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**Erosion and Sediment Control Plan** 



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#### **1 Executive Summary**

Ardill Payne and Partners (APP) has prepared an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) for the proposed development of a world class sustainable cultural events site within an enhanced ecological setting at North Byron Parklands, Tweed Valley Way and Jones Road, Yelgun. The development includes the construction of new road pavements and site accesses, the upgrade of existing road pavements, the construction of a new crossing of Jones Road, and associated infrastructure works.

The management measures outlined in this ESCP are designed to minimise the impacts on the environment that may arise from disturbing of the site, and achieve the following outcomes:

- prevent dust nuisance during construction
- prevent the displacement of sediment and soil across and offsite
- preserve water quality in receiving environments
- control and treat surface runoff from the development during construction
- maintain existing surface water conditions outside the construction area
- divert 'clean' runoff around disturbed areas
- compliance with all statutory requirements.

#### 2 Director General's Requirements

The Director General of the Department of Planning determined that the proposal was a Major Project pursuant to Part 3A of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979, and issued Environmental Assessment Requirements (DGRs) on 25 August 2009. The DGRs that are related to this report are as follows:

- Attachment 2, Project Application, 3.0 Erosion and Sediment Control Plan

   plan or drawing that shows the nature and location of all erosion and
   sedimentation control measures to be utilized on the site.
- Attachment 2, Project Application, 6.0 Construction Management Plan a plan which outlines traffic and pedestrian management during construction and management of impacts on amenity of adjoining properties and appropriate mitigation measures including noise, dust and sediment and erosion controls.

This report deals specifically with sediment and erosion controls on the site, and shall be read in conjunction with the *'Construction Management Plan'*, Ardill Payne & Partners, June 2010.



3 Site Location and Description

The site is located on the eastern side of the Tweed Valley Way at Jones Road, approximately 6.5km south of Mooball, 5.5km north of Brunswick Heads north turnoff, and 23.5km north of Byron Bay. A topographic map of the site is included in **Attachment 1**.

In summary, the application area comprises the following land parcels:

Lot No	DP
403	755687
Pt. 402 & 404	755687
1	1145020
Pt. 46	755687
Pt. 10	875112
Pt. 2	848618
Pt. 30	880376
Pt. 102	1001878
Pt. 12	848618

The application area comprises an area of approximately 155.9 ha. A large proportion of the site is low lying, low relief alluvial plains. Levels range from approximately RL.2.0m AHD in the east, gently rising to approximately RL.3.5m AHD in the west. A network of surface agricultural drains dissect the low lying areas of the site draining into Yelgun and Billinudgel Creeks.

The southern portion of the site (south of Jones Road) is located within the lower catchments of Yelgun and Billinudgel Creeks which form part of the Marshall's Creek floodplain. The northern portion of the site is within the Crabbe's Creek floodplain. The central portion of the overall site incorporates a low east-west ridge upon which Jones Road is located.

Approximately 66% of the site is pasture land used for cattle grazing, while the balance is identified in Council mapping as High Conservation Vegetation

#### 4 **Proposed Development**

The proposed development of the site involves the following main construction activities:

 Site earthworks including filling of existing shallow grassed drains in event areas



- Internal road construction (spine road and event laneways)
- External road construction and widening, including new intersections
- A new crossing of Jones Road (either an underpass or an at-grade intersection)
- Stormwater drainage, including piped culverts, open drains and stormwater management facilities
- Wastewater treatment system, including the construction of a sewage treatment plant, effluent holding dams, effluent polishing wetlands, effluent irrigation areas and reticulation mains
- Water supply, including the construction of a water treatment plant, bulk water storage tanks and reticulation mains, and the construction of a new dam
- Electricity and telecommunication distribution cables (overhead and/or underground)
- Construction of an administration building and gatehouse
- Pedestrian pathways and bridges.

It is not proposed to construct all of the wastewater treatment system and water supply infrastructure in the initial stages – for further details and the proposed staging, refer to *'Integrated Water Cycle Assessment and Management, North Byron Parklands, Tweed Valley Way and Jones Road, Yelgun, NSW'*, Gilbert & Sutherland, May 2010.

An event area and land use structure plan is included in **Attachment 2**.

#### 5 Background Conditions

#### 5.1 Sub-Surface Conditions

A preliminary geotechnical investigation was undertaken by Coffey Geotechnics Pty Ltd ('Geotechnical Investigation at Splendour in the Grass Site', Coffey Geotechnics Pty Ltd, Report No. GEOTALST03072AA, 1 April 2007). This investigation was to determine CBR values for road design, determine the extent of peat on the site, and to collect soil samples and test for Potential Acid Sulfate Soils (PASS).

A further site assessment was undertaken by Gilbert & Sutherland Pty Ltd (*'Integrated Water Cycle Assessment and Management, North Byron Parklands, Tweed Valley Way and Jones Road, Yelgun, NSW'*, Gilbert & Sutherland, May 2010).



Soils mapping indicates that the low lying portions of the site are underlain by Quaternary alluvial deposits of sands, silts and clays overlying Pleistocene sand deposits which were former beach fronts. The ridge accommodating Jones Road and the more elevated portions in the west of the site are formed on greywacke, slate, phyllite and quartzite.

The soils on the site can be grouped into three main areas:

- Soils in the low lying areas on the north and south eastern areas of the site – generally classified as Podosols comprising organic and visible iron horizons, overlying sand
- Soils at the base of the hill slopes through the middle of the site generally classified as Hydrosols which are saturated for 2-3 months in most years
- Soils associated with the higher hill slopes in the north west and middle ridge line – generally classified as Kurosols with strongly acidic horizons.

# 5.2 Potential Acid Sulfate Soils

A Preliminary Acid Sulfate Soil assessment was undertaken by EAL Consulting Service in May 2010 ('*Preliminary Acid Sulfate Soil Assessment Report for the North Byron Parklands Project & Concept Plan Application at North Byron Parklands Site, Yelgun, NSW*', EAL Consulting Service, 9 May 2010). This assessment confirmed the presence of potential and actual acid sulfate soils within the study area. An Acid Sulfate Management Plan has been prepared for the site by Ardill Payne & Partners ('Acid Sulfate Management Plan', Ardill Payne & Partners, June 2010).

This investigation also confirmed the presence of peat soils across the north eastern portion of the site, at varying depths up to a maximum of 400mm deep.

#### 5.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels observed by EAL and Gilbert & Sutherland in 2010, and by Coffeys in 2007, recorded typical depths to groundwater as varying between 0.35m to 0.9m below ground surface level within the low-lying alluvial plains.



#### 6 Plan Implementation

The ESCP requires the developer/contractor to mitigate any potential environmental impacts associated with possible soil erosion and mobilisation of sediment during construction works. This ESCP specifies the management measures necessary to mitigate any impacts associated with possible soil erosion and sedimentation on the site.

Earthworks associated with the construction of roads and pathways, the reconstruction of Jones Road (and possibly excavation for the underpass beneath Jones Road), the excavation works for service trenches, building construction works, and the construction and maintenance of open drains will create the potential for soil erosion and mobilisation of sediment to occur.

Prior to commencement of earthworks, appropriate erosion and sedimentation control devices such as sediment control fencing, shallow diversion drains, hay bale check dams and temporary sediment basins shall be installed in accordance with the recommendations of Landcom's *'Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction'*, Volume 1, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, March 2004'.

#### 7 Erosion and Sediment Control Measures

The following procedures have been prepared in accordance with Landcom's *'Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction'*, Volume 1, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, March 2004' (the "Blue Book").

Reference shall also be made to the Ardill Payne & Partners reports 'Stormwater Management Plan', June 2010, and the 'Acid Sulfate Management Plan', June 2010.

The following management issues may be raised during civil works until the site has stabilised:

- Dust control due to earthworks
- Erosion from exposed construction areas
- Prevention of sediment leaving the site
- Dewatering of excavations.



Potential Acid Sulfate Soils (PASS) may be encountered during excavation of service trenches and the new open drain. Refer to the 'Acid Sulfate Management Plan' for details on PASS management measures.

# 7.1 Dust Control

Dust from the site shall be managed to prevent excessive degradation in air quality or nuisance to nearby residents and the environment. This will be measured by limiting complaints to less than one per week.

Dust will mainly be controlled on site by:

- limiting traffic on disturbed areas
- watering spray trucks
- any material stockpiles to be covered by anchored geofabric
- dust covers provided on trucks and dumpers

Where wind speed exceeds about 10m/s (36km/hr), or a watering truck is not available, dust generating activities shall cease unless the Site Manager certifies that dust controls are operating effectively and air quality does not cause a nuisance.

In the event that dust control is unsatisfactory then some of the following measures may be utilised:

- inspect existing controls and clean, upgrade or improve as required
- open weave barrier fencing is to be provided on the windward side in accordance with Landcom's manual "Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction", March 2004
- temporary access roads and parking areas shall be sealed with a gravel layer
- disturbed areas are to be covered with geotextile
- construction activities to stop, disturbed areas stabilised and the dust control measures reviewed

In the event of excessive complaints, dust monitoring shall be conducted in accordance with AS3580.10.1 (1991). The Site Manager is responsible for visually monitoring air quality and the adequacies of dust control measures at least daily, and as required to ensure that the above requirements are satisfied and performance is satisfactory. In the event of unsatisfactory dust control as indicated by excessive complaints, the Principal Contractor is responsible for initiating a review of the dust controls and dust monitoring as required.



# 7.2 Erosion and Sediment Control

The site is generally not being filled or regraded. Bulk earthworks on the site will be required for the construction of roads, pedestrian pathways, stormwater drainage, building construction, and the installation of services. Earthworks will primarily consist of:

- stripping of topsoil and minimal cut/fill beneath new roads and pathways and providing approved imported roadbase material
- reconstruction of Jones Road, and construction of either an underpass or at grade intersection with spine road
- filling of some shallow grassed man-made drains in areas of high pedestrian or vehicle activity
- construction of shallow diversion drains to divert surface waters around event areas
- construction of shallow diversion drains to divert 'clean' runoff around disturbed areas
- construction of new open drain near Forest Block C
- cut and fill for building platforms as required
- trenching for installation of services

Erosion of the site shall be minimised and sedimentation shall be controlled so as to not adversely impact surrounding drains, creeks or surrounding areas. The Gilbert & Sutherland report concluded that the overall soil erosion hazard is classed as "very low" considering the soil type disturbed and assuming appropriate control measures are employed.

An erosion and sediment control layout plan and details are shown on drawings **6883-SW1 & SW2**, included as **Attachment 3**. Generally water quality from the site shall be maintained by:

- limiting traffic on disturbed areas
- careful management of stockpiles using covers if necessary. Stockpiles shall not be located in drainage channels and shall be surrounded by temporary sediment fences on the downslope side
- sediment control structures such as temporary sediment traps, sediment fencing/control, and stabilised site access points
- diversion drains to divert "clean" water around disturbed areas
- stabilisation of disturbed areas as soon as possible after completion of earthworks
- directing runoff through grassed or vegetated swales prior to discharge off site
- backfilling of service trenches as soon as possible

- employ rock scour protection to stormwater inlets and outlets as specified.
- street cleaning as required to remove sediment falling off exiting vehicles

The Site Manager is responsible for checking the adequacy of erosion and sediment control measures at least weekly and following rainfall to ensure that the above requirements are satisfied and performance is satisfactory. In the event of unsatisfactory performance the Project Manager is responsible for initiating improvements to the treatment measures.

# 7.2.1 Sediment Control Fencing

Sediment fences shall be located down-slope of any disturbed areas, and ideally along a line of constant level to prevent concentration of stormwater run-off. Where this cannot be achieved, sections of the sediment fence shall have 'returns' directed up-slope to control the concentration of run-off.

# 7.2.2 Stabilised Site Access

Provide a stabilised site entry at all entry/exit points of the site to prevent the tracking of sediment off site. If practical restrict the entry/exit point to one stabilised location.

The pad shall be at least 2m wide and 10m long, and consist of minimum 40mm crushed rock placed 150-200mm thick over a geotextile filter cloth.

# 7.2.3 Grassed or Vegetated Swales

Grassed swales are a shallow, low gradient, grass lined drainage channel used to convey and treat concentrated stormwater runoff. The swale may be landscaped and vegetated (vegetated swale), or include subsoil filtration media and an underdrain (bio-retention swale).

Bio-retention swales provide both stormwater treatment and conveyance functions. The swale component provides pretreatment of stormwater to remove coarse to medium sediments while the bio-retention system removes finer particulates and associated contaminants. **Figure 1** is a typical section for a bio-retention swale.



Grassed and vegetated swales treat stormwater by settling, filtration and infiltration. They remove pollutants such as coarse and medium sediment, nutrients and hydrocarbons. The interaction between flow and the vegetation along swales facilitates pollutant settlement and retention.

Vehicular access to swales shall be prevented by providing piped or concrete lined crossings at appropriate locations.



Figure 1– Typical Bio-retention Swale Section

#### 7.2.4 <u>Sediment Basins</u>

Where any disturbed area of the site exceeds  $2500m^2$ , temporary sediment basins will be required during construction. The basins will be required while the site continues to generate sediment laden runoff.

Sediment basins will remove (by settling) coarse to mediumsized sediments. Key design parameters are selecting a target sediment size, design discharge and sediment storage volume.

The design of a sediment basin is such that suspended solids and coarse sediment are able to settle out of suspension as the water flows towards the basin outlet. The capacity of a sediment basin is the combination of two components:

 The settling zone, in which water is stored allowing the settlement of suspended solids



• The sediment storage zone, where deposited sediment is stored until the basin is cleaned.

Landcom's *'Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Constructions' Volume 1* (the "Blue Book") provides formulae to determine the required sediment basin size given a specific area and soil type. Sizing of the sediment basins shall be determined at CC stage.

Sediment basins will be constructed such that they capture flows up to the design storm only. Higher flows will be directed to existing site drains. The first flush from all storm events will be directed through the sediment basin to prevent siltation of waterways.

Water from the sediment basins can be reused for dust suppression and irrigation of re-vegetated areas. A water cart is to be provided at all times on the site, and will be filled from the sediment basin whenever possible. Unsealed roads should be regularly watered at a rate of 1-2 litres/m<sup>2</sup> during high traffic loads.

Basins will require emptying to ensure they have storage volume available for future storm events; this is generally within 5 days from the end of the previous storm event. A floating pump inlet will minimise the potential disturbance of settled material while the captured stormwater is discharged.

#### 7.3 Control of Surface Runoff

The principal man-made drains existing on the site will be retained. Some minor man-made drains (depth approx 300mm) in the public areas (areas of high pedestrian activity) will present operational difficulties for the site operators and will be a public hazard during events. These minor drains will be filled to improve the function of these areas. Only the shallow drains will be filled and only for the extent of the public areas. This filling will comprise free-draining crushed rock aggregate and subsoil drain pipes, with a topsoil overlay from site-won material. Shallow diversion drains will direct unpolluted upstream surface waters away from the drains being filled.

Generally new drains, other than the drain located north of Forest Block C (see below), will be shallow diversion drains (nom. 150mm deep) as detailed on drawing **6883-SW2**. These diversion drains are to divert unpolluted runoff from upstream catchments around



construction areas and event areas, and will discharge into existing drains.

A new open drain will be constructed in the eastern part of the site, approx. 5m north of Forest Block C, to duplicate an existing open drain (refer *'Stormwater Management Plan'*, Ardill Payne & Partners, June 2010). Construction of the new open drain will reduce the likelihood of any adverse environmental outcomes associated with the maintenance of the existing drain, with construction management practices in accordance with Section 7.2.

An erosion and sediment control plan, including site drainage patterns, is shown on drawing **6883-SW1**; details of surface runoff controls are shown on drawings **6883-SW2**; all drawings are included as **Attachment 3**.

#### 7.4 Surface Water Monitoring

The site shall be inspected by the Site Manager and Engineer at the start of construction works to ensure that the requirements of the ESCP are in place. The Site Manager or his nominated representative shall inspect drainage systems and water quality controls during all rainfall events during the construction period. Contact the Engineer for advice where required.

Visual inspections of the construction phase sediment and erosion controls shall be carried out daily and after rainfall events (>25mm in a 24 hour period) to ensure that controls are in place and operational.

Surface water quality (pH, turbidity and suspended solids, and visual survey for oil and grease) entering and leaving the site shall be monitored during the first rainfall event (>25 mm in a 24 hour period) of each month. Details of the water quality parameters and the monitoring locations are contained in the *'Integrated* Water Cycle Assessment and Management, North Byron Parklands, Tweed Valley Way and Jones Road, Yelgun, NSW', Gilbert & Sutherland, May 2010.

Generally all controlled discharges of water from the site during the construction phase should comply with the following criteria:

- pH 6.5 8.5
- Turbidity < 50NTU</li>
- Suspended Solids < 50 mg/L</li>

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Monitoring, reporting and corrective actions shall be recorded in an Environmental Management Log (EML) or site diary. The EML is to be updated continuously in response to inspections on the site and any breaches of the CMP that may occur. Include details of inspection time, weather conditions, rainfall reading and any other relevant observations. Record any maintenance or corrective measures implemented as a result of the inspection. All records to be kept on site for inspection by local or state government officers at any time.

#### 7.5 Dewatering

Water pumped from excavations shall be directed to temporary sediment basins prior to and necessary treatment and discharge from the site.

# 7.6 Maintenance of Erosion & Sediment Control Measures

Erosion and sediment control devices shall be regularly maintained, and repaired or cleaned as necessary, to retain the effectiveness of the selected measures. Maintenance shall continue until disturbed areas have been adequately revegetated. Unpolluted runoff shall be diverted around disturbed areas.

Maintenance of swales shall ensure that:

- inlets and outlets are not blocked
- sediment accumulation does not impair operation of swales
- there is no scour of the swales
- vegetation is healthy

Maintenance of existing open drains will occur as necessary to preserve the integrity of the drainage system. It is recommended that maintenance of these drains avoids any deepening of the drains.

#### 7.7 Corrective Action

The Site Manager is to review the effectiveness of environmental controls on site and implement any changes required to improve them.

#### 7.8 Contractor Management

The Contractor shall be made aware of his responsibilities and obligations under the terms of the ESCP and the EP&A Act 1997. Regular inspections, and audits of retained records and test results, will be carried out by the Engineer.



The Site Manager will ensure that the procedures in the ESCP are followed and that controls measures are maintained and adequate. All loads shall be covered. The Site Manager is responsible for monitoring the condition of adjacent streets and organising for cleaning of the road surfaces if required.

#### 7.9 Incident Management

The Contractor and his representatives have a clearly defined responsibility under the terms of this ESCP and the EP&A Act 1997 to report any incidents likely to cause harm to the environment.

#### 8 Discussion and Conclusion

Erosion and sediment control measures will be implemented in accordance with Landcom's guide *'Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction'*, Volume 1, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, March 2004.

The ESCP layout plan and details (drawings **6883-SW1 & SW2**) represents surface water management measures on the site. Considering that disturbance of the site is minimal, we consider that the extent of erosion and sediment control measures shown on the drawings and described in the ESCP is consistent with current industry standards.

In general, the site will be managed by the installation of appropriate erosion and sediment control devices, such as diversion drains, dust control measures, sediment fencing, and hay bale check dams.

Water quality will be tested prior to release from site and remedial measures will be implemented to maintain the water quality within suitable limits.



#### 9 Scope of Engagement

This report has been prepared by Ardill Payne & Partners (APP) at the request of Billinudgel Property Trust for the purpose of preparing an Erosion and Sediment Control Plan for the proposed cultural events site at North Byron Parklands, and is not to be used for any other purpose or by any other person or corporation.

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# **10 Attachments**

Attachment 1 I opographic Ma	achment 1	I opographic Map
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Attachment 2 Event Area and Land Use Structure Plan

Attachment 3 Drawings



**ATTACHMENT 1** 

Attachment 1 Topographic Map





**ATTACHMENT 2** 

Attachment 2 Proposed Development Layout



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**ATTACHMENT 3** 

Attachment 3 Drawings

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SELF-SUPPOR

NON SOIL, 150mm x 100mm TRENCH WITH COMPACTED BACK FILL AND ON ROCK, SET INTO SURFACE CONCRETE

DIRECTION OF FLOW.

ANGLE FIRST

TAKE TOWARD

PREVIOUS BALE

NYLON OR WIRE

- 1.5m to 2m ·

DISTURBED AREA

BINDINGS.

SECTION AA

SECTION DETAIL

FLOW

STAR PICKETS AT MAXIMUM

Erosion & Sediment Control - Details

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