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Dear Luke,

Re: Legacy Way Groundwater Levels July 2017

As requested by Egis, on 21 July 2017 EnviroAg Australia undertook a groundwater survey of the existing monitoring bores along the Legacy Way Tunnel alignment. Monitoring of groundwater levels is required as part of the Coordinator Generals conditions for the Operation and Maintenance phase of the Legacy Way Tunnel.

During the fieldworks on 21 July 2017 it was noted that all vegetation on the Mount Coot-Tha roundabout had been cleared, and fill material had been used to resurface the cleared area. Due to these works, monitoring well NL3-05S located on the roundabout has been buried and could not be located during this investigation.

1. Groundwater July 2017

Groundwater monitoring has been conducted in compliance with the Hydrogeology and Groundwater Environmental Management Plan (LWTP-ENV-PLA-005). Monitoring locations were previously selected due to their location, geology and accessibility along the Legacy Way Tunnel corridor. The quarterly groundwater works included measuring standing water levels along the tunnel alignment and downloading data from *in situ* water level loggers. For the purpose of this study the monitoring wells are targeting bedrock (confined) and alluvial (unconfined) aquifers.

2. Groundwater Monitoring Locations

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

Table 1 – Groundwater Locations

| Locality | ID | Reference | Geology | Monitoring |
|-----------|----------|----------------------|--|-------------------|
| West | NL2-02 | Toowong | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | NL3-16 | Toowong | Alluvium | Groundwater level |
| Alignment | BH108 | Toowong | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | BH320 | Toowong | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | NL2-12 | Toowong | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | NL2-14 | Auchenflower | Open Bore – Bedrock and Alluvium | Groundwater level |
| | BH309 | Rosalie | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | BH311 | Rosalie | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | BH312 | Rosalie | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | BH313 | Rosalie | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | BH313A | Rosalie | Alluvium | Groundwater level |
| | NL4-HG10 | Rosalie | Alluvium | Groundwater level |
| | NL4-HG6A | Paddington | Alluvium | Groundwater level |
| | NL4-5 | Paddington | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | NL4-A2 | Rosalie | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | NL2-06 | Red Hill | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | NL2-09 | Red Hill | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| East | BH221 | Kelvin Grove | Bedrock | Groundwater level |
| | BH222 | Inner City Bypass | Bedrock | Groundwater level |

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

Table 2 - Decommissioned Groundwater locations

| Locality | ID | Reference | Geology | Monitoring |
|-----------|---------|-------------------|----------|--|
| West | BH503 | Botanic Gardens | Bedrock | Conveyor Tunnel no longer in use - no further monitoring to be conducted |
| | BH502 | Botanic Gardens | Bedrock | Conveyor Tunnel no longer in use – no further monitoring to be conducted |
| | BH104D | Botanic Gardens | Bedrock | Destroyed |
| | NL3-05S | Toowong | Alluvium | Destroyed |
| | BHSC1A | Botanic Gardens | Alluvium | Destroyed |
| | BHSC1B | Botanic Gardens | Bedrock | Destroyed |
| Alignment | NL5-4 | Sleath Street | Bedrock | Decommissioned due to damaged casing |
| | BH314 | Toowong | Bedrock | Lost – Note NL2-14 located nearby this location |
| | BH310 | Rosalie | Alluvium | Replaced by BH313A |
| | BH307 | Red Hill | Bedrock | Decommissioned, due to proximity to the alignment |
| East | NL4-HG4 | Brisbane Grammar | Bedrock | Destroyed |
| | NL4-HG5 | Brisbane Grammar | Bedrock | Destroyed |
| | BH205 | Inner City Bypass | Bedrock | Decommissioned due to damaged casing |
| | BH203 | Brisbane Grammar | Bedrock | Destroyed |
| | BH220 | Kelvin Grove | Bedrock | Decommissioned due to damaged casing |

3. Groundwater Monitoring Results

3.1 Groundwater Level Monitoring

Groundwater levels below ground surface were collected along the tunnel corridor at 19 locations. All locations monitored were equipped with Solinst Level Loggers (automated water data) loggers, which were calibrated via the static water groundwater level measurements and corrected for barometric pressure. Static groundwater level measurements are detailed in Table 3.

Table 3 – Groundwater elevation

| Locality | West | Alignment | | | | | | | | | | | | East | West | Alignment | | | |
|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|----------|----------|
| Geology | Bed rock | Bedrock | | | | | | | | | | | | Bedrock | Alluvium | Alluvium | | | |
| Location | NL2-02 | BH108 | BH320 | NL2-12 | NL2-14 | BH309 | BH311 | BH312 | BH313 | NL4-5 | NL4-A2 | NL2-06 | NL2-09 | BH221 | BH222 | NL3-16 | BH313A | NL4-HG10 | NL4-HG6A |
| Units | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD | mAHD |
| Ground Elevation mAHD | 25.78 | 23.65 | 47 | 26.07 | 47.7 | 4.1 | 4 | 4.1 | 3.8 | 5.6 | 2.2 | 63.9 | 41.4 | 29.3 | 23.9 | 18.9 | 3.8 | 2.2 | 5.58 |
| Water Elevation mAHD June 2017 | 15.95 | 18.73 | 18.48 | 17.06 | 3.71 | -0.25 | -0.18 | 0.64 | -0.53 | 4.34 | 0.81 | 36.53 | 29.06 | 18.37 | 18.44 | 15.45 | 0.34 | 0.58 | 2.19 |

3.2 Groundwater Level Results

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

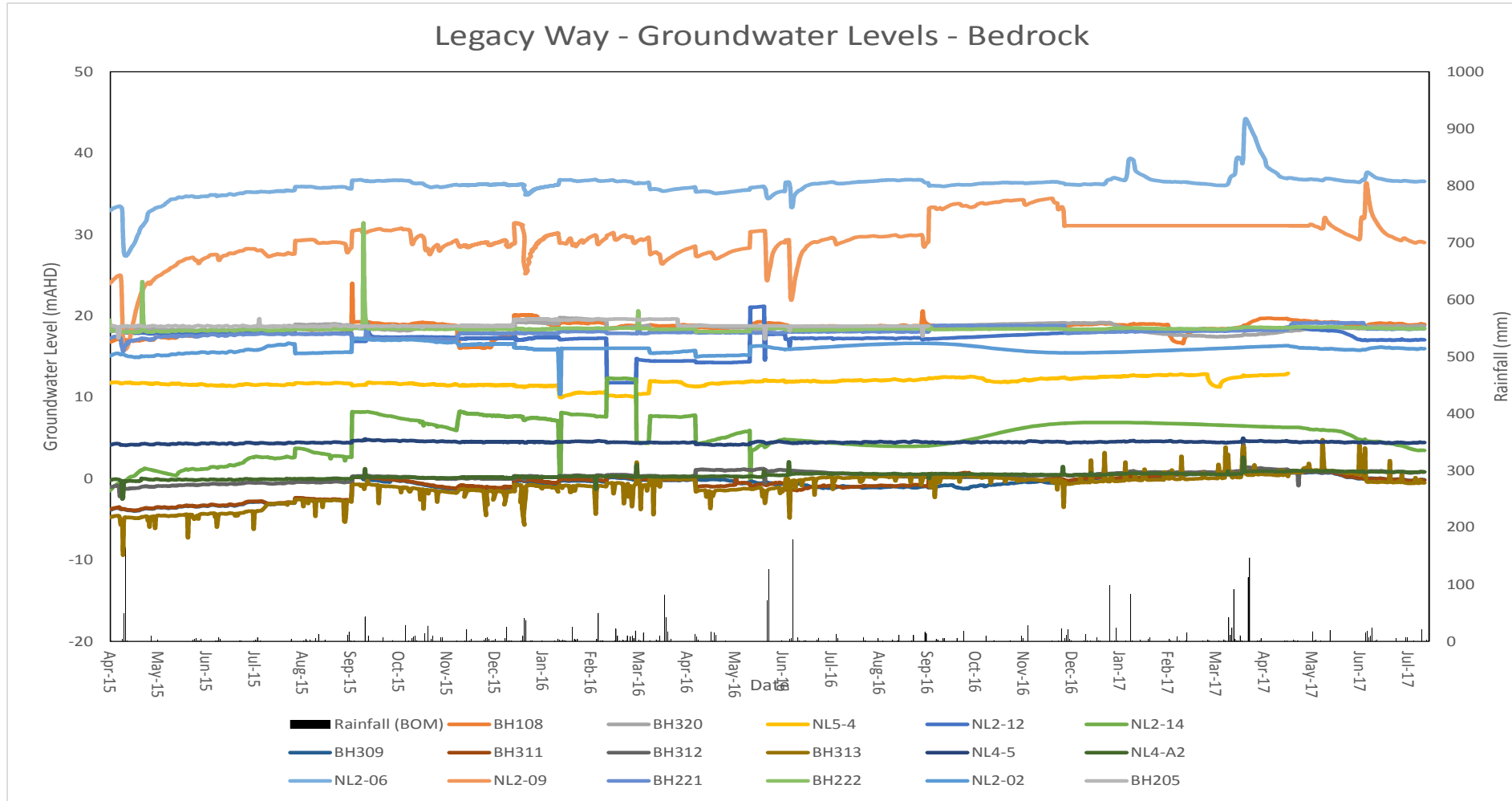


Figure 1 - Groundwater levels – bedrock

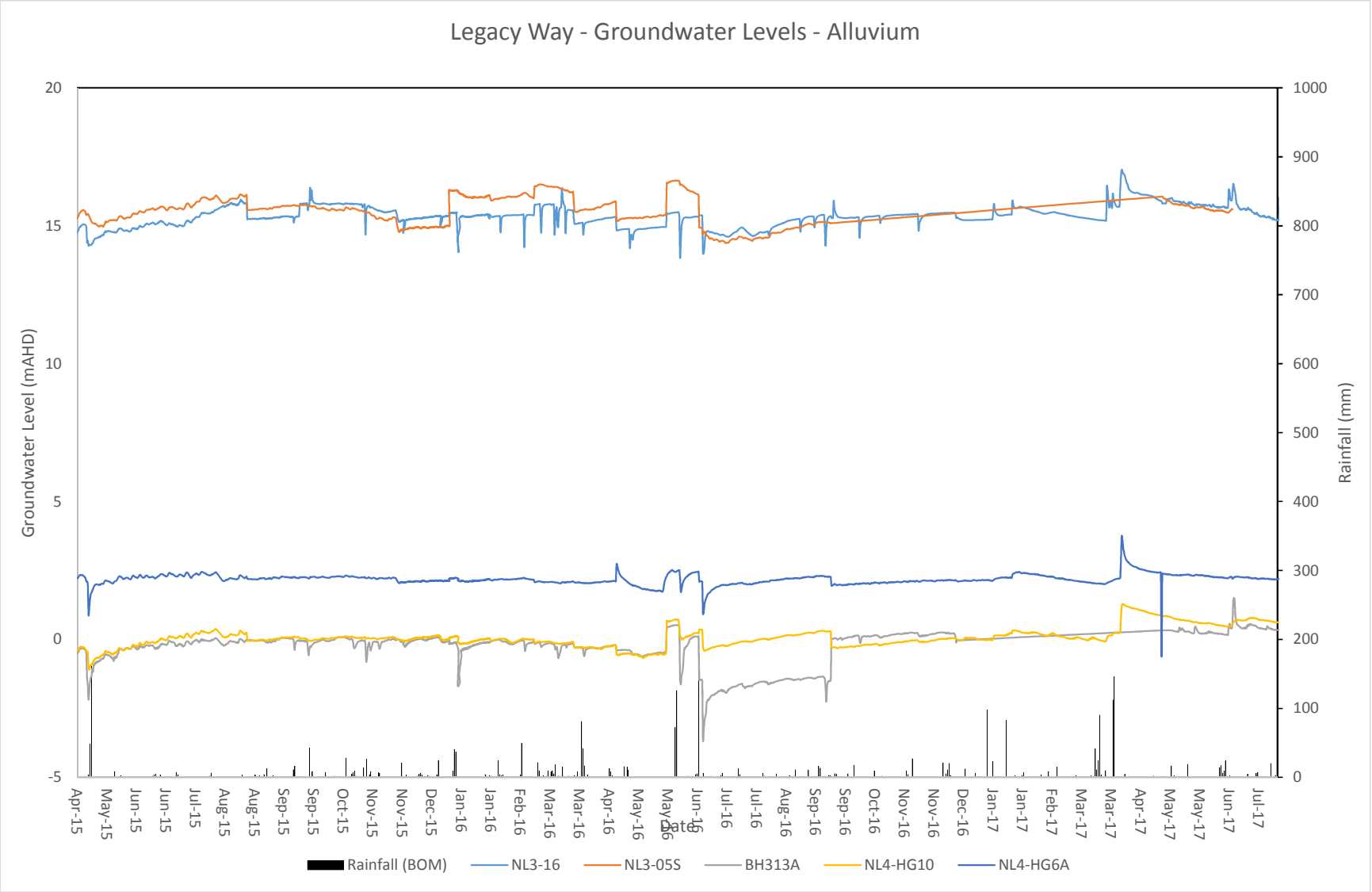


Figure 2 - Groundwater levels – alluvium

4. Discussion

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

Groundwater in the Toowong Cemetery and surrounds, the groundwater level in boreholes BH108, BH320, NL2-14 had historically been reported as exceeding the 200% of the natural variation and was associated with the tunnelling activities in close proximity to the boreholes. BH108 showed slight increases in groundwater levels corresponding with the moderate rainfall events of 15th-18th June and 16th July, and a gradual decrease in groundwater levels over the rest of the month. BH320 showed a gradual increase in water levels until the end of June, after which groundwater levels were stable. Groundwater levels in NL 2-14 showed a steady decrease in groundwater level since the last monitoring round on 13th June, corresponding with the drier winter climate. NL 2-14 has historically displayed a high variation of up to 3.5m since the March 2016 monitoring period. It is expected that this location will continue to fluctuate based on seasonal trends.

Along the tunnel alignment in Rosalie and surrounding areas, the groundwater level in boreholes BH309, BH311, BH312, BH313 had previously been reported as historically exceeding the 200% of the natural variation and was associated with tunnelling activities in close proximity to the boreholes. These boreholes are assessing water levels in the bedrock, and drawdown from tunnelling operations was predicted in this area. BH313 continued to show sudden increases in groundwater levels corresponding to rainfall events confirming observations from the previous monitoring round that the well has been compromised due to roadway water ingress. BH309 and BH311 have decreased slightly since the June 2017 monitoring event, corresponding with decreased rainfall.

Of the alignment borehole locations monitoring the alluvium adjacent to the tunnel alignment, water levels in well NL4-HG6A have been stable since the June monitoring round, and NL4-HG10 showed a slight increase in water levels through June, and a gradual decrease in levels during July. Wells NL3-16 and BH313A showed an overall decrease in water levels in the June – July monitoring period, but both wells showed spikes in elevation corresponding to the rainfall events of 11th – 18th June and 16th July.

Groundwater monitoring of the Eastern Portal area continued, with slow recovery noted in the bores. BH221 and BH222 remained static since the June 2017 monitoring period with no fluctuation noted due to rainfall events. NL2-06, and NL2-09 in upper Clifton Terrace and lower Clifton Terrace, respectively, both showed significant groundwater elevation increases correlating with the rainfall events of 11th – 18th June. Groundwater levels in both wells then decreased over the remainder of the monitoring period, and by 21st July were consistent with levels recorded in the week 4th – 10th June.

At the Western portal, groundwater levels in NL2-02 were consistent with the June monitoring round. It has been previously noted that levels at this site may be impacted by localised rainfall events and potentially influenced from external activities (i.e. Mt Coot-Tha Quarry and the botanic garden ponds). The monitoring well showed groundwater levels increased slightly in June and were stable in July.

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

Yours sincerely,



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