



Wetland Design Manual Part A2: Deemed to Comply Design Criteria Manual

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1. Purpose

This section presents an overview of the design criteria that need to be met to satisfy the Deemed to Comply assessment pathway. Please refer to **Part B** for more information on the Deemed to Comply approach and the Alternative Approach as part of the design acceptance process. Clear links between the design criteria and core outcomes are illustrated, assisting the designer to check that their design is meeting Melbourne Water's requirements.

2. Scope

These design criteria are expanded upon in this part of the manual and are also included in the relevant sections of **Part C** as part of the technical design approach. The Deemed to Comply conditions are also included in the design checklists (for both civil and planting works) available on Melbourne Water's [Building and Works website](#).

The Deemed to Comply design criteria are prescriptive for a reason and additional design considerations and minimum standards are provided in **Part A3** to assist designers plus provide more guidance if the alternative approach is required.

Demonstration of compliance with only some of the Deemed to Comply criteria is required for concept and functional design acceptance. Please refer to the right-side column in the tables provided in this part or the various design checklists for each stage of the design acceptance process to see which conditions apply at each stage:

- Concept design deemed to comply checklist
- Functional design deemed to comply checklist
- Detailed design deemed to comply checklist

Where applicable, crosslinks have been provided to Melbourne Water standard drawings relevant to specific Deemed to Comply design criteria to assist with detailed design documentation.

3. Deemed to Comply Criteria

3.1 General

GN1	The treatment and flow regime performance of the wetland must be modelled in MUSIC, or similar conceptual modelling software as approved by Melbourne Water.	Concept Functional Detailed
GN2	The meteorological data in the conceptual modelling data or software (i.e. MUSIC) must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on at least 10 years of historical records • Recorded at six minutes intervals • Sourced from a pluviographic station as close as possible to the wetland site • Have a mean annual rainfall depth within 10% of the long term rainfall depth at the rainfall station closest to the wetland site 	Concept Functional Detailed
GN3	The system configuration shown on the design plans must be consistent with the conceptual modelling parameters (e.g. MUSIC) (including the stage/discharge relationship) and sediment pond calculator/calculations.	Concept Functional Detailed
GN4	Peak design flows must be estimated in accordance with methods in Australian Rainfall and Runoff.	Concept Functional Detailed

3.2 Maintenance Provisions

MN1	Sediment ponds must be able to be drained whilst maintaining the macrophyte zone water level at normal water level. This is achieved by having the sediment pond transfer pit RL 100mm higher than the inlet pool NWL. Refer Standard Drawing 7251/12/001 .	Functional Detailed
MN2	All parts of the base of a sediment pond must be accessible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within seven metres of a designated hard stand area for excavation vehicles ("edge cleaned") OR • Via a maintenance access ramp into the base of the sediment pond. Refer Standard Drawing 7251/12/013 	Functional Detailed
MN3	The sediment pond base material must extend vertically up the batter by 300 mm and comprise of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steel reinforced concrete – steel reinforced, minimum 150 mm thick; OR • 400 mm compacted rock. Approximately 50% 300mm in size. The remaining 50% made up of 0-100mm graded rock, 	Detailed

	<p>premixed with 300 dia rocks and spread and tracked so as to form a compacted base. Refer Standard Drawing 7251/12/012</p>	
MN4	<p>'Edge cleaned' sediment ponds must have hardstand areas (e.g. crushed rock) for excavation vehicles. A maintenance track must be provided around the entire perimeter of the sediment pond. Refer Standard Drawing 7251/12/013</p>	Detailed
MN5	<p>Maintenance access ramps are required on all sediment ponds that cannot be 'edge cleaned'. The maintenance access ramp into a sediment pond must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extend from the base of the sediment pond to at least 0.5 metres above TEDD, • Be at least 4 metres wide, • Be no steeper than 1:5, (1:12 cross fall or flatter) • Be capable of supporting a 20 tonne excavator, • Constructed of compacted 200 mm deep layer of rock: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Bottom layer is 100mm depth of 0-100mm FCR; top layer is 100mm of 0-40mm NDCR (6% cement stabilised below NWL), • Have a barrier to prevent unauthorised vehicle access (e.g. gate, bollard and/or fence). <p>Refer Standard Drawing 7251/12/013</p>	Functional Detailed
MN6	<p>A maintenance access track must be provided to the sediment pond maintenance access ramp and to enable maintenance vehicles to safely access and exit the site. The maintenance access track must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be at least 4 metres wide, <p>Comprise of compacted 200 mm deep layer of rock. Bottom layer is 100mm depth of 0-100mm FCR; top layer is 100mm of 0-40mm NDCR,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be reinforced to take a 20 tonne vehicle, • At the road edge, have an industrial crossover to Council standard and rolled kerb adjoining it, • Have a barrier to prevent unauthorised vehicle access (e.g. gate, bollard and/or fence). <p>Refer Standard Drawing 7251/12/013</p>	Concept Functional Detailed
MN7	<p>A hardstand area with a minimum turning circle appropriate to the types of maintenance vehicles to be used must be provided adjacent to the sediment pond maintenance access ramp to enable maintenance vehicles to safely reverse and exit the sediment loading area. (Designers should seek advice from Melbourne Water on the types of maintenance vehicles that will be used.)</p> <p>Note: The turning circle must be in accordance with the Austroads Design Vehicles and Turning Path Templates Guide.</p>	Concept Functional Detailed

MN8	Intersections between pedestrian pathways and site maintenance access tracks should be reinforced to take a 20 tonne vehicle.	Detailed
MN9	<p>Dedicated sediment dewatering areas must be provided and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be accessible from the maintenance ramp/track, • Have a length to width ratio no narrower than 10:1, • 1:12 cross fall or flatter. • Be able to contain all sediment removed from the sediment accumulation volume spread out at a maximum of 500 mm depth, • Be located above the peak 10 year ARI water level and within 25 metres of each sediment pond, • Be located at least 15 metres from residential areas, public access spaces (playgrounds, sports fields etc.), and consider potential odour and visual issues for local residents, • Address public safety and potential impacts on public access to open space areas, • Be free from above ground obstructions (e.g. light poles) and be an area that Melbourne Water has legal or approved access to for the purpose of dewatering sediment. <p>Refer resetting sediment ponds best practice guideline for additional information.</p>	Concept Functional Detailed
MN10	The wetland must be configured to enable maintenance vehicles to drive around at least 50% of the wetland perimeter. Note: This can be achieved via subdivisional road networks. Vehicular access must be provided as close as possible to wetland structures that may catch debris (e.g. provide access to the closest bank where structures are within the water body).	Concept Functional Detailed

3.3 Sediment Pond

SP1	Sediment ponds must be located offline of waterways ¹ but online to the pipe or lined channel they are treating water from. Refer to Part A3 of this Manual for guidance on offline configurations.	Concept Functional Detailed
SP2	<p>Sediment ponds must be located at each point stormwater enters the "wetland system" unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The catchment of the incoming stormwater is < 5% of the total wetland catchment OR 	Concept Functional Detailed

¹ A waterway is defined as either a natural or constructed waterway. Melbourne Water's Development Services Schemes define a 'Constructed Waterway' as reaches of a waterway that are required to be fully or partially constructed to service new development.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The incoming stormwater has already passed through a bioretention system or wetland immediately upstream 	
SP3	<p>Sediment ponds must be sized to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capture 95% of coarse particles $\geq 125 \mu\text{m}$ diameter for the peak three month ARI \leq than 1.6m deep Provide adequate sediment storage volume to store five years of sediment. The top of the sediment accumulation zone must be assumed to be 500 mm below NWL (refer to Figure 1). Ensure that velocity through the sediment pond during the peak 100 year ARI event is $\leq 0.5 \text{ m/s}$. (The flow area must be assumed to be the EDD multiplied by the narrowest width of the sediment pond, at NWL, between the inlet and overflow outlet) <p>Sediment ponds must be $\leq 120\%$ of the size needed to meet the limiting of the above three criteria. Compliance with the above criteria must be demonstrated using the methods described in WSUD Engineering Procedures: Stormwater (Melbourne Water, 2005). Alternatively, the velocity criteria can be checked using a hydraulic model such as HEC-RAS. Refer to Part D of this Manual for guidance on undertaking velocity checks).</p>	Functional Detailed
SP4	The sediment pond EDD must be $\leq 350 \text{ mm}$.	Concept Functional Detailed

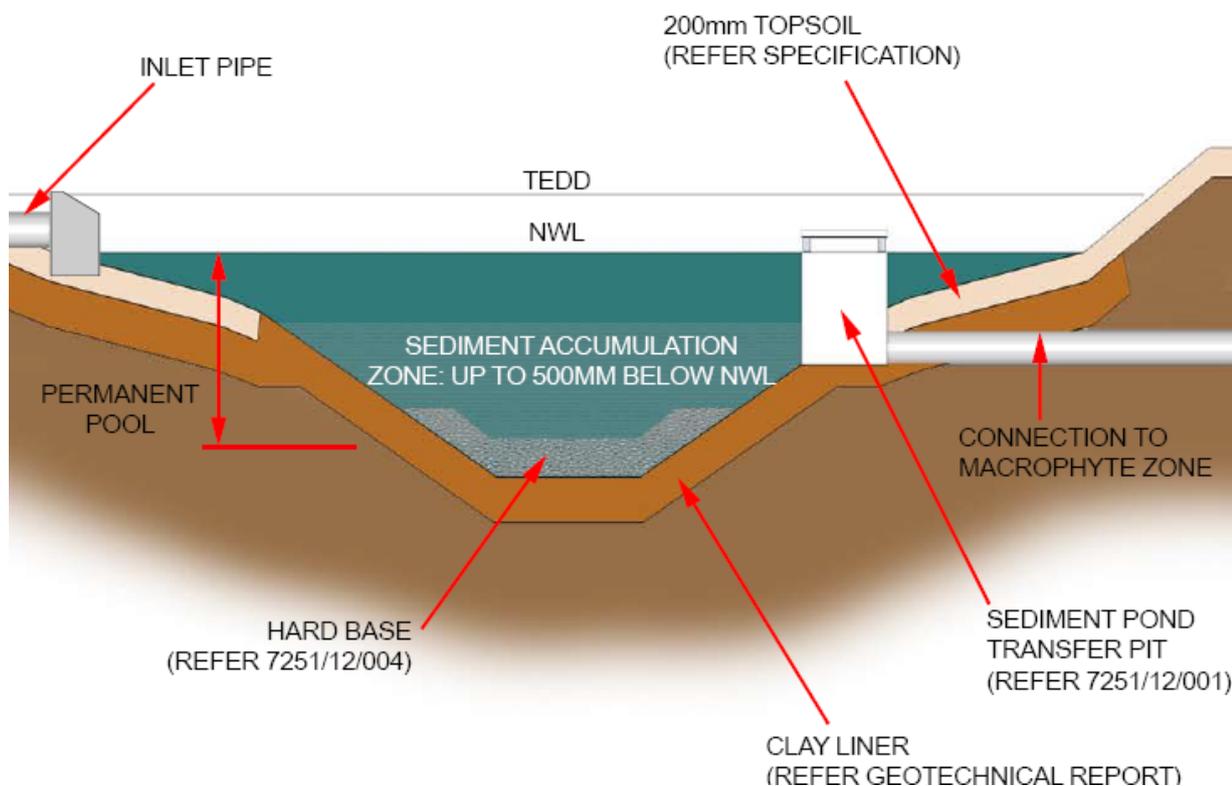


Figure 1: Sediment pond storage.

3.4 Macrophyte Zone

MZ1	At least 80% of the area of the macrophyte zone at NWL must be \leq 350 mm deep to support shallow and deep marsh vegetation. The wetland bathymetry should provide approximately equal amounts of shallow marsh (100mm - 150 mm deep) and deep marsh (150 mm to 350 mm deep).	Functional Detailed
MZ2	The macrophyte zone EDD must be \leq 350 mm.	Concept Functional Detailed
MZ3	Macrophyte zones must be located offline from all waterways and drains (i.e. there must be a bypass route around the macrophyte zone).	Concept Functional Detailed
MZ4	The length of the macrophyte zone must be \geq four times the average width of the macrophyte zone.	Concept Functional Detailed
MZ5	The macrophyte zone outlet must be located at the opposite end of the macrophyte zone to the inlet(s).	Concept Functional Detailed

MZ6	The macrophyte zone must have a sequence and mix of submerged, shallow and deep marsh zones arranged in a banded manner perpendicular to the direction of flow. Refer Figure 2).	Functional Detailed
MZ7	Inlet and outlet pools must be ≤ 1.5 m depth.	Functional Detailed
MZ8	Intermediate pools (between the inlet and outlet pool) must be ≤ 1.2 m deep.	Functional Detailed
MZ9	Velocities in the macrophyte zone must be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> less than 0.5 m/s for the peak 100 year ARI flow less than 0.05 m/s for the peak three month ARI <p>Compliance with the above criteria must be demonstrated using the methods described in WSUD Engineering Procedures: Stormwater (Melbourne Water, 2005) or using a hydraulic model such as HEC-RAS or TUFLOW. Refer to Part D of this Manual for guidance on undertaking velocity checks.</p>	Functional Detailed
MZ10	The macrophyte zone must provide a 90th percentile residence time of 72 hours (assuming plug flow between inlet and outlet through the EDD and 50% of the permanent pool volume). Refer to the Melbourne Water online tool and Part D of this Manual for guidance on determining residence time and wet spells analysis . Note: This residence time is required to ensure settling of suspended particles and pollutant removal. Criteria VG10, which relates to ensuring water levels do not drown plants, must also be met.	Functional Detailed
MZ11	A grade of between 1:150 and 1:400 must be provided between marsh zones (longitudinally through the macrophyte zone) to enable the wetland to freely drain. Intermediate pools will generally be needed to transition between marsh zones.	Functional Detailed
MZ12	A marker must be used to show wetland water level relative to NWL and EDD. The marker must be able to be read from the bank and attached to the wall of the submerged outlet pit. Refer to Standard Drawings 7251/12/005 and 7251/12/011 .	Detailed
MZ13	Melbourne Water will not accept islands within wetlands as are difficult to maintain (need a canoe or boat) and can become easily overgrown with weeds.	Concept Functional Detailed

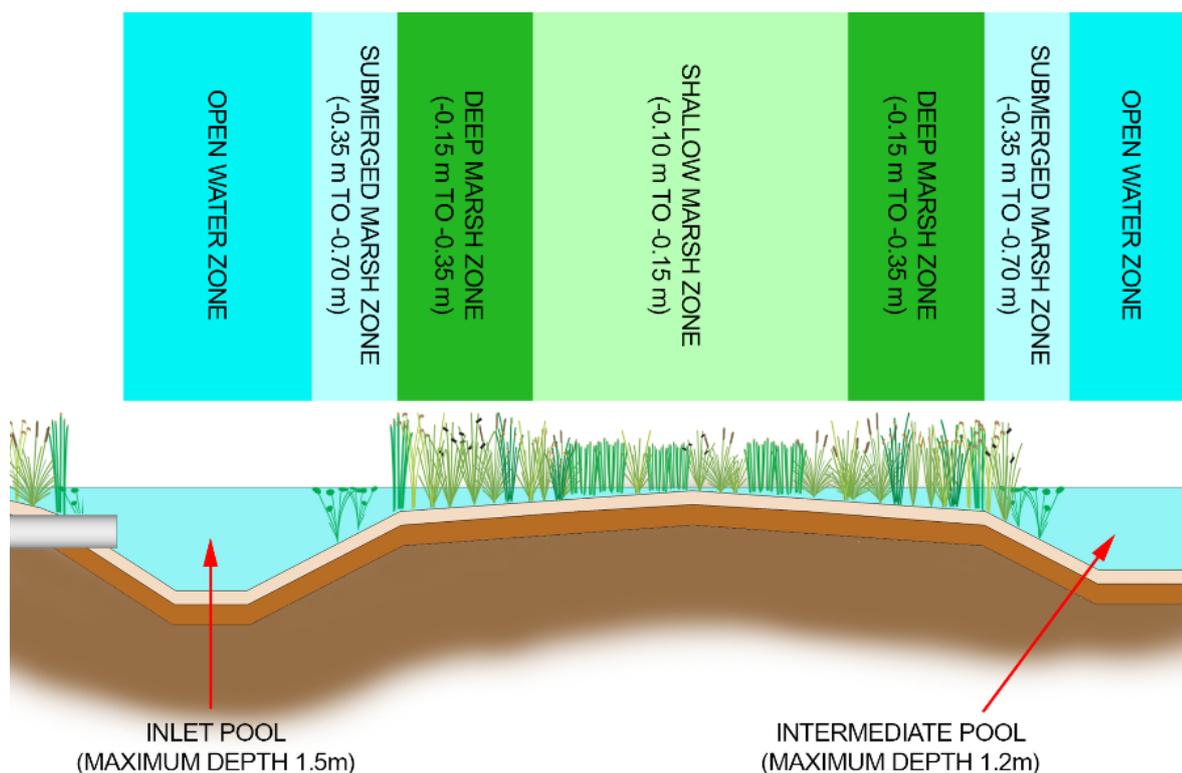


Figure 2: Macrophyte zone planting bands.

3.5 Bypass

BY1	The bypass route must be sized to convey the maximum overflow from the sediment pond that will occur during the peak 100 year ARI event. Where a sediment pond is located within a retarding basin, the bypass must convey at least the peak one year ARI flow.	Concept Functional Detailed
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3.6 Inlets and Outlets

I01	All pits, grilles and structures must conform to Melbourne Water’s standards as shown in the Land Development Manual and Standard Drawings .	Detailed
I02	Outlet structures must be easily identifiable and maintainable. They must be accessible from the bank. The edge of the outlet structure closest to the bank (maintenance access point) must be located in < 350 mm water depth. Refer Standard Drawing 7251/12/4003	Detailed
I03	The Twin Chamber Outfall pit (containing the side winding penstock and gate valves) must have a gridded or grated lid to allow visual inspection and valve operation from the surface (e.g. through the grate/grille). Refer Standard Drawing 7251/12/005 and 7251/12/006 Note: Melbourne Water will be installing a hydraulic level sensor and data logger on all Development Services Scheme wetlands to	Detailed

	ensure the wetland is meeting the required hydraulic performance targets (refer Figure 3).	
I04	<p>The connection between the sediment pond and macrophyte zone inlet pool (sediment pond transfer pit) must be sized such that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All flows \leq the peak three month ARI event are transferred into the macrophyte zone (refer Figure 4), AND • 60% of the peak 1 year ARI flow overflows from the sediment pond into the bypass channel/pipe when the water level in the macrophyte zone is at TEDD (and not enter the macrophyte zone) (refer Figure 5), AND • The velocity through the macrophyte zone is \leq 0.5 m/s during the peak 100 year ARI event: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Assuming the macrophyte zone is at TEDD if the wetland is not within a retarding basin or flood plain ii. Assuming the water level is at the peak 10 year ARI water level if the wetland is within a retarding basin or flood plain 	Functional Detailed
I05	The submerged offtake pit connecting into the twin chamber outfall pit must be submerged to minimise blocking from floating debris. Refer to Standard Drawings 7251/12/4003 and 7251/12/035 .	Detailed
I06	<p>The twin chamber outfall pit must contain both a side winding penstock valve & a gate valve so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When the penstock is fully open the wetland draws down to NWL quickly assisting with plant growth during the first 12 months of plant establishment. • The penstock can be fully opened or closed to assist with maintenance of the wetland. • The stage/discharge rate can be adjusted if required to achieve suitable residence times and/or inundation patterns <p>Refer Standard Drawing 7251/12/005 & 7251/12/006 The gate valve allows full or partial draw down of the wetland to assist with maintenance.</p>	Functional Detailed
I07	<p>Balance pipes must be placed between all open water zones (inlet, intermediate and outlet pools) to enable water levels to be drawn down for maintenance or water level management purposes. Refer Standard Drawings 7251/12/015 & 7251/12/035.</p> <p>Balance pipes must be 300mm dia RCP with the RL of the submerged offtake pit (notch cut out) no more than 300 mm above the base of the deepest point of the pool to maximise draw down and minimise blockage potential. Refer Standard Drawing 7251/12/035 for details.</p>	Functional Detailed



Figure 3: Hydraulic level sensor & data logger

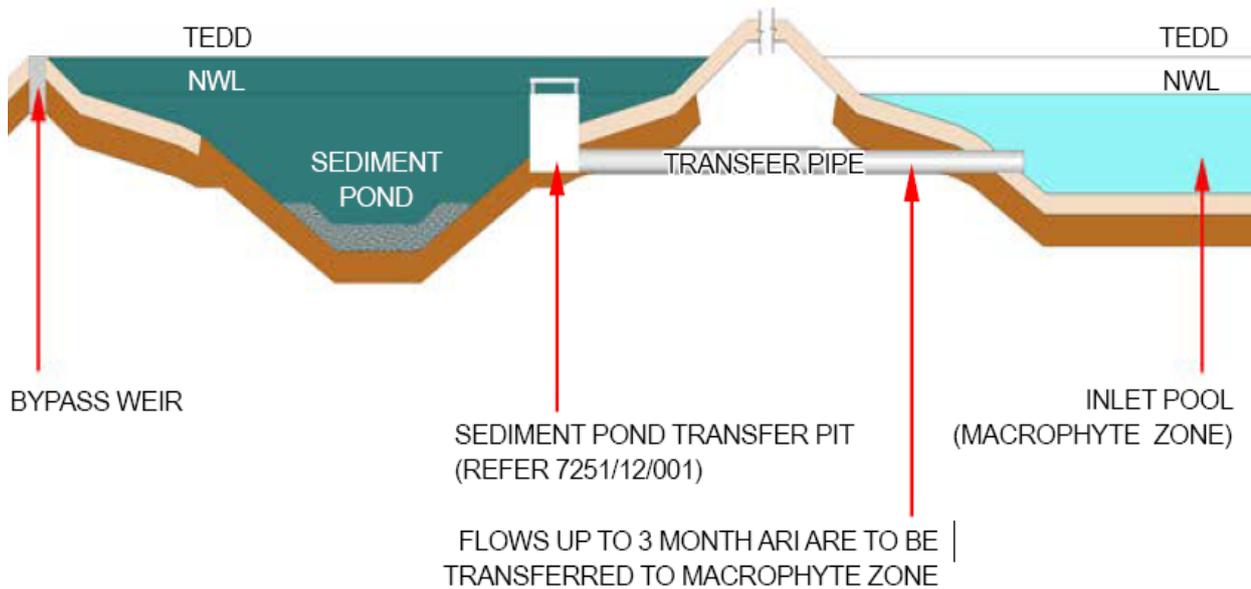


Figure 4: Connection between sediment pond and macrophyte zone – three month ARI flow check (refer to Melbourne Water Standard Drawing 7251/12/001 for more details on the connection between sediment pond and macrophyte zone).

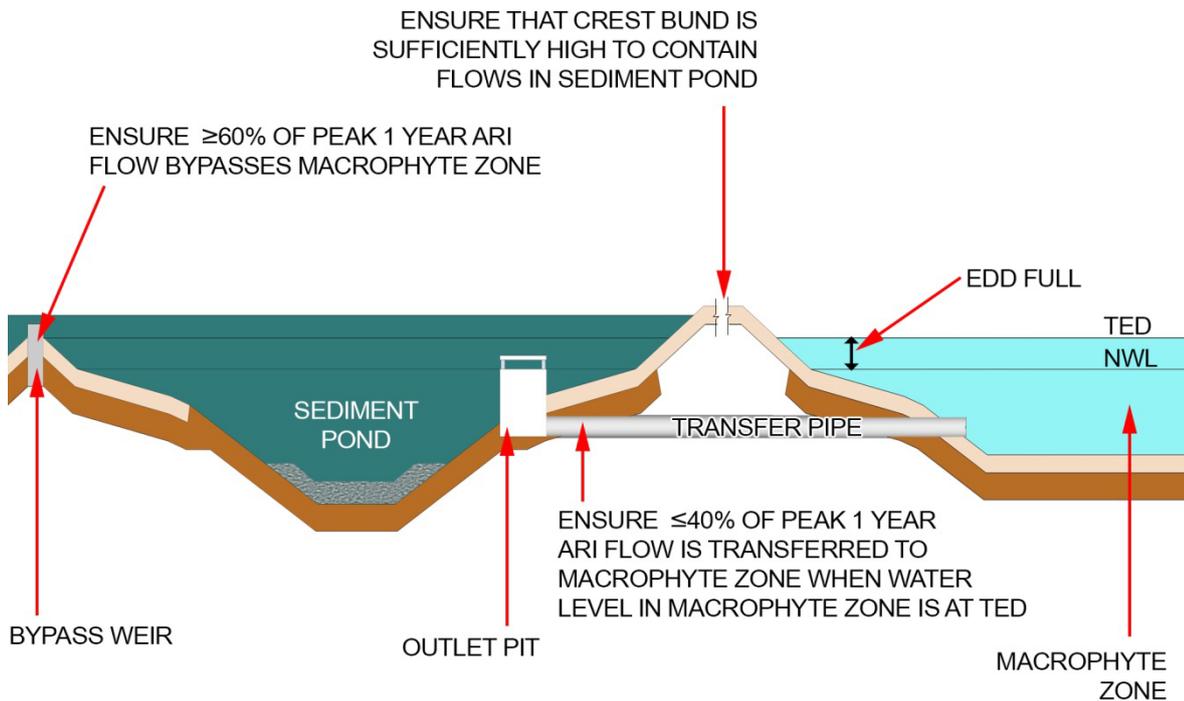


Figure 5: Figure 6 Connection between sediment pond and macrophyte zone – one year ARI flow check (Refer to Melbourne Water Standard Drawings 7251/12/001 for more details on the connection between sediment pond and macrophyte zone).

3.7 Vegetation & Landscape

VG1	The macrophyte zone must contain a minimum of 80% cover of emergent macrophytes comprising of shallow and deep marsh zones. Open water areas (maximum 20% of the wetland area) must include submerged marsh vegetation.	Functional Detailed
VG2	Any open water areas in excess of 20% of the macrophyte zone area (at NWL) must be located as a separate water body. These separate water bodies are not considered by Melbourne Water to be wetlands for the purpose of treating stormwater, and are therefore beyond the scope of this document. For further information, refer to Part A3 for open water, landscape design and amenity design considerations and the Planning and Building website for ownership and maintenance responsibilities. Conceptual models of wetlands and other parts of the treatment train (e.g. MUSIC) must assume there is no reduction in pollutant loads within these separate waterbodies.	Concept Functional Detailed
VG3	Ephemeral batters (NWL to 350 mm above NWL) of the wetland macrophyte zone and sediment pond must be densely planted with plants at 6 plants per sqm suited to intermittent wetting. 80% of the plants used in the ephemeral batters must be in accordance with the species and densities shown in Table 1.	Functional Detailed
VG4	The ephemeral batters must be planted at an average density of 6 plants per sqm with individual plants grown in individual pots or tray cells that are a minimum of 90 cm ³ in volume (V93 hiko cell equivalent), however 200cm ³ (forestry tubes) are preferred.	Detailed
VG5	The shallow marsh (≤100 - 150mm below NWL) of the macrophyte zone and sediment pond must be densely planted with 2 pots per sqm (≥550cm ³ containers). 90% of the plants used in the shallow marsh must be in accordance with the species and densities shown in Table 2. A minimum of three species must be specified for the shallow marsh zone.	Functional Detailed
VG6	The deep marsh (150 to 350 mm below NWL) of the macrophyte zone must be densely planted with 2 pots per sqm (≥550 cm ³ containers). 90% of the plants used in the deep marsh must be in accordance with the species and densities shown in Table 3. A minimum of three species must be specified for the deep marsh zone.	Functional Detailed
VG7	The submerged marsh (350 to 700 mm below NWL) of the macrophyte zone must be planted with 1 pot per sqm (≥550 cm ³ containers). 90% of the plants used in the submerged marsh must be in accordance with the species and densities shown in Table 4.	Functional Detailed
VG8	Emergent and submerged macrophyte seedlings must be grown in individual container/pots with a minimum volume of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ≥550cm³ (200cm³ forestry tubes are not acceptable) 	Detailed

	<p>Note: Seedlings sourced from bare-root divisions from tub/tray grown stock or stock harvested from existing wetlands will not be accepted.</p>	
VG9	<p>Seedlings grown in $\geq 550\text{cm}^3$ pots must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • minimum stem height of 500 mm (except <i>Triglochin procerum</i> and <i>Eleocharis acuta</i> – minimum stem height of 400 mm) • total stem area must cover at least 50% of the pot surface area • well developed, healthy root system that occupies the full pot volume (i.e. the growing media must remain intact when the plant is removed from the pot) • Not have a pot depth exceeding 150mm. <p>Note: The minimum stem height criteria specified for $\geq 550\text{ cm}^3$ pots does not apply to submerged macrophyte species.</p>	Detailed
VG10	<p>The effective water depth (permanent pool depth plus TEDD) must not exceed half of the average plant height for more than 20% of the time. This must be demonstrated using inundation frequency analysis assuming the plants heights are in accordance with those shown in Table 2 to Table 4.</p> <p>Refer to online tool and Part D of this Manual for guidance on the inundation frequency analysis.</p>	Functional Detailed
VG11	<p>For stormwater harvesting requirements please refer to the below guidelines.</p> <p>Note: the harvested water can only be extracted from the downstream chamber of the twin chamber outfall pit.</p> <p>Stormwater harvesting guidelines</p> <p>Stormwater harvesting technical guidelines</p> <p>Standard Drawings - Stormwater Harvesting</p> <p>Note: a diversion licence is required to harvest water from Melbourne Water assets.</p>	Concept Functional Detailed
VG12	<p>The wetland must have an appropriately sized outfall to ensure the planting wont drown and for Melbourne Water to accept ownership of the asset at completion of the defects period.</p> <p>Note: The developer and or their consultant is to negotiate with any downstream property owners with regard to outfall design and construction (temporary or permanent), not Melbourne Water. The developer must own and maintain any temporary outfalls until the permanent asset is constructed, not Melbourne Water.</p>	Functional Detailed
VG13	<p>Any grassed areas that Melbourne Water must maintain are to meet one of the below options. Councils batter grade requirements should be sought for areas they are to maintain as each council has a different requirement:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1 in 5 or flatter with a 3m run out area at the bottom of the slope is to be provided so MW can mow up and down if 	Functional Detailed

	<p>necessary. Run out area is to be a maximum grade of 1:12 and be clear of rocks, trees, fences etc.</p> <p>2. Maximum grade of 1:12 to allow for safe grass cutting (horizontal and vertical cutting method). No run out area is required, area must be clear of rocks, trees, fences, drops etc.</p> <p>Note: For mowing around vegetation MW requires a 3m gap between vegetation to allow mower access. Overhanging vegetation can be an access issue. Slopes steeper than 1 in 5 to be densely vegetated.</p>	
VG14	No mulch to be placed below Q100 or frequently inundated areas. Jute mat required to be installed between NWL & TEDD, and jute mat to be used above TEDD where deemed necessary. Jute mat must be installed to the manufacturer's specifications, including fasteners.	Functional Detailed

Table 1: Ephemeral batter plant list (NWL to 350mm above NWL)

Botanical name	Common name	Minimum density (>90cm ³ container/m ²)
Baumea rubiginosa	Soft Twig-rush	6
Carex appressa	Tall Sedge	6
Carex tereticaulis	Basket Sedge	6
Cyperus lucidus	Leafy Flat-sedge	6
Juncus amabilis	Hollow Rush	6
Juncus flavidus	Yellow Rush	6
Juncus krausii	Sea Rush	6
Juncus pallidus	Pale Rush	6
Poa labillardierei	Common Tussock	6
Lomandra longifolia	Spiny-headed Matt-rush	6

Table 2: Shallow marsh plant list (100 to 150mm below NWL)

Botanical name	Common name	Minimum density (plants/m ²)	Average plant height (m)
		≥550cm ³ pot	
Baumea articulata	Jointed Club-rush	2	1.8
Bolboschoenus caldwellii	Sea Club-rush	2	1.0

Botanical name	Common name	Minimum density (plants/m ²)	Average plant height (m)
		≥550cm ³ pot	
Bolboschoenus fluviatilis	Tall Club-rush	2	1.8
Bolboschoenus medianus	Marsh Club-rush	2	1.5
Cladium procerum	Leafy Twig-rush	2	2.0
Eleocharis acuta	Common Spike-rush	2	0.5
Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani	River Club-rush	2	1.8
Cycnogeton procerum (syn. Triglochin procerum)	Water Ribbons	2	1.0

Table 3: Deep marsh plant list (150 to 350mm below NWL)

Botanical name	Common name	Minimum density (plants/m ²)	Average plant height (m)
		≥550cm ³ pot	
Baumea articulata	Jointed Club-rush	2	1.8
Bolboschoenus caldwellii	Sea Club-rush	2	1.0
Bolboschoenus fluviatilis	Tall Club-rush	2	1.8
Bolboschoenus medianus	Marsh Club-rush	2	1.5
Cladium procerum	Leafy Twig-rush	2	2.0
Eleocharis sphacelata	Tall Spike Rush	2	1.8
Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani	River Club-rush	2	1.8
Cycnogeton procerum (syn. Triglochin procerum)	Water Ribbons	2	1.0

Table 4: Submerged marsh plant list (350 to 700mm below NWL)

Botanical name	Common name	Minimum density (plants/m ²)
		≥550cm ³ pot
Myriophyllum crispatum	Upright Water-milfoil	1
Potamogeton ochreatus	Blunt Pondweed	1
Vallisneria australis	Eel-grass	1

3.8 Liner and Topsoil

LN1	The exfiltration rate from the base and the sides of the wetland must be accurately represented in the conceptual modelling software analysis (e.g. MUSIC). Wetlands with a permanent NWL must have a compacted clay liner made from site soils and/or imported material where site soils are unsuitable based on the recommendations from the site geotechnical report.	Concept Functional Detailed
LN2	Impermeable liners (based on the recommendations from the site geotechnical report) must be used where the groundwater table is likely to interact with the wetland or where there are saline in-situ soils.	Detailed
LN3	At least 200mm of topsoil must be provided in all areas of the macrophyte zone; and in sediment ponds to 500mm below NWL in accordance with Melbourne Waters Topsoil specification	Functional Detailed
LN4	Topsoils used within the wetland (in situ or imported) must comply with Melbourne Waters Topsoil specification which is sub set of AS 4419 Soils for landscaping and garden use ² . Testing must be carried out by a NATA accredited laboratory. If required, amelioration to the topsoil must be undertaken to achieve compliance with Melbourne Waters Topsoil specification	Detailed

3.9 Landscape Design Structures

LDS1	All boardwalks, piers, bridges and/or structurally treated edges installed and maintained by others are to meet Melbourne Waters below guideline requirements and also have heights and/or railings in accordance with relevant design codes and satisfy inundation and safety criteria. - Constructing waterway crossings guideline - Shared pathways guideline	Detailed
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²The AS 4419 requirement for % organic matter content does not apply. Topsoils used in wetlands must have a minimum of 5% organic matter content.

	<p>- Maintenance Agreements</p> <p>Refer to Part A3 of this Manual for design consideration and guidance on landscape design features.</p>	
LDS2	Boardwalks and/or viewing platforms are not permitted over sediment ponds, pipes & pits, weirs, rock chutes and EDD control structures for maintenance access reasons.	Concept Functional Detailed
LDS3	Vehicle exclusion bollards are required around entire wetland reserve to prevent unauthorised access and illegal rubbish dumping. Refer Standard Drawings 7251/8/204 , 7251/8/205 , 7251/8/207	Functional Detailed

3.10 Edge Treatment

ET1	The edge of any deep open water should not be hidden or obscured by embankments or terrestrial planting unless measures are taken to preclude access. Public access to structures, the top of weirs, orifice pits and outlet structures must be restricted by appropriate safety fences and other barriers. Permanent fencing is required adjacent to potentially unsafe structures (i.e. deep water zones, steep drops, top of weirs, outlet structures etc.).	Functional Detailed
ET2	<p>All wetland edges must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vegetated approach batters no steeper than 1:5, a 2.8 metre wide vegetated safety bench at 1:8 between NWL and 350 mm below NWL and a maximum 1:3 slope beyond 350 mm below NWL (refer Figure 6). OR • The batter from TEDD to 350mm below NWL must contain dense impenetrable planting that is a minimum of 2.8 metres wide and 1.2 metres high (refer Figure 7 and Figure 8). 	Functional Detailed
ET3	A minimum offset of 15 metres must be provided from the wetland's NWL to any allotment or road reserve (not including shared pathways). A safety design audit may be required for any proposal that does not achieve this condition. Refer to Part A3 of this Manual for design consideration and guidance on safety in design.	Concept Functional Detailed

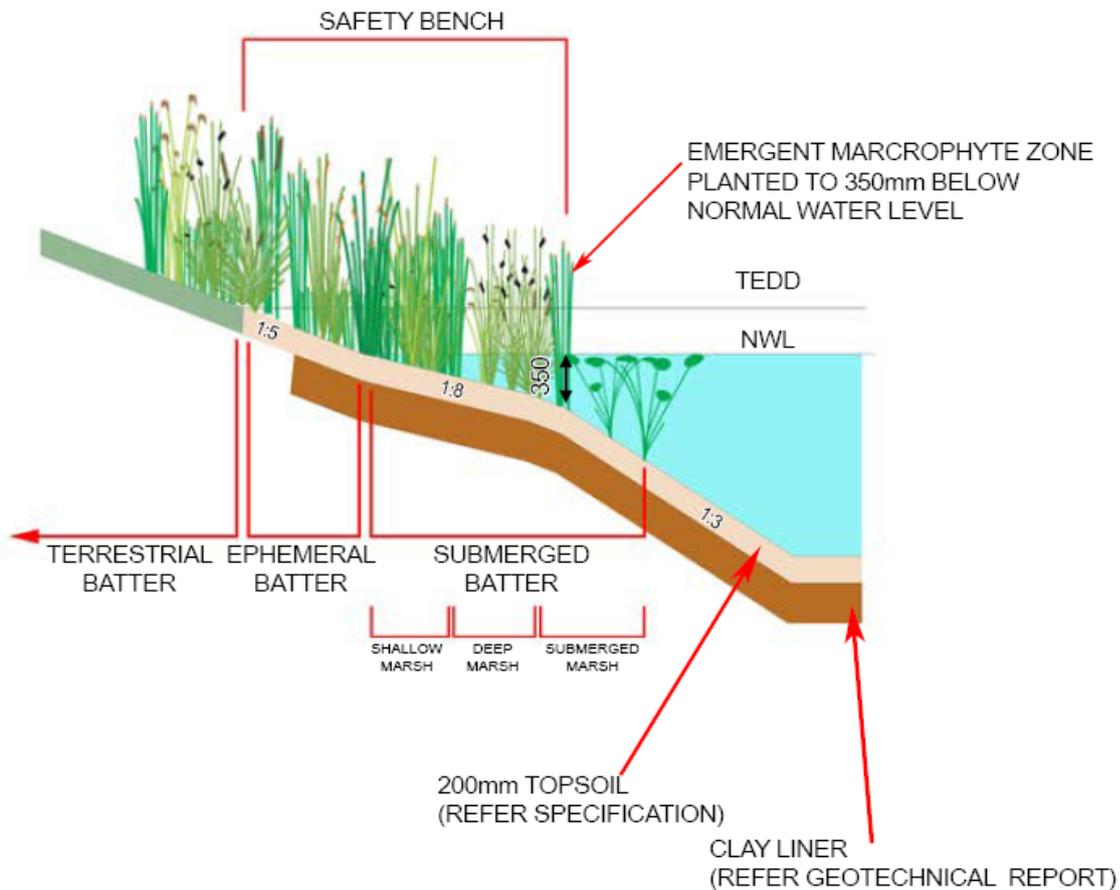


Figure 6: Indicative cross-section of vegetated wetland edge with safety bench (Refer to Melbourne Water Standard Drawing [7251/12/010](#) for more details).

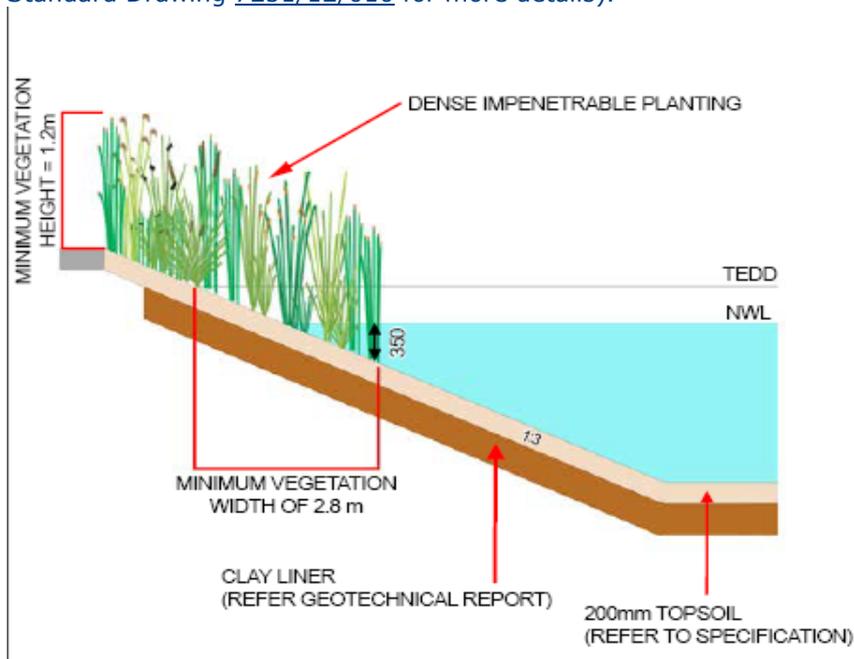


Figure 7 Indicative cross-section of vegetated wetland edge with impenetrable planting.



Figure 8: Photos showing examples of wetland edges with dense impenetrable planting

3.11 Landscape Contractor Selection, Plant Supply, Installation & Maintenance

The landscape consultant must be engaged by the developer to supervise and approve the entire landscape construction process from the pre-commencement meeting through to achieving the end of defects period (a minimum of 27 months), ensuring the fellow requirements are met:

LC1	The landscape contractor awarded the wetland project is suitably qualified and experienced and has completed work on Melbourne Water wetlands historically and the work is of a high quality.	Construction
LC2	The landscape contractor awarded the wetland project must be the contractor undertaking the plant installation. Melbourne Water will not accept sub-contracting to another contractor without written approval to ensure the sub-contractor is suitably qualified, experienced and has completed work of this nature previously.	Construction
LC3	The landscape contractor awarded the wetland project must be the contractor maintaining the planting once installed. Subcontracting of the maintenance activity must be approved by Melbourne Water in writing to ensure the sub-contractor is suitably qualified and experienced and has completed work of this nature previously.	Construction
LC4	The landscape contractor awarded the wetland project must order stock from an accredited nursery that grows plants to the specifications outlined within this manual (no wild stock or cutting up of planting clumps is to be installed).	Construction

LC5	Check the planting contractor's delivery dockets to ensure the number of plants and format of plants ordered and delivered matches the landscape plan and requirements of this manual.	Construction
LC6	Audit the quality of stock delivered to site prior to the installation occurring accepting and/or rejecting any unacceptable stock that doesn't meet the requirements of this manual.	Construction
LC7	Ensure the contractor is undertaking regular weed runs (aquatic, ephemeral and terrestrial) of the site to ensure a weed seed bank doesn't develop.	Construction
LC8	Undertake random audits of the accredited nursery's they regularly source stock from to ensure the stock they are growing and supplying is of a high quality and meets the requirements of this manual.	Construction
LC9	Make Melbourne Water aware of any accredited nursery's growing and supplying poor quality stock that doesn't meet the requirements of this manual.	Construction
LC10	Make Melbourne Water aware of any landscape contractor not sourcing, installing and maintain planting to the requirements of this manual.	Construction
LC11	Make Melbourne Water aware of any topsoil installation that doesn't meet the requirements of Melbourne Waters topsoil specification weather installed by the civil or planting contractor.	Construction
LC12	Make Melbourne Water aware of wetland bathymetry that doesn't meet the requirements of this manual resulting in reduced planting banding and wetland treatment.	Construction

Note: Should Melbourne Water feel the quality of sourced plants delivered to and installed on site don't meet the requirements of this manual, we reserve the right to engage an independent auditor to assess and make a recommendation as to the quality of the landscape planting. Any required rectification works resulting from this audit would be at the expense of the developer, not Melbourne Water.

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6. Document History

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18/2/2021	Senior Asset Practitioner – Water Quality	6	Template, links and standard drawings updated.

Appendix 1: Concept Design Example Drawings

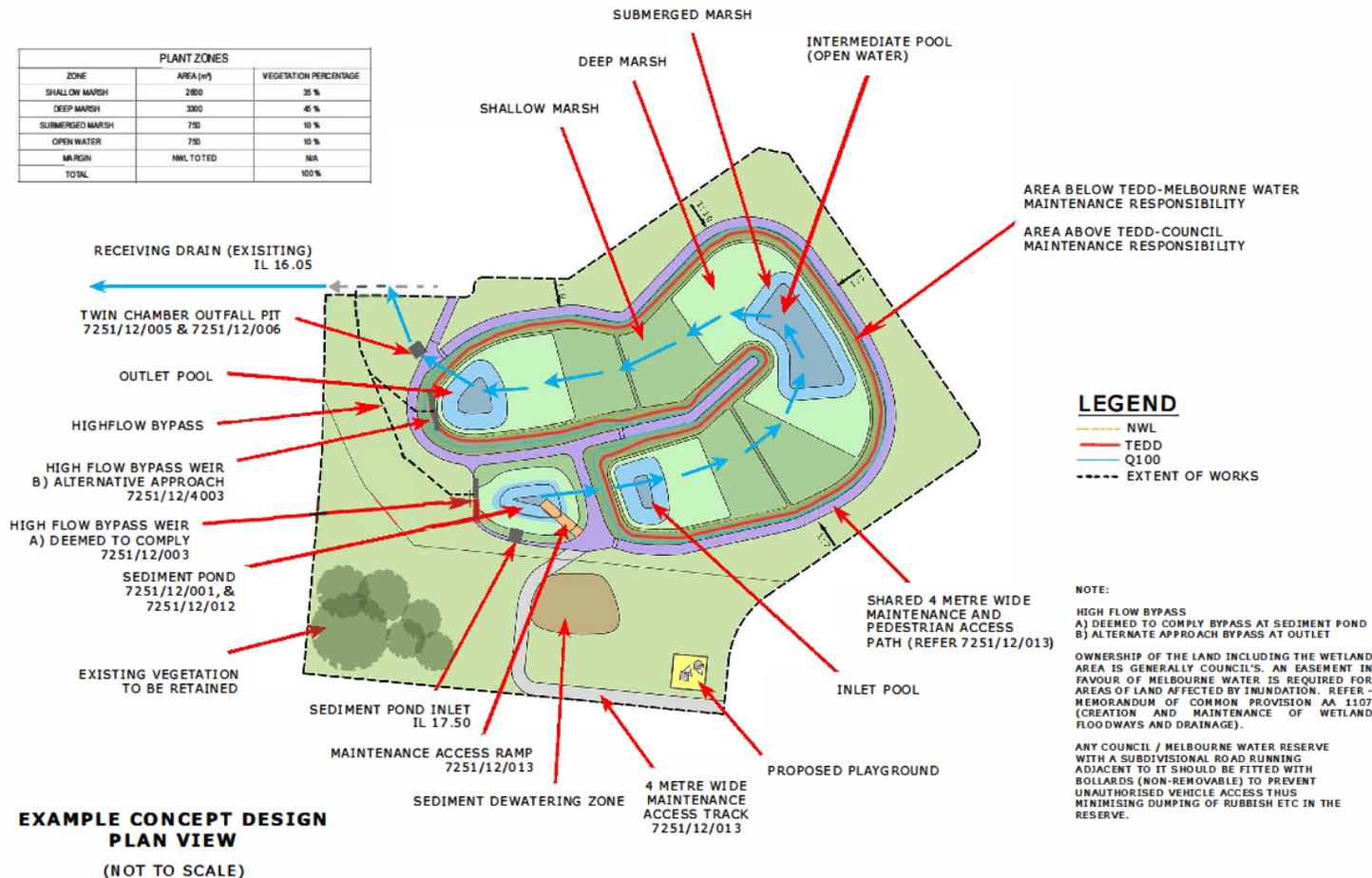
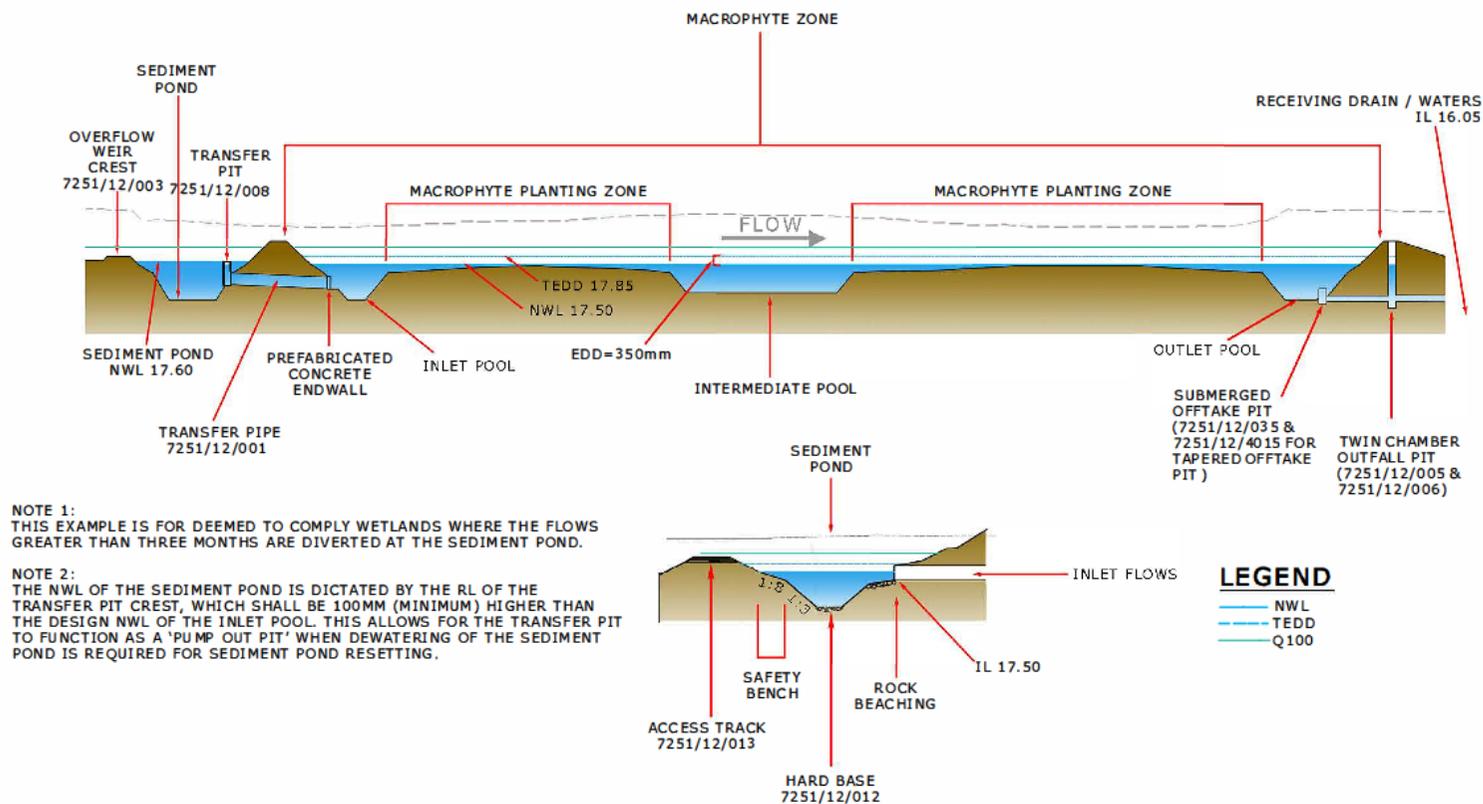


Figure 9: 7251/12/016



**EXAMPLE CONCEPT DESIGN
SECTION VIEW
(NOT TO SCALE)**

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Appendix 2: Functional Design Example Drawings

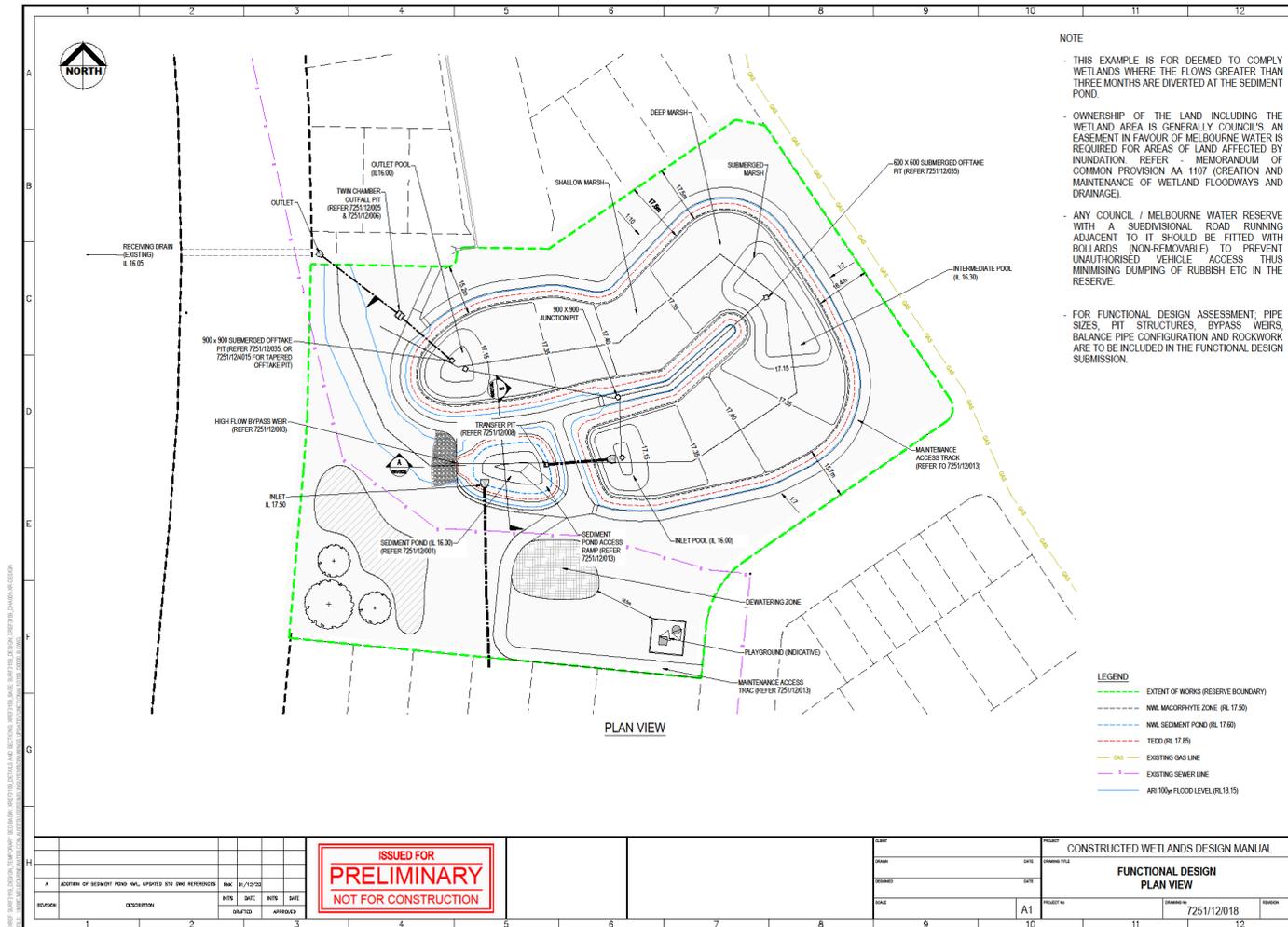


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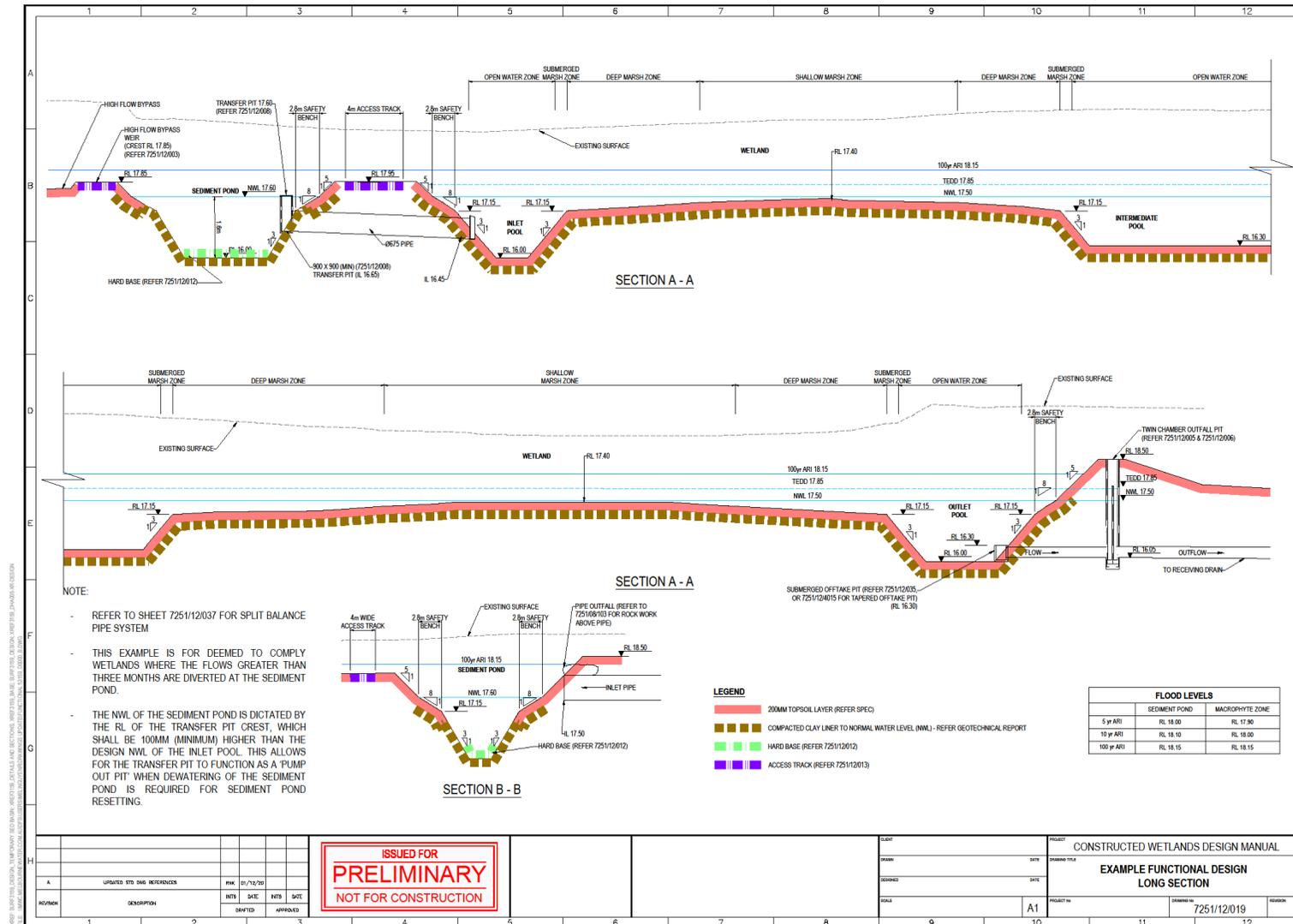


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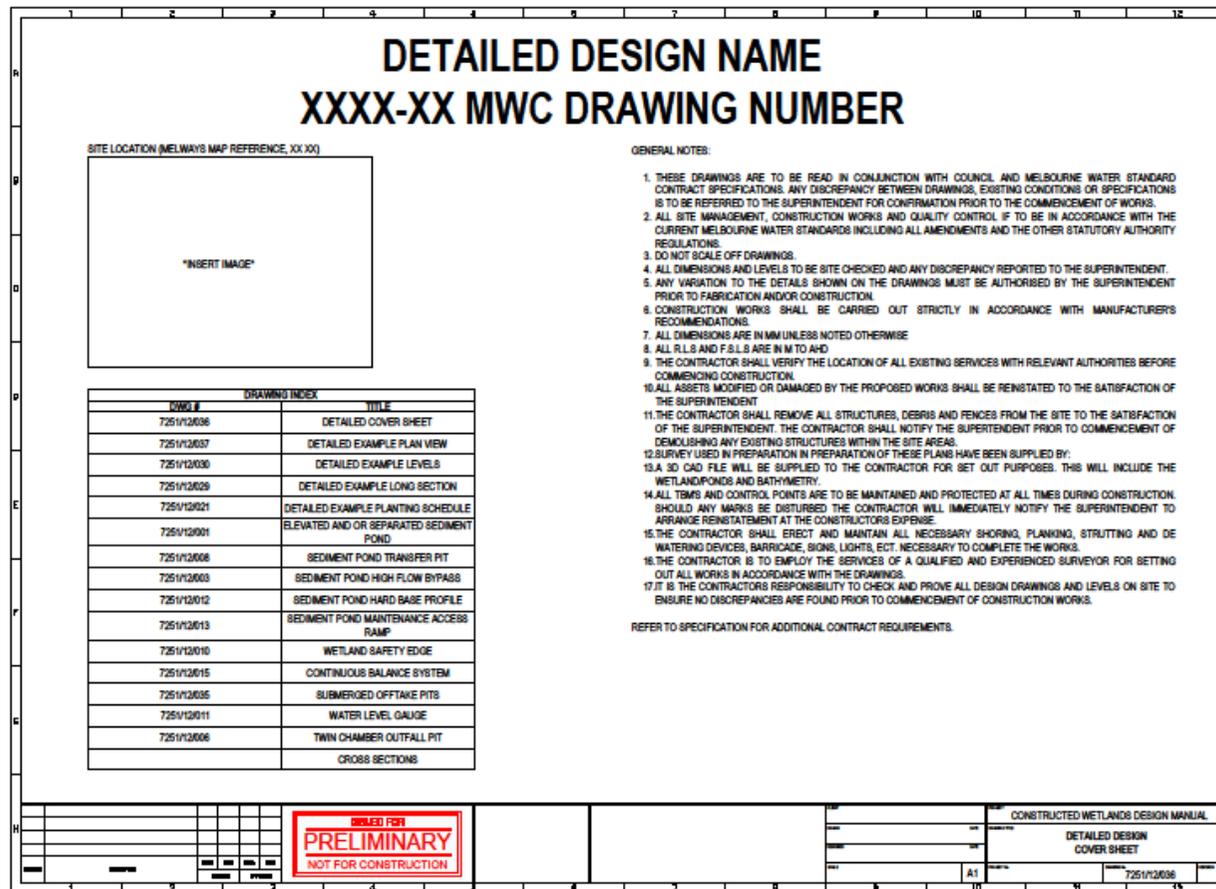


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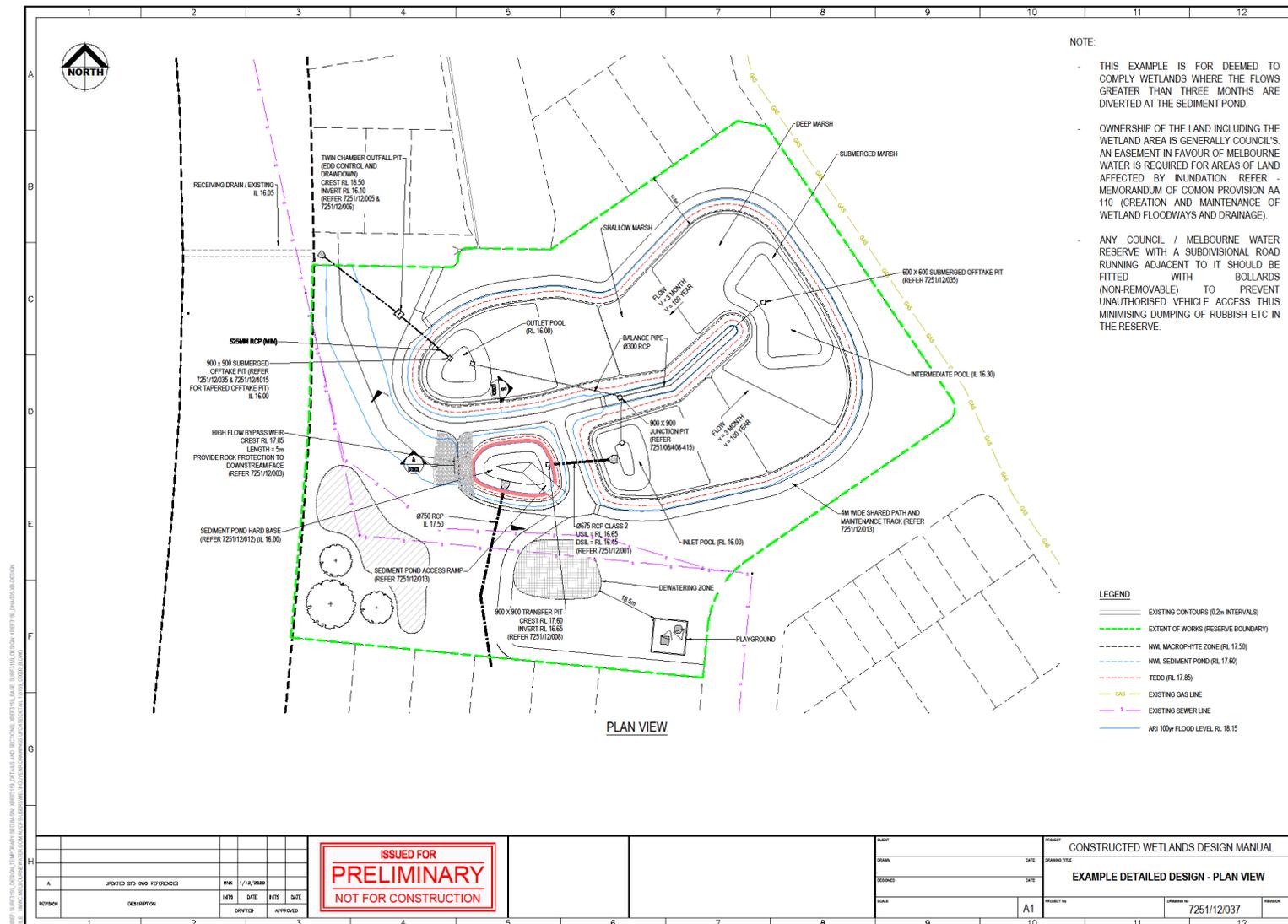
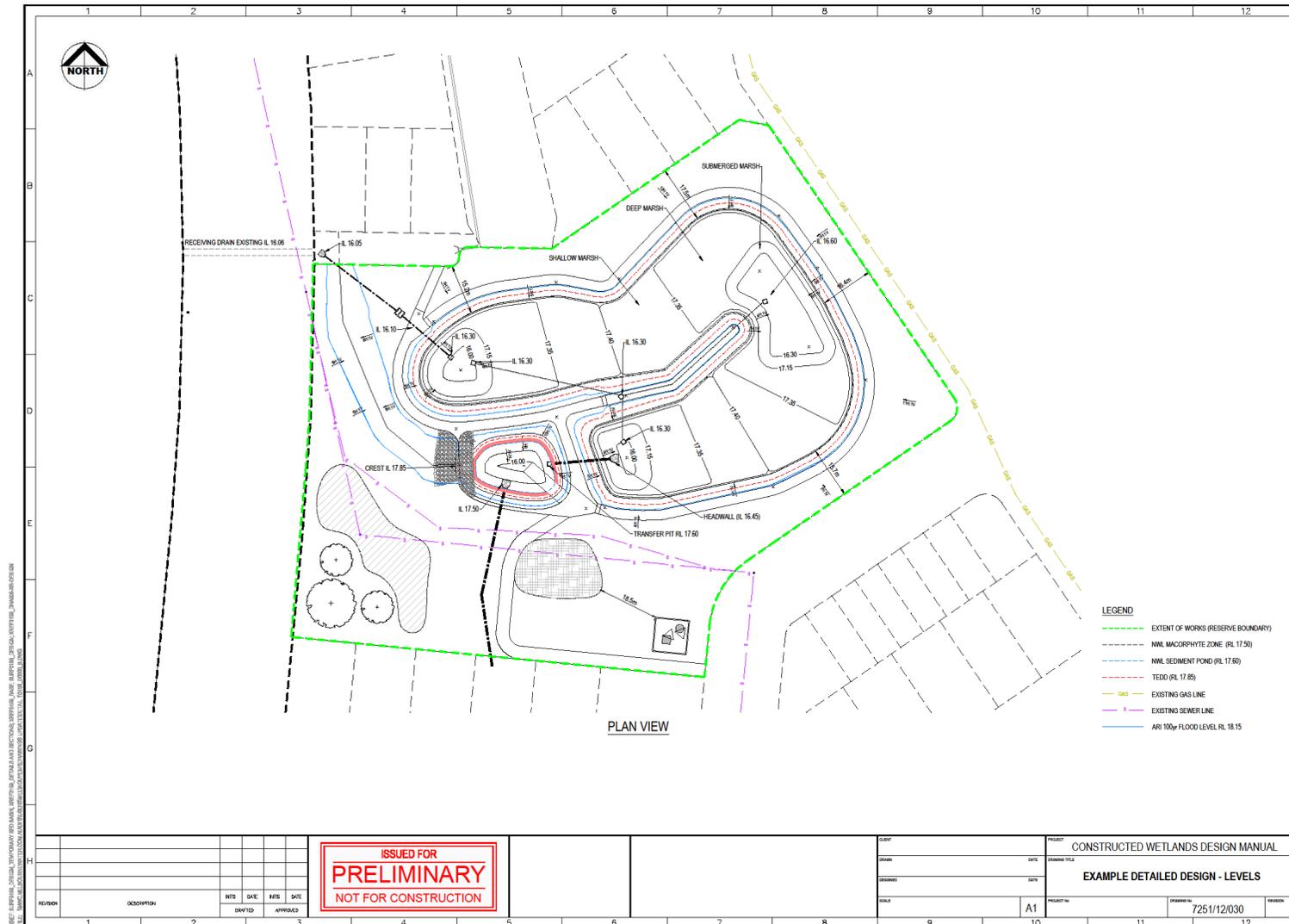


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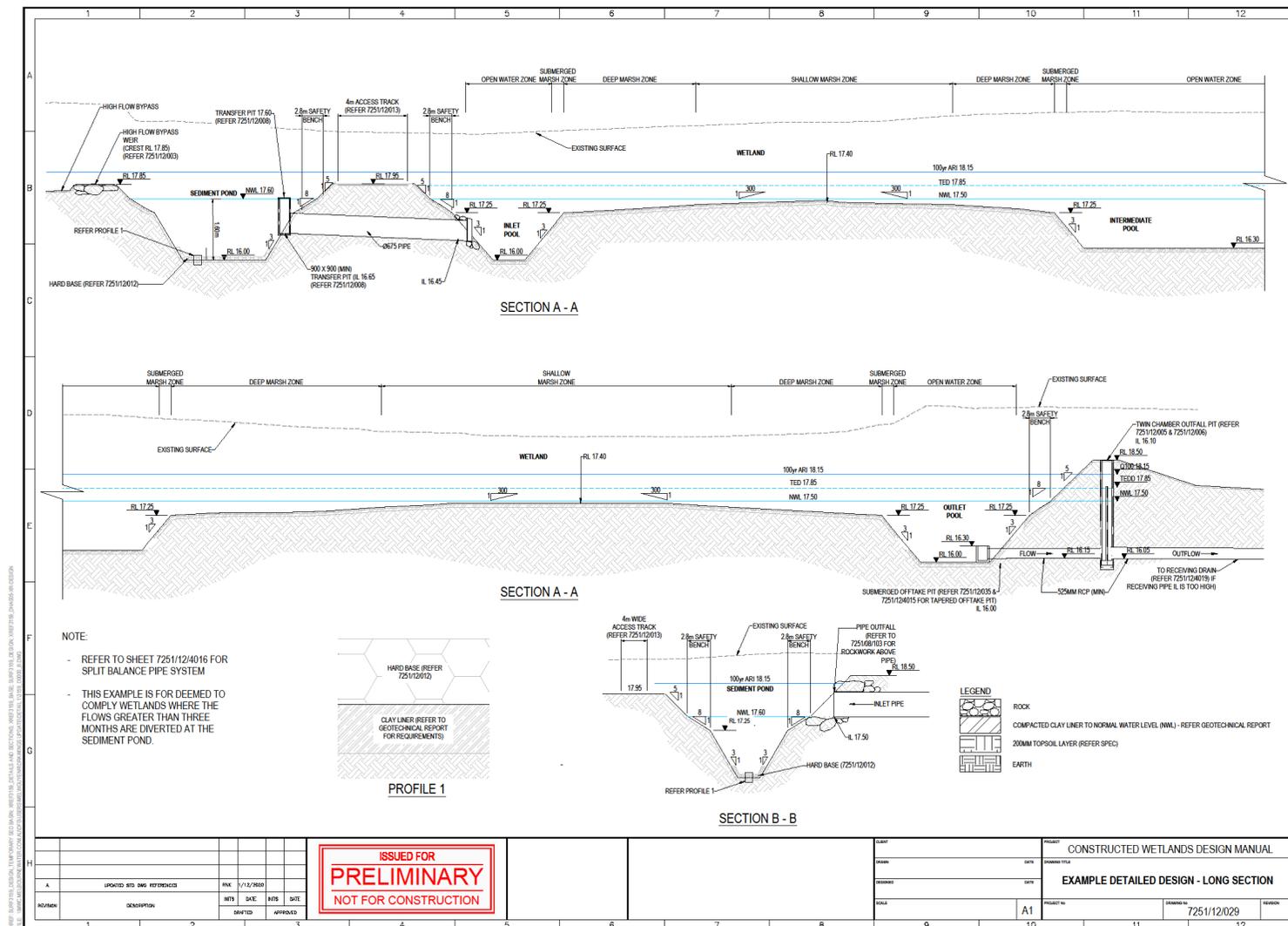


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