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ABSTRACT

The routes for a proposed Freeway and associated minor roads have been investigated to assess the nature of the materials which will be met in cuttings. In particular it has been required to delineate the portions which can be excavated by dozing or ripping, as distinct from those requiring drilling and blasting, and to assess angles for cuttings to ensure their permanent stability.

The work has included detailed geological mapping of natural outcrops and existing cuttings, diamond drilling, seismic refraction traverses, and resistivity measurements.

Precambrian rocks including shale, sandstones, quartzite, schist, and gneiss occur along the routes. They are weakened to varying degrees by structural weaknesses, principally jointing, and by chemical and mechanical weathering. The relationships between the rock mass, including these weaknesses, and its behaviour during excavation and stability in cuttings, are discussed.

Assessments of excavation methods required and suggestions for cutting angles are given in tables, which also list the factual data from which the assessments are made.

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INTRODUCTION

In a letter from the Commissioner of Highways to the Director of Mines of 10th June, 1964, it was requested that a geological investigation be carried out along the Crafers-Stirling section of the proposed South-East Freeway. This section is 11,700 feet long, located from 10 to 12 miles south-east of Adelaide (Figure 1). Details of the various roads are as follows:

- 1. Measdays Corner to Crafers (STA 53 to STA 105).

 The carriageway constructed in 1955 will be duplicated along its northern side. The length is approximately 0.6 miles, of which 0.3 miles is inside cut of average depth 10 to 12 feet. The maximum depth is approximately 20 feet.
- 2. Crafers to Stirling (STA 105 to STA 135).

 A divided highway with formation width of 80 feet is proposed. The length is 1.6 miles, of which 0.7 miles is in cut. The maximum depth of cut is 50 feet.
- 3. Summit Road Deviation (STA 64 to STA 100).

 This is 0.9 miles long, and has a formation width of 46 feet. About 0.3 miles is in cut with a maximum depth of 45 feet.
- 4. Minor roads including service roads and ramps with some cut up to 25 feet.

Survey stations are at 100 ft. intervals along the proposed centre line, progressively in the direction away from Adealide, as stations 53, 54, 55 etc. The chainage of points between these stations are given by adding the distance in feet from the previous stations, i.e. STA 53 + 64.

In places where the road divides, the same distances are used for stations along both roads, from the point where the divergence commences.

The purpose of the investigation was to assess the nature of the materials which will be encountered in cuttings; in particular to classify the materials for excavation purposes as follow:

- ... Material which can be excavated by heavy duty ripper.
- ... Material which will require blasting.

It was also required to assess angles at which cutting faces could be made to ensure permanent stability.

The following has been carried out:

- ...Detailed geological mapping of the ground surface along and near the pegged routes, and of existing road cuttings and other excavations nearby.
- ...Geophysical work including resistivity observations, and seven seismic refractions træverses each 300 feet long.
- ...Diamond drilling; three holes with a total depth of 187 feet.

This report describes the general geology of the project area, details of the various exploratory methods used, and the bases upon which the assessments of engineering properties of the various materials are made. Assessments of conditions along individual portions of the route are given in Tables 4 to 7 inclusive.

GENERAL GEOLOGY OF THE AREA

Topography

The proposed section of Freeway commences on the eastern slopes of the Mount Lofty Ranges about 1 mile to the east of the divide which is known as the Summit Ridge (Fig. 1). It passes over the divide in a saddle at the Summit Road turnoff and then follows the valley of Main Creek for $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles, ending $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north-east of Stirling township. In most parts of the route the natural slopes are relatively gentle, ranging from 5 to 15° . Steeper slopes (up to 25°) occur locally.

Stratigraphy and Structure

The route lies in the Mount Lofty Province of Precambrian and Archaean rocks. Table 1 shows the Rock Units and main rock types.

TABLE 1
GEOLOGICAL SUCCESSION

AGE	UNIT NAME	DESCRIPTION
Precambrian	Stonyfell Quartzite Formation	Interbedded quartzite, felspathic sandstone and shale. The rocks occur in roughly equal proportions in beds generally several hundred feet thick. Some thinly interbedded sandstones and shales with individual beds less than 1 ft. thick.
,	Aldgate Sandstone	Alternating micaceous sandstone and shale beds with 20ft. thick basal conglomerate. The individual beds of sandstone and shale are mostly less than 0.1 ft. thick.
-UNCONFORMITY - Archaean	Crafers · ildynte Inlier	Mainly schist with bands of gneiss up to 20 ft. wide, and some granitic gneiss.

The distribution of the rocks within the project area is shown on Fig. 1. The Stonyfell Quartzite rocks occupy 90 per cent of the area, and are bounded at the south-eastern end, between Crafers and Stirling, by a steeply dipping fault zone (the Crafers Fault), trending roughly north-east south-west. The Archaean schists and gneisses, and the Aldgate Sandstone, occur to the south of this fault.

The Precambrian rocks are gently folded and generally dip between 10 and 45° to the south-east. The Archaean schists and gneisses have prominent schistosity and foliation which dip between 40 and 75° to the south and south-east, i.e. almost parallel to the bedding of the younger rocks.

Weathering

All of the rocks where exposed in the project area are considerably affected by weathering, and in most places are overlain by shallow sedentary soils.

In general the more prominent ridges are underlain by resistant rocks, which are mainly slightly weathered near the surface. Valleys and depressed areas are commonly underlain by rocks which are less resistant to weathering.

Stability of Natural Slopes

No scars or cracks indicating recent slope instability have been found in the project area.

earance occur immediately east of Drill Hole SEF3 in the Stirling Interchange Section. Such slopes have often developed due to "creep" or slow movement downslope of the near-surface soil layers. In other cases the irregularities are the surface expression of deep-seated soil or rock-sliding. The core of hole SEF3 suggests that the surface soil mantle is too thin to develop the observed irregularities due to creep. At depth the core shows some extensively weathered rocks, but there is no

evidence of any deep-seated disturbance.

Soil-covered slopes along Ramps S2 and S3 of the Stirling Interchange, in the Parson's House area and further west, are probably underlain by schist and gneiss. Mapping and the results of Drill Hole SEF4 suggest that the rocks are extensively weathered and that the schistosity dips generally downslope. There are no obvious signs of past instability in these slopes, but it is considered that sliding along schistosity planes and seams is likely in deep cuttings, unless these are made at flatter angles than the weakness planes.

Groundwater

All three of the diamond drill holes were dry after completion. This suggests that groundwater levels are probably well below the levels of the proposed cutting.

There is very little other factual information available on groundwater levels in the project area. Seepages have been observed after wet weather near the base of shallow cuttings for the Freeway near Measdays House. These appear to be from perched water travelling downslope on the soil-rock interface.

The floor of Main Creek Valley is in many places flat and alluviated, Swampy type vegetation on and near these flats suggests that groundwater occurs at shallow depths, even during the summer.

ENGINEERING PROPERTIES OF ROCKS

Structural Weaknesses

The rock mass has been weakened to varying degrees by geological structures of the types shown in Figure 7.

The major weaknesses which are faults (sheared and crushed zones), are probably present in many places, but are seldom recognised as such in shallow cuttings as they are usually obscured by highly weathered material. Jointing (usually 2 main sets), bedding, foliation and cleavage occur in patterns which vary in different parts of the area. The orientations and dips of these structures where observed, are shown on the geological plans, Figures 2 to 5. The mapping has shown that each rock type has a characteristic weakness pattern.

Quartzite is generally massive, but is interested by steeply dipping joints spaced commonly from 1 to 6 ft. apart, which with the flat lying bedding planes divide the rock into roughly cubic and tabular blocks. Some of the quartzite and the finer-grained sandstone have closely spaced (less than 1 ft.) bedding weaknesses which are often accentuated by weathering forming seams of clay. With joints spaced mainly 0.5 to 4 ft. apart, the rock is divided into roughly tabular blocks.

Felspathic sandstone is massive with numerous steeply dipping joints, but the degree of weathering is such that the rock tends to break across the fabric rather than along geological weaknesses.

Schist and Shale in many places possess closely spaced schistosity and cleavage planes due to the parallel arrangement of micaceous minerals. These planes and joints divide the rock into platy blocks.

Gneiss commonly has bands of weakness due to schistose material along the foliation direction which, combined with 2 approximately perpendicular sets of joints spaced commonly 2 to 8 feet apart, give large cubic or tabular blocks.

Chemical Weathering Products

Chemical weathering is the process of chemical alteration of the mineral constituents of rocks by the action of groundwaters. These waters obtain access to relatively impervious rocks by travelling along open joints and faults, and to porous rocks by percolation through the rock itself.

The degrees of chemical weathering are defined according to the physical properties of the weathered products, as set out on Table 2.

TABLE 2 WEATHERING PRODUCTS OF HARD* ROCKS

:	Term	Abbrevia- tion en Drawings	Definition
	(Fresh	Fr	The rock shows no discolouration, loss of strength, or any other effect due to weathering.
	Slightly (Weathered	SW	The rock is slightly discoloured, but not noticeably lower in strength than the fresh rock.
	(Moderately (Weathered	MW	The rock is usually discoloured and noticeably weakened, but NMLC and NM cores cannot usually be broken up in unaided hands.
Essentially "soil" Properties	(Highly (Weathered)	HW .	The rock is usually discoloured and weakened to such an extent that NMLC er NM cores can be broken up readily by hand, across the rock fabric. Wet strength noticeably lower than dry strength.
	Completely (Weathered	OW	The rock is usually discoloured and reduced to a soil, but the original fabric of the rock is mostly preserved. It is difficult to recover as diamond drill core, and usually can be recovered only by dry drilling.

*The shale and schist in the project area are not in this category but for convenience the same field test criteria as for hard rocks, have been applied to classify their weathering products.

The six main rock types present show important variations in their susceptability to chemical weathering and in the nature of their weathering products. Of these the quartzite and gneiss are generally resistant, and the felspathic sandstone, schist and shale have been considerably weathered, probably more than 50 ft. below the surface in many places. The weathering characteristics

of each rock type are shown in Table 3.

Mechanical Weathering Effects

The rocks in the project area have also been affected by mechanical weathering. This is mechanical loosening of the rock mass due to opening up of joints. It occurs close to the ground surface and is effected by the roots of trees and scrub which grow into slightly open joints in the rock, opening them up further and dividing the rock into separate blocks. Joints may also be opened up due to the release of load when overlying material is removed by erosion.

In rocks where the joints are widely spaced (1 to 8 ft.) the effects of mechanical weathering are not very noticeable. The quartzite near Measdays House and the massive shale in the eastern part of the Measdays Section are examples of this, with little evidence of mechanical loosening below a depth of about 5 feet.

In laminated and schistose rocks there is evidence of mechanical weathering extending to considerable depths. In drill hole SEF2 the laminated shale within 50 feet from the ground surface contains numerous clay filled joints and bedding plane partings, some of which contain roots up to 0.02 ft. diameter.

TABLE 3 PROPERTIES OF ROCKS

Rock Type	Notes on Petrology	Probable Properties when Fresh	Conditions where exposed along Route
Quartzite	Massive to poorly bedded rock composed mainly of quartz grains up to 2 mm. with varying amounts of secondary silicification. Felspathic in part.	Very strong and dense rock when fresh or slightly weathered. Tests on similar rocks (Ref. 12) gave qu (unconfined compressive strength) from 8000 to 15000 lb/sq.in.	Generally resistant to weathering. Mainly SLIGHTLY TO MODERATELY weathered, cannot be broken by light blow with a geological pick. Where felspar grains or thin shaley beds ; are present the rock is mostly HIGHLY weathered.
Felspathic Sandstone	Massive to poorly bedded rock consisting mainly of quartz and felspar grains up to 2mm., some mica grains.	Naturally porous rock, moderately strong when fresh. Similar sand-stones (Ref. 9) have qu ranging between 4000 and 8000 lbs/sq.in.	No fresh felspathic sandstone is exposed. Most exposures are uniformly HIGHLY weathered. Small pieces are easily broken by hand.
Micaceous Sandstone	Well-bedded rock composed mainly of quartz and mica flakes up to 1 mm. Rew felspar grains.	Comparable strength to felspathic sandstone. Mica flakes oriented along bedding may form weaknesses in this direction	No fresh micaceous sandstone is exposed. Most exposures are MODERATELY weathered and may be broken by a light blow with a geological pick. The rock tends to break preferentially along bedding planes.
Shale	Laminated to poorly bedded rock, consisting mainly of silt sized grains, some sand grains.	fresh. Laminated types break more easily along bedding planes. Tests	Exposures of shale vary widely, from SLIGHTLY TO COMPLETELY weathered. The less weathered rock cannot be broken by a light blow with a geological pick.
Schist	Laminated, flaky rock composed mainly of sericite, quartz, chlorite and talc.	Some schist, particularly the talc and sericite rich varieties are very weak and flaky. Tests on schists (Refs. 9 and 10) show values of qu ranging from 1200 to 5000 lbs/sq.in.	Mainly HIGHLY to COMPLETELY weathered, some SLIGHTLY to MODERATELY (not broken by light blow with a geological pick.) Chlorite and talc rich varieties are more susceptible to weathering than quartz rich types, and weather to silty and clayey soils

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TABLE 3 (contd.)

Rock Type	Notes on Petrology	Probable Properties when Fresh	Conditions where Exposed along Route
Gneiss	mainly of quartz, felspar, mica and chlorite, approaching coarse	slightly weathered. Similar gneiss	Varies from SLIGHTLY to COMPLETELY weathered. Felspar grains are partly or wholly decomposed to silty material.

Assessment of Rippability

Assessments of rippability of materials to be met in cuttings along individual sections of the route are given in Tables 4 to 7 inclusive.

These assessments are assuming the use of a D9 or equivalent tractor and are based on the following.

.....An assumed condition of the rock mass - rock type.

structural weaknesses, degree of chemical and mechanical weathering, orientation of main weaknesses.

.....Excavation methods used in the existing roads in the area, adjacent to proposed roads.

.....Seismic velocities in the materials.

...... Electrical resistivities of the materials.

Behaviour of the Rock Mass during Ripping

In assessing the rippability of the materials present in the project area it has been assumed that ripping can be accomplished in any of the following ways.

- (a) By tension, shear, or crushing failure of the rock material across its fabric. It is considered that such failure across the rock fabric is likely to occur only in highly or completely weathered materials. This type of behaviour was observed in the ripping already carried out in the Crafers underpass excavation. In this excavation the material ripped was mainly highly weathered sandstone.
- (b) By failure along existing joints or seams, dividing the rock into separate intact joint-blocks. This type of behaviour is to be expected in slightly or moderately weathered rocks, intersected by numerous open or weakly cemented joints, or by soft seams. The ripping would be easiest within the zone of mechanical weathering or loosening, and become much more difficult below.
- (c) By a combination of the effects described in (a) and (b); in rocks which are weakened by the combined effects of structural weaknesses, and mechanical weathering.

The mapping and subsurface exploration suggest that most of the rippable materials which will be encountered in cuttings fall into categories (a) and (c) above.

Assessment from Seismic Velocities

The seismic refraction method (Refs. 4, 5, 6, 7,) has been used extensively in the assessment of the rippability of rock materials in road cuttings. It has been found by experience that seismic velocities are related to degrees of compactness of rock masses and hence to their rippability (Fig. 8).

Seven traverses, each 300 ft. long have been made during this investigation. Their positions are shown on the detailed Figs. 2 to 5. The first two traverses were made for plans. correlation purposes, in areas where subsurface conditions are known. The other five are in sections where relatively deep cuttings are proposed and subsurface conditions are uncertain. The results are given on Tables 4 to 7 inclusive.

In assessing rippability from the seismic results, the experience gained from the first two/traverses, and from the work Of several other organizations (Fig. 8) has been used.

Resistivity Observations

The resistivity of a rock mass is an indication of its water content, and hence its porosity or degree of compactness.

In this investigation 13 measurements of earth resistivity were made, 3 for correlation purposes in areas of known subsurface conditions and 10 in areas of proposed cuttings.

The resistivities shown in the depth probes and the corresponding geological conditions are as follows:

Position of Depth Probe	Apparent Resistivity (ohm meters)	Geological Conditions in Excavations Nearby
Sta 103 on Freeway centreline		Moderately weathered quartzite and highly weathered felspathic sandstone near the surface.
Sta 128+50 on the Freeway centre- line	Up to 550	Highly weathered sandstone and shale.
Sta 89+50 on Summit Road Deviation centre- line (Quarry floor)	Up to 2500	Quarry walls show 40 ft. of mainly moderately weathered quartzite with some slightly weathered bands

The remaining probes made at Sta's 106+50, 109, 112, 114+50, 118, 121+50, 125, 136+50, 139 and 162+50 all show resistivity values of less than 1600 ohm-meters.

The inferences given in Tables 5 and 6 were made by comparing the resistivity values for these probes with those of the probes where conditions are visible.

STABILITY OF CUTTINGS

The rocks along the route are weakened to varying degrees by joints and seams, and by chemical and mechanical weathering.

Experience has shown, and it has also been shown the Qretically (Refs. 8 and 13), that the stability or otherwise of a cutting im such materials is controlled by the attitude or orientation of relatively minor planar weaknesses. Most failures in steep cuttings occur by sliding along one or more thin soft seams or joints coated with soft material.

By geological mapping of rock exposures and existing cuttings, and by careful diamond drilling using NMLC coring equipment, it is possible to obtain a general indication of the nature and orientation of the main sets of seams and juints. However, it is seldem pessible, with the degree of pre-construction exploration justified for road cuttings, to determine in advance the exact locations and attitudes of individual weaknesses. These usually become evident only during the excavation stage.

If they are found to be oriented to favour instability, then the cutting angle or shape must be amended, or else some form of support devised.

The suggested cutting angles given in Tables 4 to 7 inclusive have been chosen in each case by consideration of an assumed, generalized, picture of the rock mass. Particular attention has been paid to the attitudes of known weaknesses, and some allowance has been made for unfavourably oriented weaknesses which may be present but have not been detected in the investigation.

The following method has proved satisfactory in the excavation of deep cuttings, especially where there is a marked improvement in rock quality with depth. A cutting angle is chosen as logically as possible from the known or assumed geological conditions. The top of the cutting is then pegged to give a cutting angle some 5° (or more) flatter than this, and the excavation commenced from a pilot track at the top. If the material remains uniform then the cutting is completed at the flatter, pegged slope. If at any level at or more than halfway down to grade it becomes evident that the underlying material is more competent and should stand at a steeper angle, than a horizontal or gently sloping berm can be left, and the cutting continued at the new steeper angle. If the material below the berm fails, only the berm is affected, if the overall slope chosen is a stable one.

DETAILED GEOLOGY OF PROPOSED ROUTES

Measdays Section

(Sta 53 to Sta 105, length 5200 ft.)

The Measdays Section (Fig. 2) passes for the greater part of its length along the western slopes of a north-south ridge with moderate side slopes (10 to 20°). It cuts through the ridge crest and finishes on the saddle of the Summit Ridge.

Cuttings up to 40 feet deep in the existing freeway are to be widened to allow a formation width of 80 ft. About 1600 feet of the section is to be constructed on fill.

The section is located in variably weathered rocks of the Stonyfell Quartzite Formation. The approximate total lengths of route in each rock type are as follows:

Length of Route (ft.)	Rock Type
* 3 7 00	Shale
800	Quartzite
700	Sandstone

* For about 1600 feet of this length the road is to be constructed on fill.

Details of the geology and an assessment of excavation conditions along individual parts of the route are given in Table 4.

TABLE 4

GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS, MEASDAYS SECTION, STA 53 to STA 105 (FIG. 2) SUBSURFACE DETAILS OF PROPOSED SURFACE GEOLOGY REMARKS AND DISTANCE CHAIN..GE EXPLORATION INTERPRETATION CONSTRUCTION FEET FROM OTCuttingsin the existing road up None The prominent cleavage 1700 Cut up to 15 ft. deep 71+00 53+00 to 15 ft. deep expose quartzite should enable the shale on north side (up to Junction and shale bands. MW quartzite to be ripped. The quartz-50 ft. north of with occurs from STA 53 to STA 55 ite will probably require existing cutting). Uptrack and SW to CW quartzite occurs blasting. Suggested cut-Some fill on south to from STA 58 to STA 63+50. (See ting angles 1:1 (45°) or side. Crafers Section at STA 61 Fig. 6). flatter in the shale. This rock is mainly slightly weathered with tight joints spaced mainly 4 ft. apart. Several patches of HW to CW rock up to 15 ft. wide occur where near vertical joints are closely spaced. The shale varies from SW to CW with a prominent cleavage dipping at 40 to 50°, and joints spaced mainly 3 ft. apart. 71+00 75+50 450 Fill on both sides Road crosses a gully. Weather-None No excavation required. ed rock is present near the surface. 75+50 93+00 1750 Cut on north side up Some outcrop of weathered None Should be rippable. to 15 ft. deep, will shale is present in the table Suggested cutting angle extend up to 50 ft. drain of the existing road. 1:1 (45°) or flatter. There is no outcrop at naturbeyond the existing cutting face. al surface level but loose shale fragments up to 0.5 ft. occur.

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CHA: FROM	NGC E TO	DISTANCE FEET	DETAILS OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION	SURFACE GEOLOGY	SURFACE EXPLORATION	REMARKS AND INTERPRETATION
93+00		600	Out on north side up to 40 ft. deep, will extend up to 40 ft. beyond the present cutting. A little cut on south side.		, ,	This section requires blasting. Explosives were used for the existing road cuttings. Suggested cutting angle \$\frac{3}{4}:1 (53°).
Sw	105±00 nmit Rd. urnoff	600	Continuous cut on south side up to 35 ft.	Sandstone and quartzite are exposed in a cutting within 30 ft. of the proposed centre line. The rock is HW to CW up to 101+50 and mainly MW with some SW from 101+50 to 105+00. The quartzite is well jointed and contains thin soft bands along the bedding See Section at Sta 102 Fig. 6.	•	Mainly rippable to 30 ft. The slightly weathered quartzite may require light blasting, but the thin clayey beds should allow ripping. Suggested cutting angle 1:1 (45°).

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Crafers Interchange

(Sta 105 to Sta 135, length 3000 ft.)

The Crafers Interchange section (Fig. 3), commences on the saddle of the Summit Ridge and passes down slope, south of Crafers township to the valley of Main Creek. The ground slopes are gentle (less than 10°).

Cuttings are proposed for most of the length, and will be up to 40 feet deep in places, with a formation width of 80 feet. Four ramps are proposed, each with a formation width of 14 feet. An overpass will cross the freeway at Crafers township.

The section is located in highly weathered rocks of the Stonyfell Quartzite formation. The approximate total length of route in each rock type are as follows:

Length of Route (ft.)

Rock Type

2200

Sandstone

800

Shale

Details of the geology and an assessment of excavation conditions for individual parts of the route are given in Table 5.

TABLE 5

GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS, CRAFERS INTERCHANGE, STA 105 to STA 135 (FIG. 3)						
. CHA	INAGE TO	DIS TANCE	DETAILS OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION	SUBSURFACE GEOLOGY	SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION	REMARKS & INTERPRETATIONS
105+00	121+50	1650	30 ft. at Sta 114.	Route is soil covered to 117+00. From 117+00 to 131+50 excavation for overpass has exposed HW felspathic sandstone. Trench shows HW sandstone to 12 ft. below surface.	the proposed centre-line shows a 400 to 700 ohm-metre formation to more than 30 ft. Seismic refraction traverses from 112+00 to 115+00 and 117+00 to 120+00 show a	and seismic results sug- gest that the rock is highly weathered to more than 50 ft., and hence should be rippable. Suggested cutting angle
121-50	132+00 Junction of pro- posed freeway with existing road		Continuous cut on S side up to 38 ft. deep at Sta 130+00. Continuous cut on N side up to 17 ft. deep at Sta 123+00.	Route is mainly soil covered. Nearby cuttings up to 5 ft. deep expose MW and HW sandstone and shale in alternating bands. A series of parallel near vertical quartz veins form a band 10 ft. wide, which crosses the proposed cutting between Sta 127+50 and Sta 128+50.	the proposed centre-line shows a 400-700 chm metre formation to more than 30 ft. Two power auger holes drilled by H. & L.G. Dept. show MW rock	The jointing and weathering of the shale should enable it to be ripped, with little or no blasting. The quartz vein band may require blasting. Suggested cutting angle 1:1 (45°).

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CHAIN FROM	AGE TO	DISTANCE FEET	DETAILS OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION	SURFACE GEOLOGY	SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION	REMARKS AND INTERPRETATION
132+00	135+00	300	Cut on south side from Sta 132+00 to 134+00 de- creasing from 20 ft. to zero. Fill on north side	which is soil covered.		Probably rippable to 20 ft. Suggested cutting angle 12:1 (34°)
RAMP C-	1. STA	102 to ST	A 116 (FIG.3)	The state of the s		
أستستست مستعب	116+00	1 1	Shallow cut on western side.	The route is soil covered and the nearest exposures to the west show highly weathered sandstone.	None.	Highly weathered rock occurs under 2 to 3 ft. of soil. The small amount of cut proposed is rippable. Suggested cutting angle 12:1 (34°)
RAMP C-	2. AND	CRAFERS M	AIN STREET, STA 101 to ST.	125+50		
101+00	108+00	800		highly to moderately	None	From 2 to 4 ft. of soil overlying HW sandstone should be rippable. Suggested cutting angle 1½:1 (34°).

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RAIP C-2 (Contd	1750	Cut on North side from Sta 110 to Sta 113. up to 15 ft. deep at Sta 112. Fill on south side. Ramp C-/ finishes at 110+50. Crafers Main Street extends from 110+59 to 125+50.	Cuttings up to 5 ft. deep in the existing road expose MW to HW sandstone. This ap- pears to become more solid towards the base of the existing cutt- ing.	None.	Some blasting may be necessary towards the base of the excavation near STA 112. Suggested cutting angle 1:1 (45°).
RAMP C-3 STA	to ST	135 (FIG. 3)			
125+50 135+00	1000	Cut on south side up to 15 ft. at 130 ft.	Some highly to moder- ately weathered sand- stone and quartzite occurs near the route.	None.	The small cut proposed should be rippable. Suggested cutting angle 1:1 (45°).
RAMP C-4 STA 11	.8 to STA	130 (FIG.3)	The control of the co	am talancian talah dan talan talan dalah dari dari dari da talah dari da	amban menangkan di diganggan menulah dan kenjadi. Angkan menunah bera-perdaka malan danggan melangkan melangka
118+00 130+00	1200	Cut will be an exten- sion of the freeway cut at Sta 130 rising to ground surface at Sta 125	The route is soil- covered.	Diamond drill hole SEF2 near Sta 130 (see Section at Sta 130, Fig. 6) shows weathered laminated shale with numerous joints and highly weathered bands along the bedding.	The jointing and weath- ering of the shale should allow it to be ripped with little or no blast- ing. Suggest cutting angle 1:1 (45°)
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60+00 75+00	1500	Cut on west side up to 20 ft.		None.	Highly weathered sand- stone occurs under 1 to 3 ft. of soils. should be rippable. Suggested cutting angle 1:1 (45°) or flatter.
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Stirling Interchange

(Sta 135 to Sta 180, length 4500 ft.)

The Stirling Interchange section (Fig. 4), follows down the valley of Main Creek which it crosses 3 times. The section finishes $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north-east of Stirling township. Moderate side slopes of 10 to 25° occur, becoming more gentle at the eastern end.

More than half the route will be constructed on fill, and several cuts up to 45 feet are proposed. The formation width is to be 80 feet. Four ramps, each with a formation width of 14 feet, are also planned.

The route passes from the Stonyfell Quartzite rocks, through Archaean schists and gneisses, and then into rocks of the Aldgate Sandstone Formation. The approximate total lengths of route in each rock type are as follows:

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Details of the geology and an assessment of excavation conditions along individual parts of the route are given in Table 6.

TABLE 6

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3			GEOLOGICAL CONDITION	NS, STIRLING INTERCHANGE, STA 135		
(HAI FROM	NAGE TO	DISTANCE FEET	DETAILS OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION	SURFACE GEOLOGY	SURFACE EXPLORATION	REM.RKSND INTERPRETATION
135+00	145+00	1000	Sta 137 to Sta 141, up to 25 ft. deep at Sta 139. Fill from Sta 141 to Sta 145.	bands in the creek bed near 1/1400. The rock is well bedded and dips 40 to 55°. It consists of bands of fine laminated sandstone and shale. The shale is well cleaved and there are 2 main sets of steeply dipping tight joints. The quartzite exposed near Sta 141 occurs in a near vertical band about 12 ft. thick and is particularly hard. The soil-covered slopes above the proposed road have a slightly hummocky appearance.	traverse between 138+30 and 141+00 shows a 9000 ft/sec refractor below an average depth of 65 ft. and a refractor of ap to 6000 ft/sec. above this depth. Results not cle ar from 139-50 to 141+00 possibly due to bands of harder rock. Drill-hole SEF3 angled to penetrate the bedding at right angles (see Section at Sta 139, Fig. 6) showed MW to HW med-	ably mostly rippable, but some blasting will be necessary near the base of the cutting on the uphill side. Hummocky slopes suggest past instability of at least the nearsurface layers. Suggested cutting angles 1½:1 (34°) near surface, and ¾:1 (53°) below.

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145+00	149+00	400	Continuous cut in south side up to 20 ft. Fill in north side.	Schist and gneisses are exposed in a cutting on the existing highway 30 to 100 ft. south of the proposed centre-line. Similar rock is exposed in the creek bed up to 120 ft. north of the line. The weathering of these rocks is variable. Typically the rock exposures show large platy blocks of rock up to 6 ft. wide separated by up to 3 ft. of HW and CW rock along the schistosity which dips 45 to 50°. Solid rock is more continuous at the base of the cutting. Two sets of joints (as shown) are spaced from 1 to 5 ft. apart - mainly 4 ft. These joints are irregular and open up to 0.1 ft.	Sta 149 to Sta 151 shows a refractor of 7200 ft/sec. within 3 ft. of the surface. This represents an average velocity, and harder	Blasting will probably be necessary between 145+00 and 149+00. Drill holes remaining in the rock suggest that blasting or wedging was used during construction of the existing road. Suggested cutting angle \frac{3}{4}:1 (53°).
149+00	154+0 0	500	Mainly fill.	Schists and gneisses, mainly HW and CW but with some MW material, occur in the road cutting and in a few outcrops in the creek.	A seismic traverse from Sta 148 to Sta 151 shows a refractor with an average velocity of 7200 ft/sec. close to the surface.	Only a small amount of shallow cut is proposed. This should be rippable.
1 54÷00	180+00	1600		The route is covered by soil and rubble, part of which (from Sta 162 to 163) is river alluvium. Sandstone outcrops 200 ft. south of Sta 161.	None.	The small amount of cut proposed should be rippable.

	TABLE 6 (contd	-3-		
CHAINAGE DISTANC	DETAILS OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION	SURFACE GEOLOGY	SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION	REMARKS AND INTERPRETATIONS
RAMP S-1, STA 148 to 148+00 158+00 1000		Soil covered.	None 。	
158+00 170+00 1200	Cut on south side up to 25 ft. below the existing road.	Existing road cuttings nearby expose MW fine sandstone dipping steeply separated by bands of HW to CW rock.	None	Parts of the excavation may require blasting near formation level. Suggested cutting angle \(\frac{3}{2}\):1 (53°).
RAMP E-2, STA, 145 to 145+00 170+00 2500		Scil covered.		The schist should be rippable down to formation level. Suggested cutting angles 1½:1 (340) or flatter; slides along schistosity are likely with steeper angles.

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CHAINAGE FROM TO	DISTANCE	DETAILS OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION	SURFACE GEOLOGY	SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION	REMARKS AND INTERPRETATIONS
RAMP S-3, STA	 55 to ST 	165. FIG. 4			
155+00 165+00	1000	Cut decreasing from 25 ft. at STA 155	The route is soil covered.	Drill hole SEF4 showed weathered schist dippoint ping downslope at 30 to 50 .	The schist should be rippable down to formation level. Suggested cutting angles 12:1 (34°) or flatter.
RAMP 8-4 STA	160 to S	TA 175. FIG. 4			
160+00 175+00	150Û	Mainly fill.	Route is soil covered.	None	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Summit Road Deviation

(Sta 63 + 25 to Sta 100, length 3675 ft.)

The Summit Road Deviation (Fig. 5), crosses the Freeway by an overpass near Crafers, and then follows along the south-eastern side of the Summit Ridge. Side slopes range from 5° to 20°.

Cuttings up to 45 feet deep are planned, and the proposed formation width is 46 feet.

The route passes for its whole length through partly weathered quartzite of the Stonyfell Quartzite Formation.

Details of the geology, and an assessment of excavation conditions along individual parts of the route, are given in Table 7.

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			GEOLOGICAL CONDITIONS	SUMMIT ROAD DEVIATION, S		
CHAIN FROM	NAGE TO	DISTANCE FEET	DETAILS OF PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION	SURFACE GEOLOGY	SUBSURFACE EXPLORATION	REMARKS AND INTERPRETATION
63.+25	68+00	400	Small cut on east side	Nearby exposures are MW sandstone.	None	Rippable
68+00	75+00	700	Continuous cut on west side up to 30 ft. Cut on east side from 68+00 to 75+00 up to 35 ft. at 71.	soil and MW to SW quartz ite rragments up to 1 ft A small quartzite out-	from 170+00 to 173+00 shows a 9000 ft/sec. refractor at 80 to 100 feet. Material with average velocity of less than 5000 ft/sec extends from	Should be mainly rippable. Localized bands of harder rock may require light blasting. Orientation of bedding planes may make ripping difficult, and create a stability problem in high cuttings. Suggested cutting angle 1:1 (450) or flatter.
75+00	87+00	1 200	Continuous cut on west side. Fill on east side.	Route is covered by soil and loose blocks up to 1 ft. across. Nearby quarry is in mainly MW quartzite. Thin beds of very soft clayey rock up to 0.1 ft. thick occur at intervals of 0.5 to 2 ft.		Should be mainly rippable. May be some hard bands requiring light blasting. Suggested cutting angle \$\frac{3}{4}:1(530).
87+00	100+00	1300	Fill.	Soil covered.	None	

CONCLUSIONS

- 1. Most of the cuttings proposed for the Freeway and associated ramps will be in extensively weathered rocks which can be excavated by dozing or ripping with a D9 class machine.
- 2. There are several localized areas in which surface exposures of apparently unrippable rock occur adjacent to or along the route, and it is evident that explosives will be required.
- In several of the proposed deep cuttings subsurface exploration suggests that ripping will be feasible for the greater part, but explosives may be required near the base.
- Along most of the route suggested cutting angles are either $1\frac{1}{2}$. 1 (34°) or 1:1 (45°) for permanent stability. For a few sections $\frac{3}{4}$:1 (53°) is suggested.

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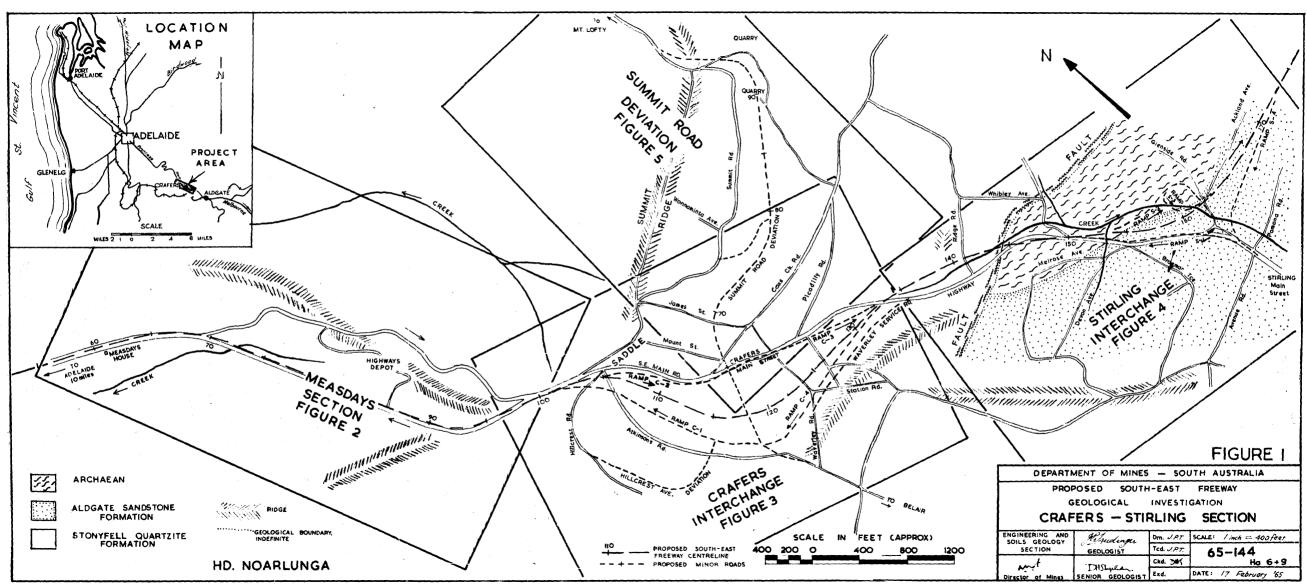
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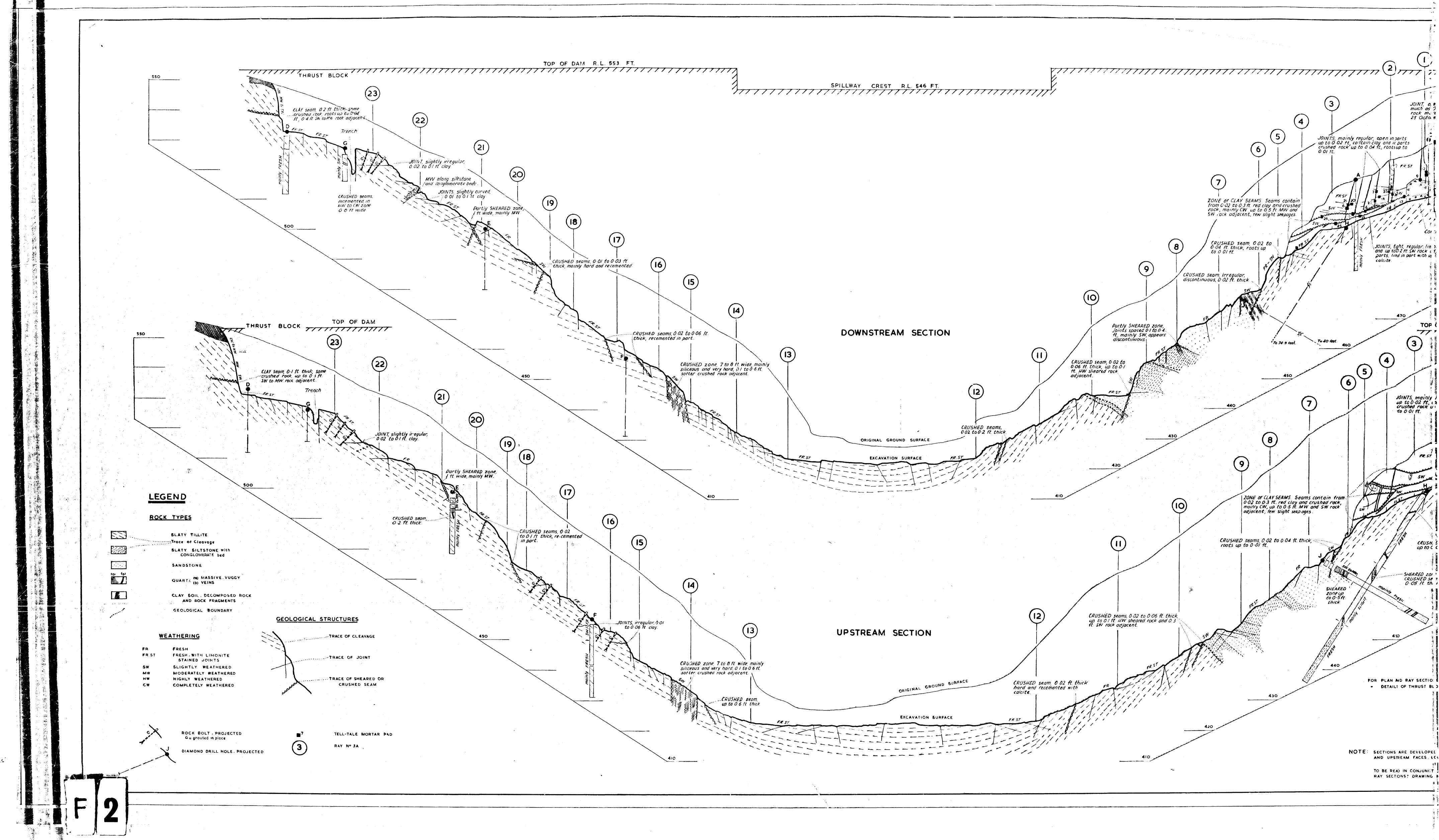
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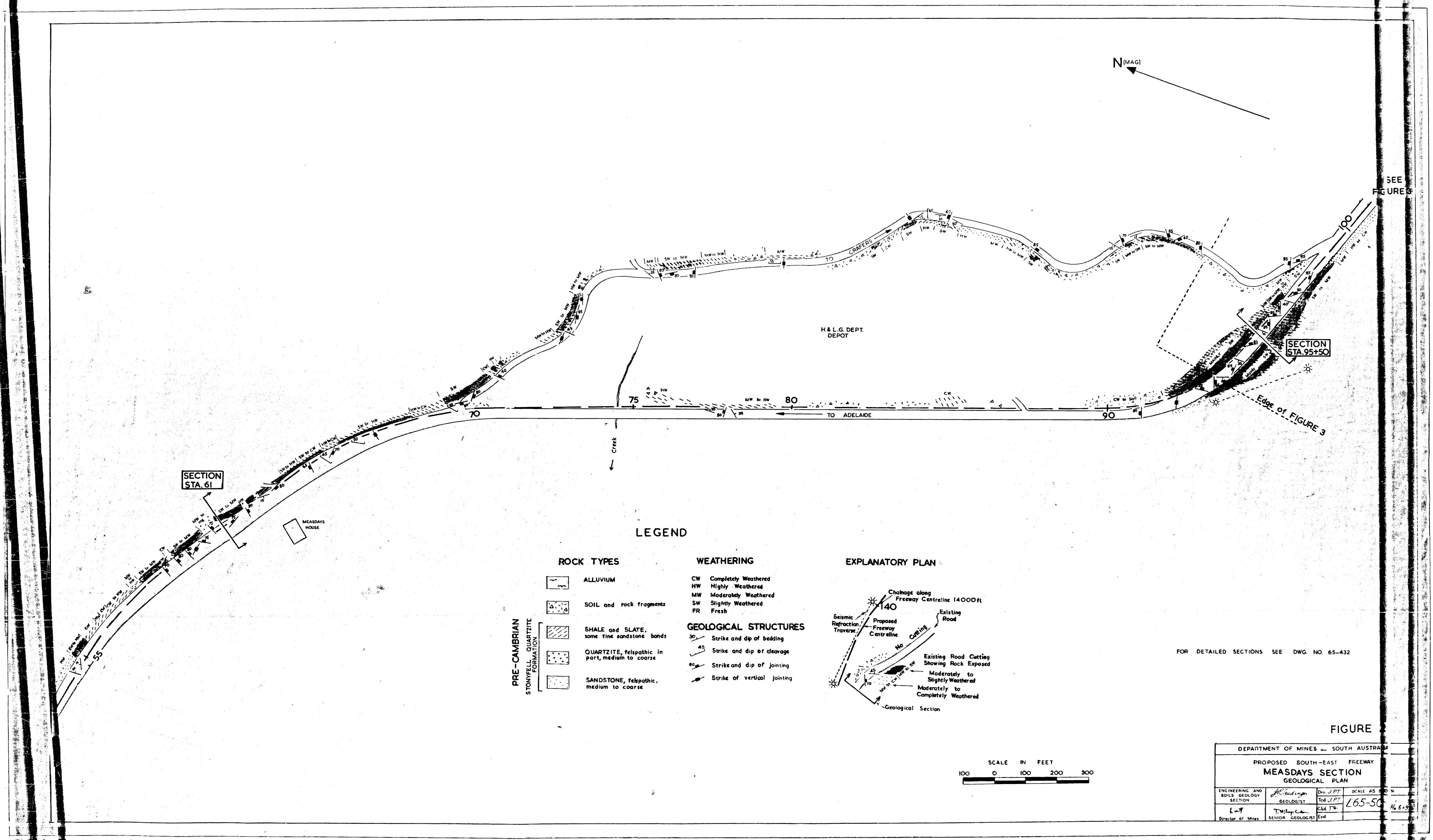
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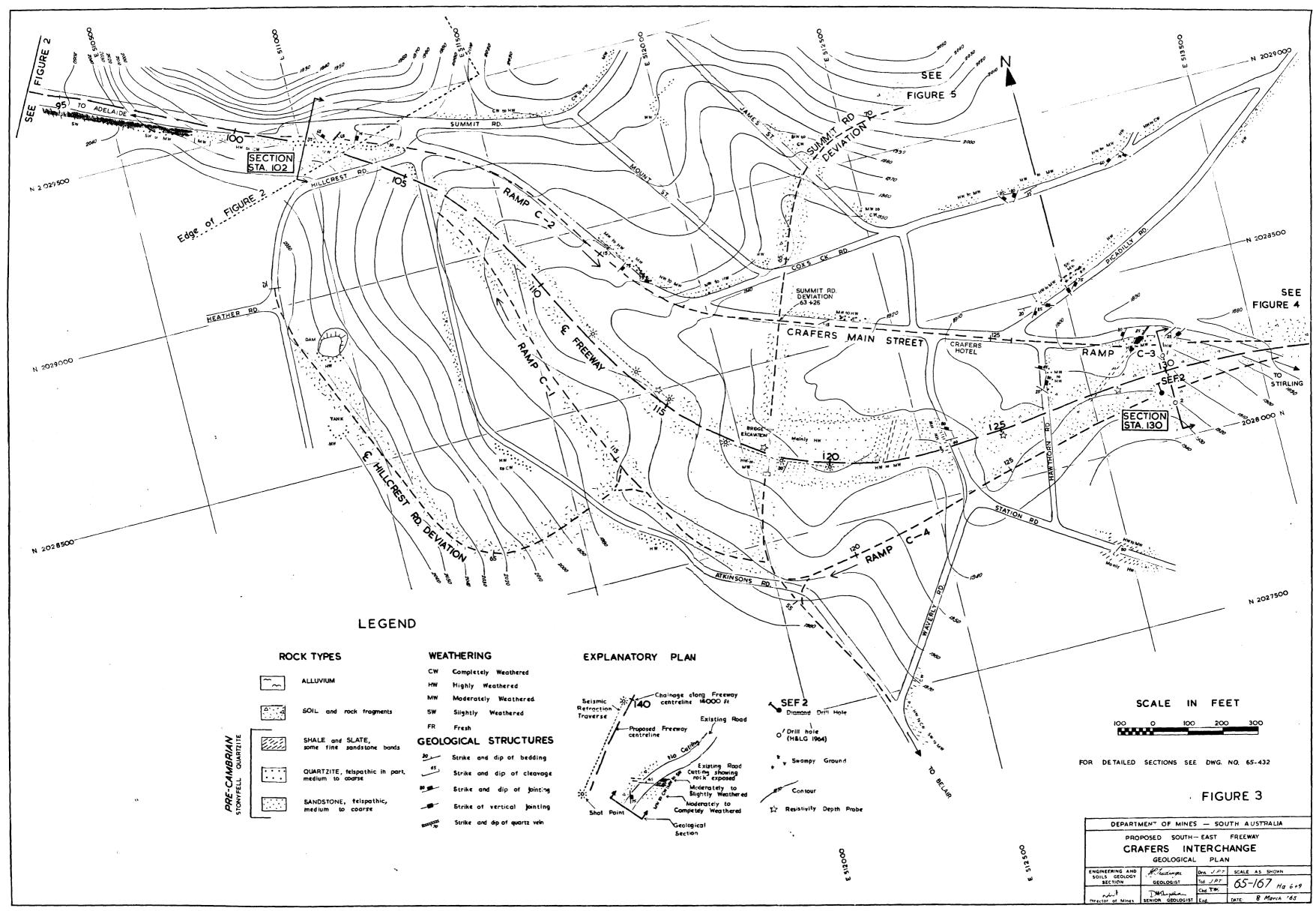
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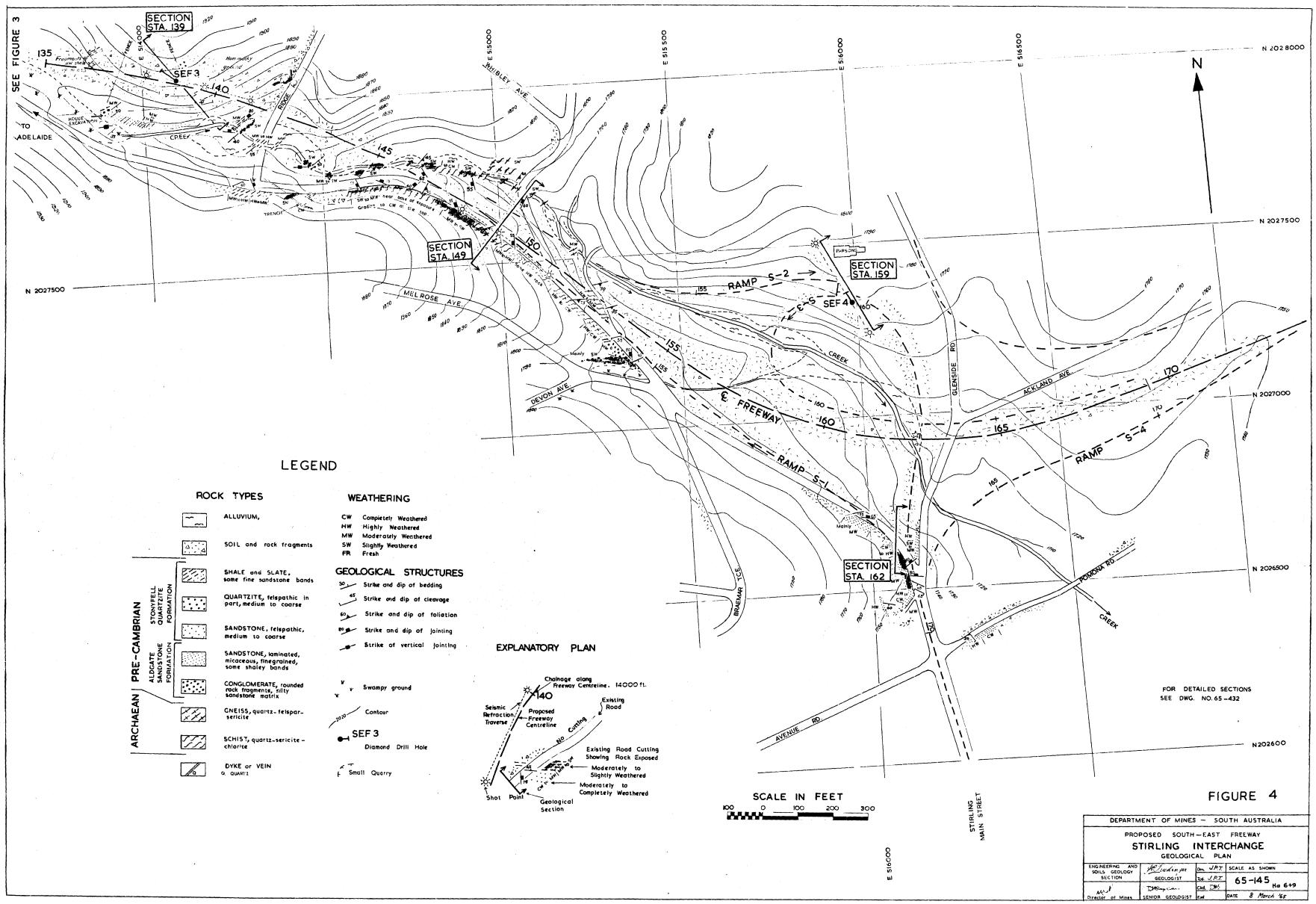
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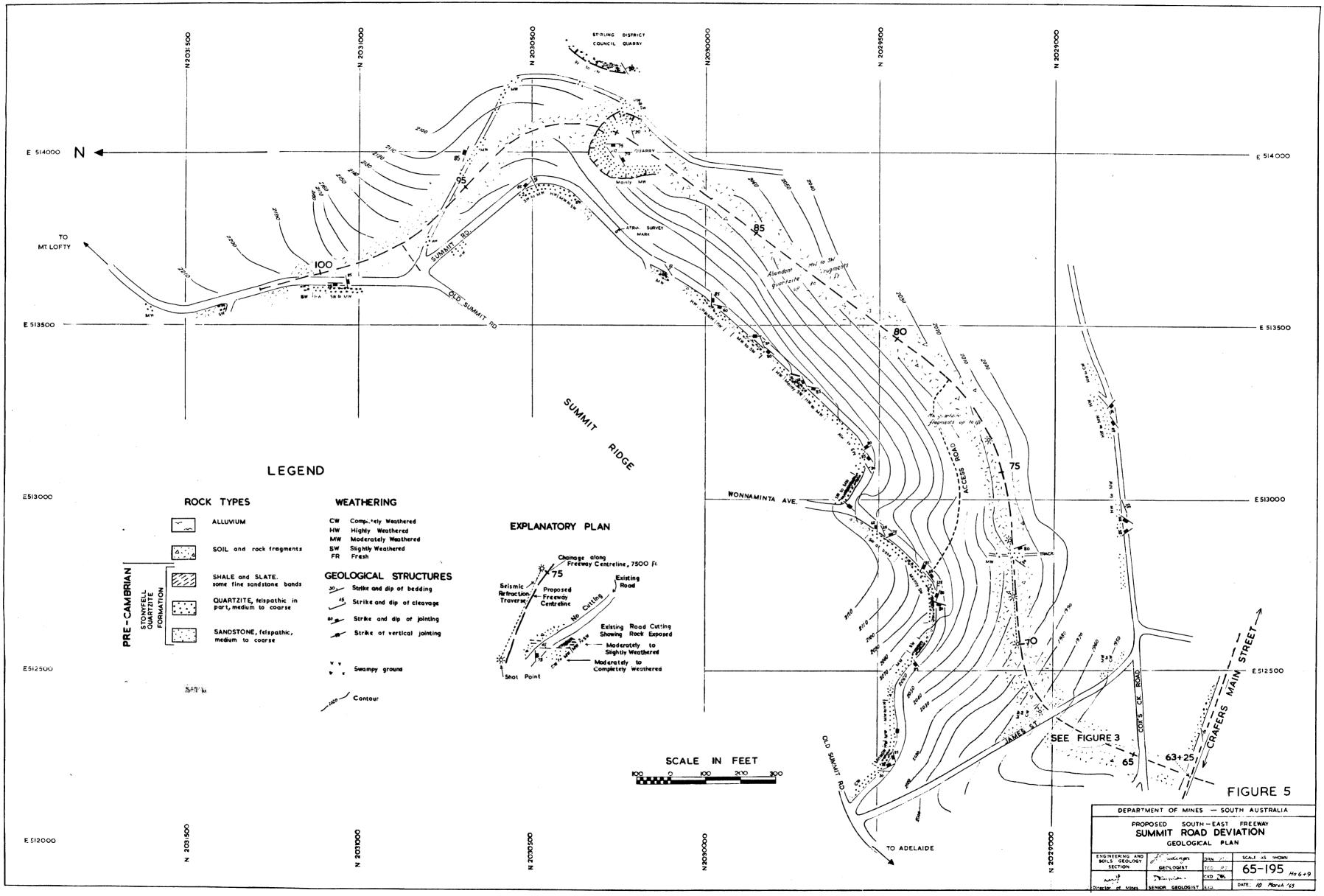


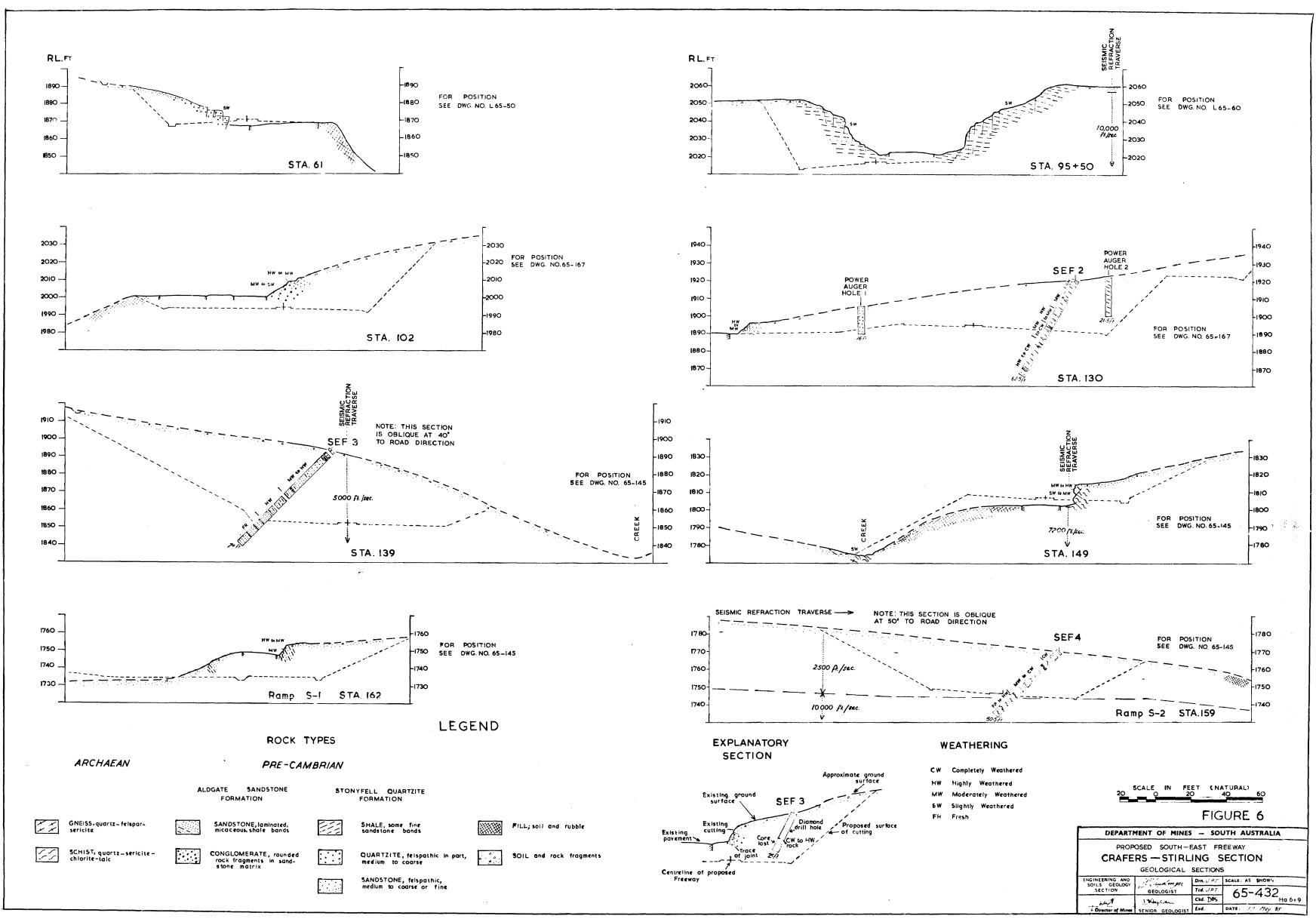






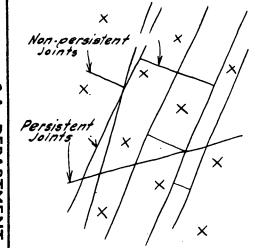






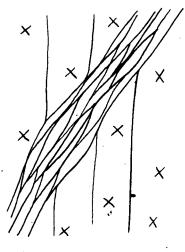
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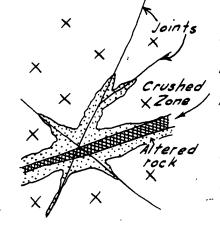


SHEARED ZONE

Planar zone of closely spaced, nearly parallel joints, usually slightly curved and intersecting to give thin, platy or wedge - shaped joint blocks. The joint surfaces are slickensided The rock has been and in most cases, chlorite or clay coated. Rock behaviour depends mainly upon the types of joint coatings, degree of separation of joints, and woter content & pressure

CRUSHED ZONE

Planar zone of soft, unconsolidat ed material, consisting usually of small rock fragments in a clayey matrix. mechanically disintegrated, but not necessarily chemically decomposed.



ALTERED OR **DECOMPOSED** ZONE

Irregular zones, in which the rock is softened due to chemical alteration. Biotite commonly alters to chlorite, and felspars to clay minerals. The alteration is usually caused by the circulation of mineralized water through joints, sheared zones, or crushed zones.

BEDDING, CLEAVAGE. SCHISTOSITY OR **FOLIATION**

Planes of relative weakness along which rock may break in preference. This type of planar anisotropy results in a wide range of shear strengths and elastic moduli for a particular-rock, depending upon the direction of opplied stress.

