

# WATER RECYCLING and USE for MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

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## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This Water Recycling and Use Management Plan has been produced to document the methods by which water will be recovered and recycled to irrigate an Intensive perennial Jujube orchard at 5531 West Swan Road, West Swan.

5531 West Swan Road, West Swan is proposed to have an intensive agricultural land use, based on an orchard of Jujube with greenhouse grown mushrooms. Initially Shitake and Oyster mushrooms will be grown.

The re-use of waste water will integrate with water from an on site bore to provide the water for growth of the Jujube horticulture. Water for the Mushroom production will be scheme water and will not be included in this management plan. The mushrooms will be grown on specially prepared 'Logs' in a greenhouse facility, consisting of two greenhouses. Trials of the mushrooms have already been conducted in a warehouse in Canning Vale and have proved most successful.

Site preparation for the Jujube orchard is already in place with the excavation of holes to be prepared for installing the Jujube orchard plants.

A tourist facility consisting of accommodation and function centre/restaurant/café is proposed as ancillary to the intensive horticulture on 5531 West Swan Road, West Swan, that is calculated to have a waste water volume of 6,520 Litres per day.

A Land Capability Report for the intensive land use has been prepared by Landform Research for the site and calculations show that there is sufficient water and soils to support horticulture or alternative land uses as proposed by the development.

Geotechnical Assessments have been conducted by Perth Geotechnics, and their studies which are appended, and this documentation is to form the Site and Soil Evaluation.

The studies show that the re-use of the water can be integrated into perennial Jujube Intensive Horticulture and partially substitute for water use from the on site bore and also partially substitute for nutrient requirements for the orchard, therefore reducing the potential for environmental impact in the local area.

Even though the calculated water volumes are 6,520 litres per day a 10,000 litre commercial Aquarius Waste Water recovery and treatment system (Aquarius 10KL O-2NR ATU see Figures 20 - 22) approved by the Department of Health WA is proposed with concrete tanks used. The system is designed to comply with AS/NZ 1546.3.

The irrigation Application Area has been assessed under AS/NZ 1547 and the *Government Sewerage Policy 2019*. The soils on site have been assessed by Perth Geotechnics, both for the development areas and the orchard. Copies of those site assessments are attached.

Water re-use is assessed by *Risk Assessment to Guidelines for the Non-potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia*, Department of Health Western Australia

The soils are clay loams to light clays overlain by a sandy fill which enables a waste water irrigation rate of 3 litres/m<sup>2</sup>.

A Stormwater Management Plan has been prepared by HyQuality Engineering.

The Development Application, which includes all planning information, is provided by Urbanista Planning.

- *The waste water volumes are compatible with the irrigation requirements for the Jujube Orchard with some additional bore water likely to be required to top up the irrigation requirements.*
- *The Irrigation Application Area is about 2 times greater than the required area based on the anticipated average water loadings (38% greater than required at maximum loading), and has significantly greater setbacks and buffers than the required minima.*
- *The additional waste water loading even at maximum loading will equate to between 1 – 2 mm per day which is not significant and well within the natural rainfall variations for the Swan Valley.*
- *The Irrigation Application Area complies with the geotechnical requirements of AS/NZ 1547 and the Government Sewerage Policy.*
- *Calculations of nutrients within the waste water demonstrate that the nutrients will substitute for some fertiliser applications on the Jujube orchard with some additional top ups required.*

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

### **1.1 Background and Purpose**

5531 West Swan Road West Swan is proposed to be intensive agriculture with an ancillary tourist facility consisting of accommodation and function centre/restaurant.

Lot 5531 is held by Jesuome Australia Pty Ltd.

The proposed intensive land use is to be implemented by Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd, a wholesaler and importer of specialty and Asian food products.

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, 6155. They are a successful business that not only supply the products but are actively researching the growth of specialty mushrooms at the Canning Vale site.

The landholder, Jesuome Australia Pty Ltd, and Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd, share common directors.

### **1.2 Site Assessment - Methodology**

#### ***Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study of the Development Area - 5 February 2021 – Attachment 1***

A geotechnical report of the soils on the eastern part of the proposed development was completed by Perth Geotechnics, 5 February 2021. That study covered the central and eastern portion of the site mainly where the built developments are to be located. The report mainly concentrated on the suitability of the soil conditions for those developments, and demonstrates compliance.

The report is attached. (Attachment 1).

Perth Geotechnics sunk 8 soil auger holes, conducted two soil permeability tests, in addition to soil penetrometer and other soil parameter tests on the development site on 14 October 2021.

#### ***Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study and Permeability of the Intensive Horticulture Area – 14 October 2021 – Attachment 2***

Further studies were completed by Perth Geotechnics by way of soil assessments and permeability field tests across the Irrigation Application Area, conducted on 14 October 2021. Perth Geotechnics completed 6 soil permeability test holes and demonstrate compliance.

The report is attached. (Attachment 2)

#### ***Landform Research – Capability of Soils for Mixed Use Development – 14 February 2022 – Field data is attached at Attachment 3 and the whole report accompanies the planning application.***

A land study of the site was conducted by Lindsay Stephens of Landform Research on 28 May 2021. Lindsay Stephens is very familiar with the local soils and has completed many land capability and geotechnical studies in the local soils and West Swan Area.

During the study by Landform Research on 28 May 2021, the ground of the western intensive agriculture section was assessed by soil auger holes and site mapping because that is where the orchard is proposed and that ground had not been previously assessed by Perth Geotechnics.

In the study the whole of the orchard and surrounding area was inspected. Five soil test holes were sunk to 1.2 metres to intersect the natural sand underlying the subsoil horizons using a long handled shovel as this is deemed suitable to determine the soil conditions for orchard growth.

Interpretation from aerial photography was also used, and ground photographs obtained.

The vegetation was reviewed to further add data to the soil information, based on species composition and distribution.

The Soil Test Hole data is provided at (Attachment 3).

### **Landform Research - Review of the excavated holes for planting – 21 November 2021**

The site and Irrigation Land Application Area was inspected from a risk assessment perspective.

## **1.3 Site Description and Proposal**

The site summary is taken from Urbanista Town Planning. The following Figures are taken from the Development Proposal.

*The proposed development is located at No. 5531 (Lot 9) West Swan Road, West Swan. The subject site has a total land area of 18,388m<sup>2</sup>, with a frontage of 98.5m to West Swan Road, 65.93m to Phillip Way at the rear and a total depth of 237.64m.*

*The agricultural use of the site will occupy approximately 8,300sqm of the site and is located at the rear half of the site. This area will be used as intensive orchards with two mushroom greenhouses located in the centre of the site.*

*This open orchard is approximately 90m deep by 60m wide and will consist of approximately 600 initially and up to 1000 trees, spaced 2m apart across 30 rows orchard will be Jujube, (Chinese Dates) for sale to the Perth markets and to support the production and the café.*

*This land use also includes two mushroom greenhouses to initially grow Oyster and Shitake mushrooms. The largest mushroom greenhouse is 19.3m by 16m and will produce mushrooms in an area of up to 310sqm. The smaller mushroom greenhouse is just over 200 m<sup>2</sup>.*

*The produce grown on site will be sorted/processed in the proposed warehouse located behind the existing dwelling. Separate rooms and sorting areas allow for this to be conducted as efficiently as possible and it is conveniently located in proximity to the restaurant.*



*The agricultural use will employ three staff, and operate 10am to 5pm weekdays whilst also being able to respond as necessary to the seasonal demands and the stages of crop growth such as seeding or harvesting.*

### Site Integration

The various activities on site have been designed to integrate together.

The existing dwelling and shed will be retained, enhanced and incorporated into the proposed land uses.

Accommodation will be provided which will in turn support the restaurant/café, with the intensive agriculture from Mushrooms and Jujube Orchard.

There is a licensed bore on site with water allocation of 5,000 kL per year. To further enhance the agricultural viability of the intensive horticulture, treated waste water will be recovered and used to irrigate the perennial trees of the Jujube which will supply nutrients to the irrigated Jujube trees and in turn reduce the fertiliser requirements for the plants and minimise the risk of nutrient export from the site.

Mushrooms culture is selected because of the low water requirements, which will be from scheme water to minimise risk to production.

Mushrooms and Jujube do not require washing, therefore reducing water use on site.

As there are competing land uses on site, the various land uses are separated, a risk analysis completed and management proposed to minimise or negate the risk of contamination of crops, noise to the accommodation, and onsite use of insect control by implementing organic food production policies.

The hours of operation are to be regulated to minimise conflicts; for example the restaurant will be open during the day and only open at night for one off events such as weddings, when the chalets will be used by the guests.

The intensive horticulture landuses of mushrooms and jujube are low mechanical activities with low noise emissions, low potential for insect pests and require activities that will not impact on accommodation. The landuses are Predominantly Agriculture.

Agricultural - Intensive	8,500m <sup>2</sup>	Primary Production and includes the below;
<i>Incl. Orchard</i>	<i>~5,800m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Primary Production – Fruit Trees</i>
<i>Incl. Mushroom Greenhouses</i>	<i>~510m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Primary Production – Mushrooms</i>
<i>Incl. Warehouse</i>	<i>~400m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Sorting / Processing of Produce</i>
<i>Incl. Existing Shed</i>	<i>~180m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Storage of tools and equipment</i>
Cafe	228m <sup>2</sup>	164 - person maximum capacity
Single House (Existing)	220sqm	Retained Dwelling

**Proposed Staging**

- Stage 1 Plant the intensive orchard and mushroom greenhouses
- Stage 2 Installing the warehouse and the storeroom
- Stage 3 Installing café with associated waste water recovery



Figure 1: Concept facilities layout

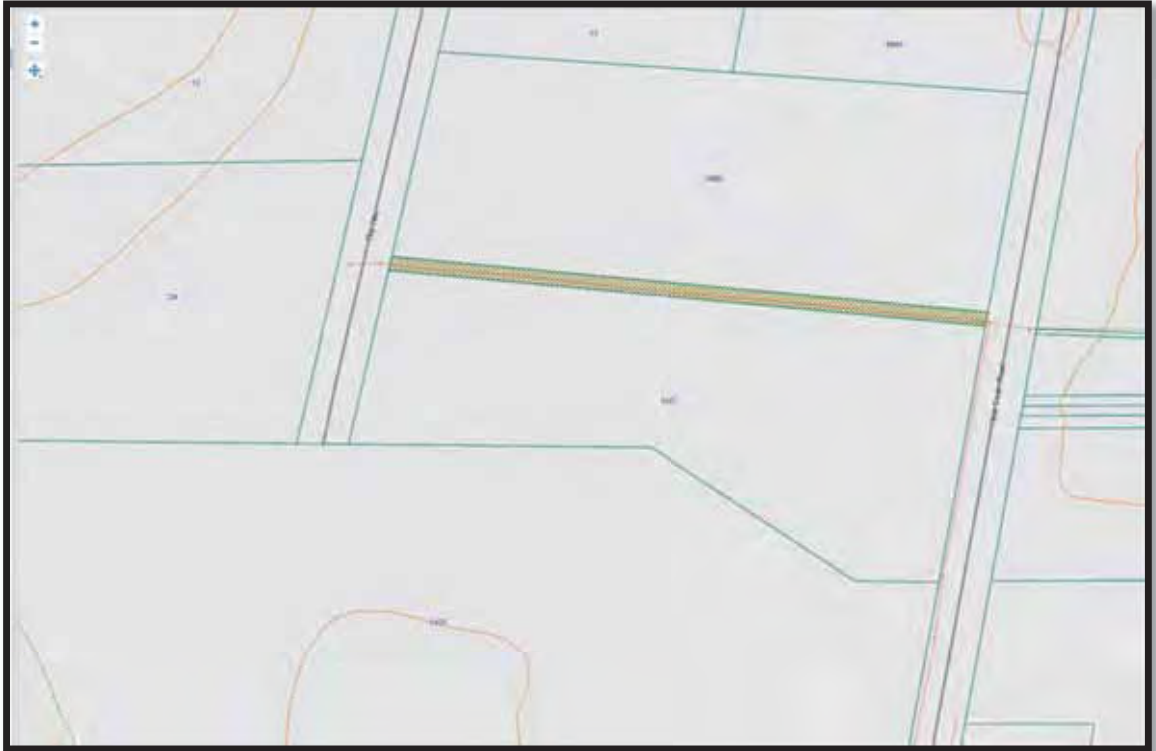


Figure 2: Contour elevations in 1 metre (AHD) City of Swan (IntraMap).

Compare with Figure 7, which uses a local datum, and Figure 7.

## 1.4 Statutory Requirements for the Reuse of Waste Water

A number of statutory provisions and Guidelines are in place for the safe disposal of waste water.

### **AS/NZ 1547, On-site domestic wastewater management**

### **AS 1726 Geotechnical site investigations**

### **Department of Health, Code of Practice for the Design, Manufacture, Installation and Operation of Aerobic Treatment Units (ATU's).**

Department of Health, Specification for Aerobic Treatment Units (ATU'S) Serving Single Households (*Health Department*)

### **Government Sewerage Policy 2019**

*Health Act 1911*

### **Health (Treatment of Sewage and Disposal of Effluent and Liquid Waste Regulations 1974.**

The Department of Health is charged with the protection and enhancement of the health and wellbeing of the WA community and therefore regulates the design, construction, connection, operation and maintenance of sewage in accordance with the *Health Act 1911*.

The *Department of Health Guidelines for the Non-potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia* provides a summary of the relevant statutory requirements and these are listed below.

For the purposes of the guidelines recycled water is considered to be sewage in accordance with *Section 3 of the Health Act 1911*.

The Department sets conditions of approval for recycling water schemes and the use of recycled water in Western Australia and all proposals must be approved by the Department.

The **Health Act 1911** contains a number of provisions that regulate the use of recycled water:

Section 98 – prohibits sewage being put anywhere unless it is authorised.

Section 107 – prohibits the use of any apparatus for the treatment of sewage unless approved by the Chief Health Officer.

Section 129 – prohibits the pollution of any water supply.

The **Health Act 1911** also contains a number of provisions that regulate the use of recycled water supplies:

Section 94 - prohibits chemical refuse or any waste that is injurious to health to be disposed in sewers or drains.

Section 98 – prohibits sewage being put anywhere unless it is authorised.

Section 107 – prohibits the use of any apparatus for the treatment of sewage unless approved by the Chief Health Officer.

Section 129 – prohibits the pollution of any water supply.

The **Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Act 1909** contains a number of provisions that regulate the use of alternative water sources:

Section 54 – Only approved fittings may be used fit-for-purpose for the water supplied.

Section 55 – People supplied with water are required to keep their fittings in good repair.

The **Metropolitan Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage By-laws 1981** contain details on several provisions for the supply of alternate water:

Section 3 - Protection of water against pollution.

Section 4 - Protection of catchment areas and water reserve.

Section 5 - Protection of public water supply areas and underground water pollution control areas.

The **Water Services Licensing Act 1995** contains a number of provisions that regulate the use of recycling water sources:

Section 18 – Requirement for licenses from the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) to supply water.

Section 19 – Power to exempt people/incorporated bodies from licensing requirements.

The **Code of Practice for the Reuse of Greywater in WA 2010** sets out the minimum requirements for the reuse of greywater in WA on commercial premises reusing up to 5,000 L/day

There are **other government and non-government agencies** aside from the Department of Health that may have an interest or regulatory role in recycled water schemes. These can include (but are not limited to) the local government, the Department of Water, Environmental Regulation, Department of Planning, Land and Heritage, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Economic Regulation Authority and the City of Swan.

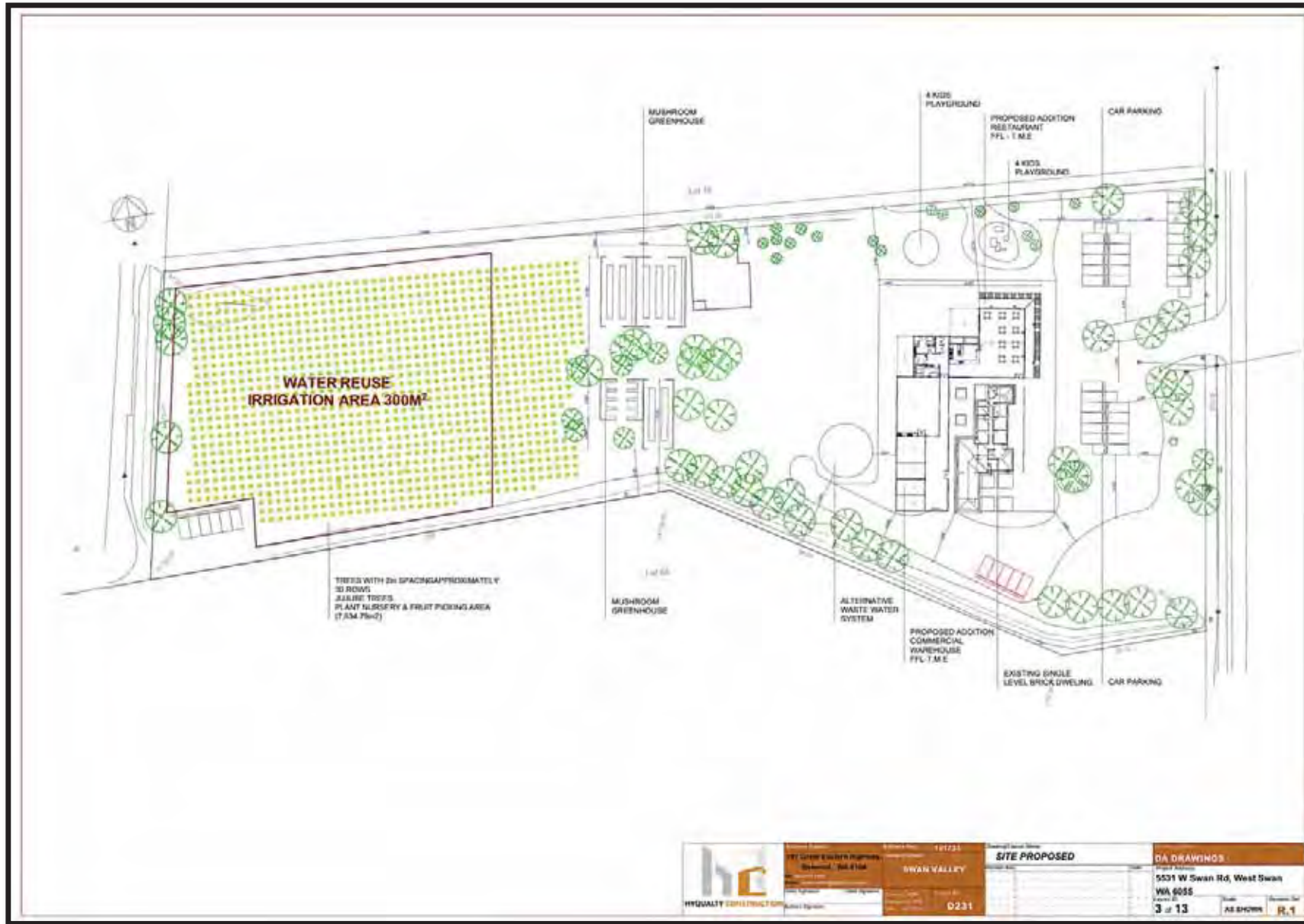


Figure 3: Concept development land layout



Figure 4: Subject land and surrounding land uses



Figure 5: Soil test and permeability test holes - Perth Geotechnics (Fieldwork 14 October 2021)





Figure 6: Soil test and permeability test holes - Perth Geotechnics (Fieldwork 14 October 2021)

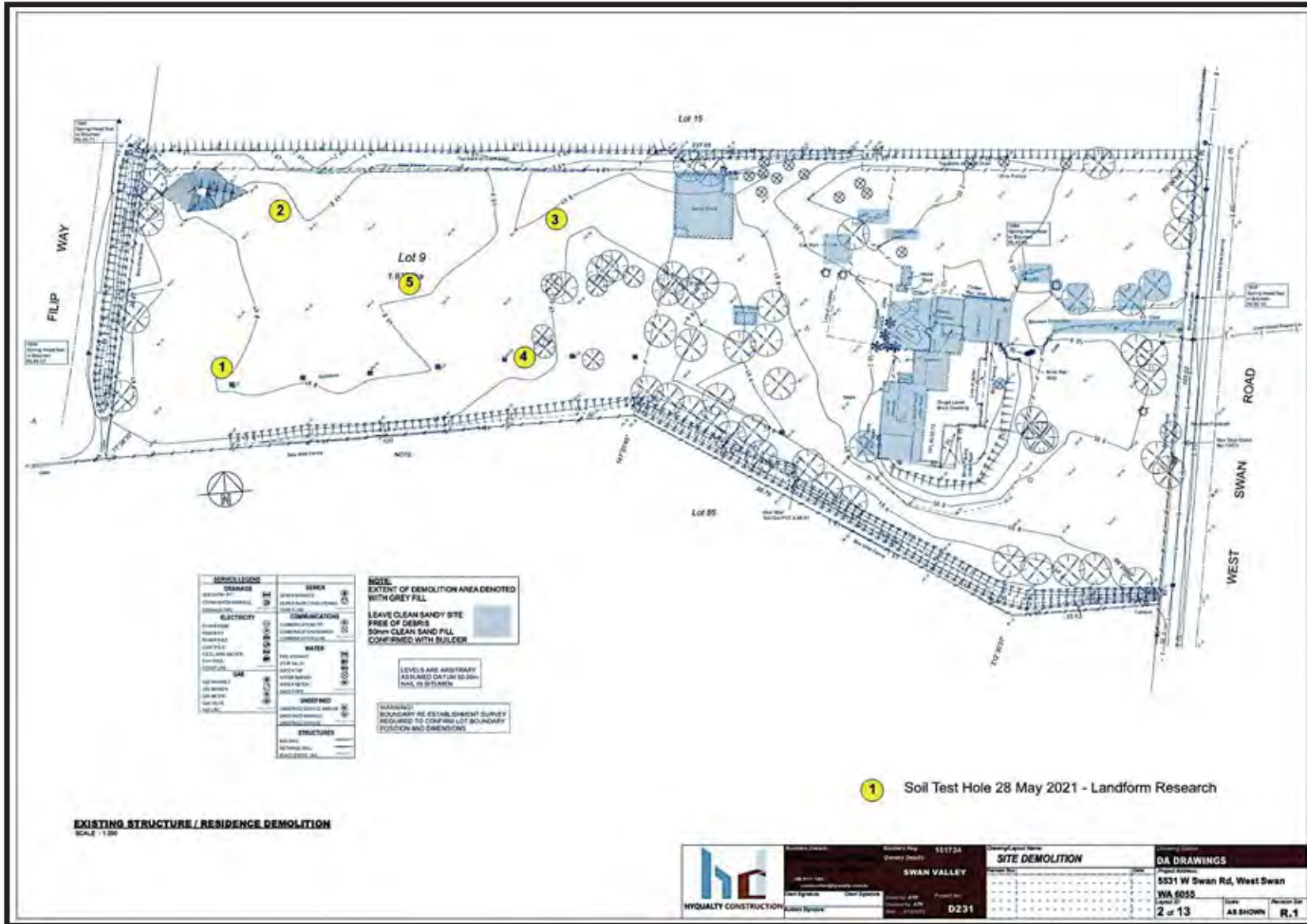


Figure 7: Contour Plan and Soil Test Holes. Note the Local datum. The land is at 17 metres AHD



Figure 8: Holes for the planting of Jujube sunk in July - August 2021

## **2.0 WEATHER CONDITIONS**

### **2.1 Climate**

The climate consists of warm to hot summers and mild wet winters. Climate averages are similar to the closest comprehensive recording station at Upper Swan, with the climate somewhere in between. The rainfall is similar for both stations at around 736 mm per year.

Average summer maximum is around 33 degrees Celcius with winter maxima of around 18 degrees Celcius. The mean winter minimum is around 7.0 degrees Celcius with frosts occurring on winter and spring mornings.

Wind directions are predominantly from the east in the mornings with increased velocity in summer, and south west to west in the afternoons, particularly in summer.

Other data on the attached graphs and figures from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) and Weather and Climate (Australia), show the suitability of the climate provided in the Swan Valley.

The data for soils and climate are summarised in Campbell Clause J, and G A Moore, 1991, *Land Capability Study for Horticulture in the Swan Valley*, DPIRD Land Resources Series No 6 and demonstrate the suitability of the valley for intensive horticulture.

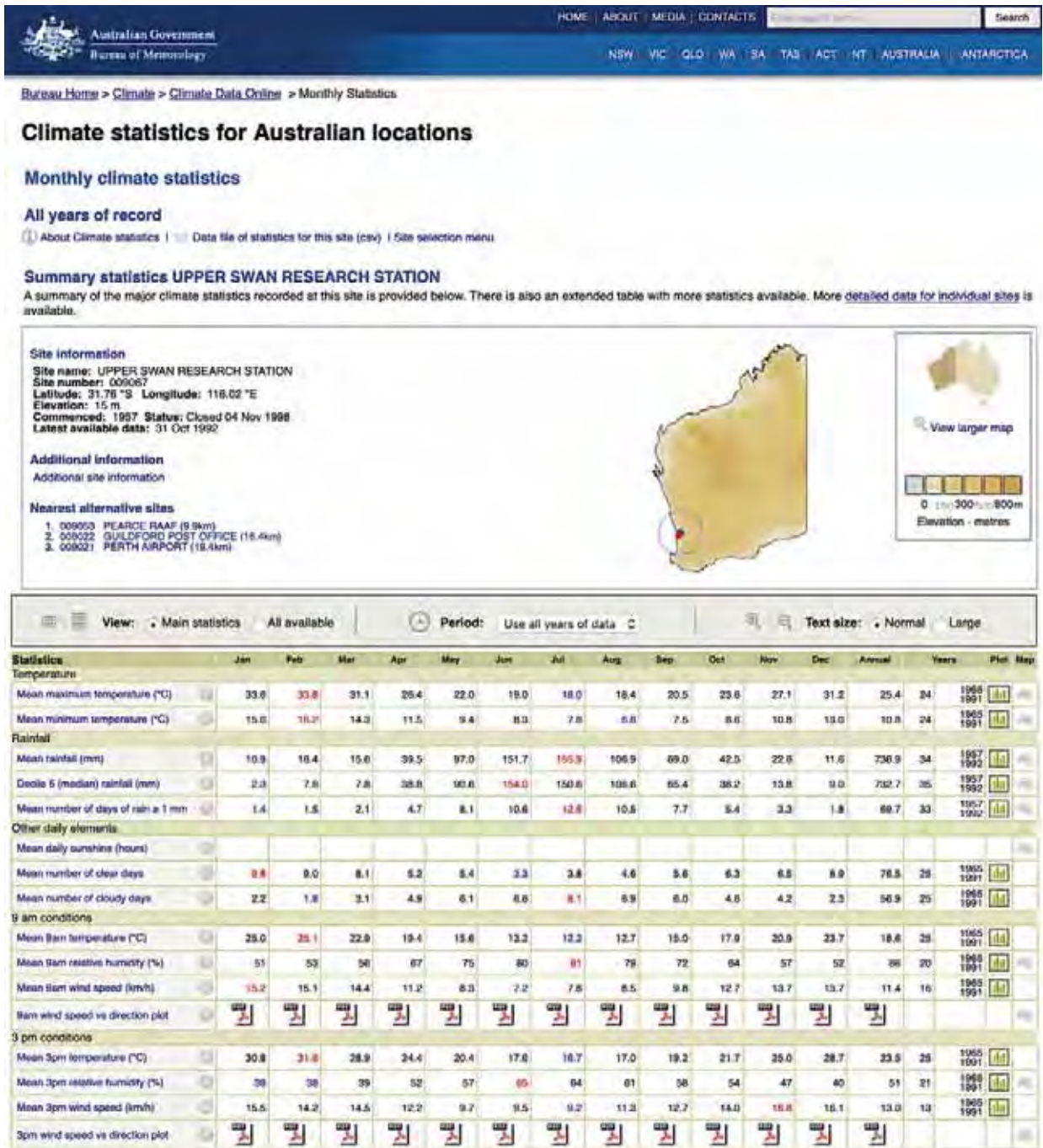


Figure 9: Climate data Upper Swan Research Station (BOM)

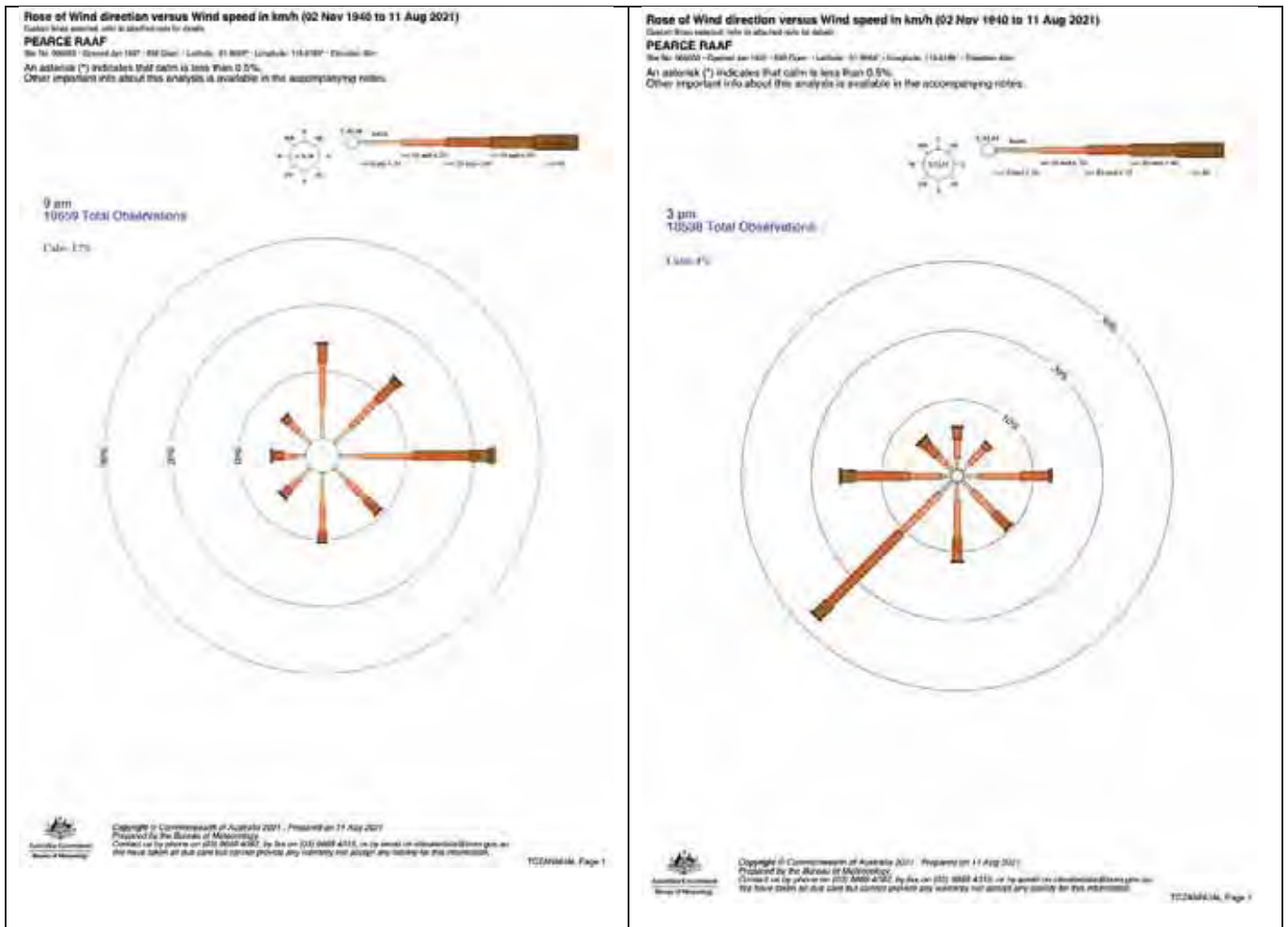


Figure 10 – Average yearly wind roses Upper Swan Research Station (BOM):

## Climate in Upper Swan (Western Australia), Australia

The graphs below show the monthly weather averages over the year.

\* Climate data from: [Perth, Australia](#) (19 KM, 12 Miles).

### Average day and night temperature

The mean minimum and maximum temperatures over the year. [Show in Fahrenheit](#)

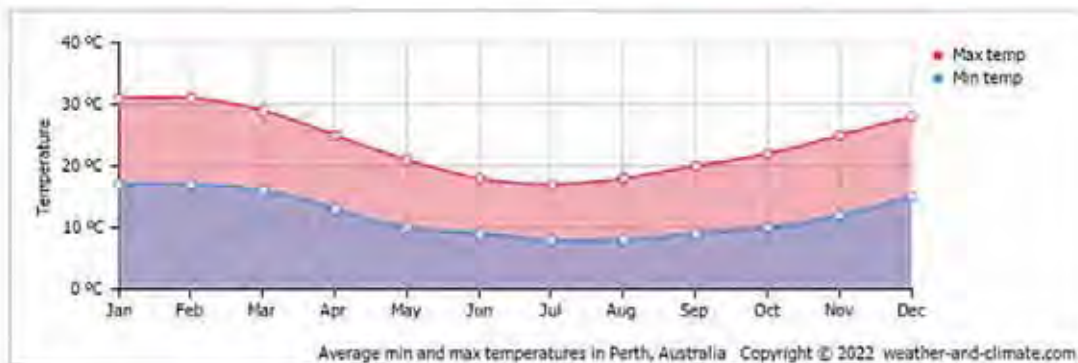
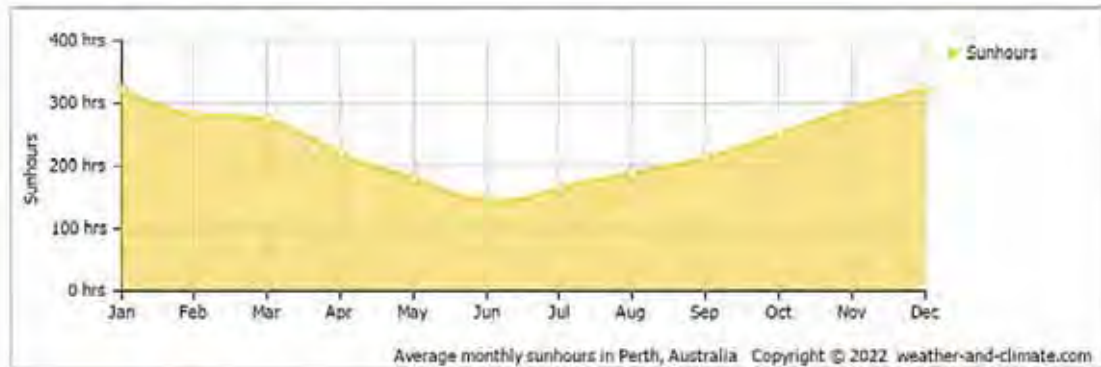


Figure 11: graphs of climate data Upper Swan (Weather and Climate - Australia)

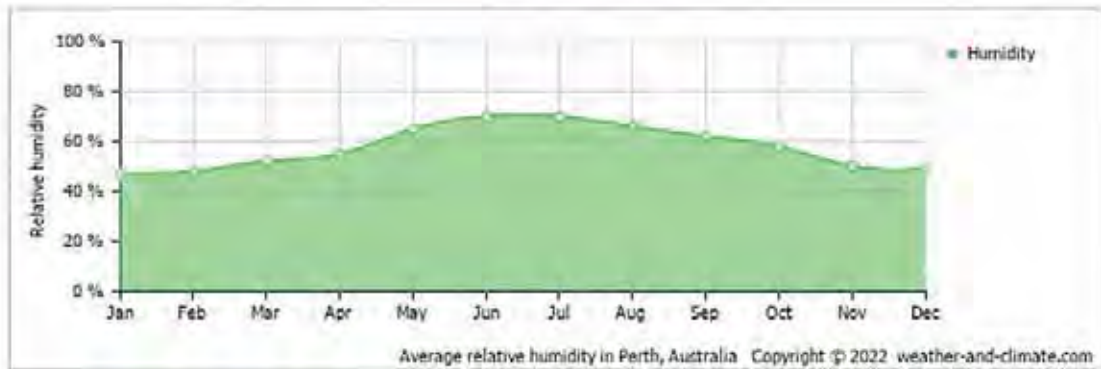
### Monthly hours of sunshine

The average monthly total hours of sunshine over the year



### Average humidity

The mean monthly relative humidity over the year



### Average wind speed

The mean monthly wind speed over the year (in meters per second)

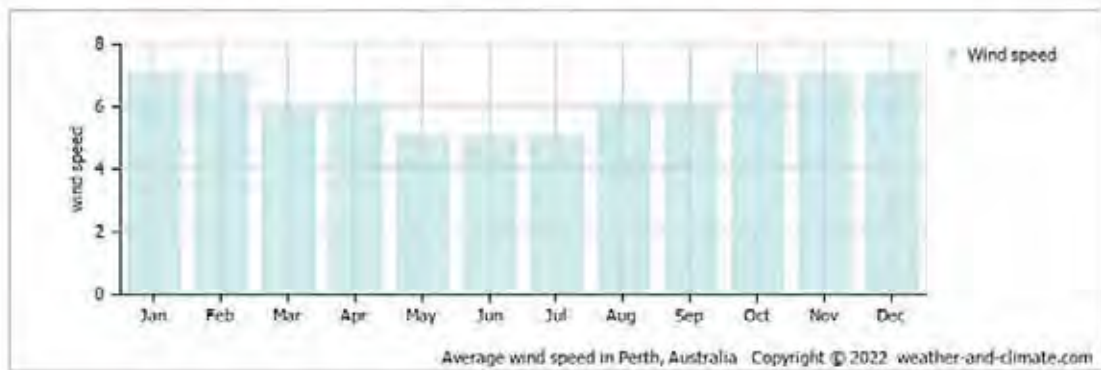
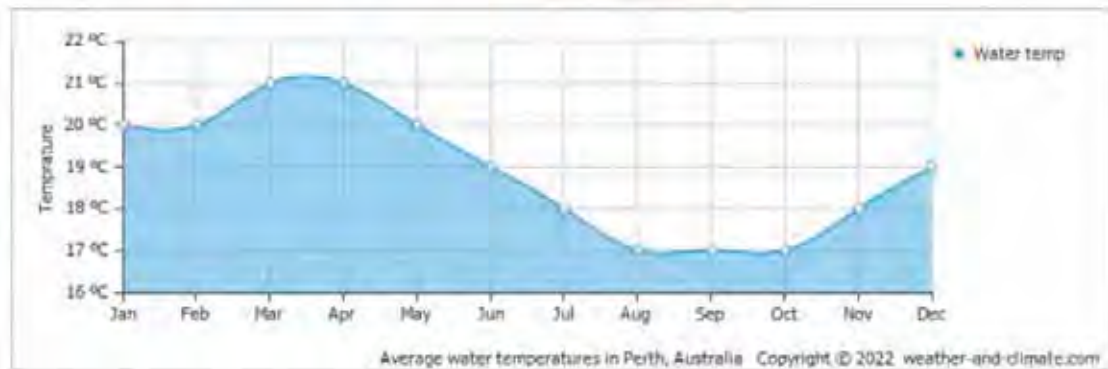


Figure 12: graphs of climate data Upper Swan (Weather and Climate - Australia)

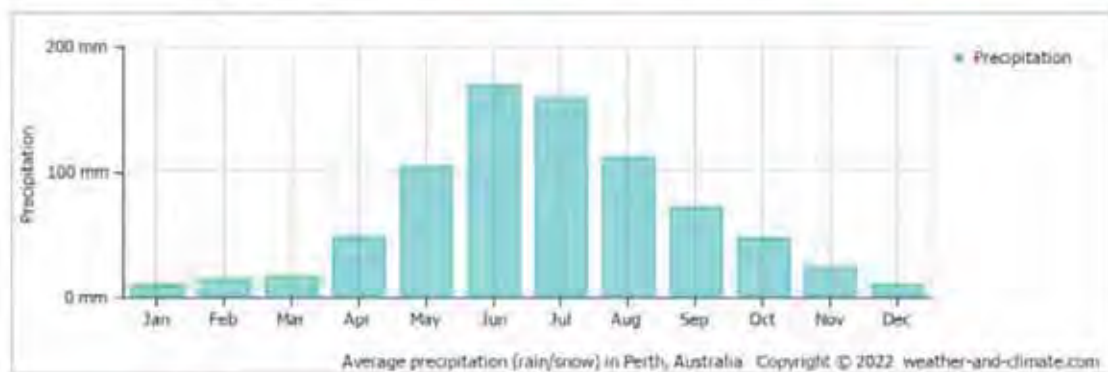
### Average water temperature

The mean water temperature over the year. [Show in Fahrenheit](#)



### Monthly precipitation

The mean monthly precipitation over the year, including rain, snow, hail etc. [Show in Inches](#)



### Monthly rainy days

The average number of days each month with rain, snow, hail etc.

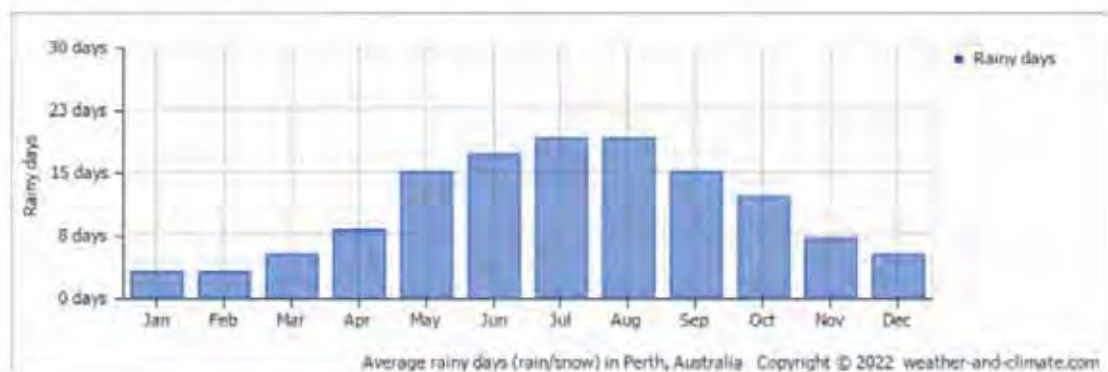


Figure 13: graphs of climate data Upper Swan (Weather and Climate - Australia)



### 3.0 REGOLITH AND SOIL ASSESSMENT

#### 3.1 **Geotechnical Studies**

The geology, soils and hydrogeology of the development area and waste water disposal area were assessed by Western Geotechnics in;

*Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study of the Development Area - 5 February 2021 – Attachment 1.*

*Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study and Permeability of the Intensive Horticulture Area – 14 October 2021 – Attachment 2.*

In addition, the site was reviewed

*Landform Research – Field assessment of Intensive Horticulture Area/Land Application Area – 28 May 2021- Attachment 3*

*Landform Research - Review of the excavated holes for planting – 21 November 2021*

#### 3.2 **Geology and Geomorphology**

The geology is mapped and summarised in the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology Series.

The site lies on the eastern side of the Swan Coastal Plain on sediments of the Perth Basin.

Perth Geotechnics listed the geology as;

*A review of Environmental Geological Western Australia survey Map of Perth 1:50,000 (sheet 2034II and Part of 2034III and 2134III) revealed that the site is consisted of Pebbly Silt- strong brown silt with common, fine to occasionally coarse grained, sub rounded laterite quartz, heavily weathered granite pebble, some fine to medium grained quartz sand, of alluvial origin, Guildford formation (Qpa).*

*Environmental Geological map of Perth also revealed that the site soil has low permeability, low corrosion potential, medium to high slope stability, medium to high bearing capacity. Near surface water table, prone to flooding, differential settlement of foundations may occur, unless built on columns or concrete rafts above 1 m or compacted sand, dispersive in places.*

Locally the soils are a mixture of alluvial sands, clay sands and sandy clays, normally with an overlying more sandy sequence of upper soil horizons. In some places an intermittent sheet of aeolian sand is present. The soils typically and geologically belong to the Guildford Formation.

A hole drilled for the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology is located at Phillip Way near the western edge of the subject land and shows 16 metres of (S8) sand.

The soil test holes on site however show some clay sands and sandy clays and as the site is near the boundary of the alluvial silts and sandy clays (Mgs1) of the Guildford Formation to the east, it is likely that those materials underlay the site as evidenced from the soil test holes.

Elevation of the land is around 16.5 metres across Lot 5531 with the addition of some fill in the west and natural soils in the east. Figure 17. Compare Figure 17 to Figure 7 which uses a local datum and therefore the contours on the maps do not reflect AHD.

### 3.3 Regolith and Soils

Local soil mapping has been completed by the Department of Primary Industries and Rural Development; *Campbell Clause J, and G A Moore, 1991, Land Capability Study for Horticulture in the Swan Valley, DPIRD Land Resources Series No 6.*

All the above soil mapping was completed on the natural soils of the site, generally without drainage or fill and shows the subject land as being of aeolian sandy and miscellaneous soils.

The mapping is early and the naming of soil units has changed since that time. The site is shown as a small area of Valley Complex in the west and Karrakatta Sand on the remainder of the subject land. Karrakatta Sand is a yellow sand with the name now being restricted to yellow sand on limestone well to the west near the coast.



Figure 14: Site photograph of the orchard area/ land application area looking west. Note the existing pasture irrigation.

### **Site Investigation by Landform Research 28 May 2021 – Attachment 3**

From a site examination by Landform Research some of the overlying sand is likely to be imported fill sand.

The soil test holes completed as part of this study show fill sand of 0.0 to 0.4 metres depth over earthy and loamy sands with a base of sandy clay. The overlying sand fill is sandy with pieces of pebble aggregate, brick and other inert materials.

In the north east in hole 2 there is sand to 1.2 metres which likely reflects a deepening overlying sand layer to the west which matches the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology. Attachment 3.

This is reflected in the soil test holes, where the holes conducted by Perth Geotechnics bottomed in sandy clay, whereas the soils of the proposed orchard are mostly earthy yellow sands, the earthy properties being due to a small portion of clay which adds significantly to the water and nutrient retention of the soils. Attachments 1 and 2.

Test Hole 4 bottomed in sandy clay at an elevation of 48.8 metres AHD suggesting that the sandy clay base is dipping west which matches the local drill hole for the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology.

The bore logs provided by Perth Geotechnical show sand over silty sand at 0.3 - 0.6 metres overlying sandy clay in the central and eastern parts of the lot, east from the proposed orchard. See Attachment 3.

### **Geotechnical Investigation by Perth Geotechnics 5 February 2021 – Attachment 1**

Perth Geotechnics listed the soils as;

*Environmental Geological map of Perth also revealed that the site soil has low permeability, low corrosion potential, medium to high slope stability, medium to high bearing capacity. Near surface water table, prone to flooding, differential settlement of foundations may occur, unless built on columns or concrete rafts above 1 m or compacted sand, dispersive in places.*

*Six (6) Bore Holes (BH1 to BH6) were conducted at the site by using a hand auger to a depth of 1.0 m.*

*Boreholes BH1 and BH6 revealed similar soil profile and consists of 0.0 - 0.7 m: SAND/Gravelly SAND- fine to medium grained, dark grey, grey, yellow, pale brown, brown, yellowish brown, dry to moist, with gravel up to 30 mm (FILL) 0.4 - 1.0 m: Sandy CLAY- medium plasticity, grey, brown, yellowish brow, moist, fine to medium grained sand.*

*Groundwater table was not observed at any of the boreholes up to the investigation depth. BH1 to BH6 were terminated at the target depth of 1.0 m.*

The Geotechnical report for the waste water application area is provided at Attachment 2. Attachment 1 is the geotechnical report for the eastern portion of Lot 5531 for the proposed development but included some soil test holes.

**Permeability Tests conducted by Perth Geotechnics 14 October 2021 – Attachment 2.**

Six (6) Field permeability tests (FPT1 to FPT6) were conducting by using Guelph permeameter as per ASTM D 5126 – 90 at six locations. The tests were conducted at a depth of 1.0 m below ground level (bgl).

The Guelph Permeameter is a constant head device that operates on the Mariotte siphon principle. It provides a straightforward way of determining the field saturated hydraulic conductivity, matrix flux potential and the soil sorptivity in the field.

The Perth Geotechnics Permeability test report is presented in Attachment 2 and the summary Table below, which is taken from the Perth Geotechnics report.

**Table 1: Permeability of the water application area soils**

Permeability Test ID	Co-ordinates (GDA94)		Permeability Rate		Soil Description	Test Depth (m)
	Easting	Northing	cm/sec	m/day		
FPT1	404 150	6 475 907	$7.3 \times 10^{-4}$	0.63	Sandy Clay	1.0
FPT2	404 102	6 475 908	$7.5 \times 10^{-4}$	0.65	Sandy Clay	1.0
FPT3	404 066	6 475 910	$9.3 \times 10^{-4}$	0.81	Sandy Clay	1.0
FPT4	404 064	6 475 871	$7.8 \times 10^{-4}$	0.67	Sandy Clay	1.0
FPT5	404 095	6 475 876	$6.7 \times 10^{-4}$	0.58	Sandy Clay	1.0
FPT6	404 135	6 475 873	$7.5 \times 10^{-4}$	0.65	Sandy Clay	1.0

The coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity of the site is varying from 0.58 to 0.81 m/day.

## 4.0 HYDROGEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

### 4.1 Surface Water.

There have been several site investigations during which the water and hydrology were reviewed.

- *Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study of the Development Area - 5 February 2021 (Attachment 1)*
- *Landform Research - Land Capability Study Intensive Horticulture Area – 12 February 2022 (Attachment 3 for soil data)*
- *Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study and Permeability of the Intensive Horticulture Area – 14 October 2021 (Attachment 2)*
- *Landform Research - Review of the excavated holes for planting – Field work 21 November 2021*

Even though the land was assessed in February and October, by Perth Geotechnics, the availability of surface water can be determined from the location of the on site drains, remnant native and other plant and pasture species which have definite trends in winter wet areas, and examination of historic Google Earth Pro and Nearmap images.

There is no evidence of surface water laying on the subject land over the last ten years. The quality of the pasture and pasture growth over the years does not show any evidence of water logging and there is no current evidence on site.

Water is present in the bottom of the main northern drain in winter, and water was present in some years at lower elevation in the drain to the south east of the subject land as can be seen in the Figure below, which was taken in July 2009 prior to the land being filled.

That water appears likely to be temporarily perched on the less permeable subsoils of the Guildford Formation that occur in the east of the land and to the south. The water represents a temporary winter perched water table and not necessarily the water table.

Prior to sheeting with sand there were two small drains in the south feeding to a small east west drain in the south of Lot 5531.

Elevation of the land is around 16.5 metres AHD on the filled land of the Jujube Orchard, which is consistent with similar elevation on the eastern side of Lot 5531. The site mapping for the development uses a local datum and therefore the contours on the maps do not reflect AHD, and interpretations have to be made to convert the local datum to AHD. Figures 17 and 7.

City of Swan drainage shows the northern drain along the north side of the subject land draining east under West Swan Road to the Swan River.

When the planting holes were sunk in July – August 2021 a small temporary shallow pit was excavated along the southern portion of Lot 5531 and can be seen in Figure 8. The hole is shallow and the water lying in it at the time of the photo from August 2021 originates from recent rainfall at the time and inflow of surface water from the south, combined with the lower soil permeability of the underlying sandy clay soils which had permeabilities of  $6.7 - 9.3 \times 10^{-4}$  or 0.58 to 0.81 metres per day. Table 1.

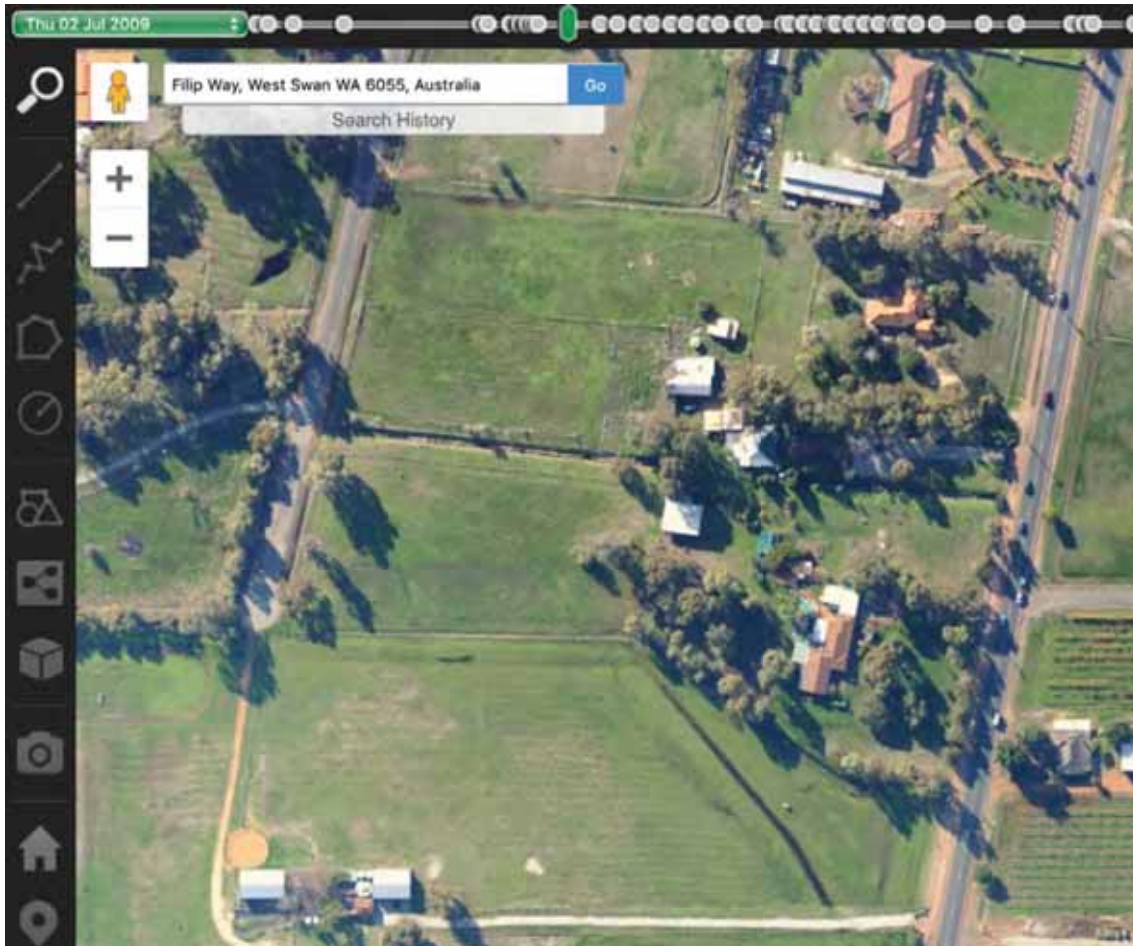


Figure 15: Drains present in winter 2009 prior to fill of the land (Nearmap)



Figure 16: northern drain from Phillip Road (Google Earth)

### ***Soil Permeability***

Perth Geotechnics found that the coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity of the site is varying from 0.58 to 0.81 m/day. See Section 3.3 above and Attachments 2 and 1.

### ***Salinity***

Water is from precipitation and is fresh. There is a licensed bore on site (5,000 kL) with water suitable for horticulture.

### ***Rivers, Wetlands and Streams***

There are no rivers or streams on site although there are some surface drains, cut many years ago.

The main drain runs along the northern side of the subject land, and there are minor drains along the southern boundary and on the property to the south.

None of the drains have wetland vegetation.

### ***Flood Risk***

There is no potential for flooding as the land is slightly elevated above the surrounding lands. The surface has been filled by around 500 – 800 mm yellow sand fill and there is a drain extending east west along the northern side of Lot 5531. The drain varies from 1.5 to 2.0 metres below the elevation of the land on Lot 5531. Figure 16 and 17.

There are some lower elevations on the southern edge of Lot 5531.

## Wetlands

There are no definitive wetlands on site as the land has been cleared, drained, filled and used for rural purposes.

## 4.2 Groundwater

Elevation of the land is around 16.5 metres across Lot 5531. Figure 17. Note that Figure 7 uses a local height datum and not AHD. The site mapping in Figure 7 for the development uses a local datum and therefore the contours on the maps do not reflect AHD.

Perth Geotechnics recorded;

*Groundwater table was not observed at any of the borehole up to the investigation depth of 2.0 m below ground level.*

*A review of the 'Online Perth Groundwater Atlas' of the Department of Water was carried out for this site. "Perth Groundwater Atlas" revealed that natural surface elevation is 15.5 m AHD and annual average groundwater table at 13.0 m AHD. That means depth of the groundwater table is approximately 2.5 m AHD from the ground level. The groundwater level contours are estimated based on the recorded groundwater levels measured in May of 2003 (end of summer). Therefore, accuracy of the data may vary.*

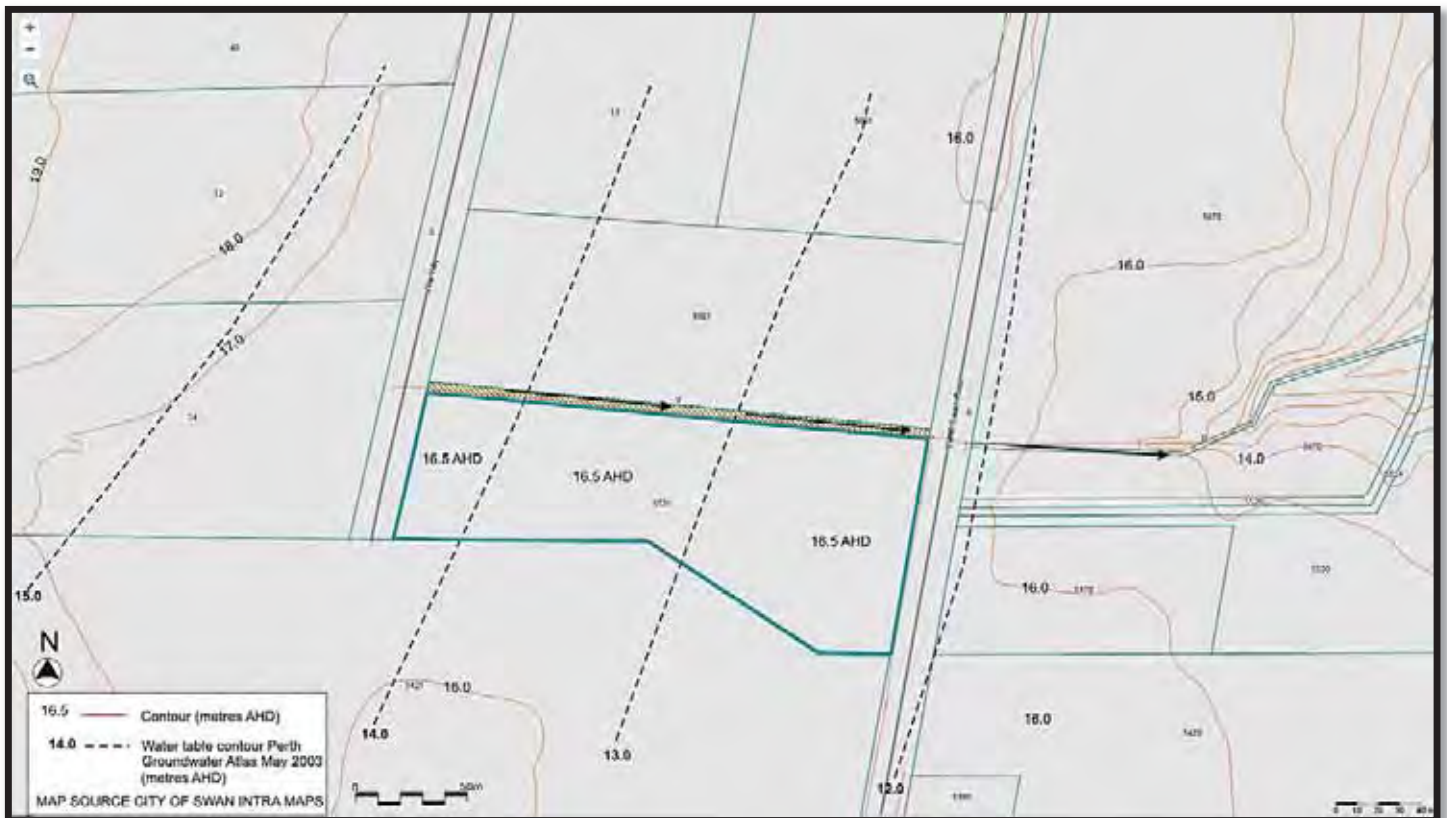


Figure 17: Water table contours May 2003 Perth Groundwater Atlas

The groundwater average depth is listed by Perth Geotechnics as 15.5 metres AHD which is different to the Perth Groundwater Atlas (data May 2003). Figure 17.



The Perth Groundwater Atlas May 2003 shows the water table dropping from 14.5 metres AHD in the north west corner of the lot down to 12.2 metres AHD at West Swan Road. With the land surface of 16.5 metres AHD for the filled land in the western half and the natural soils in the east, that provides for a separation of 2 plus metres on the western boundary of Lot 5531 increasing across the Jujube orchard and waste water disposal area and further increasing to 3 plus metres in the east of Lot 5531. See Figure 17 above.

- *The separation to groundwater complies with the Guidelines with > 1.5 metres separation to the water table.*

### 4.3 Water availability

#### Surface Water Sources

There are no surface water sources of water.

#### Ground Water Sources - Bore

Groundwater is available and there is a licensed bore on site, licensed for 5,000 kL per year. The bore is located just east of the existing dwelling on Lot 5531.



Site reference: 61600055 - Swan Coastal Catchment 616 - Bore - Bore

Alternative Site References			
Numbering System	Reference Code	Site Name	Short Name
AWRC	61600055	Swan Coastal Catchment 616 - Bore	Bore
WIN_ID	20026268		Bore
ACWAB	2034-2-NE-0515	SWAN COASTAL CATCHMENT 616 -	Bore

General Details			
Site Type	Groundwater	Sub Type	Bore or Well
Northing	6475841	Easting	404006
Latitude	-31.849122874	Longitude	115.887502821
Thou200 Map Index	SH6014	Geographic Precision	+100m (±ft. m)
Local Govt Authority	CITY OF SWAN	Locality	WEST SWAN
Catchment	SwanAvon_Lower Swan	Estuary	
River Basin	616 - Swan Coastal	Groundwater Area	Swan
Surface Water Area	Swan River and Tributaries	Surface Water SubArea	Swan/Carling Estuary
Site Comment	WAWA for no 21874. Yield 1500 to 2000 gph or 143.63 m3d to 218.18 m3d		
			DWER Region Swan Avon
			BOM Rainfall District 9 - Central Coast
			Groundwater Province Perth
			GgBn Catchment Area (km2) N/A

Depth Measurement Points (Site reference: 61600055)					
Measurement Point Type	Elevation (m as per Datum Plane)	Datum	Measurement Method	Date	Comments
Ground level		NA	(none)	15/06/1988	
Drilling - No Data Available					

**Figure 18: Details of the bore (arrowed)**

Whether any additional allocations are available from an addition to the Water Licence or from trading or purchase of an additional allocation may affect the areas and types of land use.

***Rain Water***

It is possible to generate some additional water by the collection of rainwater, but generally this is not significant. For example a 200 m<sup>2</sup> roof area will generate around 140 kL water per year.

***Scheme Water***

Scheme water is available at site. It is assumed that sufficient availability can be used to supplement bore water.

It is proposed that the mushroom sticks will be misted with scheme water.

***Recycled Water***

It is proposed to re-use the waste water collected from the secondary treatment unit. That water will be recycled and used to irrigate the Jujube through subsurface irrigation. The volumes of waste water at maximum loadings are calculated as 7,940 litres/day.

The volume of water available will be determined by the number of land uses on site. Development will be progressive with the first activities being the orchard and mushroom greenhouses.

***Types of land uses - requirements***

The developments will be supplied with scheme water.

The Jujube orchard will utilise recovered waste water, backed up by bore water.

As noted above the volume of water available will be dependent on the number of land uses operating.

The first activities will be the orchard and mushroom greenhouses.

It is only when the restaurant/café and chalets are in operation that the volume of waste water will increase and be available for irrigating the jujube orchard. Prior to that time the orchard will be irrigated by bore water.

## 5.0 PROPOSED LAND USES – WATER MANAGEMENT

### 5.1 Proposed Land Uses

The proposed land uses are;

Agricultural - Intensive	8,500m <sup>2</sup>	Primary Production and includes the below;
<i>Incl. Orchard</i>	<i>~5,800m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Primary Production – Fruit Trees</i>
<i>Incl. Mushroom Greenhouses</i>	<i>~510m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Primary Production – Mushrooms</i>
<i>Incl. Warehouse</i>	<i>~400m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Sorting / Processing of Produce</i>
<i>Incl. Existing Shed</i>	<i>~180m<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>Storage of tools and equipment</i>
Chalets or Cabins	6 chalets	75m <sup>2</sup> and 2 bedrooms each
Restaurant	228m <sup>2</sup>	164 person maximum capacity
Single House (Existing)	220sqm	Retained Dwelling

### 5.2 Proposed Staging

Stage 1	Plant the intensive orchard and mushroom greenhouses
Stage 2	Installing the warehouse and the storeroom
Stage 3	Installing the restaurant and chalets with associated waste water recovery

### 5.3 Water Use - Loading

The water use/loadings are calculated at maximum rates according to AS/NZ 1547 and Department of Health Western Australia Guidelines as;

Cafe	228 m <sup>2</sup>	164 person maximum capacity  164 persons x 30 L = 4,920 L/day 6 staff x 70 L = 420 L/day
Single House (Existing)	220sqm	Retained Dwelling  5 persons x 150 L = 900 L/day
Staff associated with horticulture		4 persons x 70 L = 280 L/day
<b>TOTAL DAILY LOADING</b>		<b>6,520 L/day</b>

Proposed Commercial ATU Aquarius O-2NR10KL with a capacity of 10,000 litres per day.

## 5.4 Requirements – Jujube Intensive Horticulture

### *Jujube Horticulture*

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has produced a summary of the industry for Jujube growing in Western Australia, that provides a good summary of the nature of the fruit, its growth habits and management and the uses and markets for the fruit. DPIRD 2020, Jujubes in Western Australia, DPLH Website. The website provides good documentation and includes the following introductory notes in italics.

Printed from The Chinese jujube (DPIRD 2020)

*The Chinese jujube (Ziziphus jujuba Mill.) is one of the most important fruit crops in China and has been commonly used as a traditional Chinese medicine and food for thousands of years. The jujube is widely grown in China with cultivation records going back more than 3000 years and can also be found in neighbouring countries.*

*The jujube is a medium-sized tree, growing 7–10 metres high. The tree has shiny deciduous foliage and produces a fruit that is known as a drupe.*

*The fruit varies in size depending on the cultivar, and it has a thin, dark red skin surrounding a sweet, white flesh. The fruit is very nutritious with potassium, phosphorus, calcium and manganese being the major mineral components, as well as iron, sodium, zinc and copper.*

*The jujube is a rich source of vitamin C and B-complex. The vitamin C content is higher than other fruits which are well known for high content such as oranges. The antioxidant capacity of fresh jujube is also relatively high compared with other vegetables and fruits.*

*Jujube fruits are eaten fresh, dried or processed as ‘Chinese dates’ which have been used in confectionery such as breads, cake, candy, compote and jam.*

*In Western Australia, jujubes are grown in the Perth Hills, the northern Rangelands, the South West and Great Southern regions. Jujubes are also grown in Victoria, South Australia New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory. Small quantities of jujubes are sold at local markets and some Asian supermarkets in Perth.*

*Western Australia’s proximity to South East Asia and its counter-seasonal production to the northern hemisphere provides an opportunity to market product for the increasing demand, especially during festivals. Target markets include China, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Taiwan.*

*The jujube industry in Australia has potential to be a new profitable agricultural business to meet the requirements of domestic and overseas markets.*

Jujube are also grown as dense plantings in rows where, with pruning heavy, cropping can develop very quickly over a few years. For the intensive Jujube production on Lot 5531 the spacings are to be in rows 2 metres apart with 2 metre spacings and pruned to a height of 2 – 3 metres. Figure 8.

## Climate and Nutrient Requirements

Printed from The Chinese jujube (DPIRD 2020)

*Jujube trees have a lower water requirement and higher salt tolerance than most fruit crops. Under natural conditions the tree forms a deep and substantial taproot making it drought tolerant. Jujube trees grow best in climates with a long, hot, dry summer after adequate rain early in the season and cool temperatures during its dormancy. In Western Australia, jujubes are grown in areas with around 200–1000 mm annual rainfall.*

*Studies from China suggest the chilling requirement depends on the cultivar and can range from 775 to 1737 hours at less than 7.2°C. However, areas in WA where jujubes are grown are somewhat lower than this range, yet flowering and fruit set occurs. There is perhaps more to be understood regarding the true chilling requirement for Chinese jujubes under Australian climatic conditions but low to medium chill varieties would be best suited to WA.*

*Fruit set requires average daily temperatures above 20°C. Fruit development requires average daily temperatures over 24–25°C.*

*Jujubes grow well on a variety of soils. The tree prefers sandy loams or lighter soils but will grow on heavier clays. The jujube tree can tolerate saline, alkaline or slightly acidic soils but grows best in soil with pH 4.5–8.4.*

*Natural growing conditions of jujube in China*

Condition	Value
Annual average temperature (°C)	5.5–22
Average temperature of flower season (°C)	≥22–24
Minimum temperature (°C)	≥ minus 38.2
Frost-free period (days)	≥100
Annual rainfall (mm)	87–2000
Annual sunshine (hours)	≥1100
Soil depth (cm)	≥30
Soil pH	4.5–8.4
Soil NaCl (%)	≤0.15
Soil Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (%)	≤0.3
Soil Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (%)	≤0.5

DPIRD 2020 notes that;

*Prior to planting, pits of 0.6–1m cubed are dug at appropriate distances depending on orchard density. The pits are filled with original soil mixed with manure, superphosphate and trace elements. Transplanting trees in the field is most successful just prior to bud burst.*

*Jujube orchards in WA will need a balanced nutrient program supplying nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), magnesium (Mg) and trace elements at rates depending on soil fertility, tree age and cropping levels. With deciduous orchards, the best time to apply the main annual dressing of NPK is in early spring.*

The site has already been prepared by drilling the holes in preparation for planting as shown by Figure 8.

## 5.5 Planting and Irrigation – Jujube Intensive Horticulture

### *Planting the Jujube Orchard*

The agricultural use of the site will occupy approximately 8,300sqm of the site and will be located at the rear half of the site. Most of this area will be used as open orchards for Jujube production with two mushroom greenhouses located in the centre of the site.

The open orchard is approximately 90m deep by 60m wide and will consist of approximately 600 trees initially, spaced 2m apart across 30 rows. That equates to around 3,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

It is proposed to add further trees to up to 1,000 trees on an area of around 5,000 m<sup>2</sup>, later, in the buffer areas and edges. Compare Figure 8 for the initial planting compared to Figure 3 which shows additional ground that can be planted.

For waste water re-use for irrigation an area of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> will be set aside.

The proponent has already prepared planting sites across 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> of the orchard area with space for around 600 trees. The drilled planting holes can be seen in Figure 8.



Figure 19: Potted Jujube trees waiting to be sold (Source - Mid Valley Trees)

The Jujube orchard will be planted in a similar manner.



Figure 20: Fruiting Jujube (Source – Flower Pictures)

### **Irrigation Requirements**

For irrigation DPIRD 2020 notes;

*Although jujube trees can survive with very little water, irrigation is an important factor to produce a good yield of quality jujubes. Irrigation scheduling has a direct impact on tree health and fruit yield, size and quality. Without correct scheduling an orchard is more susceptible to nutrient deficiencies, physiological disorders, pests and diseases.*

*Soil characteristics will influence the type and timing of your irrigation program. Moisture will drain towards the root zone and plant utilisation and water use efficiency will depend on how long it is held there.*

The location has around 0.8 ha and 5,000 kL irrigation, reliable rainfall of around 800 mm and, with the nature of the soils, it is likely that alternative land uses will be based on irrigated agriculture.

The trees require approximately 3–8 megalitres per hectare (ML/ha or 3,000 – 8,000 kL per hectare) over the growing season, depending on site specific soil and climate.

For the currently prepared site of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> the water use requirement will be 1, 000 – 2,400 kL per year, well within the capability of the bore allocation of 5,000 kL per year. Even with an expansion to 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> of planting the bore water requirement will be a maximum of 4,000 kL per year.

In addition the recovered waste water will be used for irrigation of the trees which will reduce the draw on the bore and reduce the amount of fertiliser requirement.

DPIRD notes that micro sprinklers are a good option for tree crops such as jujubes. They noted that compared to larger sprinklers they are efficient, saving water by only watering the ground under the trees and not the inter-rows. They work on lower pressure and are cheap to run. Trickle and drip irrigation are efficient, economical systems that are well suited to jujubes.

The proposed methods of irrigation will be in two sections depending on the source of the water.

As the waste water disposal area in the orchard will only be required when the restaurant and chalets are in use, initially only bore water will be used during the establishment of the orchard, and microsprays or drippers will be used.

During the later stages of development, when the restaurant/café and chalets are constructed, waste water will be used for irrigation to supplement the bore water and provide nutrients.

### ***Water Volumes Available from Recovered Water***

Whilst the maximum available water is 6,520 Litres per day, that volume of water is not likely to be available as the loadings will not be at peak for most of the time. The café will not be at capacity every day and an average figure of around 70% capacity is anticipated.

Therefore the average daily waste water generated is anticipated to be around 70% of the maximum loading or around 4,500 L/day (4.5 kL/day) which is equivalent to 1,666 kL per year. That compares to the volume of waste water available under maximum loading of 2,898.1 kL per year.

For the soils on the Jujube orchard an Irrigation Application Area to dispose of the waste water loading at 100 % capacity of 2,173 m<sup>2</sup> is required. For an anticipated 70% average, a disposal area of 1,521 m<sup>2</sup> is required, both well below the available 3,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

An Application Area of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> is provided which is well in excess of what is required. With 600 trees per 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> that equates to the Irrigation Application Area irrigating around half the available 600 trees.

That is, for the currently prepared site of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> jujube horticulture, the water use requirement will be 1, 000 – 2,400 kL per year based on Jujube requirements which encompasses the range of waste water realistically available of 1,666 kL per year. At that volumes some additional top up irrigation from the bore will be required.

As irrigation is required mainly in Spring to Autumn inclusive the anticipated volume of recovered water will be able to supply the required irrigation requirements, with sufficient flexibility to use the bore to top up as necessary.

However even at the maximum design waste water loading of 2,379.8 kL per year that volume of water can be accommodated on the area of orchard allocated for Irrigation Application Area and would not be excessive to the Jujube orchard.

Recovered water, which is excess of the plant requirements will add to the soil groundwater loadings and join the normal groundwater regime on the land with drainage to the natural and constructed drains. The setbacks of the orchard from the drains will provide sufficient detention time for treatment of the waste water by soil microorganisms.

At the maximum design waste water loading Of 6,520 L per day, that equates to a soil loading of 2.17 L/m<sup>2</sup> per day for the waste water disposal area, which is equivalent to an additional 2.17 mm rainfall. When the whole property area is considered the additional loading will be equivalent to between 1 – 2 mm rainfall per day.

That is, even in winter if the recycled waste water is not required by the plants the addition to soil moisture is not significant at the equivalent of 2 - 3 additional mm of rainfall per day for the waste water disposal area and 1 -2 mm per day for the whole of Lot 5531.



That level of increased water loading is more relevant in winter but even so is well within the natural local rainfall variations and therefore not significant.

Further it should be noted that the irrigation water will be added to only a small portion of Lot 5531.

- *The anticipated volumes of waste water available for irrigation of Jujube is similar to or below the requirements for the orchard in the Application Area and will need topping up by bore water.*
- *The application of waste water on Lot 5531 represents an insignificant amount of additional water to site of a predicted equivalent to 1- 2 mm rainfall daily which is within the natural range for local rainfall.*

### ***Application of Recovered Water***

The use of recycled waste water is described in *Department of Health 2011, Guidelines for the Non-potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia*. For recovered waste water the water is to be sourced from systems that feature secondary treatment and must only be used where there is a low risk of contamination.

For a perennial crop such as Jujube the waste water will be available through an underground delivery system with no water able to access the surface. The waste water reuse area will be dedicated to ensure there is no contact between the fruit and the water, the recycled water is not able to access the surface of the soils and there are restrictions to access, and management plans are in place. These are all proposed for the reuse of waste water and are described in the Risk Assessment for waste water re-use conducted to Department of Health Guidelines and included in the documentation for the Treatment of Waste Water.

There is also the potential for above ground sprinklers if required. Their use will require ozone treatment in the Aquarius ATU which is therefore considered in the review.

The timing of the irrigation will be developed to;

- Maintain adequate water during the year,
- Maintain normal and optimal growth patterns,
- Integrate with weather conditions,
- Integrate the recycled water to manage nutrient input to the plants based on soil, water and plant testing.

The proposed irrigation regime is consistent with DPIRD 2020 suggestions

A Risk Assessment for the Jujube Intensive Horticulture has been completed. Management is suggested to manage any risks and will be developed prior to commencement of the waste water system.

### ***Nutrient Applications***

It is anticipated that both recycled waste water and bore water will be used to manipulate the nutrient applications.

Aquarius waste water systems have been designed and approved by the Department of Health WA to have a minimum of < 1 mg/L TP (phosphorus) and < 10 mg/L TN (nitrogen). Nitrogen is readily denitrified by soil microbial material in loam soils under anoxic conditions and taken up by plants.

For the maximum recycled water loading the Irrigation Application Area of 2,173 m<sup>2</sup> is required, which at the planting ratio equates to the irrigation of recovered water on 435 Jujube trees at maximum loadings or 2,379.8 kL per year /434.5 trees = 5.48 kL per tree per year at maximum loading, which is not likely to be reached.

If maximum loading was reached and if the water contained the maximum permitted Nitrogen and Phosphorus the nutrient loading would be 1 mg/L TP x 1000 x 5.48 kL = 5,478 mg/P or 5.48 grams of TP per tree.

For nitrogen the maximum amount of nitrogen applied per tree is around 10 times the amount of Phosphorus or 54.8 grams TN per tree.

Those figures are within the realm of fertiliser requirements for each tree. Even so the total nutrient loadings are never likely to be reached and additional nutrients will need to be added especially as the Jujube are cropping trees and nutrients are removed annually through the fruit and prunings.

The nutrient levels in the recovered water therefore provide the ability to measure the actual loadings by analysis of the recycled water and then to calculate the amount of top up nutrients that are required.

That method ensures that there are no excess nutrients applied and that nutrient loss or export is unlikely.

### ***Behaviour of Nutrients not utilised by Plants***

#### **❖ Phosphorous**

Phosphorous is readily adsorbed onto clay and sesquioxides of the subsoils, loams and yellow sands. The soils on site, with their loam nature and increased clay content in the subsoils, have inherently high phosphate retention capability if the waste water enters those soil profiles.

Nutrient adsorbing waste water systems such as the Aquarius system utilise alum dosing to reduce phosphorus export.

The improvements to the quality of the waste water leaving the waste water disposal area of nutrient adsorbing waste water systems are available in sites where phosphate retention is naturally low. The proposed ATU systems typically reduce the phosphorus by up to 98.55% phosphate adsorption with the Jujube orchard and then the loam – clay soil providing the remaining adsorption based on Department of Health publications.

Phosphorus adsorption is dependent on the retention times within the soil to enable sufficient time for adsorption on the clays and sesquioxides. The setbacks and buffer distances which relate to lateral soil moisture times provide sufficient time for this adsorption to occur, with the setbacks available being much greater than the minimum requirements.

The risk from phosphorous is therefore not regarded as a significant issue and there should be nil or minimum phosphorous added to the ground water.

- ***The amount of Total Phosphorus TP in the waste water will only form part of the nutrient requirements of the Jujube orchard. That, combined with the soil characteristics will ensure no excess phosphorus export.***

#### ❖ Nitrogen

Nitrogen is a prominent part of living matter and is constantly recycled through the organic matter and the atmosphere.

Nitrogen as ammonia in waste water is rapidly converted to nitrite and then nitrate under the influence of oxygen which occurs in the anaerobic tank followed by the aeration tank. The proposed Aquarius system is capable of removing 97.8% total nitrogen prior to release of water from the system.

Any nitrogenous products remaining in the irrigation water will be taken up by the Jujube orchard.

Soil microbes rapidly colonise the interface where waste water contacts the soil, with small amounts of organic matter at the interface providing the energy to sustain the microflora. Nitrates are normally removed by soil micro flora under anoxic conditions in the soils including leached white sands. The microflora remove the oxygen to leave nitrogen gas, which is lost to the atmosphere. Inorganic nitrogen can also attach to clay particles.

If any nitrogen remains it will be denitrified by bacteria under wet and anoxic soil conditions or lost through volatilisation of ammonia or the conversion of ammonia to soluble nitrogenous ions.

Nitrogen is also held within the soil organic matter and some ions are attached to clay particles. When organic matter breaks down or fertiliser is applied and not taken up by plants, nitrogen is converted to ammonia or rapidly converts to nitrite and then nitrate under the influence of oxygen.

Nitrogen loss relates to retention times within the soil and microbial activity so the water is retained in the soil for sufficient time for denitrification. The setbacks and buffer distances which relate to lateral soil moisture times provide sufficient time for this to occur, with the setbacks available being much greater than the minimum requirements.

Many studies, for example Dawes and Goonetilleke, 2001, have found that nitrogen is readily stripped from waste water released from a waste water disposal area. For example on a sloping sandy loam site in Brisbane the water entering the trenches had a concentration of 171 - 190 mg/L N but within 1 metre of the last trench the nitrogen concentration had dropped to 1.7 to 3.7 mg/L.

Gerritse et al, 1995, recorded a total of 140 mg/L nitrogen (NH<sub>4</sub> - 100 mg/L and NO<sub>2</sub> - 40 mg/L), exiting a leach drain. After a travel distance through shallow soils of 1 metre this had dropped to between 20 and 100 mg/L, and by 3 metres the total nitrogen had dropped to 0.03 to 0.2 mg/L. When loaded with nitrogenous compounds the microflora of soils quickly adjusts to the loading, by increases in the number and type of bacteria.

Nitrogen loading is therefore not regarded as a significant issue for nutrient adsorbing waste water systems.

- ***The amount of Total Nitrogen TN in the waste water will only form part of the nutrient requirements of the Jujube orchard. That, combined with the soil characteristics will ensure no excess nitrogen export.***

#### ❖ **Microbial Purification**

Microbial material from stock or waste water systems can present a health hazard unless the material is deactivated by normal soil microbial organisms. Microbes could consist of thermotolerant bacteria, viruses and other organisms. For deactivation to occur sufficient dilution and retention time in the soils or other media are required which is completed in the design and operation of the Aquarius system with the anaerobic and aerobic tanks and bacterial breakdown of organic matter within the tanks.

The Department of Health, Specification for Aerobic Treatment Units (ATU'S) Serving Single Households (Health Department), shows that the average BOD released from a nutrient adsorbing system should be <20 mg/litre, prior to on ground disposal, < 30 mg/L suspended solids and < 10 *E.coli*/100 ml.

When below ground application of the reused waste water is used no additional sterilisation of the waste water is required. However if above ground irrigation is to be used the Aquarius system will be installed with an ozone treatment system to provide sterilisation and deactivation of microbial material.

Should any microbial material survive these processes the soil microbial activity will deactivate those organisms surviving the ATU unit. The organisms entering the Aquarius ATU unit are thermo tolerant and normally require body temperatures to survive or live.

The soil conditions are much colder and any such micro-organisms that survive the ATU and enter the soil will be attacked and deactivated by the soil microflora.

Again the setbacks and buffer distances relate to the retention times in the soils to enable deactivation of any microbial material from within the waste water. Those times relate to lateral soil moisture times and provide sufficient time for this to occur, with the setbacks available being much greater than the minimum requirements.

- ***The Treatment Provided by the Aquarius Commercial ATU O-2NR10KL provides for sufficient treatment of organic and microbial material and when combined with the treatment available in the natural soils will mitigate any microbial risks if the systems are correctly installed and maintained. The use of ozone treatment remains an additional means of sterilisation and management.***

### ***Staging of the Intensive Horticulture and Tourist Development***

As the first stage of the development is the planting of the Jujube orchard and establishing the mushroom greenhouses there will be no waste water available for re-use on site.

Mushroom production will use scheme water to minimise risk of cross contamination from waste water or the introduction of micro-organisms through the bore water.

Therefore in the initial growth stages of Jujube production bore water alone will be used for the irrigation of the production trees. During that time the existing waste water system attached to the current dwelling on site will remain operational.

It is anticipated that it will take around two years to progressively construct the chalets and the restaurant/café. Once constructed it is anticipated that there will be a lead in time for the tourist facilities to reach their maximum occupancy – activity. Even so it is likely that there will be only some times of the year of peak capacity when the maximum waste water recovery and re-use volumes will be available.

At other times the use and production of the volumes of waste water available is anticipated to be around 50% to 60% of maximum capacity. This is because the design of the systems are to maximum loadings which are not often likely to be reached, with the average chalet occupancy being 3 persons based on one or 2 couples per unit, the restaurant not operating every day or not to capacity on all days and the design loadings being based on the maximum water use which is not often reached for individual use.

Therefore the Jujube orchard will commence with using bore water and then over a period of 2 – 3 years recycled waste water will be available for irrigation. The waste water will progressively replace the bore water for irrigation and also the fertiliser application of phosphorus and nitrogen.

The holes for the initial planting of the Jujube orchard are already in place in preparation for planting. When recycled waste water becomes available it will be retrofitted as subsurface irrigation. Being subsurface there will be no need for sterilisation of that waste water. From the *Department of Health Guidelines for the Non-potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia* the use of underground drippers for perennial horticulture orchard would fall under a “Low” Risk.

On the other hand if there are difficulties in retrofitting underground irrigation of the recycled waste water, a sprinkler irrigation system for the reuse of the waste water will be considered through the fitting of an ozone sterilisation unit to be added to the Aquarius waste water recovery and re-use system. Under the *Department of Health Guidelines for the Non-potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia* the use of above ground sprinklers for perennial horticulture orchard would fall under a “Medium” Risk.

Retrofitting of above ground sprinklers and the ozone sterilisation system, combined with additional monitoring and biosecurity measures, will negate sterilisation of the waste water combined with additional biosecurity measures as outlined in Section 7.0 Risk Assessment.

- ***Staging of the development means that waste water will be progressively introduced as irrigation to the Jujube orchard over the first 2 – 3 years providing monitoring and updating as the developments, systems and waste water become available.***

## 6.0 PROPOSED WASTE WATER RECOVERY SYSTEM

### 6.1 Proposed Water Recovery System

#### *Loading and Waste Water Unit*

The proposed land uses provide for a maximum of 7,940 litres per day of waste water that can be recovered when the proposed development is constructed and at full loading.

Cafe	228 m <sup>2</sup>	164 person maximum capacity  164 persons x 30 L = 4,920 L/day 6 staff x 70 L = 420 L/day
Single House (Existing)	220sqm	Retained Dwelling  5 persons x 150 L = 900 L/day
Staff associated with horticulture		4 persons x 70 L = 280 L/day
<b>TOTAL DAILY LOADING</b>		<b>6,520 L/day</b>

A Commercial ATU Aquarius O-2NR10KL with a capacity of 10,000 litres per day will be used.

As noted previously the maximum available water of 6,520 Litres per day is not likely to be available as the loadings will not be at peak. A waste water Application Area of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> is provided, in excess of the required 2,173 m<sup>2</sup>.

For example the loading for the café will not be at capacity every day with more people anticipated to be present in the warmer months than the wetter winter months which also provides for additional contingencies in the system as the highest water loading will occur when the weather is warmer, the soils naturally drier and the evaporation and transpiration rates are higher.

All waste water will be directed to an Aquarius Commercial Waste Water System, capable of handling 10,000 litres of waste water per day.

Aquarius recommends the use of a 10,000 litre per day system because their smaller system has a capacity of 8,000 litres per day and the loading is closer to that capacity and does not provide for contingencies. The system will be designed to AS/NZ 1646.3 and is approved by the Department of Health Western Australia.

Aquarius is a wholly owned Western Australian Company who operates from Osborne Park. The unit was chosen because of local manufacture, installation and maintenance which will make for a more efficient unit.

### Details of the Proposed Treatment Unit

Considering the soils and depth to the water table, concrete strapped tanks are recommended and are proposed. See Figures 20, 21 and 22.

**Table 2: Details of the Aquarius O-2NR 10kL**

SPECIFICATION	EXPLANATION
Proposed System	Aquarius Commercial Alternative Treatment Unit. Aquarius O-2NR10KL with a capacity of 10,000 litres per day. Figures 20, 21 and 22.
Primary Tank	Retains the solids and uses aerobic and anaerobic bacteria to breakdown the BOD levels in the sewage. Tanks are proposed to be concrete strapped to better manage the soil conditions. Figure 20 and 22.
Secondary Tank	Additional treatment capacity. Retains the solids and uses aerobic and anaerobic bacteria to breakdown the BOD levels in the sewage.
Treatment Tank Aeration Chamber	Incorporates aeration to further break down BODs, and nitrates. Clarifying Chamber. Figure 20. The Clarifying Chamber provides a settling and clarifying period for the water prior to discharge. Discharge Chamber The Discharge chamber contains the Discharge Pump to pump the treated water out to irrigation or other disposal methods.
Alum Tank	Doses the Clarifying chamber of the Treatment tank with Alum. Alum acts as a flocculent to remove the nutrients and suspended solids and settle them to the bottom of the tank for further aerobic bacteria breakdown. Figure 20.
DoH WA ATU Water Quality Criteria	<20mg/L BOD <30mg/L suspended solids <10 E.coli/100ml >3mg/L Ozone concentration <1mg/L (98.5%) TP (% removal) <10mg/L (97.8%) TN (% removal)
Ozonation Pump	Ozone is a powerful disinfectant, many times more effective than chlorine and kills all bacteria. An Ozonation Pump is an additional option available to further increase the efficiency of the unit by sterilising the water to enable it to have even lower risk of microbial material. As the orchard is to be established as the first stage of the development, using recycled water to replace the bore water will be introduced progressively. The ozone unit will be used for any above ground application or waste water and as an additional biosecurity for below ground re-use of waste water.
Water irrigation Area	The area required at maximum loading is 2,173 m <sup>2</sup> . A 3,000 m <sup>2</sup> Irrigation Application Area has been allocated to allow for the water disposal with further area available if required.

Water Re-use	<p>The water will be used to irrigate Jujube orchard by underground drippers. This will ensure that there is no contamination of the fruit or surface soils by microbial materials.</p> <p>The water recovered will be used as the primary source of irrigation water for the Jujube intensive horticulture, a perennial fruit crop. Additional water for horticulture will be supplied by the existing bore on site.</p> <p>Nutrients within the recovered waste water will be regularly assessed and used as the primary source of nutrients for the Jujube horticulture. Additional nutrient will be added to the plants as required to top up the fertiliser to the optimum plant requirement.</p>
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- *The design capacity of the Commercial ATU Aquarius O-2NR10KL is 50 % in excess of the required waste water at maximum loading.*
- *The waste water Application area is 38 % larger than required and can be expanded if required.*

### Buffers and Setbacks

Table 3: Setbacks and Buffers to waste water

BUFFER - SETBACK	REQUIRED	AVAILABLE - PROPOSED
<b>Separation to Groundwater</b>	0.6 metres – 1.5 metres for sewerage sensitive areas	<p>The site is away from Sewerage sensitive areas which for the Swan Coastal Plain relate to areas where water can drain to estuaries.</p> <p>Perth Groundwater Atlas May 2003 shows the water table dropping from 15.5 metres AHD in the north west corner of the lot down to 12 metres AHD at West Swan Road. That provides for a separation of 1 plus metres on the western boundary of Lot 5531 increasing across the Jujube orchard and waste water disposal area and further increasing to 3.5 metres in the east of Lot 5531.</p> <p>That means that the separation to the water table is around 1.5 metres, increasing to the east of Lot 5531.</p> <p>The depth to groundwater can be checked from the drain along the north of the property where the water is present at the base of the drain and the drain is around 1.5 – 2 metres from the filled surface. In winter the drain has water only flowing in the base of the drain.</p>
<b>Distance to Bore - to land application area</b>	30 metres	The bore is located at the eastern side of the existing dwelling at a distance of 100 metres.



<b>Distance from boundaries</b>	1.2 metres	15 metres in the north, 10 metres in the south
<b>Distance from paths and access by guests</b>	1.2 metres	5 metres separated by fences and signs for biosecurity.
<b>Distance from watercourse</b>	6.0 metres	15 metres to the drain in the north
<b>Distance to mushroom greenhouses</b>	1.2 metres	25 metres with biosecurity measures in place
<b>Distance to nearest dwelling or accommodation</b>	1.2 metres	130 metres to the nearest dwelling offsite. 90 metres to café.

- ***The buffers and setbacks available to the waste water disposal system and its Land Application Area are significantly greater than the required distances.***

## 7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT WASTE WATER REUSE

### 7.1 Risk Assessment for the Re-Use of Waste Water

The potential for land use conflicts on site is to:

- Other activities on site such as the Chalets, restaurant.

A risk management plan is prepared to address potential on site conflicts. This is a stand alone plan that will seek to manage potential conflicts, for example noise and activity between intensive agriculture and chalet guests, biosecurity, contamination of fruit and produce, use of recovered waste water after the construction of the restaurant and chalets and other potential conflicts. See the separate Land Use Risk Management.

Under the *Department of Health Guidelines for the Non-potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia* the use of recovered waste water for perennial horticulture orchard is reviewed by risk assessment.

In the Risk Assessment process all risk associated with the potential impacts of the intensive horticulture on land uses on Lot 5531 and the surrounding land uses are considered. Management procedures are provided to demonstrate the methods proposed to mitigate risks associated with the re-use of recycled waste water.

National Guidelines have been produced by the Environment Protection and Heritage Council, Natural Resources Management Ministerial Council and the Australian Health Ministers Conference to provide guidance on best practices for water recycling. The Guidelines provide for a 12 point program to manage the waste water re-use with the 12 points being listed in Table 4 .

As the development is to be staged, with the initial planting of the Jujube Orchard and establishment of the Mushroom Greenhouses at commencement and the later construction of the chalets and restaurant/café, the introduction of waste water for irrigation will not occur in the initial establishment of the intensive horticulture. Therefore it is appropriate for the management plan to manage risk to be a flexible document that will require updating during operation of the intensive horticulture as re-use, or waste water is introduced.

The *Department of Health Guidelines for the Non-potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia* provide for the development of a Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) as a means of providing mitigation of risk.

A Management Plan developed along the Guidelines of the HACCP process is proposed, prior to the re-use of waste water for Intensive Horticulture on Lot 5531.

The Management Plan will update the Initial Risk Assessment developed in Table 6 to ensure all risks are recognised and managed. That process is likely to require updating over the first few years of the establishment of the intensive horticulture as it moves to the re-use of recovered waste water and the proposed development integrates with the construction of the tourist facilities.

Table 4: 12 Elements Framework taken from the National Guidelines

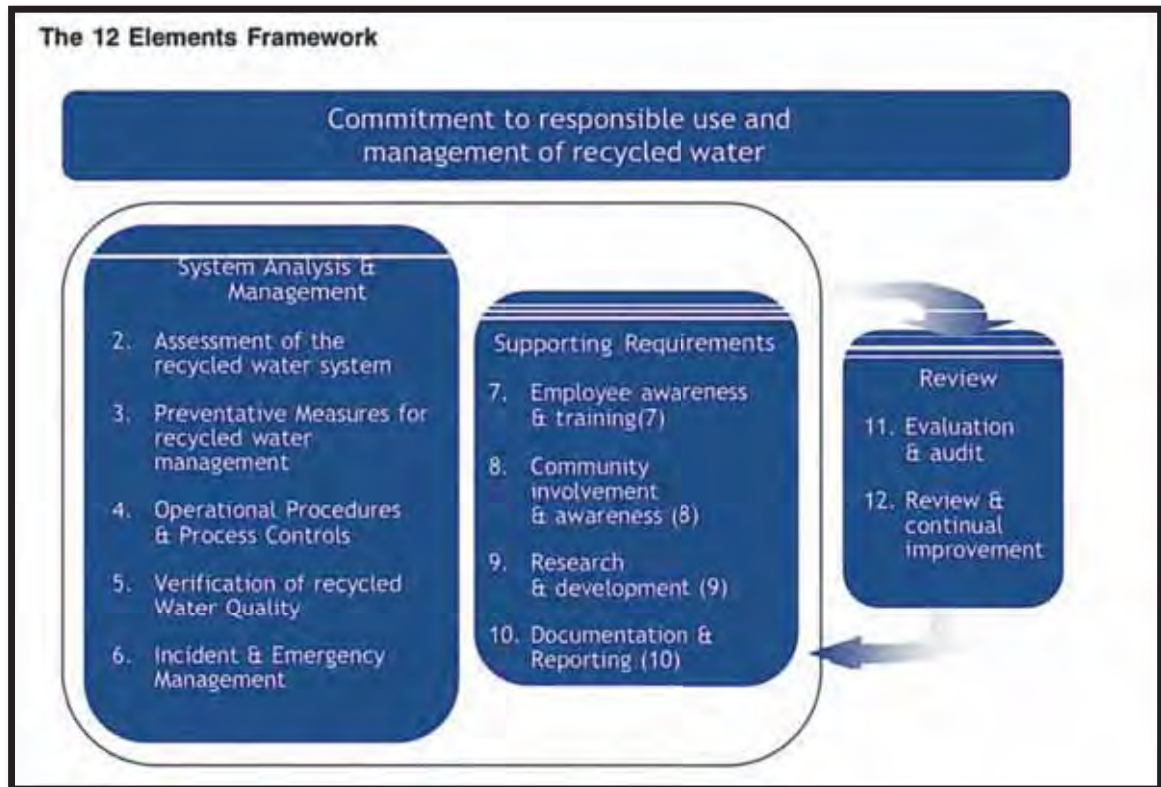
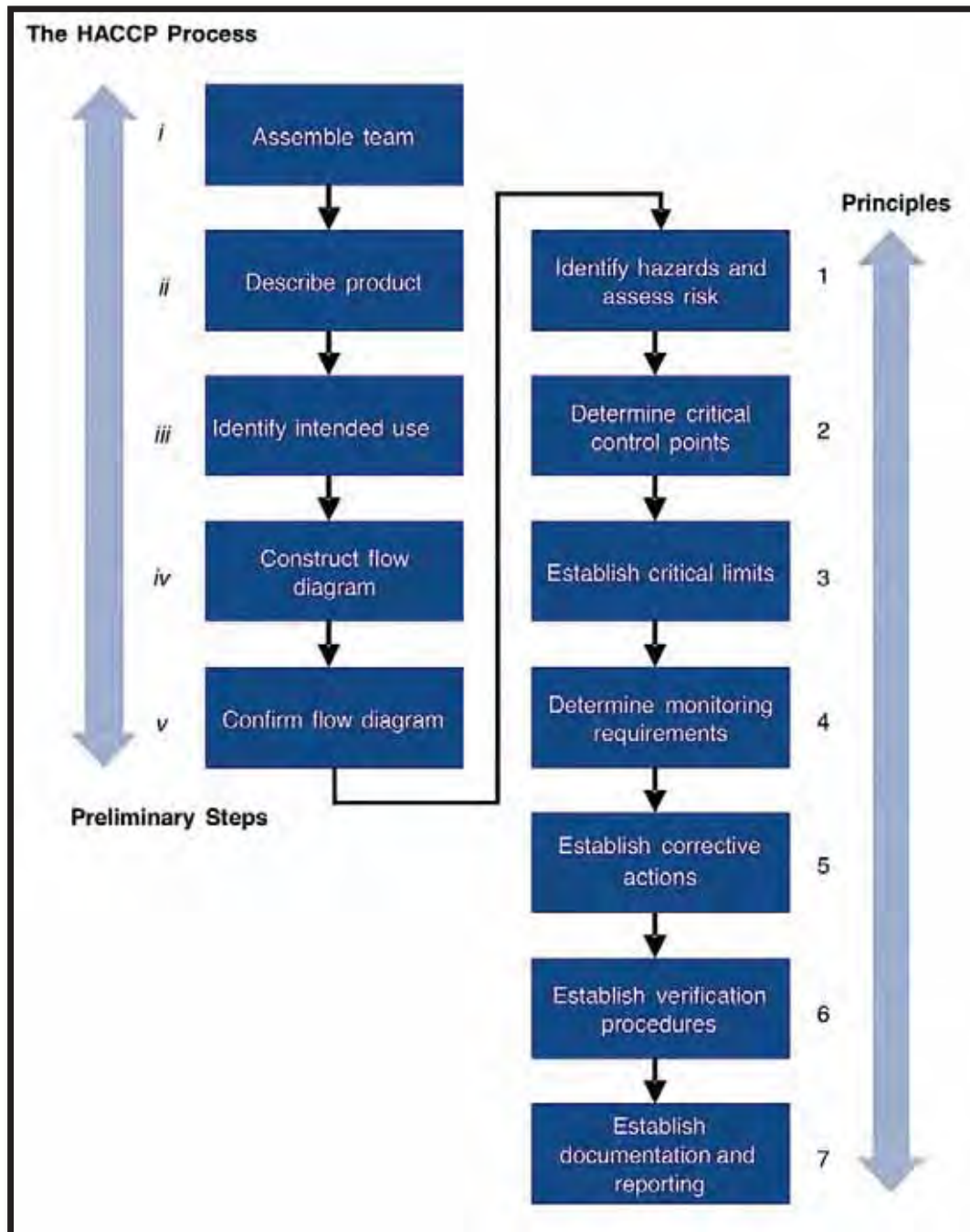


Table 5: HACCP process to provide guidance on the management of risk during operations



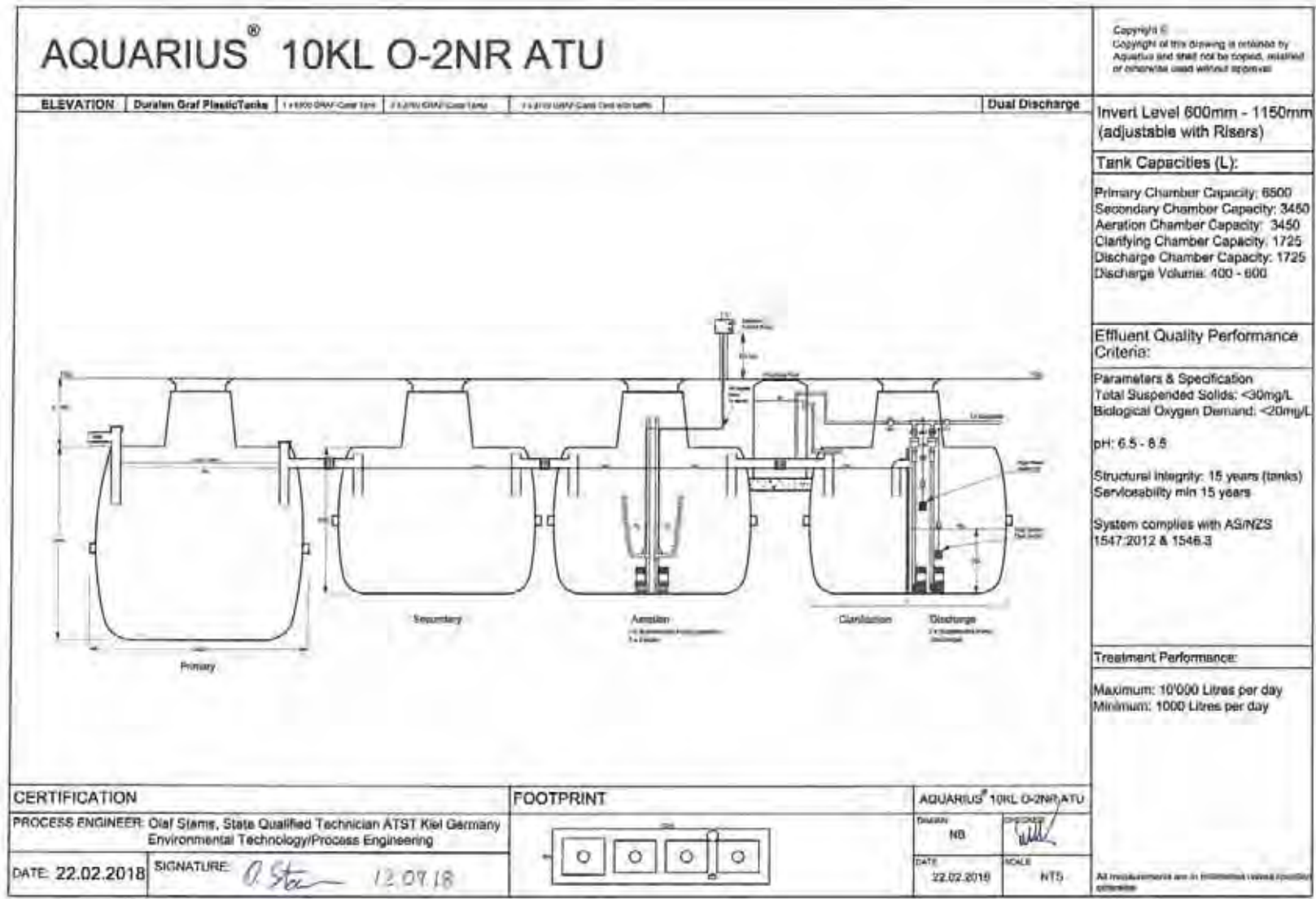


Figure 1: Aquarius 10K O-2NR ATU Approved Design


### Introduction

Aquarius® Waste Water Systems is a privately owned Western Australian manufacturer of Wastewater Systems. We manufacture a comprehensive range of wastewater diversion systems, wastewater treatment systems and ancillary products, for both domestic and commercial applications.

All Aquarius® ATU systems are installed and serviced by our Approved Installers who are all Licensed Plumbing Companies. All installations must comply with state and local authority requirements.

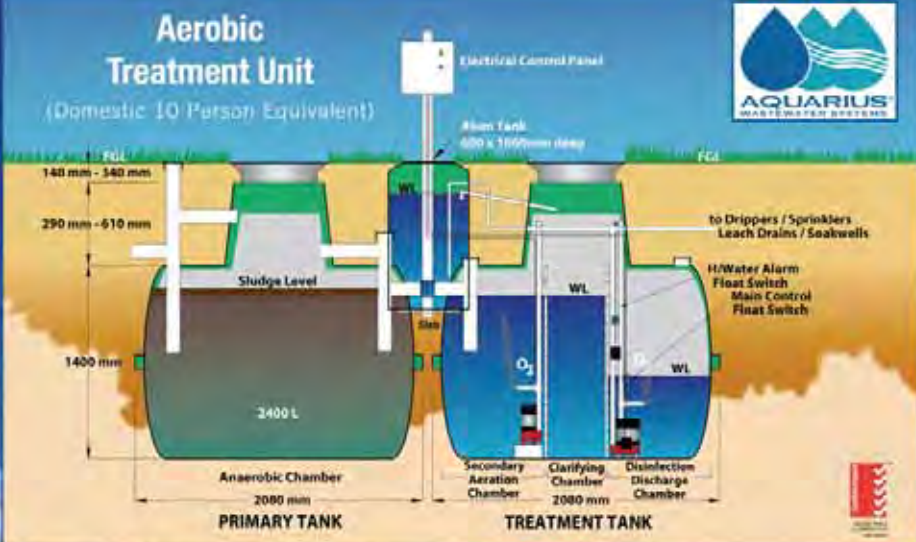
### Caring for Our Environment

We live in a world where mankind is placing increasing pressures on our finite resources. The average Family dumps over 300,000 litres of recyclable water each year. The Aquarius® ATU recycles this water for sub-surface irrigation in your garden.



## Aerobic Treatment Unit

(Domestic 10 Person Equivalent)



\*Poly tank version shown. Also available in concrete tanks.

### Aquarius® Systems

1 - 5 Bedrooms	O-3 ATU	O-2 NR ATU	O-2 ATU
6 - 9 Bedrooms	O-3 4KL ATU	O-2 NR 4KL ATU	O-2 4KL ATU
Commercial	Aquarius® Standard or Custom Designed Commercial Systems. Please speak to our Sales Consultant		

### Specifications

	O-3	O-2 NR	O-2
<b>System Features</b>			
Poly/Duralex Plastic or Concrete Tank Construction	✓	✓	✓
<b>Nutrient Retentive</b> (Phosphorous reduction)	✓	✓	
Ozone Disinfection	✓		
Recycles all wastewater through irrigation into gardens, orchards, etc.	✓	✓	✓
Supplied complete with irrigation components, electrical components and pumps	✓	✓	✓
Footprint required approx 6m x 2.5m x 2m**	✓	✓	✓
Low Energy use	✓	✓	✓
<b>Irrigation Area</b>			
Above Ground Spray Irrigation	✓		
Sub-Surface Drisper Irrigation	✓	✓	✓
Irrigation area in sandy soil conditions - *150m <sup>2</sup>	✓	✓	✓
<b>Other Disposal Options</b>			
Leach Drains / Soakwells / Aquasafe Drains	✓	✓	✓
<b>Maintenance</b>			
Service costs per year as per DoH WA requirements	0	2	2
<b>Manufacturers Warranties</b>			
Poly/Duralex Plastic Tanks 15 years	✓	✓	✓
Ozone Pumps 1 year	✓	✓	✓
Irrigation and Electrical components 1 year	✓	✓	✓
<b>Approvals</b>			
Fully approved by the Department of Health	✓	✓	✓
Australian Standards approved AS/NZS 1546.3	✓	✓	✓
<b>Why choose Aquarius</b>			
Wholly owned West Australian Company	✓	✓	✓
Manufactured in Western Australia	✓	✓	✓
Extensive Support Network covering all of WA	✓	✓	✓
Local Agents fully trained and registered with Department of Health WA	✓	✓	✓

\*\*Subject to local authority approval.

### Aquarius® Alternative Treatment Units

The complete range of Aquarius® ATUs treat all the wastewater from the residential home or commercial site. The wastewater (from WC, kitchen, bathroom and laundry) is treated to current Department of Health WA Standards that allows it to be used for irrigation in garden beds, orchards, etc., or disposal into leach drains, soakwells and aquasafe drains. In addition the O-2 NR and O-3 models further treat the water to reduce phosphorous and nitrogen and these two ATU models are classified as **nutrient retentive** which is essential in water catchment areas, environmental sensitive areas and to comply with some local shire requirements.

The Aquarius® O-3 ATU we believe to be the most environmentally friendly ATU on the market by using Ozone as the final disinfection process. Ozone is many times more effective than chlorine and the by-product of Ozone is Oxygen.




Figure 2: Notes on the operation of the Aquarius Waste Water Treatment Systems.

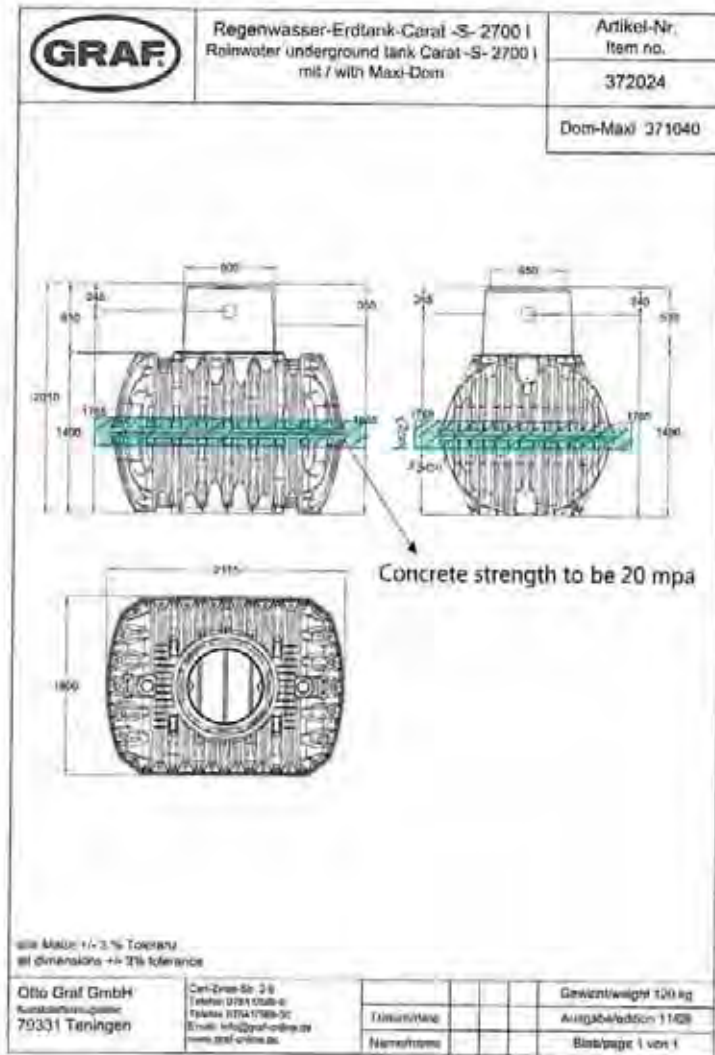


Figure 3: Concrete reinforcing to the tanks to stabilise them in the soil

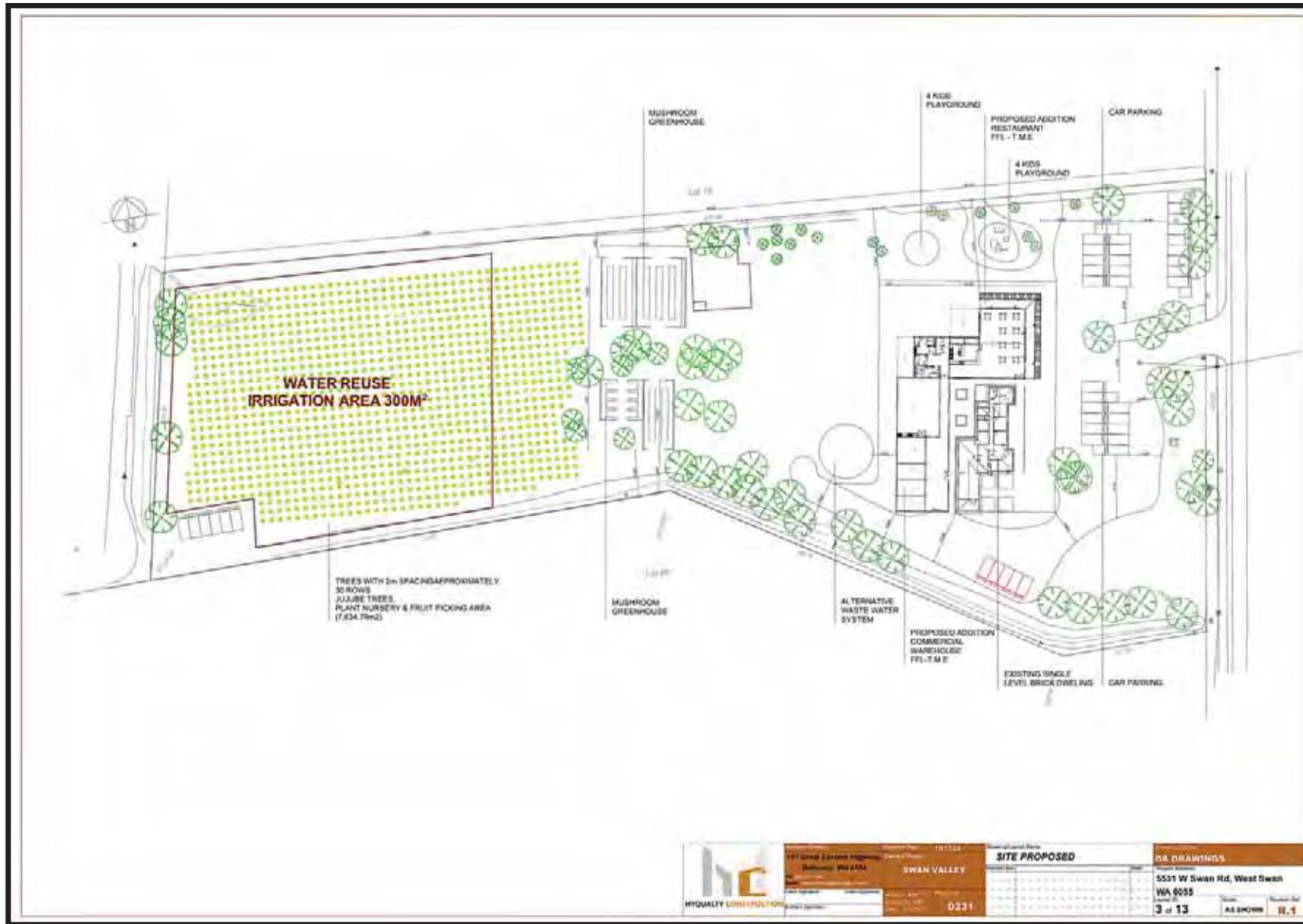




Figure 4: Water Reuse Irrigation Area

Table 1: Risk Assessment Table and Management

Factor	Potential Risk	Likelihood Consequence	Untreated Risk	Proposed Management	Likelihood Consequence	Treated Risk
<b>General Risks - Amenity</b>						
Amenity	Intensive horticulture may cause noise impacts	Unlikely Moderate	Medium	<p><b>Operations</b></p> <p>The Mushroom Greenhouses and warehouse are closer to the chalets but are enclosed with walls, which will reduce noise carry. The activities are not mechanised with the staff accessing the greenhouses to maintain and harvest the mushrooms.</p> <p>Mechanical activity will be completed by battery operated facilities.</p> <p>The intensive horticulture of Jujube orchard is a perennial crop that requires harvesting for a period of a few weeks per year with pruning conducted over approximately one week, and at other times of the year activities are minimal apart from monitoring and maintenance.</p> <p>Jujube are resistant to most insect pests and do not require frequent spraying. Treatment will be occasional organic spraying if required and baiting for fruit fly. Bird netting will be required.</p> <p>The warehouse where products are to be sorted will have the door facing away from sensitive premises or the doorway will be provided with noise screening panels to minimise noise carry.</p> <p>Operations will be timed to minimise impacts on the dwelling to the north and Chalet guests.</p> <p><b>Acoustic Assessment</b></p> <p>An Acoustic Assessment has been completed and is included in the Planning documentation.</p> <p><b>External Dwellings</b></p> <p>The closest dwelling is a single dwelling to the north at a distance of 130 metres from the intensive horticulture of Jujube orchard.</p> <p><b>Chalets and Restaurant/Café</b></p> <p>The Café is 90 metres from the intensive horticulture of Jujube orchard.</p>	Unlikely Minor	Low
Spray Drift – Pest management	Sprays and pest management may impact on sensitive	Unlikely Minor	Low	<p>Brown spot of jujube, caused by the fungal pathogen <i>Nothophoma quercina</i> was recently detected in WA. No other significant diseases have been found in jujubes to date.</p> <p>Pests include rabbits, kangaroos and birds but these can be controlled by fencing or netting the</p>	Rare Insignificant	Low

Factor	Potential Risk	Likelihood Consequence	Untreated Risk	Proposed Management	Likelihood Consequence	Treated Risk
	premises and the guests.			<p>orchard.</p> <p>The main pest is Fruit Fly, for which is baiting is propose and which does not involve any offsite impacts. Medfly not only affects crop production, but limits access to interstate and overseas markets.</p> <p>Three main control strategies for Fruit Fly available are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ cover spraying</li> <li>➤ bait or spot spraying</li> <li>➤ lure and kill devices.</li> </ul> <p>The effectiveness of the baiting will be monitored with traps. If control is not sufficient bait and then spot spraying with organic or non harmful materials will be used. Cover spraying is not proposed.</p> <p>Fruit splitting is an issue for jujubes in Western Australia. It is a water-related physiological disorder and can ruin a large percentage of the crop in some years. The severity depends on water management throughout the growing season, rain around fruit maturation, and cultivar resistance. Maintaining soil moisture during the growing season will help reduce splitting but resistant varieties are the best option.</p> <p>Bird control</p> <p>Parrots are the most damaging pest to small and/or relatively isolated orchards. The rainbow lorikeet has also become a serious pest in some growing areas where it can pose an even greater threat to crops than the twenty-eight and red cap parrots.</p> <p>Bird control methods include:</p> <p>Exclusion netting: Although expensive (approximately \$30 000/ha) this method will also alleviate the effects of extreme weather events such as hail storms and hot temperatures (sunburn). When assessing the advantage of netting as a means of bird control, the percentage of crop loss as well as the time spent controlling birds by other methods must be taken into account.</p> <p>Bird netting will be used for bird attacks, which is similar to netting that is used for grapes in the Swan Valley.</p> <p>Warehouse Orientation</p>		

Factor	Potential Risk	Likelihood Consequence	Untreated Risk	Proposed Management	Likelihood Consequence	Treated Risk
				The warehouse where products are to be sorted will have the door facing away from sensitive premises or the doorway will be provided with noise screening panels to minimise noise carry. Operations will be timed to minimise impacts on the dwelling to the north and Chalet guests.		
Traffic	Traffic to the site may impact general amenity	Unlikely Minor	Low	Traffic Assessment A Traffic Assessment has been completed and is included in the Planning documentation.	Unlikely Minor	Low
Water Quality						
Stormwater	Stormwater generated from hard surfaces may contribute to flooding	Unlikely Minor	Low	The only risk of flooding is onsite at the hard stand developments in the east. A Stormwater Management Plan has been prepared by HyQuality Engineering who have determined the storm frequency and generated water volumes. Stormwater will be fed to a detention basin in the north east of Lot 5531 from which excess water will be released to the drain along the northern side of Lot 5531. Any additional stormwater generated by the hard surfaces will help compensate for environmental water in a drying climate. The northern drain crosses under West Swan Road and drains across pasture to the Swan River	Rare Insignificant	Low
Groundwater separation	The groundwater separation may be insufficient under the proposed disposal area.	Unlikely Minor	Low	The current land surface of around 16.5 metres AHD. (Figure 17), which should be compared to the local height datum used in Figure 7. The Perth Groundwater Atlas May 2003 shows the water table dropping from 15.5 metres AHD in the north west corner of the lot down to 12 metres AHD at West Swan Road. That provides for a separation of 1 plus metres on the western boundary of Lot 5531 increasing across the Jujube orchard and waste water disposal area and further increasing to 3.5 metres in the east of Lot 5531. Figure 7. In any case the groundwater does not intersect the land surface, but rather the maximum water table is around 1.5 metres below the surface. The drain along the northern side has water in winter but only on its base and is around 1.2 – 1.5 metres below the land surface of the orchard.	Rare Insignificant	Low
Groundwater Quality	Ground or surface water quality may be impacted.	Unlikely Minor	Low	Staging of the Project  The project will be staged with the initial growth stages of Jujube production using bore water alone for the irrigation of the production trees. During that time the existing waste water system attached to the current dwelling on site will remain operational.  Once constructed it is anticipated that there will be a short lead in time for the tourist facilities to reach their maximum occupancy – activity. Even so it is likely that there will be only some times of the year of peak capacity when the maximum waste water recovery and re-use volumes will be available.	Rare Insignificant	Low

Factor	Potential Risk	Likelihood Consequence	Untreated Risk	Proposed Management	Likelihood Consequence	Treated Risk
				<p>At other times the use and production of the volumes of waste water available is anticipated to be around 70% of maximum capacity. This is because the design of the systems are to maximum loadings even though the cafe is unlikely to be not operating every day at capacity.</p> <p><b>Waste Water Volumes</b> All waste water volumes and calculations are conservative. The waste treatment unit is an Aquarius Commercial ATU, Aquarius O-2NR10KL with a capacity of 10,000 litres per day, greater than the design proposed water loading of 6,520 L/day. The use and production of the volumes of waste water available is anticipated to be around 70% of maximum capacity. The waste water application area has been assessed by Perth Geotechnics who determined the permeability of the underlying sandy clay layer. That permeability has been used to size the application area to AS/NZ1547 and the Government Sewerage Policy 2019.</p> <p><b>Buffers and Setbacks</b> The required application area is 2,173 m<sup>2</sup> within an area of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> being allocated. The buffers and setbacks required for the installation of ATU's are available and well exceeded in all situations. See Groundwater Separation above.</p> <p><b>Nutrient Calculations</b> The use of recycled waste water for irrigation of perennial horticulture will enable the dissolved phosphorus and nitrogen to be substituted for the addition of some fertiliser requirements for the plants.</p> <p><b>Contamination</b> A Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) to the Guidelines of the Department of Health will be prepared and operational prior to the use of recycled waste water for irrigation of the Jujube orchard.</p>		
Biosecurity						
Pathogen biosecurity	There may be contamination between	Unlikely Moderate	Medium	The Mushrooms will be grown in dedicated Mushroom Greenhouses, which will be isolated from the chalets and public areas by fences, signs and procedures.	Unlikely Minor	Low

Factor	Potential Risk	Likelihood Consequence	Untreated Risk	Proposed Management	Likelihood Consequence	Treated Risk
	recycled water and crops			<p>Mushrooms will be grown using scheme water to minimise any risk of cross contamination.</p> <p>The public will not be able access the Mushroom Greenhouses unless invited to do so, under strict hygiene conditions.</p> <p>Staff moving from the orchard to the mushroom greenhouses will be required to undergo foot and clothing sterilisation processes, depending on the levels of risk. For example walking in the orchard will provide a low risk for cross contamination, but undertaking work on the waste water recycling facilities will carry a higher risk which will be treated accordingly.</p> <p>The public will be prevented from accessing the waste water recycling application area, by fences, gates and signage.</p> <p>A Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) to the Guidelines of the Department of Health will be prepared and operational prior to the use of recycled waste water for irrigation of the Jujube orchard.</p> <p>A Stormwater Management Plan has been prepared by HyQuality Engineering who have determined the storm frequency and generated water volumes to minimise cross contamination.</p>		
Public Health						
Public Health - Guests	The public may contact untreated waste water	Unlikely Minor	Low	<p>The waste treatment unit proposed is a Aquarius Commercial ATU, Aquarius O-2NR10KL with a capacity of 10,000 litres per day, greater than the proposed water loading of 6,520 L/day. The system is approved by the Department of Health for installation.</p> <p>The proposed system complies with the setbacks and buffers and installation Guidelines for ATU waste water treatment units.</p> <p>The site has been assessed to AS/NZ1547 and the Government Sewerage Policy 2019 and complies with those Standards.</p> <p>Installation will be to the Department of Health, Code of Practice for the Design, Manufacture, Installation and Operation of Aerobic Treatment Units (ATU's).</p>	Rare Insignificant	Low

RISK MATRIX			Effect / Consequence				
			1	2	3	4	5
Type			Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe
Environmental Impact			No discernible, adverse impact, individuals of species may be affected locally.	Discernible effect on the environment but no adverse impact, minor number of individuals of species may be affected locally	Minor adverse effect to the environment (including public amenity), moderate loss of individuals of species locally.	Moderate damage to ecosystem function, major loss of individuals of species locally, loss of public amenity.	Significant long-term damage/loss to ecosystem function, extinction of a species locally
Likelihood	<b>A Almost Certain</b>	Likely that the unwanted event could occur often (once per week) during the life of an individual item or system	<b>Medium</b> 11	<b>High</b> 16	<b>High</b> 20	<b>Very High</b> 23	<b>Very High</b> 25
	<b>B Likely</b>	Likely that the unwanted event could occur several times per year during the life of an individual item or system.	<b>Medium</b> 7	<b>Medium</b> 12	<b>High</b> 17	<b>High</b> 21	<b>Very High</b> 24
	<b>C Possible</b>	Likely that the unwanted event could occur sometime (once per year) during the life of an individual item or system.	<b>Low</b> 4	<b>Medium</b> 8	<b>High</b> 13	<b>High</b> 18	<b>High</b> 22
	<b>D Unlikely</b>	Unlikely, but possible for the unwanted event to occur once in the life of an individual item or system.	<b>Low</b> 2	<b>Low</b> 5	<b>Medium</b> 9	<b>High</b> 14	<b>High</b> 19
	<b>E Rare</b>	Highly unlikely that the unwanted event could ever occur in the life of an individual item or system.	<b>Low</b> 1	<b>Low</b> 3	<b>Medium</b> 6	<b>Medium</b> 10	<b>High</b> 15

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# ATTACHMENT 1

# CAPABILITY of SOILS FOR MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

5531 WEST SWAN ROAD, WEST  
City of Swan

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LANDUSE LAND CAPABILITY  
MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT

Intensive Horticulture with Tourist Facilities

5531 West Swan Road West Swan



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## SUMMARY

5531 West Swan Road, West Swan is proposed to have an intensive agricultural land use, based on an orchard of Jujube with greenhouse grown mushroom, in addition to other subsidiary gourmet crops. Initially Shitake and Oyster mushrooms will be grown.

A tourist facility consisting of accommodation and function centre/restaurant/café is proposed as ancillary to the intensive horticulture.

The rural land is currently used for lifestyle and horse agistment.

There is sufficient water and soils to support horticulture or alternative land uses as proposed by the development.

The soils have been filled and are well drained with good land capability, nutrient and water holding capability.

There is sufficient bore water allocated for the proposed intensive “horticulture”, Jujube Orchard and Mushroom production.

Waste water recovered from other activities on site will be recycled and used to support the Jujube orchard. Site preparation for the Jujube orchard is already in place with the excavation of holes to be prepared for installing the Jujube orchard plants.

The mushrooms will be grown in greenhouses. The mushrooms will be grown on specially prepared ‘Logs” in a greenhouse facility, consisting of two greenhouses. Trials of the mushrooms have already been conducted in a warehouse in Canning Vale and have proved most successful.

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

### 1.1 Background and Purpose

5531 West Swan Roadn West Swan is proposed to be intensive agriculture with an ancillary tourist facility consisting of accommodation and function centre/restraurant.

Lot 5531 is held by Jesuome Australia Pty Ltd.

The proposed intensive land use is to be implemented by Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd a wholesaler and importer of specialy and Asian food products.

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, 6155. They are a successful business that not only supply the products but are actively researching the growth of specialty mushrooms at the Canning Vale site.

The landholder, Jesuome Australia Pty Ltd, and Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd share some common directors.

A summary of the company Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd, is provide below

## Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd

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### Import and Export between China and Australia

**Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd**

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd are a company based in Canning Vale in the Australian state of Western Australia. Their main business areas are import and Export between China and Australia.

They have achieved revenues of AU\$2-3m. International companies interested in importing from Australia are welcome to use the [contact details below](#).

**Message from Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd**

In order to develop the business between China and Australia we established Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd. It's specilizing in importing plywood, arts/crafts, vegetable and hardware products from China and exporting Australian meat products, wine and agriculture products to China. We are looking forward to cooperating with partners from all over Australia and China.

**At a glance:**

Company name: Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd  
 Main business activities: Import and Export between China and Australia

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd	Australian \$
Company revenues:	\$2 to 3m
Export revenues:	

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd can be contacted by clicking here: [richard@greenlandwood.com](mailto:richard@greenlandwood.com)

## **1.2 Site Assessment - Methodology**

### ***Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study of the Development Area - 5 February 2021***

A geotechnical report of the soils on the eastern part of the proposed development was completed by Perth Geotechnics dated 5 February 2021. That study covered the central and eastern portion of the site mainly where the built developments are to be located. The report also mainly concentrated on the suitability of the soil conditions for those developments. However the geotechnical information is valid and can be used to inform the suitability of the site for the proposed horticultural activities. The report is attached.

Perth Geotechnics sunk 8 soil auger holes, conducted two soil permeability tests, in addition to soil penetrometer and other soil parameter tests on the development site on 20 January 2021.

The report is attached.

### ***Landform Research - Land Capability Study Intensive Horticulture Area – 28 May 2021***

A land study of the site was conducted by Lindsay Stephens of Landform Research on 28 May 2021. Lindsay Stephens is very familiar with the local soils and has completed many land capability and geotechnical studies in the local soils and West Swan Area.

During the study by Landform Research on 28 May 2021, the ground of the western intensive agriculture section was assessed by soil auger holes and site mapping because that is where the orchard is proposed and that ground had not been previously assessed by Perth Geotechnics. The development area in the east, which was assessed by Perth Geotechnics, was not assessed as the study had already been completed.

In the study the whole of the orchard and surrounding area was inspected. Five soil test holes were sunk to 1.2 metres to intersect the natural sand underlying the subsoil horizons using a long handled shovel as this is deemed suitable to determine the soil conditions for orchard growth.

The geology, soils and hydrology were mapped at the same time. Interpretation from aerial photography was also used, and ground photographs obtained.

The vegetation was reviewed to further add data to the soil information, based on species composition and distribution.

### ***Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study and Permeability of the Intensive Horticulture Area – 14 May 2021***

Further studies were completed by Perth Geotechnics by way of soil assessments and permeability field tests conducted on 14 October 2021. Perth Geotechnics completed 6 soil permeability test holes across the intensive horticulture area.

The report is attached.

### ***Landform Research - Review of the excavated holes for planting – 21 November 2021***



### 1.3 Site Description and Proposal

The site summary is taken from Urbanista Town Planning. The following Figures are taken from the Development Proposal.

*The proposed development is located at No. 5531 (Lot 9) West Swan Road, West Swan. The subject site has a total land area of 18,388m<sup>2</sup>, with a frontage of 98.5m to West Swan Road, 65.93m to Phillip Way at the rear and a total depth of 237.64m.*

*The agricultural use of the site will occupy approximately 8,300sqm of the site and is located at the rear half of the site. This area will be used as intensive orchards with two mushroom greenhouses located in the centre of the site.*

*This open orchard is approximately 90m deep by 60m wide and will consist of approximately 600 initially and up to 1000 trees, spaced 2m apart across 30 rows orchard will be Jujube, (Chinese Dates) for sale to the Perth markets and to support the production and restaurant/café.*

*This land use also includes two mushroom greenhouses to initially grow Oyster and Shitake mushrooms. The largest mushroom greenhouse is 19.3m by 16m and will produce mushrooms in an area of up to 310sqm. The smaller mushroom greenhouse is just over 200sqm.*

*The produce grown on site will be sorted/processed in the proposed warehouse located behind the existing dwelling. Separate rooms and sorting areas allow for this to be conducted as efficiently as possible and it is conveniently located in proximity to the restaurant.*

*The agricultural use will employ three staff, and operate 10am to 5pm weekdays whilst also being able to respond as necessary to the seasonal demands and the stages of crop growth such as seeding or harvesting.*

#### Site Integration

The various activities on site have been designed to integrate together.

The existing dwelling and shed will be retained, enhanced and incorporated into the proposed land uses.

Accommodation will be provided which will in turn support the restaurant/café, with the intensive agriculture from mushrooms, Jujube supporting the restaurant.

There is a licensed bore on site with water allocation of 5,000 kL per year. To further enhance the agricultural viability of the intensive horticulture, treated waste water will be recovered and used to irrigate the perennial trees of the Jujube which will supply nutrients to the irrigated Jujube trees and in turn reduce the fertiliser requirements for the plants and minimise the risk of nutrient export from the site.

Mushrooms culture is selected because of the low water requirements, which will be from scheme water to minimise risk to production.

Mushrooms and Jujube do not require washing, therefore reducing water use on site.

As there are competing land uses on site, the various land uses are separated, risk analyses completed and management proposed to minimise or negate the risk of contamination of crops, noise to the accommodation, onsite use of insect control by implementing organic food production policies.

The hours of operation are to be regulated to minimise conflicts, for example the restaurant will be open during the day and only open at night for one off events such as weddings, when the chalets will be used by the guests.

The intensive horticulture landuses of mushrooms and jujube are low mechanical activities with low noise emissions, low potential for insect pests and require activities that will not impact on accommodation. The landuses are Predominantly Agriculture.

Agricultural - Intensive	8,500m <sup>2</sup>	Primary Production and includes the below;
<i>Incl. Orchard</i>	~5,800m <sup>2</sup>	<i>Primary Production – Fruit Trees</i>
<i>Incl. Mushroom Greenhouses</i>	~510m <sup>2</sup>	<i>Primary Production – Mushrooms</i>
<i>Incl. Warehouse</i>	~400m <sup>2</sup>	<i>Sorting / Processing of Produce</i>
<i>Incl. Existing Shed</i>	~180m <sup>2</sup>	<i>Storage of tools and equipment</i>
Chalets or Cabins	6 chalets	75m <sup>2</sup> and 2 bedrooms each
Restaurant	294m <sup>2</sup>	96-person maximum capacity
Single House (Existing)	220sqm	Retained Dwelling

**Proposed Staging**

- Stage 1 Plant the intensive orchard and mushroom greenhouses
- Stage 2 Installing the warehouse and the storeroom
- Stage 3 Installing the restaurant and chalets with associated waste water recovery



**Figure 1: Concept development**



**Figure 2: Site photograph of the orchard area looking west. Note the existing pasture irrigation.**



Figure 3: Actual contour elevations in 1 metre contours (City of Swan IntraMap) and elevations of fill

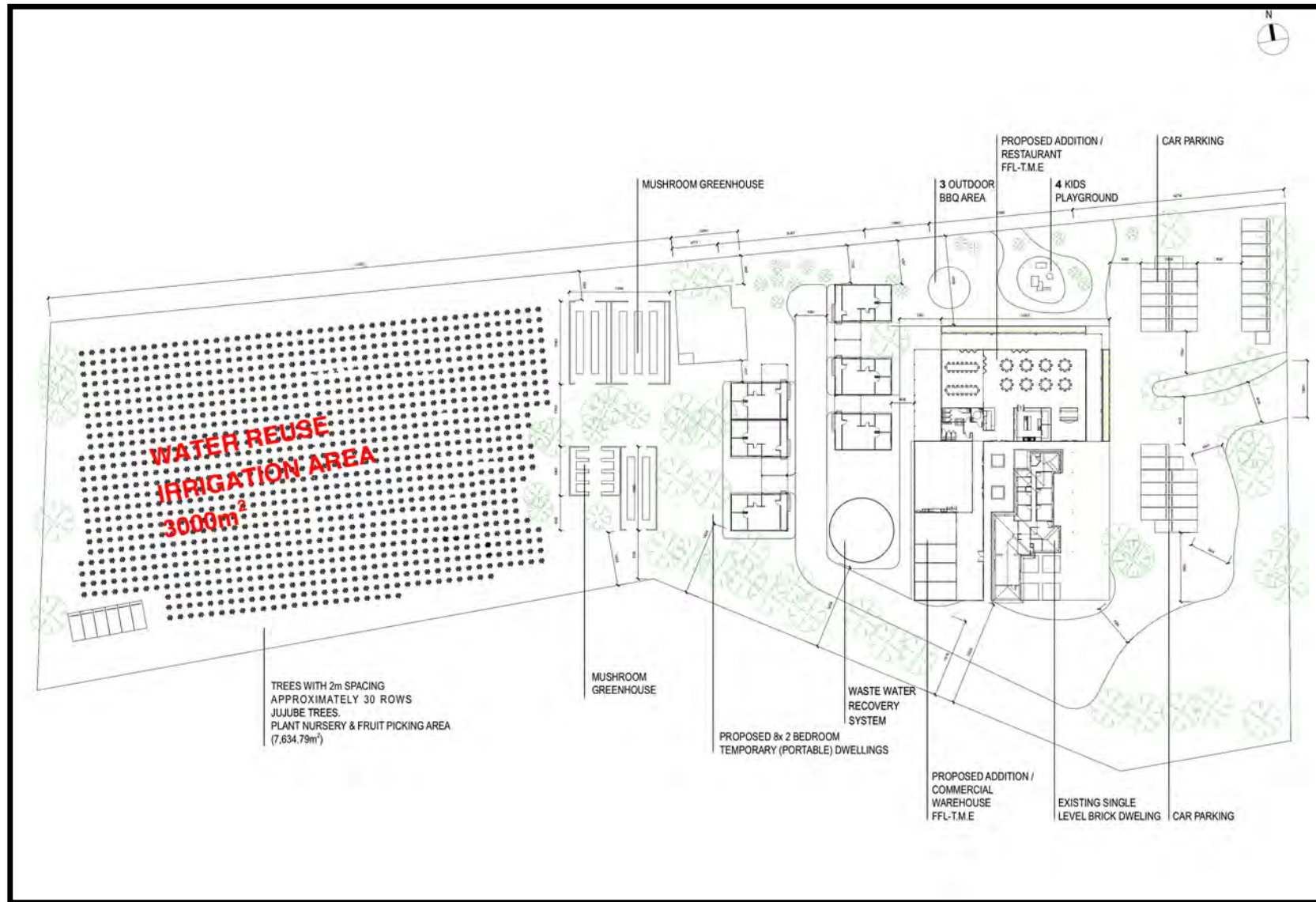


Figure 4: Concept development



**CONTEXT PLAN AERIAL**

**5531 WEST SWAN ROAD WEST SWAN**

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Figure 5: Subject land and surrounding land uses

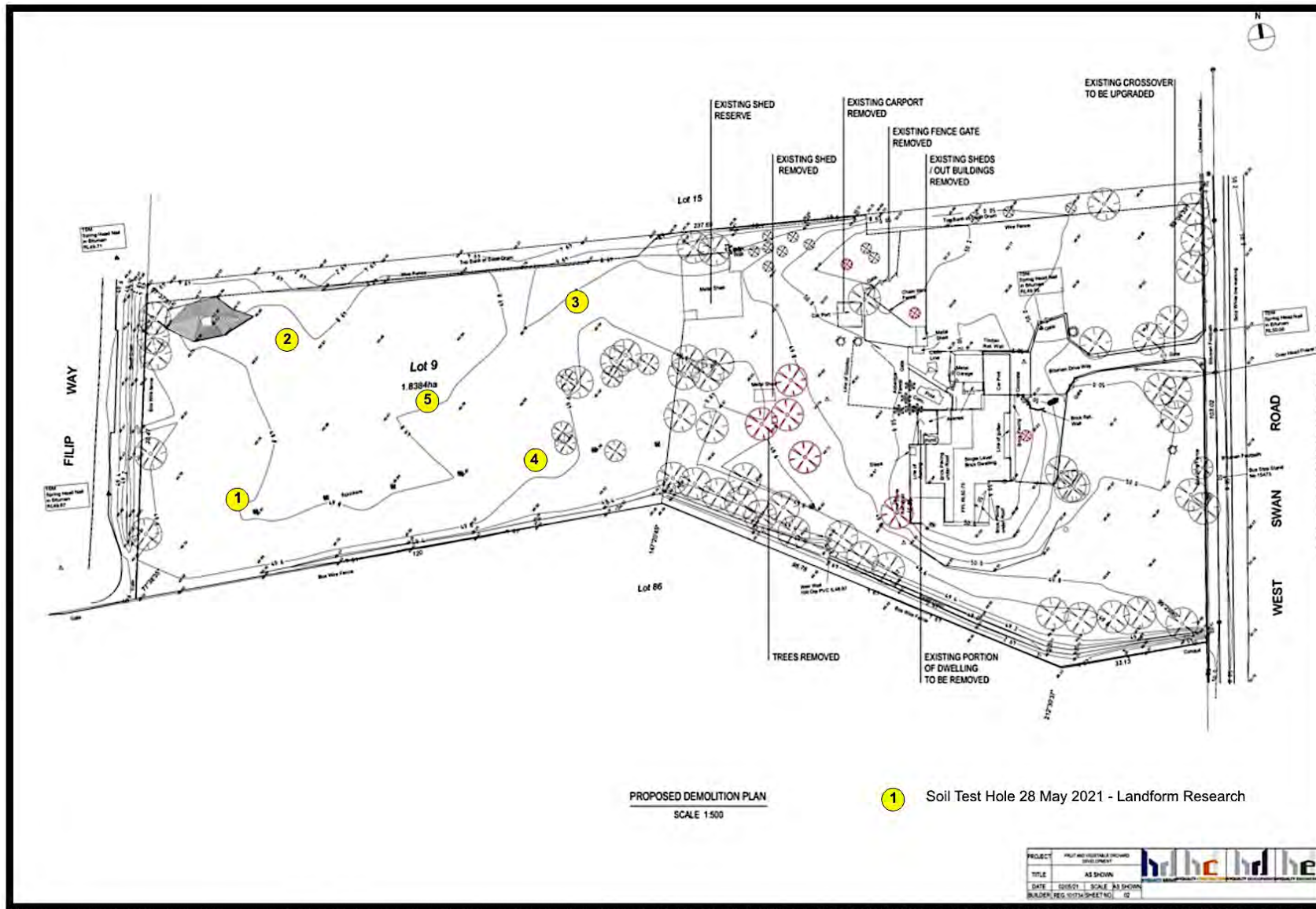


Figure 6: Contour Plan and Soil Test Holes. Note the Local datum. The land is at 17 metres AHD



Figure 7: Holes for the planting of Jujube sunk in July - August 2021





Figure 8: Soil test and permeability test holes - Perth Geotechnics (Fieldwork 14 October 2021)

## **2.0 WEATHER CONDITIONS**

### **2.1 Climate**

The climate consists of warm to hot summers and mild wet winters. Climate averages are similar to the closest comprehensive recording station at Upper Swan, with the climate somewhere in between. The rainfall is similar for both stations at around 736 mm per year.

Average summer maximum is around 33 degrees Celcius with winter maxima of around 18 degrees Celcius. The mean winter minimum is around 7.0 degrees Celcius with frosts occurring on winter and spring mornings.

Wind directions are predominantly from the east in the mornings with increased velocity in summer, and south west to west in the afternoons, particularly in summer.

Other data on the attached graphs and figures from the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) and Weather and Climate (Australia), show the suitability of the climate provided in the Swan Valley.

The data for soils and climate are summarised in Campbell Clause J, and G A Moore, 1991, *Land Capability Study for Horticulture in the Swan Valley*, DPIRD Land Resources Series No 6 and demonstrate the suitability of the valley for intensive horticulture.

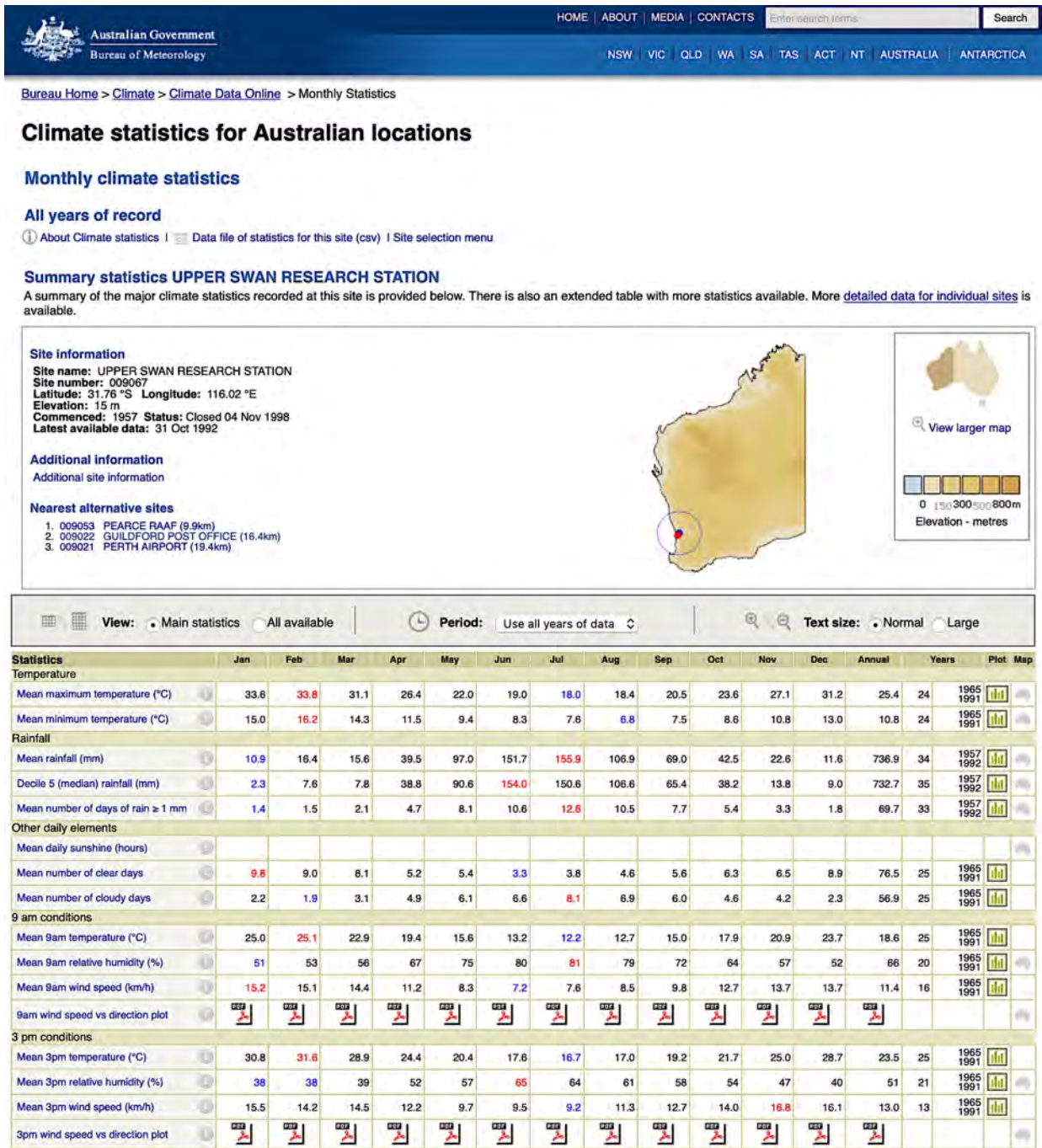


Figure 9: Climate data Upper Swan Research Station (BOM)

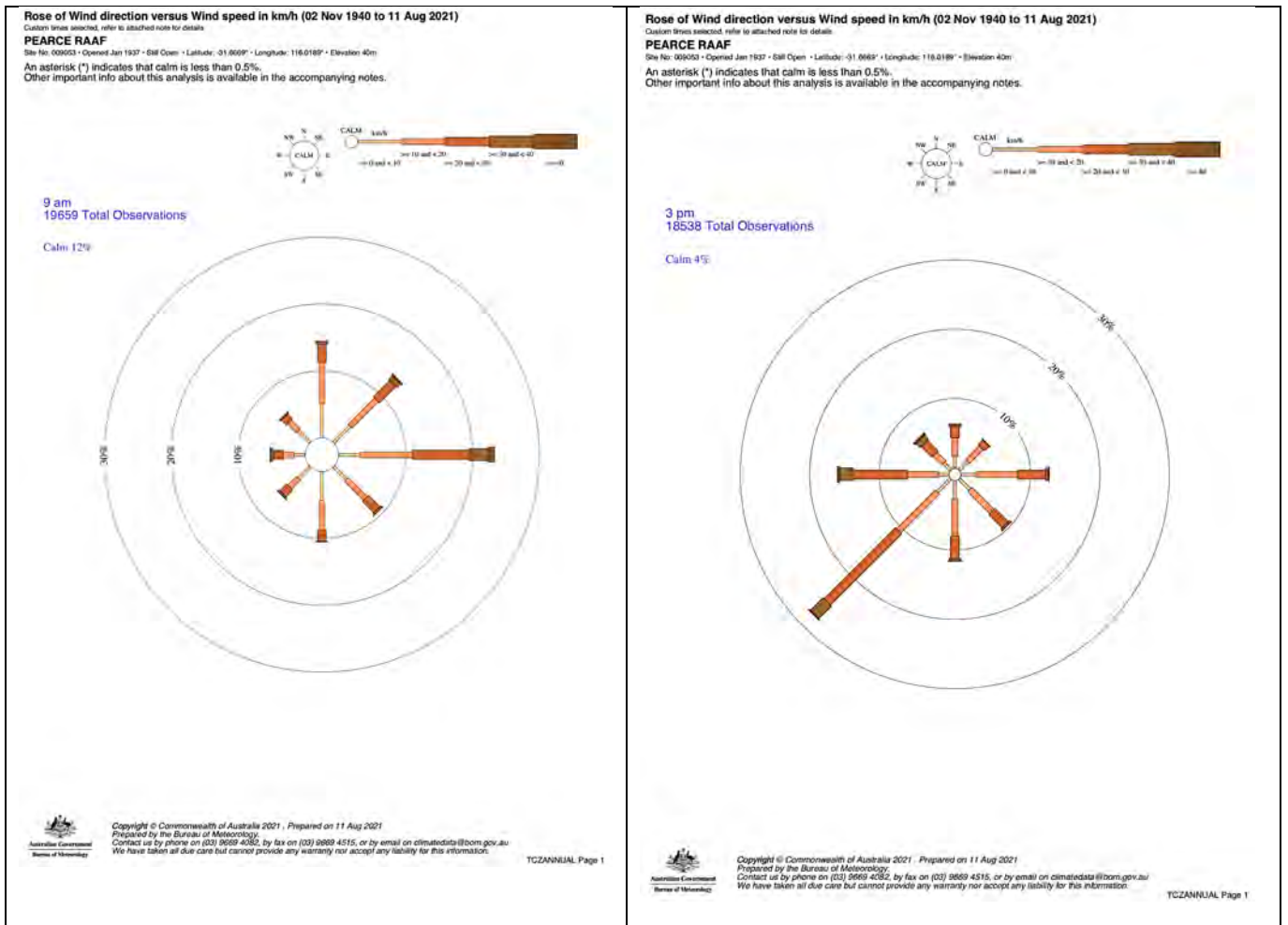


Figure 10 – Average yearly wind roses Upper Swan Research Station (BOM):

Figure 11: graphs of climate data Upper Swan (Weather and Climate - Australia)

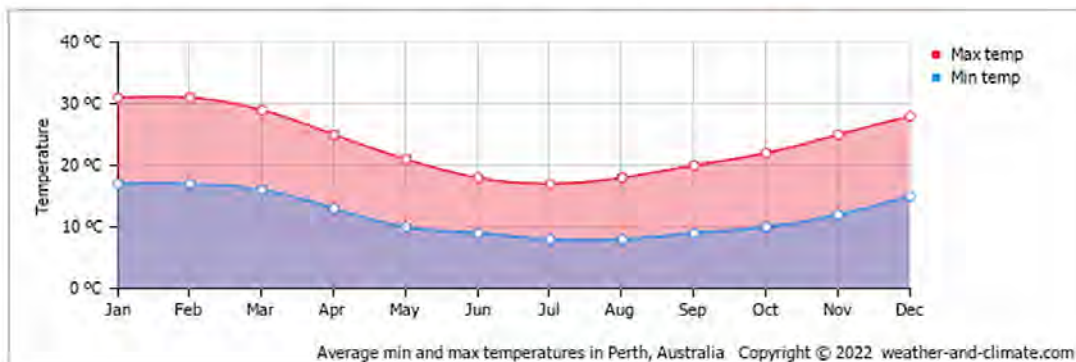
### Climate in Upper Swan (Western Australia), Australia

The graphs below show the monthly weather averages over the year.

\* Climate data from: [Perth, Australia](#) (19 KM, 12 Miles).

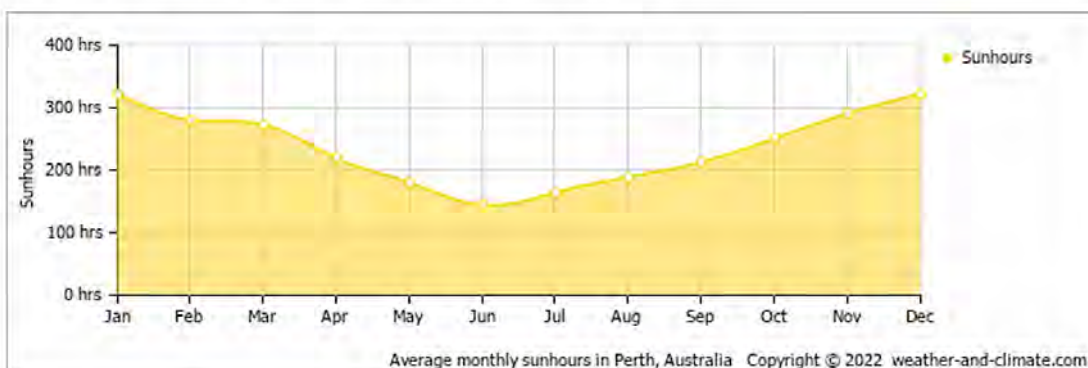
#### Average day and night temperature

The mean minimum and maximum temperatures over the year. [Show in Fahrenheit](#)



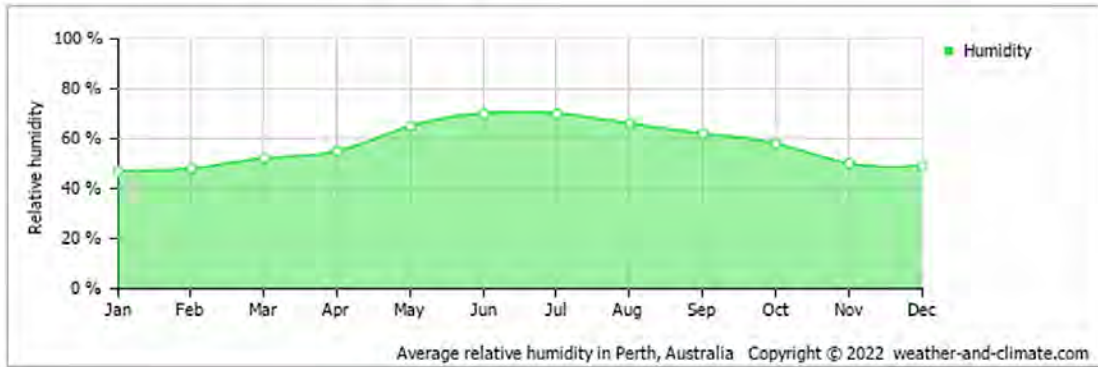
#### Monthly hours of sunshine

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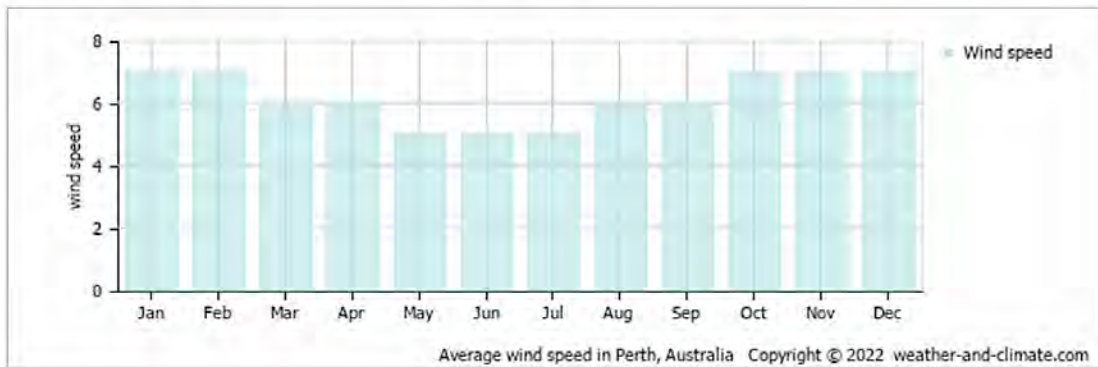
### Average humidity

The mean monthly relative humidity over the year



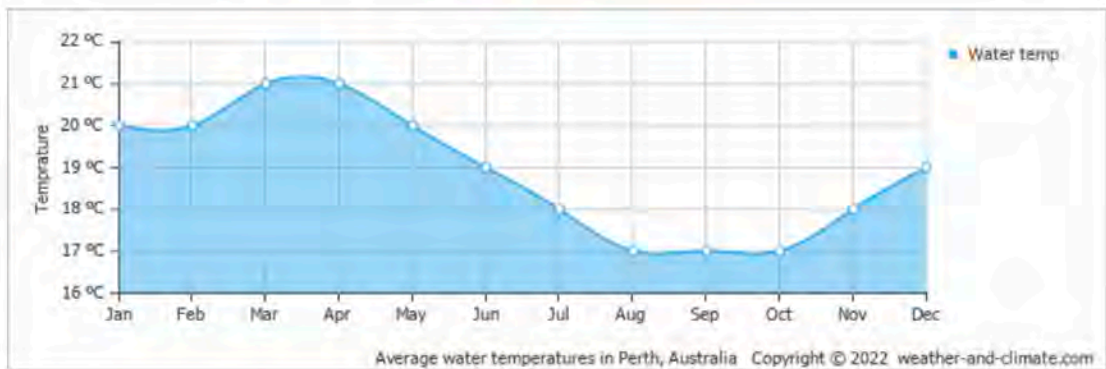
### Average wind speed

The mean monthly wind speed over the year (in meters per second)



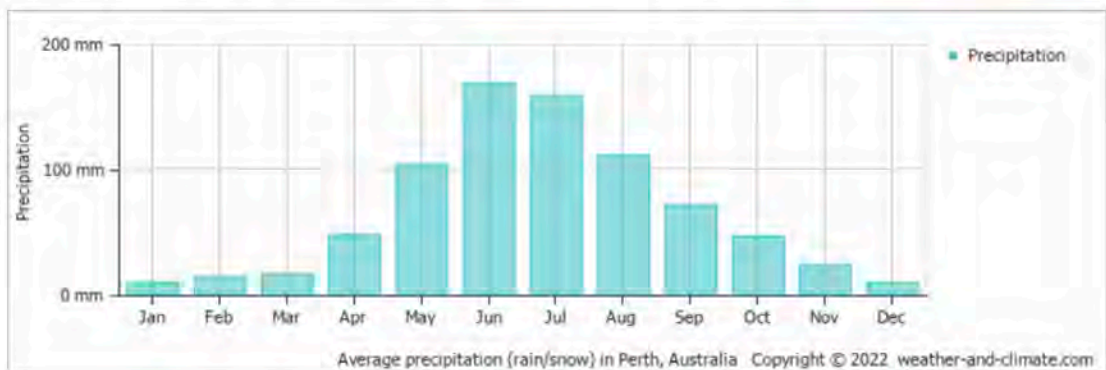
### Average water temperature

The mean water temperature over the year. [Show in Fahrenheit](#)



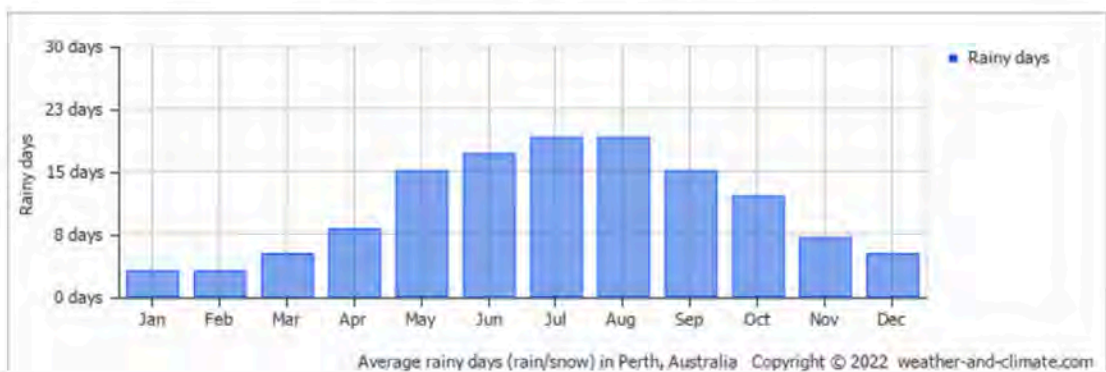
### Monthly precipitation

The mean monthly precipitation over the year, including rain, snow, hail etc. [Show in Inches](#)



### Monthly rainy days

The average number of days each month with rain, snow, hail etc.



## 3.0 REGOLITH AND SOIL ASSESSMENT

### 3.1 **Geology and Geomorphology**

The geology is mapped and summarised in the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology Series.

The site lies on the eastern side of the Swan Coastal Plain on sediments of the Perth Basin.

Locally the soils are a mixture of alluvial sands, clay sands and sandy clays, normally with an overlying more sandy sequence of upper soil horizons. In some places an intermittent sheet of aeolian sand is present. The soils typically and geologically belong to the Guildford Formation.

A hole drilled for the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology is located at Phillip Way near the western edge of the subject land and shows 16 metres of (S8) sand.

The soil test holes on site however show some clay sands and sandy clays and as the site is near the boundary of the alluvial silts and sandy clays (Mgs1) of the Guildford Formation to the east it is likely that those materials underlay the site as evidenced from the soil test holes.

Elevation of the land is around 16.5 metres across Lot 5531 with the addition of some fill in the west and natural soils in the east. Figure 17. Compare Figure 3 to Figure 6 which uses a local datum and therefore the contours on the maps do not reflect AHD.

### 3.2 **Regolith and Soils**

Local soil mapping has been completed by the Department of Primary Industries and Rural Development; *Campbell Clause J, and G A Moore, 1991, Land Capability Study for Horticulture in the Swan Valley, DPIRD Land Resources Series No 6.*

That mapping was completed on the natural soils of the site, generally without drainage or fill and shows the subject land as being of Aeolian sandy and miscellaneous soils.

The mapping is early and the naming of soil units has changed since that time. The site is shown as a small area of Valley Complex in the west and Karrakatta Sand on the remainder of the subject land. Karrakatta Sand is a yellow sand with the name now being restricted to yellow sand on limestone well to the west near the coast.

The bore logs provided by Perth Geotechnical show sand over silty sand at 0.3 - 0.6 metres overlying sandy clay in the central and eastern parts of the lot, east from the proposed orchard.

From a site examination some of the overlying sand is likely to be imported fill sand.

This is reflected in the soil test holes, where the holes conducted by Perth Geotechnics and Landform Research, which bottomed in sand clay, whereas the soils of the proposed orchard are mostly earthy yellow sands, the earthy properties being due to a small portion of clay, which adds significantly to the water and nutrient retention of the soils.



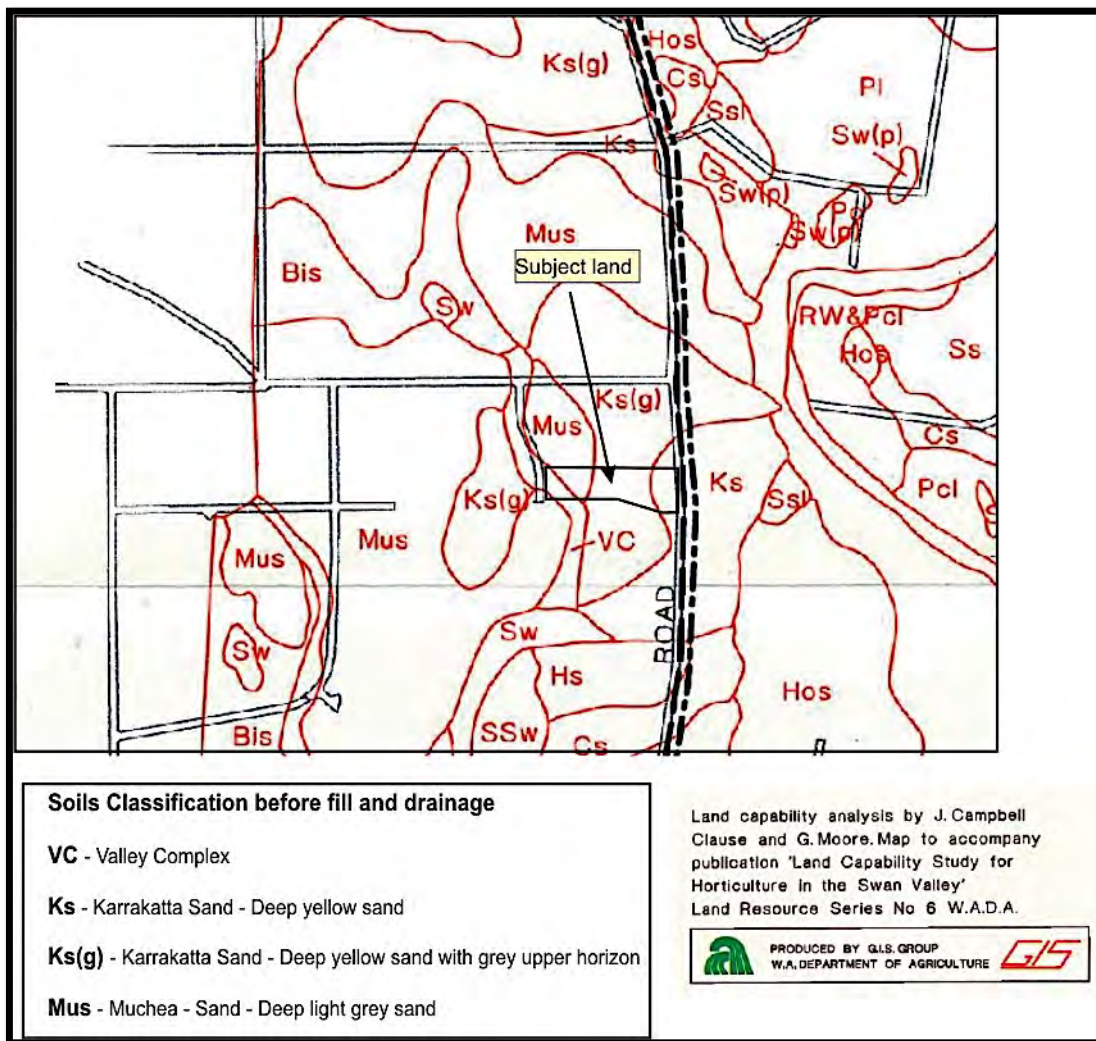


Figure 12: DPIRD Soil types prior to fill and drainage of the land

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**Site Investigation by Landform Research 28 May 2021**

From a site examination by Landform Research some of the overlying sand is likely to be imported fill sand.

The soil test holes completed as part of this study show fill sand of 0.0 to 0.4 metres depth over earthy and loamy sands with a base of sandy clay. The overlying sand fill is sandy with pieces of pebble aggregate, brick and other inert materials.

In the north east in hole 2 there is sand to 1.2 metres which likely reflects a deepening overlying sand layer to the west which matches the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology.

This is reflected in the soil test holes, where the holes conducted by Perth Geotechnics bottomed in sand clay, whereas the soils of the proposed orchard are mostly earthy yellow sands, the earthy properties being due to a small portion of clay which adds significantly to the water and nutrient retention of the soils. The studies are attached to the Water Recycling and Re-use Site and Soil Evaluation dated 12 February 2022.

Test Hole 4 bottomed in sandy clay suggesting that the sandy clay base is dipping west which matches the local drill hole for the Perth 1 : 50 000 Perth Environmental Geology.

The bore logs provided by Perth Geotechnical show sand over silty sand at 0.3 - 0.6 metres overlying sandy clay in the central and eastern parts of the lot, east from the proposed orchard. See Attachment 3.

#### ***Geotechnical Investigation by Perth Geotechnics 14 October 2021***

Perth Geotechnics listed the soils as;

*Environmental Geological map of Perth also revealed that the site soil has low permeability, low corrosion potential, medium to high slope stability, medium to high bearing capacity. Near surface water table, prone to flooding, differential settlement of foundations may occur, unless built on columns or concrete rafts above 1 m or compacted sand, dispersive in places.*

*Six (6) Bore Holes (BH1 to BH6) were conducted at the site by using a hand auger to a depth of 1.0 m.*

*Boreholes BH1 and BH6 revealed similar soil profile and consists of 0.0 - 0.7 m: SAND/Gravelly SAND- fine to medium grained, dark grey, grey, yellow, pale brown, brown, yellowish brown, dry to moist, with gravel up to 30 mm (FILL) 0.4 - 1.0 m: Sandy CLAY- medium plasticity, grey, brown, yellowish brow, moist, fine to medium grained sand.*

*Groundwater table was not observed at any of the boreholes up to the investigation depth. BH1 to BH6 were terminated at the target depth of 1.0 m.*

The Geotechnical report for the waste water application area is provided at Attachment 2. Attachment 1 is the geotechnical report for the eastern portion of Lot 5531 for the proposed development but included some soil test holes.

#### ***Permeability Tests conducted by Perth Geotechnics 14 October 2021***

*Six (6) Field permeability tests (FPT1 to FPT6) were conducting by using Guelph permeameter as per ASTM D 5126 – 90 at six locations. The tests were conducted at a depth of 1.0 m below ground level (bgl).*

*The Guelph Permeameter is a constant head device that operates on the Mariotte siphon principle. It provides a straightforward way of determining the field saturated hydraulic conductivity, matrix flux potential and the soil sorptivity in the field.*

The Perth Geotechnics Permeability test report is presented in See Attachment 2 and summary the Table below which is taken from the Perrth Geotechnics report.

Permeability Test ID	Co-ordinates (GDA94)		Permeability Rate		Soil Description	Test Depth (m)
	Easting	Northing	cm/sec	m/day		
FPT1	404 150	6 475 907	$7.3 \times 10^{-4}$	0.63	Sandy Clay	1.0
FPT2	404 102	6 475 908	$7.5 \times 10^{-4}$	0.65	Sandy Clay	1.0
FPT3	404 066	6 475 910	$9.3 \times 10^{-4}$	0.81	Sandy Clay	1.0
FPT4	404 064	6 475 871	$7.8 \times 10^{-4}$	0.67	Sandy Clay	1.0
FPT5	404 095	6 475 876	$6.7 \times 10^{-4}$	0.58	Sandy Clay	1.0
FPT6	404 135	6 475 873	$7.5 \times 10^{-4}$	0.65	Sandy Clay	1.0

The coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity of the site is varying from 0.58 to 0.81 m/day.

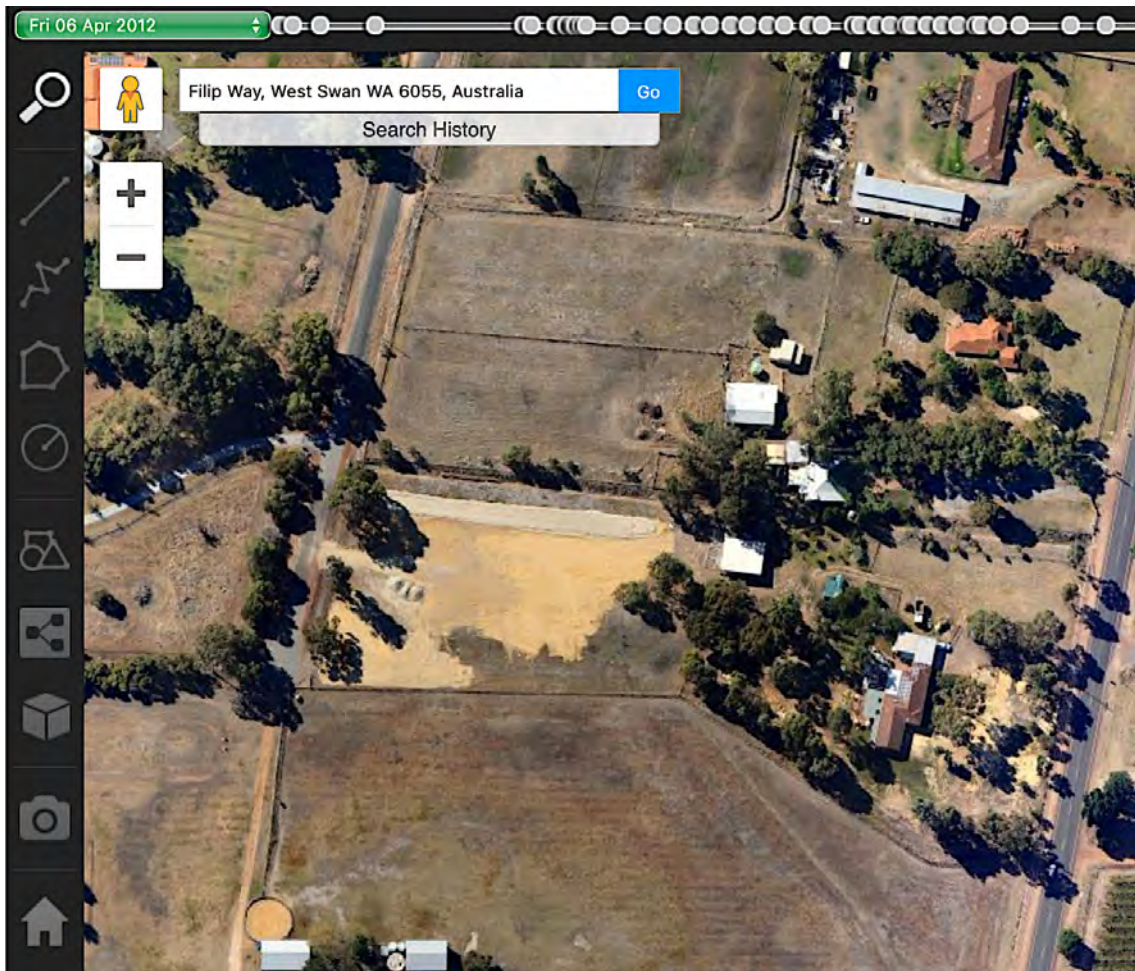


Figure 13: Earthy yellow sand fill being placed on the land in 2012 (Nearthmap)

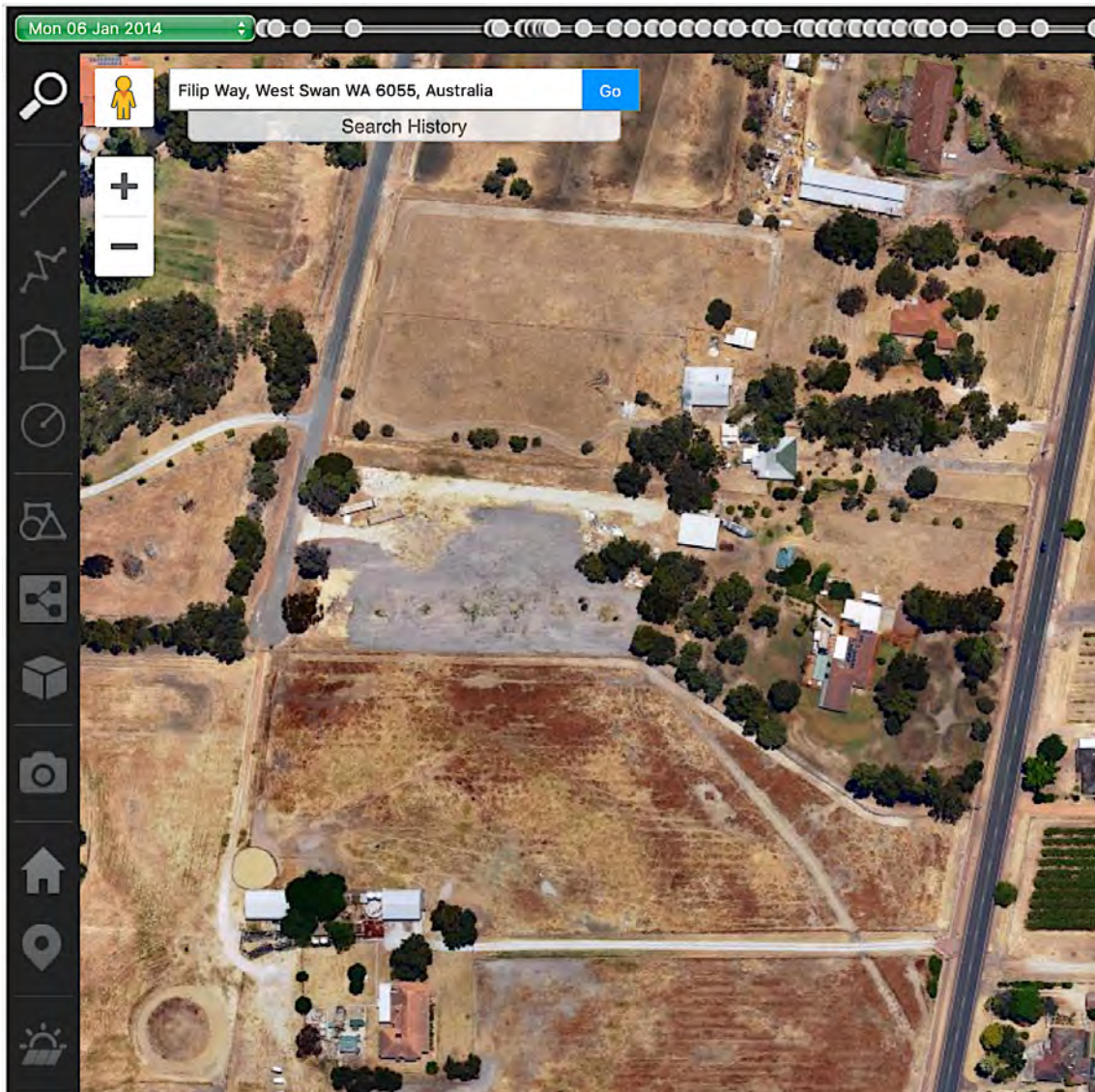


Figure 14: Topsoil fill being placed on the land in 2014 (Nearmap)

Test Hole Number	1	Natural Surface	49.8 m AHD	
Location		Base of Hole		28 May 2021
Test Hole Type	Shovel	Depth		
Diameter		Depth of static water level	N/A	
Depth	Description	Comments		
0 – 300 mm	Grey imported fill sand	Contains minor inert pebbles and other materials.		
200 – > 800 mm	Yellow brown earthy sand			
Groundwater	Not intersected			



Test Hole Number	2	Natural Surface	49.8 m AHD	
Location		Base of Hole		28 May 2021
Test Hole Type	Shovel	Depth		
Diameter		Depth of static water level	N/A	
Depth	Description	Comments		
0 – 100 mm	Grey brown sand	Some imported sand based on pebbles and aerial; photography		
100 – 250	Yellow sand			
150 - > 1200 mm	Cream sand			
Groundwater	Not intersected			



Test Hole Number	3	Natural Surface	49.8 m AHD	
Location		Base of Hole		28 May 2021
Test Hole Type	Shovel	Depth		
Diameter		Depth of static water level	N/A	
Depth	Description	Comments		
0 – 800 mm	Yellow sand	Some imported yellow sand		
800 – > 1100 mm	Brown loamy sand			
Groundwater	Not intersected			





Test Hole Number	4	Natural Surface	49.7 m AHD	
Location		Base of Hole		28 May 2021
Test Hole Type	Shovel	Depth		
Diameter		Depth of static water level	N/A	
Depth	Description	Comments		
0 – 400 mm	Grey sand	Likely to be imported sand		
400 – 900 mm	Yellow brown earthy natural sand			
900 - > 1000 mm	Yellow brown to greenish brown sandy clay			
Groundwater	Not intersected			



Test Hole Number	5	Natural Surface	49.8 m AHD	
Location		Base of Hole		28 May 2021
Test Hole Type	Shovel	Depth		
Diameter		Depth of static water level	N/A	
Depth	Description	Comments		
0 – 450 mm	Dark yellowish brown sand	Some imported sand		
450 - 550 mm	Yellow earthy sand			
550 - > 1150 mm	Light yellow brownish cream sand			
Groundwater	Not intersected			



**Table 1: Observed soil properties for horticulture**

PROPERTY	DESCRIPTION	SOIL SUSCEPTIBILITY	AGRICULTURAL QUALITY
WATER REPELLENCE	Water repellence is the uneven or non wetting characteristic of a soil. This commonly occurs in dry situations and more commonly affects soils that contain less clay such as sands. It may lead to greater surface runoff in summer, resulting in lower soil moisture and reduced crop growth in winter.	There is minor potential for water repellence in the elevated sandy soils	Minimal presence that does not significantly impact on land capability and treatment is readily available
SOIL COMPACTION	Soil compaction results from tractor and machinery movements compacting soils and reducing aggregates. It leads to reduced root penetration and reduced water infiltration. Compaction hard pans commonly form. Loamy sands are the most susceptible.	The soils on site have generally moderate to low potential for traffic compaction. All soils compact with heavy traffic and reduced soil	No issues for continued rural land use as it is related to farm practice and the soils have reduced susceptibility
DISPERSIBLE SOILS	Soils containing sodium in the clay content can disperse when wet, leading to soil erosion and subsoil tunnel formation.	No evidence of soil dispersion was observed and will not be present in the sandy soil horizons.  The soils are not saline and there is no evidence of salinity or dispersible clays.	Minimal to no presence that does not significantly impact on land capability.
WIND EROSION	Wind erosion can impact on sands and loose soil when inadequate soil cover is retained. Duplex and sandy soils are at high risk. The worst times are prior to the winter rains.	The soils are sand and generally earthy sands that are not generally susceptible to wind erosion with a pasture cover and irrigation to be used.	No Issues
WATER EROSION	Water erosion can occur in susceptible soils which have inadequate soil cover, steeper slopes, higher sand content and dispersibility.	Slopes are too gentle or flat.	No issues
ROOTING DEPTH	The depth roots can penetrate depends on texture changes in the soil such as duplex soils, the proximity of bedrock, stone in the soil, hard clay layers and soil compaction.	The soils are unrestricted for the depth of orchard species.	No issues

SALINITY	Salinity is the proportion of salt in a soil. Often mildly saline soil moisture is concentrated on the surface through evaporation, leading to an inability to support crops and plant growth. Normally worse where ancient soils and laterite profiles are present.	There is no evidence of salinity with the site being generally elevated.	No issues
SOIL ACIDITY	Soil acidity depends on a number of factors such as the amount of calcareous material within the soil, the crops grown, fertiliser usage and the proportion of clay. Soils that are too acidic can allow elements such as metals, including aluminium, to dissolve and become toxic.	The soils are normally slightly acidic at around pH 5 – 6 which is good for agricultural land on which fertiliser has been used. Acidity can increase with nitrogenous fertiliser use.	Managed through normal agricultural practice.
SOIL MOISTURE STORAGE	The ability of a soil to retain water determines the potential for crop growth and the amount of rainfall and irrigation required.	The soils have generally moderate to high moisture retention due to the earthy sands in the subsoils	Generally good water holding ability with some more elevated sandy areas of moderate storage.
WATER LOGGING	Water can lay on the surface, clogging the pores in the soil. This reduces soil oxygen leading to loss of nitrogen and reduced crop growth	There is some evidence that the original land was subject to winter wet conditions, prior to the installation of the deep drain along the northern boundary and drainage along the west and south.  The soils now sit elevated and have good drainage. The perimeter tall Eucalypts do not show any evidence of stunting by waterlogging.	No issues
SOIL WORKABILITY	Workability is the ease that the soil can be cultivated. Waterlogging, the presence of stone and slope can all impact on the ease of cultivation.	The soils are highly workable.	No issues

### 3.3 Soil Capability

The soils allocated on the orchard are highly capable of horticulture with the ability to use trees, shrubs or ground species, depending on the water availability.

Based on the assessments of *Campbell Clause J, and G A Moore, 1991*, for the natural soils, the subject land is less capable for Table Grapes, although with the fill sand and drainage the potential for Table Grapes is high.

The tables for the soil properties as determined by *Campbell Clause J, and G A Moore, 1991*, show high capability for Stone Fruit, Citrus and Market Gardens.

The field assessments show similar capability.

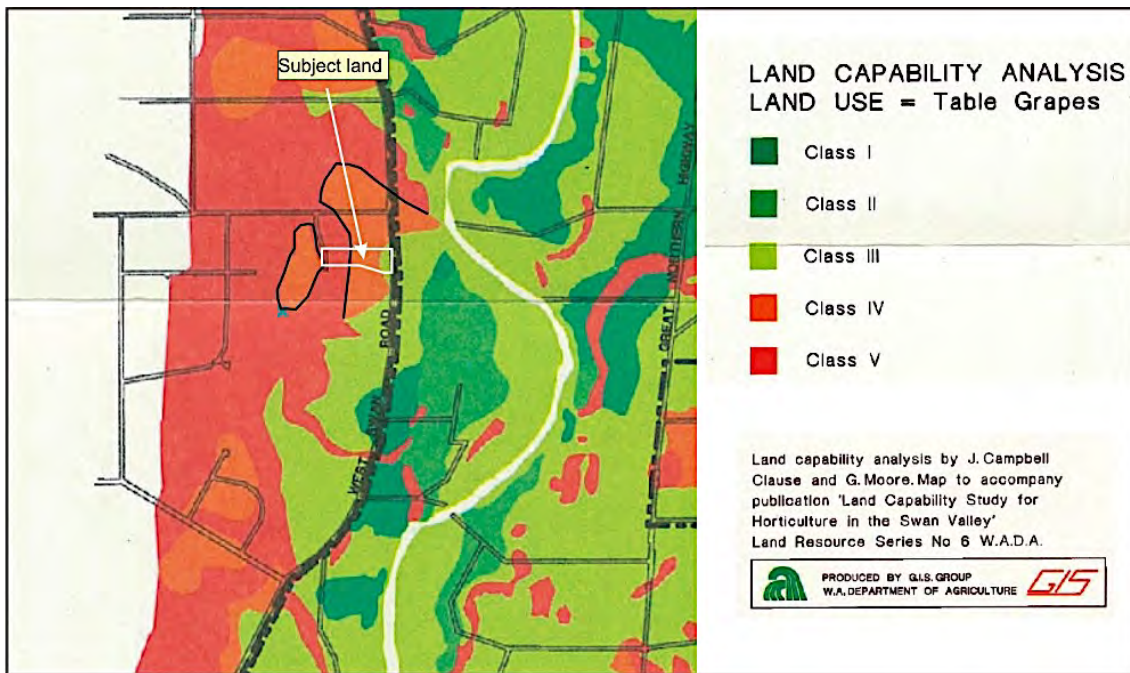


Figure 15: DPIRD Land Capability for Table Grapes prior to fill and drainage. Note the proposed uses have higher capability

## 4.0 HYDROGEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

### 4.1 **Surface Water.**

There have been several site investigations during which the water and hydrology were reviewed.

- *Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study of the Development Area - 5 February 2021*
- *Landform Research - Land Capability Study Intensive Horticulture Area – 28 May 2021*
- *Perth Geotechnics – Geotechnical study and Permeability of the Intensive Horticulture Area – 14 October 2021*
- *Landform Research - Review of the excavated holes for planting – Fieldwork 21 November 2021*

Even though the land was assessed in late May and October, the availability of surface water can be determined from the location of the on site drains, remnant native and other plant and pasture species which have definite trends in winter wet areas, and examination of historic Google Earth Pro and Nearmap images.

There is no evidence of surface water laying on the subject land over the last ten years. The quality of the pasture and pasture growth over the years does not show any evidence of water logging and there is no current evidence on site.

Water is present in the main northern drain, but at a low elevation, and water was present in some years at lower elevation in the drain to the south east of the subject land as can be seen in the Figure below, which was taken in July 2009 prior to the land being filled.

That water appears likely to be temporarily perched on the less permeable subsoils of the Guildford Formation that occur in the east of the land and to the south. The water represents a temporary winter perched water table and not necessarily the water table.

Prior to sheeting with sand there were two small drains in the south feeding to a small east west drain in the south.

Elevation of the land is around 16.5 metres AHD on the filled land of the Jujube Orchard, which is consistent with similar elevation on the eastern side of Lot 5531. The site mapping for the development uses a local datum and therefore the contours on the maps do not reflect AHD, therefore interpretations have to be made to convert the local datum to AHD.

City of Swan drainage shows the northern drain along the north side of the subject land draining east under West Swan Road to the Swan River.

When the planting holes were sunk in July – August 2021 a small temporary shallow pit was excavated along the southern portion of Lot 5531 and can be seen in Figure 7. The hole is shallow and the water lying in it at the time of the photo from August 2021 originates from recent rainfall at the time and inflow of surface water from the south, combined with the lower soil permeability of the underlying sandy clay soils which had permeabilities of  $6.7 - 9.3 \times 10^{-4}$  or 0.58 to 0.81 metres per day.

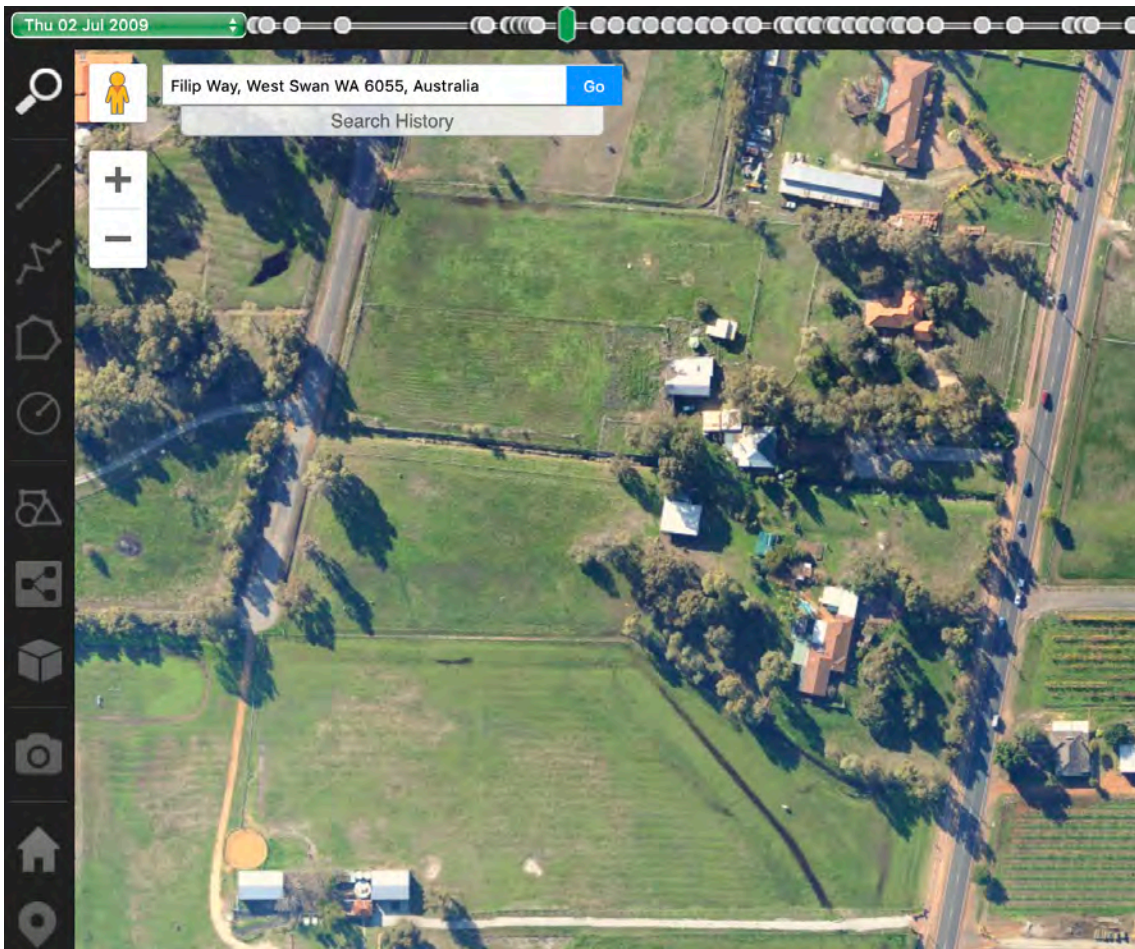


Figure 16: Drains present in winter 2009 prior to fill of the land (Nearmap)



Figure 17: northern drain from Phillip Road (Google Earth)

### **Soil Permeability**

Perth Geotechnics found that the coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity of the site is varying from 0.58 to 0.81 m/day. See Section 3.2.

### **Salinity**

Water is from precipitation and is fresh. There is a licensed bore on site (5,000 kL) with water suitable for horticulture.

### **Rivers, Wetlands and Streams**

There are no rivers or streams on site although there are some surface drains, cut many years ago.

The main drain runs along the northern side of the subject land, and there are minor drains along the southern boundary and on the property to the south.

None of the drains have wetland vegetation.

### **Flood Risk**

There is no potential for flooding as the land is slightly elevated above the surrounding lands. The surface has been filled by around 500 – 800 mm yellow sand fill and there is a drain extending east west along the northern side of Lot 5531. The drain varies from 1.5 to 2.0 metres below the elevation of the land on Lot 5531.

There are some lower elevations on the southern edge of Lot 5531.

### **Wetlands**

There are no definitive wetlands on site as the land has been cleared, drained, filled and used for rural purposes.

## **4.2 Groundwater**

Elevation of the land is around 16.5 metres across Lot 5531. Figure 3. Note that Figure 6 uses a local height datum and not AHD. The site mapping in Figure 6 for the development uses a local datum and therefore the contours on the maps do not reflect AHD.

Perth Geotechnics recorded;

*Groundwater table was not observed at any of the borehole up to the investigation depth of 2.0 m below ground level.*



*A review of the 'Online Perth Groundwater Atlas' of the Department of Water was carried out for this site. "Perth Groundwater Atlas" revealed that natural surface elevation is 15.5 m AHD and annual average groundwater table at 13.0 m AHD. That means depth of the groundwater table is approximately 2.5 m AHD from the ground level. The groundwater level contours are estimated based on the recorded groundwater levels measured in May of 2003 (end of summer). Therefore, accuracy of the data may vary.*

The groundwater average depth is listed by Perth Geotechnics as 15.5 metres AHD or around 1 metres below the current land surface of around 16.5 metres AHD.

However the Perth Groundwater Atlas May 2003 shows the water table dropping from 15.5 metres AHD in the north west corner of the lot down to 12 metres AHD at West Swan Road. That provides for a separation of 1 plus metres on the western boundary of Lot 5531 increasing across the Jujube orchard and waste water disposal area and further increasing to 3.5 metres in the east of Lot 5531.

In any case the groundwater does not intersect the land surface, but rather is around 1.5 metres below the surface.

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The key hydrogeological issue for the land capability is the potential for minor water laying on the surface in winter, perched on the basal sandy clays.

That risk is negated by the drains and the fill used for the orchard.

### 4.3 Water availability

#### Surface Water Sources

There are no surface water sources of water.

#### Ground Water Sources - Bore

Groundwater is available and there is a licensed bore on site, licensed for 5,000 kL per year. The bore is located just east of the existing dwelling on Lot 5531.



Site reference 61603055 - Swan Coastal Catchment 616 - Bore - Bore

Alternative Site References			
Numbering System	Reference Code	Site Name	Short Name
AWRC	61603055	Swan Coastal Catchment 616 - Bore	Bore
WIN_ID	20026288		Bore
ACWAB	2034-2-NE-0515	SWAN COASTAL CATCHMENT 616 -	Bore

General Details			
Site Type	Groundwater	Sub Type	Bore or Well
Northing	6475841	Easting	404206
Latitude	-31.849122874	Longitude	115.987509321
Thou250 Map Index	SH5014	Geographic Precision	±100m (±4- m)
Local Govt Authority	CITY OF SWAN	Locality	WEST SWAN
Catchment	SwanAvon_Lower Swan	Estuary	
River Basin	616 - Swan Coastal	Groundwater Area	Swan
Surface Water Area	Swan River and Tributaries	Surface Water SubArea	Swan/Canning Estuary
Site Comment	WAWA to no 21374. Yield 1500 to 2000 gph or 143.63 m3/d to 218.18 m3/d		
		DWER Region	Swan-Avon
		BOM Rainfall District	9 - Central Coast
		Groundwater Province	Perth
		Cg50n Catchment Area (km2)	N/A
		Site Geofecture	Ground
		Zone	50
		Spheroid	GCSA4

Depth Measurement Points (Site reference: 61603055)					
Measurement Point Type	Elevation (m as per Datum Plane)	Datum	Measurement Method	Date	Comments
Ground level		0 NA	(none)	15/05/2005	
Drilling - No Data Available					

Figure 18: Details of the bore (arrowed)

Whether any additional allocations are available from an addition to the Water Licence or from trading or purchase of an additional allocation may affect the areas and types of land use.

### ***Rain Water***

It is possible to generate some additional water by the collection of rainwater, but generally this is not significant. For example a 200 m<sup>2</sup> roof area will generate around 140 kL water per year.

### ***Scheme Water***

Scheme water is available at site. It is assumed that sufficient availability can be used to supplement bore water.

It is proposed that the mushroom sticks will be misted with scheme water.

### ***Recycled Water***

It is proposed to dispose of the waste water collected from the secondary treatment unit. That water will be recycled and used to irrigate the Jujube through subsurface irrigation.

The volume of water available will be determined by the number of land uses on site. Development will be progressive with the first activities being the orchard and mushroom greenhouses.

### ***Types of land uses - requirements***

The developments will be supplied with scheme water.

The Jujube orchard will utilise recovered waste water, backed up by bore water.

As noted above the volume of water available will be dependent on the number of land uses operating.

The first activities will be the orchard and mushroom greenhouses.

It is only when the restaurant/café and chalets are in operation that the volume of waste water will increase and be available for irrigating the jujube orchard. Prior to that time the orchard will be irrigated by bore water.

As an example of the uses to which the water could be put; for cottage industries the available bore water of 6 000 kL volume of water will be capable of supplying sufficient water to around 0.8 hectares (the area of orchard proposed) of higher use orchard such as citrus and grape vines.

## 5.0 PROPOSED LAND USES – JUJUBE ORCHARD

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd who operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, 6155 propose to establish the intensive horticulture (Jujube and Mushrooms) on Lot 5531 West Swan Road to supply product to supermarkets in the Perth Metropolitan area and the wider locations and other markets depending on production.

They are a successful business that not only supply the products but are actively researching the growth of specialty mushrooms at their Canning Vale site warehouse.

### *What is Jujube?*

The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development has produced a summary of the industry for Jujube growing in Western Australia, that provides a good summary of the nature of the fruit, its growth habits and management and the uses and markets for the fruit. DPIRD 2020, Jujubes in Western Australia, DPLH Website. The website provides good documentation and includes the following introductory notes in italics.

Printed from The Chinese jujube (DPIRD 2020)

*The Chinese jujube (Ziziphus jujuba Mill.) is one of the most important fruit crops in China and has been commonly used as a traditional Chinese medicine and food for thousands of years. The jujube is widely grown in China with cultivation records going back more than 3000 years and can also be found in neighbouring countries.*

*The jujube is a medium-sized tree, growing 7–10 metres high. The tree has shiny deciduous foliage and produces a fruit that is known as a drupe.*

*The fruit varies in size depending on the cultivar, and it has a thin, dark red skin surrounding a sweet, white flesh. The fruit is very nutritious with potassium, phosphorus, calcium and manganese being the major mineral components, as well as iron, sodium, zinc and copper.*

*The jujube is a rich source of vitamin C and B-complex. The vitamin C content is higher than other fruits which are well known for high content such as oranges. The antioxidant capacity of fresh jujube is also relatively high compared with other vegetables and fruits.*

*Jujube fruits are eaten fresh, dried or processed as 'Chinese dates' which have been used in confectionery such as breads, cake, candy, compote and jam.*

*In Western Australia, jujubes are grown in the Perth Hills, the northern Rangelands, the South West and Great Southern regions. Jujubes are also grown in Victoria, South Australia New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory. Small quantities of jujubes are sold at local markets and some Asian supermarkets in Perth.*

*Western Australia's proximity to South East Asia and its counter-seasonal production to the northern hemisphere provides an opportunity to market product for the increasing demand, especially during festivals. Target markets include China, Singapore, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Taiwan.*

*The jujube industry in Australia has potential to be a new profitable agricultural business to meet the requirements of domestic and overseas markets.*

Jujube are also grown as dense plantings in rows where with pruning heavy cropping can develop very quickly over a few years. For the intensive Jujube production on Lot 5531 the spacings are to be in rows 2 metres apart with 2 metre spacings and pruned to a height of 2 – 3 metres.



**Figure 19: Potted Jujube trees waiting to be sold (Source - Mid Valley Trees)**



Figure 20: Fruiting Jujube (Source – Flower Pictures)



Figure 21: Stages of fruit development from fresh fruit to older fruit that resemble dates and are sold as "Chinese Dates" (Source - DPIRD 2020)

**Need for the fruit.**

The proponent company and directors currently supply Jujube (Chinese Dates) to a number of supermarkets and markets around Perth, but is having trouble obtaining reliable supplies, most of which are imported.

There are many varieties of Jujube with some of the most common being “Apple,” “Pear”, “Garlic” and “Li”.

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd who operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, currently supply imported Jujube to a number of local supermarkets from imported products. Some of the supermarkets supplied are listed below with the current supply rates

The aim is to replace and supplement imported supply with local supply of Jujube.

**Table 2: Jujube fruit requirements in Perth**

Example Supermarkets Supplied	Current Supply
NP supermarket (Perth, Cannington, Girrawheen, Morley):	Pear(110 tonne/year) Apple (66 tonne/year) Garlic (264 tonne/year) , local supply through Canning Vale:
Golden choice (Subiaco, Perth):	Pear(50 tonne/year) Apple (30 tonne/year) Garlic (130 tone/year) , local supply through Canning Vale
Long Hui Supermarket(370 William St, Perth) :	Pear(20 tone/year) Apple (15 tone/year) Garlic(60 tone/year) , local supply through Canning Vale:
Riverton Oriental Foods(Riverton Oriental Foods):	Pear(20 tone/year) Apple (15 tone/year) Garlic(60 tone/year) , Local supply: Chinese Dates: March-April 100Kg/day, during the march and April which is the harvest season,

A copy of a receipt for the supply of Jujube is provided below.

**Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd**20 Clipper Parade, Canning Vale, Western Australia 6155  
ABN: 131 635 25059 TFN: 946 490 684 TEL/FAX: +61 8 9256 1584**INVOICE**

TO: M/S

**Golden Choice Perth Fresh**NO. ALGC211126**Market**DATE: 26/11/2021177-179 Brisbane Street,  
Perth

Marks.& Nos.	Quantities and Descriptions	Unit Price	Amount	
N/M	Oyster Mushroom 27.40Kg(22/11/21)	\$13.00/Kg	\$356.20	
	Shiitake Mushroom 14.00Kg(22/11/21)	\$17.00/kg	\$238.00	
	Oyster Mushroom 19.90Kg(24/11/21)	\$13.00/kg	\$258.70	
	Shiitake Mushroom 13.20kg(24/11/21)	\$17.00/Kg	\$224.40	
	Korea Pear 5kg/carton 152Cartons(23/11/21)	\$28.00/Carton	\$4256.00	
	Sand Pear 10Kg/Carton 91Cartons(23/11/21)	\$37.00/Carton	\$3367.00	
	Peeled Garlic 500gX10/Carton 80Carton(23/11/21)	\$19.50/Carton	\$1560.00	
	Prepack Garlic 500gX20/Carton 40Cartons(23/11/21)	\$29.00/Carton	\$1160.00	
	Oyster Mushroom 19.20Kg(26/11/21)	\$13.00/kg	\$249.60	
	Shiitake Mushroom 6.60kg(26/11/21)	\$17.00/kg	\$112.20	
	Chinese Cabbage 24pcs(26/11/21)	\$4.00/pc	<b>-\$96.00</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$11586.10</b>

Please remit the payment to the following account:

Business (AUD)Account Name: AULONG INT'L (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD

BSB: 036-081 Account Number: 42-8838

Customer Number: 39156161 AULONG INT'L (AUSTRALIA) PTY..

SWIFT Code: WPACAU2S

**Climate Requirements**

Printed from The Chinese jujube (DPIRD 2020)

*Jujube trees have a lower water requirement and higher salt tolerance than most fruit crops. Under natural conditions the tree forms a deep and substantial taproot making it drought tolerant. Jujube trees grow best in climates with a long, hot, dry summer after adequate rain early in the season and cool temperatures during its dormancy. In Western Australia, jujubes are grown in areas with around 200–1000mm annual rainfall.*



*Studies from China suggest the chilling requirement depends on the cultivar and can range from 775 to 1737 hours at less than 7.2°C. However, areas in WA where jujubes are grown are somewhat lower than this range, yet flowering and fruit set occurs. There is perhaps more to be understood regarding the true chilling requirement for Chinese jujubes under Australian climatic conditions but low to medium chill varieties would be best suited to WA.*

*Fruit set requires average daily temperatures above 20°C. Fruit development requires average daily temperatures over 24–25°C.*

*Jujubes grow well on a variety of soils. The tree prefers sandy loams or lighter soils but will grow on heavier clays. The jujube tree can tolerate saline, alkaline or slightly acidic soils but grows best in soil with pH 4.5–8.4.*

*Natural growing conditions of jujube in China*

Condition	Value
Annual average temperature (°C)	5.5–22
Average temperature of flower season (°C)	≥22–24
Minimum temperature (°C)	≥ minus 38.2
Frost-free period (days)	≥100
Annual rainfall (mm)	87–2000
Annual sunshine (hours)	≥1100
Soil depth (cm)	≥30
Soil pH	4.5–8.4
Soil NaCl (%)	≤0.15
Soil Na <sub>2</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> (%)	≤0.3
Soil Na <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> (%)	≤0.5

DPIRD lists areas from Northampton in the North to south of Bunbury and Mt Barker as being suitable for Jujube production. The climate data and soil match the DPIRD listed data for suitable production.

### **Soil Requirements**

The trees prefer sandy loam soils, with this orchard site having around 1 metre of earthy yellow sand sheeted over sandy clay subsoils being highly suitable for production.

DPIRD 2020 notes that;

*Prior to planting, pits of 0.6–1m cubed are dug at appropriate distances depending on orchard density. The pits are filled with original soil mixed with manure, superphosphate and trace elements. Transplanting trees in the field is most successful just prior to bud burst.*

*Jujube orchards in WA will need a balanced nutrient program supplying nitrogen (N), phosphorus (P), potassium (K), magnesium (Mg) and trace elements at rates depending on soil fertility, tree age and cropping levels. With deciduous orchards the best time to apply the main annual dressing of NPK is in early spring.*

The site has already been prepared by drilling the holes in preparation for planting and shown by Figure 7.

### **Planting the Jujube Orchard**

The agricultural use of the site will occupy approximately 8,300sqm of the site and will be located at the rear half of the site. Most of this area will be used as open orchards for Jujube production with two mushroom greenhouses located in the centre of the site.

The open orchard is approximately 90m deep by 60m wide and will consist of approximately 600 trees initially, spaced 2m apart across 30 rows. That equates to around 3,000 m<sup>2</sup>.

It is proposed to add further trees to up to 1,000 trees on an area of around 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> later in the buffer areas and edges. Compare Figure 7 for the initial planting compared to Figure 4 which shows additional ground that can be planted.

The orchard species will be Jujube.

See Figures 1, 4 and 7, for the location of the orchard with Figure 7 showing the holes already in place for planting.

*The key times for nutrition are:*

- *before budburst (September)*
- *early flowering (October/November)*
- *rapid growth stage of young fruit (December)*
- *immediately after fruit harvest (April/May).*

As noted above the proponent has already prepared planting sites across 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> of the orchard area with space for around 600 trees. The drilled planting holes can be seen in Figure 7.

As noted by DPIRD 2020, the pits are excavated and will be filled with a mixture of the original soil mixed, manure, superphosphate, trace elements and other nutrients for planting.

The cost of buying the saplings can vary depending on the source in Australia. The proponent has obtained quotes for plant stock of \$40/tree.

### **Irrigation and Nutrition**

For irrigation DPIRD 2020 notes;

*Although jujube trees can survive with very little water, irrigation is an important factor to produce a good yield of quality jujubes. Irrigation scheduling has a direct impact on tree health and fruit yield, size and quality. Without correct scheduling an orchard is more susceptible to nutrient deficiencies, physiological disorders, pests and diseases.*

*Soil characteristics will influence the type and timing of your irrigation program. Moisture will drain towards the root zone and plant utilisation and water use efficiency will depend on how long it is held there.*

The location has around 0.8 ha and 5,000 kL irrigation reliable rainfall of around 800 mm and the nature of the soils, it is likely that alternative land uses will be based on irrigated agriculture.

The trees require approximately 3–8 megalitres per hectare (ML/ha or 3,000 – 8,000 kL per hectare) over the growing season, depending on site specific soil and climate.

For the currently prepared site of 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> the water use requirement will be 1,000 – 2,400 kL per year, well within the capability of the bore allocation of 5,000 kL per year. Even with an expansion to 5,000 m<sup>2</sup> of planting the bore water requirement will be a maximum of 4,000 kL per year.

In addition the recovered waste water will be used for irrigation of the trees which will reduce the draw on the bore and reduce the amount of fertiliser requirement.

It is anticipated that both recycled waste water and bore water will be used to manipulate the nutrient applications.

DPLH notes that micro sprinklers are a good option for tree crops such as jujubes. They noted that compared to larger sprinklers they are efficient, saving water by only watering the ground under the trees and not the inter-rows. They work on lower pressure and are cheap to run. Trickle and drip irrigation are efficient, economical systems that are well suited to jujubes.

The proposed methods of irrigation will be in two sections depending on the source of the water.

As the waste water disposal area in the orchard will only be required when the restaurant and chalets are in use, initially only bore water will be used during the establishment of the orchard, and microsprays or drippers will be used.

During the later stages of development, when the restaurant/café and chalets are constructed, waste water will be used for irrigation to supplement the bore water and provide nutrients.

The use of recycled waste water is described in *Department of Health 2011, Guidelines for the Non-potable Uses of Recycled Water in Western Australia*. For recovered waste water the water is to be sourced from systems that feature secondary treatment and must only be used where there is a low risk of contamination.

For a perennial crop such as Jujube the waste water will be available through an underground delivery system with no water able to access the surface. The waste water reuse area will be dedicated to ensure there is no contact between the fruit and the water, the recycled water is not able to access the surface of the soils and there are restrictions to access, and management plans are in place. These are all proposed for the reuse of waste water and are described in the Risk Assessment for waste water re-use conducted to Department of Health Guidelines and included in the documentation for the Treatment of Waste Water.

The timing of the irrigation will be developed to;

- Maintain adequate water during the year,
- Maintain normal and optimal growth patterns,
- Integrate with weather conditions,
- Integrate the recycled water to manage nutrient input to the plants based on soil, water and plant testing,

The proposed irrigation regime is consistent with DPIRD 2020 suggestions.

### **Training and pruning**

Jujube trees can be grown as large trees up to 4 metres high, but in an orchard situation trees are normally planted in dense rows and trimmed to rows along which the fruit can be accessed. The orientation of the rows is normally north south and this is proposed to maximise the light availability and reduce the shading.

The planting regime proposed is espalier form, similar to Figure 19 showing two rows of trees. Note that the trees in Figure 19 are ready for sale but the layout in the orchard will be similar.

#### **DPIRD 2020 notes - Growth**

*Training is carried out during the first three to five years of growth). The common forms for conventional orchards are central leader, open centre or modified leader systems, and for intensive planting systems, Y type, dwarf pyramid, pillar, espalier, and spindle have been tested with success in China.*

*Pruning methods are determined by patterns of fruiting. Pruning can be done in both the dormant and growing seasons. Dormant pruning is done mainly to remove shoots that are incapable of producing fruit of suitable size and quality such as weak, diseased, pest-damaged and crowded shoots.*

*Summer pruning includes removing useless or crowded sprouted buds and new shoots and damaged and diseased shoots. Summer pruning has been shown to be very effective on young and adult trees.*

*The tree can be trained to a certain shape with or without a central leader by training permanent branches. In general, about six to eight primary branches are kept within a height of 3 to 5 metres and well spaced in all directions. Trees need to be pruned annually to enable the tree to bear a full crop.*

*In the first season after planting a grafted tree carry out first training pruning during the dormant season:*

#### **DPIRD 2020 notes - Pests and diseases**

*Brown spot of jujube, caused by the fungal pathogen *Nothophoma quercina* was recently detected in WA. No other significant diseases have been found in jujubes to date.*

*Pests include rabbits, kangaroos and birds but these can be controlled by fencing or netting the orchard. The jujube is susceptible to Mediterranean fruit fly (Medfly) so a baiting program may be required. Three main control strategies are recommended:*

- *cover spraying*
- *bait or spot spraying*
- *lure and kill devices.*

*The effectiveness of these control techniques should be monitored with traps. Medfly not only affects crop production, but limits access to interstate and overseas markets.*

*In China some 86 pests and 10 diseases have been reported to be harmful to jujubes. Of the pests, peach fruit moth and *Lygus pratensis* are most common and serious. Among diseases and disorders, witches broom, fruit splitting and rust are the most serious. Fruit splitting is an issue for jujubes in Western Australia. It is a water-related physiological disorder and can ruin a large percentage of the crop in some years. The severity depends on water management throughout the growing season, rain around fruit maturation, and cultivar resistance. Maintaining soil moisture during the growing season will help reduce splitting but resistant varieties are the best option.*

### **Bird control**

*Parrots are the most damaging pest to small and/or relatively isolated orchards. The rainbow lorikeet has also become a serious pest in some growing areas where it can pose an even greater threat to crops than the twenty-eight and red cap parrots.*

*Bird control methods include:*

*Exclusion netting: Although expensive (approximately \$30 000/ha) this method will also alleviate the effects of extreme weather events such as hail storms and hot temperatures (sunburn). When assessing the advantage of netting as a means of bird control, the percentage of crop loss as well as the time spent controlling birds by other methods must be taken into account.*

The main pest is baiting for Fruit Fly, which does not involve any offsite impacts.

Bird netting will be used for bird attacks, which is similar to netting that is used for grapes in the Swan Valley.

### **Picking and Handling of Jujube**

Once the Jujube are picked the shelf life is relatively short with the fruit being available in April May. Picking can be followed by sorting and packing in the warehouse proposed.

Washing of the fruit is not required and can be detrimental to their shelf life. In order to increase the availability of fruit a cool room is proposed for the warehouse to chill the fruit and enable supply over a longer time frame.

To value add there is the potential for drying the Jujube to produce “Chinese Dates” where the potential profits are significantly higher with a small increase in handling and storage costs.

### **Costs and Potential Profits**

One of the unique things about Jujube is that they will fruit in the first year onwards and therefore profits can be generated very quickly.

Part of the orchard will be for the onsite picking, some part will supply to local supermarket including NP supermarket, Goodchoice and other local Chinese supermarkets to fill the current market gaps.

*DPIRD 2017, Jujube development budget and market analysis*, provides an analysis of the costs of establishing a Jujube orchard in Western Australia, and has provided indicative production costs.

DPIRD used consultancy fees, which is not anticipated to be required for this project. They listed the costs of establishment over the first five years as \$111,426. These figures seem a little high based on the research conducted by the proponent but are used as an indicative figure.

The cost covers all aspects of ground preparation, tree purchase, trellising and training, bird netting, establishment of irrigation, fertiliser and annual management

For the initial proposed planting of 600 trees on 3,000 m<sup>2</sup>, the figure will be in the order of planting of \$33,500 over 5 years. Even at that planting regime the proposed orchard is viable.

With another 2,000 m<sup>2</sup> of anticipated plantings the costs will be an additional \$22,000 over 5 years.

Production costs used by DPIRD 2017 is \$31,074 per hectare. For the 3,000 m<sup>2</sup> initial orchard and the anticipated further plantings of 2,000 the maintenance figures are around \$9,300 and \$15,500 respectively.

The cost of buying the saplings can vary depending on the source in Australia and is approximately \$40/tree at spacings of 2 metres as shown in Figure 7 already established on site.

### **Production and Value of fruit**

The market price is placed at a very conservative around \$20/kg, for Perth but fadvertising data such as shown in Figure 22, Jujube Australia for example are currently advertising their Jujube Red Date Premium Jumbo range of fruit for \$65 - \$600 per kilo for Chico, Li and Pear and \$120 - \$2,100 per kilo for Winter Wonder Fruit.

The standard range of fruit are selling by Jujube Australia at a slightly less base price and an upper price around 60% of the Premium grade.

The first year harvest is expected to produce 10kg/tree, second year 20kg/tree, third year 30kg/tree, 40kg/tree afterward.

**Table 3: Cost of establishment of Jujube**

	Proposed initial planting, (holes prepared on site)		Anticipated additional planting	
	<b>COSTS</b> 600 trees on 3,000 m <sup>2</sup>	<b>RETURN</b> 600 trees on 3,000 m <sup>2</sup>	<b>COSTS</b> 400 trees on 2,000 m <sup>2</sup>	<b>RETURN</b> Gross return on 400 trees on 2,000 m <sup>2</sup>
Operating costs				
Construction	\$33,500			
Maintenance				
Year 1	\$9,300	\$120,000		
Year 2	\$9,300	\$240,000	\$22,000	
Year 3	\$9,300	\$360,000	\$6,200	\$80,000
Year 4	\$9,300	\$480,000	\$6,200	\$160,000
Year 5	\$9,300	\$480,000	\$6,200	\$240,000
Year 6	\$9,300	\$480,000	\$6,200	\$320,000
Year 7	\$9,300	\$480,000	\$6,200	\$320,000

As can be seen the potential profits are large and even if the price paid for the fruit drops or production rates are less than anticipated profit potential remains very high for the small area of intensive horticulture.

That is, with around 600 trees on site and 40 kg of fruit at 4 years that equates to around \$480,000 gross value from fruit which after costs is over \$450,000 per year for the 600 trees.

With the anticipated additional plantings of another 400 trees on a further 2,000 m<sup>2</sup>, there is potential to add an additional \$300,000 per year.

### **Potential Offsite Conflicts**

The potential for land use conflicts is to:

- Sensitive premises and crops outside Lot 5531.

Jujube are relatively free from pests and diseases and require little or no spraying or management. The main pest Fruit Fly, for which baiting is used, which does not involve any offsite impacts.

Birds can also be an issue with growing fruit and therefore netting will be used to prevent bird damage, which is similar to netting that is used for grapes in the Swan Valley. That will negate the need for noisy alternatives which are not appropriate with the number of sensitive premises locally.

### **Potential on site conflicts**

The potential for land use conflicts on site is to:





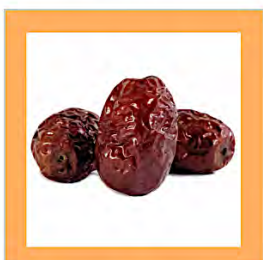

- Other activities on site such as the Chalets, restaurant.


A risk management plan is prepared to address potential on site conflicts. This is a stand alone plan that will seek to manage potential conflicts between, for example noise and activity between intensive agriculture and chalet guests, biosecurity, contamination of fruit and produce, use of recovered waste water after the construction of the restaurant and chalets and other potential conflicts. See the separate Land Use Risk Management.

*s "Received the gorgeous red dates today. My family (both here and overseas) adore your red dates."*  
Kevin, Bentleigh, Vic.

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### Shop for Jujubes

 <p><b>Winter Wonder® – Premium</b> \$85 – \$1,450 Out of Stock</p>	 <p><b>Winter Wonder® – Premium JUMBO</b> \$120 – \$2,100 Out of Stock</p>	 <p><b>Winter Wonder® – Standard</b> \$70 – \$610 Out of Stock</p>
 <p><b>Li – Premium</b> \$65 – \$600</p> <p style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px 10px; display: inline-block;">SELECT OPTIONS</p>	 <p><b>Shuimen – Premium</b> \$65 – \$600 Out of Stock</p>	 <p><b>Chico – Premium</b> \$65 – \$600 Out of Stock</p>



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Figure 22: Current (January 2022) prices for dried Jujubes



## 6.0 PROPOSED LAND USES – MUSHROOM PRODUCTION

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd who operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, 6155 propose to establish the intensive horticulture (Jujube and Mushrooms) on Lot 5531 West Swan Road to supply products to supermarkets in the Perth Metropolitan area and the wider locations and other markets depending on production.

They are a successful business that not only supply the products but are actively researching the growth of specialty mushrooms at their Canning Vale site warehouse.

### Mushrooms

There is a rapidly increasing market for specialty mushrooms, particularly for Asian style cooking. Currently the market cannot be supplied locally and there is a good opportunity to increase local supply.

The main market currently for mushrooms are Oyster, Umbrella and Shiitake.

Oyster Mushrooms come in a variety of shades from white, light brown to yellow and pink, which make particularly suitable for the Gourmet and Asian cuisines.



Figure 23: Oyster Mushrooms



**Figure 24: Umbrella and Shiitake Mushrooms (Source - Rebeccaveganfood.blog)**

The proposed intensive land use is to be implemented by Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd a wholesaler and importer of specialty and Asian food products.

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, 6155. They are a successful business that not only supply the products but are actively researching the growth of specialty mushrooms at the Canning Vale site.

The landholder Jesuome Australia Pty Ltd, and Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd share some common directors.

***Need for the Mushrooms***

The proponent companies and directors currently supplies mushrooms to a number of supermarkets and markets around Perth, but are having trouble obtaining reliable supplies, most of which are imported.

Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd who operate from a wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA, currently supply imported mushrooms to a number of local supermarkets from imported products. Some of the supermarkets supplied are listed below with the current supply rates.

Mushrooms contain more protein than fruits & vegetables and, can also be low in cholesterol.

Apart from their protein content, mushrooms can also be high in certain vitamins like B, C, vitamin D, riboflavin, thiamine nicotinic acid.

They are an excellent source of iron, potassium, and potassium along with folic acid, a component known for improving the blood and avoidance deficiencies.

Mushrooms are very healthy. They are a good source of many nutrients. For example, recent research has found that when UV light is shined on mushrooms, there is a major boost in the vitamin D2 content of the mushrooms. A single serving of those mushrooms will contain over 800% of the recommended daily allowance of vitamin D2. They only have to be exposed once for five minutes after being harvested. That makes mushrooms great food for people who don't eat fish or drink milk.

Mushrooms also contain a lot of complex carbohydrates, such as glucans and glycogen, monosaccharides, disaccharides, sugar alcohols, and chitin. These polysaccharides are structural components of the cell walls and are considered to be dietary fibre.

Many varieties of mushroom have been used in Asian cuisine for many years but have largely been unavailable in Australia and were mainly imported as dried products. That situation is changing and more mushrooms in general and more specialty mushrooms are now being grown in Australia.

There remains supply shortages in Perth that can be filled by additional local production.

**Table 4: Local supply of mushrooms**

Example Supermarkets Supplied	Current Supply
NP supermarket (Perth, Cannington, Girrawheen, Morley):	Oyster Mushrooms (20Kg/day) Shiitake Mushroom (20Kg/day) local supply through Canning Vale:
Golden choice (Subiaco, Perth):	Oyster Mushrooms (20Kg/day) Shiitake Mushroom (20Kg/day) local supply through Canning Vale
Long Hui Supermarket(370 William St, Perth) :	Oyster Mushrooms (5Kg/day) Shiitake Mushroom (5Kg/day) local supply through Canning Vale:
Riverton Oriental Foods(Riverton Oriental Foods):	Oyster Mushrooms (5Kg/day) Shiitake Mushroom (5Kg/day) local supply through Canning Vale:

The growth of Shiitake Mushrooms commercially on artificial logs or sticks is well known commercially and summaries by PennState University, 2001, Cultivation of Shiitake on Natural and Synthetic Logs. Pennsylvania State University, USA.

### Growth Requirements

To grow successfully most mushrooms require a growing substrate of organic materials that can be invaded as the food source.

The growth substrate is then inoculated with mushroom spore and placed in a suitable environment to allow the mushrooms to grow. The mushroom provides mycelium that spread through the growth substrate and then when growth is sufficient a fruiting body or bodies form on the substrate. The fruiting body is the mushroom as we know it.

Depending on the growth conditions and variety of mushroom, fruiting bodies (Mushrooms) are produced over a period from one to a number of weeks with additional fruiting bodies produced until a substantial portion of the nutrients in the growth substrate are exhausted.

At that time the mushroom substrate is removed and a newly inoculated substrate provided.

Most mushrooms are grown commercially in rooms, greenhouses, tunnels or other features.

Some mushrooms prefer dark conditions whereas other prefer low light or even brighter light.

The main difficulties with mushroom growing are therefore obtaining the right mix of microhabitat in terms of temperature, humidity, light and the correct substrate for growing.

Typical substrates include sawdust, grain, straw, corn cobs, bagasse, chaff, and other agricultural by products.

For example If you use a straw product for mushroom farming, then you need to chop it into short pieces. Place it in a large stockpot, and then boil it for about 30 minutes. Then remove it from the water and spread it out so that it can start cooling. Other sterilisation methods are used for different substrates and growth medium. Substrates (materials the mushrooms grow in) are blended and packaged into special plastic bags or jars.

After being pasteurized or sterilized, the substrate-filled containers are inoculated with the desired fungi and placed into spawn run rooms where temperature, humidity, light, and sometimes atmospheric gases are carefully controlled.

Once inoculated with spores by sprinkling over the substrate and placing inside, the inoculated substrate is placed in a warm humid environment of around 25°C.

Once growing, the humidity, temperature and light can then be manipulated to encourage fruiting.

Harvesting must be completed at the right stage of fruiting and therefore daily picking is normally required.

In order to achieve high yields and rapid production cycles most mushroom species require specialized facilities.

Nowadays most mushrooms are grown on commercially prepared “log” substrates as this is an efficient means of preparing a consistent growth substrate.

If non commercially prepared substrates are used by sourcing organic materials such as manure, sawdust, straw and other crops there can be difficulties of supply of the raw materials, potential issues with nutrients, odour flies and the substrate may not be sufficiently sterile and have adverse microbial material.

For example most substrates are sterilised by boiling or a similar sterilisation process. For a site such as Lot 5531 any preparation of the substrates on site could present potential on site and nearby offsite environmental impacts.

### ***Mushroom Growth***

In order to mitigate production issues Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd propose to import inoculated mushroom sticks from China.

They have already conducted growth trials at their wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA,

The raw materials for this project will be imported from China, and the monthly import volume will reach 50,000 sticks.

The planting technology is different from the traditional planting technology in Australia. All mushrooms will be planted in the greenhouse with mushroom sticks imported from China.

The inoculated growth medium sticks will be in a temperature controlled container shipped from China held at 2-10 degrees Celsius, which prevents the growth of the mushrooms.

Once located in the growth greenhouse the microclimate is change to growth parameters of mid 20 degrees Celsius and humidity, combined with light, which triggers the growth of the mushroom mycelium.

Only a small amount of water is required to maintain the temperatures and humidity as well as enable growth.

All of that ensures that the risks from pollution or to the environment is controlled and minimised. The sterilisation of the imported sticks prior to leaving China negates the risk of introducing unwanted microbial material.

### **Lot 5531 Site Production**

This land use also includes two mushroom greenhouses to initially grow Oyster and Shiitake mushrooms and to support seasonal demands for fruit, vegetables and flowers.

The largest mushroom greenhouse is 19.3 m by 16 m and will produce mushrooms in an area of up to 310 m<sup>2</sup>. The smaller mushroom greenhouse is just over 200 m<sup>2</sup>.

The produce grown on site will be sorted/processed in the proposed warehouse located behind the existing dwelling. Separate rooms and sorting areas allow for this to be conducted as efficiently as possible and is conveniently located in proximity to the restaurant.

### **Growth Trials**

The prepared substrate sticks are certified for their organic status with the USDA (US) and Ecocert (European Union) and are therefore able to be imported into Australia.

In order to test the viability of the project and the methodology Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd have already imported mushroom substrates (sticks) into Perth and have grown them at their wholesale warehouse at 20 Clipper Pde, Canning Vale WA.

Currently Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd is growing the Oyster Mushroom and Shiitake Mushroom in a 350 m<sup>2</sup> warehouse in Canning Vale. Copies of the import approvals for the mushroom trials are attached to this report.

There are three shipping container in there, two of them are used for growing the mushroom and the other one is using as the storage.

The size of the containers is 12.192mx2.438m, two of the containers can produce approximately 100Kg/day mushroom.

The temperature is controlled at 15-20 degree with constant LED light and ventilation.

For commercial production at Lot 5531 the anticipated yields are provided below based on the size of the growing greenhouses.

Staff requirements will be 2-4 full time operators.

Note that the trial examples are being grown in the presence of LED lighting and do not need to be in the dark. The mushroom greenhouses therefore can also be more like a dark greenhouse.

Because this technology makes the mushroom growth cycle very short, it will be a long-term and highly efficient production chain. It requires the mushroom greenhouse and the proposed large scale of warehouse to proceed packaging and storage.

### ***Licences and Approvals***

A range of Licences and Permits are held by Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd, including permits to continue to import the mushroom sticks through till 13 December 2022.

Evidence of the various organic certifications of the mushroom products is also provided.



**Figure 25: Growth of Mushrooms at Canning Vale Warehouse**

***Costs and Potential Profits***

The cost of oyster mushrooms spawn(log) \$1.5each which can produce 0.75kg product. 500kg will need 666 number of spawn(log).

The cost of Shiitake mushrooms spawn(log) \$2 each which can produce 500g product. 200kg will need 400 number of spawn(log).

The market prices of mushrooms are;

- Oyster Mushrooms \$13 - 25/kg
- Umbrella Mushrooms \$13 - 30/kg
- Shiitake Mushrooms \$13 - 35/kg

Mushrooms, including Oyster mushroom, Umbrella Mushroom and Shiitake Mushroom would produce 500-1000 kg per day in 500 m<sup>2</sup> of production shed, with a sale price of \$10-15 per kg.

On that basis the daily output of mushrooms is conservatively estimated to be at least \$6,000 per day. Costs are estimated at no more than \$1,000 per day. If there was only 200 days full production on site, at \$5,000 per day will generate \$1 million annually.

A copy of an invoice for mushroom supplies and jujubes is provided below.



# Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd

20 Clipper Parade, Canning Vale, Western Australia 6155  
 ABN: 131 635 25059 TFN: 946 490 684 TEL/FAX: +61 8 9256 1584

## INVOICE

TO: M/S

**Golden Choice Perth Fresh Market**  
 177-179 Brisbane Street,  
 Perth

NO. ALGC211126

DATE: 26/11/2021

Marks.& Nos.	Quantities and Descriptions	Unit Price	Amount	
N/M	Oyster Mushroom 27.40Kg(22/11/21)	\$13.00/Kg	\$356.20	
	Shiitake Mushroom 14.00Kg(22/11/21)	\$17.00/kg	\$238.00	
	Oyster Mushroom 19.90Kg(24/11/21)	\$13.00/kg	\$258.70	
	Shiitake Mushroom 13.20kg(24/11/21)	\$17.00/Kg	\$224.40	
	Korea Pear 5kg/carton 152Cartons(23/11/21)	\$28.00/Carton	\$4256.00	
	Sand Pear 10Kg/Carton 91Cartons(23/11/21)	\$37.00/Carton	\$3367.00	
	Peeled Garlic 500gX10/Carton 80Carton(23/11/21)	\$19.50/Carton	\$1560.00	
	Prepack Garlic 500gX20/Carton 40Cartons(23/11/21)	\$29.00/Carton	\$1160.00	
	Oyster Mushroom 19.20Kg(26/11/21)	\$13.00/kg	\$249.60	
	Shiitake Mushroom 6.60kg(26/11/21)	\$17.00/kg	\$112.20	
	Chinese Cabbage 24pcs(26/11/21)	\$4.00/pc	<b>-\$96.00</b>	
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$11586.10</b>

Please remit the payment to the following account:  
 Business (AUD)Account Name: AULONG INT'L (AUSTRALIA) PTY LTD  
 BSB: 036-081 Account Number: 42-8838  
 Customer Number: 39156161 AULONG INT'L (AUSTRALIA) PTY..  
 SWIFT Code: WPACAU2S



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Agriculture,**  
**Water and the Environment**

**Permit to import conditionally non-prohibited goods**

This permit is issued under *Biosecurity Act 2015* Section 179 (1)

**Permit: 0005849958**

**Valid for: multiple consignments  
 between 13 December 2021 and 13 December 2022**

This permit is issued to: Aulong International Australia Pty Ltd  
 20 Clipper Parade  
 CANNING VALE WA 6155  
 Australia

Attention: Mr Wang Richard

**This permit is issued for the import of Plant and Plant Products (Non-standard goods).**

Exporter details:	Various exporters
Exporter contact:	Shandong Qihe Bio Technology Co., Ltd Shuangquan ZICHUAN SHANDONG 255100 China
Country of export:	China

This permit includes the following good(s). Refer to the indicated page for details of the permit conditions:

1. Mushroom for propagation	
Description:	Mushrooms for propagation
Proposed end use:	Propagation
Country of origin:	China
Permit Conditions:	Frozen mushroom spawn and/or cultures <span style="float: right;">Page 3</span>

NOTE: Where a good has more than one set of permit conditions please read each set to determine which set of permit conditions applies to a specific consignment.

----- End of commodity list -----

**This permit is granted subject to the requirement that fees determined under section 592(1) are paid.**

Catherine Duncan  
 Delegate of the Director of Biosecurity Date: 24 November 2021

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# CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIC OPERATION

Issued by ECOCERT SA to

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The following products and activities are certified to the USDA organic regulations, 7 CFR Part 205.

Any reference to the organic production mode has to respect the rules as determined in Subpart D of the Rule. Any other rules of labelling as determined by national food acts have to be followed.

Scope: Crops

Date of initial NOP certification: 30 April 2019

Category of certification: NOP "organic" product (205.301b)

## CROPS AND CROPS RAW PRODUCTS

Mushrooms, Mushroom Spores (Gravel, Stick)

蘑菇 平菇菌棒

Mushrooms, Mushroom Spores (Sintered Stick)

蘑菇 香菇菌棒

Once certified, a production or handling operation's organic certification continues in effect until surrendered, suspended or revoked. A certification operation must annually request the continuation of its certification by following the section 205.406 of the NOP.

The authenticity and validity of this document can be verified on [www.ecocert.com](http://www.ecocert.com).

Issued in L'ISLE JOURDAIN

On: 30 April 2019

Renewal due date:

(when the certified operation must submit its annual update)

1st February 2020

Philippe THOMAZO  
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### Manufacturer's Declaration of Oyster Mushroom Spawn (Log)

**Fugus Name:** Pleurotus Spp determined by morphological investigation

This product is mushroom log for producing oyster mushroom.

**The ingredients of the log are as follows:**

Sawdust: 60%

Straw: 25%

Bran: 10%

Glucose: 5%

The mycelia or spawn culture are pure strain of permitted species and labeled with scientific name (Pleurotus Spp) of the organism as it appears on import permit and are free from any contaminations.

**Processing:**

The culture was grown on the substrate that has been autoclaved at a pressure of 1 bar gauge pressure (15psi) and achieve minimum substrate temperature of 121C for 30 minutes and has not been subsequently contaminated with animal by-products or faeces.

**Inoculation:**

The spawn, prepared on sterile grains, inoculated with pure single culture of pleurotus spp is introduced into the growing medium in a sterile chamber and sealed immediately afterwards to prevent contamination, then removed to the clean room for spawn running and growth without any contamination.

**Storage and Transport:**

All the spawn is stored and transported at -2C degree.

Signed:

Erin Ding

Managing Director

For and on behalf of Shandong Qihe Bio Technology Co., Ltd

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### Manufacturer's Declaration of Shiitake Mushroom Spawn (Log)

**Fungus Name:** Lentinus Edodes determined by morphological investigation

This product is shiitake mushroom log for producing shiitake mushroom.

**The ingredients of the log are as follows:**

Sawdust: 78%

Bran: 20%

Gypsum: 2%

The mycelia or spawn culture are pure strain of permitted species and labeled with scientific name ( Lentinus Edodes) of the organism as it appears on import permit and are free from any contaminations.

**Processing:**

The culture was grown on the substrate that has been autoclaved at a pressure of 1 bar gauge pressure (15psi) and achieve minimum substrate temperature of 121C for 30 minutes and has not been subsequently contaminated with animal by-products or faeces.

**Inoculation:**

The spawn, prepared on sterile grains, inoculated with pure single culture of lentinus edodes is introduced into the growing medium in a sterile chamber and sealed immediately afterwards to prevent contamination, then removed to the clean room for spawn running and growth without any contamination.

**Storage and Transport:**

All the spawn is stored and transported at -2C degree.

Signed:

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## ATTESTATION

**for inputs suitable for use in Organic Farming according to (EC) n° 834/2007 & 889/2008 Regulations**

Attestation reference: 203422CN1900n1ec -  
Number of products: 2

This attestation is issued to the operator below:

**SHANDONG QIHE BIOTECHNOLOGY CO., LTD./山东七河生物科技股份有限公司**  
**NO.496 Songling West Road, Economic and Technological Development Zone of**  
**Zichuan, Zibo City, Shandong Province, P.R. China**  
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**CHINA/ 中国**

Ecocert SA confirms after inspection that the following products:

PRODUCT NAME	CATEGORY	STATUS
<b>Shiitake Mushroom Spawn / 香菇菌丝</b>	Growing medium	EU 889/2008 allowed
<b>Oyster Mushroom Spawn/ 平菇菌丝</b>	Growing medium	EU 889/2008 allowed

**are suitable for use in Organic Farming according to (EC) n° 834/2007 & 889/2008 Regulations**

Inputs Service Manager  
Arnaud FABRE


**Issue date, in L'Isle Jourdain: 02/04/2019**  
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**This document belongs to Ecocert. It has to be returned on request. Only the original is valid, until the expiry date of the attestation or the termination of the attestation contract.**

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# 中华人民共和国出入境检验检疫

## ENTRY-EXIT INSPECTION AND QUARANTINE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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### 植物检疫证书

### PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATE

编号 No.: 221000001161163002

发货人名称及地址 Name and Address of Consignor		SHANDONG QIHE BIO TECHNOLOGY CO.,LTD NO.496 SONGLING WEST ROAD,ZICHUAN DISTRICT,ZIBO CITY,SHANDONG,CHINA	
收货人名称及地址 Name and Address of Consignee		Aulong Int'l (Australia) Pty Ltd 20 Clipper PDE,Canning Vale,WA6155	
品名 Name of Produce	植物学名 Botanical Name of Plants	SEE ATTACHMENT	SEE ATTACHMENT
报检数量 Quantity Declared	SEE ATTACHMENT	标记及号码 Mark & No.	N/M
包装种类及数量 Number and Type of Packages	SEE ATTACHMENT		
产地 Place of Origin	SEE ATTACHMENT		
到达口岸 Port of Destination	FREMANTLE, AUSTRALIA		
运输工具 Means of Conveyance	BY VESSEL	检验日期 Date of Inspection	07 Apr.,2021

兹证明上述植物、植物产品或其他检疫物已经按照规定程序进行检查和/或检验，被认为不带有输入国或地区规定的检疫性有害生物，并且基本不带有其他的有害生物，因而符合输入国或地区现行的植物检疫要求。  
This is to certify that the plants, plant products or other regulated articles described above have been inspected and/or tested according to appropriate procedures and are considered to be free from quarantine pests specified by the importing country/ region, and practically free from other injurious pests; and that they are considered to conform with the current phytosanitary requirements of the importing country/region.

杀虫和/或灭菌处理 DISINFESTATION AND/OR DISINFECTION TREATMENT

日期 Date	药剂及浓度 Chemical and Concentration
处理方法 Treatment	持续时间及温度 Duration and Temperature

附加声明 ADDITIONAL DECLARATION

LOT NUMBER:QHXC21711  
 APPROVAL NO:4300ZM109  
 PRODUCER:SHANDONG QIHE BIO TECHNOLOGY CO.,LTD  
 CONTAINER NO:MNBU4006084

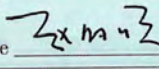
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签证地点 Place of Issue: ZIBO, CHINA

签证日期 Date of Issue: 07 Apr.,2021

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ATTACHMENT

序号 NO.	品名 Name of Produce	植物学名 Botanical Name of Plants	报检数量 Quantity Declared	包装种类及数量 Number and Type of Packages	产地 Place of Origin
	MUSHROOM SPAWN	<i>Lentinus edodes Quercus L</i>	**6000PCS/ **10440KGS	**9PLASTIC PALLETS	ZIBO,CHINA
	OYSTER MUSHROOM SPAWN	<i>Pleurotus spp</i>	**9060PCS/ **12341KGS	**11PLASTIC PALLETS	ZIBO,CHINA

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