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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

To:

Aurizon

From:

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Date:

21 January 2022

Project No:

J21204/Lt01/v2

Re:

Old Port Curtis Branch Railway Siding - Flood Statement

ROCKHAMPTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

APPROVED PLANS

These plans are approved subject to the current conditions of approval associated with

Development Permit No.: D/17-2022

Dated: 30 May 2022

1. Introduction

McMurtrie Consulting Engineers (MCE) have been engaged by Aurizon to provide flood advice in relation to the Old Port Curtis Branch Railway Siding, the Area of Interest (AOI), to support a Material Change of Use (MCU) Development Application (DA). The AOI is situated between Railway Lane and Dunlop Street in Port Curtis approximately 3km south of the Rockhampton CBD, as shown on Figure 1.

The AOI is described as Lot 1 RP605363, Lot 1 RP6011014, Lot 2 RP6011015, Lot 241 SP129865, Lot 1 RP605362, Lot 2 RP601029 and Lot 244 SP129865.

2. Site Description

Pre-Developed

The AOI is currently owned by Queensland Rail (QR) and is located immediately south of the Rockhampton Rail Yard (owned by Aurizon). Historically the AOI was used for the stabling of rollingstock when not operating on the rail network. The AOI previously had two rail lines connecting from the north to the Rockhampton Rail Yard along with six rail sidings within the AOI.

The site is relatively flat longitudinally, with minor batters to the east and west. Levels along the former track infrastructure are typically between 6.2 to 6.5 mAHD.

Between July and November 2014, the western most railway line and siding were removed from the AOI, leaving a single rail line access from the north and five rail sidings within the AOI.

QR ceased stabling operations within the AOI in around 2017, after which the remaining rail infrastructure was to be progressively removed. However, a review of current high resolution aerial imagery indicates that not all of the track infrastructure was removed after QR stabling operations ceased.

Post-Developed

It is proposed to reinstate the removed track infrastructure (rails, sleepers and ballast) within the AOI in order to recommence the stabling of rollingstock. Generally, the track infrastructure will be reinstated like-for-like, on the existing railway formation.

Flood Hazard

Site flooding from the Fitzroy River generally occurs as backwater flooding from flood waters entering the mouth of Gavial Creek near Port Curtis approximately 3 km north-east of the AOI. In larger Fitzroy River flood events, flood waters also overtop from Scrubby Creek south-west of the AOI.

Peak flood levels, depths and velocities for the site are detailed in Table 3-1. The AOI exhibits H4 and H5 flood hazard category, primarily as a result of Fitzroy River flood depths, rather than velocity.



Table 3-1 Peak Flood Levels - Fitzroy River Regional Flooding

AEP (%)	Peak Flood Level (mAHD)	Peak Flood Depth (m)	Peak Flood Velocity (m/s)
1	8.20	2.02	0.67
2	7.82	1.65	0.57
5	7.24	0.69	0.39
10	6.58	0.42	0.07
18	5.94	0.15	0.08
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The results in Table 3-1 identify that the site does not provide Fitzroy River flood conveyance rather provides flood storage only.

Local creek flooding from the South Rockhampton catchment is conveyed through the AOI to the Fitzroy River, via culverts near Railway Lane. The South Rockhampton local 1% AEP flood levels only affect the batters and low-lying areas within the AOI and do not influence the higher ground levels where the track infrastructure is to be reinstated, as illustrated on Figure 3.

Flood Impact

The site is not situated within a flood conveyance area of the Fitzroy River, demonstrated by maximum velocities below 1 m/s within the AOI.

The proposed development, being the reinstatement of previously existing track infrastructure will result in negligible impact to flood characteristics within and external to the AOI.

To minimise damage and recovery post flood, it is recommended during times of flood, where time permits, to relocate rollingstock stabled within the AOI to less flood affected areas.

4. Data Sources

The report is based on the following information provided by others:

- 2015 Rockhampton LiDAR (provided by Queensland Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy (DNRME);
- Council Planning Scheme 2015 (v2.1);
- Council's Fitzroy River Flood Study (2018);
- Council's South Rockhampton Flood Study (2018); and
- NearMap aerial imagery (2021).

The accuracy of the report is dependent upon the accuracy of this information.

5. Conclusion & Qualifications

This flood statement has been prepared by MCE to support a MCU DA.

The analysis and overall approach was specifically catered for the particular project requirements, and may not be applicable beyond this scope. For this reason, any other third parties are not authorised to utilise this report without further input and advice from MCE.

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Yours sincerely,

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Enclosed:

Figures

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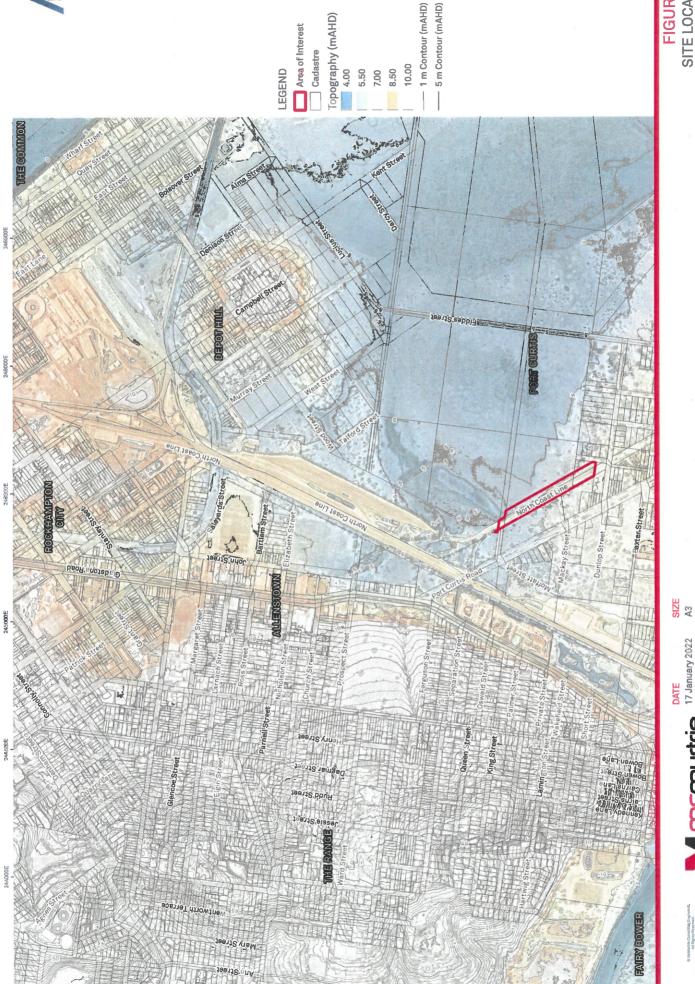


FIGURES

FIGURE 1 SITE LOCATION

FIGURE 2 FITZROY RIVER FLOOD MAPS

FIGURE 3 SOUTH ROCKHAMPTON FLOOD MAPS



FIGURE

SITE LOCATION
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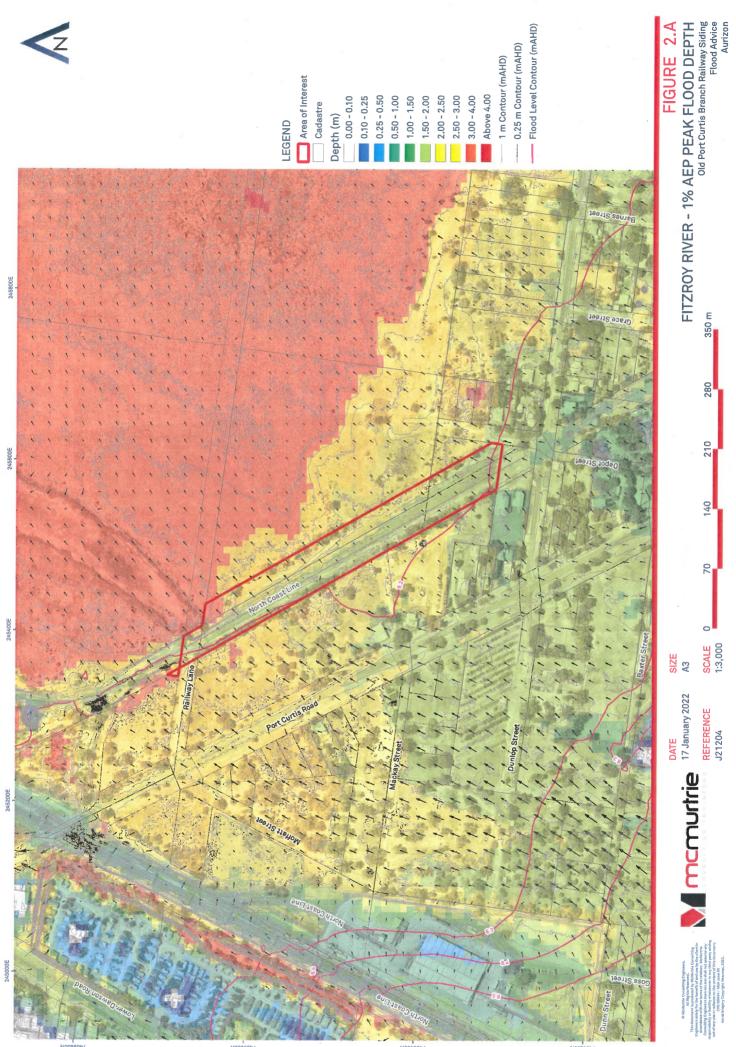
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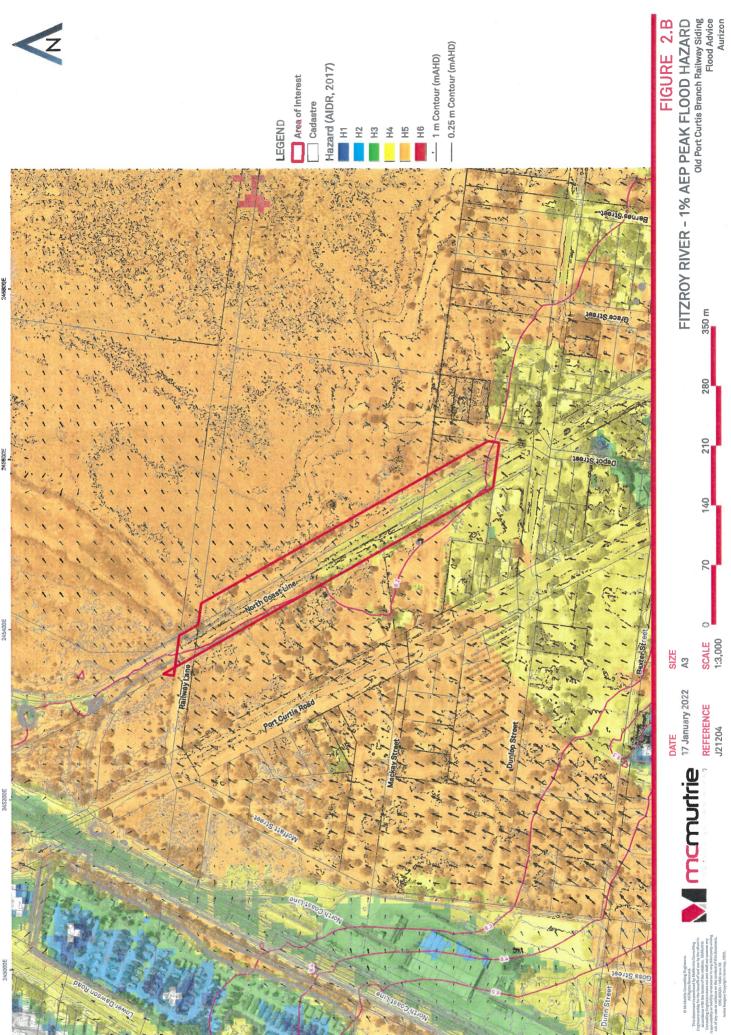


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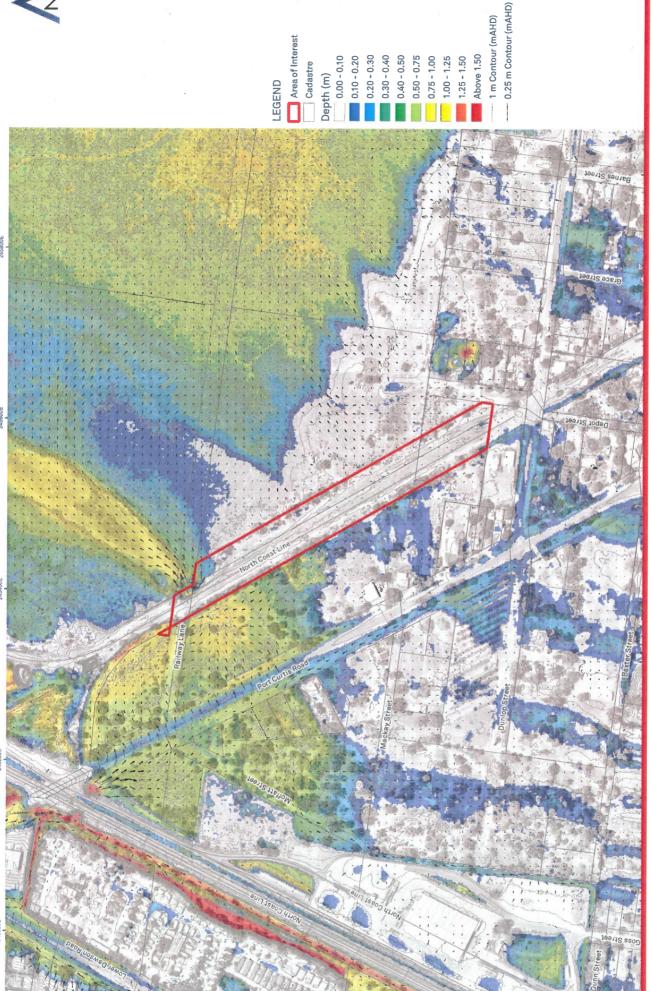
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FIGURE

SOUTH ROCKHAMPTON LOCAL CREEK - 1% AEP PEAK FLOOD DEPTH

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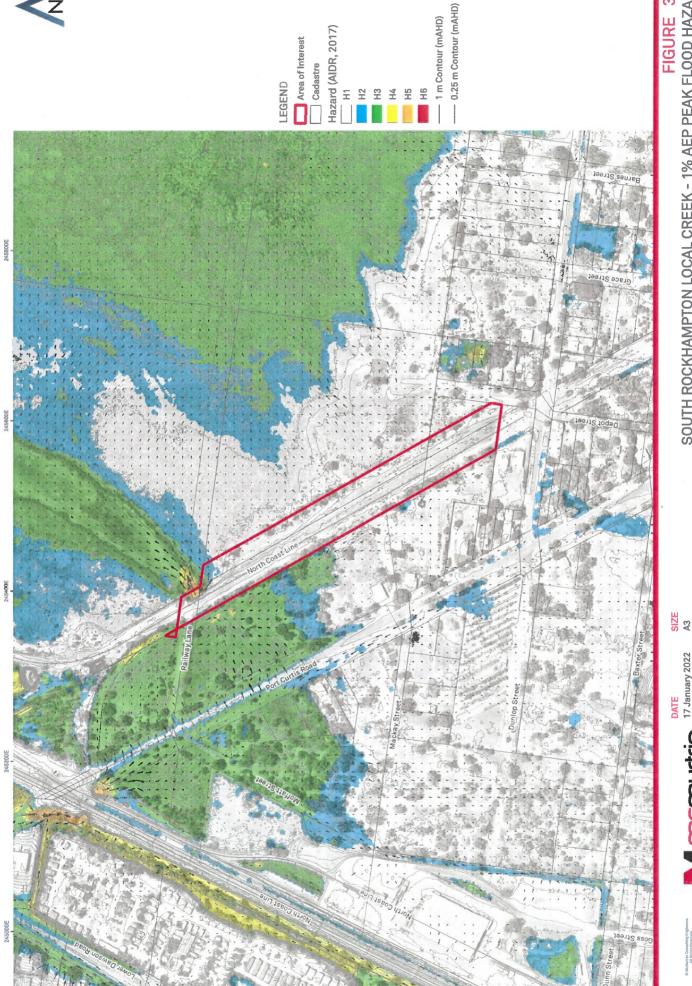


FIGURE 3.B

SOUTH ROCKHAMPTON LOCAL CREEK - 1% AEP PEAK FLOOD HAZARD

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