

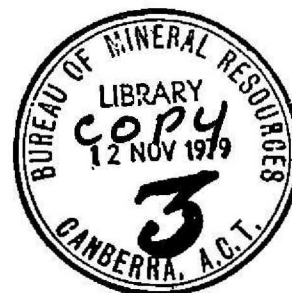


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SUMMARY

Geological mapping of excavations and logging of drillholes along the Molonglo Parkway, between Black Mountain Peninsula and Acton, have yielded useful data towards understanding the stratigraphy and structure of the Canberra city area. A conformable contact of Black Mountain Sandstone overlying State Circle Shale was exposed at the southern foot of Black Mountain, and an extensive excavation at Acton revealed Camp Hill Sandstone unconformably overlying the Pittman Formation. Exposures of ?Fyshwick Gravel were also mapped.

The excavation conditions were compared with those predicted and showed good agreement. However, predictions of orientations of joints were of limited value, as the few exposures at which measurements could be made did not provide a representative sample.

INTRODUCTION

The Molonglo Parkway, at present under construction (July 1978), is to be a dual carriageway from the northern end of the Tuggeranong Parkway west of Black Mountain, via the northern shore of Lake Burley Griffin to Commonwealth Avenue. Geological and geophysical investigations were carried out along the section of the proposed route west of Sullivans Creek by BMR (Purcell & Goldsmith, 1975; Bishop & Dolan, 1973; Ramsay, 1975); the Sullivans Creek bridge site and Acton Saddle area were investigated by Ground Test Australia (1973). Several deep excavations between Black Mountain Peninsula and Acton, have since revealed rock exposures showing stratigraphic relations of importance in understanding the geology of the Canberra city area. Useful data have also been obtained from the drilling for the foundation investigation of the bridge across the mouth of Sullivans Creek. All the relevant geological data including information from previous mapping and drilling for other projects, were then assessed in an attempt to solve some of the stratigraphic and structural relations in the area. A comparison has also been made between predicted and actual excavation and foundation conditions for the structures associated with the Molonglo Parkway.

GEOLOGY

DESCRIPTIONS OF EXCAVATIONS

Head of Black Mountain Peninsula

Three separate cuttings were excavated in this area, two along the parkway and one on a realignment of Lady Denman Drive (see Plate 1).

Roadcut 1

Roadcut 1, the westernmost of the cuttings on the parkway, is an extension back into the slope of a previously existing cutting on the former alignment of Lady Denman Drive. The rock exposed consisted of laminated shale (Sls) containing the graptolite Mono-graptus exiguus, which indicates that the shale correlates with the State Circle Shale - of which the type locality is the cutting

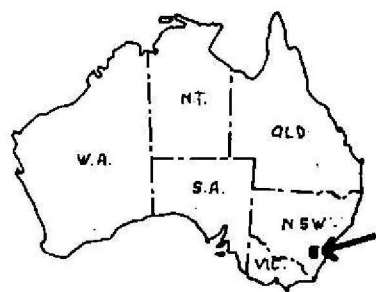
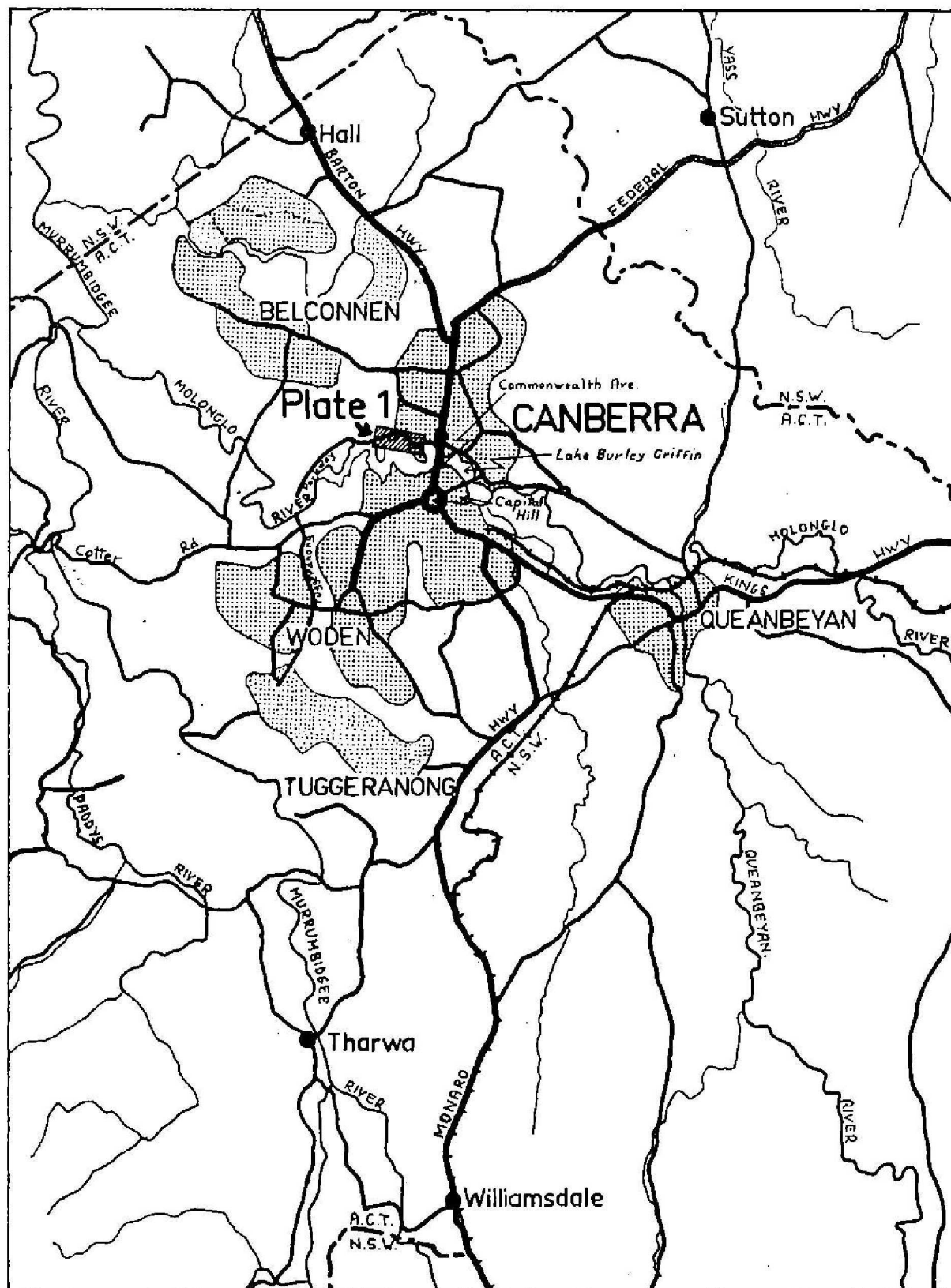
on the northwestern part of State Circle near Capital Hill (Fig. 1). The shale dips at moderate angles in a general northerly direction.

Roadcut 2

Roadcut 2 is on the parkway and crosses the ridge at the head of Black Mountain Peninsula. At the western end of the cutting, laminated shale similar to that in roadcut 1 dips east-northeast towards a north-trending vertical fault; pale grey siltstone and mudstone (S1) lie to the east of the fault which is defined by a zone of silicification a few centimetres wide. The siltstone and mudstone sequence shows bedding in only one place on the southern side of the cutting, where it dips 64° to the east; bedding is not evident on the northern side. The siltstone and mudstone sequence is massive, and contains oxidised pyrite negatives. At the deepest point of the cutting a steeply dipping contact was observed between the siltstone and mudstone sequence and the superficial deposits to the east (see sketch in Plate 1). The superficial deposits on the southern side of the cutting are mostly fine polymictic gravel up to a metre thick, horizontally overlain by a metre of very pale grey to white silt with a brown zone of iron oxide enrichment at the contact with the gravel. The silt and gravel are shown together as Cz in Plate 1. On the northern side of the cutting the upper part of the batter consists of fanglomerate (Q) with some gravel (Cz) exposed in the lower part; however, the nature of the contact between the two is not clear. Except at the steeply dipping western contact, the gravel overlies the siltstone and mudstone horizontally a few centimetres above the base of the cut on each side. At the eastern end of the cutting laminated shale (S1s) was exposed; the contact with the siltstone to the west is obscured by fanglomerate. The shale dips to the north, and is overlain respectively by a thin micaceous sandstone bed and clay with a trace of gravel at its base. Some of the geological mapping in this area and to the south-southwest and northeast was derived from a previous excavation for a sewerage pipe that was at a lower level than the present cutting.






MOLONGLO PARKWAY LOCATION MAP

Fig. 1



SCALE 1:250,000

5 0 5 10 Km.

-  Built-up area
-  Highway
-  Secondary road
-  Railway
-  Territorial boundary

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Roadcut 3

Roadcut 3, in Lady Denman Drive immediately to the south of roadcut 2, exposed pale grey siltstone and mudstone (S1) overlain by gravel on the northern batter. Bedding is more in evidence at this exposure of the siltstone and mudstone than in roadcut 2; dips are as shown in Plate 1. The overlying gravel is mostly fine to medium (less than 2 cm), but with a few larger boulders. One disc-shaped well-rounded boulder of sandstone (probably Black Mountain Sandstone) measured about 50 cm across.

Between Black Mountain Peninsula and Sullivans Creek (roadcut 4)

Roadcut 4, midway between Black Mountain Peninsula and Sullivans Creek, exposed laminated shale with a bed of black shale dipping to the north at the western end; this is overlain successively by a bed of sandstone, another bed of laminated shale and, at the top, sandstone. The succession is conformable and the shale between the two sandstones yielded a specimen of Monograptus exiguus. Bedding attitudes indicate that the sandstone and shale occupy a syncline plunging north-northwest.

East of Sullivans Creek (roadcut 5)

Laminated siliceous shale dipping steeply to the southeast was exposed in roadcut 5 immediately east of Sullivans Creek. The shale, which has already been mapped from outcrop, is the Acton Shale, (Opik, 1958), and this locality is the type locality of the formation. It contains graptolites of Late Ordovician age.

Acton saddle

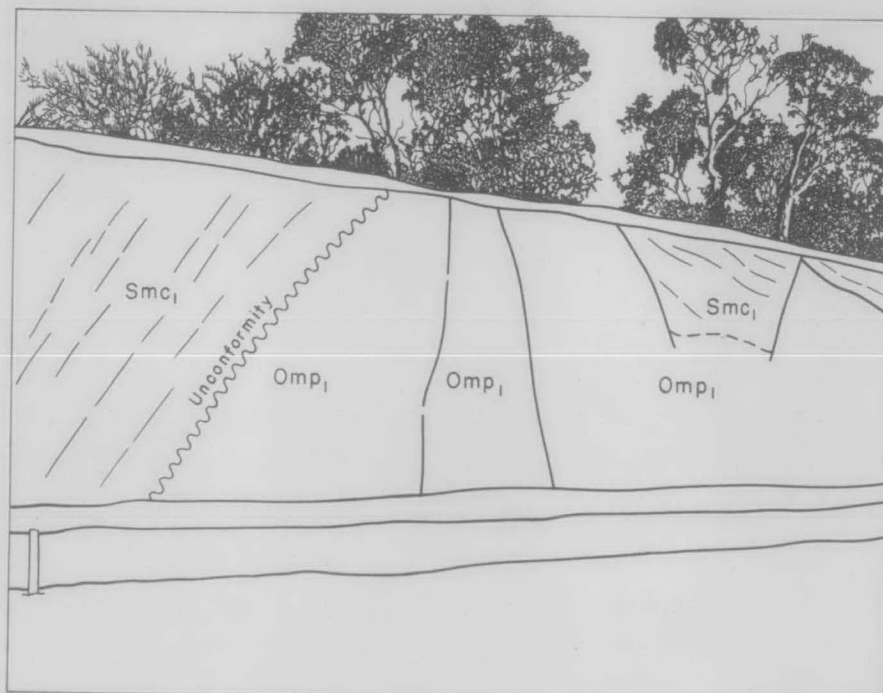
The Parkway at Acton crosses a gentle saddle between Balmain Crescent and Liversidge Street. The design of the roadway in this area is a cut and cover tunnel, with the roadway level at a maximum of about 12 m below the original surface. A total length of about 400 m of rock was exposed in the excavation (Plates 1 and 2).

Near the crest of the saddle, the excavation revealed a central section of cleaved siltstone (Omp_1) with minor sandstone beds, overlain by sandstone and silty sandstone (Smc_1). Several steep to vertical faults, mostly of small displacement cut the excavated section. the westernmost one, Fault X, is a vertical fault with somewhat larger displacement. Siltstone and silty mudstone (Smc_2) immediately west of Fault X the eastern limb of an anticlinorium whose core of sandstone and silty sandstone (Smc_1 , Plate 1) lies to the west of Balmain Crescent. Sandstone and silty sandstone (Smc_1) were also exposed in most of the excavation east of Liversidge Street, except in one section on the southern side of the excavation where the succession passes up into siltstone and silty mudstone (Smc_2).

Minor excavations for a temporary road about 100 m south of the western section of the main cutting showed cleaved siltstone and sandstone (Omp_1) with dips indicating an anticline plunging south; this unit is overlain to the northwest by sandstone and siltstone (Smc_1) that dip to the northwest. Sandstone and siltstone (Smc_1) containing brachiopod fragments were exposed about 30 m to the north of the road in a pipeline trench (locality indicated by fossil symbol); small folds plunging north were evident in this exposure.

The cleaved siltstone in the saddle in the centre of the main cutting (Omp_1) shows little evidence of bedding except in a few places where it is laminated or contains thin sandstone lenses. On the northern face of the cut small folds defined by these features plunge steeply to the north. A sandstone bed dipping steeply to the south overlies the siltstone on the southern face of the cut (section CD, Plate 2). Both the sandstone and cleaved siltstone at this location are overlain by the more gently dipping and silty sandstone (Smc_1), indicating an unconformity as shown in section CD (Plate 2). A few beds of coarse sandstone were exposed at and near the base of the sequence above the unconformity. Figure 2 shows the central part of the southern face of the cut at the easternmost exposure of the unconformity.

Two useful marker beds of prominent white sandstone were mapped in the sandstone/siltstone sequence (Smc_1) east of Liversidge Street (Plate 2). Liesegang rings were well developed in this sandstone in some places, and also in other parts of the sandstone/siltstone sequence. Another useful marker defined by one or two very thin (5 mm) beds of chocolate brown mudstone occurs in the siltstone and silty mudstone between 15 and 30 m east of points A and C (Plate 2.)



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Fig. 2 Central section of southern face of Acton Saddle cut showing location of unconformity between Pittman Formation (Omp₁) and Camp Hill Sandstone (Smc₁)

The boundary between the sandstone and mudstone facies (Smc_1 and Smc_2) is gradational, and is highlighted by a change in colour of the weathered rock from mainly white to pale yellow-brown in the sandstone facies to dark yellow-brown, red, and purple in the mudstone facies.

DRILLHOLE DATA

Graphic logs of all drillholes in the area of Plate 1 are shown in Figures 3 and 4. The full detailed logs appear in various reports as follows.

Holes MP4 - MP12	: Purcell & Goldsmith (1975)
Holes 9-35	: Ground Test (1971)
Holes 37-42	: Ground Test (1973)
Holes DD5-DD12	: Henderson (1970)
Hole C5	: Henderson (1978)

In addition most of the holes 9-35 were logged independently by D.E. Gardner (BMR), and are included in Appendix 1 of this report. Full logs of holes 1 and 2B drilled at Sullivans Creek during construction are also included.

West of Sullivans Creek

Eight holes (MP4-MP12) were drilled to test the rock and soil to be excavated for the cuttings west of Sullivans Creek. A deep stratigraphic hole (C5) was completed at the head of Black Mountain Peninsula in 1972 (Henderson, 1978). All holes except C5 penetrated a single lithological unit below soil or superficial deposits. Hole MP4 penetrated fanglomerate (Q) overlying gravel (Cz), and the hole bottomed in mudstone. Hole C5 first penetrated shale (S1s) which then passed down into massive siltstone (S1?) over a gradational zone corresponding to a zone of poor core recovery (see graphic log, Fig. 3).

Sullivans Creek area

Twelve holes (holes 27-42) were drilled from a barge in the mouth of Sullivan's Creek to test possible locations for pile foundations in bridge-works (Fig. 4). Other holes were drilled onshore to the east of the creek. Two additional holes (1 and 2B) were drilled during construction (Fig. 3).

The concealed geological boundary (dotted line) shown immediately west of holes 28 and 38 (Plate 1) represents a change in the lithology of the rock under the cover of superficial deposits. East of the boundary the rock beneath a relatively thin cover of alluvium (less than 10 m), is hard Acton Shale, similar to that exposed on the east bank. West of the boundary the rock is generally soft fine sandstone, siltstone and mudstone which in two holes (e.g., hole 40, Fig. 4) is highly weathered and soft to depths of more than 30 m. The superficial deposits are much thicker (up to about 30 m) over the soft rock. Hole 35 yielded a spiriferid brachiopod (see Appendix 1 for log of hole by D.E. Gardner).

Hole 1 and 2B (Fig. 3 and Appendix 1) were drilled after difficulties with driving piles during bridge construction. They revealed fanglomerate (below 16 m depth) overlying extremely weathered and altered siltstone and mudstone represented by grey and brown clay. Hard ironstone fragments were also recovered from both holes in the clay below the fanglomerate.

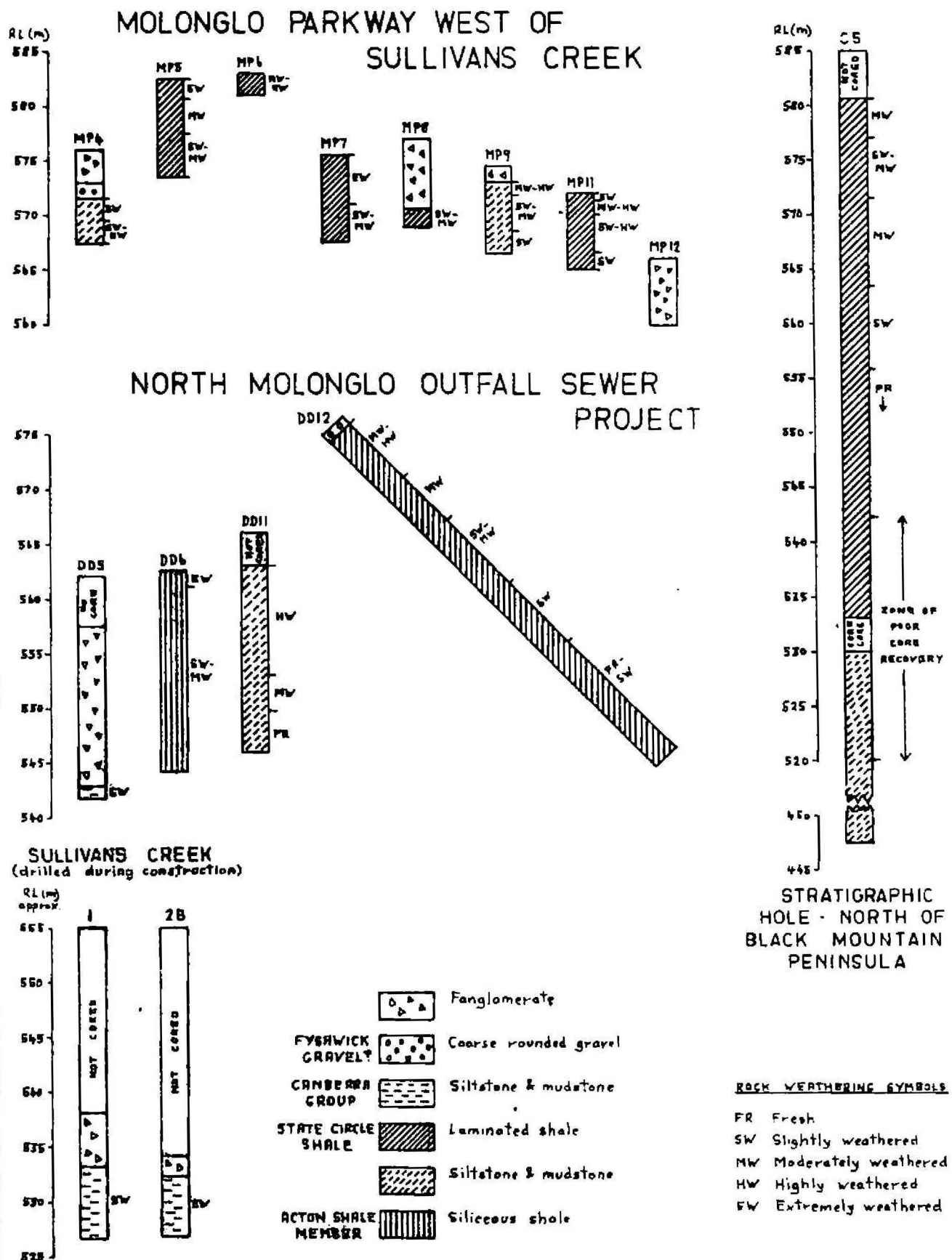
The composition and inferred origin of the superficial deposits in all the holes in the creek and in four other holes (holes 24, 24A, 25 and 26) to the east is shown on the graphic logs (Fig. 4). It is not clear from some of the logs whether material described as gravel is fanglomerate or alluvium.

Acton saddle

Fourteen holes were drilled within the area now excavated on the Acton saddle. Three of them (holes 12, 14, and 15) penetrated the high-level gravel (Cz, Plates 1 and 2) before passing into sandstone and siltstone. Two holes (holes 17 and 18) logged by D.E. Gardner (Appendix 1) penetrated the unconformity between units Omp_1 and Smc_1 ; in hole 17 the position of the unconformity is clear at 8.5 m (27 ft), but in hole 18 the lower part of the sandstone unit between 4.9 and 12.1 m (16-39.8 ft) is likely to be part of the sandstone bed mapped below the unconformity on the southern side of the cut (Plate 2, section CD).

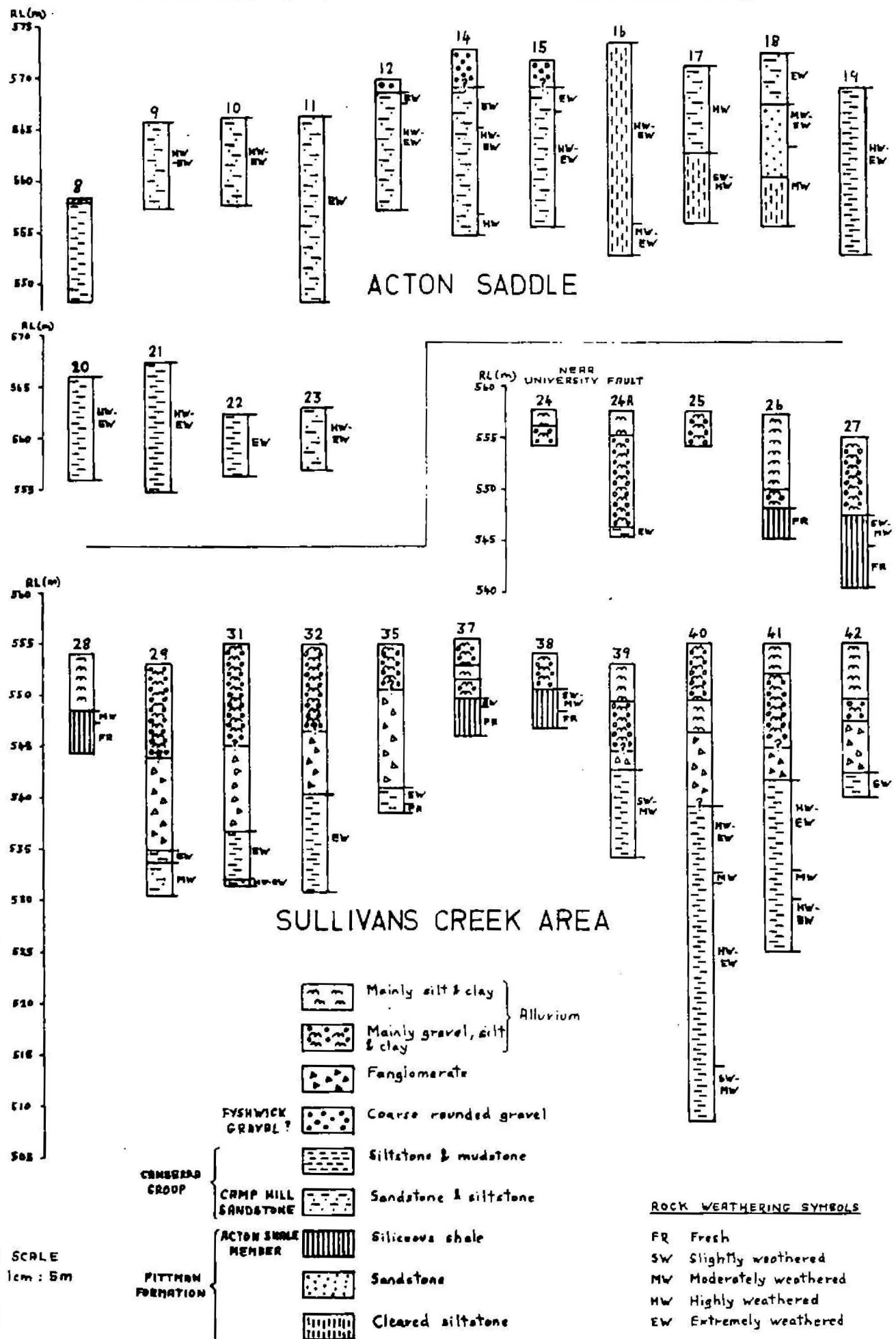
GRAPHIC LOGS OF DRILLHOLES VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Fig.3



GRAPHIC LOGS OF DRILLHOLES ACTON SADDLE AND SULLIVANS CK.

Fig.4



Each of the other holes penetrated only one of the lithological units shown in Plates 1 and 2.

North Molonglo Outfall Sewer Project

Four holes (DD5, DD6, DD11, and DD12) were drilled in 1969 for the proposed North Molonglo Outfall Sewer (see Plate 1 and graphic logs Fig. 3). Hole DD5, near Clunies Ross Street west of Sullivans Creek, penetrated fanglomerate overlying grey clayey altered mudstone, similar to that observed in holes 1 and 2B. Hole DD6, close to the east bank of Sullivans Creek, penetrated Acton Shale (Oua). Hole DD11 was drilled about 100 m south of the Research School of Physical Sciences; it penetrated siltstone (S1?) with a thin bed of sandstone. Hole DD12 was drilled near the intersection of Balmain Crescent and Liversidge Street near University House; it penetrated Acton Shale.

STRATIGRAPHY

West of Sullivans Creek

Two named rock formations of early Silurian age are exposed to the west of Sullivans Creek in the area shown in Plate 1. They are the State Circle Shale (S1s), identified as such by the presence in two places of the graptolite Monograptus exiguus, and the Black Mountain Sandstone (S1b). Before the cuttings were excavated, the generally similar northerly dips in the two formations implied that the sandstone conformably overlies the shale (Strusz & Henderson, 1971), although the contact was not clearly exposed. The recent excavations for the cutting about half way between the head of Black Mountain Peninsula and Sullivans Creek have confirmed the conformable relation beyond doubt. Interbedded sandstone and shale mark the transition from State Circle Shale to Black Mountain Sandstone, but the location of this boundary is indistinct.

A third, unnamed, formation (S1) also crops out on Black Mountain Peninsula. It was exposed in the Parkway cutting at the head of the peninsula in faulted contact with the State Circle Shale; Opik (1958) showed this area, mapped as S1, as Ordovician outcrop (Pittman Formation). The core log of drillhole C5 indicates a gradational change from State Circle Shale down into rock identified as probably S1; unfortunately a fault

zone was also encountered at about the same depth as the gradational change, and obscured the relation. Despite the fault zone it is still arguable that unit S1 represents a lower, non-laminated part of the State Circle Shale and is therefore of probable early Silurian, rather than Ordovician, age.

The age of the high-level gravel (Cz) at the head of Black Mountain Peninsula is not known. It is probably significant that the elevation of the base of the gravel is about the same as that of the Fyshwick Gravel at Fyshwick, and this would seem to indicate that the two gravels could be contemporaneous. The age of the Fyshwick Gravel has been the subject of various interpretations. Opik (1958) argued for a Permian age, but a Tertiary age has been considered more likely (Henderson, in prep.). The silt overlying the gravel shows extreme leaching, which indicates that it is at least as old as the oldest of the soil cycles of Van Dijk (1959; J.R. Kellett, BMR personal communication). The steep contact between the gravel and the siltstone/mudstone formation to the west of the gravel is probably the result of undercutting of the steep slope by the ancient (Molonglo) river that deposited the gravel. The silt overlying the gravel is of aeolian origin and would have been deposited after the ancient river changed its course. Later still, both the silt and the gravel would have been covered by the fanglomerate during the Pleistocene. The age of the fanglomerate on the lower slopes of Black Mountain is discussed by Costin & Polach (1973).

Sullivans Creek and Acton area

Rock units in the Sullivans Creek and Acton area range in age from Ordovician to Middle Silurian.

The rocks shown in Plate 1 as Ordovician (Pittman Formation) have been interpreted as such by their lithology and likely stratigraphic relation to the graptolite bearing Acton Shale Member which is of late Ordovician age. The rocks shown as Omp₁, which include the rocks exposed below the unconformity in the Acton saddle cutting, are regarded as underlying the Acton Shale Member because plunges are towards areas of Acton Shale outcrop; these areas are at Balmain Crescent to the south of the cut, and an area including the intersection of Balmain Crescent and Liversidge Street to the north of the cut (see log drillhole DD12). Exposures of sandstone

in the foundations of the Research School of Physical Sciences and in a trench on the opposite side of Mills Road (Plate 1) are down dip from the Acton Shale on the eastern side of Sullivans Creek; the sandstone is therefore regarded as overlying the shale, and has been shown as Omp_2 .

Opik (1958) reported State Circle Shale (Lower Silurian) faulted against Acton Shale in the foundations of University House, as shown in Plate 1 (University Fault). Siltstone was later mapped in the trench to the east of Mills Road and is similar to the siltstone (S1) which underlies the State Circle Shale at the head of Black Mountain Peninsula. No bedding was seen in the siltstone. Mapping of excavations at Giralang (Henderson, in prep.) has revealed an apparently conformable succession from Acton Shale to State Circle Shale, with intervening units similar to units Omp_2 and S1 at Acton. A similar conformable succession could be based on the outcrop and drillhole distribution of units Oua, Omp_2 , S1, and Sls in the Acton area.

The formations overlying the unconformity at the Acton saddle cut are regarded as Camp Hill Sandstone (Smc_1) passing up into higher parts of the Canberra Group (Smc_2) of which the Camp Hill Sandstone is the lowermost formation. This conclusion is based on lithology, on fragments of shelly fossils typical of the Canberra Group, and the presence of the unconformity which is only about 2 km from exposures of what is probably the same unconformity near Capital Hill. One exposure of Smc_2 (with dip $63^\circ E$) probably lies to the east of the Acton Fault, whose position in Plate 1 is that shown by "Opik (1958).

The stratigraphic position of the deeply weathered sandstone, siltstone, and mudstone encountered by the drillholes in the western part of the Sullivans Creek is not known definitely. The spiriferid brachiopod noted in hole 35 by D.E. Gardner (Appendix 1) probably indicates correlation with the Canberra Group. Shelly fossils are known only in the Canberra Group and younger formations, and it is likely that some, if not all, the deeply weathered rocks in the creek also belong to the Canberra Group.

The high-level gravel (Cz) on the eastern side of the saddle cutting is probably of similar age to the gravel at the head of Black Mountain Peninsula, as it is at about the same elevation.

STRUCTURE

West of Sullivans Creek

Two phases of folding are evident in the Lower Silurian rocks west of Sullivans Creek. One of the fold phases is shown on the western edge of Plate 1, where stereoplots of bedding indicate folds plunging about 20° to the northeast. The other phase was evident in the cutting between Black Mountain Peninsula and Sullivans Creek where the syncline plunges about 18° to the north-northwest; other folds in the same system were mapped in a trench between 100 and 200 m northeast of this cutting.

The fault which is exposed in the cutting at the head of Black Mountain Peninsula indicates a vertical downward displacement of the Black Mountain Sandstone on the western side of about 100 m; however a horizontal component of displacement cannot be ruled out.

The inferred fault shown striking east-northeast across the head of Black Mountain Peninsula represents the most likely position of the fault intersected at depth in drillhole C5. The fault as shown could account for an apparent structural discordance between bedding in unit S1 and the State Circle Shale (S1s). The depth (50 m) of shale and the shallow dip ($0-20^{\circ}$) in hole C5 probably favours the presence of a fault rather than an unconformity between the shale and unit S1, given the proximity of S1 in the cutting to the south of the drillhole.

Sullivans Creek and Acton area

A complex structural history is evident for the Ordovician and Middle Silurian rocks exposed in the Acton saddle cutting (see Plate 2). Plunging folds relate to roughly north-south cleavage where observed in both the Ordovician and Middle Silurian formations. The intensity of the cleavage is greatest in the finest-grained rocks; this cleavage is well developed in the Ordovician Siltstone (Omp₁) and in unit Smc₂. Folds are tighter and plunges steeper in the Ordovician siltstone than in most of the Middle Silurian rocks; however, tight folds with a moderately steep plunge were exposed in the Camp Hill Sandstone near point B on the northern face of the cut (plate 2 and Fig. 5).

A broad anticline trending northwest is interpreted as separating the southerly and northerly plunges in the Pittman Formation (Omp₁ in the central part of the cut. If this anticlinal axis is extended to the northwest and southeast it coincides roughly with the position of a broad syncline in the Canberra Group rocks above the unconformity, based on the northerly plunges of folds on the western side of the cutting and the southerly plunges on the eastern side.

A structural problem in the Acton area is posed by the University Fault (Opik, 1958), which brings the Acton Shale and State Circle Shale into contact at University House. If the displacement is vertical only, a large downthrow on the northwest side of the order of 300 m would be necessary to remove units Omp₂ and S1. The fault of largest displacement in the Acton saddle cutting is on the western side of the central cut (Fault X). This fault was considered as a likely extension of the University Fault, but the displacement of the Camp Hill Sandstone on the western side probably does not exceed 20 or 30 m, which is considerably less than that of the University Fault. If Fault X is not the University Fault, then the University Fault must swing to the north of the cutting as shown in Plate 1. However, this would mean a downward displacement on the southeastern side west of Balmain Crescent, which would be the reverse of the displacement at University House. The solution to the problem probably involves a major left lateral strike-slip component of movement on the University Fault. One possibility is that the Fault X in the saddle cutting has been displaced westwards along the University Fault and resumes at Sullivans Creek to form the boundary between the Acton Shale and probable Canberra Group rocks in the centre of the creek (see sketch in Plate 1). The ironstone in holes 1 and 2B in Sullivans Creek possibly indicates a faulted contact between the Acton Shale and the probable Canberra Group to the west.

Another problem concerns the chocolate-coloured mudstone marker bed in the saddle cutting (see Plate 2) towards the western end of the main cut. The bed highlights a structural discordance between the northern and southern sides of the cut. On the northern side of the cutting the marker bed appears to lie well above the top of the Camp Hill Sandstone to the west. On the southern side, however, a syncline between the marker bed and the Camp Hill Sandstone indicates that the marker bed, should reappear immediately above the top of the Camp Hill Sandstone. No sign of the eastern limb of the syncline appears on the northern side of the cut. Possibly

the small fault on the southern side of the cutting shown on section CD extends to the northwest across the cutting and truncates both the syncline and the marker bed in the centre of the cutting. Alternatively the marker bed may lens out, or the chocolate-brown mudstone may occur at more than one level.

ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

EXCAVATION CONDITIONS

West of Sullivans Creek

The weathering characteristics and rippability of the rock and superficial deposits in the cuttings west of Sullivans Creek generally accorded with those predicted from the drillholes, costeans, and seismic refraction investigations (Purcell & Goldsmith, 1975; Bishop & Dolan, 1973; Ramsay, 1975). However, the orientations of joints, especially in the State Circle Shale, were more varied than expected, mainly because the few localities where the joints could be measured were not representative of the whole area. No stability problems related to joints were encountered, but this was due mainly to the moderate (1:1) batters of the cuttings. Parts of the batters on the northern side of the parkway were formed in considerable thicknesses of superficial deposits. All batters will be stabilised by covering them with topsoil and sowing with grass. This has already been done (July, 1978) for the batters on the northern side of the parkway, where in some places the topsoil and grass have slipped from the underlying rock surface following saturation by rainfall.

Acton saddle cutting

The exploratory drillholes and seismic refraction traverses in the Acton saddle (Ground Test, 1971; and Appendix 1, this report) indicated that most, if not all, the material to be excavated would be rippable. This assessment proved to be correct, although some difficulty with excavation was experienced in places where foundation trenches were dug in the floor of the cut. The hardest sections were in the Pittman Formation (Omp₁) in the central and deepest part of the cut.

Stability of the steep faces (about 1:4) of the central part of the cut was good. This can be attributed to the clay content of the weathered rocks and poorly developed joints in most rock units. Cleavage partings in some of the less weathered siltstone of the Pittman Formation did not pose a stability problem, as the cleavage was aligned almost at right-angles to the cut faces.

Slow but persistent seepage into foundation trench excavations in the floor of the central cut on the northern side at the western end was probably derived from the sandy and silty layers in the Camp Hill Sandstone and overlying siltstone and mudstone.

CONCLUSIONS

1. A better understanding of the geology of the Canberra area has been gained from the Molonglo Parkway excavations and investigation drilling, and from other projects in the area. It is now confirmed:

- (a) that the Black Mountain Sandstone conformably overlies the State Circle Shale at the southern foot of Black Mountain;
and
- (b) that an extensive exposure of the Camp Hill Sandstone unconformably overlies the Pittman Formation at Acton.

2. The engineering geological investigations for the parkway accurately indicated the weathering state and rippability of soil and rock. However, measurements of joints in the few rock exposures near the head of Black Mountain Peninsula were not representative of joints in the roadcuts, and were of limited value in predicting the orientations of joints.

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APPENDIX 1

LOGS OF DRILLHOLES 1, 2B, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 29, 31, 32, 35.

SHEET 1 OF 1

Drill type	Notes	Water Pressure Tests
Feed	Fracture Log — Number of fractures per 25 cm of core. Zones of core loss blacked in.	* Values in lugeons should be read in conjunction with computation sheets. Test sections are indicated by blacked in strips.
Core barrel type	Bedding and Joint Planes — Angles are measured relative to a plane normal to the core axis.	
D.C. Rods & Bails	Defect Frequency — Number of natural defects (shears, joints, fractures) per 25 cm of core occurring at specified intercept angle range.	Core Photograph Negative No.
Driller	Water Level Measurements — <u>IV</u> Level when hole in progress at specified depth.	Depth (m)
Commenced	<u>V</u> Level in completed hole on specified date.	Black & White
Completed May 1978		Colour
Logged by G.A.M. Henderson	Core loss material as reported by driller	
Vertical scale 1:100		
Checked by		
		I 55/A16/2192

ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL (θ) 90° DIRECTION _____
COORDINATES 209075 N 603550 (approx.) R.L. OF COLLAR 55.7m (approx.)
Stratigraphic

SHEET 1 OF 1

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BUREAU OF MINERAL RESOURCES, GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS GEOLOGICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE		PROJECT <u>ACTON SADDLE MAYOR ROAD LINK</u> LOCATION <u>300 Feet south-east of Liveridge St, ACTON</u> <u>A.C.T.</u> ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL <u>90°</u> DIRECTION <u>Vertical</u> COORDINATES <u>E 209849 N 603292 (Stromlo metric)</u> <u>RL 565.7m</u>				HOLE NO. <u>9</u> SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u>																																																							
		DRILL TYPE <u>HYDRAULIC</u> COM. BARREL TYPE <u>N.M.L.C.</u> <u>TRIPLE TUBE</u> DRILLER <u>GROUNDTEST</u> COMMENCED <u>6-10-70</u> COMPLETED <u>6-10-70</u> LOGGED BY <u>D.E. GARDNER</u> VERTICAL SCALE <u>1"=10. Feet</u>		NOTES All easy excavation, partly blade, partly ripping. Foundation for moderate loading reasonably good at 4', poor below 22'		WATER PRESSURE TESTS PACKED TYPE _____ SUPPLY LINE _____ VERTICAL SCALE _____ Figures given are gauge pressures Test sections are indicated graphically by packed in strips PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM BLACK AND WHITE _____ COLOUR _____																																																							
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GEOLOGICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE

PROJECT ACTON SADDLE MAJOR ROAD LINK.
LOCATION 300 Feet south-east of Liversidge Street,
ACTON, A.C.T.
ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL 90° DIRECTION Vertical
COORDINATES E 209330 N 603251 (Stromlo metric) R. 566.3m

HOLE NO.

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MOCK TYPE A DIFFERENT TYPE OF WEATHERING	DESCRIPTION (LITHOLOGY, COLOUR, STRENGTH, HARDNESS, ETC)	GRAPHIC LOG	DEPTH (F.T.)	FRAC- TURE LOG	LIST B % CORE RECOVERED	STRUCTURES JOINTS, VEINS, SEAMS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES	WATER PRESSURE TEST Loss in gallons per minute per foot	PHOTO REF. NO.
	Not Cored.							
Claystone and silty Claystone	Completely weathered, Clayey Ferruginous 0.5" Silicified Ferrug. 23.7 boxwork 24 Yellow-brown and Cream- Coloured. Pale brown		12 16 20 21.5 22.8 24.9 26.5 31 36 39.75 40.7 44 46 52 54 57.5 59.5			Bedding dip 10°	3.7 m 5m 10m 15m 18.1m	
Siltstone and fine-grained Sandstone medium- grained, Current bedded.	Completely weathered Pale brown Clayey Siltstone Fairly hard				0.5-2 (1) Irregular {current bedded Joints, Coated with Fe-oxide ? ? Snd-2 (1) Core lengths 1-2"			
	Soft down to 57.5 where broken core is fairly hard.							

DRILL TYPE PENNORILL
FEED HYDRAULIC
CORE BARREL TYPE NMLC
TRIPLE TUBE
DRILLER GROUNDTEST
COMMENCED
COMPLETED 2-10-70
LOGGED BY D.E. GARDNER
VERTICAL SCALE 1"=10.0 Feet

NOTES
FRACTURE LOG Number of fractures per foot of core. Zones of core that are marked in
BEDDING AND JOINT PLANES - Angles are measured relative to a plane normal to the core axis

Column A

Clay

A



Column B

Core fragmented, giving
size range in inches
(norm bracketed)
Snd. Sand size

B



WATER PRESSURE TESTS

PACKER TYPE _____
SUPPLY LINE _____
VERTICAL SCALE _____
Gauges given are gauge pressure
Test sections are indicated graphically by bracketed in string
PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM
BLACK AND WHITE _____
COLOUR _____

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GEOLOGICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE

PROJECT ACTON SADDLE MAJOR ROAD LINK
LOCATION LIVERSIDGE STREET,
ACTON, A.C.T.
ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL 90° DIRECTION VERTICAL
COORDINATES E 209750 N603272 (Stromlo metric) 91.5727m

HOLE NO

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SHEET 1 OF 1

NO. OF DIAGRAMS OF WEATHERING	DESCRIPTION LITHOLOGY, COLOUR, STRENGTH, HARDNESS, ETC.	DEPTH (F.C.)	DIAMETER LOG	WATER PRESSURE TEST	STRUCTURES JOINTS, VEINS, SEAMS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES	WATER PRESSURE TEST LOSS IN QUARTS PER MINUTE PER 100T	REMARKS
	NOT CORED						
	SANDSTONE HIGHLY TO COMPLETELY WEATHERED	FINE GRAINED CLAYEY SANDSTONE SOFT TWO CORE LENGTHS 2" & 5"	96 50%	25 26.8 34.8 41.8 46.8 51.5 54.5 56.5 59	0.5 - 2 (1) SND - 2 (AND CLAY) DIP OF BEDDING 50° SND - 3" (<1) AND CLAY A CORE LENGTH 2-5" SND - 3" (<1) AND CLAY AS ABOVE SND, BROKEN CORE TO 3" TO 1" (<0.5) AND CLAY SND - 1 (SND) 0.5 - 1.5 (1) SND - 1	5m 7.6m 10m 15m 18.0m	
	HIGHLY WEATHERED	WHITE AND PALE BROWN FAIRLY HARD 52.5 - 54 58 - 59 CORE LENGTHS 1.5 - 4"	84 20% 60 50% 44 30% 60% 30 40%				
	END OF						
	COLUMN A						
	CLAY IN INCHES						
	50% CLAY FOR 60 INCHES						
	COLUMN B						
	CORE FRAGTD. GIVING SIZE RANGE IN INCHES (AND MODE IN BRACKETS)						
	SND : SANDSIZE						

DRILL TYPE PERMDRILL
FIELD HYDRAULIC
CORE BARREL TYPE N.M.L.C.
TRIPLE TUBE
DRILLER GROUNDTEST
COMMENCED
COMPLETED 21-9-70
LOGGED BY D.E. GARDNER
VERTICAL SCALE 1 INCH = 10 FEET

NOTES
FRACTURE LOG Number of fractures per foot of core. Zones of core loss are marked in
BEDDING AND JOINT PLANES - Angles are measured relative to a plane normal to the core axis.
JOINTS ABOUT 50°
AND ALMOST VERTICAL; LINED WITH FE OXIDE.
MUCH OF THE CORE HAS A SLATY OR FRACTURE
CLEAVAGE, ABOUT 80° DIP.


WATER PRESSURE TESTS
PACKED TIME
SUPPLY LINE
VERTICAL SCALE
FUGUE - Jumps are gauge pressures
Test sections are indicated graphically by bracket in strip
PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM
BLACK AND WHITE
COLOUR

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BUREAU OF MINERAL RESOURCES, GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS GEOLOGICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE		PROJECT <u>ACTON SADDLE MAJOR ROAD LINK</u> LOCATION <u>LIVERSIDGE STREET</u> <u>ACTON, A.C.T.</u> ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL <u>90°</u> DIRECTION <u>VERTICAL</u> COORDINATES <u>E 209685</u> <u>N 603258 (Straple metric)</u> <u>RL: 573.4 m</u>				HOLE NO. <div style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold;">16</div> SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u>									
		NO. 1-19 8 DEGREE OF WEATHERING		DESCRIPTION LITHOLOGY, COLOUR, STRENGTH, HARDNESS, ETC.		CHARTING LOG		DEPTH (ft)		LIFT & CORE RECOVERY		STRUCTURES JOINTS, VEINS, SEAMS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES		WATER PRESSURE TEST LOSS IN GALLONS PER MINUTE PER 100'	

NOT CORED		A		B		2.4 m	
SILTSTONE AND SILTY, SLATY MUDSTONE	WHITE AND YELLOW OR PALE BROWN	SOFT; EASY EXCAVATION BY BLADE (PROBABLY SOME RIPPING) IN SITU, WOULD SUPPORT MODERATE LOADING	8	10.8	15.3	20.5	26.6
HIGHLY TO COMPLETELY WEATHERED FROM 10'-17'	VERY EASY EXCAVATING	CORE 3" x 4"	26.6	30.3	34.9	38.7	40.7
RESEMBLES SEDIMENTARY BRECCIA OF STATE CIRCLE SHALE	POOR FOUNDATION	CORE 2" x 3"	38.7	40.7	45.8	50.8	55.9
	A FEW QUARTZ FRAGMENTS	CORE SPLIT 4" (TWO) 36" 40% 12" 40% 21" 40%	50.8	55.9	57.9	63.1	66.6
SLATY MUDSTONE MODERATELY TO COMPLETELY WEATHERED	CORE LENGTHS FIRM; RIPPING DURING EXCAVATION	CORE 3" x 4"	63.1	66.6	68	70.7	72.7
	CORE 2" x 6" (4")	CORE 1.5" x 4" (3")	70.7	72.7	74.7	76.7	78.7
	CORE 2" x 3" x 6"	CORE 2" x 3" x 6"	78.7	80.7	82.7	84.7	86.7
END OF		HOLE					

DRILL TYPE <u>PENNDRILL</u> FIELD <u>HYDRAULIC</u> CORE BARREL TYPE <u>M.M.L.C.</u> <u>TRIPLE TUBE</u> DRILLED <u>GROUNDTIST</u> COMMENCED <u>16.9.70</u> COMPLETED <u>16.9.70</u> LOGGED BY <u>D.E. GARDNER</u> VERTICAL SCALE 1 INCH = 10 FEET	FRACTURE LOG - Number of fractures per foot of core. Zones of core logs are marked in BEDDING AND JOINT PLANS - Angles are measured relative to a plane normal to the core axis. DRILLED DRY (AIR-COOLING) TO 63.1' BEDROCK TOO MOIST BELOW THIS AND DRILLED WITH WATER COLUMN A CLAY IN INCHES 3"  40% CLAY FOR 36 INCHES	COLUMN B CORE FRAGMENTED, GIVING SIZE RANGE AND MODE (-) SMD. = SANDSIZE DST. = DUST
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WATER PRESSURE TESTS	
PACKED TYPE _____	
SUPPLY LINE _____	
VERTICAL SCALE _____	
Figures given are gauge pressures. Test sections are indicated graphically by blocks in strip.	
PHOTOGRAPH - REFLECTANCE _____	
BLACK AND WHITE _____	
COLOUR _____	
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GEOLOGICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE		LOCATION <u>BETWEEN LIVERSIDGE ST. AND BALMAIN CRESCENT.</u> <u>ACTON, A.C.T.</u>		SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u>	
		ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL <u>VERTICAL</u>		DIRECTION _____	
		COORDINATES <u>E 209652 N 603283 (Stramle metric)</u>		R.L. <u>571.1m</u>	
HOLE TYPE A DIGIT OF WEATHERING	DESCRIPTION LITHOLOGY, COLOUR, STRONGTH, HARDNESS, ETC.	GRADING LOG	DEPTH (ft.)	FRACTURE LOG	STRUCTURES JOINTS, VEINS, SEAMS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES
					WATER PRESSURE TEST Loss in gallons per minute per foot
	NOT CORED				
SILTSTONE, HIGHLY WEATHERED	MAINLY FIRM; WOULD PROBABLY SUPPORT MODERATE LOADINGS	A	8 9.3 10.7 14.3 18.4 20.6 25.9 28.9 31.1 36.7 37.9 40.2 42.3 46.4 48.6 50	B	BEDDING FAINT; CORE LENGTHS: DIP 25°? 2 TO 8 INCHES MODE 4 INCHES JOINTS COATED FE.OXIDE DIP 40-50° OTHERS CLEAN OR STAINED DIP 70° CORE LENGTHS CLEFTAGE 75°- 2 TO 12 INCHES BEDDING ABOUT 75° MODE ABOUT 5 INCHES BEDDING 60° BEDDING 45°
SILTSTONE, FINE- GRAINED SANDSTONE AND SLATY MUDSTONE, MODERATELY TO HIGHLY WEATHERED FOOTNOTE † MINOR SLUMP STRUCTURES	MAINLY HARD; WOULD SUPPORT HEAVY LOADINGS				5m 10 m 152m
† LOCALLY SLIGHTLY WEATHERED (GREY) SOME BEDS HIGHLY TO COMPLETELY WEATHERED (BROWN)	END OF HOLE	COLUMN A	A	B	COLUMN B
	SOFT, FRIABLE OR CLAYEY IN INCHES			4	BROKEN AND FRAGMENTED IN INCHES.
				X	BROKEN AT INTERSECTING JOINTS
				y	BRECCIATION; SOME JOINTS FILLED WITH FE-OXIDE SOME WITH SiO ₂

DRILL TYPE PENNDRIILL

FLUID HYDRAULIC

CORE BARREL TYPE N.M.L.C.

TUBE TRIPLE TUBE

DRILLER GROUNDTEST

COMMENCED _____

COMPLETED 9-9-'70

LOGGED BY D.E. GARDNER

VERTICAL SCALE 1 INCH = 10 FEET

NOTES

FRACTURE LOG - Number of fractures per foot of core. Zones of core logs are marked in BEDDING AND JOINT PLANES - Angles are measured relative to a plane normal to the core axis.

QUARTZ-FILLED FRACTURES 1-1 INCH WIDE

LITHOLOGY: ABOVE 28' CORE RESEMBLES CAMP HILL SANDSTONE. BELOW 28' CORE RESEMBLES PITTMAN FORMATION. IN BOX 3 (48-50 FEET) IT RESEMBLES CITY HILL SHALE (?) IN DRILL CORE AT ALBERT HALL.

WATER PRESSURE TESTS

PACKER TYPE _____

SUPPLY LINE _____

VERTICAL SCALE _____

Figures given are gauge pressures. Test sections are indicated graphically by shaded in strips.

PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM

BLACK AND WHITE _____

COLOUR _____

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		ROCK TYPE & DEGREE OF WEATHERING DESCRIPTION LITHOLOGY, COLOUR, STRENGTH, HARDNESS, ETC. GRAPHIC LOG DEPTH (ft.) FRACTURE LOG LIFT & % CORE RECOVERY JOINTS, VEINS, SEAMS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES STRUCTURES WATER PRESSURE TEST Loss in gallons per minute per foot					
Sandstone (calcareous) completely weathered. Completely to moderately weathered. Fossil moulds at 4'-5" 12'-14"? Moderately weathered. Slaty shale mudstone and silty mudstone mainly moderately weathered.		Not cored Cream grey medium to Siltst. coarse grained mudstone Sandstone, Siltstone, & vein grt. Clayey sandstone & silty hard sst. Medium to fine grained. Pale brown and grey. Siltst & F.G. Sandstone mainly decomposed clayey. Clayey Siltstone & mudstone 8-10" Brown clay. Moderately weathered. Fairly strong. Moderately to highly weathered.		Core lengths to 4" mainly frags, dust size to 3 inch. Frags white vuggy grt between 9'-15'. Also silic. siltstone. Dip 70°-75°. Mainly fragmented, clayey, friable. ? Cleavage or lamination nearly vertical. Core & split core, 4"-7" jointing 80°-90° 1st 17", Two core lengths. Remainder cut by joints 0°-10°, coated Fe oxide.		1.2 m 5m 10 m 15 m 16.8 m	
END OF		HOLE					

DRILL TYPE <u>PENNDRIILL</u> FLEED <u>HYDRAULIC</u> CORE BARREL TYPE <u>NMLC</u> <u>Triple Tube</u> DRILLER <u>Groundfast</u> COMMENCED _____ COMPLETED <u>7-9-70</u> LOGGED BY <u>D.E.G.</u> VERTICAL SCALE <u>1" = 10 feet</u>	NOTES FRACTURE LOG - Number of fractures per foot of core. Zones of core high are shaded in. BEDDING AND JOINT PLANES - Angles are measured relative to a plane normal to the core axis. The mudstone below 44' is mainly fairly hard and capable of moderately heavy loading. Sandstone Slaty mudstone	WATER PRESSURE TESTS PACKER TYPE _____ SUPPLY LINE _____ VERTICAL SCALE _____ Figures given are gauge pressures. Test sections are indicated graphically by shading in strip. PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM BLACK AND WHITE <u>+</u> COLOUR _____ <div style="text-align: right;">I55/A16/2202</div>
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GEOLOGICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE

PROJECT ACTON SADDLE, MAJOR ROAD LINK

LOCATION BETWEEN BALMAIN CRESCENT & LIVERIDGE ST.
ACTON, A.C.T.

ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL Vertical

DIRECTION _____

COORDINATES E209615 N603263 (Stromlo metric)

R.L. 569.0m

HOLE NO. 19

SHEET 1 OF 1

ROCK TYPE & DEGREE OF WEATHERING	DESCRIPTION LITHOLOGY, COLOUR, STRENGTH, HARDNESS, ETC	GRAPHIC LOG	DEPTH (f.t.)	THICKNESS LOG	LIFT % CORE RECOVERY	STRUCTURES JOINTS, VEINS, SEAMS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES	WATER PRESSURE TEST Loss in gallons per minute per foot
Soil	Not						
Mudstone and silty mudstone, highly to completely weathered	Pale brown, red-brown and yellow-brown Soft friable or clayey (inches) Remainder is firm Moderate load bearing capacity at 6'		5 8.2 14.6 16.6 20.4 24.75 25.5 28.8 31.3 37.2 40.75 42.75 44.2 45.2 46.2 47.5 50 51.5 53			Jointing commonly 30°-40° and 70° Commonly coated with Fe-Mn oxide Fragmented, showing size range and common size of fragments Bedding dips about 30° 0.25-3" norm 0.75" Sand size to 1.5", norm < 0.5" Sand size to 2", norm 0.75" Joints 40°, 60°, 80-90° commonly coated with Fe-Mn oxide Sand, size to 2" norm 1" Joints 70°-90° norm 0.5"	1.5 m 5 m 10 m 15 m 16.2 m
Fossil casts	Pale brown and red-brown						
Silty mudstone	40% firm frags						
Siltstone, mudstone and fine grained sandstone	10% firm frags 20% firm frags						
END	of					HOLE	

DRILL TYPE PENNDRILL

FEED HYDRAULIC

CORE BARREL TYPE NMAC

Triple Tube

DRILLER Ground test

COMMENCED _____

COMPLETED 7-9-70

LOGGED BY D.E. Gardner

VERTICAL SCALE 1 inch : 10 feet

NOTES

1. FRACTURE LOG - Number of fractures per foot at core zones of core logs are marked in

BEDDING AND JOINT PLANES - Angles are measured relative to a plane normal to the core axis

WATER PRESSURE TESTS

PACKER TYPE _____

SUPPLY LINE _____

VERTICAL SCALE _____

Figures given are gauge pressures
Test sections are indicated graphically by blocks in strip

PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM

BLACK AND WHITE _____

COLOR _____

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		LOCAL TYPE A DISCRETE OF WEATHERING		DESCRIPTION LITHOLOGY, COLOUR, STRENGTH, HARDNESS, ETC		STRATIGRAPHIC LOG DEPTH (ft)		STRUCTURES JOINTS, VEINS, BEAMS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES		WATER PRESSURE TESTS LOSS IN CUBIC INCHES PER MINUTE PER FOOT	

NOT CORED		END OF		HOLE									
MUDSTONE, HIGHLY TO COMPLETELY WEATHERED. RESEMBLES RIVERSIDE FORMATION OR CITY HILL SHALE.		PALE BROWN, CORE 3"-6" norm 4" YELLOW AND PALE PURPLE VERY EASILY SCRATCHED, POSSIBLE SWELLING VERY FINE SANDSTONE OR SILTSTONE. FIRM. PROBABLY NEEDS RIPPING. INTRICATE LIESE - GANG SOFT, BLADE EXCAV. VERY POOR FOUND. STRUCT.		21 12 8 14 3 2 9 15 33		4 9 12.6 15.6 19 24 27.8 33		0.25-4 (1) 0.5-1.5 (1) SND - 0.75 0.25-2 SND - 1 (0.25) 0.5-2 (1)		DIP 30-50° SMALL SCALE SLUMPING 5m BEDDING-DIP 45° CORE 2"-8" norm 5" 10-1m			

DRILL TYPE <u>PENN DRILL</u> FEED <u>HYDRAULIC</u> CORE BARREL TYPE <u>N.M.L.C.</u> <u>TRIPLE TUBE</u> DRILLER <u>GROUND TEST</u> COMMENCED COMPLETED <u>18-9-70</u> LOGGED BY <u>D.E. GARDNER</u> VERTICAL SCALE <u>1 INCH = 10 FEET</u>		NOTES FRACTURE LOG - Number of fractures per foot of core. Zones of core logs are marked in BEDDING AND JOINT PLANES - Angles are measured relative to a plane normal to the core axis. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>COLUMN A</u> CLAY IN INCHES 3 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <u>COLUMN B</u> CORE FRAGMENTED, GIVING SIZE RANGE (INCHES) AND MODE (IN BRACKETS) </div> </div>		WATER PRESSURE TESTS PACKED TYPE SUPPLY LINE VERTICAL SCALE Figures given are gauge pressures Test sections are indicated graphically by depth in strips PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM BLACK AND WHITE COLOUR	
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GEOLOGICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE

PROJECT ACTON SADDLE MAJOR ROAD LINK
LOCATION Balmuir Cross / Liversidge St.
ACTON, A.C.T.
ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL Vertical DIRECTION _____
COORDINATES E209569 N603248 (Stromlo metric) RL 567.4m

HOLE NO.

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SHEET 1 OF 1

ROCK TYPE & DEGREE OF WEATHERING	DESCRIPTION LITHOLOGY, COLOUR, STRENGTH, HARDNESS, ETC	GRAPHIC LOG	DEPTH (ft)	THICKNESS LOG	LIFT & % CORE RECOVERY	STRUCTURES JOINTS, VEINS, SLIPS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES	WATER PRESSURE TEST Loss in quarts per minute per foot
DRILLER'S LOG							
Brown clay			4				1.2m
Soft Shale; brown						Standard penetration Tests; copy of results to be obtained	
Mudstone	Red brn, pale purple brn and yellow brn		15.5			Soft core 1/2"-2" total 1" Remainder clay and soft frags	5m
and Silty mudstone	As above; clay is pale brown		19			Core 2.5"-7", highly weath, but firm, totals 2.5"; remainder is clay and soft frags	
highly to completely weathered. Resembles weathered beds of Riverside Formation or City Hill Shale	A 5" core length highly to completely weathered; no core for remainder of this lift		23			Bedding dips about 20° at 19'-19.6	
	Pale brown. Soft core 3"-7" lengths		32.5			Last 9" broken, drilling 1.5"-2"; at two intervals 70° joints	10m
	Core 3"-8", highly weath 10% completely weath pale brown		37			34-35 Bedding d.p. about 30°	
			42			Bedding dip about 40°	12.8m
	End of hole						

DRILL TYPE PENN DRILL
FEED HYDRAULIC
CORE BARREL TYPE NMLC
Triple tube
DRILLER Groundtest
COMMENCED _____
COMPLETED 3-9-70
LOGGED BY P.F. Gardner
VERTICAL SCALE 1 inch = 10 feet

NOTES

FRACTURE LOG - Number of fractures per foot of core. Zones of core loss are blocked in
BEDDING AND JOINT PLANES - Angles are measured (unless to a plane normal to the core axis)

Bedding appears to show small scale slump
structure

Joints stained with Fe & Mn oxides
Low strength; can support light loadings
Excavation by bulldozer, easy ripping

WATER PRESSURE TESTS

PACKER TYPE _____
SUPPLY LINE _____
VERTICAL SCALE _____
Figures given are gauge pressures
Test sections are indicated graphically by increase in slope
PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM
BLACK AND WHITE _____
COLOUR _____

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BUREAU OF MINERAL RESOURCES, GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS		PROJECT <u>ACTON SADDLE MAJOR ROAD LINK</u>		HOLE NO. <u>22</u>					
GEOLOGICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE		LOCATION <u>200 FEET WEST OF BALMAIN CRESCENT</u>		SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u>					
ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL <u>90°</u>		DIRECTION <u>VERTICAL</u>							
COORDINATES <u>E 209530 N 603304 (Stromlo metric)</u>		RL <u>562.3m</u>							
ROCK TYPE & DEGREE OF WEATHERING	DESCRIPTION LITHOLOGY, COLOUR, STRENGTH, HARDNESS, ETC	GRAPHIC LOG	DEPTH (f.t.)	FRACTURE LOG	LIFT & % CORE RECOVERY	STRUCTURES JOINTS, VEINS, SEAMS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES	WATER PRESSURE TEST Loss in gallons per minute per foot	PHOTO LOG NO.	
	NOT CORED								
SLATY, SILTY MUDSTONE AND FINE SANDSTONE COMPLETELY WEATHERED	FIRM, PROBABLY NOT SWELLING		4				1.2 m		
	WEATHERED TO CLAYEY FINE SAND		7.8			TRACES OF BEDDING?			
	FINE SANDSTONE		10			DIP ABOUT 60°			
			11.5						
			12						
	WEATHERED TO CLAYEY SILT AND CLAYEY FINE SAND		16				5m		
			20				6.1 m		
	END OF					HOLE			
DRILL TYPE <u>PENNDRILL</u>		FIELD <u>HYDRAULIC</u>		CORE BARREL TYPE <u>M.M.L.C.</u>		TRIPLE TUBE		GRIND TEST	
COMPLETED <u>12.9.70</u>		LOGGED BY <u>D.E. GARDNER</u>		VERTICAL SCALE <u>1 INCH = 10 FEET</u>		NOTES		FRACTURE LOG	
						RESEMBLES SHALE BEDS AS SEEN IN LENNOX CROSSING DRILL HOLES, BUT COMPLETELY WEATHERED.		WATER PRESSURE TESTS	
								PACKER TYPE	
								SUPPLY LINE	
								VERTICAL SCALE	
								PRESSURE GAUGE	
								PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM	
								BLACK AND WHITE	
								COLOUR	
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GEOLOGICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE

PROJECT ACTON SADDLE, MAJOR ROAD LINK
LOCATION in lake, near mouth of Sullivan's Creek
ACTON, A.C.T.
ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL Vertical DIRECTION _____
COORDINATES E209111 N603512 (Stromlo metric) RL 555m approx.

HOLE NO.

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SHEET 1 OF 1

ROCK TYPE & DEGREE OF WEATHERING	DESCRIPTION LITHOLOGY, COLOUR, STRENGTH, HARDNESS, ETC	DEPTH (F.T.)	GRAPHIC LOG	STRUCTURES JOINTS, VEINS, SEAMS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES	WATER PRESSURE TEST Loss in psi per foot per 24 hr
Water		6.5			2.0 m
Mud and alluvium?	Not cored			Standard penetration tests Copy of results to be obtained.	5m
Black shale, fresh to slightly weathered	Hard black Sili- ceous shale; easily breaks on bed- ding Core 1.5"-7" Core 1.5"-6", finally lamin. Sulphide dissem 46-46.1 End of hole	27 32.1 35 36.1 38 40.1 43.2 46 48.25		Laminated 1-2 mm Dip about 60° Frgtd. drilling, at two 90° joints 36'9"-37'6", shear 70° and 80°; Sulphide smears 41'1"-41'7" frgtd drilling .25"-.5" at two 90° joints Some of Core split in two by 2 joints 70-75° Last 6" frgtd. 1"-4" at 90° shear joint	8.2 m 10 m 14.7 m

DRILL TYPE PENN DRILL
FEED HYDRAULIC
CORE BARREL TYPE N.M.L.C
Triple tube
DRILLER Groundtest
COMMENCED _____
COMPLETED 1.0.70
LOGGED BY D.E.G.
VERTICAL SCALE 1" = 10 feet

NOTES

FRACTURE LOG - Number of fractures cut top of core. Zones of core loss are checked in.
BEDDING AND JOINT PLANES - Angles are measured relative to a plane normal to the core axis

99 shear

Bedding planes commonly smeared with
Smooth carbon - polished through ship, and
part easily

Shale too hard to scratch with knife.

High compressive + shear strength; Low tensile strength
normal to bedding.

WATER PRESSURE TESTS

PACKER TYPE _____
SUPPLY LINE _____
VERTICAL SCALE _____
Figures given are gauge pressures
Test sections are indicated approximately by brackets in above
PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM
BLACK AND WHITE _____
COLOUR _____

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BUREAU OF MINERAL RESOURCES, GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS GEOLOGICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE		PROJECT <u>ACTON SADDLE MAJOR ROAD LINK</u> LOCATION <u>14 LAKE, NEAR MOUTH OF SULLIVANS CREEK</u> <u>ACTON, A.C.T.</u> ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL <u>90°</u> DIRECTION <u>VERTICAL</u> COORDINATES <u>E 209055 N 603524 (Stromlo metric) RL 553m approx.</u>						HOLE NO 29 SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u>			
		DEPTH (ft) LIFT & CORE RECOVERY STRUCTURES WATER PRESSURE TEST <small>JOINTS, VEINS, SEAMS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES</small> <small>Loss in gallons per minute per foot</small>						<small>PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM</small> <small>BLACK AND WHITE</small> <small>COLOR</small>			
NOT CORED		NOT CORED		NOT CORED		NOT CORED		NOT CORED			
TUBE SAMPLE PEBBLES 1 - 1.5 cm. COARSE SAND 2 - 6 mm.		TUBE SAMPLE GRANULES AND SMALL GRAVEL 2 - 8 mm. A FEW PEBBLES.		THIN BEDDED TO LAMINATED FINE GRAINED QUARTZ SANDSTONE Oua (?)		BEDROCK HARD CORE LENGTHS 2" TO 8" NORM 4"		PALE BROWN AND CREAM GREY PLASTIC CLAY		DIP OF BEDDING ABOUT 20° TO 30°. SMALL IRREGULAR FRACTURES ASSOCIATED WITH SHEARING AT ABOUT 60° FROM 73'4 TO 73'8, SHATTERED TO HARD WEDGE SHAPES AND SPLINTERS	
END OF		HOLE									

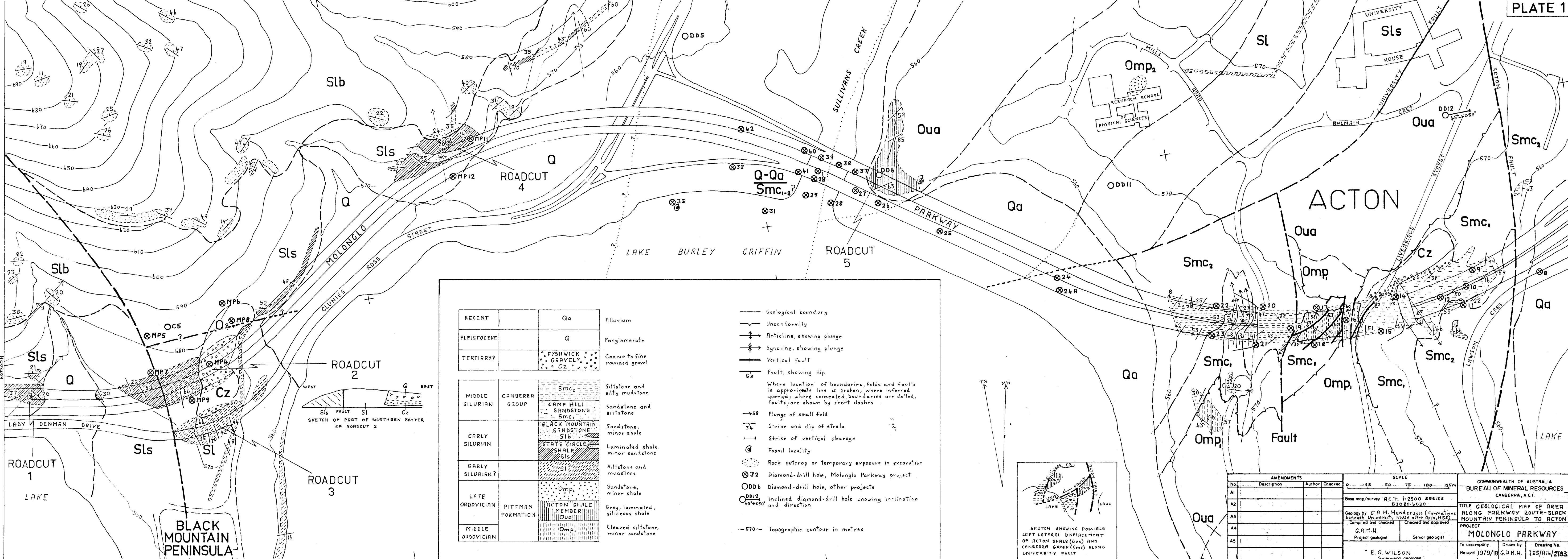
DRILL TYPE PENNDRILL
 FIELD HYDRAULIC
 CORE BARREL TYPE N.M.L.C.
TRIPLE TUBE
 DRILLER GROUNDTEST
 COMMENCED _____
 COMPLETED 12-9-'70
 LOGGED BY D.E. GARDNER
 VERTICAL SCALE 1 INCH = 10 FEET

NOTES
 * FRACTURE LOG - Number of fractures per foot of core. Zones of core logs are marked in
 BEDDING AND JOINT PLANES - Angles are measured relative to a plane normal to the core axis.
 ✗ FRACTURES FILLED WITH LIMONITE,
 PARTLY BOXWORK,
 ROUGHLY VERTICAL.

WATER PRESSURE TESTS
 METER TYPE _____
 SUPPLY LINE _____
 VERTICAL SCALE _____
Figures given are gauge pressures.
Test sections are indicated graphically by marked X lines
 PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM
 BLACK AND WHITE _____
 COLOR _____

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BUREAU OF MINERAL RESOURCES, GEOLOGY AND GEOPHYSICS GEOLOGICAL LOG OF DRILL HOLE		PROJECT <u>ACTON SADDLE MAJOR ROAD LINK</u> LOCATION <u>LAKE BURLEY GRIFFEN, NEAR MOUTH OF</u> <u>SULLIVANS CREEK, ACTON, A.C.T.</u> ANGLE FROM HORIZONTAL <u>90°</u> DIRECTION <u>VERTICAL</u> COORDINATES <u>E 208964 N 603582 (Stromlo metric)</u> RL <u>555m approx</u>				HOLE NO <u>32</u> SHEET <u>1</u> OF <u>1</u>											
		MOCK TYPE B DIGIT 01 WEATHERING		DESCRIPTION MINERALOGY, COLOUR, STRENGTH, HARDNESS, ETC.		GRAPHIC LOG		DEPTH (F.C.)		FRACTURE LOG		LIFT & CORE RECOVERY		STRUCTURES JOINTS, VEINS, SEAMS, FAULTS, CRUSHED ZONES		WATER PRESSURE TEST LOSS IN GALLONS PER MINUTE PER FOOT	
ALLUVIUM BOULDERS, PEBBLES, SAND, SILT, CLAY.		COARSE QUARTZ SAND (GRANULES) SILTY CLAY; PALE GREY, FAINTLY GREEN. SILT; PALE GREEN GREY; PALE GREEN SILTY CLAY (DECOMPOSED BEDROCK) FRAGMENTS OF SST. BLDRS.		40 45 50 51.5 55 56.5 65 68.3 70 72 73.1 73.9 77 79.1		5m 10m 15m 20m 21.3m 24.2m		3		SPLINTERY FRAGMENTS AND CLAY 3" AND 1" CORE .05 - 2 (.25)		24.2		END OF HOLE			
																MUDSTONE, SLATY, IN PART SILTY. COMPLETELY WEATHERED.	
DRILL TYPE <u>PEMMDRILL</u> FEED <u>HYDRAULIC</u> CORE BARREL TYPE <u>N.M.L.C.</u> <u>TRIPLE TUBE</u> DRILLER <u>GROUNDTEST</u> COMMENCED <u>28.9.70</u> COMPLETED <u>D.E. GARDNER</u> LOGGED BY <u>VERTICAL SCALE 1 INCH = 10 FEET</u>		NOTES FRACTURE LOG - Number of fractures per foot of core. Zones of core loss are checked in. BEDDING AND JOINT PLANES - Angles are measured relative to a plane normal to the core axis. SLATY CLEAVAGE VERTICAL COLUMN A CLAY COLUMN B CORE FRAGMENTED GIVING SIZE RANGE IN INCHES (NOTE IN BRACKETS)		WATER PRESSURE TESTS PACKER TYPE SUPPLY LINE VERTICAL SCALE Figures given are gauge pressures. Test sections are indicated graphically by spaced in strips. PHOTOGRAPH REFERENCE SYSTEM BLACK AND WHITE COLOUR													



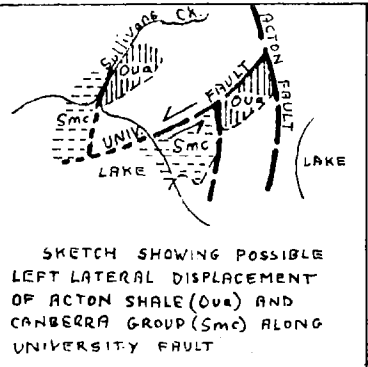
RECENT		Qa
PLEISTOCENE		Q
TERTIARY?		FYSHWICK GRAVEL? CZ

Alluvium
Fanglomerate
Coarse to fine rounded gravel

MIDDLE SILURIAN	CANBERRA GROUP	Siltstone and silty mudstone Sandstone and siltstone BLACK MOUNTAIN SANDSTONE Smb STATE CIRCLE SHALE Slb
EARLY SILURIAN		Sandstone, minor shale
EARLY SILURIAN?		Laminated shale, minor sandstone Siltstone and mudstone Sl
LATE ORDOVICIAN	PITTMAN FORMATION	Sandstone, minor shale Omp ACTON SHALE MEMBER Oua
MIDDLE ORDOVICIAN		Grey, laminated, siliceous shale Cleaved siltstone, minor sandstone Omp

- Geological boundary
- Unconformity
- Anticline, showing plunge
- Syncline, showing plunge
- Vertical fault
- Fault, showing dip
- Plunge of small fold
- Strike and dip of strata
- Strike of vertical cleavage
- Fossil locality
- Rock outcrop or temporary exposure in excavation
- Diamond-drill hole, Molonglo Parkway project
- Diamond-drill hole, other projects
- Inclined diamond-drill hole showing inclination and direction

~570~ Topographic contour in metres



AMENDMENTS				SCALE		COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA BUREAU OF MINERAL RESOURCES CANBERRA, A.C.T.	
No.	Description	Author	Checked	0	25 50 75 100 125m	TITLE GEOLOGICAL MAP OF AREA ALONG PARKWAY ROUTE-BLACK MOUNTAIN PENINSULA TO ACTON PROJECT MOLONGLO PARKWAY	
A1				Base map/survey ACT 1:2500 SERIES 82080.6030		To accompany Record 1979/18	
A2				Geology by G.M.Henderson (formations beneath University House after Osip, 1958) Compiled and checked G.A.M.H. Project geologist		Checked and approved Senior geologist	
A3				E.G. WILSON Supervising geologist		Drawn by G.A.M.H.	
A4						Drawing No. 155/116/2183	
A5							

GEOLOGICAL MAP OF EXCAVATION FOR MOLONGLO PARKWAY AT ACTON

