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#### ABSTRACT

Five wells were drilled to provide construction water for sealing the Pimba to Olympic Dam road.

Yields ranged from 1 to 5 L/s and salinities from 10 000 mg/L to 110 000 mg/L. Aquifers occur in the Arcoona Quartzite and Corraberra Sandstone at depths up to 180 m and in the Woomera Shale at less than 30 m.

The above five wells and three existing wells were pump-tested. Three wells showed linear flow conditions and the others radial flow.

#### INTRODUCTION

At the request of the Highways Department a drilling programme was conducted in May and April 1986 to develop water supplies for the construction of a sealed road from Pimba to Olympic Dam (Fig. 1). The Highways Department's requirement was a water supply of 4L/s every 20 km. As far as possible salinities were required to be under 30 000 mg/L, as greater salinities are only suitable for the lower part of the earthworks.

#### GEOLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGY

The project area is in the Stuart Shelf where flat lying Adelaidean sediments overlie older Carpentarian rocks.

The geology of the area is shown in Johns et al (1982) and Dalgarno (1982).

The stratigraphy and hydrogeology are summarized in Table 1.

The area is characterised by highly saline groundwater. Salinities range from 11 000 mg/L to 110 000 mg/L. The high

salinities reflect the low rainfall and high evaporation rates. Small salt lakes are scattered through the low-lying parts of the area, and are presumably local evaporative sinks.

Table 1 Stratigraphy & Hydrogeology

Unit	Lithology	Hydrogeological Characters
Andamooka Limestone	·	Above water table in project area. May be a good aquifer elsewhere.
Arcoona Quartzite Member	Hard white sand- stone with some interbeds	Generally best aquifer in the area. Permeability varies widely and saturated thickness ranges from 0 in the south near Woomera to about 200 m around Olympic Dam.
Corraberra Sandstone Member	Brown micaceous sandstone and shales	Moderate aquifer - yields up to 5 L/s.
Woomera Shale	Brown micaceous siltstone	Low permeability generally, but yields up to 4 L/s where well fractured.

#### DRILLING

The Ingersoll Rand T4 rig belonging to Roxby Management Services was used for the drilling, and proved quite satisfactory. Five wells were drilled at the locations shown in Figure 2.

Reasons for siting wells are shown in Table 2 and results in Table 3. Water analyses are in Table 4 and depth yield graphs in Fig. 3.

Drilling was supervised by a SADME geologist and airlift yields measured with a V-notch.

Even with the large capacity high pressure compressor available, drilling was slow in the hard abrasive sandstones.

Table 2, Reasons for siting wells

Unit No.	Permit No.	Reason for siting	Result
6235WW65	94333	Close to old well known to have reasonable supply. On major linear feature about 30 km long.	Success
6235WW66	94334	20 km from the above and close to straight water course about 2 km long.	Success
6236WW52	44335	600 m from known successful well.	Success
6236WW53	94336	Convenience of Highways Dept. Hoped to get water under 30 000 mg/L.	Partial Success
6236WW54	94337	Close to Coorlay Creek, near possible minor E.W. fault	Partial Success

Table 3, Well Details

Unit No.	Permit No.	Depth (m)	Casing (m)	Slots (m)	SWL (m)	Recommended  Pump-depth (m)	Salinity mg/L	100 day yield L/s	300 day yield L/s	Airlift Yield L/s	Aquifer
6235ww65*	94333	84	84	30-84	3.7	60	21 800	4.1	2.7	5	Corraberra Sandst.
6235ww66*	94334	130	130	106-130	23.2	110	10 700	4	4	4.2	Corraberra Sandst.
6236WW52*	94335	62	62	14-62	8.5	40	64 300 approx	ς 3	2.8	5	Woomera Shale
6236ww53*	94336	199	117	105-117	21.5	116	19 000	1.6	1.5	2	Simmens
									_		Quartzite
6236WW54*	94337	152	8	<b>-</b> ,	17.3	140	110 000	. 1	0.9	2	Simmens
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6236WW55***	_	116	15	<b>.</b>	49.8	90	28 600	10	7.5**		
6236WW56***	-	138	15	-	55.0	127	26 700	1.4	1.4		•
6236WW57***		208	62	-	49.2	200	67 000	2.5	2.4		

<sup>\*</sup> Wells drilled in current program.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Estimated 700 day yield is 5.6 L/s.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Wells drilled previous by Roxby Management Services.

Table 4, Water Analyses

Unit No	TDS mg/L	Conductivity mhos	Ca <sup>2+</sup> mg/L	Mg <sup>2+</sup> mg/L	Na <sup>2+</sup> mg/L	K <sup>+</sup> mg/L	HCO3	SO4 <sup>2-</sup> mg/L	Cl <sup>-</sup> mg/L	NO3 Mg/L
6235ww65	21 800	31 000	1 150	520	6 100	62	244	2 310	11 500	<0.1
6235WW66	10 700	16 000	725	225	2 840	17	224	1 480	5 280	<1.0
6236ww52	64 300	74 000	1 590	1 490	20 500	160	238	4 700	35 700	.4
6236ww53	19 000	25 000	1 420	360	4 930	44	156	2 460	9 690	.3
6236WW54	110 000	112 000	1 130	2 700	36 300	170	242	9 550	60 100	.3
6236ww57	28 300	36 000	880	920	8 060	58	351	4 580	13 600	.3
6236WW56	67 000	70 700	2 200	1 200	20 000	600	72	5 000	38 000	. 25
6236ww55	26 700	36 000	700	800	8 500	150	299	4 000	14 300	<0.4

#### PUMP TESTING

All wells drilled in this program and three driller earlier by Roxby Management Services (see Table 3) were pump-tested by Highways Department crews under the supervision of SADME personnel.

Results are in Appendix B. Estimated yields are in Table 3.

#### **DISCUSSION**

For over a century small supplies of potable and stock quality water have been sought in the Stuart Shelf area.

In the last decade mineral drilling and drilling for construction water for the Stuart Highway have greatly increased knowledge of the occurrence of higher-yielding saline aquifers.

The Adelaidean sediments of the Stuart Shelf are flat-lying and little deformated.

Nonetheless many units are sufficiently well fractured to provide worthwhile yields.

#### CONCLUSIONS

Moderate supplies of saline water are generally obtainable in Adelaidean sediments on the Stuart Shelf. Salinities range from marginal sheep waters (about 10 000 mg/L) to highly saline brines (over 100 000 mg/L).

#### RECOMMENDATION

Wells should be pumped as indicated in Table 3.

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## APPENDIX A

## Geological Logs

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30	44		Sandstone	9	Alternating moderate-bro dark brown s	wn si	.lty s	um-grained a sandstone. S							
REM	ARKS:			*	NOTE: 110 k! / day = 1000	gals / hr.				DRILL TYPE:	Rotary Hammer	СОМР	LETED:	3/4/8	}6
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				CONTINUATION SHEET	· ·	DME			
	[H (m)	GRAPHIC	ROCK / SEDIMENT	GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	FORMATION / AGE	DEPTH		CASING	
From	.To	rog	NAME			SAMPLE	Dia(mm)	From(m)	To(m)
44	46		Sandstone	Similar to the above. 30% dark brown shale.					
	-0								
46	50		Sandstone	White and moderate brown medium grained sandstone, plus some coarse sandstone and shale.				,	
50	52		Sandstone	As above. Minor pale green sandstone.					
52	64		Sandstone	Moderate brown and white medium to coarse					
				grained sandstone plus minor dark brown shaley siltstone.					
64	70		Sandstone	As above plus light green siltstone.				:	
70	74		Sandstone	White, light brown and light grey medium grained					
				sandstone. Some dark brown shaley silt stone.					.
74	100		Sandstone	Hard white medium-grained sandstone interbedded widark brown shaley siltstone.	th				
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100	102		Sandstone	Moderate brown silty sandstone, plus light brown	Corraberra				.
				sandstone, brown shale and minor green shale.	Sandstone				
102	109		Sandstone	Hard light brown sandstone with some					
-				light green sandstone.			. :		
100	130		Sandstone	Moderate brown gilty modium grained and dates		'			
109	120		Sanustone	Moderate brown silty medium grained sandstone plus dark brown shaley micaceous siltstone.					
				prob dark brown similey intedeeded strestone.					
130	132		Shale	60% Dark brown micaceous shaley siltstone					
				40% Sandstone, as before				Ì	
132	134		Sandstone	Moderate brown fine-grained silty sandstone					. 1
:				with brown and green shale.					
N.						SHEET.	2	. OF.	3

DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY-SOUTH AUSTRALIA HOLE NO: PN94337 **WATER WELL LOG** UNIT / NO. 6236WW54 CONTINUATION SHEET DME DEPTH (m) ROCK / SEDIMENT GRAPHIC DEPTH CASING GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION FORMATION / AGE CORE SAMPLE Dia(mm) From(m) To(m) NAME LOG 134 136 Sandstone Moderate brown medium to fine-grained micaceous silty sandstone. 136 152 Siltstone Dark brown shaley micaceous siltstone Woomera Shale. (some sandstone as above). 152 End of hole. SHEET......

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## Pump-Testing

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Wirrda Bore 6236WW57

### Introduction

The well was pumped for 1230 minutes (22 hours) at 4.1 L/s. Because of a probe malfunction recovery was only observed for 30 minutes.

#### Response

The semi-log plot of drawdown (Fig. B-1) is a downward steepening curve suggestive of double-boundary conditions. The  $t/t_1$  plot of recovery, which is roughly a straight line trending below the origin of graph, confirms this.

Therefore the plot of drawdown against the square root of time (Fig. B-2) has been used for extrapolation.

## Well Equation

From Fig. B-2 an equation was derived for

 $Q \leq 4.1 L/s$ 

s = Q(0.42 + .18 /t)

where s is drawdown in m

Q is pump rate in L/s

t is time in days

Well loss must be 1.60 m or less.

Therefore taking account of possible  $Q^2$  well loss terms the well equation for Q>4.1 L/s is

$$s = 0.095 Q^2 + .03 Q + .18 Q/t$$

## TOWN BORE, WB2

6236WW56

#### Testing

The well was pumped for 1440 minutes (24 hours) at 1.19 L/s. Recovery was observed for 360 minutes, when full recovery appeared to have occurred.

## Response

The semi-log plot of drawdown is shown in Fig. B-3. Drawdown reached a steady state at about 300 minutes. This is borne out by the rapid recovery.

## Well Equation

A conservative  $\Delta s$  value of 2 has been used to give equations.

 $s = (40.2 + 1.7 \log t)Q \text{ for } Q<1.2L/s$ 

 $s = (34Q + 1.7 \log t)Q$ , Q > 1.2L/s

where s is drawdown in metres

t is time in days

Q is pumping rate in L/s.

## Airstrip Bore, WB3

6236WW56

#### Testing

Two attempts to test this well were abandoned when the water level draw down rapidly to the limit of the probe. It was then decided to test the well by pumping 'on the fork' for 24 hours, that is with the water level at the pump intake.

## Response

With an initial pumping rate of 3 L/s the water level fell rapidly, and reached the pump intake (81 m drawdown) in about 15 minutes. Pumping rate slowly declined through the remainder of the test, reaching about 2.0 L/s after 24 hours (see Fig. B-4).

Semi-log and  $\sqrt{t}$  plots of recovery are shown in Figures B-5 and B-6.

The plot of  $\sqrt{t-\sqrt{t_1}}$  appears to be linear. This has been used to derive a well equation.

## Well Equation

The linear plot of  $\sqrt{t-\sqrt{t_1}}$  been used to derive the following equation for drawdown at the test rate.

$$s = 80 t 1.2 /t$$

From this can be deriven the equations s = 40Q + 0.6Q /t. Q<2.0 L/s

$$s = 20Q^2 + 0.6$$
 Q/t for Q > 2.0 L/s

where s is drawdown in m

Q is pump rate in L/s

t is time in days

from the above the 700 days yield is 2.0 L/s for a pump-setting of 165 m a 2.3 L/s for 200 m.

## WELL PN 9433

6235WW65

## Testing

The well was pumped for 1461 minutes (24 hours 21 minutes) at a rate of 4.5 L/s. Recovery was observed for 6 days.

## Response

The semi-log plot of drawdown (Figure B-7) is generally linear, showing a slight downward curve at the end. The slow recovery (Figs B-7 and B-8) suggests the presence of double boundary conditions.

From straight lines fitted through both the drawdown against  $\sqrt{t}$  and residual drawdown against  $\sqrt{t}-\sqrt{t_1}$  the following equation was derived:

$$s = 13.9 + 3.5 /t$$

which becomes

$$s = Q(3.11 + .78 \ /t)$$
 for  $Q < 4.5 \ L/s$ 

where s is drawdown in m

Q is pump rate in L/s

t is time in days

The plot recovery against  $\sqrt{t-\sqrt{t_1}}$  (Fig B-8) appears to lie on a line above the origin suggesting the occurrence of leaky aguifer conditions.

### Long term yield

The calculation of long term yield is complicated by the fact that the aquifer is only 25 m below water table, but is about 50 m thick (see Fig. 3). Some allowance must be made for the fact that the aquifer can be partially dewatered, but that the rate of drawdown will increase as this is done.

A maximum effective drawdown of 4.5~m has been assumed. This corresponds to an actual drawdown of 60~to~70~m.

Using this drawdown and the above equation the following yields are calculated:

Time	Yield L/s
100 day	4.1
300 day	2.7
700 day	1.9

Using the type curve method leaky strip-aquifers (Read, 1985) and matching with Figure B-9.

For R=1, 
$$s_r = 0.06 \text{ m}$$
  
 $\frac{x}{B} = 0.0005$   
 $\frac{Qx}{2TD} = \frac{sr}{R} = 0.06$ 

$$\frac{x}{B}$$
 = 0.005 F(u,  $\frac{x}{B}$ ) steady state) - F(u,  $\frac{x}{B}$ -) (end of test)= 1400 B

therfore increase in drawdown =  $1400 \times 0.06$ 

$$= 80 \text{ m}$$

Drawdown at the end of the test was 17.6~m, therefore hypothetical steady state drawdown at pumped rate is 98~m.

Since assumed available drawdown is 4.5 m long term yield is  $\frac{4.5}{98} \times \frac{4.5}{98} = 2$  L/s (approx)

This is too small for reasons which are not clear.

In view of the uncertainties in predicting the performance of this well it is recommended that it be pumped at 4 L/s. There is about a 50% chance that the well will perform satisfactorily at this rate. If not either an additional well can be drilled or the balance obtained from the Woomera pipeline.

## WELL PN 94334

6235WW66

## Testing

The pump test was marred by mechanical problems, which resulted in the well being pumped as shown in Table B-1.

TABLE B-1
Schedule of Pumping 6235WW66

Time	Date	
1250	3/4/86	Pump started, 4.2 L/s
1322	3/4/86	Pump rate reduced to 3.1 L/s
1955	3/4/86	Pump stopped-engine failure
0745	4/4/86	Pump started, 4 L/s
0804	4/4/86	Pump stopped
0900	4/4/86	Pump started, 3.1 L/s
0900	5/6/86	Pump stopped.

#### Response

Initially water levels fell rapidly, indicating high well losses, but from 30 minutes on the semi-log plot of drawdown (Fig. B-10) is roughly linear.

The plot of residual drawdown against  $t/t_1$  shows an upward curve towards the origin which could be interpreted as indicating the presence of double boundary conditions.

It was suspected that this was a result of the well not being fully recovered from the previous episodes of pumping at the start of the test.

The recovery was therefore replotted agains the following function.

$$(\frac{t+t_1}{t})(\frac{t+t_2}{t+t_3})$$
  $(\frac{t+t_4}{t+t_5})(\frac{t+t_6}{t+t_7})$   $(\frac{t+t_4}{t+t_7})(\frac{t+t_6}{t+t_7})$ 

t<sub>1</sub> is length of last test (1440 minutes)

- to is time previous pump-phase at 4 L/s started before end of test (1515 minutes)
- t3 is time previous pump-phase of L/s stopped before end of test (1496 minutes)
- t<sub>A</sub> is time since start of 2nd previous pump-phase before the end of the test (2618 minutes)
- ts is time since end of 2nd previous pump-phase before the end of the test (2225 minutes)
- ts is time since start of first pumping, phase before the end of the test (2650 minutes)
- to is time since the end of the first pumping phase before the end of the test (2618 minutes).

This plot appears to be a straight line. The trend below the origin is assumed to be a result of problems with the reference points.

## Well Equation

On the assumption that flow is radial the following equation can be used for extrapolation at the test rate.

$$s = 39 + 3 \log t$$
 (s in metres, t in days)

The  $Q^2$  (well loss) component is estimated to be about 30 m. From this the following well equation is derived.

$$s = 3.12 Q^2 + 2.9 Q + Q log t, Q>3.1 L/s$$

s is drawdown in metres

Q is pump-rate in L/s

t is time in days.

From this at the proposed pumping rate of 4 L/s the 700 day drawdown is estimated at 72 m.

Therefore the well can be safely pumped at 4 L/s.

WELL PN94335

6236WW52

Testing

The well was pumped at 4.1 L/s for 1440 minutes (24 hours).

Response

The semilog drawdown curve (Fig B-11) shows progressive steepening due to partial dewatering of the aquifer.

Estimation of long-term yield is difficult because it was not possible to accurately record the position of the shallow aquifers.

The long term yield has been estimated by two methods.

a. By extrapolation the drawdown 100 day drawdown at the pump rate (4.1 L/s) is 5.5 + 4.6 = 10.1 m.

Assuming that the available drawdown is 9 m (to 18 m) the 100 day yield is:

4.1 x 
$$-\frac{9}{1}$$

$$= 3.6 L/s^{10.1}$$

or 300 day yield is 3.3 L/s.

b. The 1 hour air-lift yield was 5 L/s (measured by V-notch). At the pump-rate 1 hour drawdown was 3 m. Therefore effective available drawdown is

$$3 \times -\frac{5}{4 \cdot 1} = 3.6 \text{ m}$$

Neglecting the portion of the curve effected by aquifer dewatering 100 day drawdown is 4.7 m

Therefore 100 day yield is 4.1 x  $\frac{3.6}{}$ 

$$= 3.1 L/s^{4.7}$$

or 300 day yield is 2.9 L/s.

Allowing a safety margin the following pump-rates are recommended:

For 100 days, 3 L/s 300 days, 2.8 L/s

WELL PN94336

6236WW53

### Testing

The well was pumped at about 1.9 L/s for 100 minutes when the rate was reduced to 1.44 L/s to prevent the well from forking before the end of the test. Total pumping time was 1437 minutes.

#### Response

The well drawdown appears to be linear with log time (Fig B-12). The  $\frac{t}{t_1}$ -plot of recovery confirms that this is a valid approach, and suggests the presence of leaky conditions at late times.

Therefore a logarithmic extrapolation has been used for calculating long term yields.

The 100 day yield is calculated as 1.6 L/s and the 300 day yield as 1.5 L/s.

#### WELL PN94337

6236WW54

#### Testing

The well was pumped at  $1.0\ \text{L/s}$  for 415 minutes (7 hours approx), at which time the engine broke down.

#### Response

The semi-log plot of drawdown (Fig B-13) is roughly a straight ling with a 'delta-s' of 11 m towards the end of the test.

The  $\frac{t}{t_1}$  plot of residual drawdown is a sigmoidal curve which trends toward a straight line of 'delta s' 14.

From the above the 100 day yield is estimated by 1 L/s and the 300 day yield 0.9 L/s.

#### **DISCUSSION**

Pump test results are summarized in Table B-2. Both radial-flow and linear-flow conditions have been identified in these tests.

Transmissivities range from 1.4 to 170 m $^2$ /day. The two highest trasmissivities are for wells showing linear flow later in the tests, indicating that these wells have intersected narrow highly transmissive zones in rocks of generally lower transmissivity. In the case of 6236WW56 the high initial drawdowns suggest that the well may be close to, rather than in, such a zone. Typically the transmissivity of the Arcoona Quartzite is about 10 m $^2$ /day.

TABLE B-2
Summary of Pump-test results

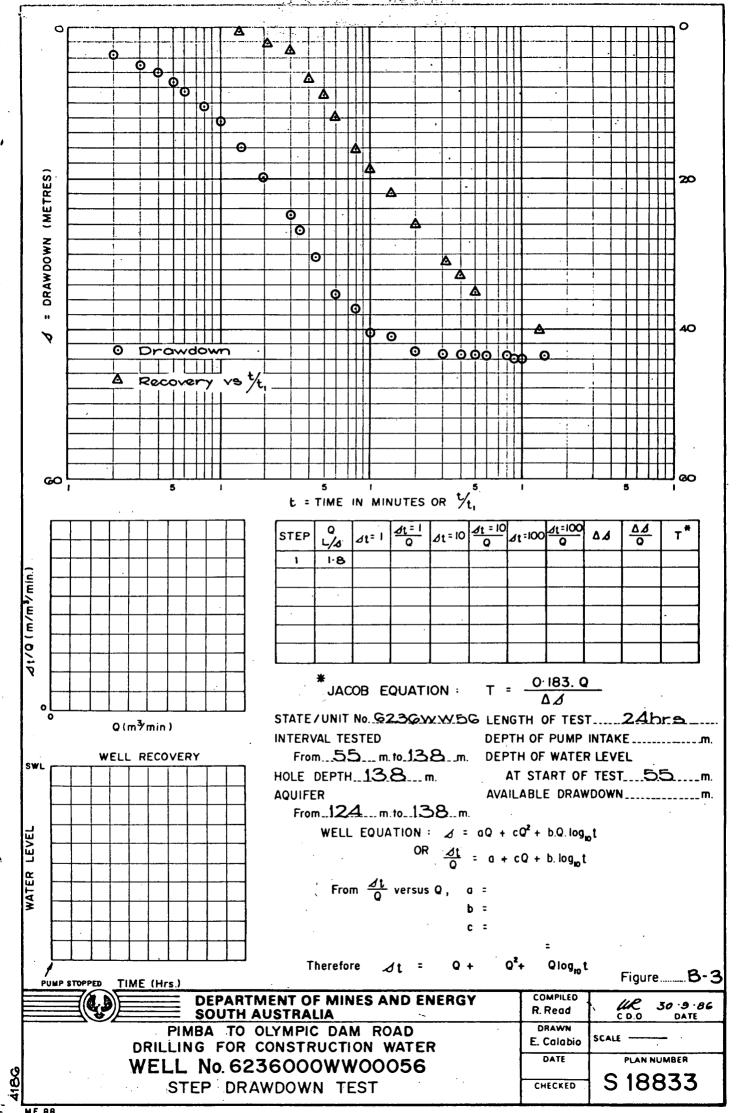
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Unit No.	Response* type	Transmissivity m <sup>2</sup> /day	100 day** yield	300 day* yield (m/L/s/c	Rate of Specific drawdown increase day/2
6235ww65	L	13.5	4.1	2.7	0.78
6235ww66	R	16	4	4	· <b>-</b>
6236ww52	R	28	3.6 (3)	3.3 (2.8)	-
6236ww53	R	10	1.6	1.5	_
6236ww54	R	1.4	1	0.9	<del>-</del>
6236ww57	L	170	10	7.5	0.18
6236WW56	R	9.3	1.4	1.4	-
6236ww55	L	45	2.5	2.4	0.6

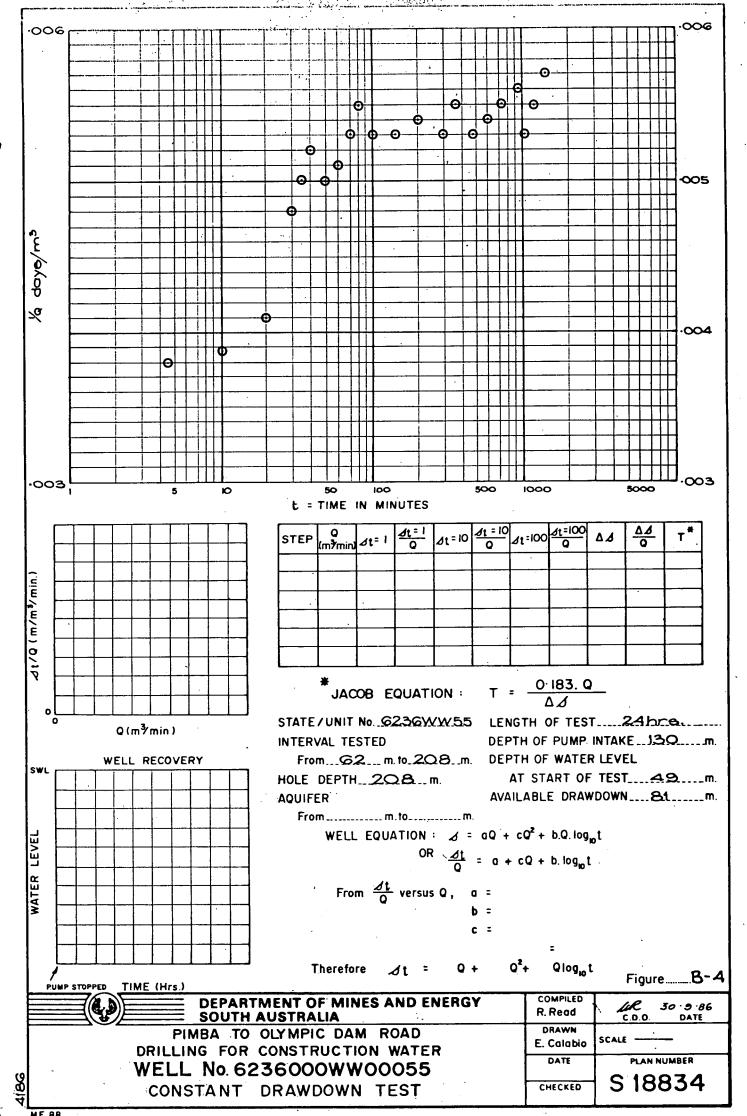
<sup>\*</sup> L is linear flow (double boundary)
R is radial flow

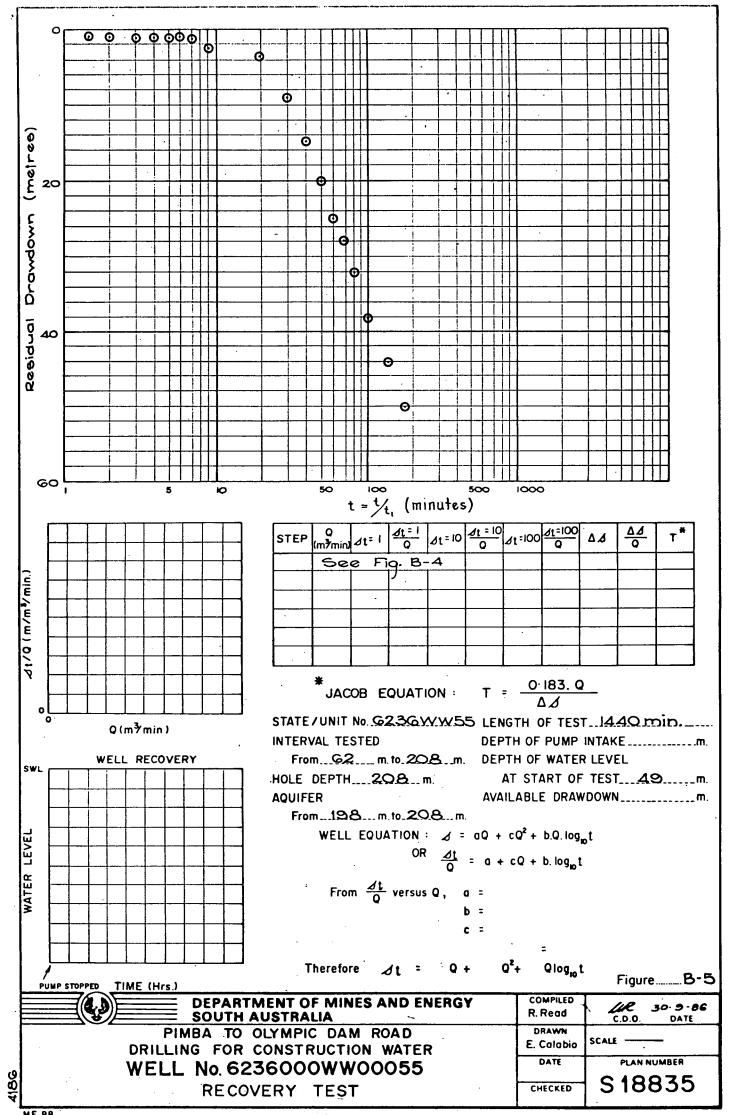
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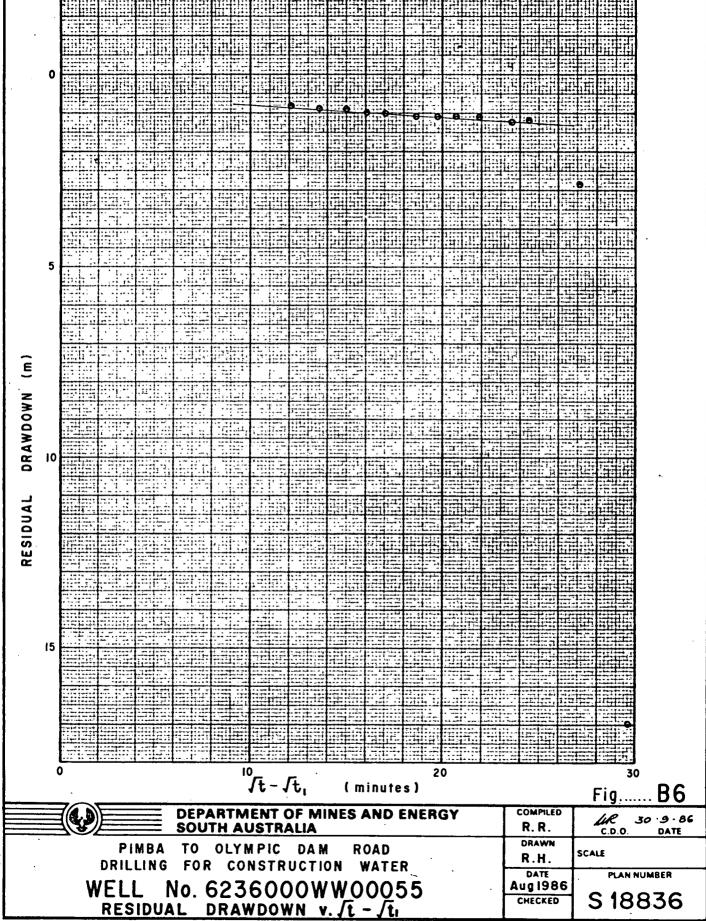
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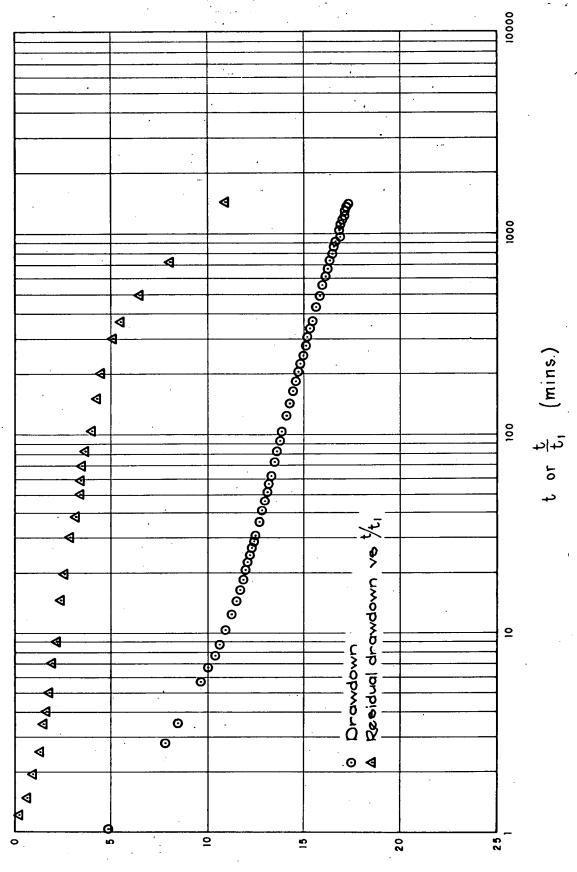
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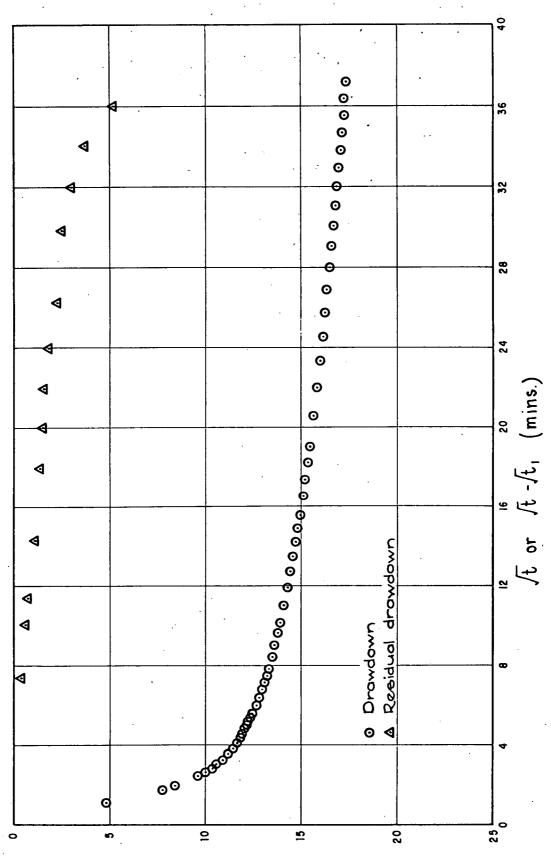






RESIDUAL DRAWDOWN (m)

Fig......B-7 COMPILED DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY LLR C 0 0 R.R. SOUTH AUSTRALIA DRAWN TO OLYMPIC DAM ROAD SCALE R.H. DRILLING FOR CONSTRUCTION WATER DATE Aug 1986 PLAN NUMBER No. 6235000WW00065 S 18837 CHECKED DRAWDOWN AND RECOVERY V. LOG TIME



RESIDUAL DRAWDOWN (m)

Fig......8-8 DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY COMPILED 30 · 9 · 86 R.R. SOUTH AUSTRALIA DRAWN OLYMPIC DAM ROAD SCALE R.H. WATER FOR CONSTRUCTION DATE Aug 1986 PLAN NUMBER No. 6235000WW00065 WELL S 18838 CHECKED DRAWDOWN AND RECOVERY V. SQUARE ROOT TIME

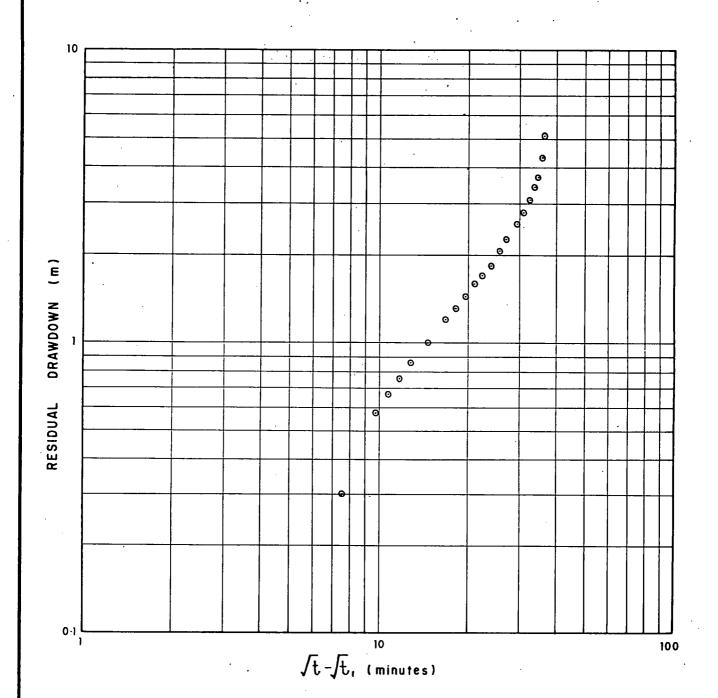


Fig..... **B9** COMPILED **DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY** 30 .9 .86 DATE R.R. **SOUTH AUSTRALIA** DRAWN TO OLYMPIC DAM ROAD SCALE R.H. DRILLING FOR CONSTRUCTION WATER DATE PLAN NUMBER No. 6235000WW00065 Aug 1986 S18839 CHECKED RESIDUAL DRAWDOWN v. It - It

