

# **The effects of waste disposal on groundwater quality in Tasmania**



**Blue Ribbon  
abattoir,  
Smithton**

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# Groundwater quality investigations at the Blue Ribbon abattoir, Smithton

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## Abstract

Poor weather conditions prevented access for the drilling of an appropriate number of boreholes to assess groundwater quality in the area of the Smithton Blue Ribbon abattoir disposal site. Only limited data was collected at the site and extensive work is still required to assess surface and groundwater water quality and related environmental implications.

## INTRODUCTION

Mineral Resources Tasmania (MRT) initiated a project to investigate the effects of waste disposal on groundwater quality in Tasmania. The project was funded by MRT and the Natural Heritage Trust (NHT) and included a number of sites for detailed study. The Blue Ribbon abattoir site at Smithton was one of these sites.

The objectives of the investigations at the Smithton Blue Ribbon abattoir disposal site were to:

- Determine the geological nature of the host materials;
- Identify the depth of the water table;
- Examine the quality of the groundwater; and
- Investigate geological controls influencing groundwater flow directions.

## SITE DESCRIPTION

The Blue Ribbon abattoir disposal site is located approximately one kilometre south of Smithton (342 500 mE, 5 474 800 mN) (fig. 1) and has been in operation for over ten years. Prior to the Blue Ribbon development, the site was used as both a piggery and abattoir for over thirty years. The Department of Primary Industries, Water and Environment (DPIWE) currently licenses the facility.

As part of the process of closing the piggery and abattoir, all waste materials were bulldozed into a waste pile to the south of the existing abattoir (Plate 1). Dehydrated Animal Fat (DAF) is buried at various locations on the site (Plate 2). Subsidence related to the

recent DAF trenches was observed in the western area of the site (Plate 3). All disposal areas are located in sand and are covered with minimal local cover material (generally less than 200 mm in depth). No engineered filling sequence was implemented and the various aged waste materials have been placed in a random manner. General refuse, industrial machinery, organic, construction and demolition waste streams have been disposed of at the site.

## Geology

The Tasmania Department of Mines 1:50 000 scale Smithton geological map of the area (Lennox *et al.*,

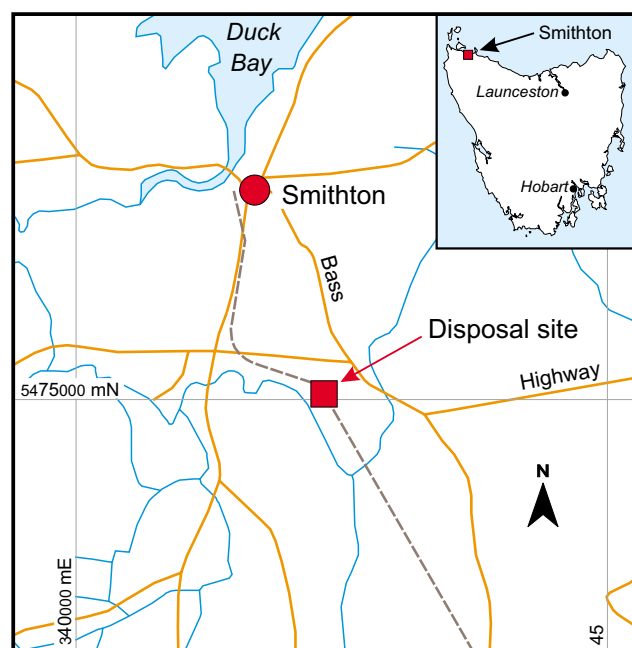


Figure 1. Location of the Blue Ribbon abattoir disposal site, Smithton.





**Plate 1.** *Waste pile/landfill from the former piggery/abattoir.*



**Plate 2.** *Active burial trench for dehydrated animal fat.*



**Plate 3.** *Subsidence related to the recent DAF trenches observed in the western part of the site.*

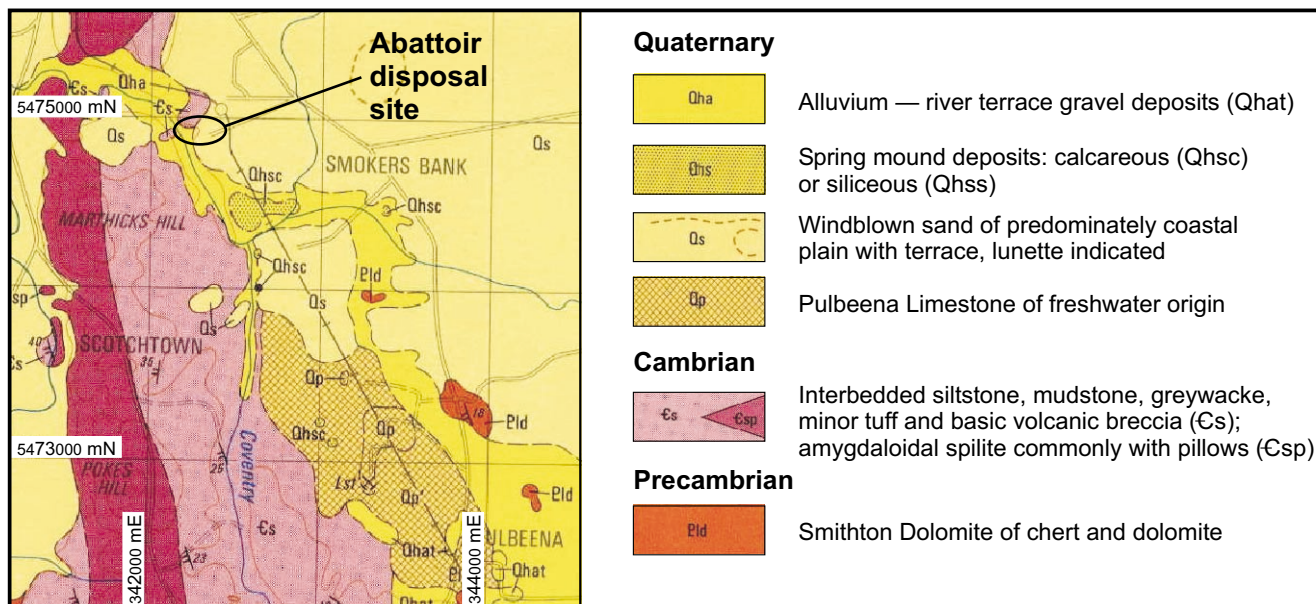
1982), indicates that the geology of the disposal site (fig. 2) comprises Quaternary deposits overlying Cambrian basic volcanic breccia.

Geological mapping during the current study showed that sand deposits dominate the site, with small areas of medium plasticity clay existing in low-lying areas. Highly weathered bedrock underlies the Quaternary material at shallow depths (between approximately 0.5 m and at least 3.0 m).

### ***Hydrology***

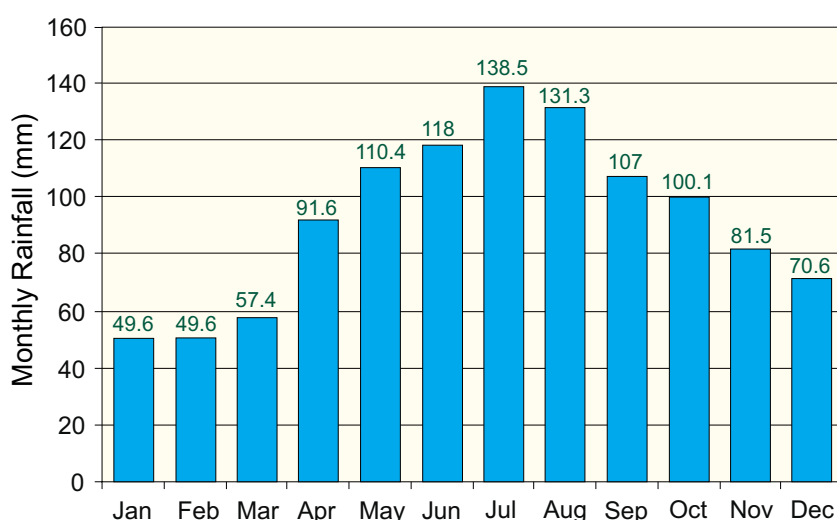
The recent DAF trenches and historical landfill are located approximately 40 m east of Coventry Creek. Australian Bureau of Meteorology rainfall station 091092 at Smithton (Grant Street) is the closest rainfall station to the site. The rainfall chart of average monthly recorded rainfall (fig. 3) shows a marked seasonality, with the highest rainfall in autumn/winter (April to October). The average annual rainfall for the station is 1105.6 millimetres.





**Figure 2**

Extract from Smithton geological map (Lennox et al., 1982) of the local area and related geology.



**Figure 3**

Average monthly rainfall for Australian Bureau of Meteorology rainfall station 091092, Smithton (Grant Street).

## INVESTIGATION METHODS

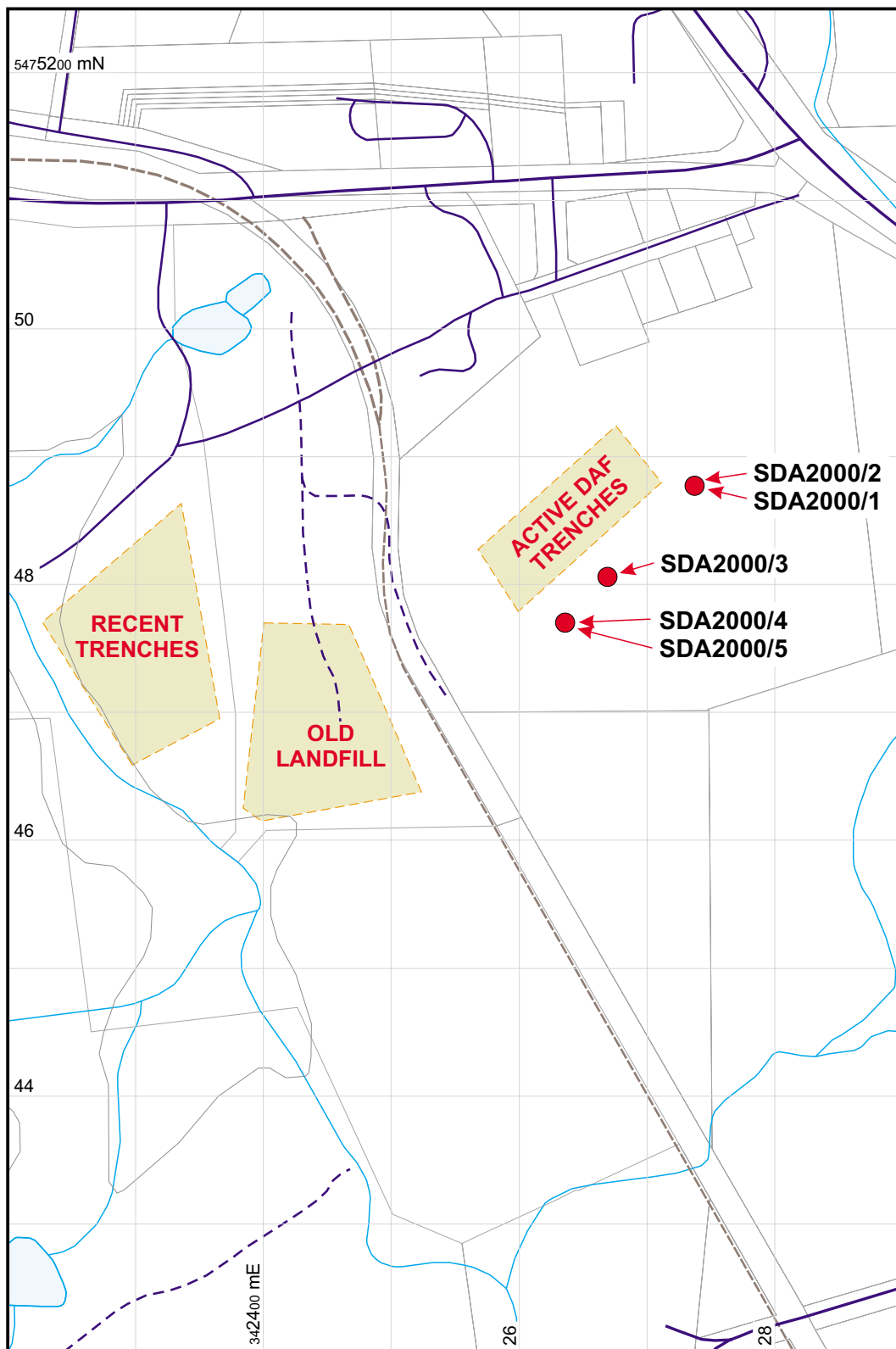
### Borehole drilling and installation

Five 120 mm diameter monitoring bores were auger drilled on 6 September 2000 for this project (fig. 4). Fifty millimetre PVC casing and slotted screens with bentonite seals were installed in each hole. All bores were logged in accordance with AS 1726-1993; engineering logs are presented in Appendix 1.

Groundwater was encountered at depths of between 0.6 and 2.3 m below ground level across the site. Flow during drilling indicated that the groundwater in all

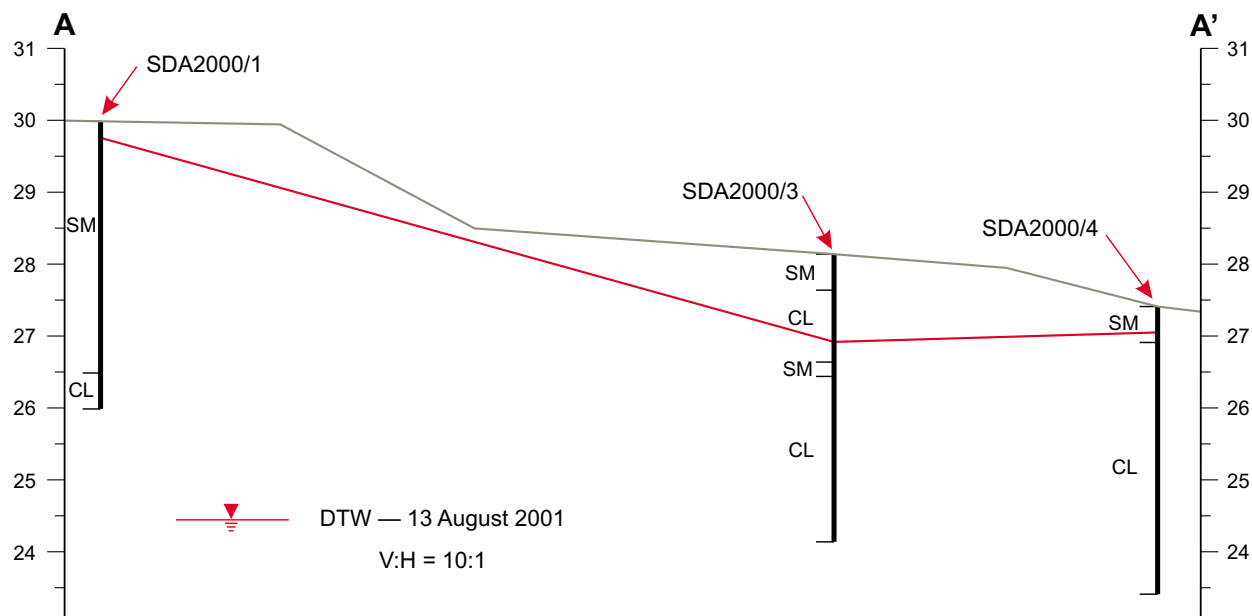
boreholes was unconfined, with yields of between 0.009 to 0.021 l/s being recorded from the bores. Figure 5 shows a cross-section and related standing water levels on 13 August 2001.

Both the unsaturated and saturated zones consist mainly of heterogeneous layers of fine sand and clay. Layers of low and/or medium plasticity clay were intercepted in boreholes SDA2000/1, SDA2000/2, SDA2000/3 and SDA2000/4. Various degrees of weathered/decomposed rock fragments were intercepted in boreholes SDA2000/3, SDA2000/4 and SDA2000/5.



**Figure 4**

*Locations of monitoring bores installed at the Blue Ribbon abattoir Smithton disposal site.*



**Figure 5**

*Cross-section and related standing water levels on 13 August 2001 for bores SDA2000/1, 3 and 4 [A-A'].*

## HYDROLOGICAL MODEL

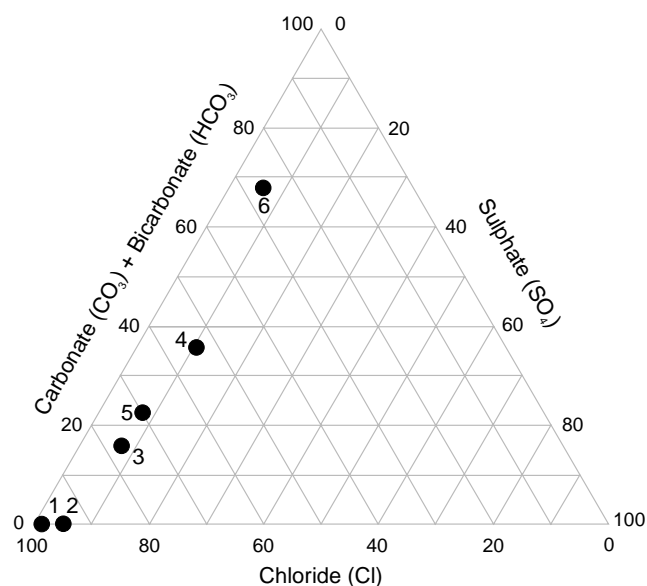
The cross section of the bores in the area of the active DAF trenches indicates that the water table along this line slopes towards the southwest. As the trenches are located in the water table, this shallow groundwater system appears to have a direct hydraulic connection to the active DAF trenches. Because of access problems associated with poor weather conditions, the drilling undertaken was not sufficient to obtain a detailed interpretation of the piezometric surface at the site.

Analysis of the available data would indicate that a thin Quaternary sand aquifer is perched over clay related to the weathering of the underlying bedrock. The distribution of this clay most likely controls flow direction within the Quaternary sand aquifer, resulting in mounding and related spring discharges across the site.

## GROUNDWATER CHEMISTRY

All bores were sampled on 2 November 2000 in accordance with Australian/New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 5667.11:1998. Laboratory testing of samples of groundwater extracted from the bore holes was carried out by Analytical Services Tasmania, in accordance with relevant Australian and international standards. The laboratory report from Analytical Services Tasmania is presented in Appendix 2. Values for pH ranged between 4.5 and 5.9, with conductivity values ranging between 199 and 693  $\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$ . Analytical results are presented on site maps in Appendix 3. Figure 6 is an anion Ternary plot for the results of the groundwater samples, while Tables 1 and 2 present a comparison of the analytical results against international standards where a guideline/emission value is stated by the relevant standard.

Groundwater chemistry results for bore SDA2000/2 were elevated in ammonia and ortho-phosphate. The anion Ternary plot indicates that the bores closest to the active DAF trenches contain chloride as the dominant anion. Bicarbonate levels are low due to the inland nature of the windblown sand distal from coastal beach environments to the north. Bores screened in the sand aquifer (SDA2000/1 and 2) had lower pH values than the remaining three bores screened in the clayey weathered bedrock material.



**Figure 6**

*Anion Ternary plot for groundwater bores at the Blue Ribbon Smithton abattoir disposal site.  
1 - SDA2000/1; 2 - SDA2000/2; 3 - SDA2000/3;  
4 - SDA2000/4; 5 - SDA2000/5;  
6 - average of all MRT groundwater records for Quaternary coastal sands.*

**Table 1.** Comparison of the analytical results against water quality standards (guideline value listed when stated by a relevant standard). Highlighted values exceed emission limits.

Parameter	SDA2000/1	SDA2000/2	SDA2000/3	SDA2000/4	SDA2000/5	Emission limit
pH	4.5	4.7	5.7	5.9	5.4	N/A
Conductivity (µS/cm)	312	693	345	304	199	N/A: note average sea water value 36 000
TDS (mg/L)	234	832	339	383	358	N/A
Alkalinity CO <sub>3</sub> (mg/L)	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1	N/A
Alkalinity HCO <sub>3</sub> (mg/L)	<1	<1	23	49	20	N/A
Chloride (mg/L)	84	61	65	43	36	250* (mg/L)
Fluoride (mg/L)	0.04	18	<0.02	0.05	0.03	1.5* (mg/L)
Sulphate (mg/L)	1.1	4.1	8.0	11	5.1	250* (mg/L)
Ammonia (mg-N/L)	0.008	<b>3.870</b>	0.021	0.016	0.035	0.5* (mg/L) nitrogen (as ammonia)
Nitrate + Nitrite (mg-N/L)	0.007	0.022	0.039	0.017	0.039	10.0* (mg/L) nitrogen (as nitrate or nitrite)
Nitrite (mg-N/L)	0.002	0.016	0.017	0.012	0.028	10.0* (mg/L) nitrogen (as nitrate or nitrite)
Ortho-P (mg-P/L)	0.253	<b>5.990</b>	0.014	0.008	0.015	2.0* as phosphorus

\* Environment Protection (Water Pollution) Regulations 1974, Emission into inland water.

\*\* Australian Water Quality Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Waters 1992.

N/A – no emission limit available.

**Table 2.** Comparison of analytical results against the Australian and New Zealand Guidelines for Fresh and Marine Water Quality 2000.

Bore hole number (SDA)	Blue Ribbon Abattoir					ANZECC 2000	
	2000/1	2000/2	2000/3	2000/4	2000/5	IRRIGATION	LIVESTOCK DRINKING
	Analyte					STV (Short term)	LTV (Long term)
Standing Water Level (m)	0.44	0.11	1.36	0.26	0.23		
pH (pH Units)	4.5	4.7	5.7	5.9	5.4	**6.0–8.5	
Conductivity (µS/cm)	312	693	345	304	199	(1) (Refer Tables 4.2.3 & 4.2.4)	
Chloride (mg/L)	84	61	65	43	36	(2) MT (Refer Table 4.2.6)	
						MR (Refer Table 4.2.7)	
Fluoride (mg/L)	0.04	18	<0.02	0.005	0.003	4	1
PO <sub>4</sub> -P (mg/L)	0.253	5.59	0.014	0.008	0.015		
SO <sub>4</sub> (mg/L)	1.1	4.1	8	11	5.1		
NH <sub>3</sub> -N (mg/L)	0.008	3.870	0.021	0.016	0.035		
(NO <sub>2</sub> + NO <sub>3</sub> )-N (mg/L)	0.007	0.022	0.039	0.017	0.039		
NO <sub>2</sub> -N (mg/L)	0.002	0.016	0.017	0.012	0.028		

Shaded areas indicate values above relevant guideline levels

Notes: \*\* set to limit potential for corrosion and fouling of pumping, irrigation and stock watering systems

(1) Suitability depends on salt tolerance of crop & calculation of EC<sub>se</sub>, the average root zone salinity. EC<sub>se</sub> depends on soil type & average root zone leaching fraction

(2) ES = Suits extremely sensitive crops

S = Suits crops sensitive to foliar injury through foliar absorption

MS = Suits moderately sensitive crops, may affect sensitive crops

MT = Suits moderately tolerant crops

MA = May affect crops sensitive to foliar injury through foliar absorption

MR = Medium risk of increasing crop cadmium concentrations

STV – Short term trigger value for contaminant in irrigation water (<20 years) use

LTV – Long term trigger value for contaminant in irrigation water (100 years) use





**Plate 4**

*Surface water in the area of the toe of the old landfill and Coventry Creek.*

## **CONTAMINATION ASSESSMENT**

The potential for degradation of groundwater quality, associated with leachate discharge from the old landfill material into the Quaternary sand aquifer, is considered to be significantly high. Surface discharges of leachate from the landfill and springs from the Quaternary sand aquifer are increased by rainfall events. Surface water from the site enters Coventry Creek, which is considered to be the main off-site transportation pathway for contaminants from the site. Plate 4 shows surface water in the area of the toe of the old landfill and Coventry Creek.

Recharge to a potential underlying fractured aquifer (from groundwater that has a hydraulic connection with the waste materials) may degrade any potential groundwater resource within this aquifer, although overlying clay will most likely adsorb the majority of contaminant ions within a short distance of flow.

## **PRINCIPAL CONCLUSIONS**

Contaminated groundwater is possibly contained within the Quaternary sand aquifer which flows towards Coventry Creek. Additional boreholes should be drilled to investigate groundwater quality in the area of the recent DAF trenches and the old landfill. This action is a high priority for the site. Surface water samples must be taken to gain an understanding of contamination transport pathways.

This site will require substantial engineering works to avoid potential degradation of surface and groundwater quality in the local area. All nearby surface and groundwater users should be identified

and incorporated into future investigations and management of the site.

## **FURTHER WORK**

An electromagnetic (EM31/EM34, TEM) survey is recommended to identify zones of high and low ground conductivity. The survey could help to define variations in the depth of the sand to the underlying shallow clayey material and the extent of the various filling operations at the site.

Future monitoring of microbiological water quality parameters may indicate further degradation of groundwater quality related to the disposal of the abattoir waste. Monitoring of additional shallow and deeper hard-rock bore holes, combined with selective surface water sites, would allow a greater understanding of the extent of water quality degradation and any natural attenuation processes. Considering the expected bio-availability of nutrients at the site, an investigation of pathogens is required for an assessment of the risk to human health in the local down-gradient hydrological system (i.e. Coventry Creek). Additional drilling should include a borehole sited in similar sand well away from any pollution source in the local area.

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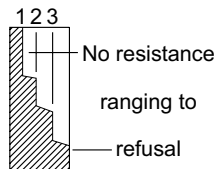
## Appendix 1

### Engineering logs of boreholes

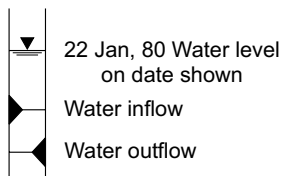
#### EXPLANATION SHEET FOR ENGINEERING LOGS

##### Borehole and excavation log

###### Penetration



###### Water



###### Notes — samples and tests

U50	Undisturbed sample 50 mm diameter
D	Disturbed sample
N	Standard penetrometer blow count for 300 mm
N*	SPT + Sample

###### Material classification

Based on Unified Soil Classification System.  
In Graphic Log materials are represented by clear contrasting symbols consistent for each project.

###### Moisture content

D	Dry, looks and feels dry
M	Moist, no free water on hand when remoulding
W	Wet, free water on hand when remoulding
LL	Liquid limit
PL	Plastic limit
PI	Plasticity index
e.g. M>PL — Moist, moisture content greater than the plastic limit	

###### Consistency

		: hand penetrometer
VS	Very soft	<25 (kPa)
S	Soft	25 – 50
F	Firm	50 – 100
St	Stiff	100 – 200
VSt	Very stiff	200 – 400
H	Hard	>400
Fb	Friable	

Notes: X on log is test result  
— is range of results

###### Density index

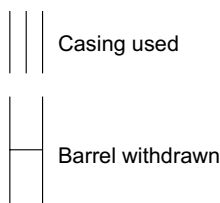
		%
VL	Very loose	0 – 15
L	Loose	15 – 35
MD	Medium dense	35 – 65
D	Dense	65 – 85
VD	Very dense	85 – 100

###### Fracture description

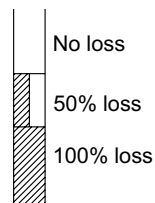
RP	Rough planar
RL	Rough irregular
SP	Smooth planar
SL	Smooth irregular

#### Cored borehole log

###### Case - lift



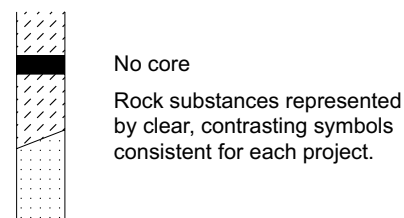
###### Fluid loss



###### Lugeons

Lugeon units (uL) are a measure of rock mass permeability. For a 46 to 74 mm diameter borehole 1 Lugeon is defined as a rate of loss of 1 litre per metre per minute. 1 Lugeon is roughly equivalent to a permeability of  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  mm / sec.

###### Graphic log



###### Weathering

Fr	Fresh
SW	Slightly weathered
HW	Highly weathered
EW	Extremely weathered

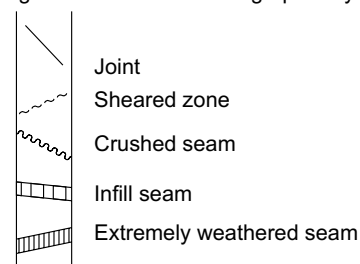
###### Strength

		point load strength index $1.5 \sqrt{50}$ (MPa)
EL	Extremely low	< 0.03
VL	Very low	0.03 – 0.1
L	Low	0.1 – 0.3
M	Medium	0.3 – 1
H	High	1 – 3
VH	Very high	3 – 10
EH	Extremely high	>10

Notes: X on log is test result.

###### Significant defects

Significant defects shown graphically



## ENGINEERING LOG - BOREHOLE

Borehole no.  
SDA 2000/1  
Sheet 1 of 1

Project				Blue Ribbon Abattoir				Location		Bass Highway, Smithton			
Co-ordinates				55 342738 mE 5474877 mN		Drill type		Auger		Hole commenced		6 September 2000	
						Drill method		Rotary		Hole completed		6 September 2000	
R.L.						Drill fluid		Nil		Drilled by		Mr Shane Heawood	
Inclination				vertical						Logged by		Mr Andrew Ezzy	
Bearing										Checked by		Mr Adrian Waite	
penetration		support	water	notes	metres	graphic log	classification	material	moisture	consistency	structure, geology		
1 2 3				samples, tests	R.L. depth		symbol	soil type: plasticity or particle characteristics, colour, secondary and minor components.	condition	density index			
			Cement	D Sample ID 1			SM	SAND - fine, grey	M	F	Quaternary (wind blown) sand		
			Bentonite	D Sample ID 2	0.5		SM	SAND - fine, dark grey and black	M	S L	Quaternary (wind blown) sand		
			Minor (winter rain)										
			No screen	D Sample ID 3	1.0		SM	SAND - black humic	M	S L	Quaternary (wind blown) sand		
				D Sample ID 4	1.5		SM	SAND - fine dark brown and black	W	S L	Quaternary (wind blown) sand		
			1.5 metre slotted screen	Main (water table) D Sample ID 5	2.0		SM	SAND - fine orange and brown	W	VS VL	Quaternary (wind blown) sand		
			7 mm Gravel	D Sample ID 6	2.5		SM	SAND - brown silty	W	VS VL	Quaternary (wind blown) sand		
				D Sample ID 7	3.0								
			Back fill	D Sample ID 8	3.5		CL	CLAY - medium plasticity, light grey	M	F D	Possibly extremely weathered volcanic rock		
			Back fill										
				Sample ID numbers refer to samples stored in MRT core shed	4.0			End of hole at 4.0 m Pumped for 30 minutes at 0.4 L/m with milky brown water. At end of pumping pH 5.8 and conductivity 260 µS/cm.					



## ENGINEERING LOG - BOREHOLE

Borehole no.  
SDA 2000/2  
Sheet 1 of 1

Project		Blue Ribbon Abattoir		Location		Bass Highway, Smithton	
Co-ordinates		55 342737 mE 5474877 mN		Drill type		Auger	
				Drill method		Rotary	
R.L.				Drill fluid		Nil	
Inclination		vertical		Hole commenced		6 September 2000	
Bearing				Hole completed		6 September 2000	
				Drilled by		Mr Shane Heawood	
				Logged by		Mr Andrew Ezzy	
				Checked by		Mr Adrian Waite	

penetration	support	water	notes	metres	graphic log	classification	material	moisture	consistency	structure, geology
1 2 3			samples, tests	R.L. depth		symbol	soil type: plasticity or particle characteristics, colour, secondary and minor components.	condition	density index	
	No screen	Cement	D Sample ID 1			SM	SAND - fine, grey	M	F	Quaternary (wind blown) sand
	1.0 metre slotted screen	7 mm Gravel	D Sample ID 2 Minor (winter rain)	0.5		SM	SAND - fine, dark grey and black	M	S L	Quaternary (wind blown) sand
			D Sample ID 3	1.0		SM	SAND - black, humic	M	S L	Quaternary (wind blown) sand
			Sample ID numbers refer to samples stored in MRT core shed	1.5			End of hole at 1.5 m Pumped for 30 minutes at 0.3 L/m. At end of pumping pH 4.9 and conductivity 380 µS/cm.			

## ENGINEERING LOG - BOREHOLE

 Borehole no.  
SDA 2000/3  
Sheet 1 of 1

Project				Blue Ribbon Abattoir				Location		Bass Highway, Smithton			
Co-ordinates				55 342669 mE 5474806 mN		Drill type		Auger		Hole commenced		6 September 2000	
						Drill method		Rotary		Hole completed		6 September 2000	
R.L.						Drill fluid		Nil		Drilled by		Mr Shane Heawood	
Inclination				vertical						Logged by		Mr Andrew Ezzy	
Bearing										Checked by		Mr Adrian Waite	
penetration		support	water	notes	metres	graphic log	classification	material	moisture	consistency	structure, geology		
1	2	3		samples, tests	R.L.	depth	symbol	soil type: plasticity or particle characteristics, colour, secondary and minor components.	condition	density index			
			Cement	D Sample ID 1			SM	SAND - fine, light grey	M	S L	Quaternary (wind blown) sand		
			Bentonite	D Sample ID 2	0.5		CL	CLAY - medium plasticity, dark grey, weathered igneous rock fragments	M	F	Quaternary sediments		
			No screen	D Sample ID 3	1.0		CL	CLAY - medium plasticity, light grey	M	F	Weathered bedrock		
				D Sample ID 4	1.5		CL	CLAY - medium plasticity, orange, extremely weathered igneous rock fragments	D	L	Weathered bedrock		
				D Sample ID 5	2.0		SM	SAND - dark brown and black	M	F	Weathered bedrock		
				D Sample ID 6	2.5		CL	CLAY - medium plasticity, orange, weathered white rock fragments	W	F	Weathered bedrock		
			1.5 N.R.F.S.* Screen 4x1 50mm spaced 5mm holes	D Sample ID 7	3.0		CL	CLAY - medium plasticity, orange and brown, weathered white rock fragments	M	Vst	Weathered bedrock		
				D Sample ID 8	3.5		CL	CLAY - medium plasticity, brown	M	VS	Weathered bedrock		
			No screen		4.0			End of hole at 4.0 m Pumped for 40 minutes pre casing. After casing pumped for 30 minutes at 0.6 L/m. At end of pumping pH 6.2 and conductivity 420 µS/cm.					
				Sample ID numbers refer to samples stored in MRT core shed				* Nylon Rock Fabric Sock					

## ENGINEERING LOG - BOREHOLE

Borehole no.  
SDA 2000/4  
Sheet 1 of 1

Project				Blue Ribbon Abattoir				Location		Bass Highway, Smithton			
Co-ordinates				55 342636 mE 5474770 mN		Drill type		Auger		Hole commenced		6 September 2000	
						Drill method		Rotary		Hole completed		6 September 2000	
R.L.						Drill fluid		Nil		Drilled by		Mr Shane Heawood	
Inclination				vertical						Logged by		Mr Andrew Ezzy	
Bearing										Checked by		Mr Adrian Waite	
penetration		support	water	notes	metres	graphic log	classification	material	moisture	consistency	structure, geology		
1	2	3		samples, tests	R.L. depth		symbol	soil type: plasticity or particle characteristics, colour, secondary and minor components.	condition	density index			
			Cement	D Sample ID 1			SM	SAND - fine, light grey	M	S L	Quaternary (wind blown) sand		
				D Sample ID 2 Minor	0.5		CL	CLAY - medium plasticity, 90% brown 10% black	M	F	Quaternary sediments		
			Bentonite										
			No screen	D Sample ID 3	1.0		CL	CLAY - low plasticity, orange, weathered rock fragments	W	St	Weathered bedrock		
				D Sample ID 4	1.5		CL	CLAY - low plasticity, orange, extremely weathered rock fragments	W	St	Weathered bedrock		
				D Sample ID 5 Major	2.0		CL	CLAY - low plasticity, orange, weathered rock fragments	W	F	Weathered bedrock		
				D Sample ID 6	2.5		CL	CLAY - low plasticity, orange, weathered rock fragments	W	VS VL	Weathered bedrock		
			7 mm Gravel	D Sample ID 7									
				D Sample ID 8	3.0								
				D Sample ID 9	3.5								
			No screen		4.0			End of hole at 4.0 m					
				Sample ID numbers refer to samples stored in MRT core shed									
								* Nylon Rock Fabric Sock					



## ENGINEERING LOG - BOREHOLE

 Borehole no.  
 SDA 2000/5  
 Sheet 1 of 1

Project				Blue Ribbon Abattoir				Location		Bass Highway, Smithton			
Co-ordinates				55 342637 mE 5474770 mN		Drill type		Auger		Hole commenced		6 September 2000	
						Drill method		Rotary		Hole completed		6 September 2000	
R.L.						Drill fluid		Nil		Drilled by		Mr Shane Heawood	
Inclination				vertical						Logged by		Mr Andrew Ezzy	
Bearing										Checked by		Mr Adrian Waite	
penetration		support	water	notes	metres		graphic log	classification symbol	material soil type: plasticity or particle characteristics, colour, secondary and minor components.	moisture condition	consistency density index	structure, geology	
1	2	3	samples, tests	R.L.	depth								
		No screen	Bentonite/Cement	D Sample ID 1			SM	SAND - fine, light grey	M	S L	Quaternary (wind blown) sand		
		Screen		D Sample ID 2	0.5		CL	CLAY - medium plasticity, 90% brown 10% black	M	F	Weathered bedrock		
		1.0m N.R.F.S.* Screen		D Sample ID 3	1.0		CL	CLAY - low plasticity, orange, weathered rock fragments	W	St	Weathered bedrock		
		7 mm Gravel		D Sample ID 4	1.5		CL	CLAY - low plasticity, orange, extremely weathered rock fragments	W	St	Weathered bedrock		
		No screen			2.0			End of hole at 2.0 m					
Sample ID numbers refer to samples stored in MRT core shed													
* Nylon Rock Fabric Sock													

## Appendix 2

### Analytical Services Tasmania — laboratory reports



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#### Laboratory Report

Report No: 13770 *Please quote this number when making enquiries about this report*  
Submitted By: Andrew Ezzy  
Client: Mineral Resources Tasmania  
Site Description: Blue Ribbon  
Received: 03-Nov-00 Client Order No:  
Report Date: 01-Dec-00  
Report To: Andrew Ezzy  
Address: Gordons Hill Rd Rosny TAS 7018

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#### Test Method(s) :

1001-Water:	pH in Water by APHA Method 4500-H
1002-Water:	Conductivity by APHA Method 2510
1004-Water:	Solids, Total Dissolved by APHA Method 2540C
1101-Water:	Alkalinity by APHA Method 2320/4500-CO2
1103-Water:	Anions by Ion Chromatography APHA Method 4110C
1201-Water:	Nutrients by APHA Method 4500



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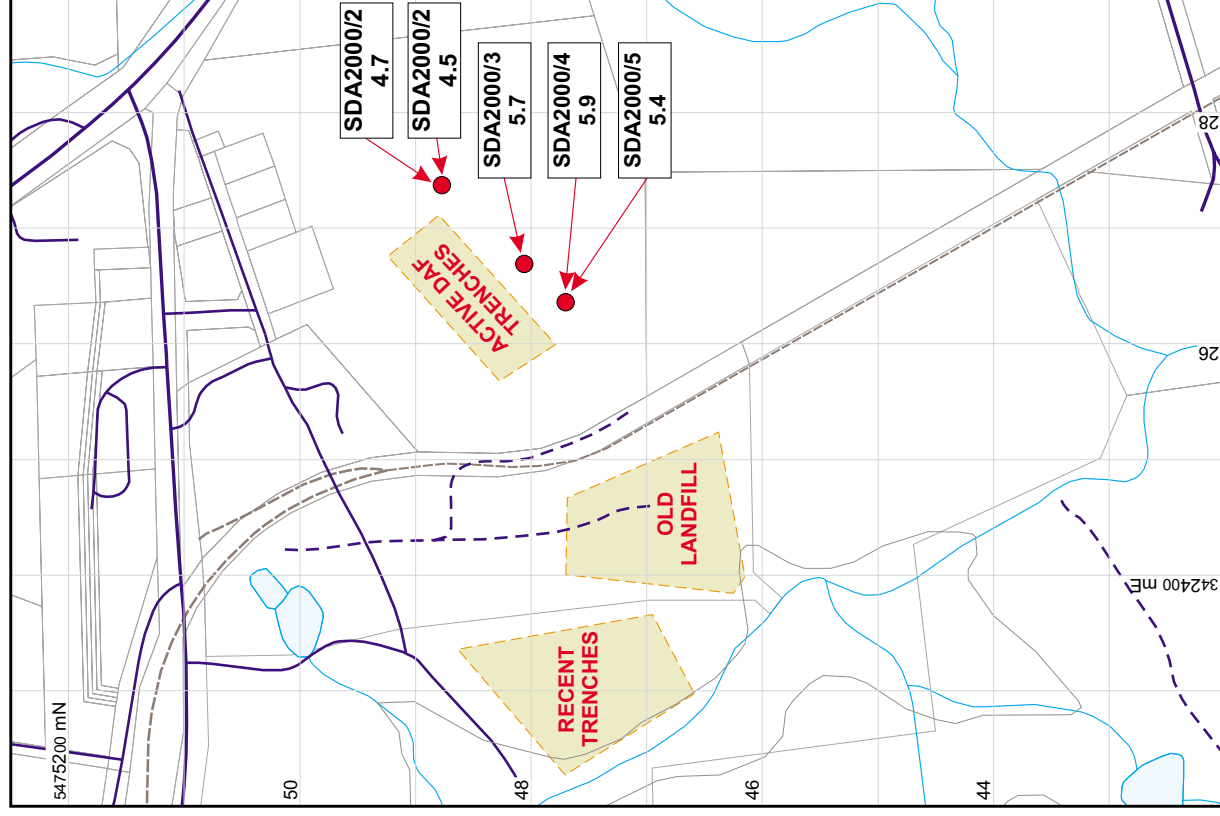
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			02/11/00	02/11/00	02/11/00	02/11/00	02/11/00
1001-Water	pH		4.5	4.7	5.7	5.9	5.4
1002-Water	Conductivity	µS/cm	312	693	345	304	199
1004-Water	TDS	mg/L	234	832	339	383	358
1101-Water	Alkalinity CO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub>	<1	<1	<1	<1	<1
	Alkalinity HCO <sub>3</sub>	mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub>	<1	<1	23	49	20
1103-Water	Chloride	mg/L	84	61	65	43	36
	Fluoride	mg/L	0.04	18	<0.02	0.05	0.03
	Sulphate	mg/L	1.1	4.1	8.0	11	5.1
1201-Water	Ammonia	µg-N/L	8	3870	21	16	35
	Nitrate+Nitrite	µg-N/L	7	22	39	17	39
	Nitrite	µg-N/L	2	16	17	12	28
	Ortho-P	µg-P/L	253	5590	14	8	15



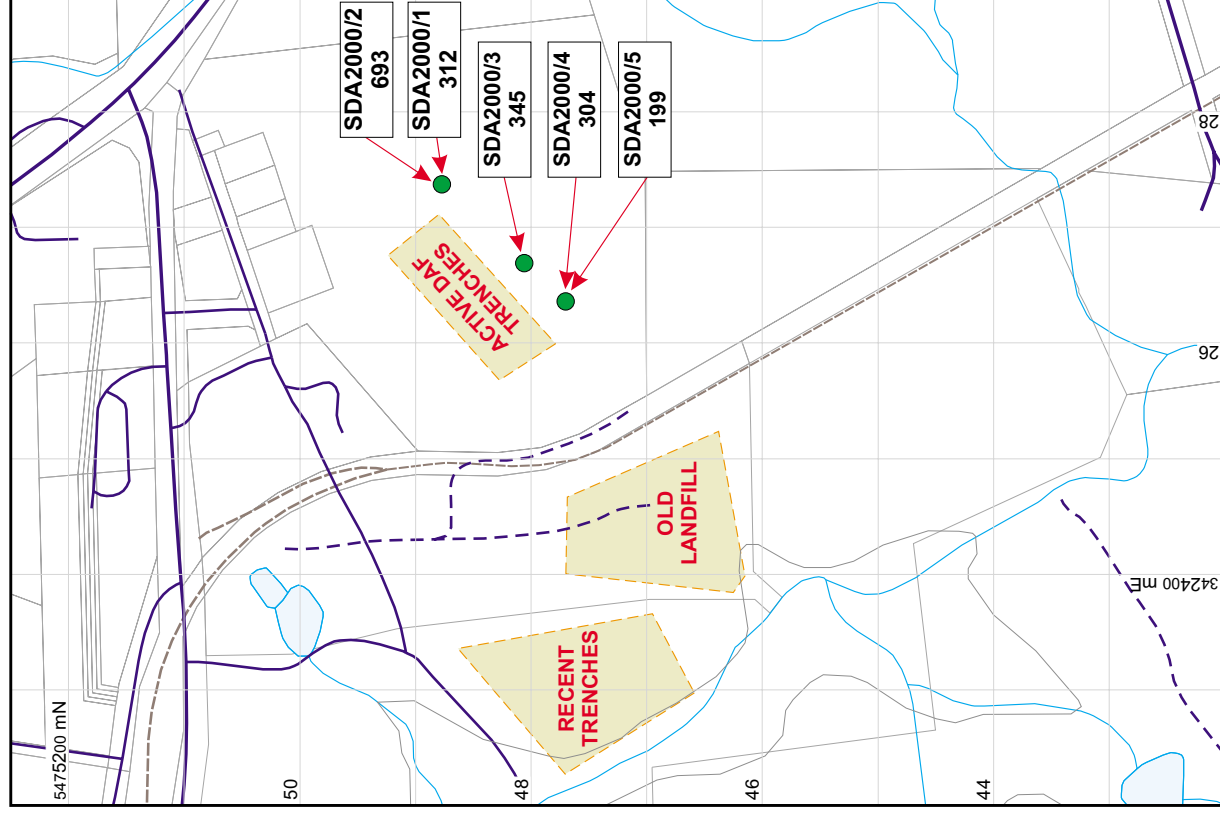
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#### **Analytical results on site maps**

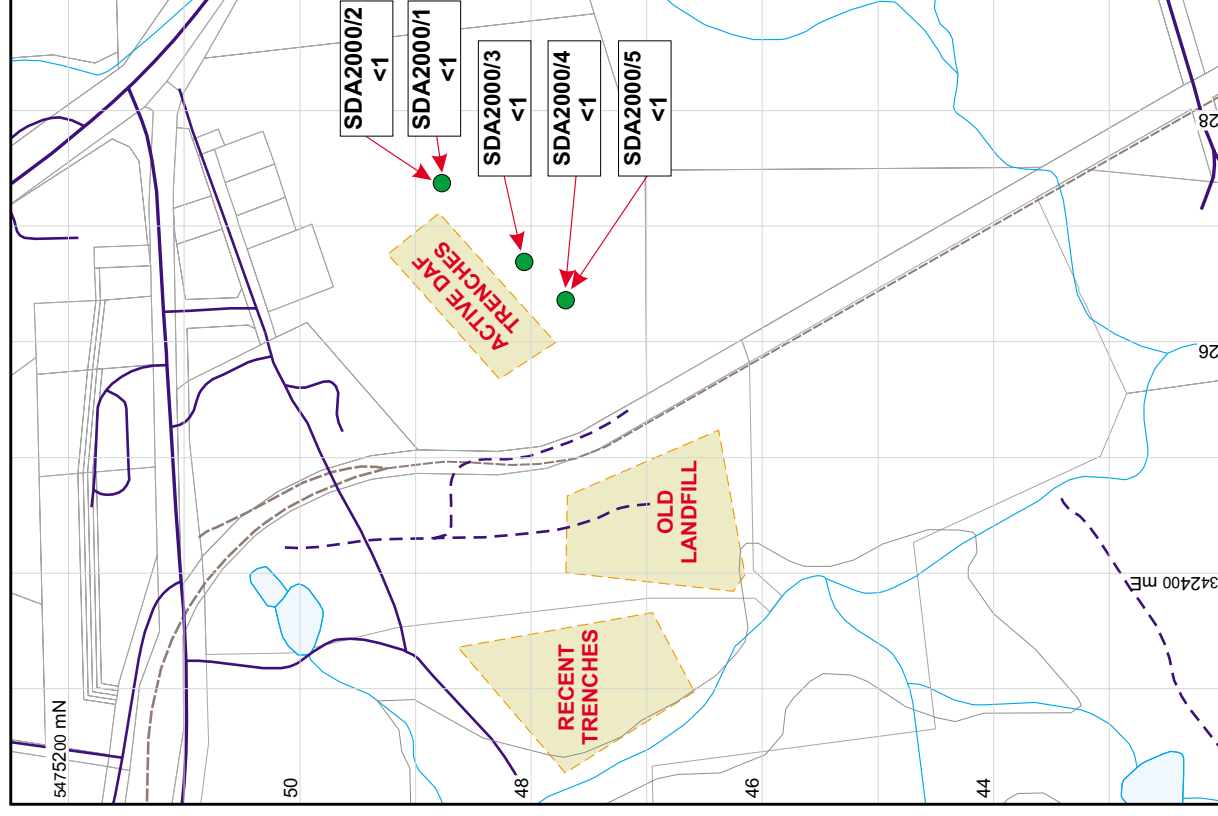
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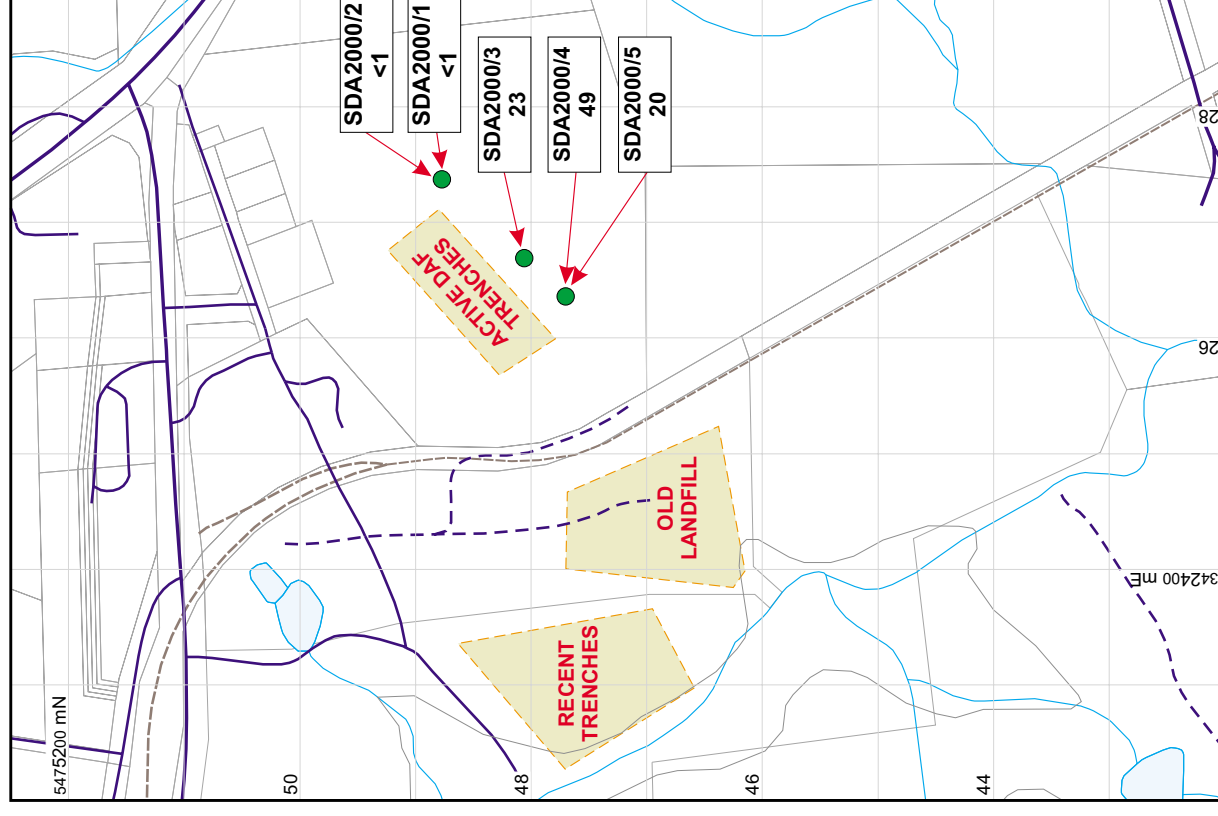
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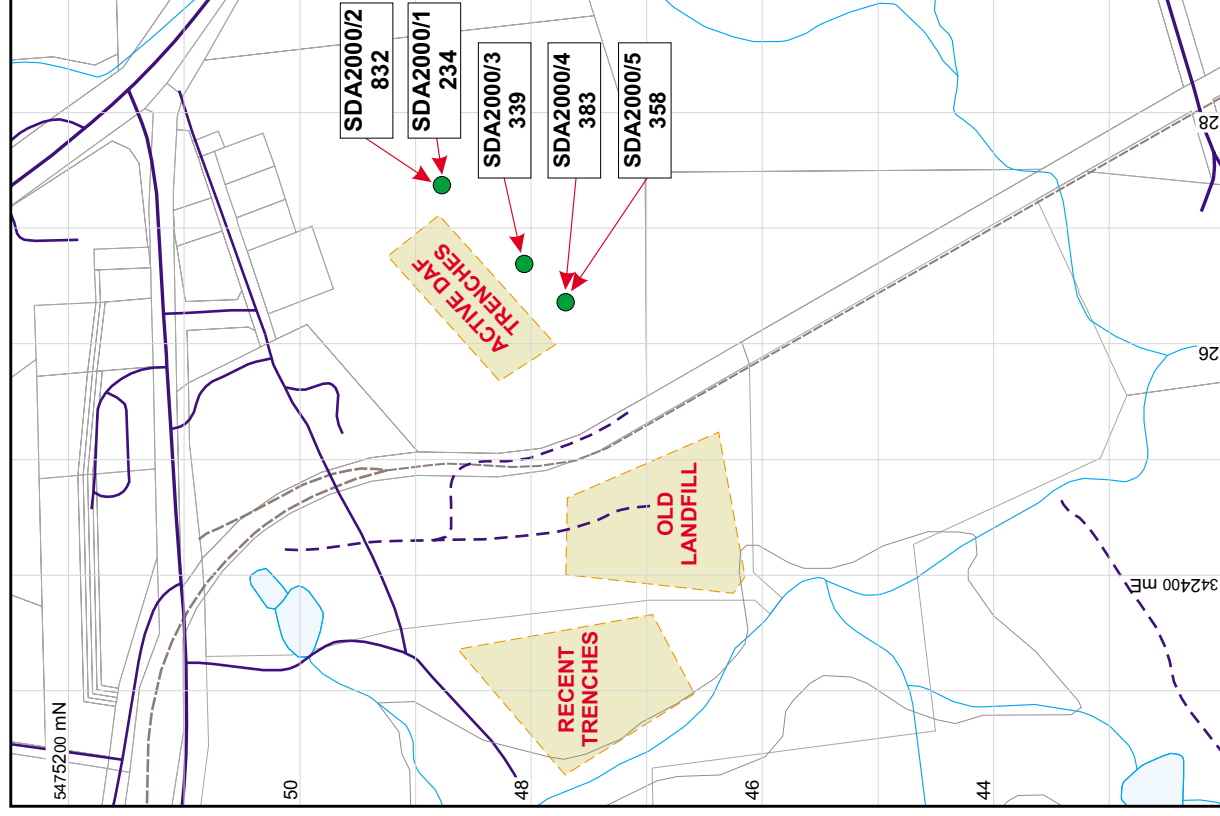
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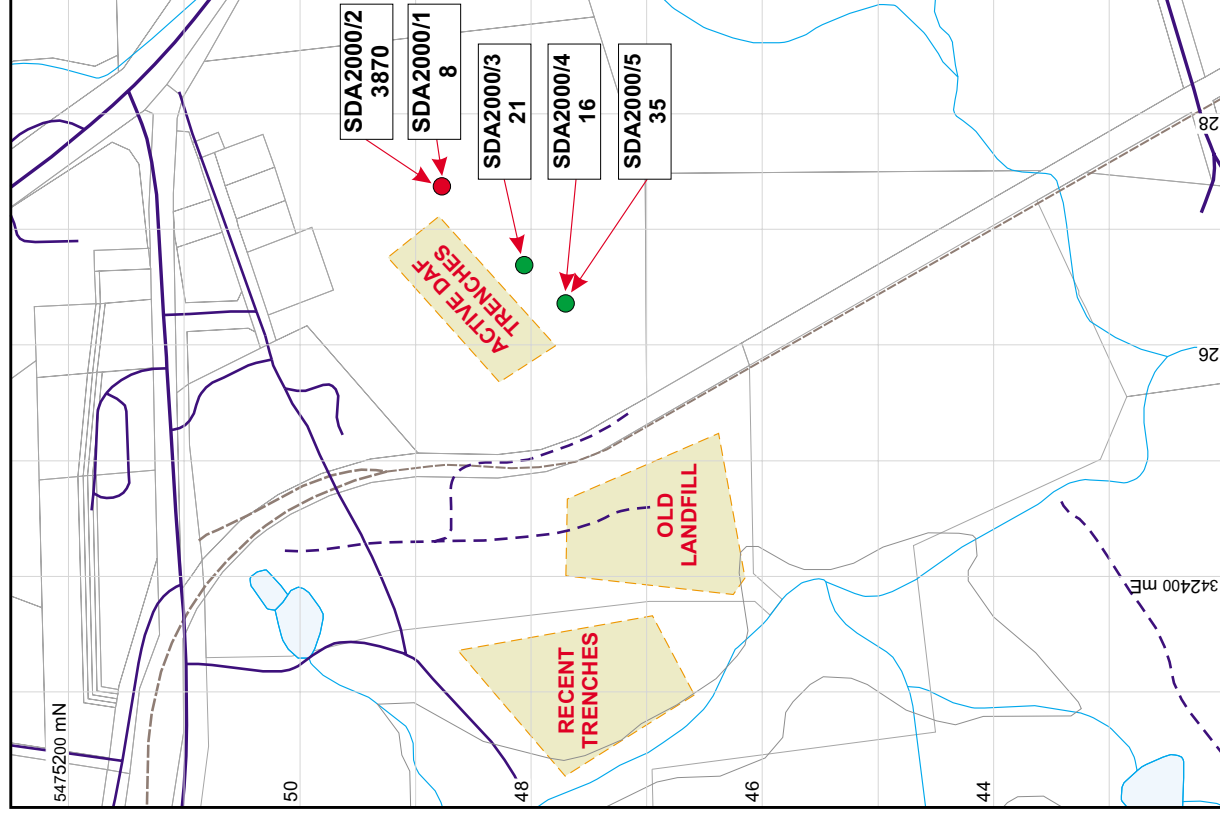
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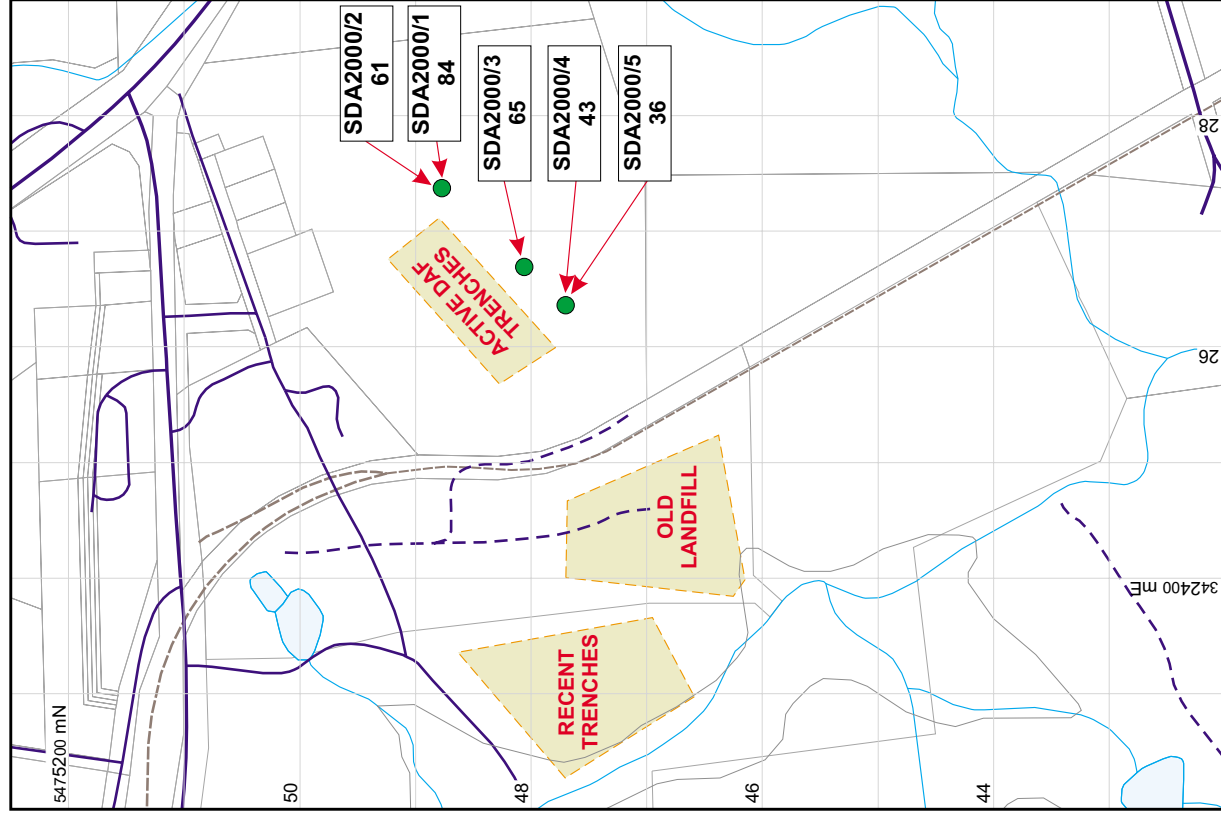


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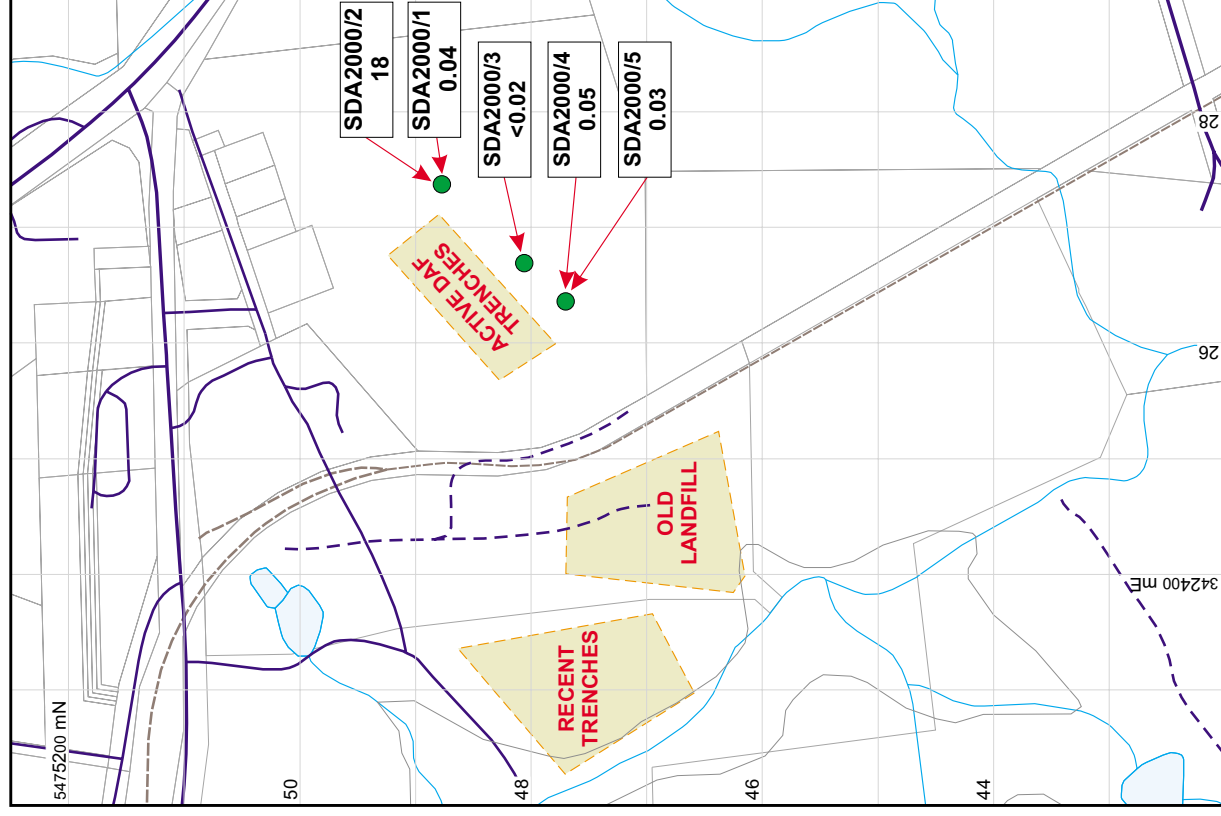




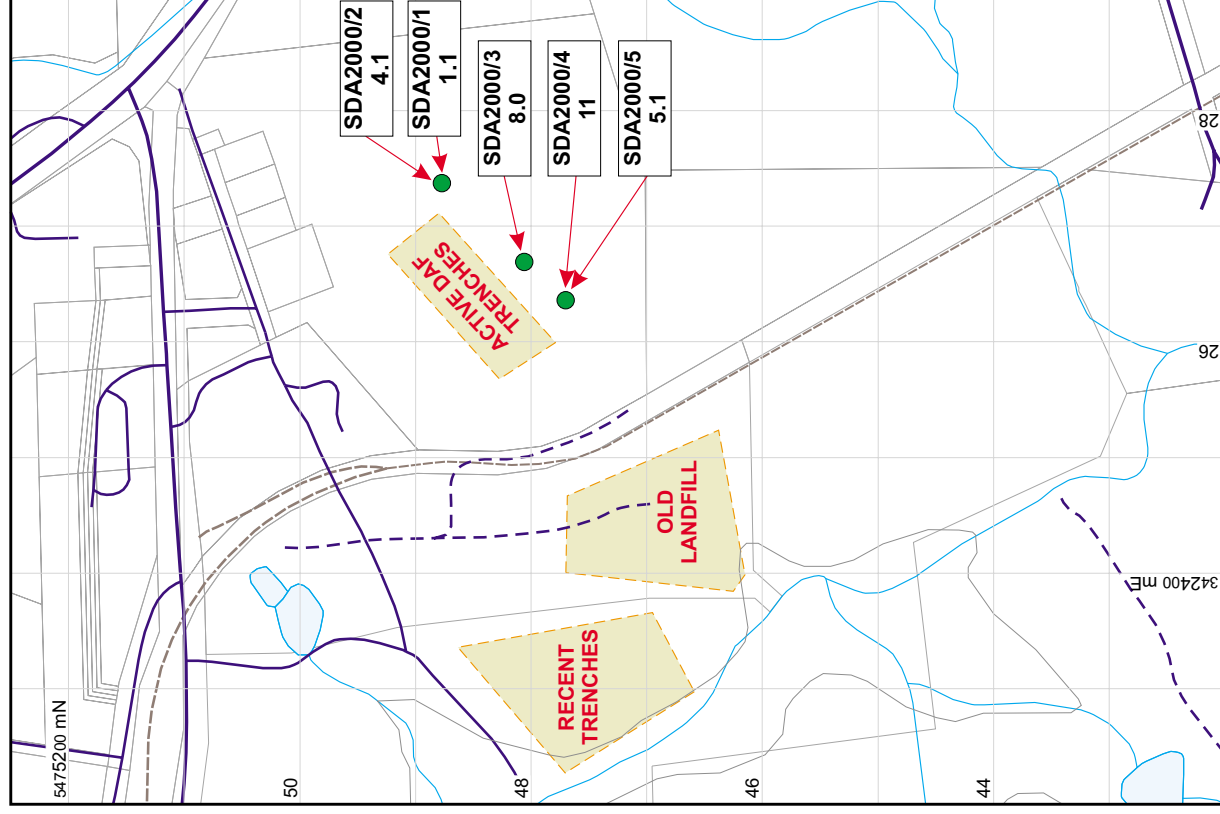
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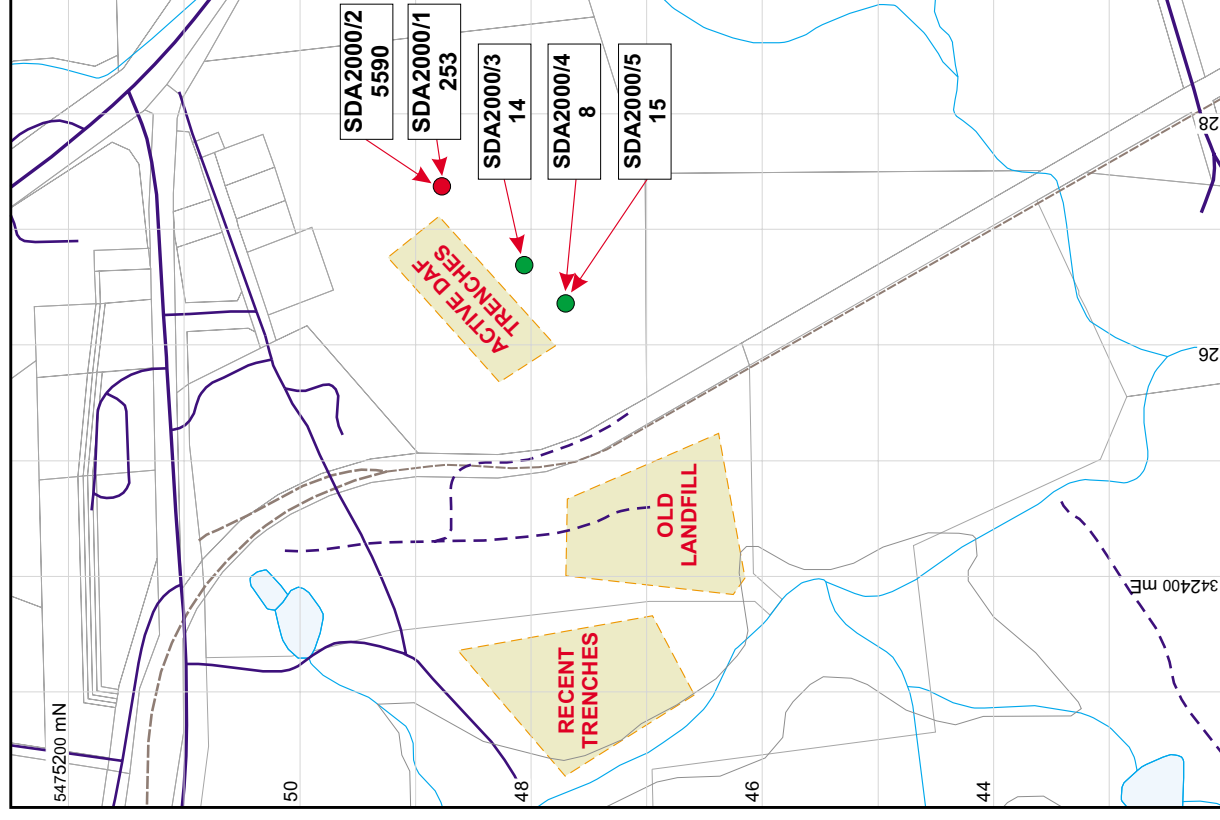
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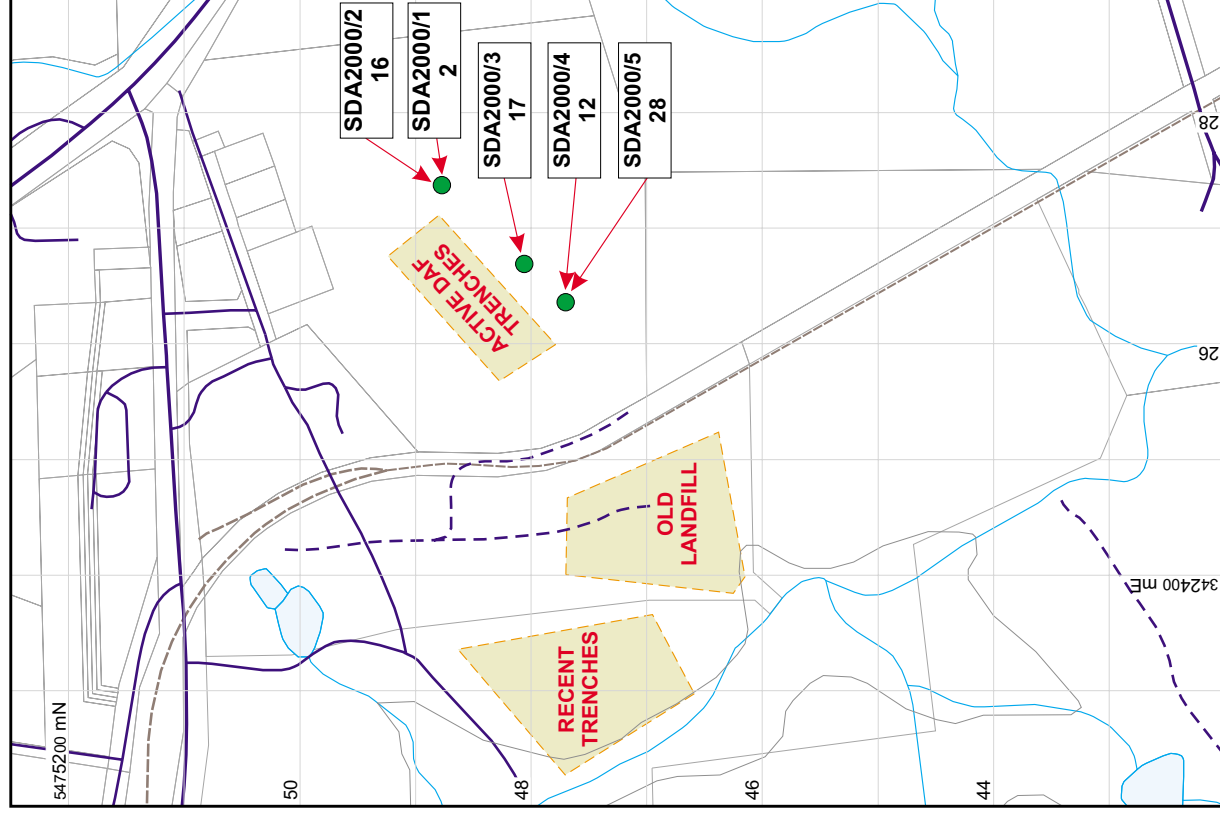
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# Smithton Blue Ribbon Abbatoir — December 2000 Ortho-P (µg-P/L)



# Smithton Blue Ribbon Abbatoir — December 2000 Nitrite ( $\mu\text{g-N/L}$ )



# Smithton Blue Ribbon Abbatoir — December 2000 Nitrate + Nitrite ( $\mu\text{g-N/L}$ )

