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ABSTRACT

An 80 m irrigation-recharge well, with 50 m open to a confined limestone aquifer has been drilled at Langhorne Creek in South Australia. Pump testing indicates a yield of 43 ls⁻¹ may be sustained for 70 Days. Conservative values of aquifer parameters give a Transmissivity of 700-1000 m³d⁻¹m⁻¹ and a storage coefficient of 3x10⁻⁴.

INTRODUCTION

A vigneron in Langhorne Creek (fig. 1) approached the SADME Groundwater & Engineering Branch in 1987 for technical advice on design of a dual purpose irrigation-recharge well. Such wells are being increasingly utilised in the surrounding Angas-Bremer irrigation area, where a salinity problem is developing.

The client was advised the well should be designed to maximise the yield from the confined limestone aquifer, thus enabling recharge from a nearby swamp to be more effective.

Drilling contractors were engaged to drill an 80 m deep, 200 mm diameter well with 50 m open hole in the limestone.

After completion of drilling partial collapse of the hole occured requiring some re-drilling.

The SADME subsequently performed a pump test as part of the continuing hydrogeological investigation of the area in relation to artifical recharge wells.

During the discharge testing it was found that the hole had collapsed below 36 m. The collapsed material was drilled out by SADME and the discharge test restarted.

A summary of the well specifications is given in Table 1.

Table 1 well specifications

Permit No.	94748
Unit No.	6727-31-WW-2303
Hd	Freeling
Sect	3571
completed	9/6/87
Total depth	79.5 m
casing	0 -32.7 m, $204 mm$ welded
	steel and pressure cemented
open hole	32.7 - 79.5 m, 193 mm diameter
water cut	31.2 m
seasonal fluctuation	5.7 m
salinity	2032 mgl ⁻¹
Aquifer	sandy_limestone
safe yield	43 1s ⁻¹
specific capacity	4.6 ls ⁻¹ m ⁻¹
S.W.L.	13.9 m (June, 1987)

Hydrogeology

The well is located in the northern area of the Tertiary limestone confined aquifer underlying the Angas-Bremer irrigation area.

The well log, Appendix A, shows that the sandy limestone in this area is effectively separated from the unconfined aquifer by 12 m of clayey sand and silt.

Water sampling during drilling (Table 2) indicates a decrease in salinity with depth from 2175 mgl^{-1} at 36 m to 1800 mgl^{-1} at 79 m.

Table 2 Salinity results during drilling (June 1987)

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depth	TDS mg 1^{-1}	Anal	lysis No.
36	2175	W	3726/87
43	2175	w	3727/87
49	2140	W	3728/87
55	2060	W	3729/87
61	2015	W	3730/87
66	1965	w	3731/87
73	1925	W	3732/87
79	1800	w	3733/87

Pump Testing

A step drawdown test was performed to determine the well equation and a constant discharge test to determine the aquifer parameters and long term yield of the well.

Tests results also allow quantification of the difference between real and theoretical recharge rates, necessary for the SADME to provide technical advice on artifical recharge.

The step test was initially started with a low capacity pump at $10.45~\rm ls^{-1}$. It became quickly clear that the well capacity was in excess of $40~\rm ls^{-1}$, leading to the installation of a large capacity pump.

During the change over of the pump it was discovered that partial hole collapse had occurred at 36m. This was drilled out by a SADME cable tool rig.

The well developed quickly at high discharge, producing sand free water within 10 minutes of pumping within each step.

Results and analytical methods are outlined in Appendix B. Drawdown and residual drawdown were monitored in the wells listed in Table 3.

Table 3 Observation wells

Well	aquifer	monitored	distance to production
	•		Well (m)
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FRL 32	confined	575
FRL 62	confined	780
FRL 140	confined	1 050
FRL 225	unconfined	780
Production Well	confined	-

Well Performance:

The available drawdown, considering seasonal effects and allowing 3 m of water above the pump set at 32 m, ie within the casing, is 9.4 m.

A yield of 43 ls^{-1} then allows the well to be pumped for 10^5 minutes before maximum drawdown is reached.

This result is believed to be a conservative value since the well equation gives slightly greater drawdowns than were observed in the constant discharge test (9.04 m at 1440 minutes from equation compared to 8.40 m at 1440 minutes from test). The time-drawdown curves for different discharge rates are shown in fig. 2, the test result suggests that a discharge rate of 47.6 ls⁻¹ may be sustained for a longer period than the test length of 1440 minutes.

Over periods of 1440 minutes it is possible that the discharge rate may be increased, however there exists the possibility of collapse of the soft limestone aquifer, therefore the pump should be set within the casing.

Aquifer Parameters:

Transmissivity and storage coefficient values are outlined in full in Appendix B, the most conservative values indicate a transmissivity of 700-1000 $\rm m^3 d^{-1}$ $\rm m^{-1}$, and a storage coefficient of 3 x 10^{-4} .

Salinity:

Salinity decreased throughout the constant discharge test, finishing at 2060 mgl^{-1} at 1 200 minutes.

Results are shown in Table 4, full analysis for the final sample is given in Appendix A.

Table 4: Salinity results during constant discharge test (June 1987)

Time (minutes)	TDS mgl ⁻¹	Analysis No
0	2140	W3767/87
100	2110	W3768/87
200	2095	W3769/87
300	2090	W3770/87
1200	2060	W3772/87
1440	2032	W3780/87

Variation of salinity with depth, in early August 1987 prior to any artificial recharge is shown in Table 5.

Table 5: Salinity versus depth prior to recharge

Depth from surface (m)	TDS mg1 ⁻¹ (Tested on site August 1987 using MARTEK downhole probe)
13.1	2000
23	2100
35	2400
43	2000
47	1380
55	1200
67	1200
78	1150

Conclusion

The construction of a high yield irrigation-recharge well at Langhorne Creek is expected to encourage installation of similar wells on other properties in the area.

Reference

Hazel, C.P., (1975), Groundwater Hydraulics, Lecture notes AWRC groundwater school Adelaide 1975

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Appendix A



Water Analysis Report

Job No. 0142/88

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Sample ID.

W3780/87

Chemical Composition			on.	Derived Data	!
		mg/L	me/L	! ! !	mg/L
 Cations Calcium Magnesium Sodium Potassium	(Ca) (Mg) (Na) (K)	175.0 87.0 470.0 18.0	8.733 7.160 20.444 0.460	Total Dissolved Solids A. Based on E.C. B. Calculated (HCO3=CO3)	2032 2004
Anions Hydroxide Carbonate Bi-Carbonate Sulphate	(OH) (CO3) (HCO3) (SO4)	411.4 140.0	6.744 2.915	Total Hardness Carbonate Hardness Non-Carbonate Hardness Total Alkalinity (Each as CaCO3)	795 374 421 374
 Chloride	(Cl)	904	25.461	Totals and	Balance
 Nitrate 	(NO3)	4.1	0.066	Cations (me/L) 36.8 Diff= Anions (me/L) 35.2 Sum = Diff*100/Sum =	1.61 71.98 2.24%
Other Analys	es			Sodium / Total Cation Ratio	55.6%
 				Remarks	
[PERMIT NO:94748	
Reaction - F			7.1 3650		
Resistivity			2.740	Note: mg/L = Milligrams pe me/L = MilliEqivs.pe	

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Hole No. 6727-2303 Supply 42851

Water Cut 3/2 m Water Level 13.9 m

Date Collected Date Received Collected by

17-6-87 14-7-87 PATTO Depth Hole 79

PROJECT: R. NURSE, RECHARGE/PRODUCTION BORE MINES DEPARTMENT - SOUTH AUSTRALIA HOLE NO: PN 94748 ENGINEERING DIVISION **WATER WELL LOG** LANGHORNE CREEK LOCATION OF COORDS UNIT / STATE NO 6727-031-610-2303 EL Surface sec 3571 HO. Freeling EL Ref. Point DM INTERVAL TESTED DEPTH TO DEPTH TO **SUPPLY** TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS WATER CUT (m) STANDING WATER (m) To: kilolitres/day * Test Length (hrs) He thad milliorammes/litre Analysis No: **AQUIFER** W- 3772/87 2060 4114 24 PUMP SUMMARY: 13.9 31.2 DEPTH (m) GRAPHIC ROCK / SEDIMENT DEPTH CASING GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION NAME **FORMATION / AGE** LOG CORE From To SAMPLE Dia(mm) From(m) O. CLAYEY SAND Brown, fine (0.2mm), subangular, quartz grains 204mm 32.7 in brown clay matrix. (20% clays). STEEL SILT & SAND Brown, fine (0.2mm), subangular, quartz & mica grains in silt & clay matrix. (<10% clays). Pressione Convented 6 Brown & green-grey, silt, quartz & mica SILTY CLAY: 32·7 0 (750% clays). Grey-brown, fine (0.05-0.1mm) subangular, pre-9 12 SAND dominantly quartz, minor mica (10% clays). 24 Brown, fine (0.05-0.1mm), subangular, pre-CLAYEY SAND & dominantly/minor mica (50% clay & silt). SILT Quartz. 30 SAND Grey, fine-medium (0.1-0.3mm), subangular-subrounded, quartz (clear), clean. COMPLETED: -16/87 REMARKS: * NOTE: 110 kl / day = 1000ack / hr. DELL TYPE: ROTARY MUD / AIR CIRCULATION: LOGGED IN: S.R.H SHEET ... 1 ... OF ... 3 DATE:

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						<u>``</u> :	SAMPLE	D1 a (mm)	frq=(m;	1:1+3
3			SANDY LIMESTONE	Yellow, medium-coarse (0.5-2mm), subrounded-rounded						
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				As above, some clayey limestone, some Fe stained patches -1 cm diameter.			!	:		
36	39	1	LIMESTONE	Yellow, 10% quartz (0.5-2mm). Trofossils calcite	•		i	-	:	
Γ ,				(0.1-0.5mm), in carbonate cement, some clayey bands.			!	1		
39	48		SANDY LIMESTONE	Yellow brown, fine (0.1-0.2mm), subrounded-sub-	•		•		!	
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MF32 : DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY-SOUTH AUSTRALIA HOLE NO: PN 94748 WATER WELL LOG UNIT / NO CONTINUATION SHEET DME DEPTH (m) GMAHIC ROCK / SEDIMENT DEPTH CASING
CORE
SAMPLE DIA(MA) From(m) GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION lOG From To NAME FORMATION ! AGE . 72 79.5 Grey-brown, fine-medium (0.1-0.5mm) predominantly 0.2-0.3mm, subangular-subrounded, quartz (clear) 50%, calcite grains & carbonate cement 50%, Tr fossils, Tr glauconite, Tr mica below 75 m (soft).

Appendix B Well discharge test Results & Analytical Methods

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Step drawdown test	
constant discharge test	
Table B-1 Aquifer Parameters	
	PLAN NO.
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B-2 constant discharge test, semi-log	g plot S19662
of s vs t & s(Resid) vs t production v	vel1
	PLAN NO.
B-3 " " " FRL	32 S19663
B-4 " " " FRL	52 S19664
B-5 " s(Resid) vs t FRL	140 S19665
B-6 constant discharge test, semi-log plo	ot of r vs s, S19666
FRL32,62	
B-7 constant discharge test, log-log plo	of s vs t
FRL62	S19667
B-8 semi-log plo	ot of s vs t
FRL225	S19668
B-9 log-log plo	of s vs t
FRL32	S19669

Well discharge tests

Stepdrawdown test

step 1 50	minutes at Q =	10.4 ls ⁻¹	12/6/87
step 2 60	5.7	16/6/87	
step 3 80	30.3	16/6/87	
step 4 70	45.2	16/6/87	

steps 2-4 were performed with no recovery between steps.

Results from the step drawdown test allow determination of the non-linear head loss associated with the discharging well, and the well equation relating drawdown, discharge rate & time.

Well equation $St = aQ + b \log_{10}tQ + cQ^2$ where St = drawdown (m)

Q = discharge rate $(m^3 min^{-1})$

t = time (mins)

a&b= constants related to laminar flow in aquifer

c = constant related to turbulent well loss.

A plot of $\frac{St}{Q}$ vs Q (Fig. B-1) allows calculation of a &

The intercept of the t=10 line with the St/Q axis gives a value of a + b \log_{10} t, where \log_{10} 10 = 1.

hence: a + b = 1.07 and since average b = $\frac{\Delta s}{Q}$ = 0.32

$$a = 0.75$$

c is given by the slope of the t = 10 line, and is 0.49.

This leads to the determination of the well equation as $St = 0.75 \ Q + 0.32 \ log_{10} \ tQ + 0.49 \ Q^2$.

This equation gives values slightly greater values than those measured during the test.

ie at a time of t = 1440 minutes and discharge of $Q = 2.86 \text{ m}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$

St = 9.04m, compared to 8.40 m from the test.

Constant Discharge Test

Discharge 1440 mins (24 hours) at $Q = 47.6 \text{ ls}^{-1}$ 18.30 16/6/87 - 18.30 17/6/87. Recovery 360 mins 18.30 17/6/87 - 0030 18/6/87. Discharge 30 mins at $Q = 47.6 \text{ ls}^{-1}$ 10.00 18/6/87 - 10.30 18/6/87

Results from the constant discharge test allow estimation of the long term safe yield, and calculation of the aquifer parameters.

Analyses for production and observation wells using Jacobs equation are presented in fig. B-2-B-6.

Analysis by use of Theis type curve solution for FRL 62 is difficult, however Fig. B-7 indicates no leakage through the test duration (confirmed by the results from FRL 225, Fig. B-8).

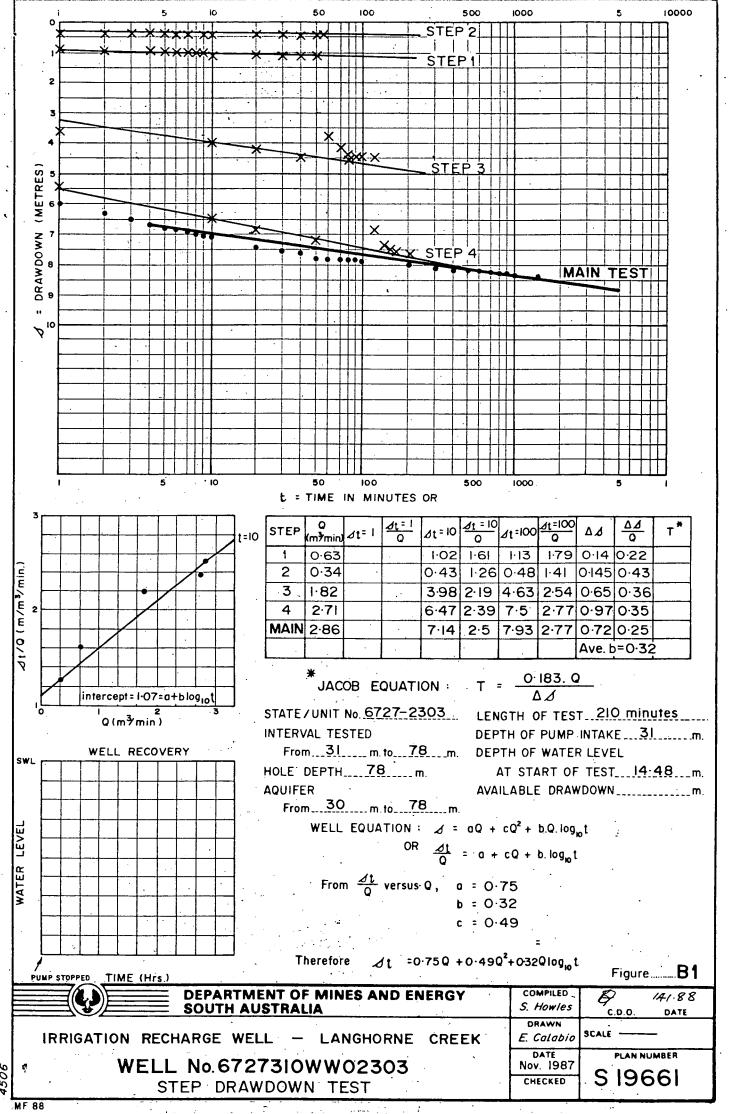
Maximum possible leakage may be estimated by assuming that deviation from the Theis curve occurs at the end of the test, this leads to an estimate of vertical hydraulic conductivity for the confining layer of 2.2 x 10^{-3} md⁻¹ (Fig. B-7).

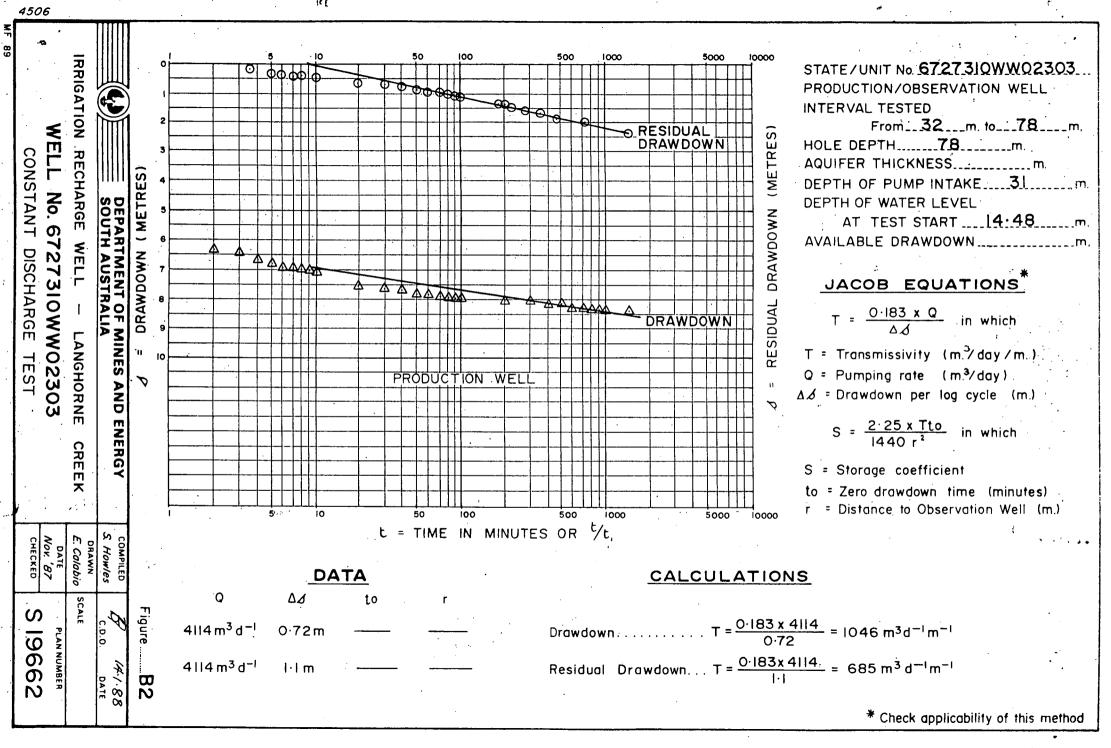
Type curve analysis of FRL 32, Fig. B-9, indicates marked deviation from the Theis curve suggesting the possibility of transmissivity changes effecting a strip aquifer in the well area.

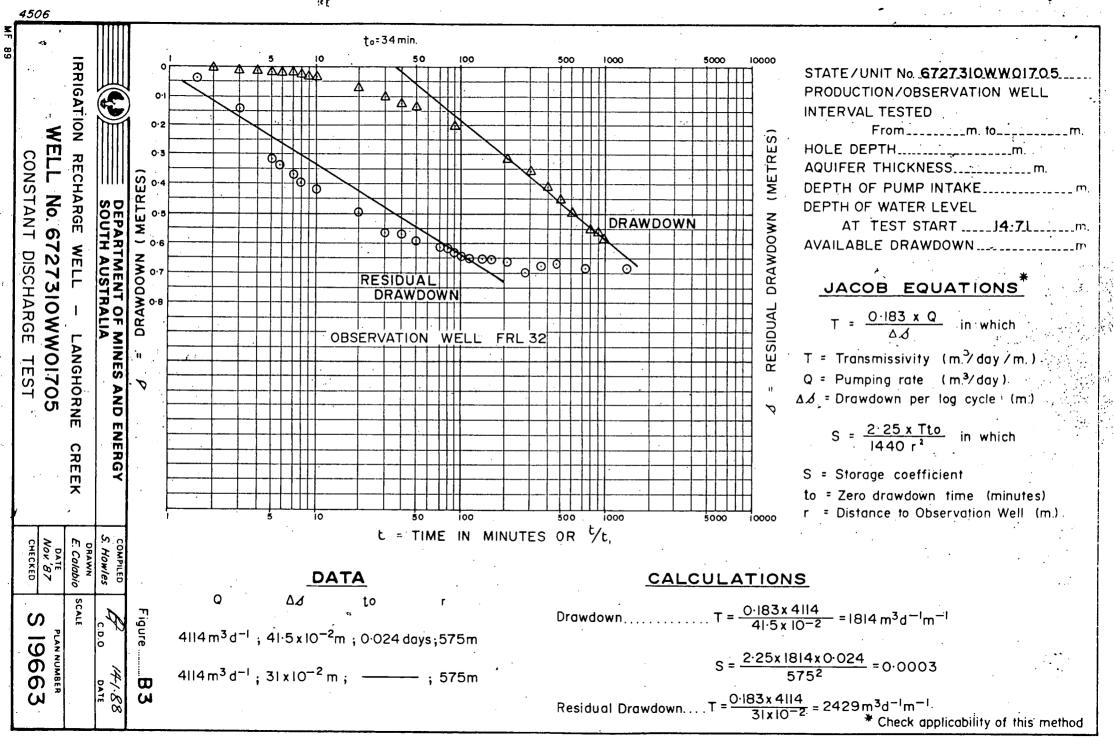
Aquifer Parameters from the tests are outlined in Table B-1, safe yield is discussed in the main Text.

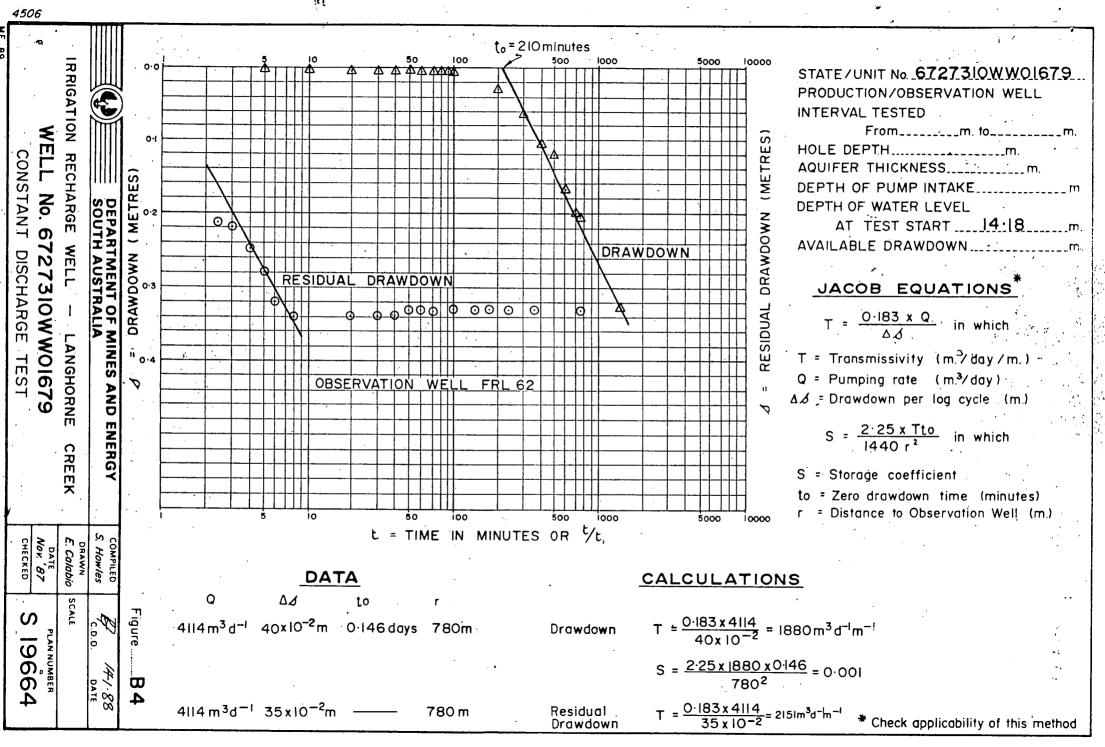
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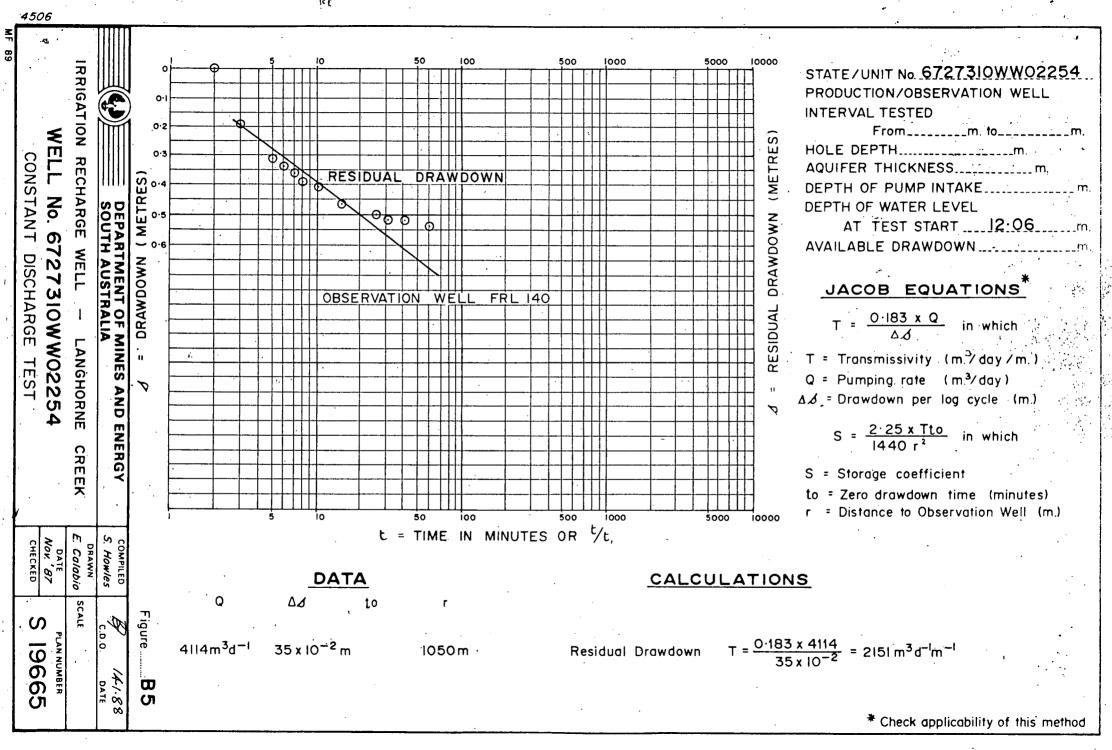
Method	Fig.	Well (m ³ d ⁻¹ m ⁻¹)		Transı	missivity (-)	Storage Coeficient
semi-log s vs t	B-3	FRL 32	•	1	800	3×10^{-4}
B-4	FRL 62	1 900	*	1	$\times 10^{-3}$	
B -2	Product	ion Well		1	000	
	D 3	HDT 33		2	400	
semi-log	B-3	FRL 32			400	
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B - 5	FRL 140 2 100					
B - 2	Product	ion Well			700	
	•	•				_2
semi-log r vs s	B - 6	FRL 32, 62,		1	000	1×10^{-3}
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log-log s vs t	B-7	FRL 62			3,00	2 X 10

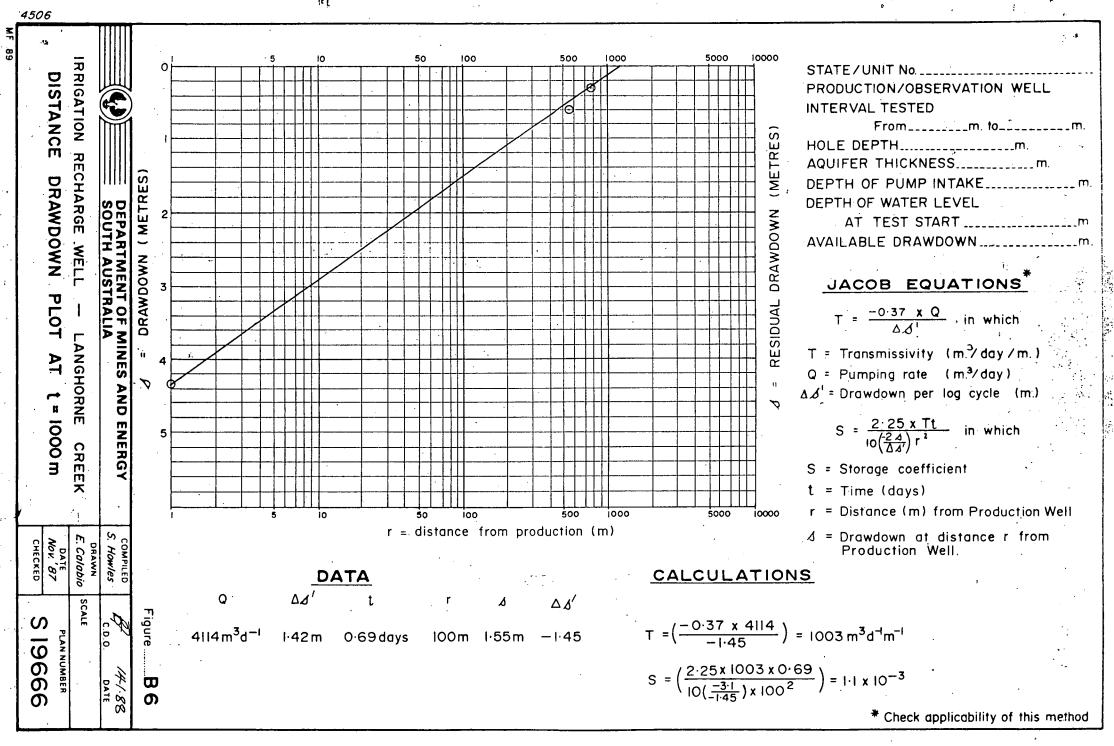


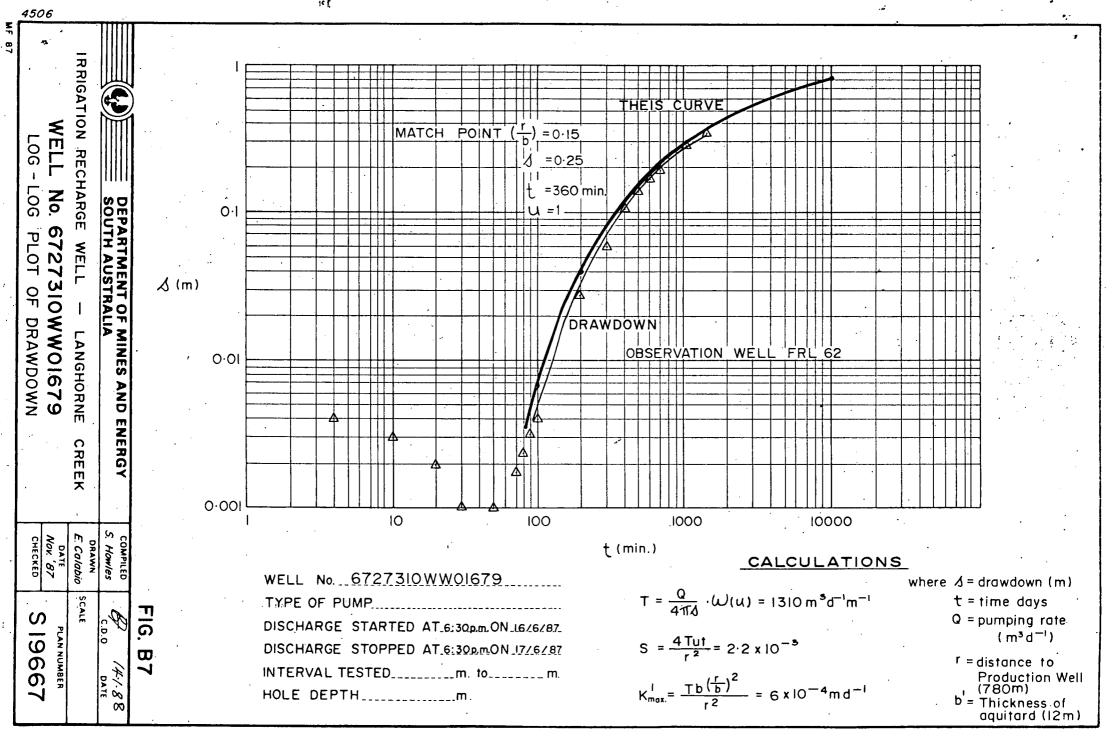


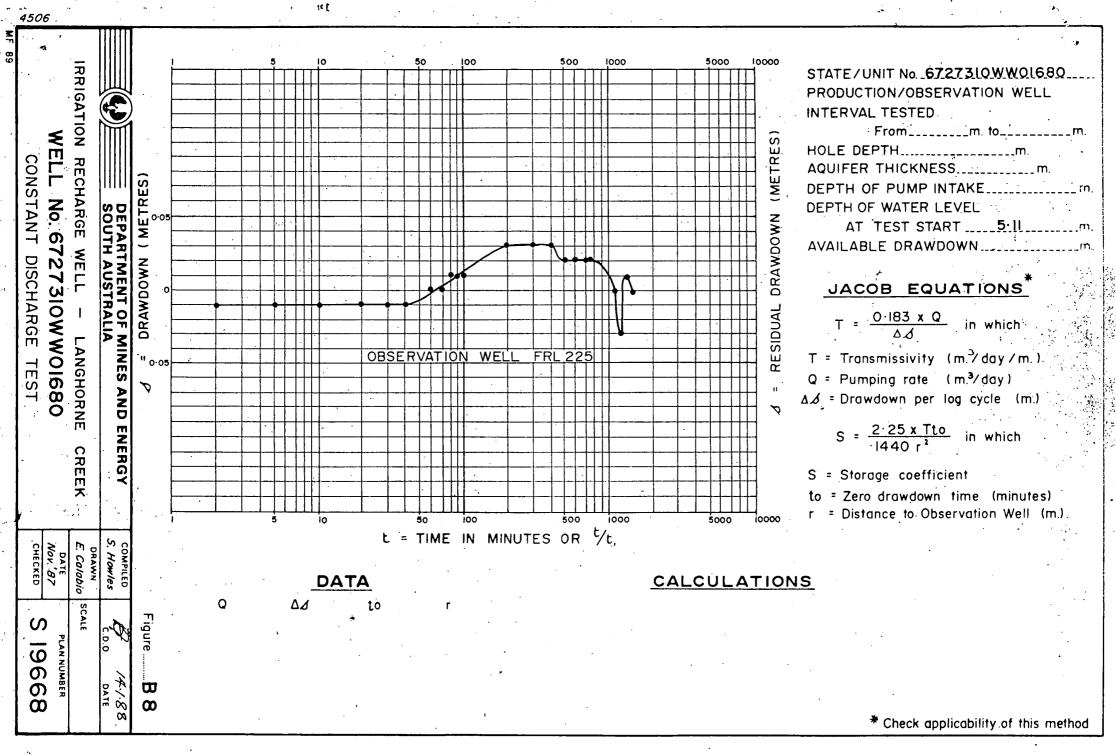


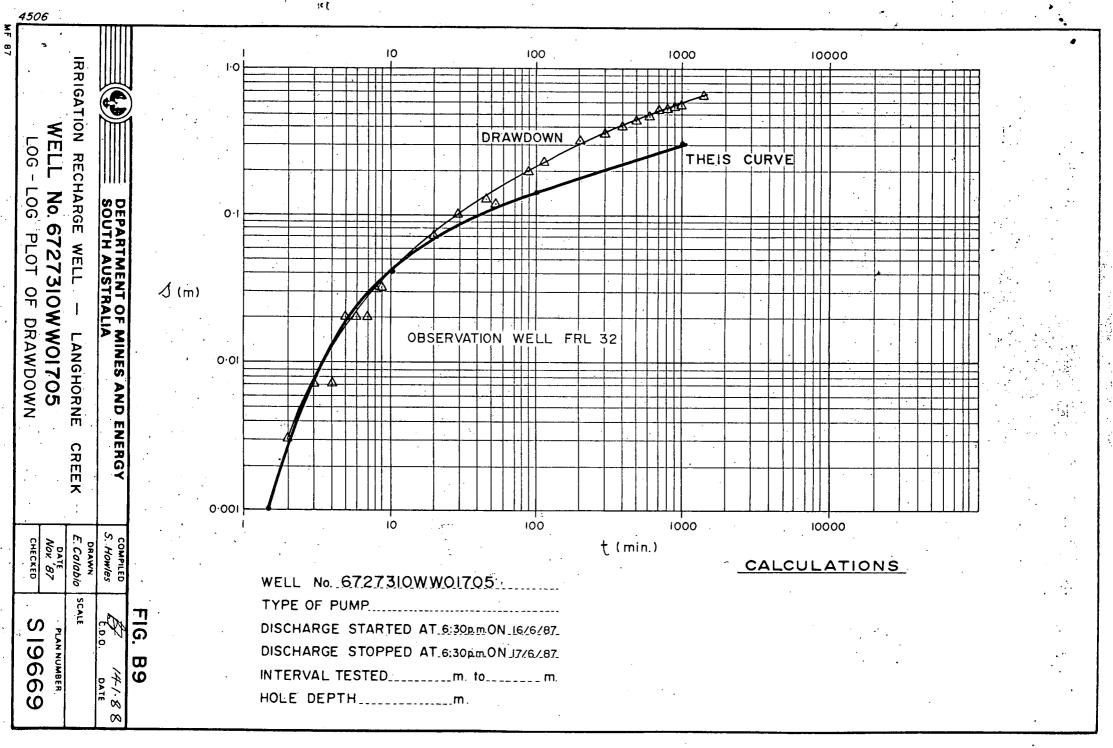


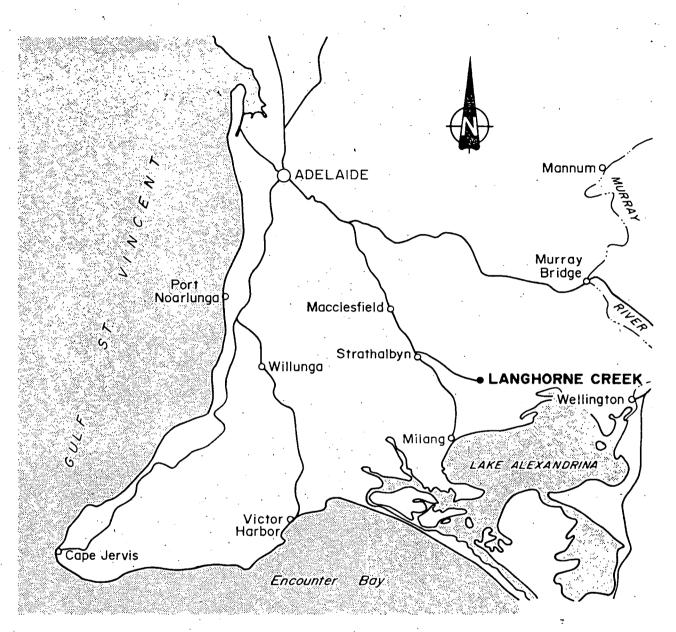












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