



Our Reference: 5267415

6 June 2019

Consultant/Developer

Dear Consultant/Developer,

R.e. Construction Auditing in Residential Subdivisions of Subsurface Drainage

I write in relation to the AG drains associated with the construction of road pavements in the various estates within the municipality of Melton.

Council has identified that in some of the developments the AG drains have not been laid correctly resulting in some segments being crushed and not being joined properly. Since the AG drains are an integral part of the pavement design, it is important that they are laid correctly. Therefore to ensure these assets are working as intended at the time of Practical Completion (PC) we require you to prove that the AG drains are functional without detrimentally affecting the pavement (for example, flushing). One way that some contractors have used to provide evidence of functionality is by stringing the AG drains. However Council does not endorse one methodology over another and we leave it to you to find a way to prove that the AG drains have been laid correctly and are working.

As an Auditing Body, Council can request the proving of any part of the construction works on site especially where we have concerns about quality of workmanship. However given this will now be a requirement for all developments we will allow a period of time for developers and their contractors to adjust to our requirement.

So until 30 June 2019, AG drains can be proved in the Defects Liability Period (DLP). But any rectification works must be completed within the DLP.

However from 1 July 2019, all AG drains must be proved prior to the PC inspection.

Any enquiries in relation to these matters should be directed to the undersigned by phoning (03) 9747 7200.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Voltaire David".

Voltaire David

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