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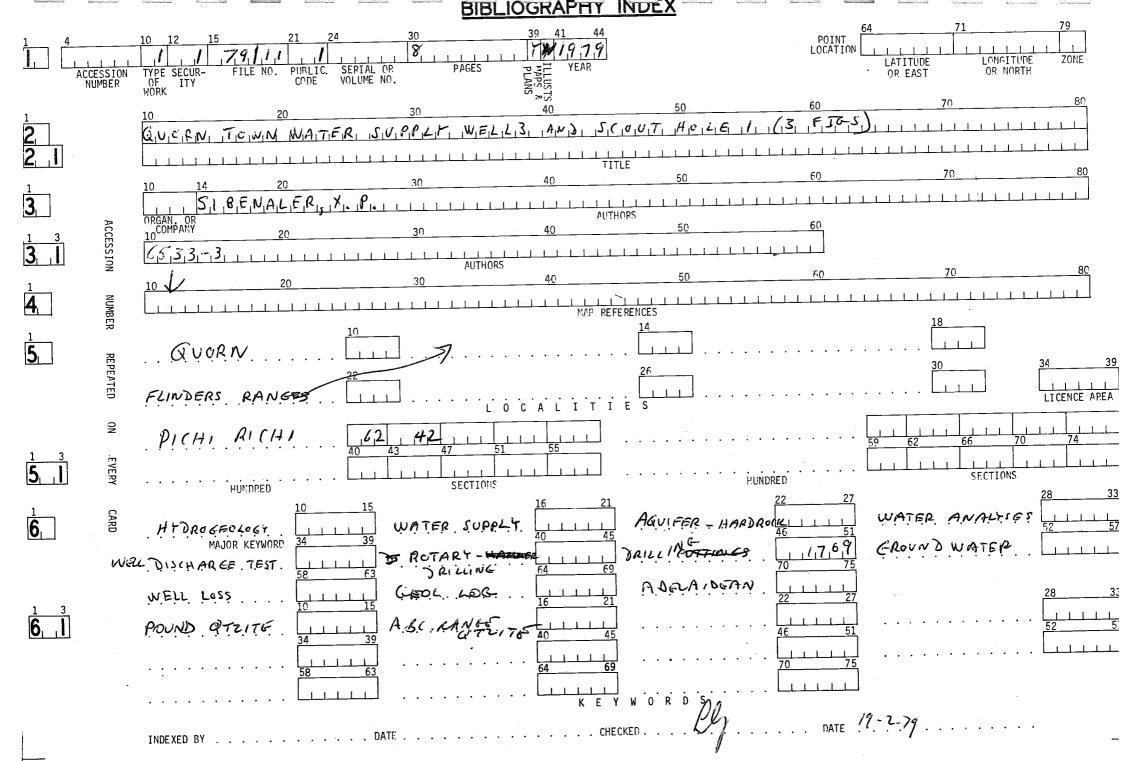
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ABSTRACT

One standby production well and one exploratory hole were successfully drilled in March/April 1978.

The long term yield of the production well has been estimated at 600 kl/day, with salinity marginally increasing from 1914 to 1985 mg/l during the 48 hr. discharge test. As this well taps the same aquifer as the two existing production wells it is considered essential that water level measurements and salinity tests be regularly carried out on all wells after the new well is brought into commission.

The exploratory hole has opened up the possibility of another production well field, 5 km south west of Quorn which deserves further evaluation.

INTRODUCTION

A request from the E. & W.S. Dept. was received in July 1977 for this Department to investigate the possibility of drilling a standby production well as near as possible to the existing supply system.

Quorn town water supply is presently being obtained from 2 wells located within 5 km N.W. of the township, and from the Quorn Reservoir (Fig. 1). In October 1974, the reservoir was temporarily taken out of service due to unacceptable bacteriological quality. During summer 1977/78 the supply reached a critical stage when the two wells were pumped to their full capacity (Well 1 ~ 600 kl/day, Well 2 - 300 kl/day). Although a chlorination scheme has now been implemented, records show that the reservoir is not reliable, and the town supply is essentially dependent on the two existing wells.

A standby well is therefore required, especially with the anticipated increase in the number of services in Quorn.

As part of its programme of general groundwater investigation in the State, the Dept. of Mines & Energy additionally undertook to drill an exploration well to locate an alternative groundwater supply.

Rotary hammer drilling was specified for the 2 holes and drilling operations were carried out between 28/3/78 and 3/4/78. A 48 hr. well discharge test was also carried out on the standby production well (herewith referred to as T.W.S. 3) between 19/7/78 and 21/7/78.

HYDROGEOLOGY

Sturtian feldspathic sandstone and Cambrian quartzite are generally regarded as the better aquifers near Quorn, especially where these rocks are extensively jointed and an adequate source of recharge is present. Previous field investigations in the area (Hillwood 1965, Gibson 1968) have shown that these rocks are generally undisturbed with not much evidence of jointing and fracturing. Yields of between 50-150 kl/day (500-1 500 g.p.h.) and salinities between 1 000-2 000 mg/l TDS are generally obtained from bores drilled in the sandstone. Town water supply Bore 1 however has a yield of over 300 kl/day - it is thought that this larger supply is related to the nearby major fault. Similarly T.W.S. Well 2 was sited near the junction of a major N-S fault and Ingaree Creek. A supply of about 500 kl/day and salinity 1 500 mg/l TDS was obtained.

A recent water well survey in the area (Clarke 1978) confirmed that better quality groundwater generally occurs north of Quorn in consolidated sediments, whereas water obtained from areas underlain by alluvial sands, gravels and clays tends to be more saline.

T.W.S. Well 3 was therefore sited approximately 1 km south of well 2, near the major fault zone and Stony Creek. An additional advantage is the proximity to the existing pipeline. The main disadvantage here is that all the town water supply wells will be tapping virtually the same source of supply. Because of low rainfall in the area (300 mm), recharge is limited and overpumping could occur.

Scout hole no. 1 was sited approximately 5 km S.W. of Quorn (Fig. 1) near a major fault in quartzite and a major tributary of Capowie Creek, in an area where groundwater data is scarce. Although this site is significantly distant from existing E.W.S. facilities, it could, if successful, open up an alternative production field which, if required, will allow spelling of the present system.

SUMMARY OF WELL DETAILS

Both wells were successfully drilled with the rotary-hammer drilling technique. Geological logs are included in appendix 1. Location of the wells is shown in Fig. 1.

A. T.W.S. No. 3

Depth: 69 m

Casing: 203 mm (8") from surface to 9 m. 178 mm open hole to 69 m.

Water cut: 45 m

Static water level: 42 m (before testing)

Water salinity: 1914 mg/1

Recommended maximum yield: 600 kl/day (5 500 g.p.h.)

Recommended pump depth: 67 m

Pumping water level: 57 m

Aquifer: unconfined quartzite

B. Scout hole No. 1

Depth: 51 m

Casing*: 203 mm to 13.4 m. 178 mm open hole to 51 m.

Water cut: 36 m

Static water level: 32 m

Water salinity: 1 745 mg/1

Yield**: airlifted at about 330 kl/day

Aquifer: semi confined quartzite.

WELL DISCHARGE TEST

A 48 hr. well discharge test consisting of a 5-stage step drawdown test followed by a constant discharge test of 41 hours was carried out on the town water supply well. The step drawdown test assesses the performance of a well at different rates and durations of pumping. This is done with the following equation:

 $s = (a + b \log t) Q + cQ^2$

where s = drawdown (m)

a,c = Well loss constant

Q = pumping rate (k1/hr) b = Aquifer loss constant

t = pumping time (mins)

The constant discharge test supplies information on aquifer characteristics and any hydrogeological boundaries which may be present.

Step drawdown Test

The drawdown equation $s = (0.185 + 0.075 \log t) Q + 0.009$ Q^2 was derived for T.W.S. No. 3 (see Fig. 2).

Verification of equation:

- (a) drawdown from extrapolation of test data at t = 10~000 min and Q = 19.1 kl/hr. is 13 m.
- (b) drawdown calculated from equation at same t and Q is 12.5 m.

^{*}Due to the strongly fractured nature of the quartzite aquifer, with common thin clay partings, the hole could be unstable. The well should therefore be fully cased (slotted 36-51 m) prior to changing its status from observation to production.

** This well was not discharge tested. However, in comparison with T.W.S. No. 3 which was also airlifted at about 300 kl/day, the scout hole yield is expect to be comparable to the tested well.

The equation can therefore be reliably used to determine the likely performance of the well for varying pumping rates. It must be stressed, however, that discharge boundary conditions, (due to limited extent of aquifer or varying permeability) may adversely affect the performance of the well at pumping periods greater than the test period.

Constant Discharge Test

The semi-log graph of the test has been plotted in Fig. 3

By extrapolating the test curve, corrected to allow for premain stage drawdowns, a long term pumping rate can be calculated:

$$Q_{L} = Q_{T} - S_{W}$$

$$S_{10}^{6}$$

where Q_{L} = long term pumping rate

 Q_T = test rate

Sw = available drawdown = 22 m

 S_{10}^{6} = drawdown from extrapolated test data at 10^{6} min (2 years).

$$Q_L = 458 \times 22 = 600 \text{ k1/day}$$

No apparent discharge boundaries were detected in the drawdown data. However the effect of a discharge boundary can be observed in the recovery data (at t/t_1 = 100 min.). Irregularities in drawdown measurements during the 4th stage (270 - 310 min.) may have masked the effect of this boundary in the drawdown data. As the aquifer is of limited extent, these boundary conditions (which lead to increasing rate of drawdown) are likely to be intersected if the well is pumped continuously for extensive periods. The long term performance of this well can therefore only be determined with a discharge test of extended duration. This can be effectively and economically accomplished by appropriately monitoring drawdowns in the well when it is initially brought into commission.

From the drawdown data, which was adjusted to allow for dewatering of the aquifer, a transmissivity value of $T = 70 \, \text{kl/day/m}$ was calculated for that portion of the aquifer around T.W.S. No. 3. A comparable value of $T = 90 \, \text{kl/day/m}$ was obtained from recovery data.

WATER QUALITY

Water samples from both wells were submitted to Amdel for full analysis. Additionally the town water supply well was sampled at regular 300 minute intervals during the main constant discharge test to monitor any variation in salinity during pumping. Analytical results have been included in Appendix 2.

The groundwater salinity in the standby well (1 900-2 065 mg/l) is slightly greater than the present groundwater supply. Of more significance is the small but steady increase in salinity with pumping. Regular monitoring of the water quality is therefore warranted. Groundwater quality from the scout hole is comparable to the present supply.

DISCUSSION

The standby production well, T.W.S. 3, was successfully completed, with yield and quality comparable to the existing two productive wells. As mentioned above, adequate monitoring of the well performance when initially brought into commission is recommended. Further advice on this aspect should be sought from this Department after the well has been equipped. Additionally, the three T.W.S. Wells will be essentially tapping the same groundwater body. In the low rainfall region, there is a danger that significant increase in withdrawals may lead to dewatering of the aquifer. Regular monitoring of water levels in all production wells is therefore strongly recommended.

In view of the small trend in increasing salinity during the discharge test, monitoring of the water quality from Well 3 is necessary.

Scout hole 1 has opened up the possibility of an alternative production well field which may be required if dewatering of the present field is occurring. The quality and yield from this hole is comparable to that available from the existing productive wells. Further exploratory drilling and well discharge testing in this area south west of Quorn is warranted to quantify the groundwater potential.

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APPENDIX 1 GEOLOGICAL LOGS

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PROJECT: Quorn Town Water Supply					DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY—SOUTH AUSTRALIA ENGINEERING DIVISION						HOLE NO: T.W.S. 3						
LOCATIO	LOCATION OR COORDS:					WATER WELL LOG						UNIT / STATE NO.					
***	El. Surface					m			•			583	0062	202			
SEC.		HD.		El. Ref. Point		m I	Datum					DM	387/	68			
				DEPTH TO WATER CUT (m)	DEPTH TO		AL TESTED		SUPPLY		TOTAL	DISSOLVED SOLIDS					
	A	QUIF	ER	#A1ER CO1 (#)	STANDING WATER (m)	From:	To:	kilolitres/day*	Test Length (hrs)	Method	Method milligrammes/litre			1			
SUMMARY: 45 4.2			4 5 4 5	69 69	300 450	1 ₂ 48	airlift pump	2025	W- W3574/78								
DEPTH	f (m)	GRAPHIC	ROCK / SE	DIMENT	L	·				<u> </u>	<u> </u>	DEPTH CASING CORE SAMPLE Dia(mm) From(m) To		<u></u>			
From	To	LOG	NA	ME		GE	OLOGIC	AL DESCRIPTION		FORM	ATION / AGE			_			
6	69		and Grave Weakly we to fresh	ly weathered 6-21 resh sand- fine/medium grained quartzite and sandstone e and quart-fragments, minor white clay (<2%)									203	-0.3	8.4		
REMAR	RKS:		<u> </u>	*1	NOTE: 110 kl / day = 1000	gals / hr.		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		DRILL TYPE: RO	tary-hammer	COMPL	ETED: 3	1/4/	78		
		Рe	rmit No.	2506						CIRCULATION:	Air	LOGGE	D BY:	XPS	u dana		
				-						SHEET 1	of <u>1</u>	DATE:	31/	4/78	}		

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	·			рерти то	DEPTH TO	INTERVA	AL TESTED		SUPPLY	· · · <u>· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · </u>		TOTAL (DISSOLVED SOLIDS				
	A	QUIF	E D	WATER CUT (m)	STANDING WATER (m)	From:	To:	kilolitres/day*	Test Length (hrs)	Ţ	Method	milligrammes/litre					
		UMMA		36	32	36	51	330	12	Aiı	ir1ift 1870		w- 2407/78				
DEPT	H (m)	GRAPHIC	ROCK / S	EDIMENT	1			<u></u>	<u> </u>	1			DEPTH CASING				
From	То	ιœ	į.	ME		GE	OLOGIC	AL DESCRIPTION		FORMATION / AGE				CORE			
0 12 15	12 15 51		Clay Sand Fractur Quartzi	e :	Gritty brown clay, sandy, grit: up to 5% coarse quartzite fragments. Mainly medium grained ang. to rounded qtz. grains moderately stained. 15-18 m Fine to medium grained cream and pinkish quartzite, 2% clay. 18-27 m 20-40% dark brown clay, fractured, stained pinkish quartzite. 27-51 m pinkish, fractured quartzite, up to 5% clay in fracture partings. Common staining of fragments.												
REMA	RKS:			* NC	OTE: 110 kl / day = 1000	gals / hr.		 			DRILL TYPE: RO	tary-hammer	COMPL	ETED:	3/4/7	78	
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APPENDIX 2

WATER ANALYSES

T.W.S. WELL 3 (P.N. 2506)

Sampling Time (mins. after start of pumping)	Conductivity (s at 25°C)	Salini	ty pH	Analysis No.
		14 14		
0	3400	1960	6.8	W3571/78
-	3330	1915	7.8	W3572/78
370	3410	1965	6.5	W3573/78
600	3510	2025	6.9	W3574/78
900	3410 .	1965	6.9	W3575/78
1200	3440	1985	6.8	W3576/78
1500	3480	2010	6.4	W3577/78
1800	3500	2020	6.6	W3578/78
2100	3530	2035	6.5	W3579/78
2400	3530	2035	6.6	W3580/78
2700	3530	2035	6.8	W3583/78
2880	3570	2065	6.4	W3584/78

WATER ANALYSIS REPORT

SAMPLE No. W2190/78	* · .	JOB No. 3941-78	
CHEMICAL COMPOSITION	<u>V</u>	DERIVED AND OTHER DATA	
MILLIGH PER LIT mg/2		CONDUCTIVITY (E.C.) MICRO-S/cm AT 25 DEG.C 3608	MILLICRAMS
CATIONS CALCIUM (Ca) 116 MAGNESIUM (Mg) 114	5.8 9.4	TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS A. BASED ON E.C.	MILLIGRAMS PER LITRE mg/&
SODIUM (Na) 429 POTASSIUM (K) 17 IRON (Fe)	18.7 0.4	B. CALCULATED (HCO3=CO3) C. RESIDUE ON EVAP. AT 180 DEG.C	1914
ANIONS HYDROXIDE (OH) CARBONATE (CO3) BICARBONATE (HCO3) 467 SULPHATE (SO4) 155 CHLORIDE (C1) 851 FLUORIDE (F) NITRATE (NO3) 1 PHOSPHATE (PO4)	7.7 3.2 24.0	TOTAL HARDNESS AS CaCO ₃ CARBONATE HARDNESS AS CaCO ₃ NON-CARBONATE HARDNESS AS CaCO ₃ TOTAL ALKALINITY AS CaCO ₃ FREE CARBON DIOXIDE (CO ₂) SUSPENDED SOLIDS SILICA (SiO ₂) BORON (B)	759 383 376 383
	0.7 69.2	REACTION - pH TURBIDITY (JACKSON) COLOUR (HAZEN)	UNITS 8.3
$\frac{\text{DIFF } 100}{\text{SUM}} = 1.0\%$		SODIUM TO TOTAL CATION RATIO(me/1)	54.5%

NAME - .. E. W. S. Dept ADDRESS CRYSTAL BROOK DATE COLLECTED MARCH 1978 SAMPLE COLLECTED BY: R. FEBEY

FIELD TEMP. 15 °C FIELD pH @ OC FIELD COND. 2500 µ-S/cm OBS. No. QUORN T.W.S. Well 3 HOLE No. P.N. 2506 D.M. No. 387/68

Sample collected at end of air lifting.

WATER ANALYSIS REPORT

SAMPLE I	No. W3	3585 =========			JOB No. 537-79	
		CHEMICAL	COMPOSITION		DERIVED AND OTHER DATA	=======================================
			MILLIGRAMS PER LITRE mg/l	MILLEQUIVS. PER LITRE me/l	CONDUCTIVITY (E.C.) MICRO-S/cm AT 25 DEG.C 3715	MILLIGRAMS
CATIONS CALCIUM	(Ca)		138	6.9	TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	PER LITRE mg/l
MAGNESIUM SODIUM POTASSIUM IRON	(Mg) (Na) (K) (Fe)		111 453 18	9.1 19.7 0.5	A. BASED ON E.C. B. CALCULATED (HCO3=CO3) C. RESIDUE ON EVAP. AT 180 DEG.C	1985
ANIONS HYDROXIDE CARBONATE BICARBONATE SULPHATE CHLORIDE FLUORIDE NITRATE PHOSPHATE	(OH) (CO3) (HCO3) (SO4) (C1) (F) (NO3) (PO4)		523 170 836 2	8.6 3.5 23.6	TOTAL HARDNESS AS CaCO3 CARBONATE HARDNESS AS CaCO3 NON-CARBONATE HARDNESS AS CaCO3 TOTAL ALKALINITY AS CaCO3 FREE CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2) SUSPENDED SOLIDS SILICA (SiO2) BORON (B)	801 428 373 428
TOTALS AND B CATIONS ANIONS	BALANCE (me/l) (me/l)	36.2 35.7	DIFF = 0. SUM = 71.	.5 .9	REACTION - pH TURBIDITY (JACKSON) COLOUR (HAZEN)	UNITS 6.6
DIFF 100 =	0.6%				SODIUM TO TOTAL CATION RATIO(me/2)	54.5%

NAME - E. & W.S. DEPT. NORTHERN REGION FIELD TEMP.

ADDRESS FIELD pH DATE COLLECTED 21/7/78
SAMPLE COLLECTED BY: C. PENHALL AT END OF WELL FIELD COND.

μ-S/cm

OBS. No.

HOLE No. P.N. 2506 - Quorn T.W.S. Well 3. D.M. No. 387/68

DISCHARGE TEST.

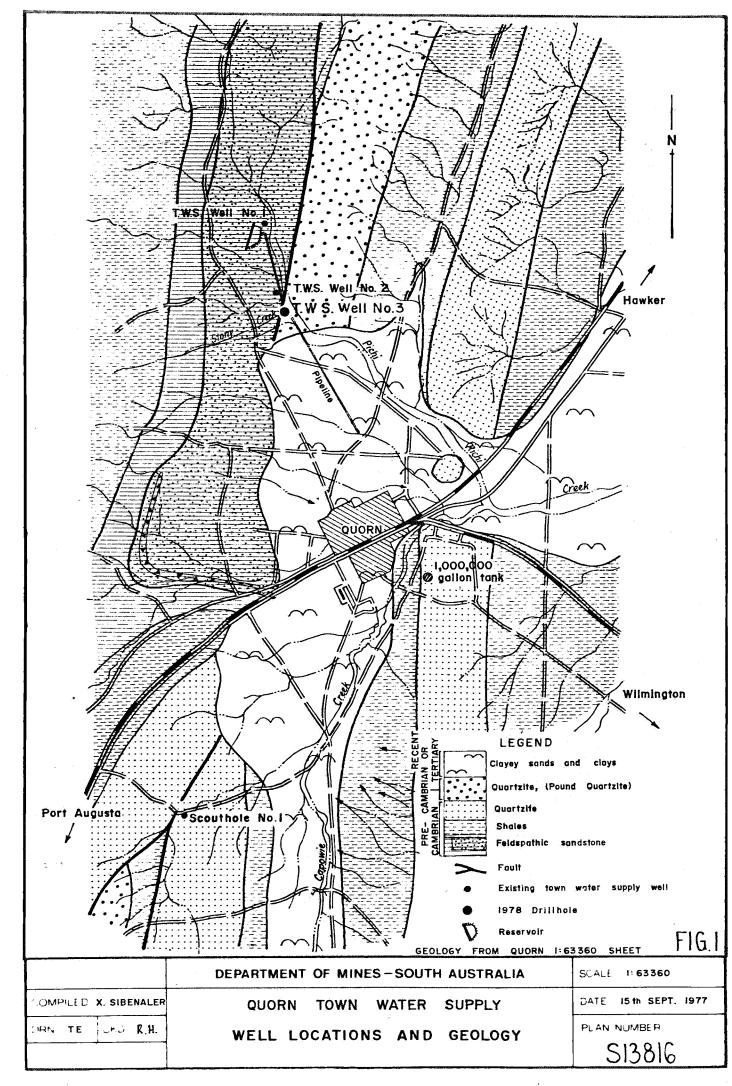
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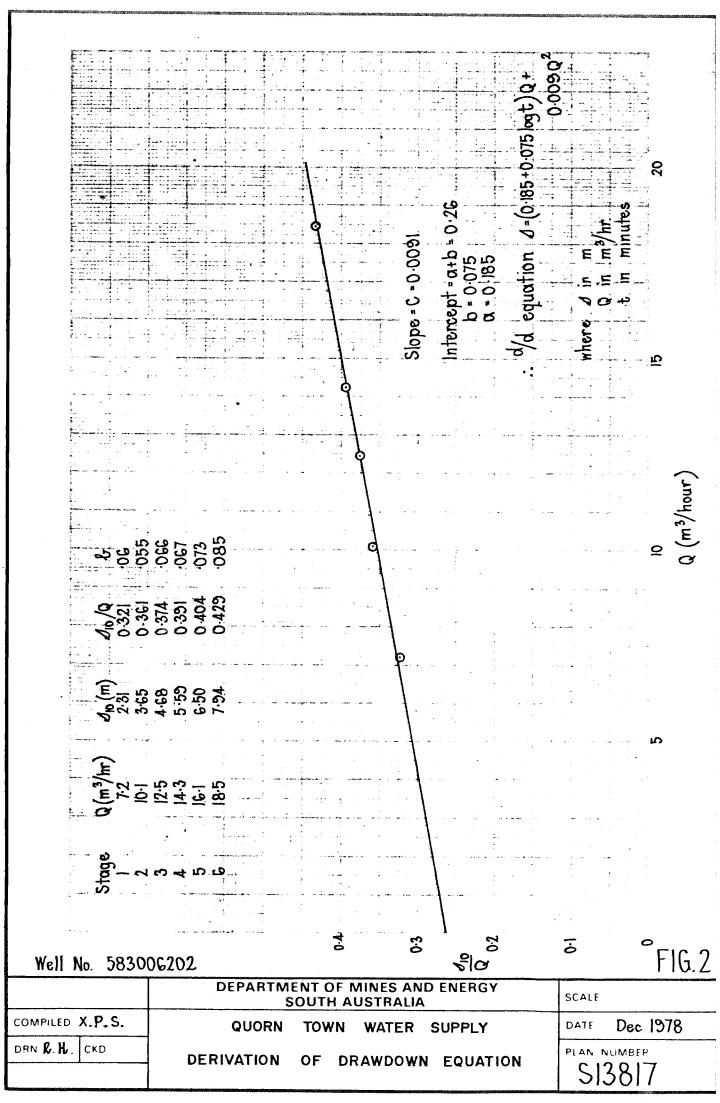
SAMPLE No. W219	1/78 		JOB No. 3941-78	
	CHEMICAL COMPOSITION		DERIVED AND OTHER DATA	
	MILLIGRAMS PER LITRE mg/l	MILLEQUIVS. PER LITRE me/l	CONDUCTIVITY (E.C.) MICRO-S/cm AT 25 DEG.C 2975	MILLIGRAMS
CATIONS CALCIUM (Ca) MAGNESIUM (Mg)	74	3.7	TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS A. BASED ON E.C.	PER LITRE mg/l
SODIUM (Na) POTASSIUM (K) IRON (Fe)	78 480 15	6.4 20.9 0.4	B. CALCULATED (HCO3=CO3) C. RESIDUE ON EVAP. AT 180 DEG.C	1745
ANIONS HYDROXIDE (OH) CARBONATE (CO3) BICARBONATE (HCO3) SULPHATE (SO4) CHLORIDE (C1) FLUORIDE (F) NITRATE (NO3) PHOSPHATE (PO4)	15 355 200 708	0.5 5.8 4.2 20.0	TOTAL HARDNESS AS CaCO3 CARBONATE HARDNESS AS CaCO3 NON-CARBONATE HARDNESS AS CaCO3 TOTAL ALKALINITY AS CaCO3 FREE CARBON DIOXIDE (CO2) SUSPENDED SOLIDS SILICA (SiO2) BORON (B)	506 291 215 316
TOTALS AND BALANCE CATIONS (me/l) ANIONS (me/l)	31.4 DIFF = 0.9 30.5 SUM = 61.8		REACTION - pH TURBIDITY (JACKSON) COLOUR (HAZEN)	UNITS 8.5
$\frac{\text{DIFF 100}}{\text{SUM}} = 1.5\%$			SODIUM TO TOTAL CATION RATIO(me/1)	66.6%

NAME -FIELD TEMP. 27 °C FIELD pH @ °C FIELD COND. 2900 µ-S/cm

ADDRESS
DATE COLLECTED 1/4/78
SAMPLE COLLECTED BY: R. FEBEY at end of air lifting.

OBS. No. HOLE No. Quorn Scout hole No. 1. D.M. No. 476/77





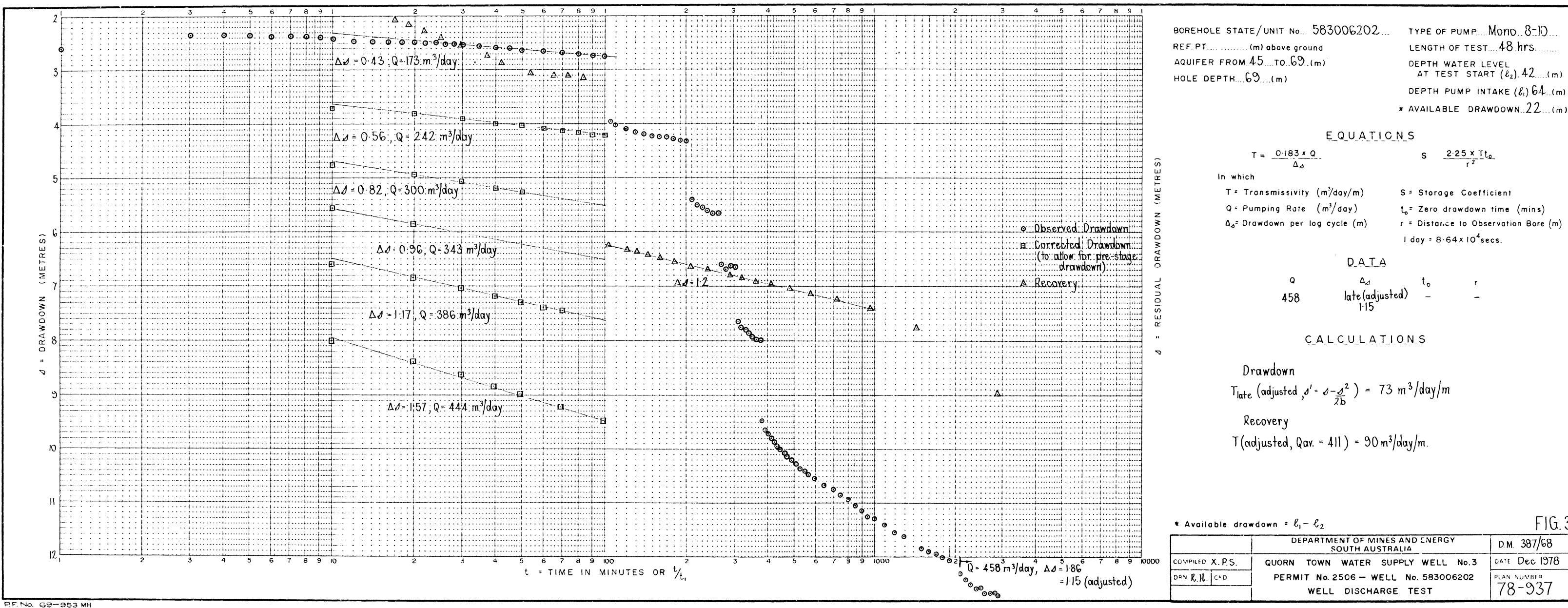


FIG. 3

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