

Manufacturer:  Versions  Bed Configuration:	On-site wastewater treatment system. Treats domestic wastewater to a high secondary standard.  Biolytix Technologies  An Biolytix Information pack may be downloaded from: <a href="http://www.biolytix.com/docs/biolytixinfokit.pdf">http://www.biolytix.com/docs/biolytixinfokit.pdf</a> Pumped or Gravity discharge  Standard tanks available to suit sewer invert levels of 0.4, 0.6 & 1.0m or retrofit kits to suit existing septic tanks.  Central pump well with sealed lid (pumped version only).  Base level sump of bagged open plastic structural support material to a depth of 250mm. Filter bed of three layers each consisting of a geotextile support cloth under bagged
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	structurally supported hums/peat layer 250mm deep below a 200mm layer of bagged open plastic support material. Refer Figure 1 for typical cross of filter (pumped dischargiversion).
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Figure 1: Cross Section of Biolytix Filter BF6 – Pumped Version

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Certification:	Pumped version passed independent testin				
	alternative aerated treatment systems, incl		ons:,		
	1. UV disinfection at a dose rate of		to magged through on in		
	<ol> <li>Influent loaded with 2.4kg/day of sink food waste disposal unit.</li> </ol>	puirescible food was	te passed inrough an in-		
	Gravity filter has same bed configuration a	as numned systems	·		
	Copies of SAI Global reports (include eff		two separate testing trials		
	may be obtained from:	raem quamy auta, for	two separate testing trials		
	http://docs.biolytix.com/products/record/P	R BE6AnnrovalWith	UV doc		
	http://docs.biolytix.com/products/record/P				
	Filter Operation Approvals – BF6 filter				
	Approval Authority & Reference/ webp		t copy		
NT	Dept of Health: Ref DF2005/862				
	http://biolytix.com/biol2/docs/NT_BF6_Approval				
NSW	Dept. of Health: WCT 023, 3/9/2003				
	http://biolytix.com/biol2/docs/NSW_BF6				
QLD	Dept. of Natural Resources & Mines: Mod		29/8/03.		
	http://biolytix.com/biol2/docs/Qld_BF6_A				
SA	Dept. of Human Services: WCS 01586, 16				
	http://biolytix.com/biol2/docs/SA_BF6_A				
Tas	DIER: Interim approval BSR 0438/2003,				
	http://biolytix.com/biol2/docs/TAS_BF6	<u>Approval</u>			
Vic	EPA Victoria:CA90/04, 6 July 2004	1 16			
***	http://www.biolytix.com/docs/vic_epa_ap	provai.pui			
WA	WA Health: Approval No 169, 27/4/2004	\a			
+	http://biolytix.com/biol2/docs/WA_BF6_A				
	Filter Operation Approvals – BF6 filter		n		
NT	Project specific approval by NT Dept. of I	lealth required.			
NSW	Dept. of Health: BF-002, 3/12/2004				
	http://biolytix.com/biol2/docs/NSW_BF6				
QLD	Dept. Local Gov. Planning, Sport & Recre		al No. 114, 21/12/05		
	http://biolytix.com/biol2/docs/Qld_BF6_A	pproval			
SA	Application pending				
Tas	Application pending				
Vic	Project specific approval by Council requi				
	(e.g. UV disinfection) to certified systems	do not require EPA ap	pproval.		
WA	Application pending				
Effluent quality:		Standard	Putrescible food waste		
90 percentile data from	Biochemical Oxygen Demand -BOD <sub>5</sub>	≤ 12mg/L	≤ 17mg/L		
AS1546.3 independent	Total suspended solids	≤9mg/L	≤11mg/L		
tests	Thermotolerant Coliforms	<10cfu/100mL	< 10cfu/100mL		
	Thermotolerant Coliforms only applicable	with UV disinfection			
On-site dispersal:	Subsurface drip irrigation or trenches insta	illed to AS/NZS 1547	if effluent is not		
1	disinfected with UV. Subsurface drip irri				
	downloaded from:		•		
	http://docs.biolytix.com/products/procedur				
	Surface or subsurface irrigation installed to	o AS/NZS 1547 with	UV disinfection at a dose		
!	rate not less than 88mWs/cm <sup>2</sup> .				
Hydraulic loading:	Standard filter bed - Filter bed volume 1	.6m <sup>3</sup>			
	Long Term Acceptance Rate (LTAR) 160				
	4-day peak capacity 2150 l/day				
	Concrete or Non-standard tank - Requi				
	per day or 660 mm/day internal surface, whichever is the lesser. Peak loading rate is 880				
	mm internal surface area/day.				
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Tank Details:	Standard: The standard Biolytix	Filter is installed i	n an Everhard poly	mer septic tank		
Standard Tanks &	(refer www.everhard.com.au). T	he filter may also b	e supplied in other	tanks (e.g.		
Existing Tank Retrofit	concrete) certified to AS/NZS 15	46.1. A drawing of	f BF6-2500PAT fil	ter may be		
Kits	downloaded at:					
	http://www.biolytix.com/docs/bf	6drawing.pdf				
	Everhard Tank (size)	2500	3000	3900		
	Inlet Sewer Invert Depth (m)	0.4	0.6	1.0		
	Mass: Dry (kg)	386				
	Wet (kg)	960		-		
	Retrofit: The Biolytix Filter bed		into an existing Au	stralian Standard		
	compliant septic. Typically the thatch although it may be possible	ank should be verti	cal cylindrical with er tank shapes. Bio	a central access olytix provide		
	retrofit kits for various circular tank diameters. A minimum of 1.1m tank					
	required below inlet sewer to pro	vide sufficient dep	th for installation of	f filter bed.		
	Retrofit Kit Size	R1820	R2022	R2224		
W	Suitable for Tank Dia (m)	1.6 to 2.0	2.0 to 2.2	2.2 to 2.4		
Level Control:	Standard float switch with swive					
	Open circuit typical setting: 60m					
	Closed circuit typical setting: 17					
Alarm:	Event Monita (or equivalent) phone line telemetry alarm direct to service prophone line then a standard AS 1546.3 compliant audible and visual alar					
		Operates on any analogue telephone system and is certified for operation with the AC on the Australian Telephone Network.				
Electrical control box:	IP56 polycarbonate weatherproof control box and isolation switch. All components to AS3000:2000.					
Typical pump cycle:	Adjustable range 160-220 litres.					
Pump specifications:	Complete pump specification det	Complete pump specification details may be downloaded from:				
	http://www.biolytix.com/db/pdfs					
(Pump discharge filter only)	The standard pump supplied is a	Pedrollo Sumo 2/5	, however a Pedroll	o Sumo 2/7 or		
only)	other suitable borehole type pump may be installed to suit required duty.					
	Manufacturer: Pedrollo Spa					
	Model:	Sumo 2/5 Sumo 2/7				
	Voltage/Phase:	240 volts AC/ Single				
•	Thermal protection:					
	Seals: Double oil lubricated mechanical					
•	Submersion depth (max) Operating head (max)	20m 36m	60m	- www.		
	Duty 1	10 l/min @ 35		min @ 58m		
	Duty 2	80 l/min @14n		min @ 18m		
	Run time/ kl	1.67h @35m		h @ 58m		
	Run time/ kl	0.21h @ 14m		h @ 14m		
	Power:	0.52kW @ 35r		kW @ 58m		
	Power:	0.63kW @ 14r		kW @ 18m		
	Power consumed	0.87 kWh/kl @		kW/kl @ 58m		
	Power consumed	0.13 kWh/kl @		kW/kl @ 18m		
	Estimated life expectancy:	10,000 hours	L			
Air Pump	Refer Schego website for futher					
Specifications	http://www.schego.de/english/ho	me.htm				
	Manufacturer:	Schego				
	Model:	M2K3 (membr				
	Voltage/phase/power:		Iz/single 5 watt			
	Maximum delivery head:	3m				
· ·	Flow rate:	350 l/hr				
	I III . 42 4 . 3 12C	Diaphragm = 4 years/ Coil = 20 years				
	Estimated life:	Diapinagin – 4	years, con – 20 ye	ears		

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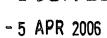
UV Disinfection Unit					
(Optional)	Models:	Various, selected to provide a minimum dose rate of			
, -		88mWs/cm <sup>2</sup> at the design flow rate for the land			
		application system.			
	Chamber Material:	316SS			
	Peak Flow (BF6 effluent):	Selected to suit UV dose.			
	UV Lamp Wattage:	75 Watt minimum at 12L/min.			
	UV Rated Lamp Life	Selected at 9000 hrs minimum (1 year)			
	Voltage:	220/240 VAC, 50Hz			
	Protection Class:	IP21			
	Installation	Mounted in accordance with manufacturer's			
		installation instructions, either on top of Biolytix			
		Filter or remote from filter, subject to site			
N.4	< 40 JD(A) ©1 - 6 - 4	requirements.			
Maximum Noise	< 40 dB(A) @1m fast response				
Serviceable Life:	Equal to the tank life – typically 20				
Operating conditions:		e and humidity conditions experienced in Australia and			
		es regularly drop below – 8°C then site ground			
	1 .	drology assessment is required to determine if thermal			
	ground insulation is warranted).				
Emergency storage	1340 litres above high level float cr	ut in level (this is the storage volume within the tank –			
capacity:		significantly higher emergency capacity than this			
Tarang v	because of soil infiltration).				
	Mariah 2 la distributant				
Emergency response		ic loading rate and more than 7 days at typical loading			
time:	rate of 600 l/day.	•			
Installation		nground installation. If the filter is to be installed			
	above ground, the external walls of				
		uals (pump/ gravity units ) may be downloaded from:			
	http://docs.biolytix.com/installation	n/procedure/IP_BF62500PSerInstallMan.pdf			
		n/procedure/IP_BF22500GInstallManual.pdf			
	Retrofit kits are to be installed by a trained Biolytix Installer.				
Servicing	Annual inspection and system chec				
Requirements:	Monitoring and maintenance of humus levels;  The state of the sta				
	Testing effluent quality co				
	Integrity check for pump,				
	Checking biology of the fi				
	Flushing irrigation lines at				
	• Reporting on system perfo	ormance.			
	UV Lamp (if installed)				
	Quartz sleeve cleaned 6 m				
	• UV lamp replaced every 1				
	The filter service manual may be de				
On anotana Manual	http://www.biolytix.com/db/pdfs/bi				
Operators Manual	A copy of the operators manual ma <a href="http://www.biolytix.com/db/pdfs/b">http://www.biolytix.com/db/pdfs/b</a>	y uc downloaded from: 66. manualOperator pdf			
NV					
Warranty:		nents are warranted for the life of the Biolytix service			
	contract – optional for 15 or 20 year				
	A copy of comprehensive service c				
	http://www.biolytix.com/db/pdfs/co	omprehensive_service_plan_specification.pdf			

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## Product Specification Details

The standard Biolytix Filter BF6 is specified using the following code: BF6X-(X)XXXX-XXX

Model	Tank Size	Pump/ Gravity Discharge	Air Pump	Telemetry or Audio/Visual Alarm
BF6-	2500-	P	A	T
	3000-	G		V
	3900-			
	R1820-			
	R2022-			
	R2224-			the state of the s

#### Note:

- Alternative pump to Sumo 2/5 pump to be ordered as a specific product upgrade variation.
- 2. Standard tank supply is an Everhard Polymer Septic tank. If an alternative tank is required a specific product upgrade variation is to be requested.

#### **Examples:**

**BF6-2500-PAT**: BF6 filter with 2500 litre Everhard tank, sumo 2/5 pump discharge, schego air pump and phone line telemetry alarm.

**BF6-3900-GAV**: BF6 filter with 3900 litre Everhard tank, gravity discharge, schego air pump and audio visual alarm system.

**BF6-R2022-PAV**: BF6 filter retrofit kit suitable for existing vertical cyclindrical circular tank with diameter between 2.0 and 2.2m, with sumo 2/5 pump, schego air pump and audio visual alarm system.

#### **Document Status**

Rev	Status	Status Author Reviewer		Approved for Issue			
			Name	Signature	Name	Signature	Date
R-I	On-site disposal method edited	DOC	Dean Cameron				4/9/03
R-2	Alarm option for conventional audio/ visual included.	DOC	Dean Cameron				19/9/03
R-3	UV disinfection option included	GRI	Dean Cameron		Jill Jordan		30/8/04
R-4	Major update	GRI	Gary Ingram		Dean Cameron		

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Structural Engineering Civil Engineering Building Design Project Management

Our Ref: 23212

12 May 2005

## L J RYAN ON SITE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT LOT 6 D.P. 4112, TE RUA BAY, TORY CHANNEL

Practising in association with Ayson and Partners, Registered Surveyors

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

Mrs Ryan proposes a new accommodation building on her Tory Channel property. The narrow coastal area of the site is zoned Sounds Residential with a much larger area of Rural zoned land behind.

The purpose of this report is to provide sufficient detail for Resource Consent processing with regard to suitable treatment and distribution systems. Full construction information will be required at the future Building Consent stage.

Davidson Partners Ltd was engaged to design an appropriate wastewater management system for the proposed development. We have carried out a site inspection and soil assessment, reviewed other Davidson Partners Ltd designs in similar conditions, and herein recommend suitable measures for the sustainable management of domestic wastewater.

#### 2. INVESTIGATION

A site investigation was carried out in accordance with AS/NZS 1547:2000 'On Site Domestic Wastewater Management', the site notes of which are attached to this report.

The flat coastal area of the site is too small, low lying and near the sea for an effluent field. The only option is for pumped distribution to the hillside behind, well above the steep bank at its toe. The hillside has very high exposure and coverage of mature manuka trees and pines. It is also elevated well clear of the stream to the west.

The soils are best described as tan, dry, very hard, silty clay. The ribbon length is approximately 50 mm. The soil has therefore been assessed as category 5 for design purposes.



#### 3. ASSESSMENT

We consider that primary treatment by septic tank with effluent filter, followed by secondary treatment and land application using shallow subsurface dripper lines is the most appropriate system for this site. We have nominated a constructed subsurface flow wetland to perform the secondary treatment at this site as shown on the drawing, although there are other suitable passive systems that could be applied.

The distribution system proposed should consist of dose loaded dripline dug into the upper soil within the nominated land application area. The principle of the system is irrigation into the topsoil for uptake by established vegetation and future plantings.

We consider a conservative application rate of 3.0 mm per day to be appropriate for the category 5 soil.

#### 4. DESIGN LOADING

For the proposed dwelling with a design occupancy of six people, using a wastewater allowance of 180 litres / person / day, the design daily load equates to 1,080 litres.

#### 5. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

We recommend the following.

#### (a) Septic Tank

A single septic tank is appropriate for this site. Using the design flow of 1,080 litres, the minimum tank size should be 4,500 litres. We recommend the septic tank outlet be fitted with an approved effluent filter to the manufacturer's / supplier's recommendations as per modern practise.

#### (b) Dosing Chamber

The wetland bed requires pressure loading for distribution across the length of the inlet manifold. Allowing for a 300 litre dose volume plus 24 hours reserve storage, a chamber size of 1,400 litres (minimum) is required, with a high level alarm and audio and visual signals set just above normal operating level. Refer to sheet C3 for typical details.

#### (c) <u>Secondary Treatment System</u>

Our design method requires a minimum of  $4 \text{ m}^2$  per person to achieve suitable treatment from a constructed subsurface flow wetland, and a length to width ratio of approximately 4. This can be provided with a base size of 10 m by 2.5 m and 500 mm depth of gravel media, with a strong and durable liner and planting with wetland species at 4 to 5 plants per  $\text{m}^2$ .

Proprietary packaged passive secondary treatment systems could also be used as an alternative to the wetland.

#### (d) Final Pump Chamber

The final pump chamber requires only enough capacity for the storage of one dose, being 300 litres, to the distribution system. The depth of this chamber is however governed by the outlet from the wetland. The pump duty required should be set by the supplier of the disc filter and dripline to suit their requirements. Control floats are again required, with the alarm float to also cut power to the first pump.

#### (e) Distribution

For an average design flow of 1,080 litres / day, and using an irrigation rate of 3.0 mm / day, the minimum total irrigation area required is 360 m<sup>2</sup>.

For effective distribution over the irrigation field area, we recommend the use of pressure-compensating dripline with low flow emitters (eg. 1.6 litres / hour) at 0.5 m centres along the pipework and 1.0 m maximum lateral spacing. The dripline should be laid so that emitters on adjacent lines are offset. The specification and installation, including the use of flushing and air release valves, should in any case be in accordance with the manufacturer's / supplier's instructions.

The septic tank treatment system proposed will not meet the standards in the Proposed Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan in the following areas:

#### (i) Septic Tank Compartments (2 minimum)

The recently released New Zealand Standard for Septic Tanks (AS/NZS 1546:1998) specifically allows single chamber tanks (Clause 3.4.2).

#### (ii) Quality

We consider that the quality limits in the Plan are too stringent and that septic tanks in good operation are unlikely to better the BOD and SS limits (100 and 60 g/m³ respectively) and will certainly not achieve the faecal coliform limit (less than 10³) per 100 ml.

However, with an effluent filter to the outlet of the tank, as we have specified, the effluent quality will be below the BOD/SS limits, but not the faecal coliform limit (probably 10<sup>3</sup>-10<sup>4</sup>).

To reduce the faecal coliform content to less than 10<sup>3</sup> per 100 ml will likely require tertiary treatment such as ultra violet, ozone or chlorination treatment.

We therefore consider that the Plan has set a faecal coliform limit which in practical terms, for development in the Sounds, can not be met.

#### 6. <u>ADDITIONAL WORK</u>

Davidson Partner Ltd has carried out a site investigation and design in accordance with current codes and modern practice. However, the treatment and distribution system is a biological (living) process and modifications may have to be undertaken to the treatment or distribution system in some circumstances, such as when there is / are:

- (a) An increase in design load
- **(b)** Disposal of inappropriate substances into the septic system
- (c) Poor maintenance
- (d) Poor workmanship or departure from construction drawings

#### 7. SUMMARY

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This on-site wastewater management system detailed herein consists of;

- (a) A 4,500 litre (minimum) septic tank with an approved effluent filter on the outlet.
- (b) A 1,400 litre (minimum) first dosing tank to provide 300 litre doses to the wetland. A high level alarm is required set just above normal operating level with audio and visual warnings within the dwelling.
- (c) A 10 m by 2.5 m base area subsurface flow wetland with liner containing 500 mm depth of gravel with suitable wetland species, or other passive secondary treatment system.
- (d) A 300 litre (minimum) final dosing tank with a float control to dose the effluent field at the required pressure. A high level alarm is required with audio and visual warnings within the dwelling which also cuts power to the first pump.
- (e) 375 m² (minimum) pressure compensating dripline effluent field with disc filter, water meter and fittings all installed in accordance with the supplier's / manufacturer's requirements.

#### 8. REFERENCES

- **8.1** AS/NZS 1547:2000 'On Site Domestic Wastewater Management'.
- **8.2** AS/NZS 1546:1998 'On Site Domestic Wastewater Treatment Units, Part 1 : Septic Tanks'.
- **8.3** ARC Environment, Technical Paper No. 58, Second Edition 'On Site Wastewater Disposal from Households and Institutions'.
- **8.4** Crites, R and Tchobanoglous, A (1998). 'Small and Decentralized Wastewater Management Systems'.
- **8.5** Marlborough Sounds Resource Management Plan.

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**RW** Davis

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#### **APPENDIX**

A1. On Site Wastewater Management Details

A1.1 Field Assessment Report

A1.2 Land Application System Design

**A2.** Plan 23174 sheets;

C1 Plan

- **A3.** Davidson Partners Ltd 'How to Get the Best from you On-Site Wastewater Management System'.
- **A4.** Davidson Partners Ltd 'Guidelines for Installers of On-Site Domestic Wastewater Management Systems'.

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## ON SITE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT FIELD ASSESSMENT REPORT

JOB NAME:

Ryan

JOB NO.

23212

LOCATION:

Te Rua Bay, Tory Channel

DATE:

30.01.05

REFERENCE: 1.

ARC TP#58

2. AS/NZS 1547:2000 'On Site Domestic Wastewater Management'

1. Percolation Rate (if available).

2. Site Exposure

- to sun

High

- to wind

- size/abundance

High

**3.** Topsoil Depth – grey dry.

Coarse Fragments

150-200 mm

**4.** Soil Description (colour, moisture, firmness, type).

Yellow-brown, dry, hard, clayey silt

**5.** Soil Category (1 - 6)

Hard rock fragments

7. Ribbon Length

6.

50 mm

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8. Soil Structure (Pedal Content)

High / Medium

**9.** Performance of existing systems nearby.

Good

- Type: composting toilet and grey water trench

10. Nearby water bodies.

Yes

- Separation Distance

30 m minimum

11. Nearby wells.

No

Creek

12. Intended water supply.

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**13.** Runoff to be controlled.

No

14. Ground water to be controlled.

No

**15.** Any stability considerations, If yes, comment.

Yes

Too steep for trenches

**16.** Depth to water table.

N/A

17. Vegetation cover

- Existing

Yes

- Type

Manukas

- Proposed

Manukas & more native planting

**18.** Gravity head to proposed disposal field location.

Uphill

19. Reserve areas available?

Yes

20. Other Comments

Only option is uphill to southwest and require power for pumping.

	DAVIDSON PARTNERS LTD ON-SITE WASTEWATER MANAGE LOADING AND SEPTIC TANK DES	MENT	JOB NO. SHEET NO NAME	23212 <b>)</b> 1 RWD
CLIENT LOCATION	J Ryan Te Rua Bay, Tory Channel		DATE	21-Apr-05
REFERENCES	S: 1 ARC TP # 58 Third Edition 2 AS/NZS 1547:2000 "On Site Do		t Updated ter Management"	31,01.05
Nur Occ Wa	DADING Imber of bedrooms Icupancy (N) Iastewater allowance (A) Il category (from field assessment)	6 180 litre	es / person / day	·
Nur Nur Dail Miir Pun Sluc Allo Min <b>Let</b> Sett	mber of people (ex 1.3 above) mber of people for design purposes	6 10 1.67) 1800 litres 24 hour 5 year 80 litres 2400 litres 4200 litres 2100 litres 28 hour	rs rs s / person / year s s s	res. time

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	IRRIGATION DESIGN	NAME	RWD
CLIENT	J Ryan	DATE	21-Apr-05
LOCATION	Te Rua Bay, Tory Channel	ľ	

#### IRRIGATION DESIGN

3.1 (a) DIR (Design Irrigation Rate) Indicators

INDICATOR				SCORE	WEIGHTING	RANKING
	0	1	2			-
Slope	> 20°	10-20°	0-10°	0	2	0
Topsoil Depth	<100 mm	100-200	>200 mm	0	2	0
Exposure to Sun	low	mod	high	2:	3	6
Exposure to Wind	low	mod	high	- <b>2</b>	3	6
Vegetation	not suitable	suitable	v. suitable	a jiray 1866 s	3	3
Proximity to Water Bodies or Wells	<10 m	10-30	>30 m	2	2	4
Proximity to Water Table	<1 m	1-2	>2 m	2	3	6
Known Problems in the Area ?	yes	unsure	no	2	2	4
Nearby systems?	<20m	20-50m	>50m	5,30 <b>1</b> 57 5	1	1
Treatment	septic	aerated	SF/wetId	2	2	4
Distribution	trench	LPED	drip	2	3	6
Use	permanent	frequent	infrequent	2	3	6
RANKING SCORE						46

(b) DIR (ex Table 4.2.A.4)	RANKING
Most Conservative = 1000 2.5 mm/day	<25
Least Conservative = 3.25 mm/day	>50

(c) DIR considered appropriate for the site = 3.13 mm / day

Let DIR = 3.13 mm / day

(d) Irrigation field area, D = N \* A / (DIR) =  $360 \text{ m}^2$ 

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## HOW TO GET THE BEST FROM YOUR ON-SITE WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

#### Helpful Information for Homeowners/Occupiers

#### 1. GOOD HOUSEHOLD PRACTICES

- (a) Reduce solids disposal to treatment tanks as much as possible including food scraps, fats, grease etc. Scrape all dishes before washing and do not install a waste disposal unit unless the wastewater system has been specifically designed to carry the extra load.
- (b) Do not put any of the following down sinks, drains or the toilet
  - (i) Oil/grease from e.g. a deep fryer;
  - (ii) Stormwater and any drainage other than wastewater generated in the house;
  - (iii) Petrol, oil and other flammable/explosive substances;
  - (iv) Household, garden, garage and workshop chemicals (e.g. pesticides, paint cleaners, photographic chemicals, motor oil and trade waste);
  - (v) Disposable nappies and sanitary napkins.
- (c) In order to keep the bacteria working in the tank and in the land-application area:
  - (i) Use biodegradable soaps;
  - (ii) Use a low-phosphorus detergent;
  - (iii) Use a low-sodium detergent in the dispersive soil areas;
  - (iv) Use detergents in the recommended quantities;
  - (v) Don't use powerful bleaches, whiteners, nappy soakers, spot removers and disinfectants including cold water washing products.
  - (vi) Don't put chemicals or paint down the drain.
- (d) Conserve water. Less water means a lower load on the treatment system and land application area, with ensuing improved and more reliable performance. Conservation measures include:
  - (i) Installation of water-conservation fittings such as low water use toilets, spray taps and water-saving automatic washing machines;

- (ii) Taking showers instead of baths;
- (iii) Only putting the dishwasher or washing machine on where there is a full load.
- (e) Space dishwasher and washing machine use out to avoid overloading the wastewater system. Try not to do a large amount of washing in one day and avoid running the washing machine and dishwasher at the same time.
- (f) For the physical protection of treatment and land application systems:
  - (i) The treatment unit must be protected from vehicles;
  - (ii) Pedestrian traffic routes should not cross effluent field areas;
  - (iii) No vehicles or heavy stock should be allowed on trenches or beds;
  - (iv) Deep rooting trees or shrubs should not be grown over absorption trenches or pipework.

#### 2. MAINTENANCE

#### (a) General

The appropriate maintenance of your treatment and land application systems will be the key to their effective and reliable performance. Please contact a drainlayer or Council if you are unsure about anything or require further advice.

#### (b) Septic Tanks

Any septic tank (primary wastewater treatment unit) will need to:

- (i) Be cleaned out regularly i.e. every three to five years or when scumand sludge occupy two thirds of the volume of the tank (or first stage of a two-stage system). All scum, sludge and septage material must be disposed of in an approved manner. Pump chambers should be cleaned out at the same time if necessary;
- (ii) Have grease traps cleaned out regularly;
- (iii) Keep the vent and/or access cover of the septic tank exposed;
- (iv) Have any outlet filter inspected and cleaned, normally at the same time as septic tank cleaning. Remove the cartridge and rinse off with a garden house, being careful to rinse all septage material back into the tank. It is not necessary that the cartridge be cleaned "spotless". The biomass growing on the filter aids in the pre-treatment process and should be left on the cartridge.

#### (c) Secondary Treatment Systems

Improved treatment systems, such as aerated plants or sand filters, require specialist maintenance and should be looked after under a maintenance contract. Owners should ensure that they are aware of the manufacturer's/suppliers recommended maintenance intervals and that a contract is in place for routine checks of mechanical components.

These systems will have a primary treatment stage which should be treated as in (b) above.

#### (d) Effluent Field

Reliable performance from your effluent field (including shallow trenches, drip irrigation field or mound) will be aided by regular attention including one or more of the following depending on the type of system:

- (i) Keep the surface water diversion drains upslope of and around the land-application area clear to reduce absorption of rainwater into trenches or beds;
- (ii) The baffles or valves in the distribution system should be periodically (monthly or seasonally) changed to direct treated wastewater into alternative trenches or beds, as required by the design;
- (iii) Evapotranspiration and irrigation areas should have their grass mowed and plants maintained to ensure that these areas take up nutrients with maximum efficiency;
- (iv) Clean disc filters or filter screens on irrigation-dosing equipment periodically by rinsing back into the primary wastewater treatment unit;
- (v) Irrigation systems which dispose of wastewater that has only been treated by a septic tank and filter must be flushed through with clean water before and after any significant period of non-use.
- (vi) Regular maintenance of the treatment systems (as per manufacturers recommendations), especially for aerated and sand contactor type systems.

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# GUIDELINES FOR INSTALLERS OF ON-SITE DOMESTIC WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

#### References

A.S./N.Z.S. 1546.1:1998 'On-Site Domestic Wastewater Treatment Units, Part 1:Septic Tanks' A.S./N.Z.S. 1546.3:2001 'On-Site Domestic Wastewater Treatment Units, Part 3 AWTS' A.S./N.Z.S. 1547:2000 'On-Site Wastewater Management'

#### 1. GENERAL

- (a) All products and construction shall be in accordance with the relevant Standards and in general the best trade practices shall prevail. If there are any questions about any aspect of the work please contact Council in the first instance.
- (b) The Contractor shall act to protect the health and safety of staff and private persons at all times.
- (c) The Contractor must be aware of the inspection requirements of Council and/or the Engineer and the need to provide as-built locations of the treatment and land application systems to Council and the owner.
- (d) The Contractor should also educate the owner about the functioning of their system, especially the maintenance requirements, and where appropriate put in place a maintenance contract for systems which rely on mechanical action in order to function properly.

## 2. LOCATION OF TREATMENT AND DISTRIBUTION SYSTEMS AND LAND APPLICATION AREAS

- (a) All tanks and the land application area shall be located clear of structures to avoid the undermining of foundations. In general, a minimum clearance of 2.0 metres should be adequate but if in doubt check with Council or an Engineer. Tank vents should be located 3 metres minimum from dwellings.
- (b) The Contractor must be aware of the required separation distances of tanks and/or the land application area to surface water (ponds, water courses and drainage paths), wells and/or boundaries.
- (c) Treatment systems should be sited with consideration for access by desludging trucks.

#### 3. GOOD CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUE

#### (a) Treatment and Distribution Systems

(i) When working with existing systems or carrying out maintenance tasks, measures shall be in place to ensure staff are adequately protected from contact with wastewater.

- (ii) All tanks located in areas where high seasonal groundwater levels are known to occur shall be weighted down or provided with anchorage in accordance with clause 10.3.3 of A.S./N.Z.S. 1546.1:1998 (copy attached).
- (iii) The Contractor shall allow to carry out any treated effluent testing required by Council. Samples should be taken once the system has been in operation for approximately three months. In a holiday-home situation testing should be done in January.
- (iv) All pump chambers shall be vented similar to septic tanks. The commissioning of pumped distribution systems shall consist of at least the following:
  - A check of pump out and emergency storage volumes (reserve capacity equivalent to the peak daily flow should be provided).
  - Three drawdown tests.
  - Testing of the operation of controls and alarms.
  - Checking of uniform flow throughout any pressurised distribution network prior to covering over.

#### (b) Land Application Area

The following excavation techniques shall be observed so as to minimise the risk of damage to the soil.

- (i) Plan to excavate only when the weather is fine. Puddling, where washed clay settles on the base of the trench to form a relatively impermeable layer, must be avoided.
- (ii) Avoid excavation when the soil has a moisture content above the plastic limit. This can be tested by seeing if the soil forms a "wire" when rolled between the palms.
- (iii) During wet seasons or when construction can not be delayed until the weather becomes fine, smeared soil (smooth) surfaces should be raked to reinstate a more natural soil surface, taking care to use fine tines and only at the surface.
- (iv) When excavating by machine, fit the bucket with "raker teeth" if possible, and excavate in small "bites" to minimise compaction.
- (v) Avoid compaction by keeping people off the finished trench or bed floor.

In particular for trenches and beds:

- (vi) If rain is forecast cover any open trenches to protect them from rain damage.
- (vii) Excavate perpendicular to the line of fall or parallel to the contour levels.
- (viii) Ensure that the inverts are horizontal or sloped at not more than 1 in 200.

#### 10.3.2 Thickness

The thickness of the tank walls, base, access opening covers and lids shall be not less than 6 mm.

Polyolefin materials that allow a thinner component to be made shall meet the performance requirements and tests of this Standard.

#### 10.3.3 Anchorage

All plastic (polyolefin) septic tanks shall be provided with a means of anchorage.

#### C10.3.3

Typical examples are:

(a) Hydrostatic flange
An integrally moulded flange of similar size to the anchor collar in 10.3.3 (b).

(b) Anchor collar to be affixed at the time of installation:

An L-shaped anchor collar section constructed not less than 65 mm wide and not less than 6 mm thick to be fixed to the outside circumference of the tank with durable material protected from the corrosive environment. The collar may be continuous around the circumference or may be in at least two sections each not less than 600 mm long and fixed to opposite sides of the tank.

For a vertical cylindrical tank the flange is fixed not more than 300 mm from the base, and for a horizontal cylindrical tank the flange is situated along the line of the great horizontal perimeter.

(c) Loops to be affixed at the time of installation

Each 'side' of the tank is held into the ground by a piece of pipe, typically 100 mm PVC sewer grade

pipe, attached to the tank by two durable plastic ropes. These ropes are anchored in the rim of the

tank and have a loop in the other end at excavation ground level. Both pipes have a length of not less

than the diameter of the tank and each is passed through two loops. Backfilling then covers the pipes.

#### 10.4 Manufacture

#### 10.4.1 Materials

#### 10.4.1.1 Polymer

The polymer utilised by the manufacturer shall be suitable so that the finished product meets the performance requirements as set out in this Standard.

#### 10.4.1.2 Fasteners

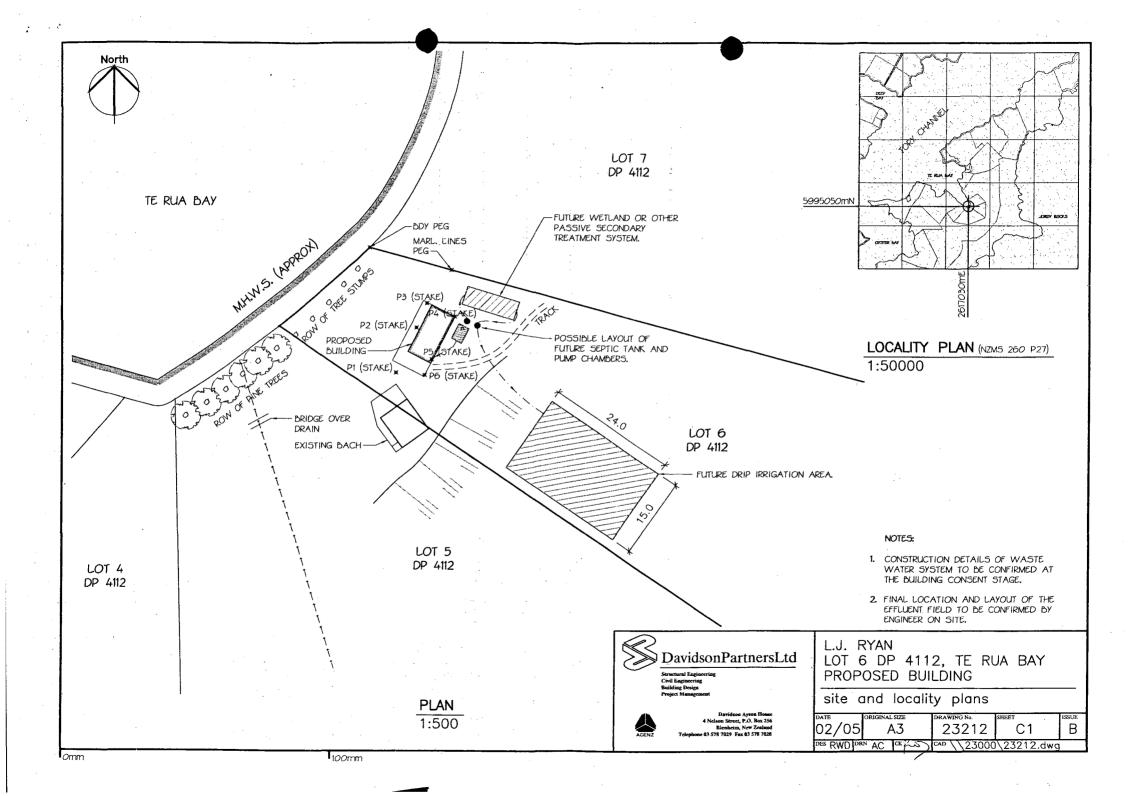
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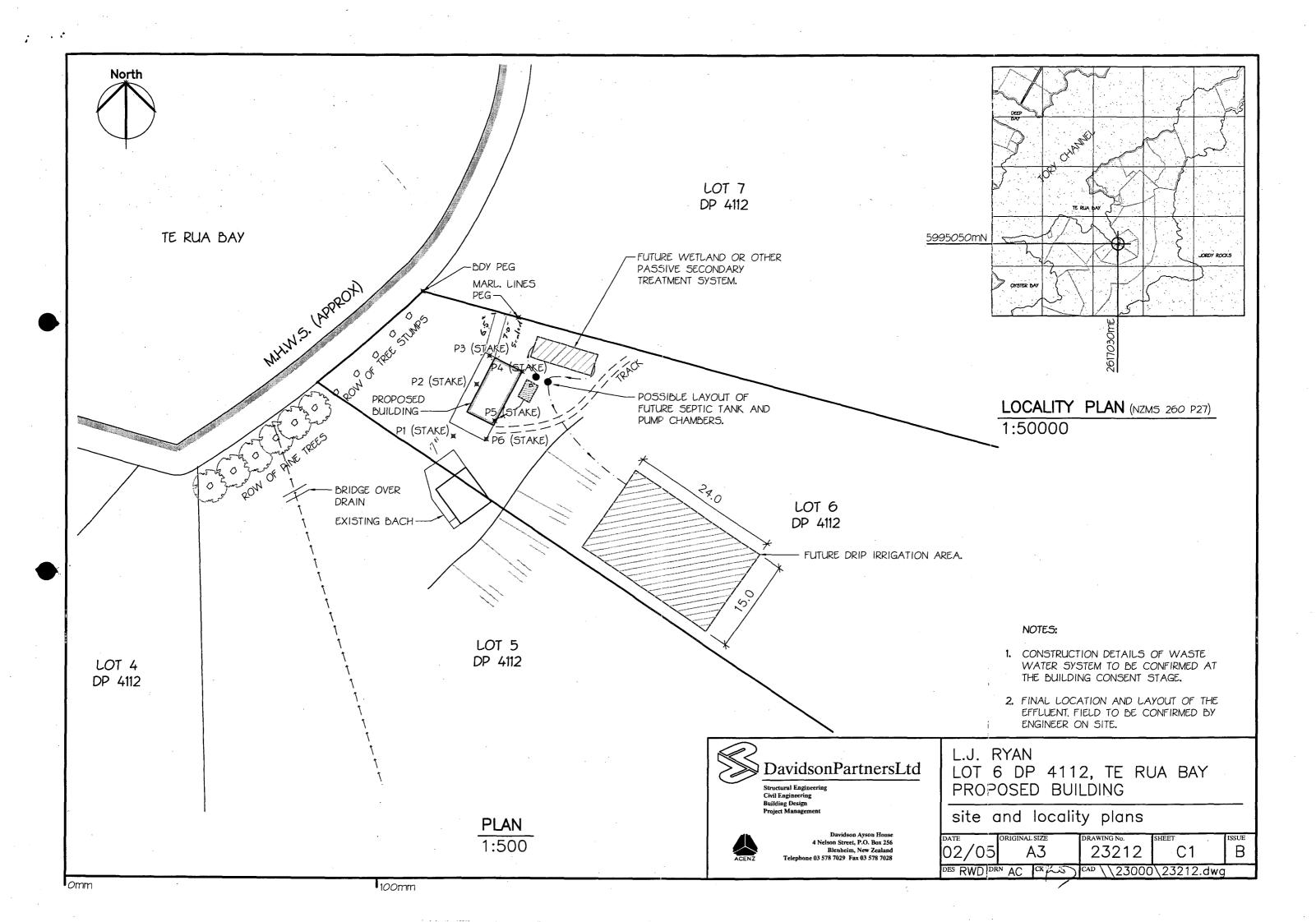
- (a) Stainless steel, grade 316 (see AS 1449 or NZS/BS 1449); or
- (b) Copper alloy, grade 443 (see AS 2738.2 or NZS/BS 1400); or
- (c) a suitable equivalent

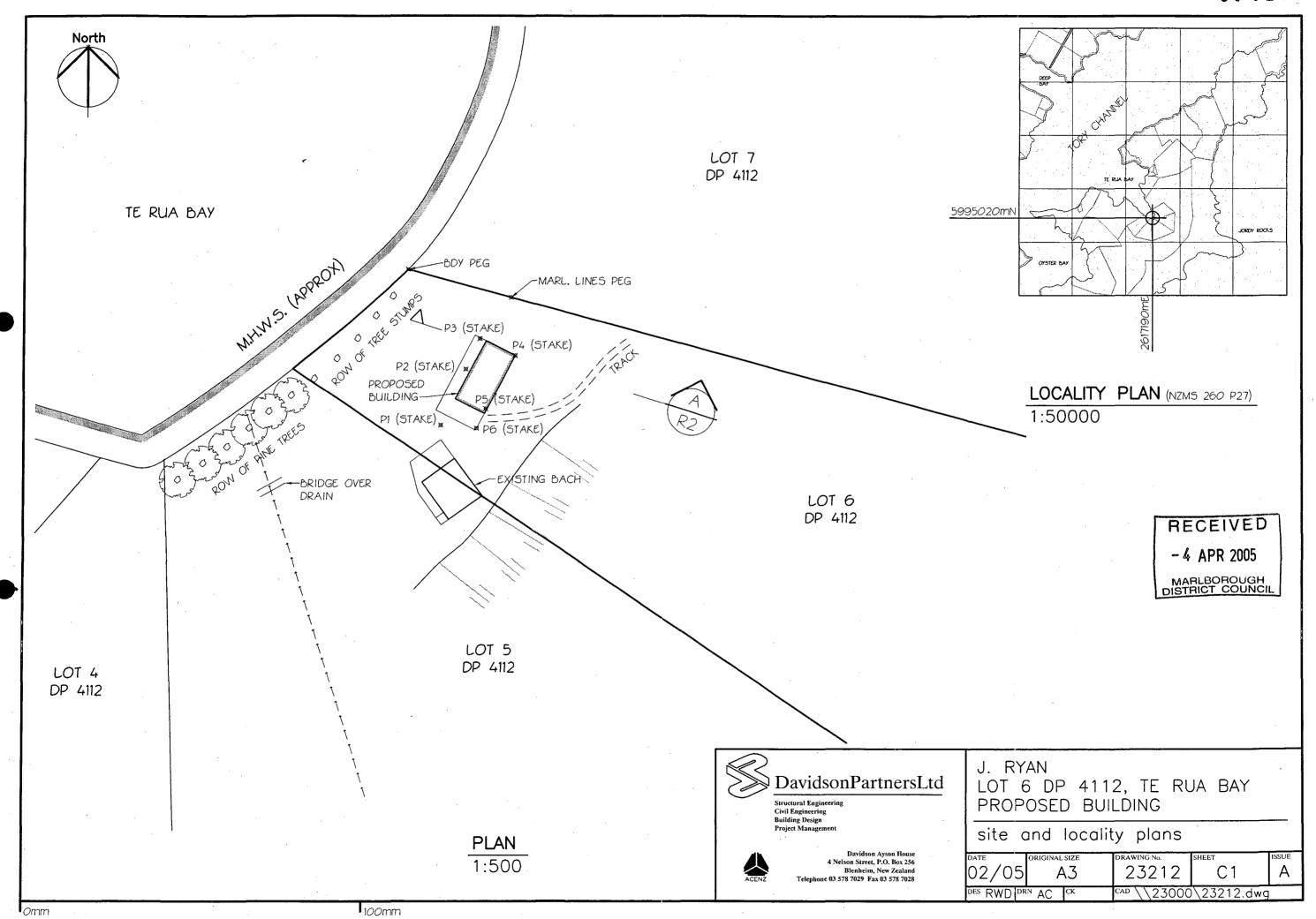
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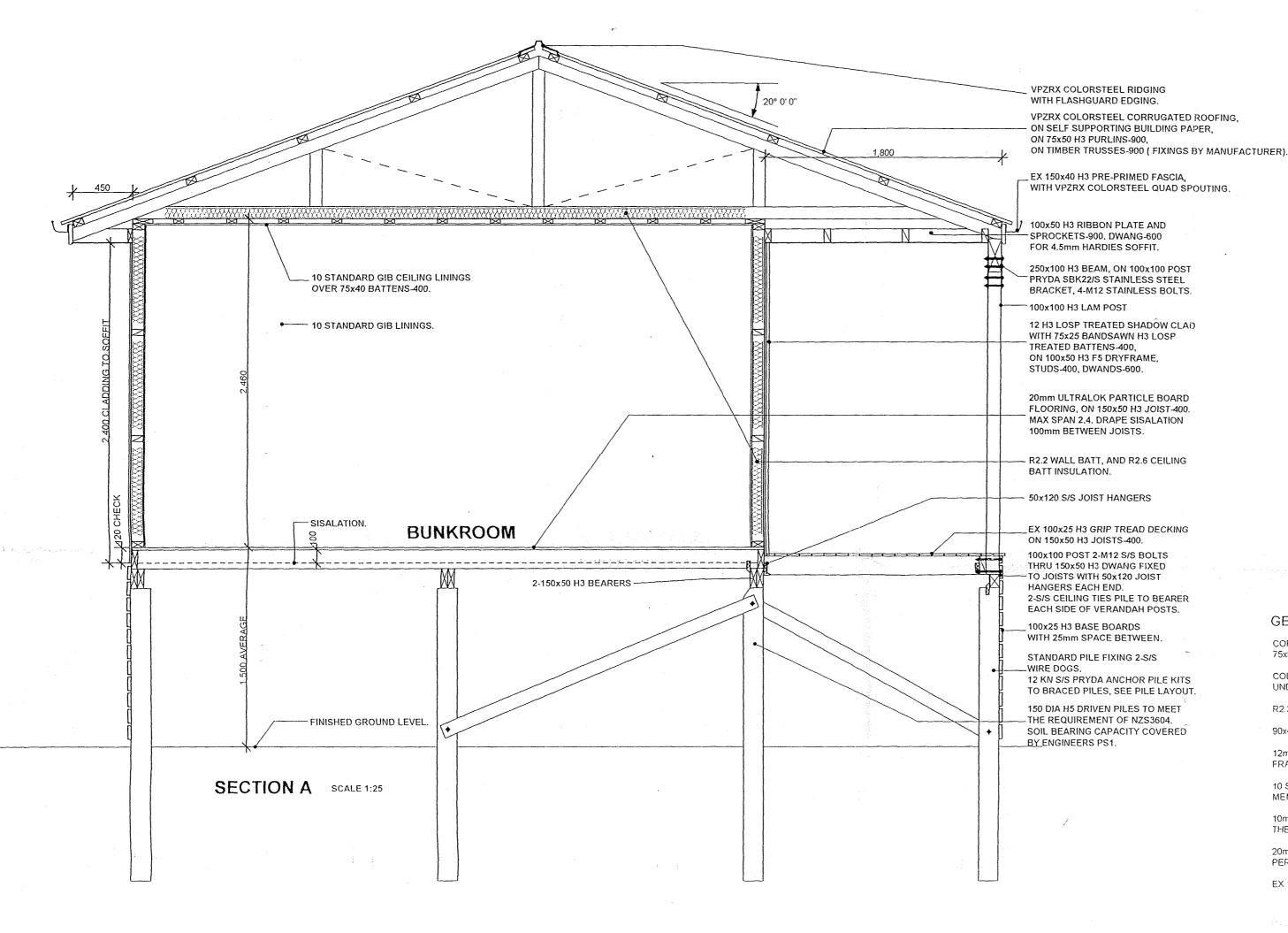
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The manufacturing process shall be carried out in a controlled manner to produce a consistent product checked by a quality assurance process.









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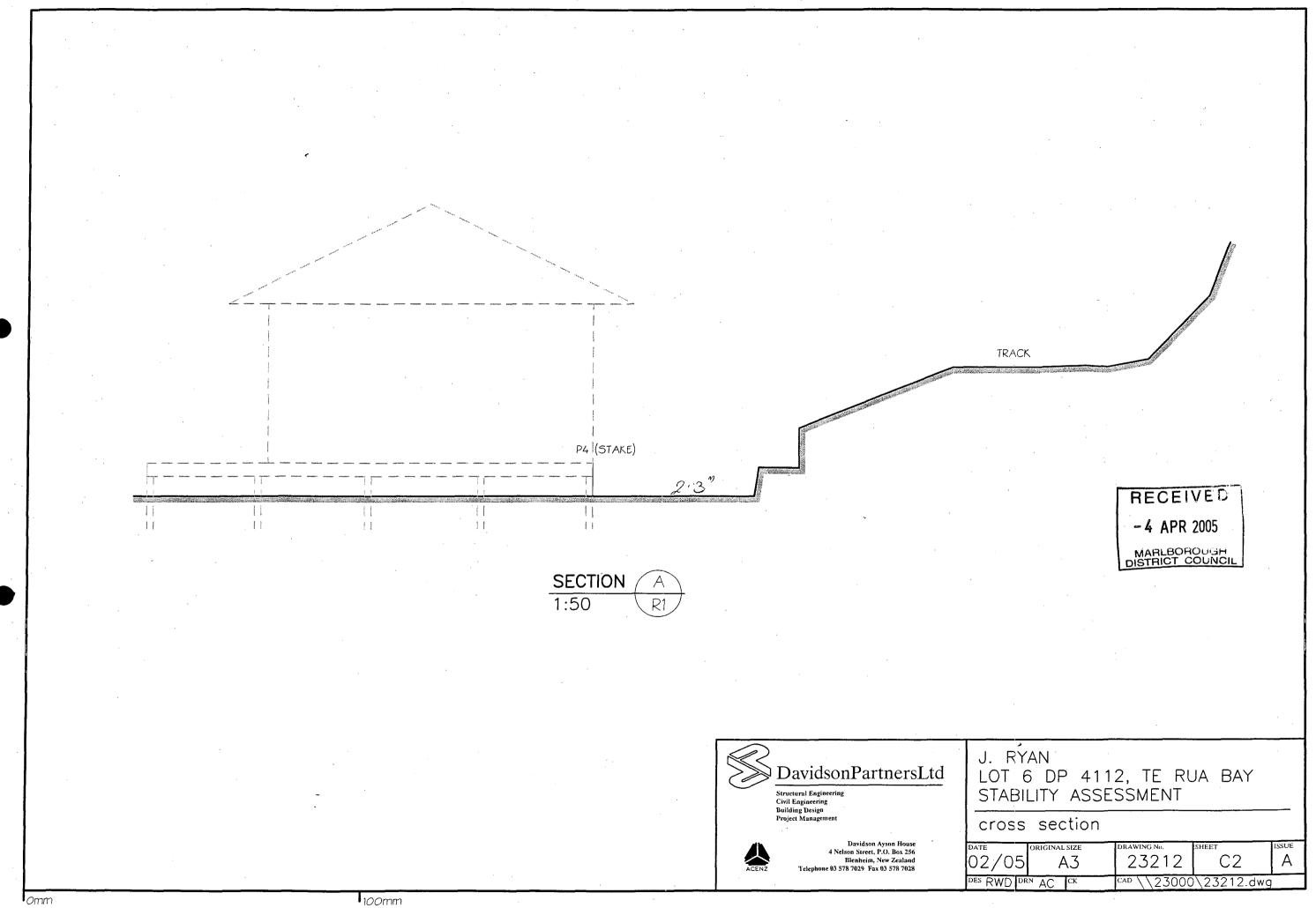
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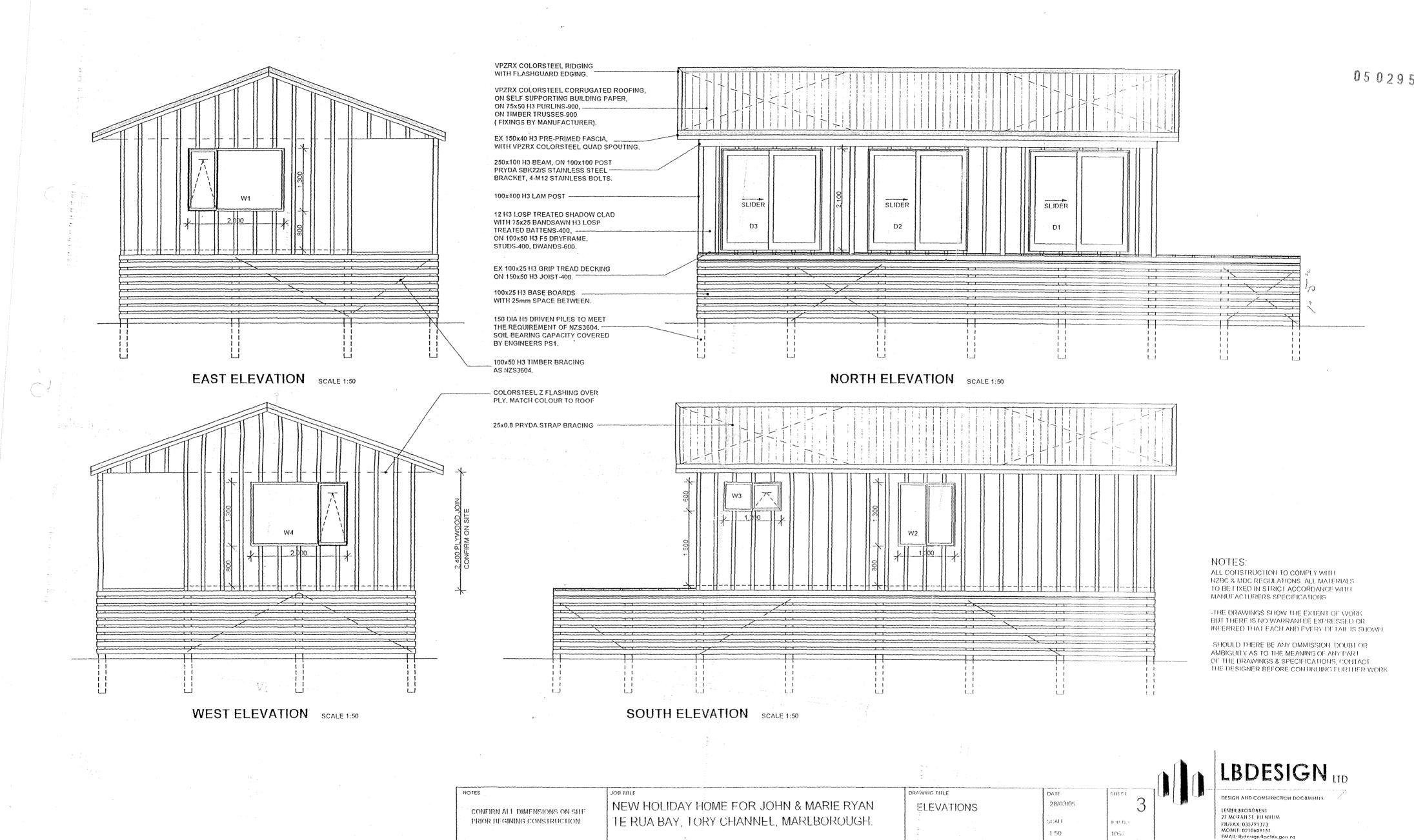
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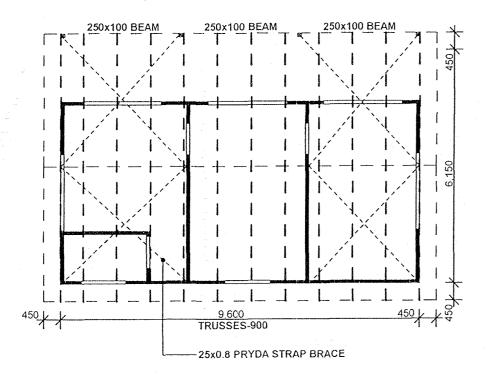
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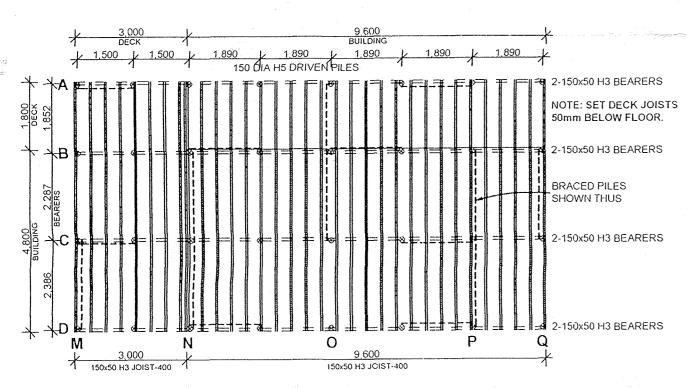




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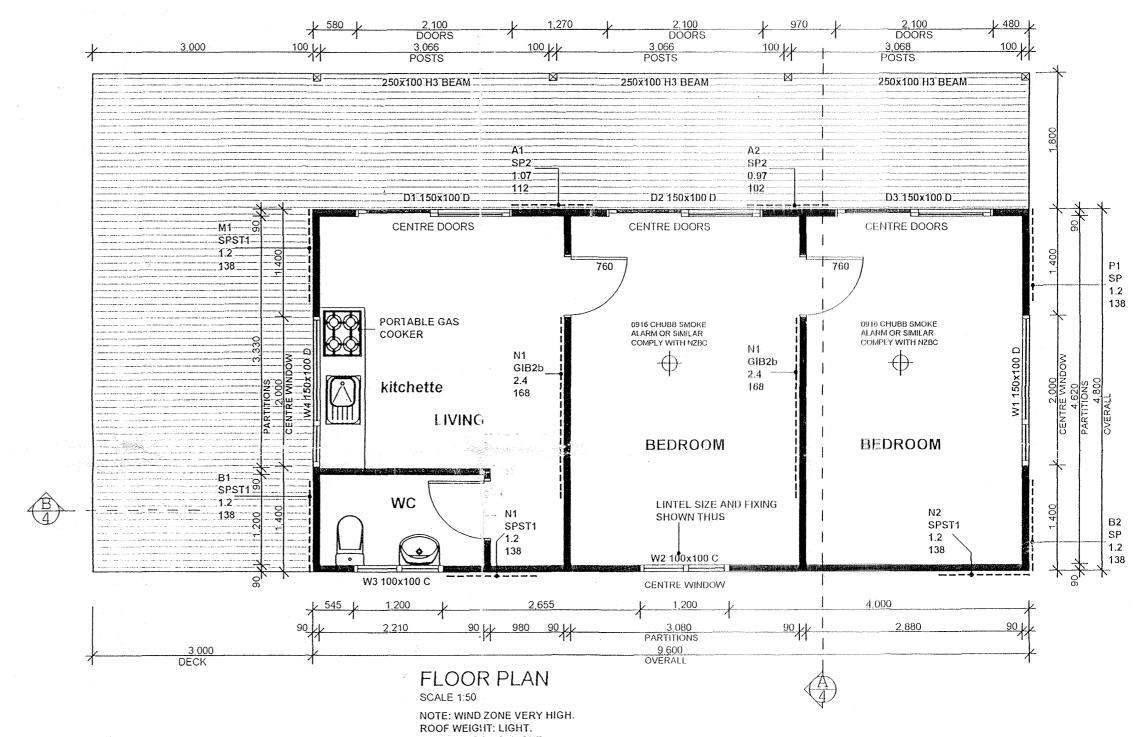
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