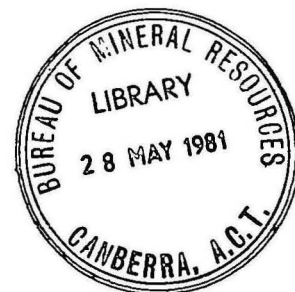


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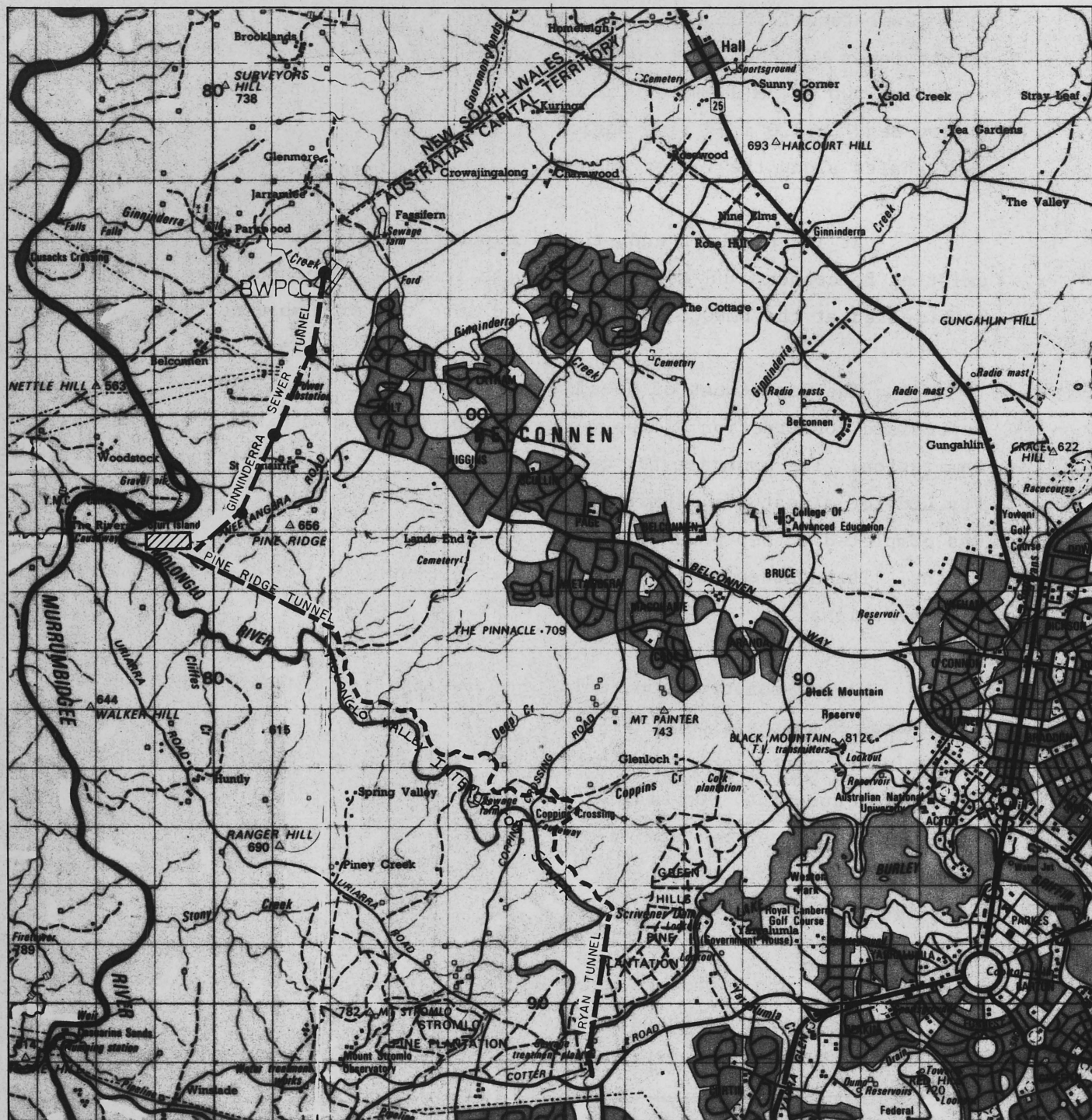
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SUMMARY

1. Excavation of the Ginninderra sewer tunnel and appurtenant works began in October 1976 and was completed in September 1978. The tunnel was operational late in September 1979.
2. The rock was considered too hard for a tunnel boring machine, so the contractor used a standard drill-shoot-muck procedure, erecting tunnel support where necessary. Two headings and shaft excavations were worked simultaneously for part of the time, and one heading was worked continuously for three shifts per day.
3. Geological conditions were essentially as predicted by the geological and geophysical investigations. Poor tunnelling in the rhyolite section was accurately predicted.
4. Steel (RSJ) sets were erected for a total length of 1016 m, the average spacing of sets being about 1 m. Most of the poor ground was encountered in the upstream part of the tunnel in dacite and rhyolite and was due to a greater concentration of faults in the particular sections.
5. Survey overbreak during construction was 0.19 m outside the C-line (pay line), the average for the tunnel being 44.5 percent. The amount of overbreak was controlled by the incidence of faults, sheared zones, and seams and the presence of incompetent rhyolite.
6. The most significant groundwater flows into the tunnel were restricted to the upstream heading, especially the section of tunnel between chainages (Ch) 1800 and 2300 and also in the region between shaft 1 and Ch 1300. Maximum outflow from the upstream heading before concrete lining and grouting was 36 m^3 per hour.
7. The correlation between seismic velocities and tunnel conditions in this tunnel is consistent with that found in the Tuggeranong, Ryan, and Pine Ridge tunnels.
8. Concrete placement was in sections of several hundred metres of tunnel every 3-4 days. Backfill and pressure grouting were thought to be reasonably successful; the greatest groundwater flow into the completed lined and grouted tunnel occurred in the upstream heading at Willow Bend, and was limited to about 13.5 m^3 per hour.

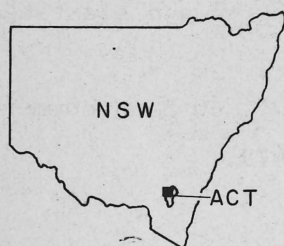
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GINNINDERA SEWER TUNNEL
MOLONGLO VALLEY INTERCEPTOR SEWER
LOWER MOLONGLO WATER QUALITY CONTROL CENTRE
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BWPCC Belconnen Water Pollution Control Centre

Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre

Tunnel

Buried pipeline

Shaft

1. INTRODUCTION

The project comprised all works necessary for the construction of a sewer tunnel from the Belconnen Water Pollution Control Centre (BWPCC) to the Lower Molonglo Water Quality Control Centre (LMWQCC); the main works are two 2.1 m diameter tunnels 893 m and 4298 m long, joined at Willow Bend by 120 m of pipe buried in an embankment of tunnel spoil, and four shafts along the longer tunnel.

At its northern end, the Ginninderra sewer tunnel intercepts the existing Belconnen Trunk sewer, and sewage from the Belconnen area is now treated at the LMWQCC and discharged into the Murrumbidgee River (Fig.1).

The Department of Housing and Construction (DHC) designed and supervised construction of the works for the National Capital Development Commission. The contract for construction was awarded to Barclay Bros. Pty Ltd for almost \$7m. Excavation of the works commenced in October 1976 and was completed in September 1978; lining and grouting continued for nearly twelve months. The contract was completed in early September 1979 and the tunnel was operational in late September 1979.

A pre-construction geological report was prepared by the Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology & Geophysics (BMR) (Lang & Purcell, 1976), and selected parts were subsequently incorporated into an "Information for Tenderers" document. On request from DHC, a BMR geologist was assigned to the DHC engineering team to provide a complete geological service during construction. A general view of the work area and upstream portal is shown in Figure 3.

The tunnel was excavated by the conventional drill and blast method. The downstream heading was excavated from Willow Bend, commencing 21 October 1976 and breaking out at the LMWQCC on 30 April 1977; the concrete lining was poured after a short delay.

The four shafts in the upstream section of the tunnel were excavated from the surface to tunnel level by drilling and blasting.

Excavation of the upstream tunnel from Willow Bend commenced on 18 April 1977 and was completed on 21 September 1978.

The general layout of the tunnel is shown in Figure 2. Access to the upstream and downstream sections of the tunnel was gained from Willow Bend where the site works were established, and the tunnel spoil was dumped in the gully to form a enlarged working area.

2. GENERAL GEOLOGY

The regional geology of the area is described in the Canberra 1:250 000 Geological Series map and Explanatory notes (Strusz, 1971), and the area was more recently mapped for the Brindabella Sheet of the 1:100 000 Geological Series (Owen & Wyborn, 1976).

An interpretative solid geology of the area is shown in Plate 1. The tunnel was driven through a sequence of acid volcanics and tuffaceous sediments, intruded by granite; all rocks are regarded as Upper Silurian in age.

The rocks are faulted, gently folded, and along the tunnel line are tilted about 20-30° southwest.

The geology exposed during excavation of the tunnel did not differ greatly from that outlined in the geological investigation report (Lang & Purcell, 1976). The rock types intersected had been predicted with reasonable accuracy from the surface mapping and investigation drilling, and the rock conditions underground did not differ significantly from the predictions of the report.

2.1 Rock Types

Five main rock types were intersected by the tunnel (Plates 1-4):

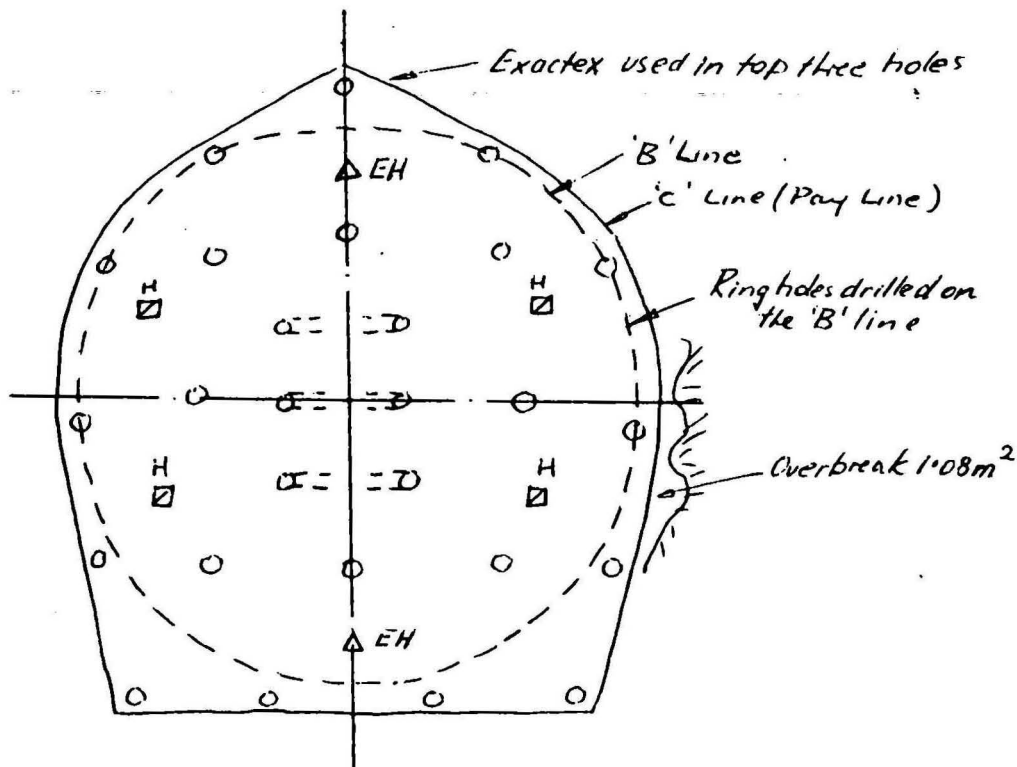
Dacite. Dacite flows and tuffs are continuous along the tunnel to the north of fault no. 2; dacite is also present to the south of fault no. 3 and is continuous except for a wedge of rhyodacite and rhyolite between faults nos. 4 and 5. The dacite is commonly porphyritic in texture and comprises white or pink phenocrysts of quartz and potash feldspar set in a dark grey, blue-grey, green, pink, or purplish groundmass of cryptocrystalline alkali feldspar and quartz. It occurs as bedded tuff, welded ash, extrusive flow, and sill-like intrusions. Where intrusive, the rock is slightly coarser-grained, and generally more massive.

Example No. 2 Drill/load pattern

Chainage 3061; Date 31.10.77

Rock Type Granite Porphyry; Drill 1803 mm; Pull 1.57 m av.

Explosive 28 mm AN60 plus Exactex; Detonators safety fuse type.



1. Pattern - normal rock conditions

Hole	No.	Loading/hole	Primer	Sticks
Cut holes (wedge)	8	1 Primer + 4 sticks	8	32
Inner holes	6	1 Primer + 6 sticks	6	36
Ring holes	6	1 Primer + 6 sticks	6	36
Crown/shoulder	3	1 Primer + 1 stick + 3' exactex	3	9 (equiv)
Lifter holes	4	1 Primer + 8 sticks	4	32
<u>Total holes</u>	<u>27</u> No.		<u>27</u>	<u>145</u>
		<u>Total Explosive</u>		<u>172 sticks</u>

Explosive : 172 sticks x 0.385 lb/stick = 66 lb = 30 kg

Face area : Pay 'C' line 6.6025m² O/B 1.08m², total 7.68m²

Explosive consumption 30 kg = 2.48 kg/m³ solid excavated
7.68 x 1.57 m

2. Hard rock conditions: drill 4 extra holes to "1" marked 'H'.

3. Very hard rock conditions; drill 2 holes extra to "1" & "2" marked 'EH'.

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CHAINAGE 00

FIGURE 2

COORDS N612801

E199427

SHAFT N° 1

CHAINAGE

498.711

COORDS

N612423.640

E198948.130

DEPTH

22.826

DIA.

4.500

R.L. OF INVERT 523.716

SEE DETAIL 1

103° 54' 37"

189° 03' 23"

ORIGINAL DESIGN ROUTE

SHAFT N° 2

CHAINAGE

1712.267

COORDS

N611225

E198757

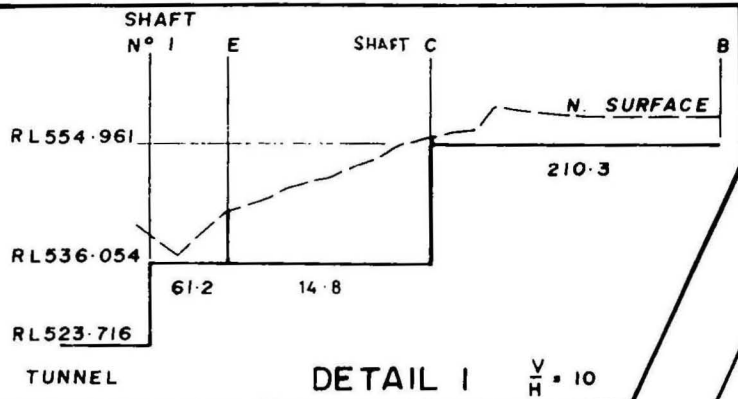
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DIAMETER

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SHAFT N° 3

CHAINAGE

3314.700

COORDS

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DEPTH

46.0

DIAMETER

2.600

R.L. OF INVERT 519.020

203° 01' 50"

1802.433

1480.500

WILLOW BEND - (SEE DETAIL 2).

CHAINAGE

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COORDS

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OUTLET PORTAL

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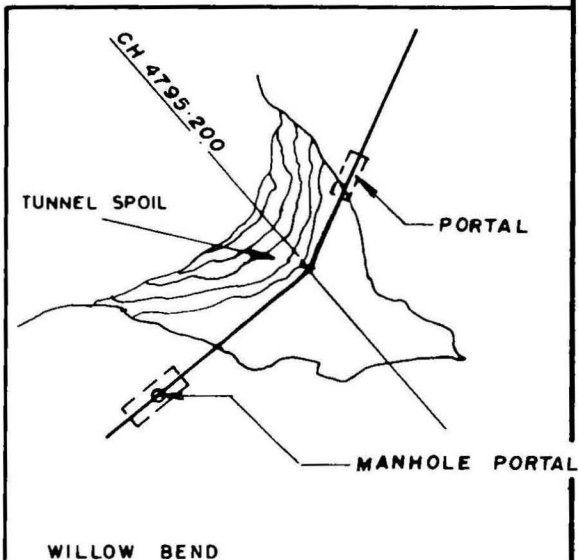
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Fig. 3: General view of work area and upstream portal, Willow Bend. Slumping of the slope above the portal took place after benching of the work area at the portal.

Bedding is visible only where the rock is tuffaceous and interbedded with other sediments or ash. Elsewhere bedding is not apparent, although some joints are folded and may have formed parallel to the bedding planes. The tuffaceous and extrusive units have been tilted about 20° to the southwest.

Rhyodacite and rhyolite (Ch 4380-4670). Green rhyolite and purple rhyodacite are found within the wedge between faults nos. 4 and 5. The rhyodacite is generally porphyritic and comprises glassy clear quartz and pink potassium feldspar phenocrysts set in a purplish-pink, pale yellow, or yellow-green groundmass of cryptocrystalline alkali feldspar. The purple rhyodacite occurs mostly as extrusive flows which in places grade into fine-grained, siliceous, pale green rhyolitic tuffs or ash. The rock is moderately to closely jointed and moderately to extremely weathered, and the purple, yellow, and green varieties of this rock appear to be weathering manifestations of minor variations in chemical composition. Fractured, sheared, and extremely weathered rhyolite porphyry (Ch 1105-1125) intrudes dacite and rhyodacite in the northern section of tunnel, and is associated with quartz and epidote veining. Bedding is not visible except where interbeds of siliceous or fine-grained tuffs occur. All contacts of rhyodacite and rhyolite with the dacite are faulted.

Granite porphyry (Ch 3720-2720 and Ch 1493-1306). The granite porphyry is centrally located along the tunnel to the north of fault no. 3. The rock is porphyritic and comprises phenocrysts of glassy quartz, white to pale green plagioclase feldspar, dark pink garnet, and altered dark green biotite and pyroxene set in a pale grey to pinkish grey microcrystalline groundmass of quartz. The rock is a high-level intrusion; its northern intersection of the tunnel (Ch 1306-1493) shows intrusive contacts with hornfels against dacite and shale, whereas the more extensive section farther south has been faulted against dacite in the south (Ch 3720) and has an irregular and possibly faulted contact against black shale in

the north (Ch 2720); the relation between the granite porphyry and black shale appears to be more consistent, with a sill-like form for the granite porphyry. Flow banding was absent from the granite porphyry and the rock was fairly uniform in appearance throughout; the only variation in rock type within the granite occurs at Ch 3652, where a small pink coarse-grained granite dyke intersects the tunnel line. A small, extremely weathered plug of granite porphyry intrudes tuffaceous sediments in the tunnel at Ch 2300-2360, but the granite porphyry does not extend to the surface.

Siliceous siltstone (Ch 3883-3940). This rock is a black silicified siltstone that has a dull resinous lustre caused by slickensiding of the phyllosilicate minerals exposed during excavation. It is interbedded with extrusive dacite and partially absorbed by intrusive dacite at Ch 3883-3940. This rock has been extensively fractured, disrupted, intruded, and silicified by dacite.

The relation between the siliceous siltstone and sediments to the north is not known; it does not appear to be tuffaceous as are the sediments to the north, and it is not thinly bedded or laminated.

Tuffaceous sediments and crystal tuff (Ch 2719-1493). Dark grey laminated shale and pale grey bedded crystal tuffs were intersected in the northern section of the tunnel, south of fault no. 2. Interbeds of off-white tuffaceous sandstone and dark grey siltstone are associated with these volcanic sediments. Grey dacite flows containing black shale xenoliths separate successive sedimentary layers, and granite porphyry intrudes at Ch 2300-2360. The contact between this sequence and overlying massive welded tuff at Ch 1745 is faulted and sheared. Bedding dips to the west or southwest at $5-15^{\circ}$ for nearly the entire length of sequence intersected.

2.2 Structure

The structures associated with the five main rock types intersected by the tunnel are:

Dacite. Most dacite intersected by the tunnel is moderately to closely jointed, with sections of fragmented rock common in or adjacent to fracture zones associated with clay seams and faults; some is widely jointed, but more massive rock does occur in which the joints are commonly filled with white calcite. Joints are generally tight, and about 50% of the excavated rock broke out across the rock substance rather than along joint surfaces. Most joints are continuous across the tunnel, and where they are shallow dipping, they extend over tens of metres. In some instances shallow joints are folded gently, and are not necessarily derived from or aligned with bedding or flow layering. Joint surfaces were found to be generally devoid of clay except in or adjacent to major defect zones.

Seams are fairly common within the dacite, with usually 1 or 2 every 50 metres; where seams are abundant they are associated with closely jointed or fragmented sections of rock, or with faults.

Rhyodacite and rhyolite (Ch 4380-4670). Most rhyodacite and rhyolite intersected by the tunnel is closely jointed, fragmented sections being common. Moderately jointed sections do occur in a few places, and these sections show the strong development of the horizontal joint set; two or three steeply dipping joint sets are also common. Joints are generally open a few millimetres and joint surfaces are commonly clay coated. Cementation is absent from joint surfaces, and more than 60% of rock excavated broke out along joint surfaces (up to 100% in places). Most joints are continuous across the tunnel and the horizontal set extends over tens of metres.

Seams are numerous and where shallow dipping they are persistent, being traceable for tens of metres, commonly 4-10 cm wide, and filled with clay and crushed rock.

Granite porphyry (Ch 3720-2720 and 1493-1306). Much of the granite porphyry intersected by the tunnel is moderately to widely jointed, sections of closely jointed rock being about 40-60 m apart. Joints are tight and so well cemented with calcite that 60% of the rock breaks across the rock substance. Two joint sets are commonly present: a shallow SW dipping to horizontal set that extends over tens of metres, and a steeply dipping set that is less well developed and often not continuous.

Seams are mostly thin (0.5-2 cm across), not very numerous (about 1 seam every 50 m along much of its section), and clay coated.

Siliceous siltstone (Ch 3883-3940). This rock is closely fractured to fragmented along its entire section, with fractures oriented in many directions. Most fractures are not tight and fracture surfaces are slickensided. Seams are numerous and clay coated.

Tuffaceous sediments and crystal tuff (Ch 2717-1493). Most of this section comprised shale or dacite tuff that showed strong, well developed, moderately to closely-spaced or laminated bedding planes which are horizontal or dipping at $5-10^{\circ}$ to the southwest. One dominant, moderately to closely spaced, steeply dipping ($60-80^{\circ}$ NE and SW) non-continuous joint set was apparent for most of the section.

Clay seams are fairly common and are generally associated with bedding planes particularly in the shaly sections. The clay seams were the cause of large pockets of overbreak in many places.

Defects generally were not tight, although some tuff sections were calcite cemented, and joint surfaces were commonly clay coated, particularly adjacent to seamy sections. About 50% of the rock broke out along defect planes in most of the section, but where overbreak was encountered, the rock parted completely along defect planes.

2.3 Weathering

Most of the tunnel rock was fresh to a slightly weathered, except the rhyodacite and rhyolite which was generally moderately to highly weathered (Table 1).

Dacite. Most of the dacite intersected by the tunnel excavation was slightly weathered and quite hard. Alternating with slightly weathered rock were short sections, generally of either moderately weathered or fresh rock or much less commonly, highly weathered rock. A longer section mainly of highly to extremely weathered dacite was present between Ch 4280 and 4416, and constitutes about 6% of the total dacite excavated. The fine-grained dark grey dacite between Ch 1308 and 1127 was mostly fresh rock and proved hard to drill.

Rhyodacite and rhyolite. Most of the rhyodacite and rhyolite intersected during excavation of the tunnel was highly to extremely weathered; moderately weathered rock was encountered in only a few places. These rocks were more susceptible to weathering at depth than the other rock types intersected; this may be attributed to the moderately to closely fractured nature of the rock and the high percentage of very fine-grained potassium feldspar in the groundmass which is more readily weathered.

Granite porphyry. The granite porphyry is commonly extremely weathered at depths of 10-20 m and up to 30 m below the ground surface; however, at tunnel level (50-60 m below ground surface) it was generally slightly weathered to fresh-stained.

Only a small section of extremely to highly weathered granite porphyry occurs at tunnel levels from Ch 1390-1400; this rock is closely fractured and the fractures could have formed during movement associated with the formation of fault 2. A section of moderately to highly weathered rock (Ch 1340-1308) adjacent to the faulted contact with dark grey dacite is thought to be a fracture zone associated with post-intrusion movement along fault 2.

Siliceous siltstone. The siltstone is essentially unweathered at tunnel level but does not crop out at the surface. Lack of weathering of this rock at tunnel level is probably attributable to the siliceous nature of the rock and the fact that defects have all been sealed with calcium carbonate.

Tuffaceous sediments and crystal tuff. At the surface these rocks are susceptible to weathering. Crystal tuff beds are extremely weathered and are not exposed at the surface, and highly to extremely weathered pale brown to yellow-green shale crops out as low rubbly rises. At tunnel level the rocks may be fresh, fresh-stained, or in places slightly weathered, and generally are very dark grey and black.

3. ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

3.1 Rock types and tunnelling conditions

'Rock condition' mentioned in this report is based on Terzaghi's Rock Condition Number (RCN), in which numbers ascending in sequence correspond to an increase in tunnelling difficulty, hazard, and cost. However, Terzaghi's Numbers have been partly modified to suit local conditions; a full description of each of the eight categories appears in the definitions in Appendix 1.

Table 1 summarises the rock condition of the various rock types intersected by the tunnel excavation; it also shows the degree of weathering for each rock type. Most of the rock was fresh to slightly weathered and has Rock Condition No. 1,2, or 3.

3.2 Overbreak

Overbreak in this report refers to the volume of rock excavated outside the C-line (pay line) expressed as a percentage of the volume occupied by the tunnel lining (see Fig. 4). Overbreak has been calculated by two methods:

- (i) survey-estimated overbreak
- (ii) concrete placement (volume) overbreak.

Overbreak roughly estimated as the distance beyond the C-line to the excavated tunnel wall has been shown on the detailed geological tunnel logs, and was estimated by the project geologist while logging the tunnel.

The contractor partly based his tender price on an average factor for overbreak of 38.2%.

Survey-estimated overbreak. Tunnel cross-section were taken by the contractor at stations generally spaced every few metres. Seven measurements were made

TABLE 1. ROCK CONDITION (RNC) AND DEGREE OF WEATHERING FOR EACH ROCK TYPE

Length encountered shown in metres

	Dacite	Rhyodacite and rhyolite	Granite porphyry	Siliceous siltstone	Tuffaceous sediments and crystal tuff
RCN 1, 2, 3 (%)	1850 (80)	64 (16)	1063 (90)	47 (82)	963 (79)
RCN 4 (%)	297 (13)	195 (48)	112 (9)	10 (18)	204 (17)
RCN 5 or worse (%)	169 (7)	147 (36)	13 (1)		57 (4)
TOTAL	2316	406	1188	57	1224
Fresh and/ or slightly weathered (%)	1931 (84)	40 (10)	1073 (90)	57 (100)	1189 (97)
Moderately weathered (%)	213 (9)	307 (77)	70 (6)		20 (2)
Highly and/ or extremely weathered (%)	172 (7)	59 (13)	45 (4)		15 (1)

2 at invert, 2 at centre-line, 2 at spacing line, and 1 at tunnel crown. An average overbreak figure for each profile was then calculated. (The calculations are included as Appendix 2).

Table 2 summarises survey-estimated overbreak calculation for both headings.

Calculation of concrete volume from overbreak survey. Using the figures derived from the overbreak survey, it is possible to convert percentage overbreak to the volume of concrete to be placed. The calculations are set out in Appendix 2. The volumes are set out in Table 3.

Concrete volumes place . The percentage overbreak based on volumes of concrete placed were set out on page 57 of the construction report (Noack, 1979), and have been included in Table 3.

The concrete volumes calculated from survey overbreak exceeded the volumes of concrete placed. Part of the difference would be accounted for by the volumes of backfill grout, steel sets, and timber lagging, and the remainder is probably attributable to the method of carrying out the overbreak survey. The survey method whereby seven or more measurements are taken radially from the centre of the tunnel and averaged for overbreak at that chainage, has an inbuilt bias that depends on the locations of the seven individual points selected for measurement; in most cases the points selected have tended to give higher than average overbreak values.

It is clear from the percentage figures in Table 3, that the over-estimation of overbreak volume from survey measurements ranges from 25 to 47 percent. The over-estimation of concrete volumes calculated from surveyed overbreak ranged from 16 to 28 percent.

TABLE 2. SUMMARY OF SURVEY-ESTIMATED OVERBREAK

	UPSTREAM HEADING		DOWNSTREAM HEADING	
	Unsupported	Supported	Unsupported	Supported
Tunnel length surveyed (m)	2433	800	732	108
Total overbreak ⁽¹⁾	377.7	292.5	78.66	33.5
Average overbreak ⁽²⁾ in m outside C-line	0.156	0.365	0.107	0.310
Overall average for tunnel 0.19 m				
Average overbreak ⁽³⁾ expressed as the increase in tunnel cross-section (m ²)	1.09	2.57	0.756	2.19
Percent overbreak ⁽⁴⁾	36%	85%	24.8%	72%
Average overbreak per heading as percent		48.5%		30.6%
Average overbreak for whole project			44.5%	

(1) This figure represents the sum of the products of the average overbreak, expressed as a distance measured beyond the C-line, and the length of section to which each average overbreak applies.

(2) Obtained by dividing total overbreak (1) by the length of tunnel surveyed.

(3) Obtained from (2) by multiplying by 7.06 m (length of C-line).

(4) Obtained by dividing (3) by 3.04 (cross-section area to the C-line) expressed as a percentage.

The difference in average overbreak between the upstream and downstream headings is probably attributable to the higher percentage of support (9% more) that was required on the upstream heading.

TABLE 3. CONCRETE VOLUMES AND PERCENTAGE OVERBREAK

	UPSTREAM		DOWNSTREAM		TOTAL LENGTH		STEEL SUPPORT SECTIONS	
	<u>Survey method estimate</u>	<u>Concrete placed</u>	<u>Survey method estimate</u>	<u>Concrete placed</u>	<u>Survey method estimate</u>	<u>Concrete placed</u>	<u>Survey method estimate</u>	<u>Concrete placed</u>
Tunnel length (m)	4298	4320	893	1210	5191	5430	1016	43.2
Volume of concrete	19121	16197	3540	3455	22661	19633	5671	1957
Concrete volume over-estimated by (%)	16%	-	28%	-	17%	-	19%	-
Concrete volume to C-line	13065	12992	2710	2798	15775	15790	3089	131.3
OVERBREAK								
Concrete volume	6056	3205	883	637	6939	3834	2582	64.4
%	46.3	24.5	30.6	22.8	44	24.3	83.5	49
Over-estimated by	47%	-	25.5%	-	45%	-	41%	-

The measurement of overbreak by survey methods for the estimation of concrete volumes has rarely proved to be satisfactory. Where an accurate estimate of concrete volumes is required, the Waite Plate Method (Fellowes, 1976) of photographic profiling should be considered.

3.3 Tunnel support

A typical tunnel section showing details of supports used is shown as Figure 4. Invert struts were not used. Most steel sets were spaced at between 1.1 and 1.2 except at the upstream heading outlet portal where the average spacing over 50 m was 0.9 m. Steel supports were 102 mm X 762 mm x 15 kg RSJs (two segments) braced with 19 mm mild steel tie rods. Timber lagging was used in varying quantities as required for the rock condition. Rock bolts were used only at tunnel shaft junctions where the rock mass had two degrees of freedom to move. The support predicted and the support actually used were as follows:

	<u>Predicted support</u>	<u>Actual support</u>
	(Lang & Purcell, 1976)	
Upstream	23%	21%
Downstream	<u>12%</u>	<u>12%</u>
Overall average	<u>15%</u>	<u>14%</u>

Seismic velocity and support. Comparison of tunnel support with other data such as overbreak, rock type, and advance rate have been stated elsewhere in this report.

A comparison of seismic velocities versus support may not be very meaningful owing to the depth of the tunnel below ground surface. However, a correlation of seismic velocity, rock condition number (RCN), and steel support is given in Table 4. The correlations are similar in the higher velocities to those obtained in the Tuggeranong, Ryan, and Pine Ridge Tunnels (Purcell, 1977 and 1979); however, there is some divergence from the

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TUNNEL CROSS - SECTIONS

FIGURE 4

Backfill grouting to be carried out as directed using vent pipes where directed.

Rock bolts 24 mm dia. solid section. Type, length, spacing of bolts, and dia of holes as directed. Steel fabric between bolts when necessary.

Holes for pressure grouting as directed by the Director of Housing and Construction.

A line
B line
C line
(Pay line)

Compacted Tunnel spoil to be kept outside B line, and to be backfill grouted, after completion of concrete lining, as directed. Such spoil may remain in any Tunnel Section.

UNSUPPORTED

ROCKBOLT SUPPORTED

Holes for pressure grouting as directed by the Engineer

Steel rib
(A.S.T.F.B. or A.S.U.B. section)

Timber lagging, blocking, wedging, cribbing, etc.

Timber spreaders
(to be removed prior to concreting)

Tie bolts M16 dia.
between steel ribs

A line
B line
C line
(Pay line)

STEEL RIB SUPPORTED

STEEL RIB SUPPORTED WITH INVERT STRUT

SCALE 400 0 500 1000 mm

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TABLE 4. SEISMIC VELOCITIES, SUPPORT, AND RCN

*SEISMIC VELOCITIES (m/s)						
	<u>1000-2000</u>	<u>2100-3000</u>	<u>3100-4000</u>	<u>4100-5000</u>	<u>>5000</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
No. of metres	105	256	993	1997	585	3936
(% of route)	(3%)	(7%)	(25%)	(50%)	(15%)	
Length steel supported	75	139	344	387	57	1002
(% of velocity)	(71.5%)	(54%)	(35%)	(19%)	(10%)	
Most common RCN	4-5	4	3-4	3	3 and 2-3	

NOTE * Highest recorded velocity in region of tunnel if tunnel below highest recorded refractor. Otherwise velocities are those through which the tunnel was driven.

graph of the Tuggeranong tunnel where a high percentage of support was required in low-velocity rock at shallow depths (Fig. 4).

3.4 Excavation rates

The various excavation rates and correlations are summarised in the tables below. Daily progress has been plotted on the detailed tunnel logs. Three 8-hour shifts were generally worked on the upstream heading but often only 2 shifts per day were worked on the downstream heading. The figures given in the tables below are based on three 8-hour shifts per day; whenever only 2 shifts were worked per day, this is counted as 2/3 of 1 day. Sections of tunnel where long lead-up times occurred (generally at the tunnel portals) have not been included in the data presented below.

Table 5. General excavation rates

	<u>No. of metres excavated</u>	<u>No. of days taken</u>	<u>Average advance rate</u>
Downstream heading	893	75	11.9 m/day
Upstream heading	4298	379	11.4 m/day
Total	5191	454	11.4 m/day

Table 5 shows very little difference in the advance rates between the two headings (about 4%). Higher excavation rates were obtained in the upstream heading (Table 5) than in the downstream heading but ground conditions were not as good in sections of the upstream heading, and twice as much support was installed (21% compared to 11%).

Advance rate is tabulated against rock condition in Table 6. The rate per day for rock with RCN 2-4 ranged between 10 and 12 m per day, but for rock with RCN 4-5 was less than 9 m per day.

TABLE 6. ADVANCE RATE AND ROCK CONDITION NUMBER (RCN)

RCN	DOWNSTREAM HEADING			UPSTREAM HEADING			TOTALS		
	<u>Metres</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>m/d</u>	<u>Metres</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>m/d</u>	<u>Metres</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>m/d</u>
2	-	-	-	23	2	11.5	23	2	11.5
2-3	209	18	11.6	651	53	12.3	860	71	12.1
3	284	24	11.8	1568	134.5	11.6	1852	158.5	11.6
3-4	194	17	11.4	1148	96	12.0	1342	113	11.8
4	167	16	10.4	496	50.5	9.8	663	66.5	10.0
4-5	-	-	-	232	26.5	8.7	232	26.5	8.7
5	-	-	-	142	16.5	8.6	142	16.5	8.6

The advance rate has also been tabulated against the main rock types for which the various lengths of support are listed (Table 7). The advance rate was fairly constant, ranging from 10.9 to 12.4 m per day, except in the purple rhyodacite at the outlet portal of the north heading where the rate was reduced to 9.9 m per day, and in the grey dacite porphyry where the advance rate was only 10.1 m per day.

Table 8 shows the advance rates tabulated against supported and unsupported sections, and reduction in the advance rate of 1.9 m per day was recorded for the supported sections. A comparison of predicted and actual amounts of support for the tunnel shows that 1016 m of tunnel was supported, whereas the prediction for support was 1106 m, an overestimate of about 9 percent.

3.5 Ground vibration and tunnel blasting

As the tunnel was located sufficiently far away from houses and any engineering structures (excepting the Electricity Substation) ground vibration tests were not carried out. No complaints were received during tunnel construction.

The explosives used were as follows (Noack, 1979):

- (i) Gelignite An60, 28 mm diam., and
- (ii) Exactex

The typical loading patterns shown in Appendix 2 for the granite porphyry and Walker Member dacite gave an explosive consumption in the order of 2.5 kg per m³ of solid rock excavated.

Exactex was used in the three crown holes in an endeavour to reduce crown fragmentation and overbreak.

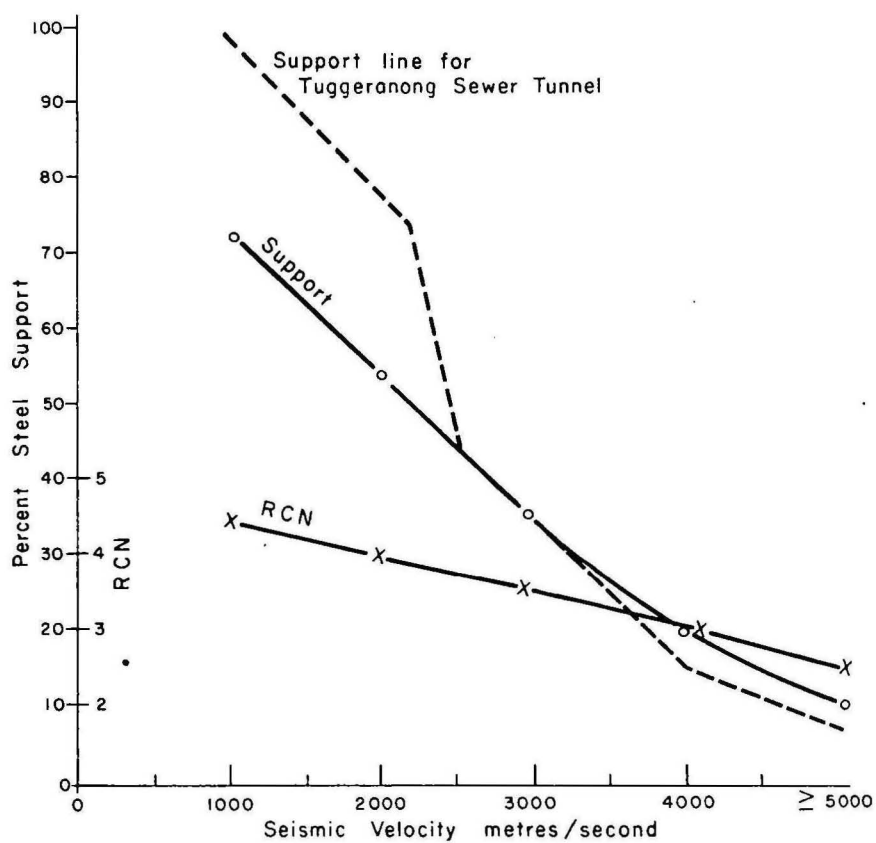


Fig.5 Relationship between Rock support, Rock condition and Seismic Velocity

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TABLE 7. ADVANCE RATE, ROCK TYPE, AND SUPPORT

	TUNNEL from	STATION to	Distance m	Steel support m (%)	Days	m/day
Dacite grey-green	(Portal) 5763	(Portal) - 4870	893	108 (12%)	75	11.9
Rhyodacite purple	(Portal) 4756	- 4410	346	30 (8.6)	34	9.9
Dacite and siliceous siltstone	4410	- 3720	690	218 (31.5)	62	11.1
Granite - adamellite	3720	- 2718	1002	51 (5.0)	85	11.8
Shale	2718	- 2580	138	64 (46)	12	11.5
Shale, tuff, sand- stone Interbedded	2580	- 1494	1086	47 (4)	88	12.4
Granite porphyry	1494	- 1308	186	31 (17)	15	12.4
Dacite dark grey, fine	1308	- 1127	181	56 (31)	16	11.3
Rhyolite porphyry - rhyodacite	1127	- 1067	60	19 (32)	5.5	10.9
Dacite porphyry grey	1067	(Portal) - 458	609	100 (16)	60.5	10.1
Totals			5191	724 (14)*	454	11.4

* 14% is tunnel average

TABLE 8. ADVANCE RATE AND SUPPORT SUMMARY

	UPSTREAM HEADING			DOWNSTREAM HEADING		
	<u>Unsupported</u>	<u>Steel supported</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unsupported</u>	<u>Steel supported</u>	<u>Total</u>
Length (m)	3390	908	4298	785	108	893
Days taken to excavate	287	92	379	64.5	10.5	75
Advance rate m/day	11.8	9.9	11.4	12.2	10.3	11.9

NOTES:

Upstream heading: 21% of tunnel steel supported

Downstream heading: 12% of tunnel steel supported

PREDICTIONS OF SUPPORT PRIOR TO EXCAVATION

Upstream heading: Up to 990 m (23.2%)

Downstream heading: Up to 110 m (12.3%)

Prediction error: 1106 m predicted, actual 1016 m - i.e. support over-estimated by about 9%.

Electric detonators with $\frac{1}{2}$ second delay were used, except within 1 km of the 330 kV substations at Ch 1800-2600, where non-electric detonators were used.

3.6 Tunnelling and groundwater

Water infiltration into the tunnel on the downstream heading (Ch 4870-5763) was negligible, and during excavation any water inflow together with the waste drilling water was pumped upstream to the portal through a 10 cm discharge line. After concrete lining only minor quantities of water infiltrated through shrinkage cracks (P. Noack, pers. comm.). Accordingly no pressure grouting was undertaken on this heading.

Water infiltration into the tunnel on the upstream heading (Ch 0458-4756) increased progressively during excavation to a maximum constant flow of 37 000 litres per hour. Infiltration water flowed from the tunnel along an invert side drain and discharged through a V-notch weir. Measurements of water outflow were made daily, and a summary graph of these data is shown in Figure 6.

It is estimated that short-duration peak flows from pockets of groundwater intersected by the tunnel in the course of excavation were of the order of 75 000 litres per hour (Ch 1910, Ch 1865 and Ch 1210); however, no delays in tunnelling resulted from these flows.

Most of the groundwater infiltration took place along three sections:

- (i) the tunnel section between shaft 1 and Ch 1300
- (ii) chainage 1800-2300, and
- (iii) chainage 3600-4100

It is not possible to record separately the effect that concrete lining, backfill grouting, and pressure grouting had on reducing the water infiltration as these three operations were carried out concurrently most of the time. Pressure grouting of the tunnel section between shafts 1 and 2 reduced the short-term inflow through the concrete lining from 12 200 litres per hour to 3900 litres per hour.

At the completion of all concrete works the infiltration rate had been reduced to 13 200 litres per hour. It is expected that the long-term infiltration rate could be of the order of 22 000 litres per hour after the water-table stabilises.

Most groundwater inflows were associated with major and minor faults. Either the groundwater inflows issued from the fault itself, particularly where the rock was only fractured and not filled with clay or gouge, or more commonly the groundwater inflows came from fractured rock adjacent to the fault. Many faults contained clay and crushed rock; this reduced their permeability and caused them to act as barriers to the flow of groundwater from the adjacent rock which in some cases had been fragmented by the fault and had a high porosity and permeability. Such a condition brought about the high inflows at chainages 750, 4040, and 1310 when the adjacent faults 4, 3, and 2 were penetrated and the water held back by the faults were released.

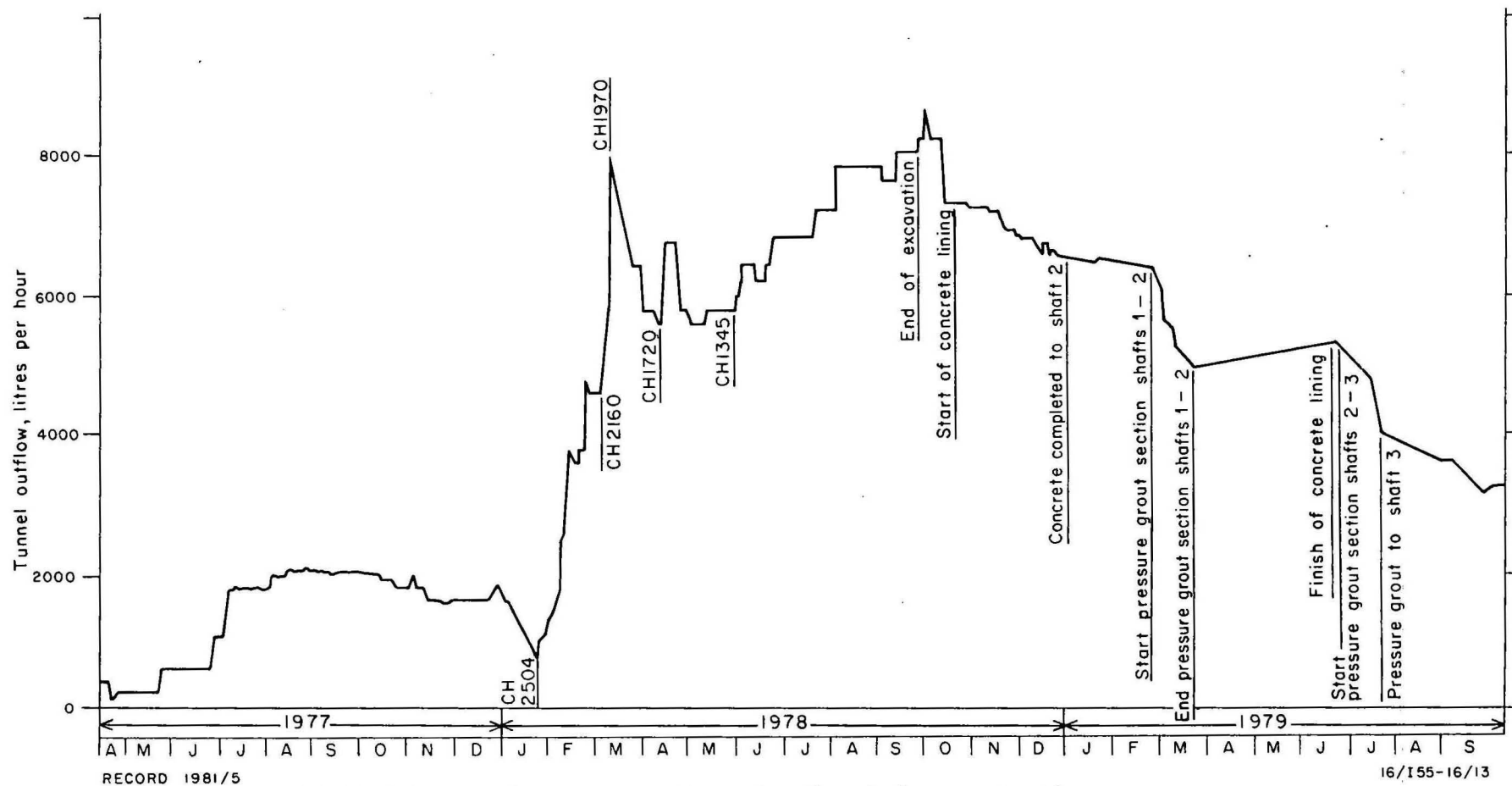


Fig.6 Water outflows from upstream heading during construction

4. REVIEW OF THE PRE-CONSTRUCTION GEOLOGICAL AND GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATIONS

Fourteen diamond-drill holes and nine groundwater observation bores, with a total length of 1045 m, were drilled to investigate the 5 km tunnel. The seismic refraction survey was directed towards (1) the identification of low-velocity rock at tunnel depths, which was usually associated with faulting, and (2) changes in lithology, which were identified generally by variations in the thickness and the velocities of the weathered profiles. Seven kilometres of seismic traversing was undertaken and the interpretations were developed with reference to the geological mapping. The geological conditions encountered were essentially as predicted by the investigation reports (Lang & Purcell, 1976; Taylor, 1975); in particular the locations of faults and changes of lithology were accurately identified.

Support predictions for the tunnel were over-estimated by about 10 percent; the predicted overbreak was generally less than 50 cm beyond the C-line; surveyed overbreak, expressed as the percentage increase of concrete volume over and above the concrete placed within the C-line, was calculated from tunnel survey measurements as 45 percent.

Drainage of groundwater from the zone to the north of Willow Bend by drillhole GST 17 before construction greatly reduced the amount of water held behind fault 4 in that section. The largest inflows during excavation were associated with interbedded dacitic tuffs and sandstones beneath the electricity substation, and farther north in welded pyroclastic flows near Ginninderra Creek.

The close liaison between geologists and geophysicists during the investigation phase of the project was a major influence in the preparation of a comprehensive engineering geology report that proved to be accurate in the prediction of rock condition and tunnel support.

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APPENDIX 1:

Definition of Terms

including

Rock condition numbers and degrees of weathering

APPENDIX 1: DEFINITION OF TERMS

ROCK CONDITION NUMBERS

1. Descriptions of the Rock Condition Numbers (RCN) have been modified after Terzaghi (1964) and Deere, Merritt, & Coon (1969) on suit geological conditions encountered in tunnelling operations in the ACT since 1971. To date these tunnels have passed mainly through acid volcanics and sedimentary rocks derived from them.

2. Predicted support requirements for each RCN should be used only as a guide, as very narrow but poorly oriented defects in an otherwise long section of competent rock (e.g. RCN 2) may require 2 or 3 steel sets or a few rock bolts for stabilisation. The predictions of support assume an excavated tunnel diameter of up to 4m.

3. It should also be noted that RCN 7 and 8 have not been recorded to date in the ACT.

ROCK CONDITION

Number

Description of the Rock Mass

1. HARD INTACT ROCK: Rock massive, very hard and very strong, with no significant joints or other defects. Breaks across sound rock when blasted. No support necessary.
2. HARD WIDELY JOINTED ROCK: As above, but may be foliated or bedded with a fairly high resistance to separation of surfaces. Prominent continuous joints spaced 1-3 m are tight; joints usually not continuous for more than a few metres. No support required.
3. MASSIVE, MODERATELY JOINTED: Rock mostly hard and strong. Continuous joints generally spaced 0.5-1 m are usually fairly tight, but some water seepage along joints may occur. Rock may be partly blocky in places, and generally breaks along joint surfaces when blasted. Steel or rock-bolt supports generally not required in 3 m diameter tunnel; in a 4 m tunnel, some rock-bolts may be required where blocky or poorly oriented defects cross the tunnel.

4. MASSIVE, MODERATELY JOINTED, SEAMY: As above but defect surfaces generally clay-coated and loose. Clay seams and sheared or fractured rock with clay common. Rock may be moderately weathered or altered and soft in parts. Steel-set support (1-1.3 m spacing) sometimes required in tunnels up to 3 m diameter; more often in 4 m tunnel. Rock-bolts may be preferable in places.
5. CLOSELY JOINTED AND SEAMY: Closely jointed, seamy, and fractured rock; joints and fractures are loose and open (where not clay-filled), and may result in large water inflows into the excavation; includes highly and extremely weathered (or altered) rock. May exert considerable weight on steel-set supports; steel supports spaced at 1 m (or less) with heavy timber lagging. Rock-bolts not usually effective.
6. SEAMY AND CRUSHED ROCK: Includes unconsolidated sand, slopewash, etc. Refers to fault zone material (gouge) or shattered rock where clay and gravel make up the greater percentage of the material mass. If water content is high, these materials may run or flow and exert significant side pressures. Stand-up time near zero. Rock-bolting not effective. Steel sets 0.5 m centres, invert struts, and possibly linear plates. Shotcrete or gunite often effective in containing running ground.
7. SQUEEZING GROUND: Slow movement of rock into the tunnel without perceptible volume increase (rock with clay minerals with low swelling characteristics).
8. SWELLING GROUND: Material expands in volume upon exposure to water (e.g. montmorillonite clay, serpentinite, anhydrite, etc.).

DEGREES OF ROCK WEATHERING

FRESH	: No discolouration or loss in strength.
FRESH STAINED	: limonitic staining along fractures; rock otherwise fresh and shows no loss of strength.
SLIGHTLY WEATHERED	: Rock is slightly discoloured, but not noticeably lower in strength than the fresh rock.

- MODERATELY WEATHERED : Rock is discoloured and noticeably weakened; N-size (54 mm) drill core generally cannot be broken by hand across the rock fabric.
- HIGHLY WEATHERED : Rock is discoloured and weakened; N-size (54 mm) drill can generally be broken by hand across the rock fabric.
- EXTREMELY WEATHERED : Rock is decomposed to soil, but the original rock fabric is mostly preserved.

ROCK SUBSTANCE

This is defined as intact, effectively (for engineering purposes) homogenous rock. Repeated mechanical tests on the material would give acceptable coefficients of variations (e.g., uniform results).

ROCK MASS

Rock mass is a body of material which is not effectively homogenous, that is, the rock substance is crossed by natural defects such as joints, faults, seams etc.

SHEARED ROCK

Consists of rock intersected by close (< 1 cm), slightly curving intersecting fracture planes; the fracture surface may be smooth, polished, slickensided, or coated with clay.

CRUSHED ROCK

Consists of rock which is mechanically disintegrated but not obviously chemically decomposed.

FRACTURED ROCK

Consists of rock which is intensively jointed in several directions. Fracture surfaces are often clay-coated.

FAULTED ROCK

Faults can be sheared, crushed, or fractured rock, and where relative displacement of rock can be seen. Unless evidence for faulting is quite definite the term should not be used.

JOINT SPACING

- Very close - joints spaced <5 cm
- Close - joints spaced 5 to 30 cm
- Moderately close - joints spaced 30 cm to 1 m
- Wide - joints spaced 1 to 3 m
- Very wide - joints spaced >3 m

JOINT APERTURE

This describes the amount of separation of the joint surfaces. Joints may be open or tight. If two joint faces fit perfectly it is probable that the joint in the rock mass was tight (or closed). However, if they do not fit it probably means that the joint was open; or possibly filled with clay that has been washed away during drilling.

BEDDING

- | | | |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| Laminated | - | <10 mm thick |
| Thinly bedded | - | 10 mm to 100 mm thick |
| Thickly bedded | - | >100 mm thick |

GRAINSIZE

- | | | |
|----------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| Coarse-grained | - | 1 mm to 4 mm in diameter |
| Medium-grained | - | $\frac{1}{4}$ mm to 1 mm in diameter |
| Fine-grained | - | $<\frac{1}{4}$ mm in diameter |

ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (RQD)

RQD is the ratio (expressed as a percentage) of length of core recovered to the total length of core run, counting only those pieces of hard and sound rock 10 cm in length or longer.

APPENDIX 2:

SURVEY OVERBREAK CALCULATIONS

AND

EXPLOSIVE LOADING PATTERNS

ESTIMATION OF CONCRETE QUANTITIES FROM SURVEY OVERBREAK DATA

Upstream heading (4298 m)

Pay concrete: 3.04 m^3 per m of tunnel

$$3.04 \times 4298$$

13065 m^3

Overbreak concrete, unsupported section (3390 m)

Average overbreak as a percentage of pay concrete
in this section: 36%

$$\text{Overbreak concrete: } 3.04 \times 3390 \times 0.36$$

3710 m^3

Overbreak concrete, steel supported section (908 m)

Average overbreak as a percentage of pay
concrete in this section: 85%

$$\text{Overbreak concrete: } 3.04 \times 908 \times 0.85$$

2346 m^3

Total overbreak concrete, upstream heading:

6056 m^3

TOTAL ESTIMATED CONCRETE

19121 m^3

Overbreak concrete as a percentage of pay
concrete for this heading

$$\frac{6056}{13065} \times 100 = 46.3\%$$

Downstream heading (893 m)

Pay concrete: 3.04 m^3 per m of tunnel

$$3.04 \times 893$$

2710 m^3

Overbreak concrete, unsupported section (785 m)

Average overbreak as a percentage of pay
concrete in this section: 24.8%

$$\text{Overbreak concrete: } 3.04 \times 893 \times 0.248$$

597 m^3

Overbreak concrete, steel-supported section (108 m)

Average overbreak as a percentage of pay
concrete in this section: 72%

$$\text{Overbreak concrete: } 3.04 \times 108 \times 0.72$$

236 m^3

Total overbreak concrete, downstream section:

833 m^3

TOTAL ESTIMATED CONCRETE:

3543 m^3

Overbreak concrete as a percentage of pay
concrete for this heading:

$$\frac{833}{2710} \times 100 = 30.6\%$$

Calculations

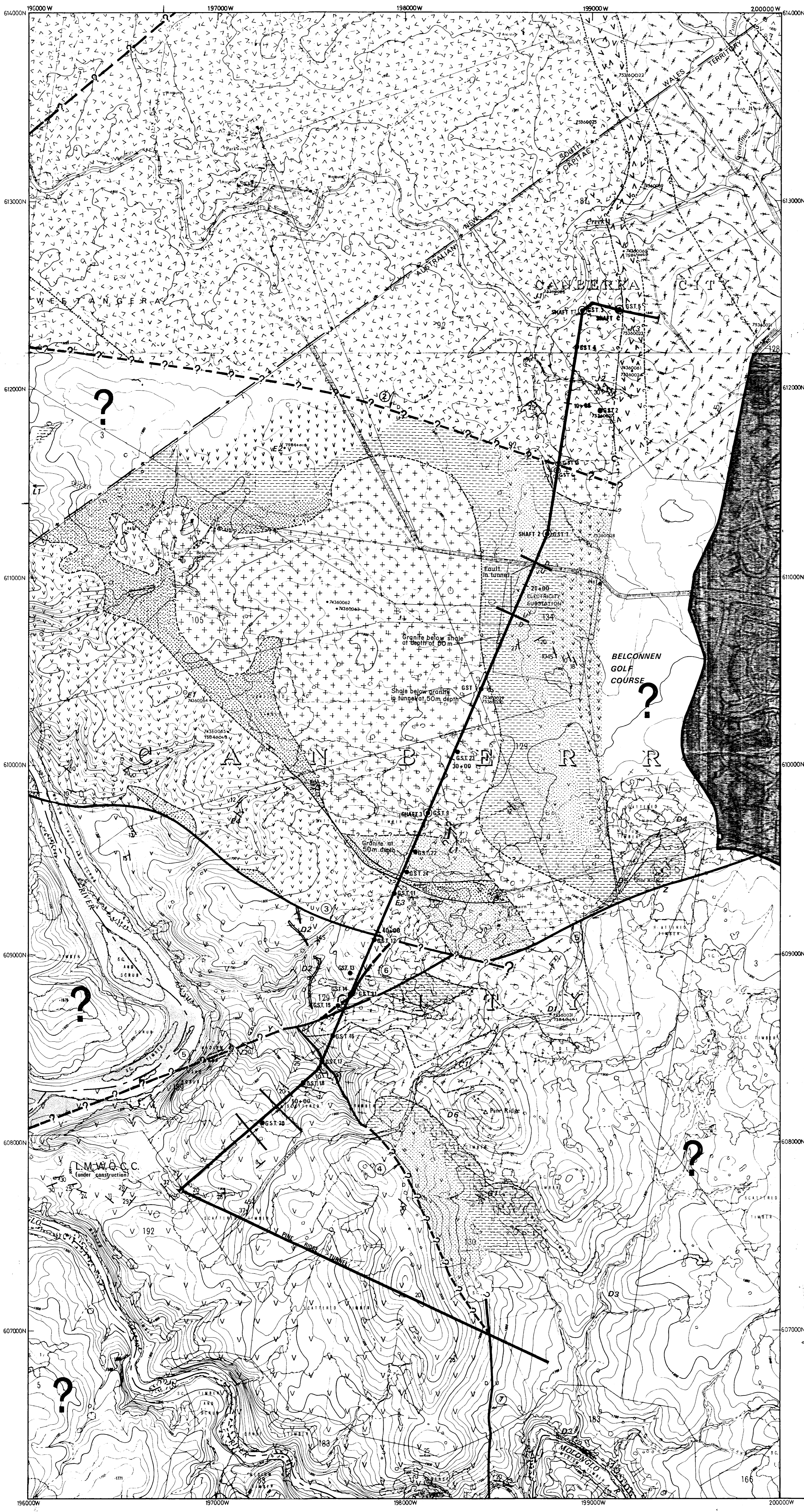
Cross-section area of pay concrete

Radius to internal surface of concrete	=	1.065 m
Cross-section area to internal surface	=	3.56 m^2
Radius to C-line (circular)	=	1.380 m
Cross-section area to internal surface	=	5.98 m^2
Area pay concrete (circular)	=	$5.98 - 3.56 = 2.42 \text{ m}^2$
Additional area for horse-shoe shaped irregularities	=	0.62 m^2

Therefore area pay concrete (horse-shoe section) = 3.04 m^2

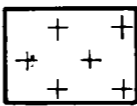
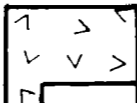
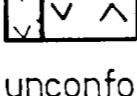
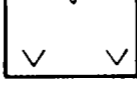
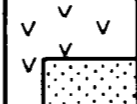

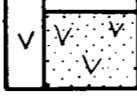
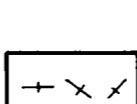
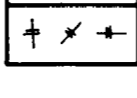
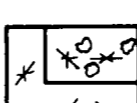
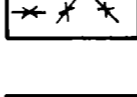


Length of C-Line

Length of circular C-line	=	8.69 m
Length of circular C-line 200° arc	=	4.82 m
Sealed horse-shoe section of lower part of tunnel	=	2.24 m
<u>Total C-line length</u>	=	<u>$4.82 + 2.24 = 7.06 \text{ m}$</u>



GINNINDERRA SEWER TUNNEL Interpretive Solid Geology

STRATIGRAPHIC SEQUENCE

ROCK NAME	UNIT NAME	AGE
 — Granite porphyry	Ginninderra porphyry ¹	Ludlovian
 — Light grey dacitic densely welded pyroclastic flows.  — Dark grey member at base.	Willow Bridge tuff ²	
unconformity		
 — Dacitic densely welded tuffs & pyroclastic flows. Bedding in places.	Walker member Unarra Volcanics ³	Wentlockian
 — Dacitic welded tuffs, agglomerates, pyroclastic flows, sills & dykes.	Painter porphyry ¹	
 — Quartz sandstone marker bed.		
 — Shale. Thin beds interbedded with pyroclastics.		
 — Sandstone. Thin beds interbedded with shales & pyroclastics. Graded bedding from pyroclastics to sandstones.		
 — Green Rhyolite		
 — Purple Rhyodacite		
 — Purple tuffs, tuffaceous sandstones & shales		
 — Purple Rhyodacite		
 — Pink Rhyolite		

- 1 Registered
- 2 Named by Link 1971, replaces Laidlaw Volcanics
- 3 Appeared in BMR record Malcolm 1954

REFERENCE

- Tunnel line with tunnel station in metres
 Shaft

FAULTS

- Fault number referred to in text
 Position accurate
 Position approximate
 Fault inferred
 Fault breccia

GEOLOGICAL BOUNDARIES

- Position accurate
 Position approximate
 Boundary inferred

FOLDS

- Anticline
 Syncline

BEDDING

- Dip and strike of bedding

DRILL HOLES

- Diamond drill hole
 Specimen locality and registered number
 Locality referred to in text

SCALE

500 0 500 1000m.

Coordinates are in metres
Contours are in feet above Sea Level

Road, sealed		Coastal cable		Dam, tank	
Road, not sealed		Telephone or telegraph line		Edge of water	
Vehicle track with grid		Power transmission line		Culvert, embankment	
Railway line		Contours with contour value		Scour, rock outcrop	
Bridge, covered		Topographical map, bench mark		Land, marsh	
Property boundary, fenced		Sea elevation		Terraced boundary	
Property boundary, unfenced		Watercourse, intermittent		District boundary	
Fence with gate		Bore or stream, perennial		Division boundary	

LEGEND

Scale: 0 100 200 300 400 500

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