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Dear Peter,

As requested by EGIS Consulting (EGIS), McLennan & Associates (M&A) undertook the November 2015 monthly groundwater survey of existing monitoring bores along the Legacy Way Tunnel. Monitoring of groundwater levels is required as part of the Coordinator Generals conditions for both the design and construct, as well as the operational phase of the Legacy Way Tunnel.

Field work was undertaken on 24 November. All monitoring locations were sampled, with exception of BH220 in Victoria Park Rd, in which the gattic cover was not able to be removed. After discussion with Greg Freeman at Egis, it is understood that this well will be discontinued from further monitoring.

Asphalt was removed from BH221 and the bolts were removed after been destroyed from a recent road upgrade. It was noted that the well casing was inundated with water with asphaltting works directing water into the well. Groundwater in this well did not appear to be contaminated by rainwater; however, works to redirect rainwater from the gattic cover will be required.

## Groundwater November 2015

Monthly groundwater monitoring has been conducted in compliance with the Hydrogeology and Groundwater Environmental Management Plan (EMP EN-OP-PP0018). Monitoring locations were previously selected due to their location, geology and accessibility along the Legacy Way Tunnel corridor. The monthly groundwater works included measuring standing water levels along the tunnel alignment and downloading data from *in situ* water level loggers. For the purpose of this study the monitoring wells are targeting bedrock (confined) and alluvial (unconfined) aquifers.

## Groundwater Monitoring Locations

The monitoring locations assessed during this month's works are outlined in Table 1 below

TABLE 1- GROUNDWATER LOCATIONS

Locality	ID	Reference	Geology	Monitoring
West	NL2-02	Toowong	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	NL3-05S	Toowong	Alluvium	Groundwater level
	NL3-16	Toowong	Alluvium	Groundwater level
Alignment	BH108	Toowong	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	BH320	Toowong	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	NL5-4	Toowong	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	NL2-12	Toowong	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	NL2-14	Auchenflower	Open Bore – Bedrock and Alluvium	Groundwater level
	BH309	Rosalie	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	BH311	Rosalie	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	BH312	Rosalie	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	BH313	Rosalie	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	BH313 A	Rosalie	Alluvium	Groundwater level
	NL4-HG10	Rosalie	Alluvium	Groundwater level
	NL4-HG6A	Paddington	Alluvium	Groundwater level
	NL4-5	Paddington	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	NL4-A2	Rosalie	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	NL2-06	Red Hill	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	NL2-09	Red Hill	Bedrock	Groundwater level
East	BH205	Inner City Bypass	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	BH220	Kelvin Grove	Bedrock	Decommissioned due to damaged casing
	BH221	Kelvin Grove	Bedrock	Groundwater level
	BH222	Inner City Bypass	Bedrock	Groundwater level

The groundwater locations in **Table 2** had previously been decommissioned during the design and construct phase of the project. It is understood that most have been destroyed since the commencement of the project. The quantity of the remaining monitoring locations is deemed sufficient for the purposes of the groundwater monitoring and no additional replacement wells are planned. Monitoring had previously ceased in the Botanic Gardens following handback of the tunnel conveyor to BCC.

**TABLE 2 - DECOMMISSIONED GROUNDWATER LOCATIONS**

Locality	ID	Reference	Geology	Monitoring
West	BH503	Botanic Gardens	Bedrock	Conveyor Tunnel no longer in use - no further monitoring to be conducted
	BH502	Botanic Gardens	Bedrock	Conveyor Tunnel no longer in use – no further monitoring to be conducted
	BH104D	Botanic Gardens	Bedrock	Destroyed
	BHSC1A	Botanic Gardens	Alluvium	Destroyed
	BHSC1B	Botanic Gardens	Bedrock	Destroyed
Alignment	BH314	Toowong	Bedrock	Not located – Note NL2-14 located nearby this location
	BH310	Rosalie	Alluvium	Replaced by BH313A
	BH307	Red Hill	Bedrock	Decommissioned, due to proximity to the alignment
East	NL4-HG4	Brisbane Grammar	Bedrock	Destroyed
	NL4-HG5	Brisbane Grammar	Bedrock	Destroyed
	BH203	Brisbane Grammar	Bedrock	Destroyed

## Groundwater Monitoring Results

### Groundwater Level Monitoring

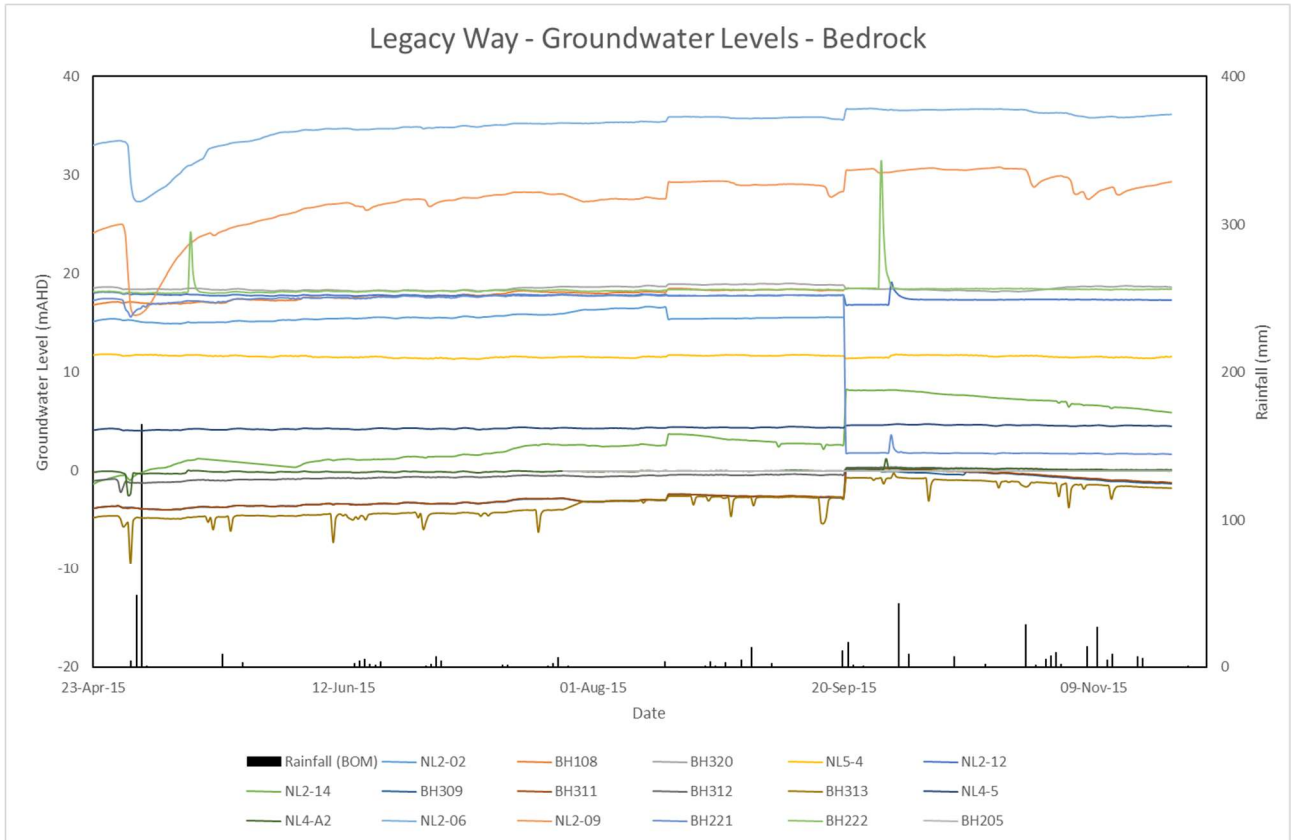
Groundwater levels below ground surface were collected along the tunnel corridor at 22 locations. All locations monitored were equipped with Solinst Leveltrolls (automated water data) loggers, which were calibrated via the static water groundwater level measurements and corrected for barometric pressure. Static groundwater level measurements are detailed in Table 3.

TABLE 3 - GROUNDWATER ELEVATION

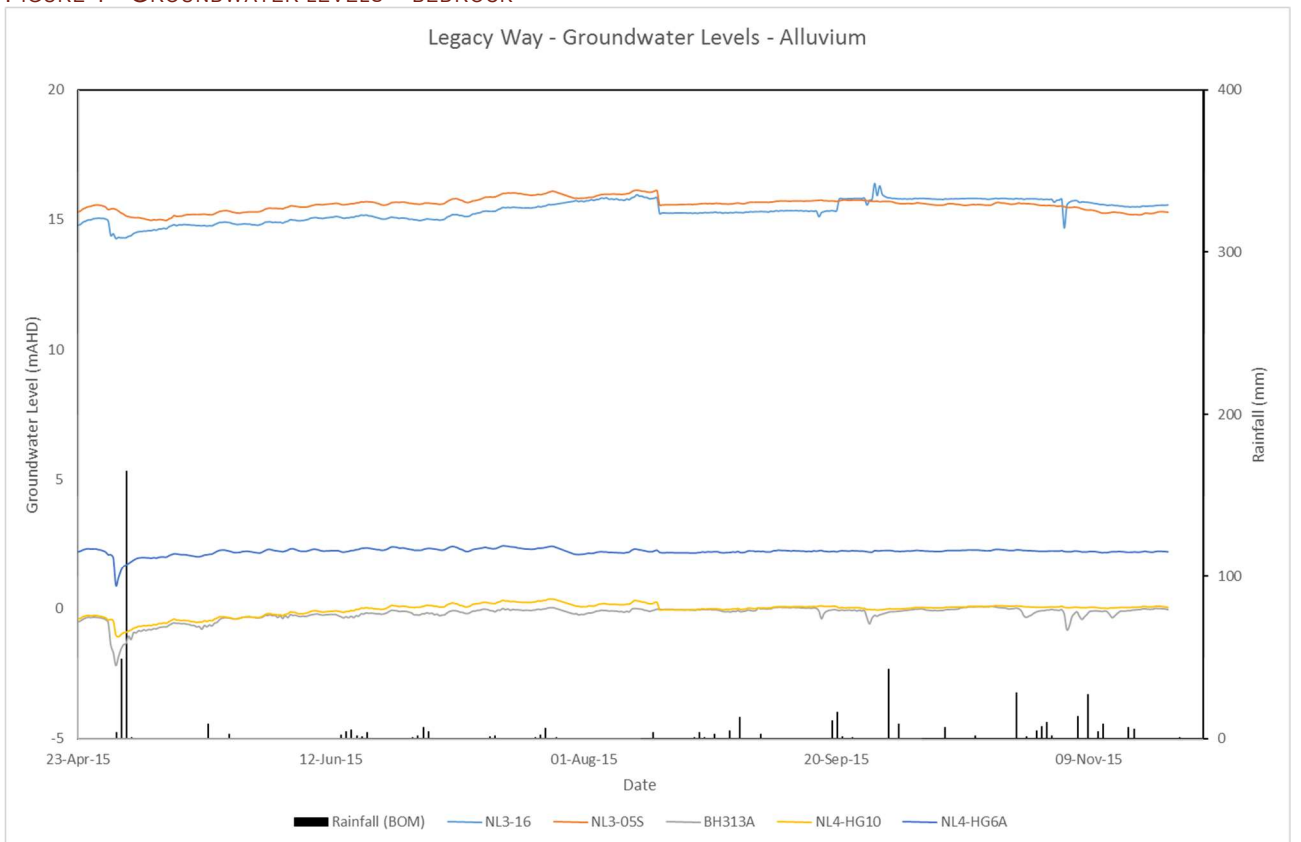
Locality	West	Alignment												East				West	Alignment					
Geology	Bedrock	Bedrock												Bedrock				Alluvium	Alluvium					
Location	NL2-02	BH108	BH320	NL5-4	NL2-12	NL2-14	BH309	BH311	BH312	BH313	NL4-5	NL4-A2	NL2-06	NL2-09	BH205	BH220	BH221	BH222	NL3-16	NL3-05S	BH313A	NL4-HG10	NL4-HG6A	
Units	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD	mAHD
Ground Elevation mAHD	25.78	23.65	47	20.2	26.07	47.7	4.1	4	4.1	3.8	5.6	2.2	63.9	41.4	23.8	29.4	29.3	23.9	18.9	25.01	3.8	2.2	5.58	
Water Elevation mAHD Oct. 2015	16.76	18.79	18.64	11.62	17.35	5.92	-1.33	-1.22	-0.03	-1.77	4.54	0.085	36.14	29.31	18.65	N/A	1.71	18.41	15.56	15.29	-0.03	0.04	2.22	

### Groundwater Level Results

Figure 1 and Figure 2 demonstrate water level variations in the bedrock and alluvium respectively.



**FIGURE 1 - GROUNDWATER LEVELS – BEDROCK**



**FIGURE 2 - GROUNDWATER LEVELS - ALLUVIUM**

The standing water levels generally indicate a continuation of the previous trends displayed during the construction phase i.e. relationship of groundwater fluctuations to rainfall levels, with the following of note:

Groundwater in the Toowong Cemetery and surrounds, the groundwater level in boreholes BH108, BH320, NL5-4, NL2-14 had historically been reported as exceeding the 200% of the natural variation and was associated with the tunneling activities in close proximity to the boreholes. NL2-14 increased since the September monitoring round and was noted as steadily recovering to the pre-September levels during this round. All other monitoring bores indicated static water levels over the previous month. The ongoing recovery of the bedrock groundwater level is expected to continue following the wet season recharge.

Along the tunnel alignment in Rosalie and surrounding areas, the groundwater level in boreholes BH309, BH311, BH312, BH313 had previously been reported as historically exceeding the 200% of the natural variation and was associated with tunneling activities in close proximity to the boreholes. These boreholes are assessing water levels in the bedrock, and drawdown from tunneling operations was predicted in this area. Groundwater in BH312 remained static; while BH309, BH311 and BH313 decreased over the previous month. It is noted that BH313 appears to be influenced by rainfall and has previously had water inside the bore casing.

Borehole locations NL4-HG10 and NL4-HG6A (monitoring the alluvium north and south of the tunnel alignment respectively) continues to remain static since the September monitoring round. NL4-5 and NL4-A2 (monitoring the bedrock north and south of the tunnel alignment respectively) remained static without any marked changes. Stabilisation and recovery of these locations is underway since the cross passage works in the vicinity were completed; however, it will be dependent on recharge rates. Recovery of bedrock groundwater levels continues to be recorded in this area via the automated data logger information and correlated with static water level measurements in the area. Assessment of the groundwater levels at these locations will continue.

Groundwater monitoring of the Eastern Portal area continued, with slow recovery noted in the bores. BH205 has continued to have less than 10 cm of water and is considered “dry” for automatic logging. This is most likely to be associated with the dewatering of the Eastern Portal. BH221 appears to have been influenced by the major rain event in September which inundated the well casing. The level appeared to stabilize quickly after the rainfall event and remained static during minor rainfall events. BH220 was not able to be accessed during this reporting period.

At the Western portal, NL2-02 indicated a slight continual decrease in the water level since September. This site is possibly influenced from external activities (i.e. Mt Coot-Tha Quarry and the botanic garden ponds). This will continue to be assessed to determine if the bedrock in this area continues to recover. Groundwater in the alluvial bore NL3-16 appears to be influenced by moderate rainfall events; however, it recovers within several days. NL3-05 remained steady since the previous month.

It should be noted that at this stage Egis does not propose any mitigation strategies in regards to fluctuations in groundwater levels. However, ongoing monitoring will be undertaken to assess any impacts and stabilisation of water levels.

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