

Structural Engineering Civil Engineering Building Design Project Management

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SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF A RESOURCE CONSENT APPLICATION FOR A DISCHARGE PERMIT TO LAND

Practising in association with Ayson and Partners, Registered Surveyors

T & J GOULD MOETAPU BAY ROAD MAHAU SOUND

#### 1. INTRODUCTION:

T & J Gould own a property in Moetapu Bay Road, Mahau Sound being Lot 3 D.P. 3403.

The existing bach has been there for about 24 years. During all of this time, the effluent disposal system has consisted of a long drop for the toilet facilities and a grease trap and disposal trench for the greywater.

It is now proposed to construct a more modern disposal system including a septic tank and disposal trenches. While there have been no adverse effects from the existing setup, the owners recognise that a more modern facility will be more efficient and pose less risk to health in the long term.

#### 2. <u>INVESTIGATION</u>:

Our site investigation was carried out in accordance with N.Z.S./AS 1547 "On Site Domestic Wastewater Management". The site faces north west and has excellent exposure to the sun and prevailing winds. The topsoil depth is approximately 50 mm and the soils consist of light brown clayey gravels with a high pedal content. The existing grey water disposal trench shows no signs of distress. The soil category was assessed at 4 and the Long Term Acceptance Rate has been assessed at 15 mm per day.



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#### 3. PROPOSAL:

The design of the effluent system has been based on the following.

- (a) Full occupancy of a three bedroom house (this includes for the proposed extension).
- (b) A wastewater allowance of 140 litres per person per day.
- (c) The provision of additional pretreatment in the form of a filter to the outlet of the septic tank.
- (d) The construction of effluent drains as shallow as possible to take advantage of the root zone and evapotranspiration.

The total required length of disposal trenches for full occupation is 60 metres. We have broken this down to four 15 metre trenches to allow for periods of reduced occupancy and resting cycles.

#### 4. MARLBOROUGH SOUNDS RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS:

The site is contained on Planning Map Sheet 17. This shows that the site is zoned Sounds Residential with a Foreshore Reserve.

Ecology Map 4 shows the site is not within an ecology zone.

Landscape Map 4 shows the site is within a landscape zone.

Natural Hazard Map 4 shows the site is within a natural hazard zone.

#### 5. DESCRIPTION OF EFFECTS ON ENVIRONMENT:

#### 5.1 Landscape

The proposed location of the effluent disposal field is on a bench which has been formed many years ago. This area is surrounded by large mature native trees and bush and no further disturbance of the vegetation will be required. There will be no effect whatsoever on the landscape values in this area.

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5.2 Natural Hazards

We have inspected the area both above and below the proposed effluent disposal field. The land above is gently sloping (approximately 10 degrees) and covered in mature kanuka and

ferns. There are no signs of instability in this area.

The foreshore itself at Mean High Water Springs is effected by wave action and is slowly

eroding in parts. Signs of movement were noticed up to ten metres from the High Water

Mark. However, this is at least 25 metres from the proposed effluent disposal field and the

presence of the field will not aggravate this movement.

No other signs or potential for instability exist at the location of the proposed effluent field.

5.3 Water Bodies

The effluent disposal field is approximately 35 metres from the High Water Mark. With the treatment proposed and the soakage characteristics available, we are of the firm opinion that

there will be no discharge into, or other adverse environmental effect on, the sea.

5.4 Recreation

This flat area is currently used for a clothesline and a recreational area for the children.

There is no reason why these activities cannot be continued.

5.5 Tangata Whenua and Heritage Considerations

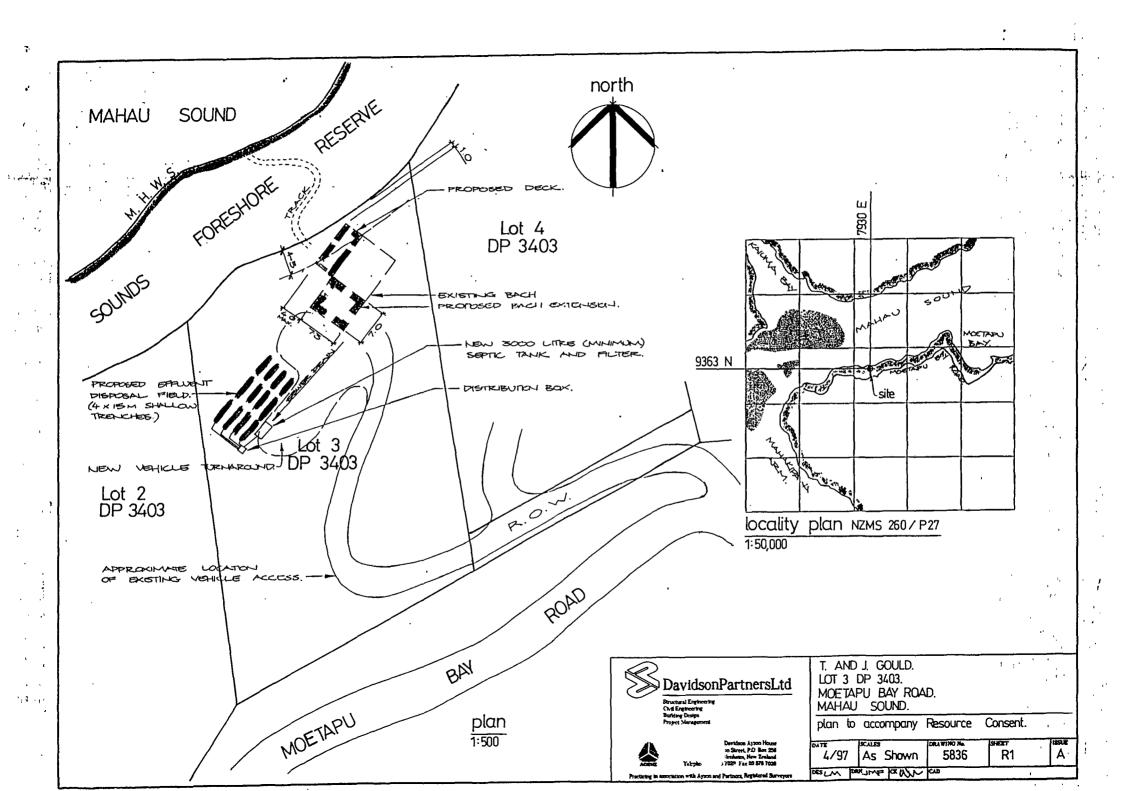
To our knowledge this area has no cultural significance.

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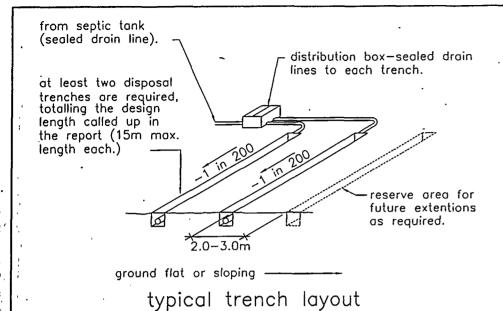
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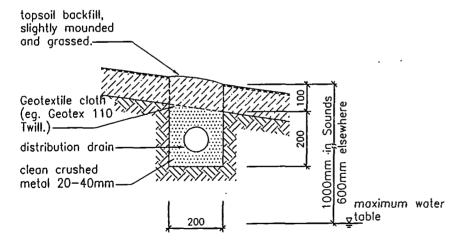
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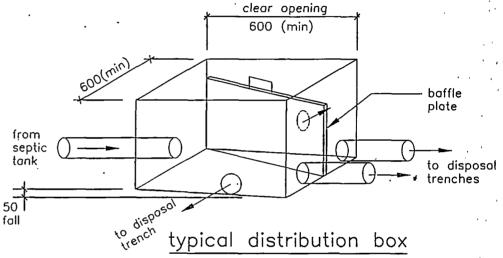


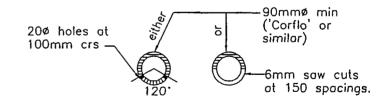


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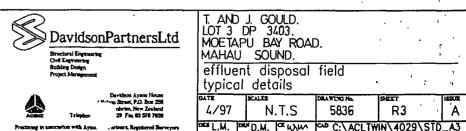
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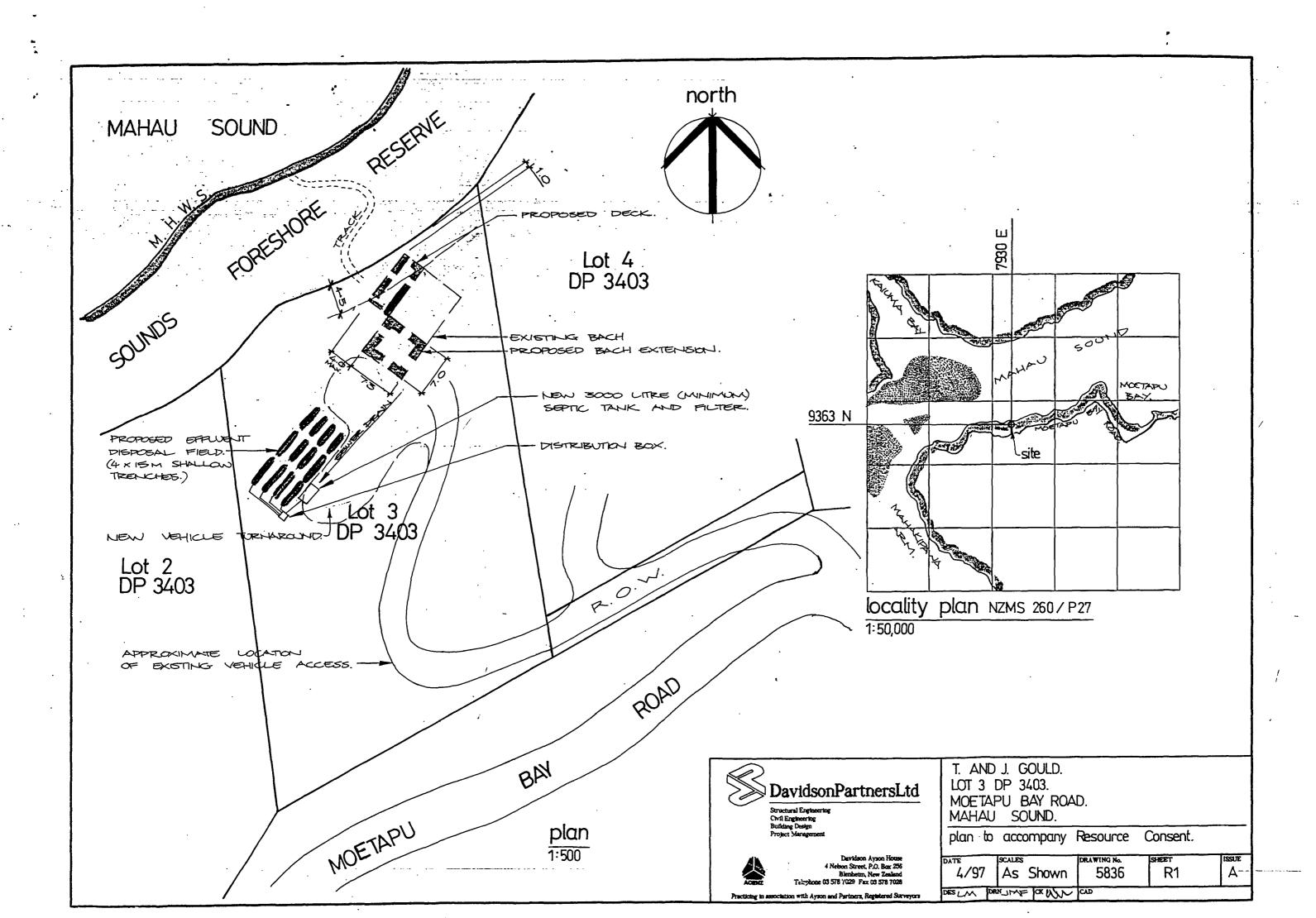


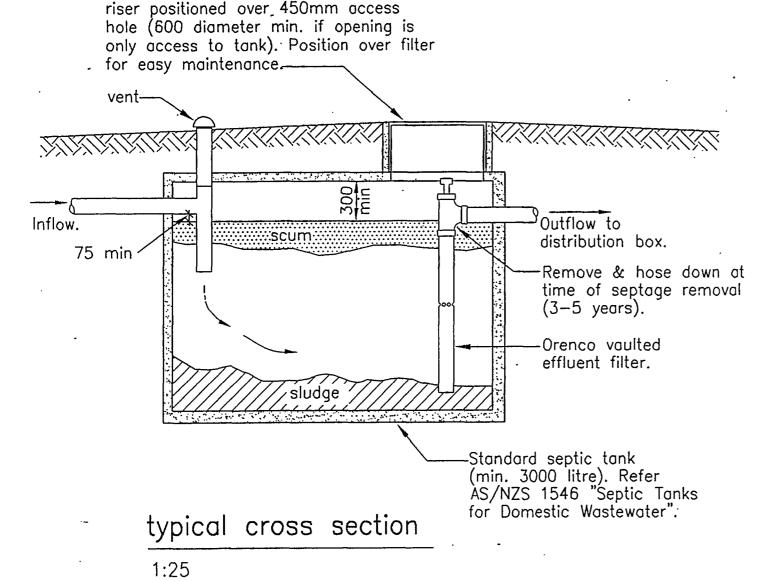


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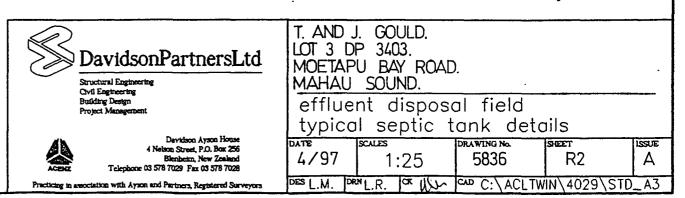
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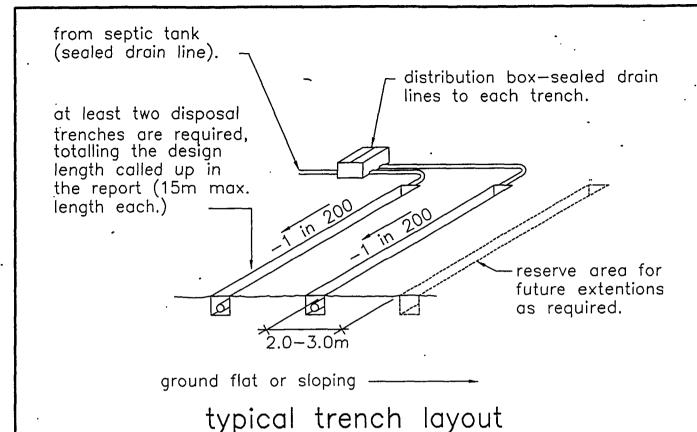
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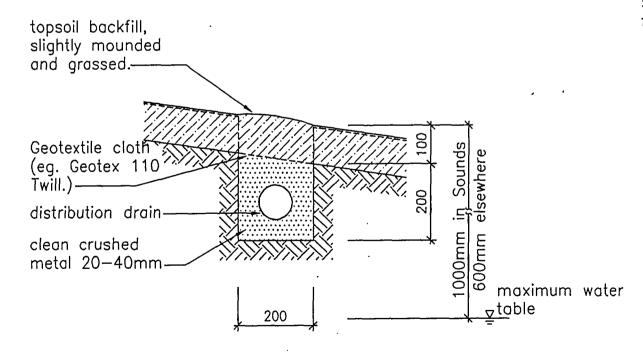
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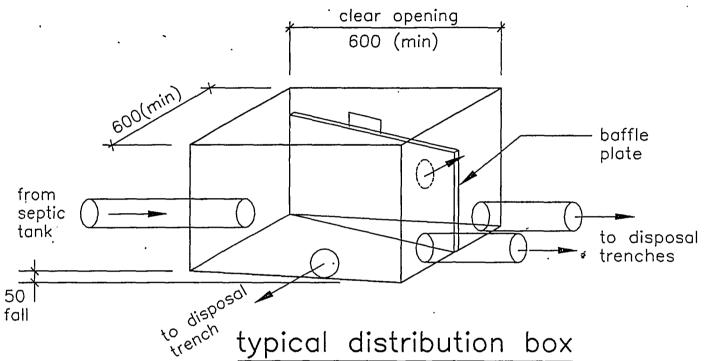


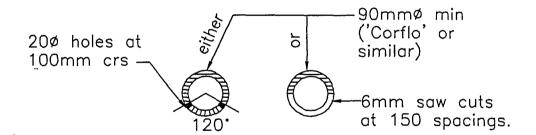
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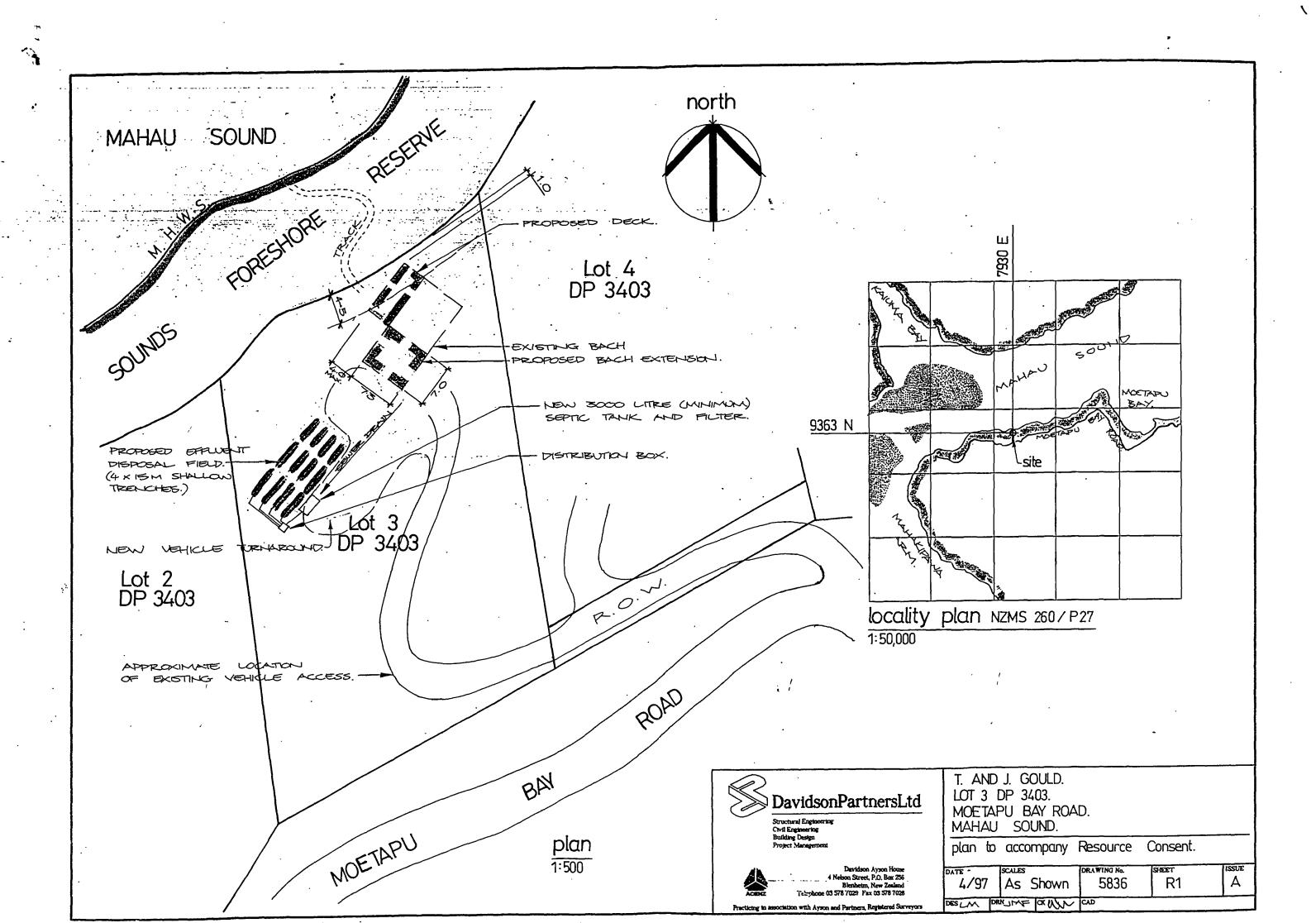


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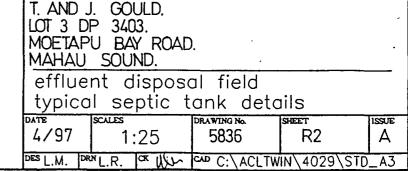
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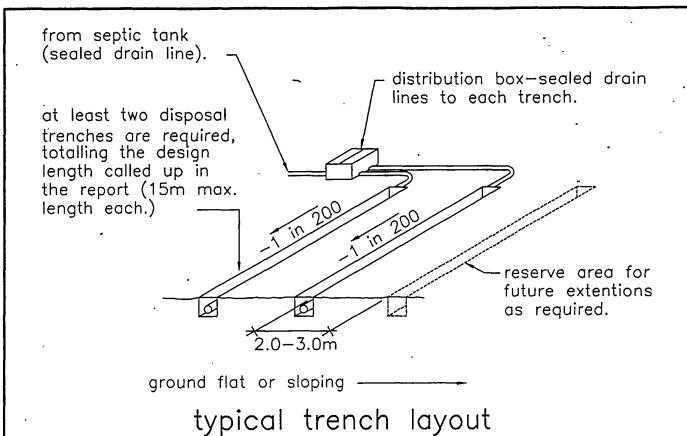
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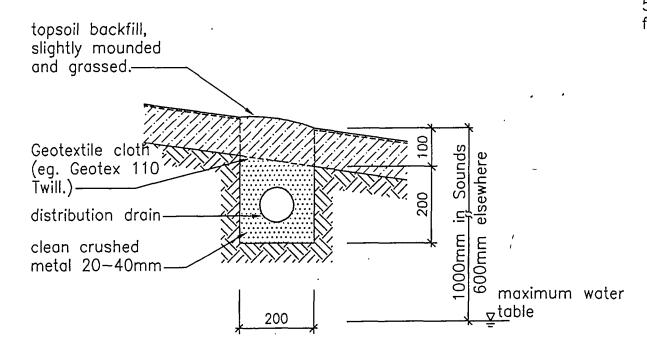
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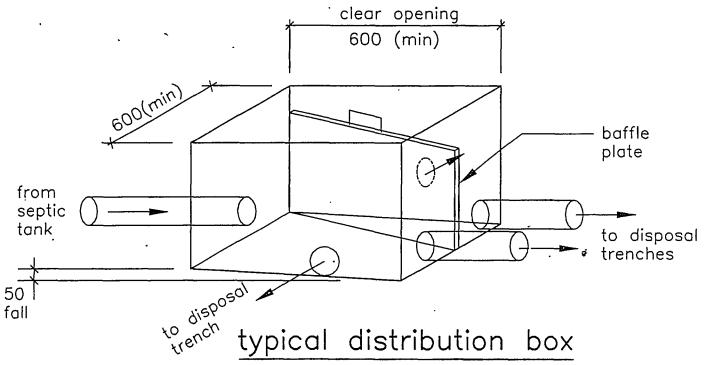


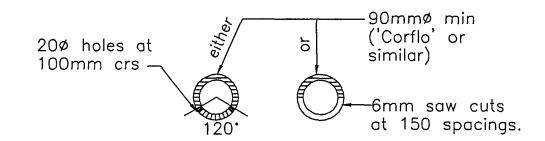


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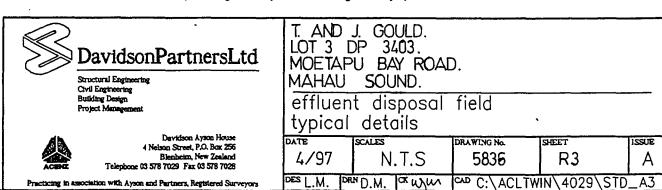


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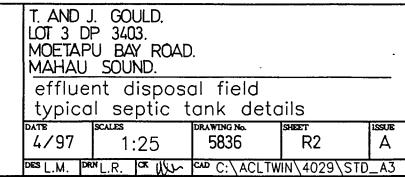
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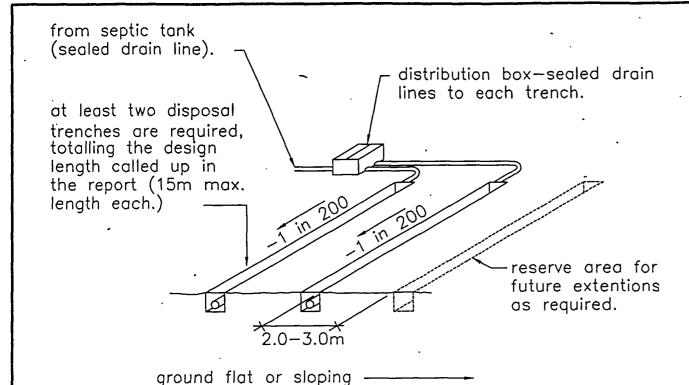
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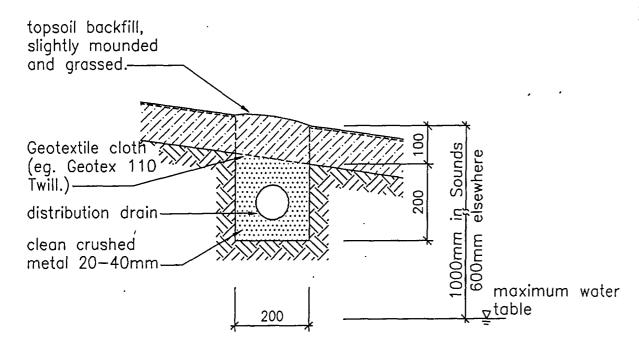
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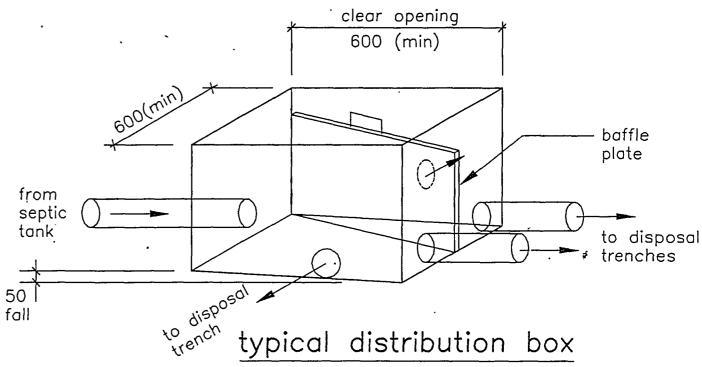
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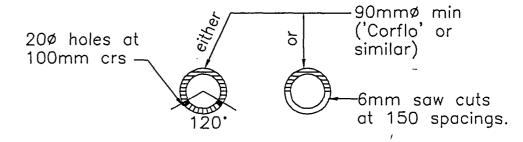


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