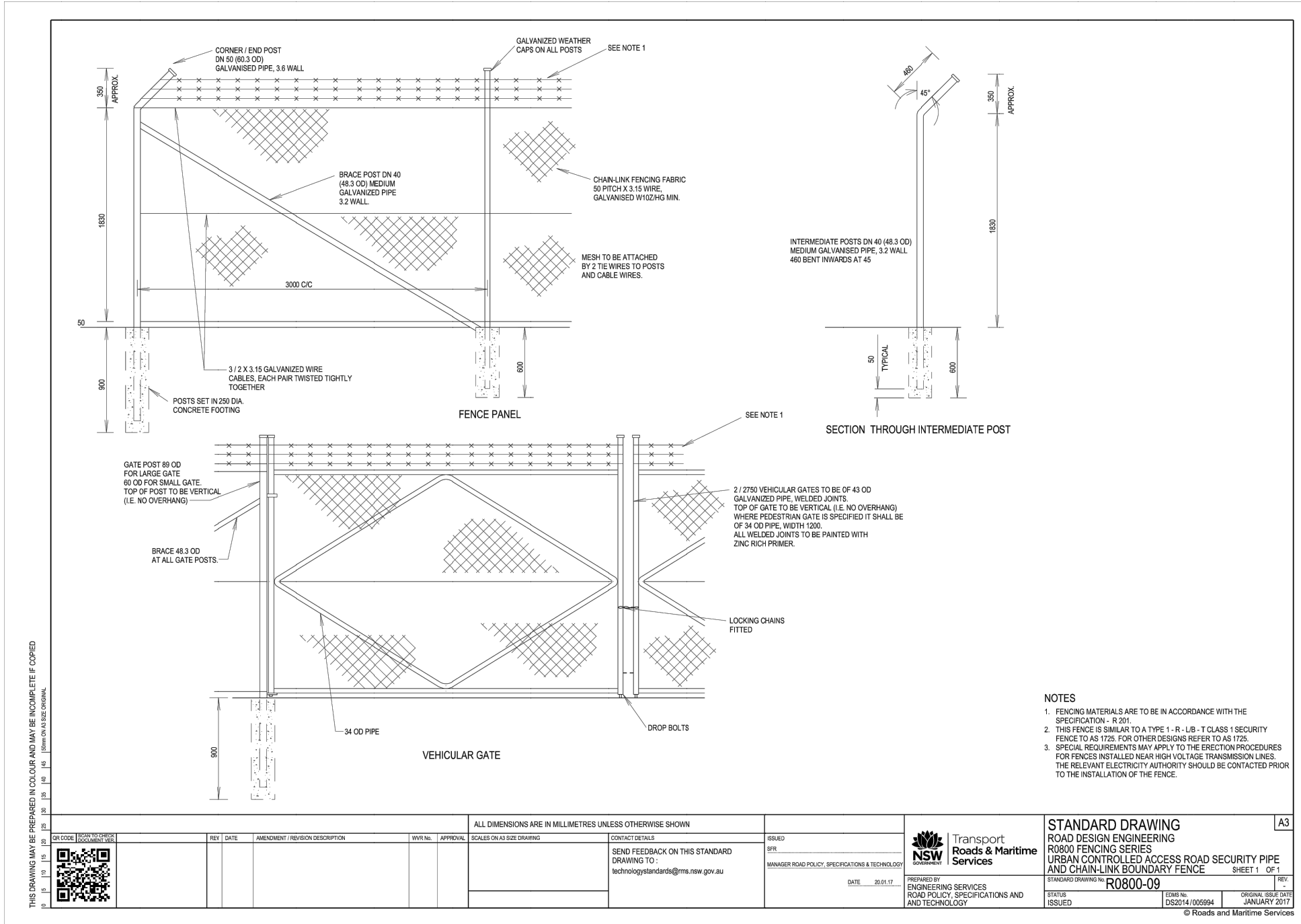


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- Cut a 150-mm deep trench along the upslope line of the fence for the bottom of the fabric to be entrenched.
- Drive 1.5 metre long star pickets into ground at 2.5 metre intervals (max) at the downslope edge of the trench. Ensure any star pickets are fixed with safety caps.
- Fix self-supporting geotextile to the upslope side of the posts ensuring it goes to the base of the trench. Fix the geotextile with wire ties or as recommended by the manufacturer. Only use geotextile specifically produced for sediment fencing. The use of shade cloth for this purpose is not satisfactory.
- Join sections of fabric at a support post with a 150-mm overlap.
- Backfill the trench over the base of the fabric and compact it thoroughly over the geotextile.

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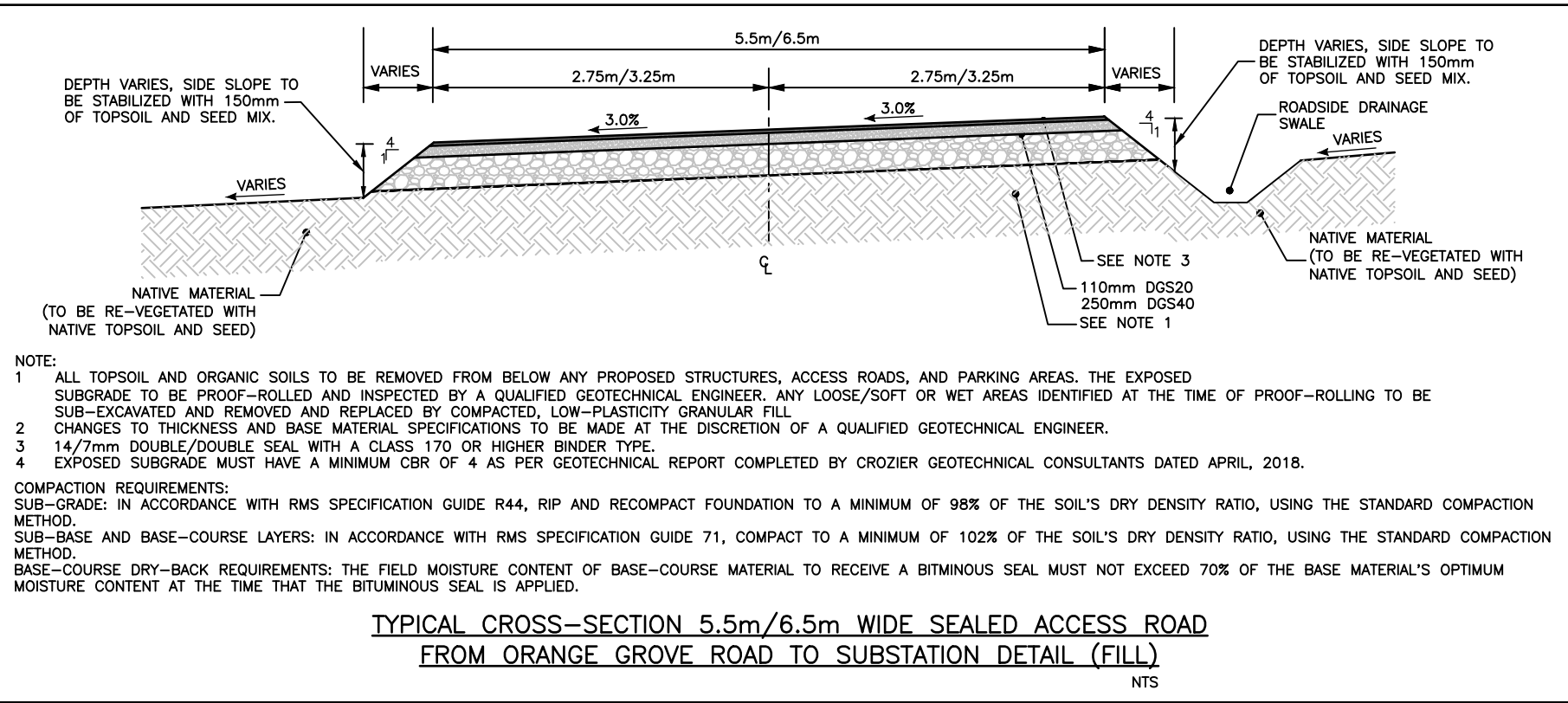
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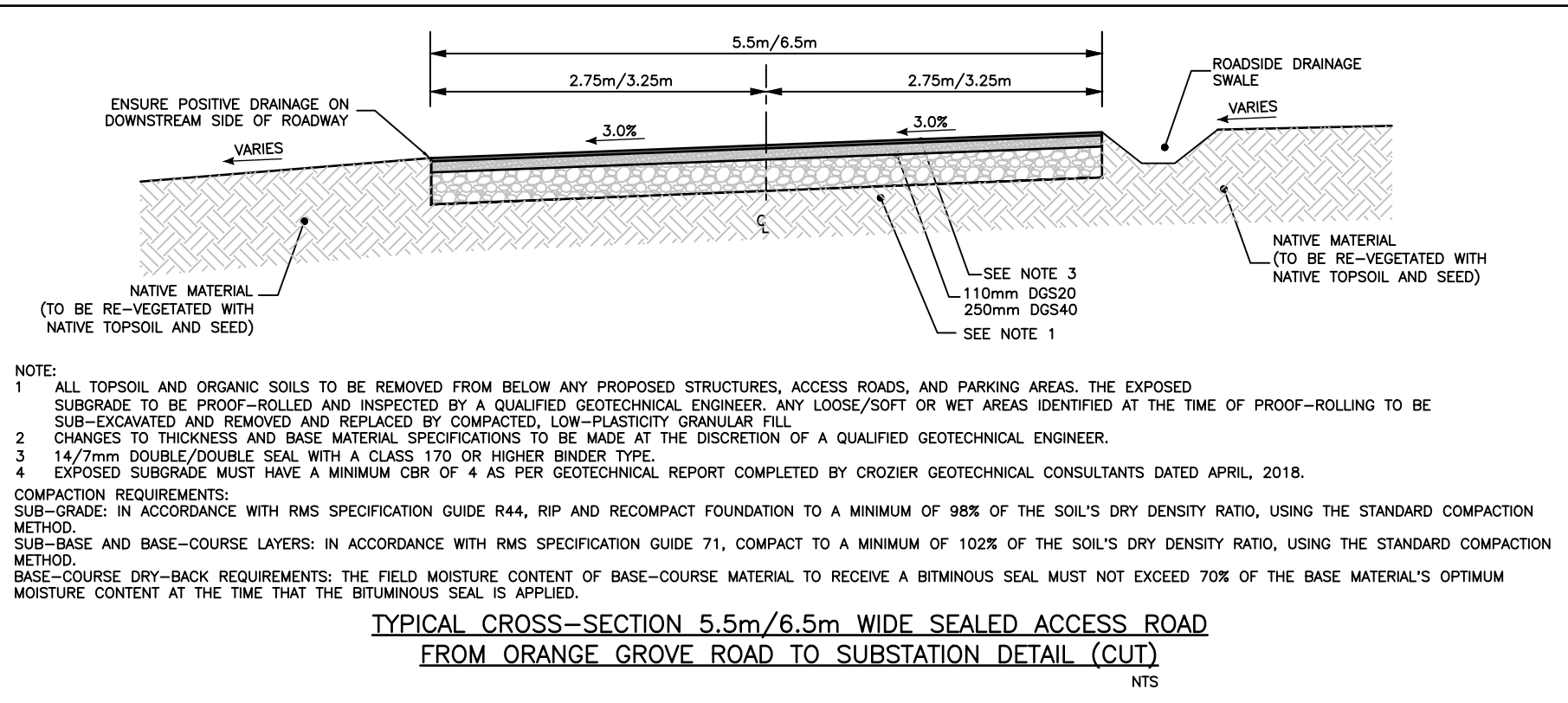
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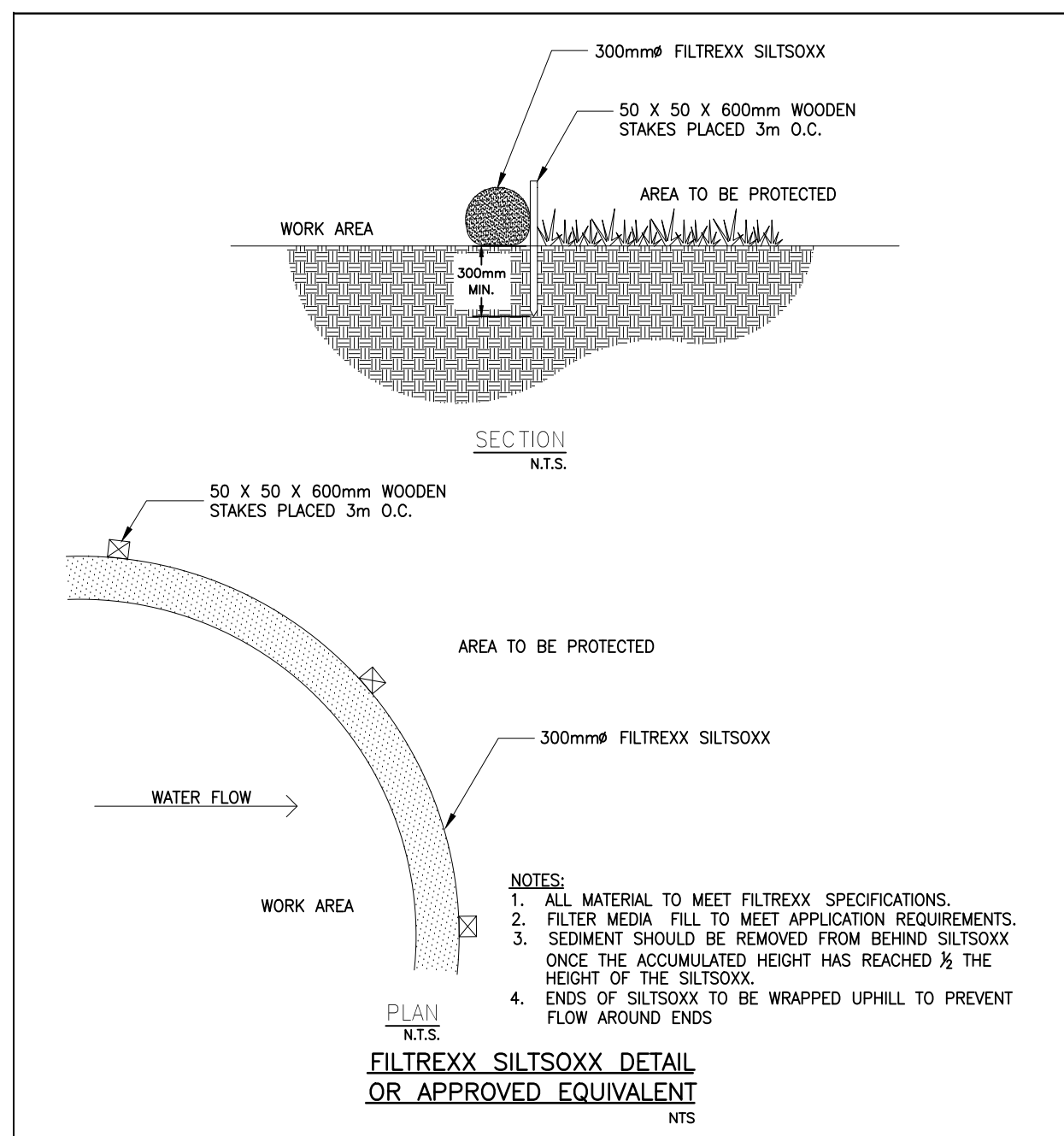
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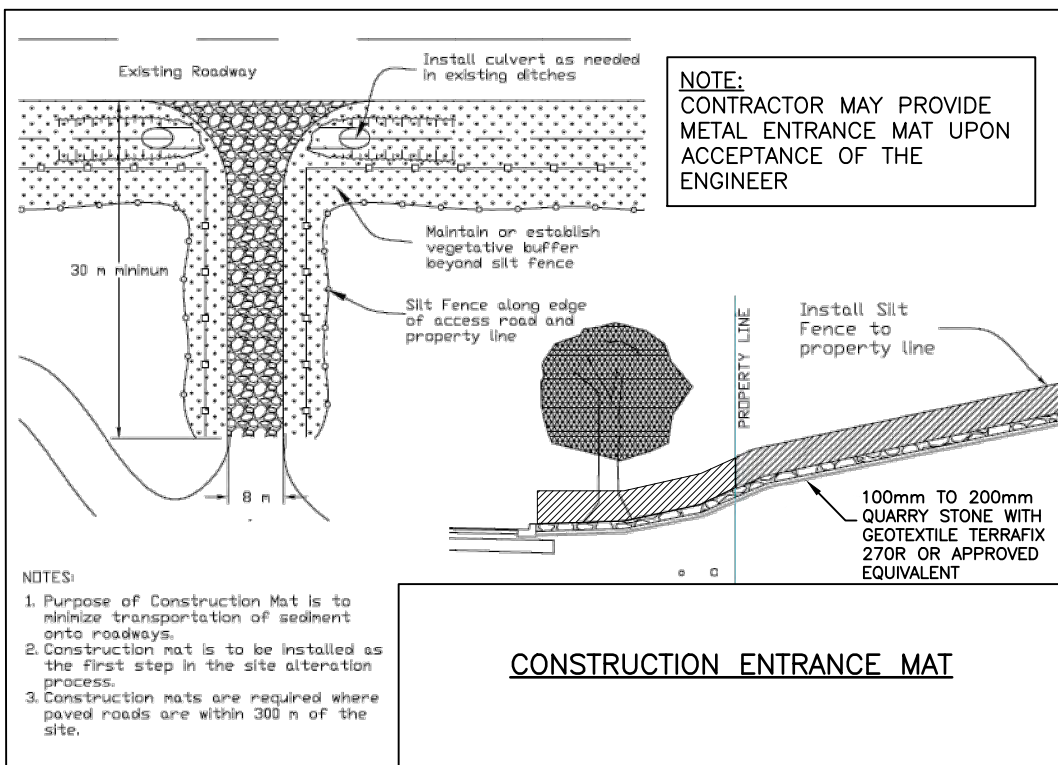
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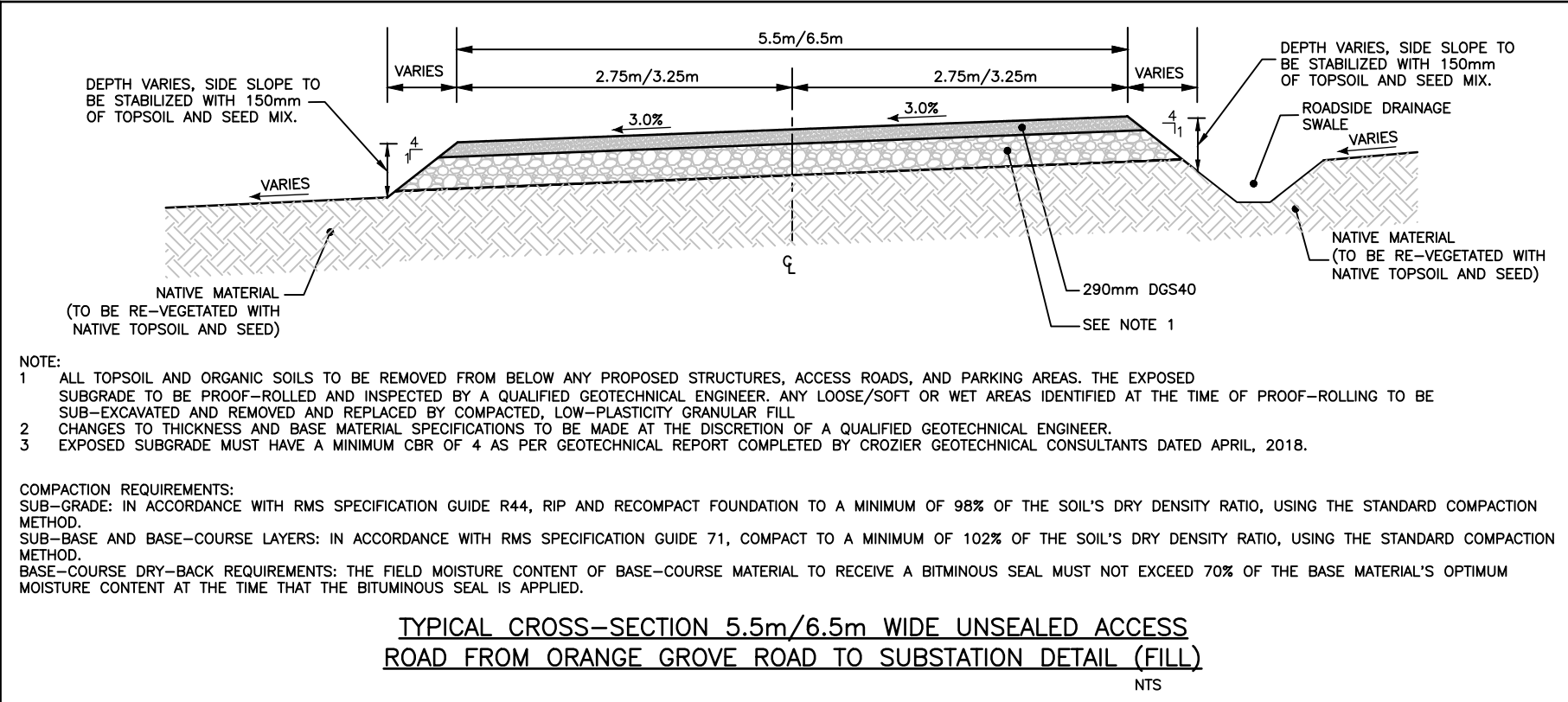
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- THE LONG-TERM PERFORMANCE OF THE ROAD BASE STRUCTURE IS DEPENDENT UPON THE SUB-GRADE SUPPORT CONDITIONS. STRINGENT CONSTRUCTION CONTROL PROCEDURES SHALL BE MAINTAINED TO ENSURE THAT UNIFORM SUB-GRADE MOISTURE AND DENSITY CONDITIONS ARE ACHIEVED. IF, DURING THE EXCAVATION PROCESS, NATIVE MATERIAL APPEARS SUITABLE TO BE USED AS ROAD SUB-BASE A GRAIN SIZE ANALYSIS MUST BE COMPLETED TO DETERMINE IF THE MATERIAL CAN BE LEFT IN PLACE AND WHETHER A REDUCTION IN DEPTH OF THE GRANULAR ROAD STRUCTURE IS WARRANTED. THE UNDERLYING SUB-GRADE SHALL BE FREE OF DEPRESSIONS AND IS TO BE SLOPED TO PROVIDE POSITIVE SURFACE DRAINAGE. SURFACE WATER SHALL NOT BE PERMITTED TO FLOW ADJACENT TO THE OUTSIDE EDGES.
- AS PART OF THE SUB-GRADE PREPARATION, PROPOSED ROADWAYS SHALL BE STRIPPED OF TOPSOIL AND UNSUITABLE MATERIAL, FILL REQUIRED TO RAISE THE SUB-GRADE TO DESIGN ELEVATIONS SHALL BE ORGANIC-FREE AND SHALL HAVE A MOISTURE CONTENT WHICH WILL PERMIT COMPACTION TO THE DENSITIES INDICATED. THE SUB-GRADE SHALL BE SHAPED AND THEN PROOF-ROLLED IN THE PRESENCE OF A GEOTECHNICAL CONSULTANT. SOFT OR SPONGY SUB-GRADE AREAS SHALL BE SUB-EXCAVATED AND REPLACED WITH SUITABLE APPROVED BACKFILL COMPACTED TO 98 PERCENT SPMD.



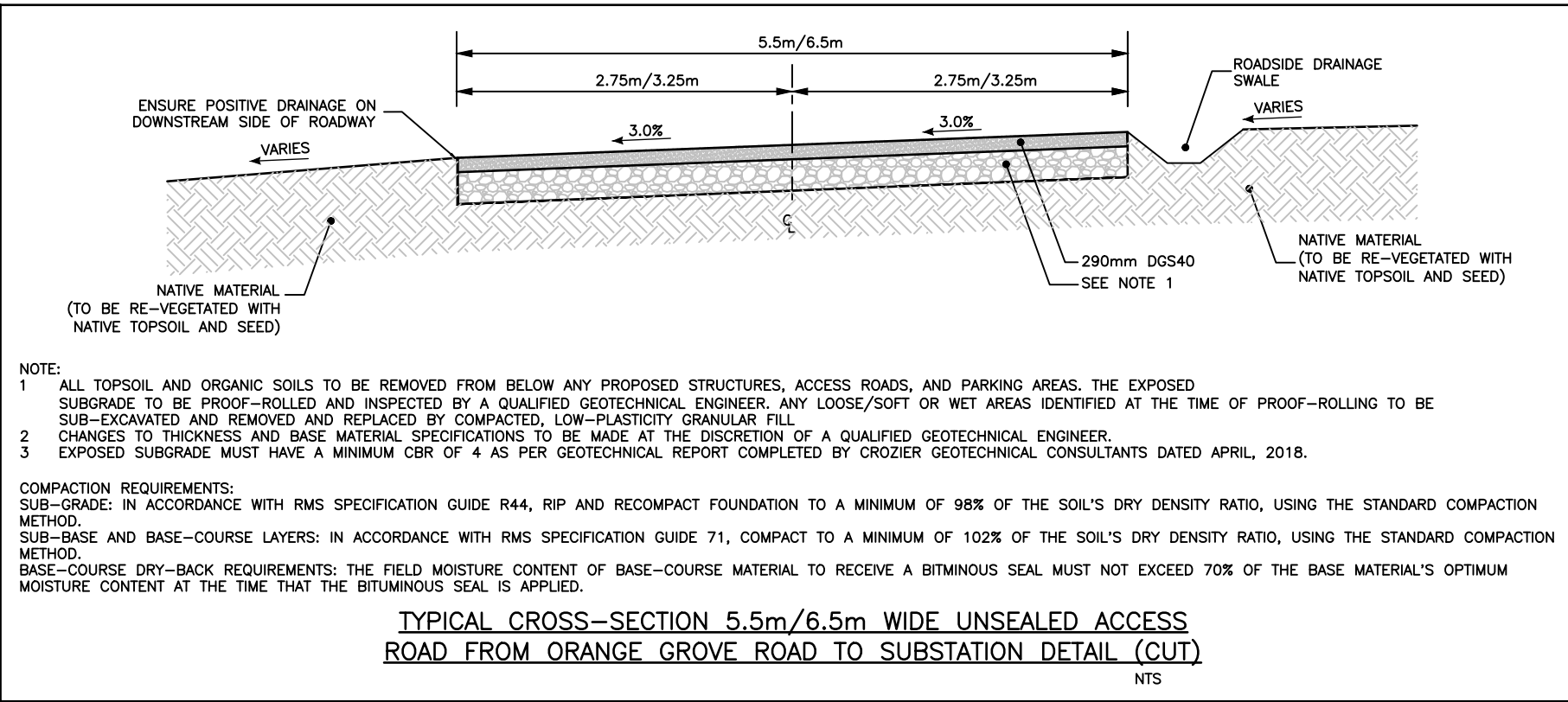
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## Abbreviations

Terms, abbreviations and acronyms	Meaning
12d	12d Model Civil Engineering Design and Surveying software package
AEP	Annual Exceedance Probability
AHD	Australian Height Datum
AGRD	Austroads Guide to Road Design
ALS	Aerial laser survey
ARR2016	Australian Rainfall and Runoff 2016
BoM	Bureau of Meteorology
DTM	Digital Terrain Model
GIS	Geographic Information System
IFD	Intensity Frequency Duration
Lidar	Light Detection and Ranging
RFFE	Regional Flood Frequency Estimation Model
Tuflow	Tuflow Software Package
XpRafts	Xprafts software package

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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 Purpose

This Hydrology report is prepared to document depth of inundation, flood levels, hazard and flow velocity generated while design storm occurs in the locality of the proposed Gunnedah Solar Farm (GSF) project site. A separate report that documents flow behaviour across the project site during regional flooding has been prepared by Pitt & Sherry Group. The report will inform the panel block layout plan, proposed landform design and risk of flooding during the construction and operation sitewide. The hydraulic modelling was conducted using Tuflow 1d/2d software package applying rainfall on grid hydrology. The modelling was undertaken in accordance with ARR2019. This report was updated to include finding from the post access construction modelling conducted to support water management plan during the construction of the access road.

This hydrology Report summarises the processes and procedures followed, and assumptions taken while conducting the hydrological and hydraulic assessment during the following scenarios:

- Existing catchments in a pre-development condition and
- Post the construction of the access road connecting the project site with Orange Grove Road.

## 1.2 References

This item lists the reference documents including reports on previous investigations, studies, consultations and data gathering processes. This includes data utilised for hydrological and hydraulic modelling.

1. A300 – Civil Engineering and construction requirements - Australia
2. Aerial Imagery, obtained from Bing Maps
3. Topographical Terrain Model Survey, undertaken by Land Survey
4. Topographical Digital Terrain Model, obtained from Airbus Website
5. 1987 & 2016 IFD data obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology Web Site
6. 2016 Ensemble temporal pattern data from Bureau of Meteorology Web Site
7. ARR Datahub, publications and guidelines
8. Drains Utility Spreadsheet
9. Gunnedah Solar Farm – Flood impact Assessment Rev 5 by Pitt & Sherry Group
10. Aerial laser survey (ALS) data, Obtained from Pitt & Sherry Hydraulic model file

# 2. Project Definition

## 2.1 Location

The GSF will be installed at 765 Orange Grove Road Gunnedah, approximately 10km north east of Gunnedah township. Gunnedah township is located 430km north west of Sydney. It is proposed to provide site access road from Orange Grove Road located east of the site. There were recorded incidences of flood waters overtopping Namoi River banks located east of Orange Grove Road and inundating the project site. The site is currently used for agriculture. Irrigation channels traverse the project site. The terrain of the site is flat. There are no distinct gullies inside the project site. Site location is shown in Figure 2-1.

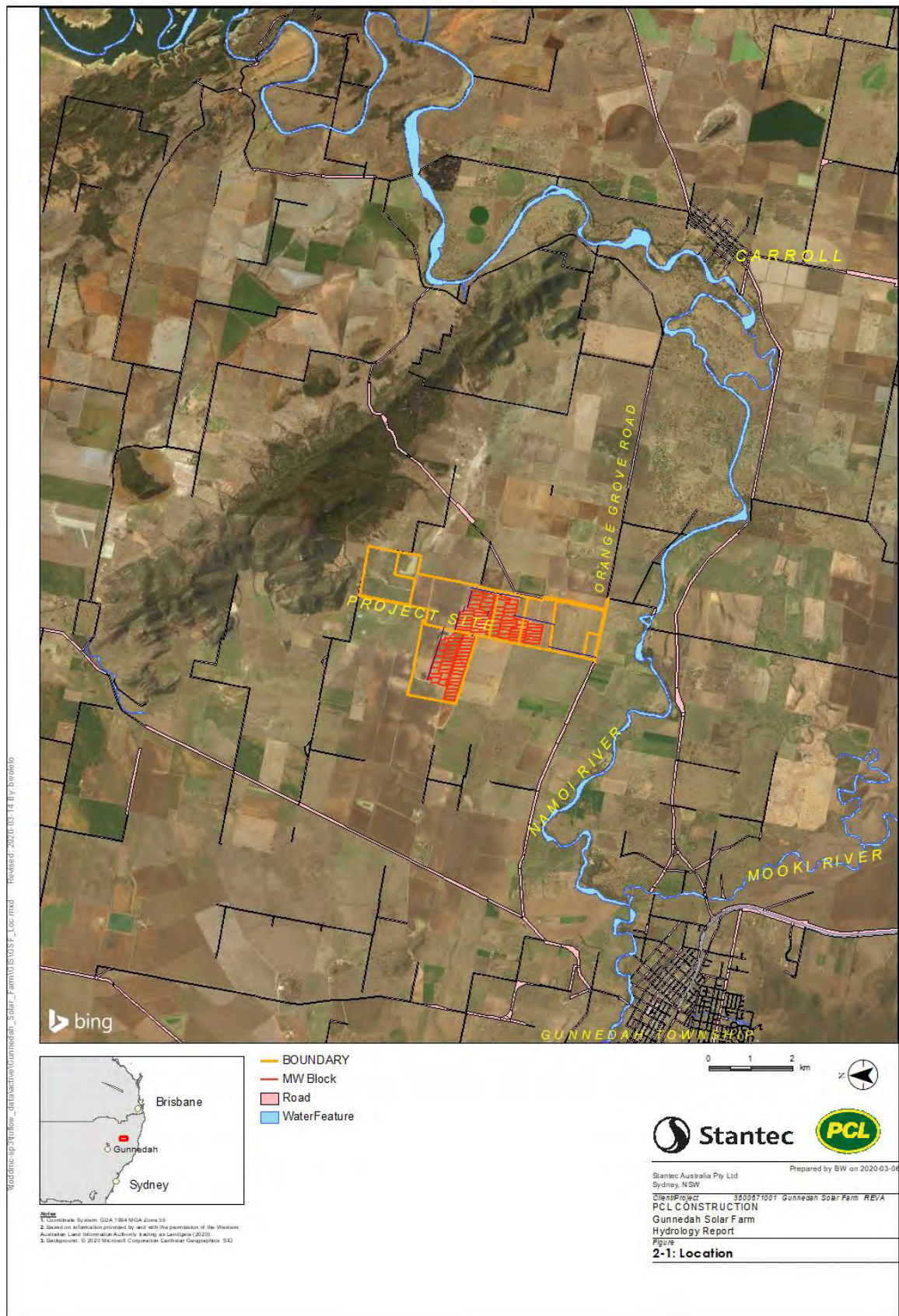


Figure 2-1: Location

## 3. Hydrology

Rainfall on grid hydrology was utilised to determine flow behaviour across the project site. The hydrological model development process involved collecting rainfall depth and temporal pattern data from the Bureau of Meteorology website and collecting loss parameters from ARR Datahub. The temporal patterns that resulted in maximum intensity following initial losses were selected to be routed through the hydraulic model.

### 3.1 Data Collection

Data utilised for the hydrological modelling purposes was collected from the following sources:

- Areal Imagery by Bing Maps
- Digital Terrain model from Airbus website
- Areal Laser Survey data utilised in Pitt & Sherry Regional flood model
- Unmanned Aerial vehicle (UAV) survey undertaken by Land Survey
- 2016 IFD data from the Bureau of Meteorology website
- 2016 Ensemble temporal pattern data for the Bureau of Meteorology website
- Catchment loss parameters obtained from ARR Datahub website

### 3.2 Terrain

A digital terrain model was developed from ground survey data utilised in the Pitt & Sherry hydraulic model, data obtained from Airbus website and UAV survey data undertaken across the project site by Land survey. Runoff collected from the hills located north of the project site are collected in farm dams provided at the bottom of the hills. The locality downstream of the dams is uniformly graded flat terrain. The elevation of the project site varies from 256m AHD to 279.7m AHD. Majority of the project site has a longitudinal less than 0.5%. Runoff in the flat section drains as sheet flow across the project site. Irrigation channels traverse the site. The Irrigation channels are up to 1m deep. A berm is provided upstream of the irrigation channels.

### 3.3 Rainfall Data

Rainfall data was collected from the Bureau of Meteorology (BoM) website for Station number 055023 Gunnedah (Pool) Station. The data indicates that the mean annual rainfall for the locality is 615.7mm. Precipitation occurs at the site throughout the year. However, the majority of the rainfall occurs between the months of October and March. The data could assist in selecting suitable period to undertake the construction works on site. Statistical summary of rainfall at the locality is provided in Figure 3-1.

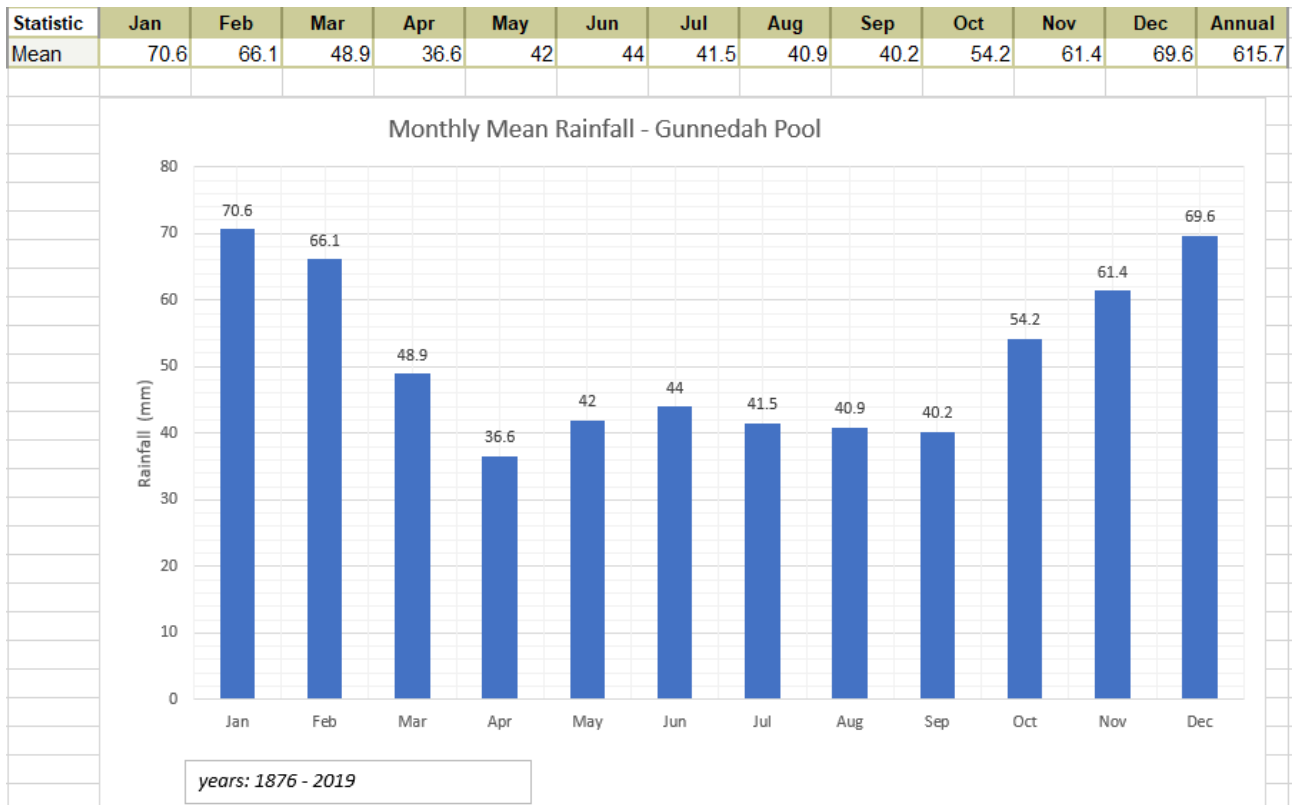


Figure 3-1: Mean Monthly Rainfall at Gunnedah Pool Station

### 3.4 Temperature

Temperature data collected at station number 056037 (Gunnedah Pool) in Gunnedah indicates that the mean maximum temperature varies between 21 and 41°C. The mean minimum temperature varies between 11 and 29°C.

The minimum temperature occurs in the winter month of July and the maximum temperature occurs in the summer month of January. Mean, lowest and highest monthly temperature data is shown in Figure 3-2.

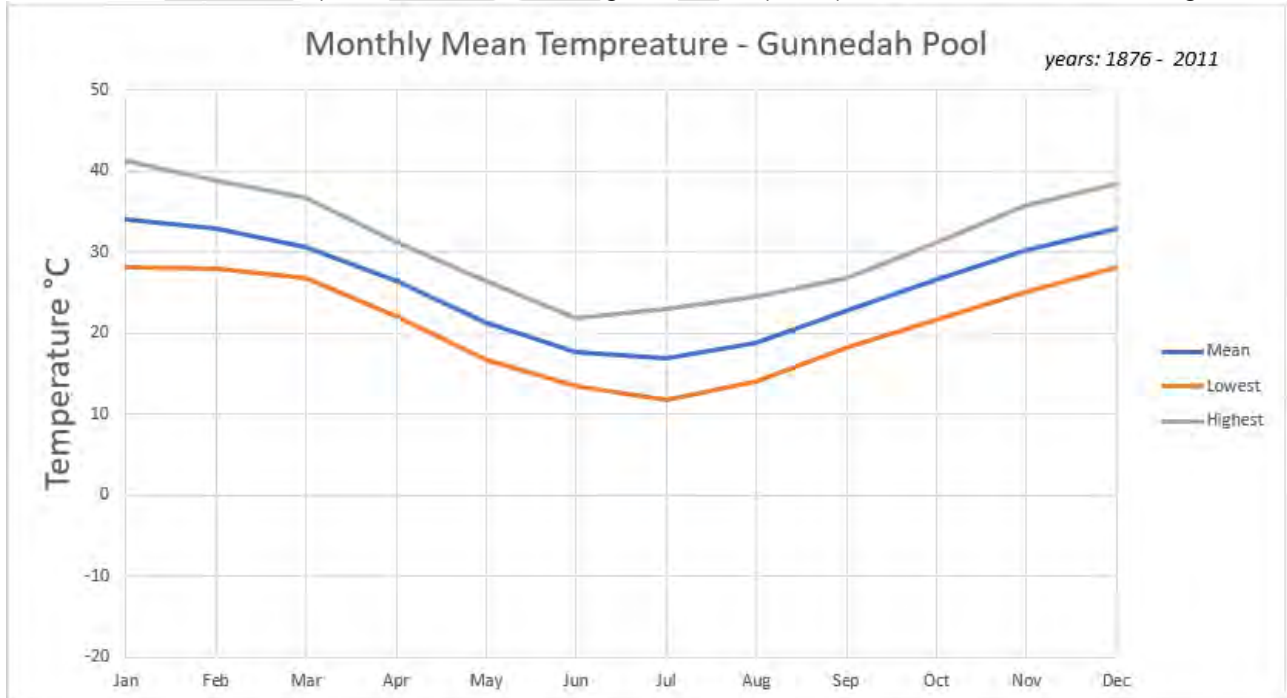


Figure 3-2: Mean Monthly Temperature at Gunnedah Pool



### 3.5 IFD and Temporal Pattern

The 2016 IFD data was obtained from the Bureau of Meteorology site. The IFD depth and intensity for the project site is shown in Figure 3-3. Tabular form of the data is provided in Table . The 2016 ensemble temporal data for the site was obtained from ARR Datahub website. Datahub prescribes that the east coast south temporal pattern be applied for the site.

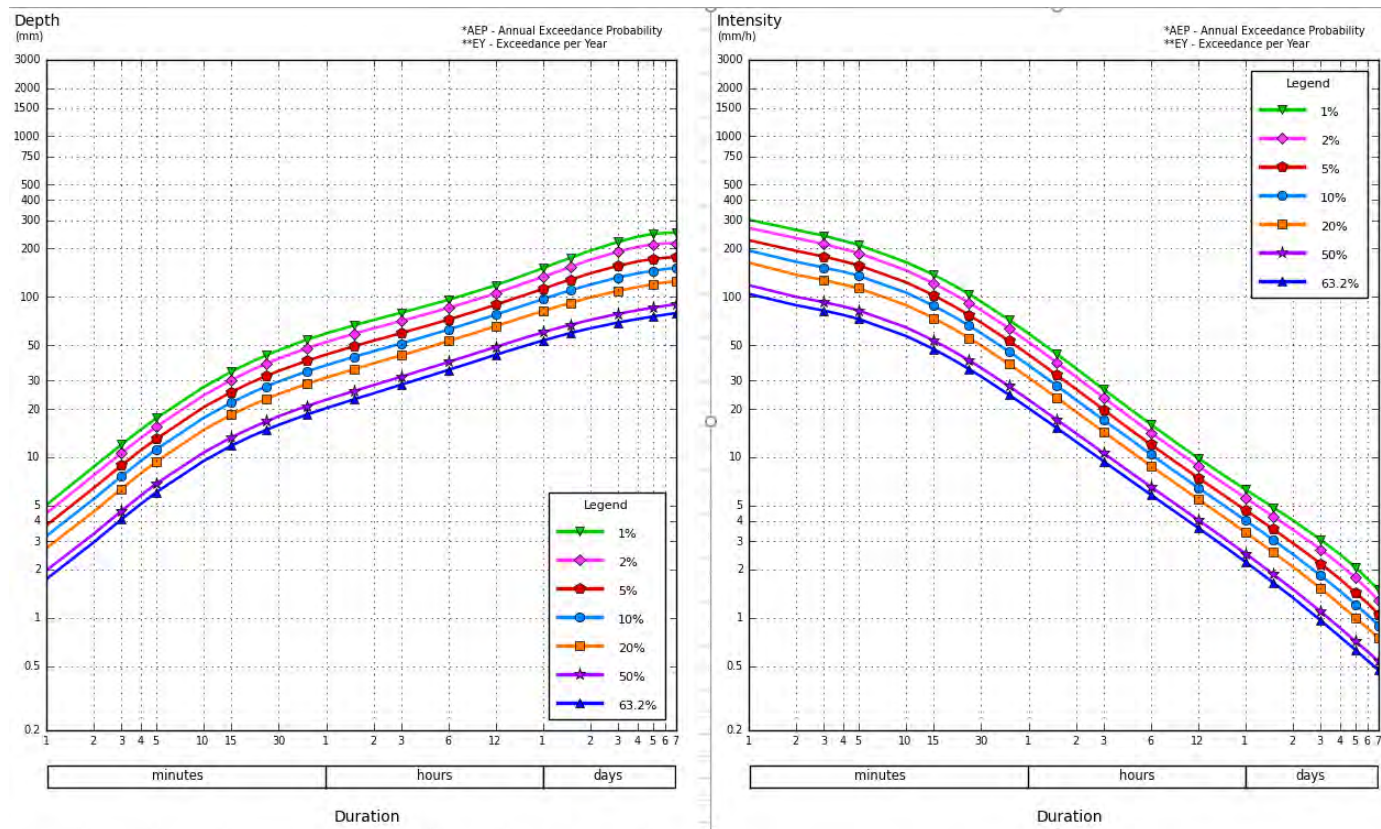


Figure 3-3: IFD Depth and Intensity data

#### 3.5.1 Loss Parameters

Initial and continuing loss parameters were selected in accordance with the approaches prescribed in ARR 2019. Literature review has not identified a study conducted in the catchment that determined calibrated initial loss in the locality of the catchment. Where good initial loss figures are not available OEH has prescribed that hierarchical approach be utilised to determine preferred loss parameter. The catchments fits in hierarchy number five where it is preferred to utilise probability neutral initial loss figures provided in ARR Datahub. Accordingly, probability neutral burst initial figures shown in Table 3-2 where utilised while conducting the hydrological modelling.

Table 3-1 Site initial and continuing loss figures (Obtained from ARR Data hub)

ID	2264.0
Storm Initial Losses (mm)	53.0
Storm Continuing Losses (mm/h)	0.2

Table 3-2 Site Probability Neutral Burst Initial Loss (Obtained from ARR Data Hub)

min (h)\AEP(%)	50	20	10	5	2	1
60 (1.0)	22.8	26.0	21.2	21.0	21.0	20.7
90 (1.5)	25.8	27.3	22.8	22.9	22.2	21.2
120 (2.0)	28.1	24.5	21.1	21.2	21.9	21.0
180 (3.0)	31.6	24.7	21.7	21.6	21.6	19.8
360 (6.0)	39.0	25.9	22.8	21.9	20.0	16.9
720 (12.0)	47.0	31.6	28.2	27.6	21.8	15.9
1080 (18.0)	49.0	35.0	31.2	29.5	21.9	13.5
1440 (24.0)	50.3	37.5	35.0	34.2	26.3	17.4
2160 (36.0)	49.5	37.7	35.6	36.0	31.6	23.7
2880 (48.0)	53.5	43.4	42.3	43.2	40.2	32.2
4320 (72.0)	54.0	45.5	46.3	47.8	45.2	36.0

### 3.6 Hydrological and Hydraulic Modelling in TufLOW

2d-hydrodynamic model was developed using TufLOW software package to determine flood level, flow depth, flow velocity and hazard mapping across the project during the existing scenario. TufLOW solves depth averaged free surface flow in 1d channels or over a 2d regular grid with square cells. A hydrograph generated in other hydrological modelling packages could be applied as a boundary conduction or TufLOW can route rainfall excess across the 1d/2d model domain.

There are no significant drainage features obstructing flow at the project site. 2d hydrodynamic model could provide sufficient information on flooding across the site. Accordingly, rainfall on grid methodology was used while undertaking the flood modelling. The flood modelling process included developing existing surface digital terrain model, determining rainfall and outlet boundary conditions, determining the manning's roughness of the existing ground, preparing the TufLOW control files, debugging the model, preparing the result files and preparing the flood characteristics maps.

#### 3.6.1 2d Model Bathymetry

Accuracy of the 2d hydraulic model result is influenced by the accuracy of model bathymetry. Model bathymetry was developed from unmanned Aerial vehicle (UAV) survey undertaken by Land Survey in the locality of the project and merged aerial survey data utilised in the Pitt & Sherry model to develop a regional flood model. Airbus DTM data was utilised in localities that were not covered by both survey data discussed. A model cell size of 2m is adopted for the study. This resolution is sufficient to determine flood characteristic across the site for the modelled events. Model domain and DTM data utilised in the study is shown in Figure 3-4.



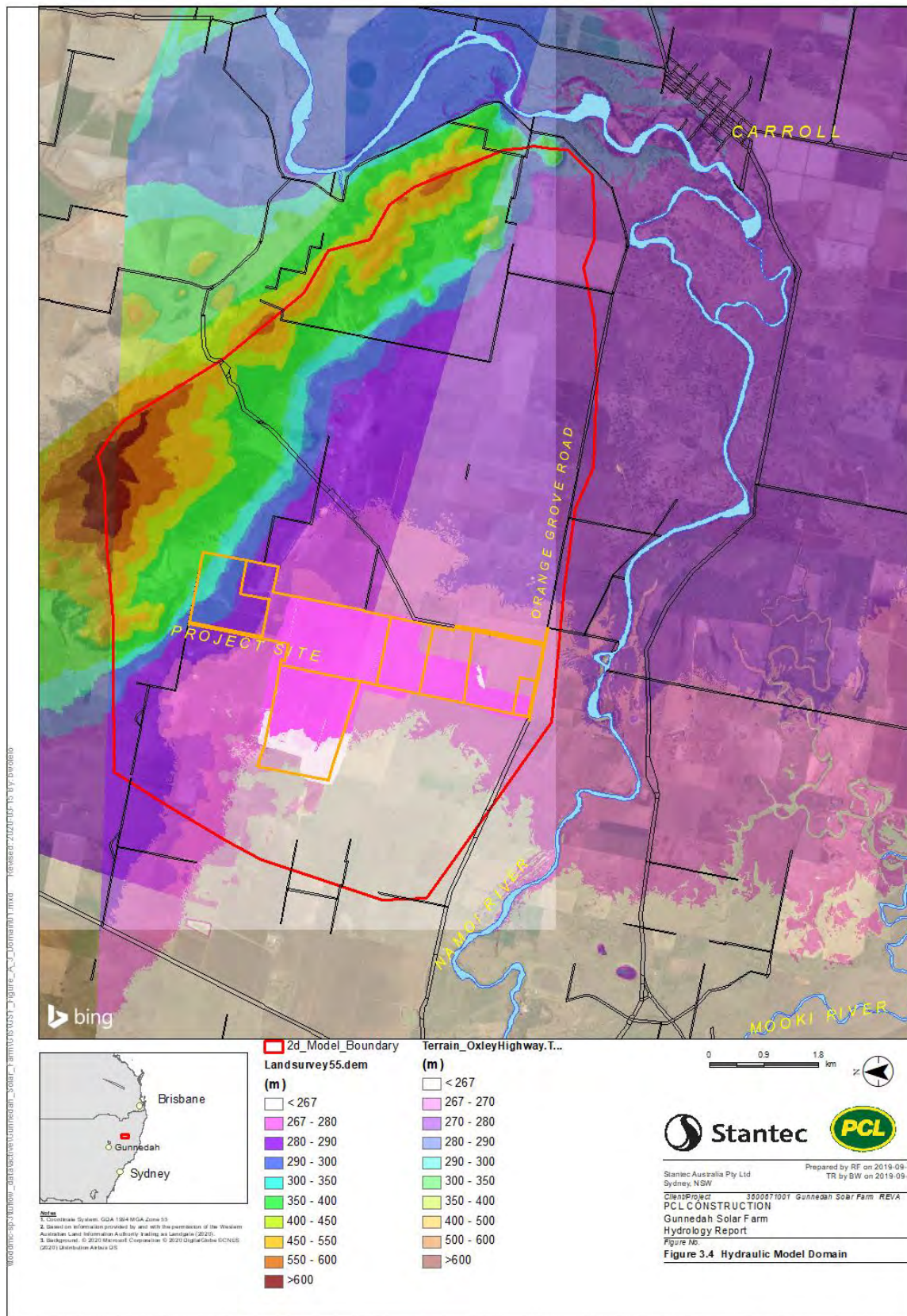


Figure 3-4: Hydraulic Model Domain

### 3.6.2 2d model boundary Conditions

Rainfall in excess of initial and continued loss in each cell is routed through the hydraulic model towards catchment outlet. Storm events that generate intense rainfall, post the initial losses, cause maximum flood depth, flow velocity and hazard. As the initial losses for the locality are high, an insignificant amount of runoff is generated during short duration storms including the 1% AEP, 20minute storm. The study has reduced the number of hydraulic model runs by systematically reviewing the temporal patterns and selecting storm durations and temporal patterns that have the potential to generate maximum flood characteristics. Temporal distribution patterns and storm durations that generated maximum flood characteristics during the 1% AEP storm events for storm durations ranging from 30 minutes to 270 minutes are provided in Appendix E. The temporal patterns that were selected to be routed through the hydraulic model are highlighted in yellow. The rainfall depth data is stored in the boundary condition database file and was applied across the 2d rainfall boundary layer. 2d downstream condition layers were digitised in GIS and normal depth boundary condition was applied at local catchment downstream outlet locations.

### 3.6.3 Model data

2d model extent, 2d rainfall layer, 2d boundary and 2d land use (material type) was digitised using the ArcGIS software package. Aerial imagery obtained from Bing Maps was utilised to digitise ground cover that exists within the model domain. The hydraulic roughness figures utilised for the respective ground cover inside the model domain is provided in Table 3-3.

Table 3-3 Adopted Manning's n values

Land use (Ground Cover)	Manning's n
Dense Vegetation	0.1
Farm/Pasture	0.045

### 3.6.4 Tuflow Model Results

Tuflow model run was conducted to determine extent of flooding, flood level, depth of flow, flow velocity and flooding hazard across the project site. Flow hydrographs were also extracted at key locations to assist with sizing of drainage structures at road crossings.

#### 3.6.4.1 Flood Depth

The gradient of the site is flat. There are no natural drainage features that direct runoff through the site. runoff from external catchment enters the project site as a sheet flow. Runoff at the site occurs as a sheet flow and runoff from the site and upstream catchments drains away from the site as a sheet flow.

Irrigation channels traverse the project site. Bunds are provided upstream of the irrigation channels. These bunds block the sheet flow from entering the Irrigation Channels. During major storm events, runoff ponds upstream of the bunds and overtops these bunds to eventually drain towards the irrigation channels. Runoff draining towards the irrigation channel ponds in these channels and once the capacity is exceeded, it overtops the channels and drains towards downstream project boundary. Sheet flow depth is minor. Flow depth in excess of 50mm is observed only behind the bunds and inside the irrigation channels during major storm events in the local catchment. Map Showing depth of flooding generated from the 1% AEP storm event occurring across the model boundary from local catchments is shown in Appendix A.1. The map in Appendix A.2 Shows data presented in Appendix A.1 in the project locality.

#### 3.6.4.2 Velocity

Map showing maximum flow velocity across the project site is provided in Appendix B.1. The mapping shows that maximum velocity across the site is less than 0.5m/sec.

#### 3.6.4.3 Hazard

Depth of flow, velocity of flow or product of velocity and depth of flow could provide flooding hazard across a floodplain. MBRC hazard category pallets are utilised to generate hazard category at the project site. MBRC hazard category description is provided in Appendix C.2. Depth of flow at the site is less than 0.5m and velocity of flow is less than 0.5m/sec. Majority of the site is covered under category H1. The irrigation channels and localities abutting the irrigation channel are categorised as H2. This indicates that there is no significant hazard across the project site during major storm event in the local catchment.



#### 3.6.4.4 PO Line Results

8 PO lines were inserted in critical localities to extract discharge and flood level across the cross sections. Tuflow sums flow across the selected cross section during each time step and provides flow hydrograph data across the line. Depending on the alignment of the PO line, the result figures could be positive or negative. A graph that shows flow hydrograph across a cross section taken parallel to the proposed access road is provided in Figure 3.5.

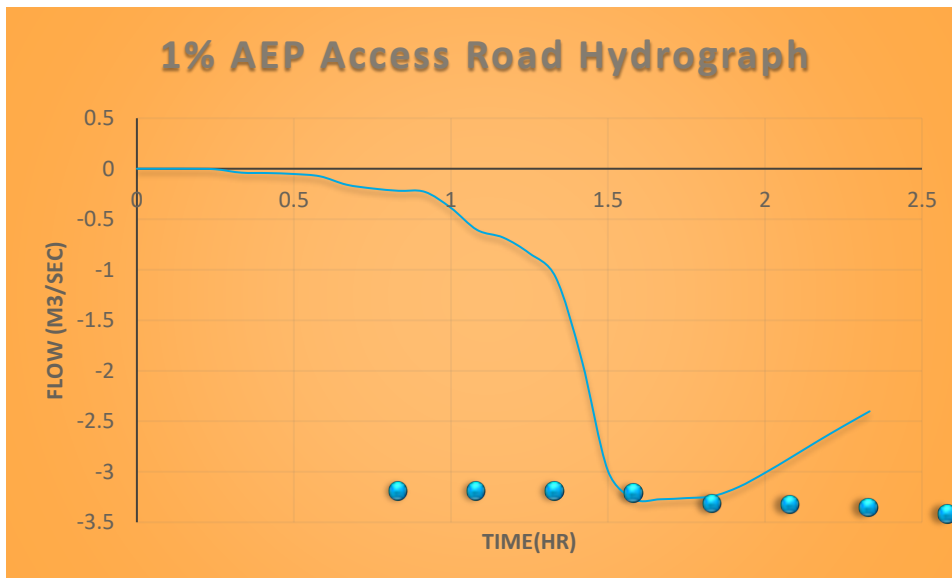


Figure 3-5: Flow Hydrographs extracted from the Hydraulic Model across the access Road

#### 3.6.5 Key Findings

This section summarises the key observations made following the 1% AEP Storm events model run that could assist with the design development. The findings include:

- Terrain of the site is flat and uniformly graded. Runoff drains towards the project site as a sheet flow and drains out as a sheet flow.
- The landform and dams provided at the foot of the hill capture significant amount of flow and direct runoff away from the project site
- Runoff that drains towards the irrigation channels, fills the irrigation channels and drains as a sheet flow towards downstream area
- The maximum depth of flooding at site is approximately 0.5m. Runoff ponds behind the berms provided adjacent the irrigation channels.
- Flow velocity across the site is less than 0.5m/sec.

## 4. Access Road Model

As part of the access road water management plan, it was required to identify impacts of the proposed road on flood characteristics in the locality of the project.

A proposed scenario modelling was conducted to determine the flood levels, flow velocity, depth of flow and flow hazard post construction of the road. It was also required to understand the impacts of the proposed works.

The proposed road terrain model was included in the Tuflow model geometry control file and model run was conducted for the 1% AEP storm event. Post processing was conducted in ArcGIS to determine the flood level and maximum velocity difference across the model domain.

The modelling has indicated that:

- The increase in flood level upstream and downstream of the proposed road was minor and it occurred inside the project boundary. The maximum level increase was estimated at 100mm.
- The increase in velocity was minor. The maximum change in velocity post the construction of the proposed road was 0.05m/sec and this increase occurs inside the proposed road corridor.

The road design blends well with the existing terrain and has minor to no impact on holding downstream of the proposed road.

## 5. Regional Flooding

The project site is located adjacent the Namoi River. Data obtained from New South Wales Water website indicates that the catchment of Namoi River at Gunnedah (stream gauging station # 419001) is approximately 17,100 sq.km. This station is located approximately 10km downstream of the project site. The river breaks banks and flows through the site during major storm events. Flooding occurring at the project site due to major storms occurring in the entire 17,100 sq. km is referred as the regional flooding. The regional flood modelling was conducted by Pitt & Sherry Group. Depth of flooding during the 1% AEP regional flooding event is shown in Appendix B.

The regional flooding produces worst case flow characteristics at the project site and should be utilised to determine finished floor level for essential services site wide. The impact of constructing access road and earthworks on the regional flood characteristics should be tested in the regional model.

Fencing arrangements were tested in the regional model and to ensure EIS requirements are met. Pitt and Sherry group has proposed a preferred fencing arrangements. It is proposed that the recommendation made by the group be utilised while installing perimeter fence around the site.

# Appendices



# Appendix A    Depth of Flooding



Figure Appendix A. 1 Local overland Flow depth model wide during the 1% AEP Storm event

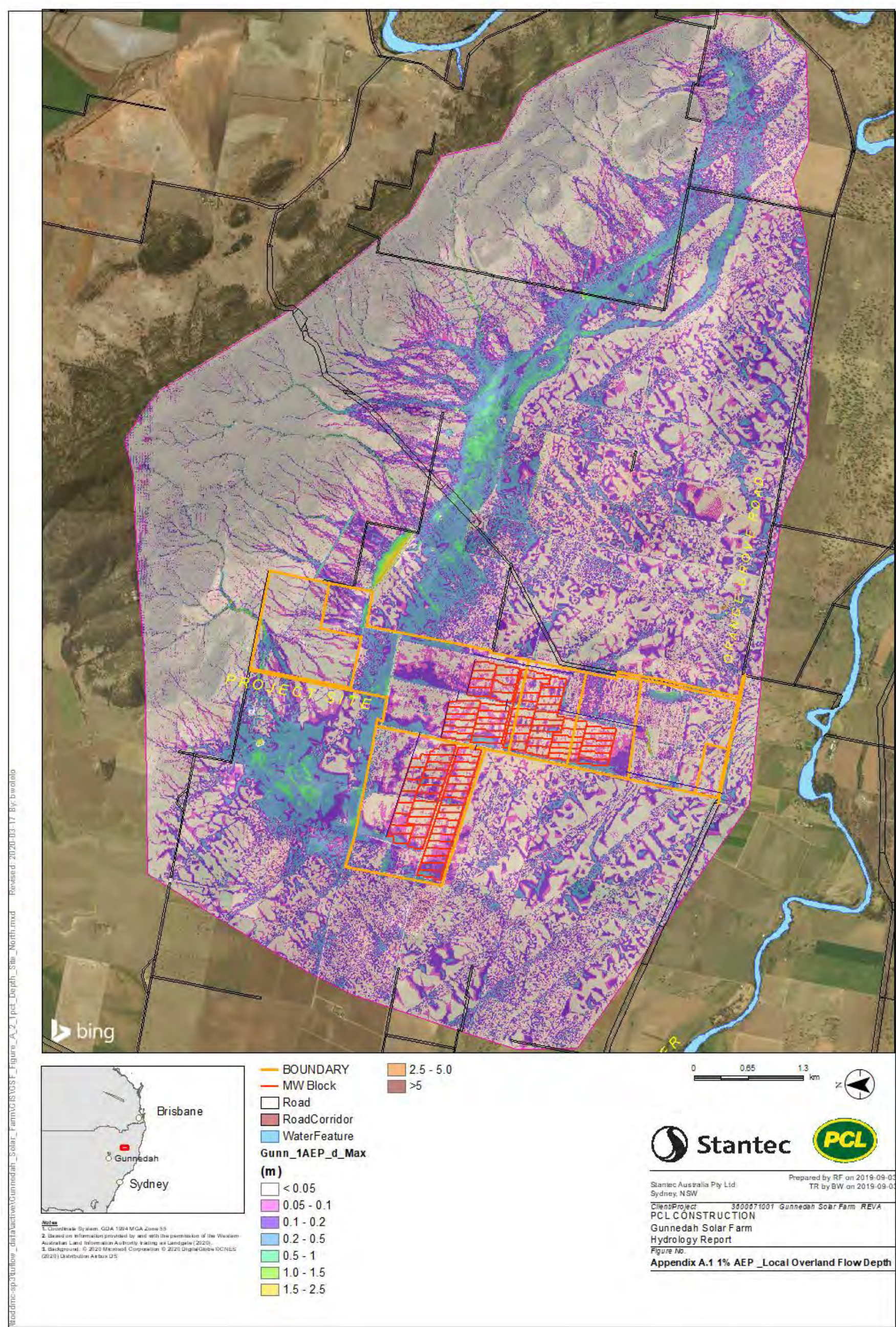
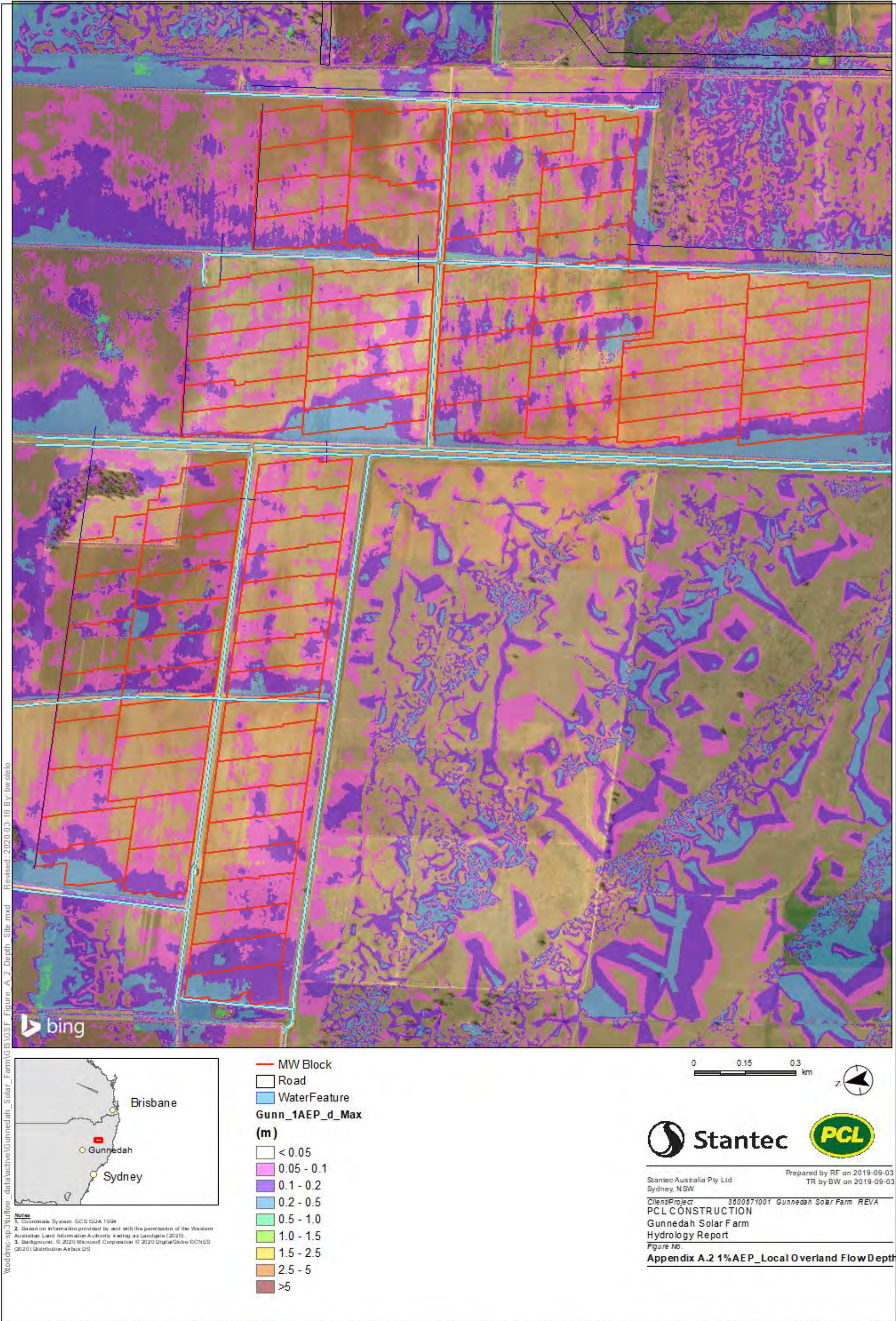




Figure Appendix A 1 Local overland Flow depth across project site during the 1% AEP Storm event

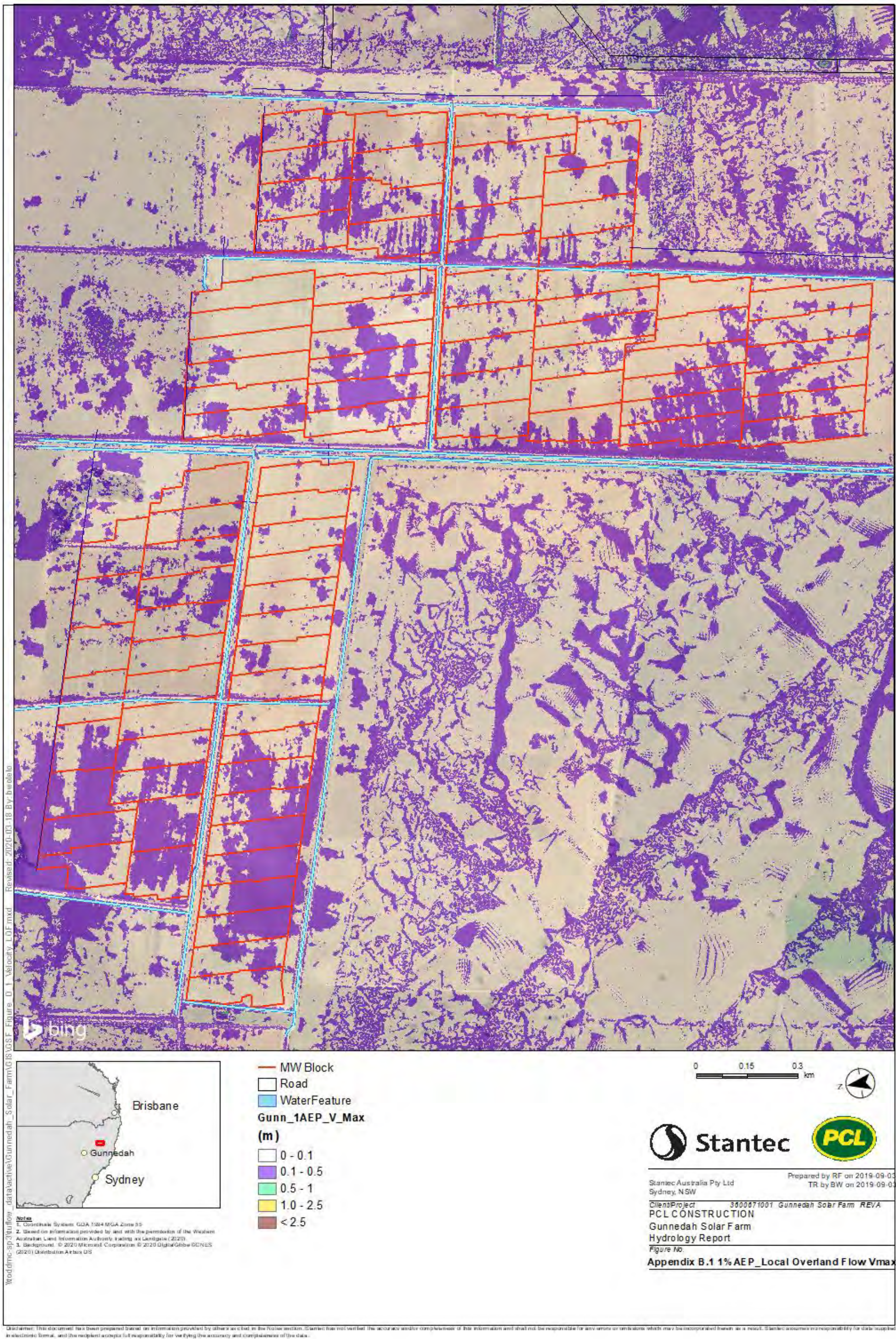




# Appendix B    Flow velocity



Figure Appendix B.1 Local overland Flow Velocity project site wide during the 1% AEP Storm event





# Appendix C    Flood Hazard

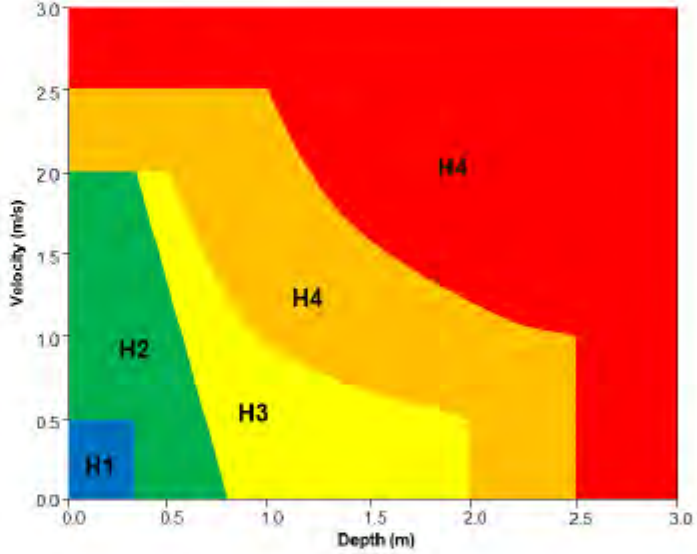
Figure Appendix C 1 Local overland Flow project site wide Hazard during the 1% AEP Storm event



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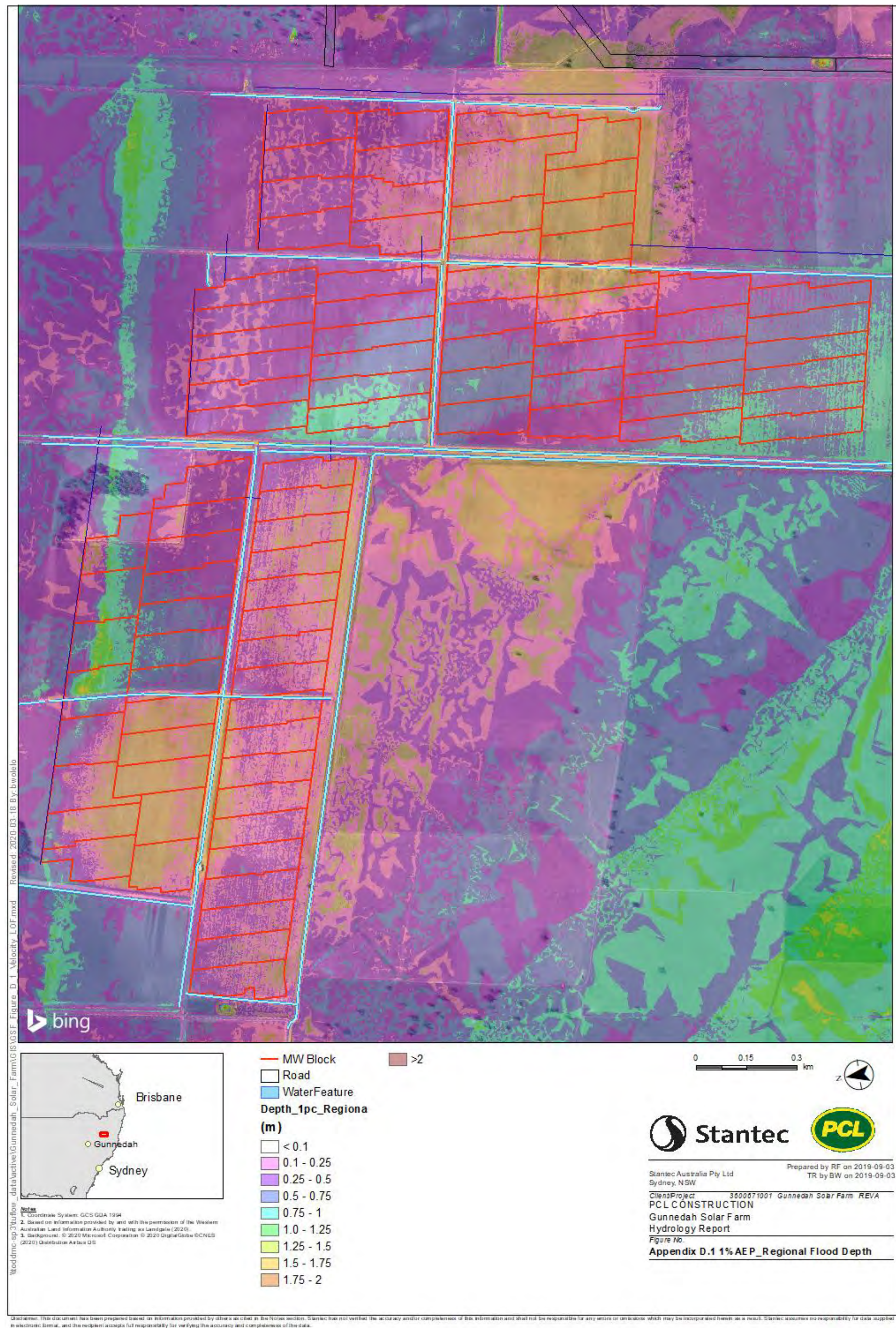
Figure Appendix C 2 MBRC Hazard Category (adopted from BMTWBM 2018)

Flag	Map Output Hazard Type	Supported Formats	Description
ZMBRC	ZMBRC	All formats	<p>Flood hazard output used by Moreton Bay Regional Council.</p> <p>Where:</p> <p><math>V &gt; 2.5</math> or <math>D &gt; 2.5</math> or <math>V \cdot D &gt; 2.5</math>: Category 5 (H5 )</p> <p><math>V &gt; 2.0</math> or <math>D &gt; 2.0</math> or <math>V \cdot D &gt; 1.0</math>: Category 4 (H4)</p> <p><math>V &gt; 3.2 - 4D</math>: Category 3 (H3)</p> <p><math>V &gt; 0.5</math> or <math>D &gt; 0.3</math>: Category 2 (H2)</p> <p>Otherwise Category 1 (H1 )</p> <p>Dry points are assigned Category 0</p> <div></div> <p>H1: Hydraulically suitable for parked or moving cars.</p> <p>H2: Hydraulically suitable for parked or moving heavy vehicles and wading by able-bodied adults.</p> <p>H3: Hydraulically suitable for light construction (e.g. Timber frame and brick veneer).</p> <p>H4: Hydraulically suitable for heavy construction (e.g. steel frame and reinforced concrete).</p> <p>H5: Generally unsuitable</p>

# Appendix D    Regional Flooding



Figure Appendix D 1      Depth of Flooding during the 1% AEP Regional Storm Event





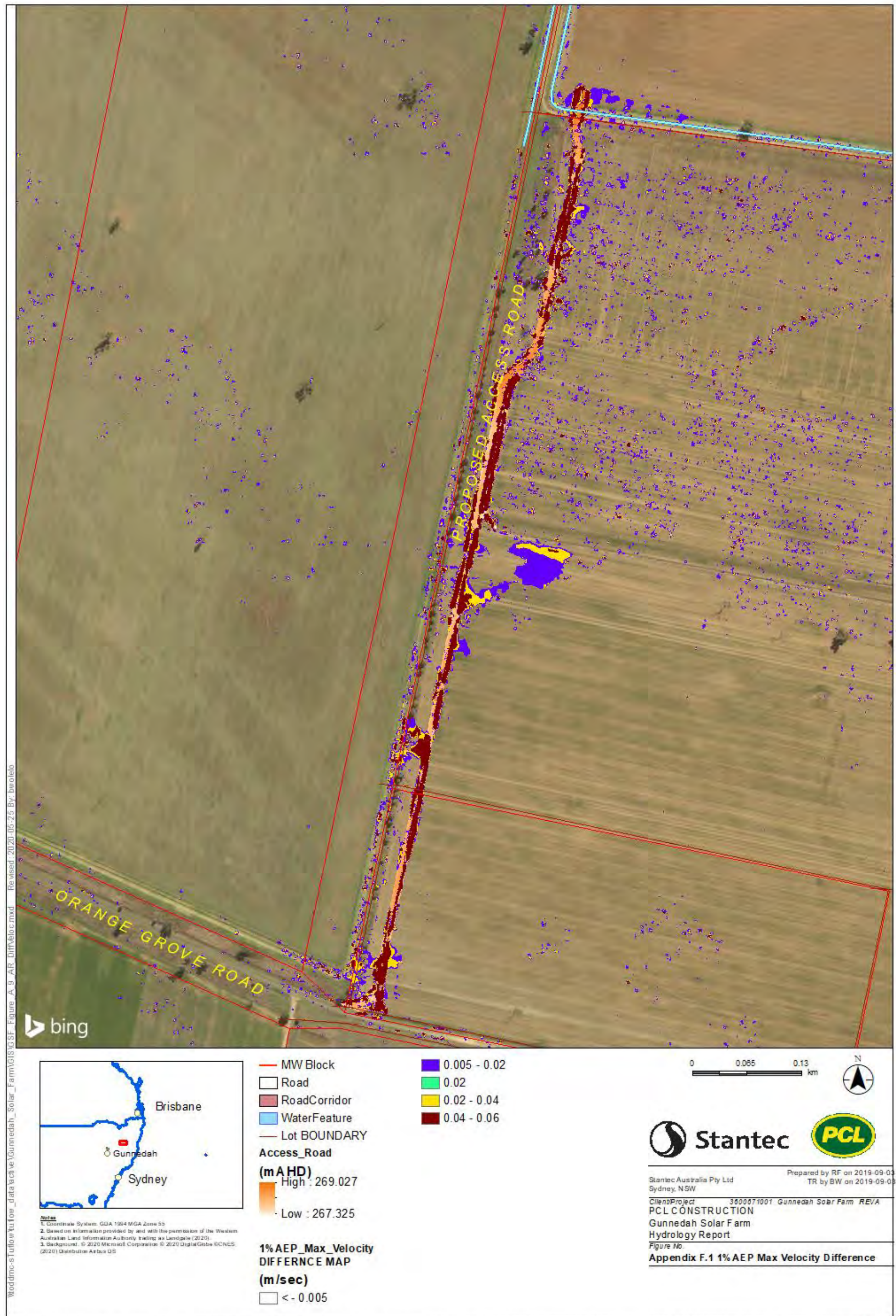
# Appendix E     Depth of Flooding Difference Post Construction of Access Road





Appendix F      Maximum Flow Velocity Difference Post Construction of Access Road







# Appendix G    Design Rainfall Depth and Site IFD

Table Appendix E 1 1% AEP 30minute rainfall Patterns

1% AEP, 30 Minute Rainfall Patterns										
	Duration (minutes)	30	Original Depth (mm)				46.50			
			Climate Adjusted Depth (mm)				46.50	Intensity (mm/h)	93.00	
Time	Depth (mm) for Pattern:									
(minutes)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0										
5	7.82	12.27	12.21	6.31	6.18	4.06	6.17	4.16	6.29	6.13
10	7.63	7.27	10.80	12.19	15.96	4.06	6.40	8.13	8.48	5.11
15	8.19	5.68	6.58	9.94	8.41	10.38	9.73	3.11	1.88	8.17
20	8.57	6.23	7.51	1.29	5.84	9.93	9.02	10.44	3.61	8.69
25	7.81	7.58	5.87	8.90	4.63	11.74	8.07	12.49	15.08	8.69
30	6.48	7.48	3.52	7.87	5.49	6.32	7.12	8.17	11.16	9.71
Check	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.50	46.50
Sum										

Table Appendix E 2 Adopted 1% AEP 1.5 hour rainfall Pattern

1% AEP, 90 Minute (1.5 Hour) Rainfall Patterns										
	Duration (minutes)	90	Original Depth (mm)				66.30			
			Climate Adjusted Depth (mm)				66.30	Intensity (mm/h)	44.20	
Time	Depth (mm) for Pattern:									
(minutes)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0										
5	2.82	4.79	2.96	1.72	6.68	5.68	2.19	3.45	1.28	2.43
10	5.66	2.51	5.14	2.86	3.73	14.22	2.65	3.45	5.54	4.12
15	8.33	1.14	7.57	2.19	4.16	5.64	1.47	4.61	4.63	3.56
20	7.23	1.37	9.02	2.25	2.78	7.04	0.86	2.88	3.95	1.31
25	6.76	4.55	5.52	6.24	3.14	5.34	1.37	3.46	0.69	2.43
30	3.77	6.84	3.95	9.64	8.08	2.77	4.00	4.04	0.27	1.50
35	5.81	8.66	3.27	5.68	6.16	1.23	5.84	4.04	1.49	3.18
40	3.45	6.84	2.18	9.47	2.13	0.21	4.16	2.31	4.89	2.06
45	2.67	2.73	0.67	2.52	2.13	0.06	3.38	2.88	1.44	0.75
50	3.61	3.19	0.62	5.53	5.26	0.06	3.98	4.04	0.25	0.75
55	4.40	5.01	1.44	5.53	3.20	0.50	6.29	5.77	0.25	0.75
60	2.35	3.19	3.74	3.10	4.83	1.06	5.73	4.61	6.29	0.93
65	1.88	3.19	4.55	2.23	3.21	1.17	6.84	5.19	7.58	0.56
70	2.20	4.55	3.80	2.23	3.24	3.60	5.04	4.04	2.83	7.86
75	1.73	3.65	3.26	1.61	2.99	3.60	2.39	3.46	4.52	11.05
80	1.41	2.05	3.74	1.19	2.68	3.60	4.69	3.75	3.53	9.74
85	0.63	0.68	2.29	1.45	0.48	6.44	3.30	1.44	10.26	7.31
90	1.57	1.37	2.57	0.84	1.43	4.08	2.11	2.88	6.64	5.99
Check	66.30	66.30	66.30	66.30	66.30	66.30	66.30	66.30	66.30	66.30

Table Appendix E 3 Adopted 1% AEP 3 hour rainfall Pattern

1% AEP, 180 Minute (3 Hour) Rainfall Patterns										
	Duration (minutes)		180	Original Depth (mm)			79.50			
				Climate Adjusted Depth (mm)			79.50	Intensity (mm/h)		26.50
Time	Depth (mm) for Pattern:									
(minutes)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0										
15	3.92	16.77	2.27	2.02	11.68	6.34	9.51	13.87	2.92	3.02
30	13.75	3.59	2.21	9.29	10.02	5.28	7.36	12.00	9.60	4.68
45	4.71	1.91	6.65	7.47	16.28	7.39	9.09	12.51	5.26	4.34
60	7.26	0.02	1.26	8.07	10.53	5.72	11.50	11.30	7.78	5.76
75	14.25	0.02	1.50	8.47	11.21	2.02	9.46	7.37	7.76	4.79
90	6.03	0.02	3.82	18.36	6.11	6.33	5.41	3.60	2.78	7.04
105	4.89	0.02	12.09	10.29	2.38	14.07	9.91	1.03	10.14	13.00
120	5.75	6.82	14.64	3.83	0.08	13.72	5.41	0.52	10.81	4.45
135	5.80	10.29	10.96	0.20	1.26	1.58	4.51	6.17	5.63	9.99
150	3.66	8.09	10.20	1.42	2.08	5.10	4.21	3.77	5.90	4.52
165	4.74	15.82	8.23	4.04	7.47	7.39	2.10	1.72	2.40	4.80
180	4.76	16.11	5.66	6.05	0.41	4.57	1.05	5.65	8.52	13.11
Check	79.50	79.50	79.50	79.50	79.50	79.50	79.50	79.50	79.50	79.50
Sum										

Table Appendix E 4 Adopted 1% AEP 4.5 hour rainfall Pattern

1% AEP, 270 Minute (4.5 Hour) Rainfall Patterns										
	Duration (minutes)	270	Original Depth (mm)				88.50			
			Climate Adjusted Depth (mm)				88.50	Intensity (mm/h)		19.67
Time	Depth (mm) for Pattern:									
(minutes)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
0										
15	5.51	1.50	4.88	1.65	18.30	11.55	0.05	6.88	2.54	2.14
30	1.33	1.78	8.87	2.82	14.18	13.56	0.05	8.83	10.02	6.50
45	3.09	5.66	16.39	3.11	3.91	8.17	8.19	3.30	4.73	1.73
60	4.03	5.24	2.51	3.46	8.97	2.79	13.44	6.80	3.31	13.70
75	4.52	6.48	2.18	3.28	1.50	5.58	7.20	1.42	6.37	6.05
90	11.30	3.00	3.03	4.24	2.96	4.19	17.29	2.08	5.58	2.52
105	8.82	7.13	7.13	2.66	0.61	6.38	7.68	4.06	3.61	0.36
120	3.58	10.31	4.71	4.12	0.00	7.18	4.81	5.89	4.04	0.58
135	2.35	11.63	5.57	3.82	0.23	4.19	0.48	6.96	3.01	0.09
150	4.55	5.33	3.94	5.06	0.00	2.99	0.70	6.50	2.93	0.03
165	1.51	4.36	1.50	4.22	0.00	2.59	0.26	5.61	7.09	2.14
180	6.48	4.04	5.96	6.19	5.15	3.19	0.96	6.02	15.90	5.43
195	2.48	7.85	7.65	11.43	7.41	2.19	3.36	6.55	6.93	3.81
210	0.68	4.48	0.93	3.91	11.05	1.80	9.12	6.60	1.78	10.82
225	0.45	4.90	4.85	8.79	9.12	2.59	1.92	2.87	0.91	9.80
240	13.20	2.42	4.24	3.98	1.12	3.39	0.96	2.60	0.73	13.97
255	10.75	1.33	2.42	4.22	1.49	2.99	7.20	2.51	0.72	8.30
270	3.86	1.06	1.76	11.53	2.50	3.19	4.81	3.01	8.29	0.51
Check	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50	88.50
Sum										



Table Appendix E 5 Gunnedah Site IFD Data

	Annual Exceedance Probability (AEP)						
Duration	63.20%	50%	20%	10%	5%	2%	1%
1 min	104	118	163	194	225	268	302
2 min	88.5	99.8	137	165	193	232	261
3 min	81.9	92.5	127	152	178	213	240
4 min	76.9	86.9	119	143	166	198	223
5 min	72.6	82.1	113	135	157	187	210
10 min	56.9	64.4	88.7	106	123	146	164
15 min	47.1	53.3	73.5	87.7	102	121	137
20 min	40.4	45.7	63.1	75.3	87.5	104	118
25 min	35.5	40.2	55.4	66.2	77	91.9	104
30 min	31.8	36	49.6	59.2	69	82.4	93.1
45 min	24.5	27.7	38.1	45.6	53.1	63.5	71.8
1 hour	20.2	22.8	31.3	37.4	43.6	52.2	59
1.5 hour	15.3	17.2	23.6	28.1	32.7	39.1	44.2
2 hour	12.5	14.1	19.2	22.8	26.6	31.7	35.8
3 hour	9.42	10.6	14.4	17	19.8	23.5	26.5
4.5 hour	7.11	7.97	10.8	12.8	14.7	17.5	19.7
6 hour	5.83	6.54	8.81	10.4	12	14.2	16
9 hour	4.41	4.95	6.66	7.85	9.05	10.7	12
12 hour	3.62	4.06	5.47	6.45	7.43	8.78	9.86
18 hour	2.73	3.06	4.14	4.9	5.66	6.71	7.55
24 hour	2.22	2.5	3.4	4.03	4.67	5.56	6.28
30 hour	1.89	2.13	2.9	3.46	4.02	4.81	5.45
36 hour	1.65	1.86	2.55	3.05	3.55	4.27	4.86
48 hour	1.33	1.5	2.07	2.48	2.91	3.53	4.04
72 hour	0.96	1.09	1.52	1.83	2.17	2.66	3.06
96 hour	0.757	0.859	1.2	1.46	1.73	2.13	2.47
120 hour	0.627	0.712	0.998	1.21	1.43	1.77	2.05
144 hour	0.537	0.61	0.854	1.03	1.22	1.49	1.73
168 hour	0.471	0.535	0.746	0.897	1.05	1.28	1.49

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