

Williamtown - Site 218
Screened Sand for
Utility Assets
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Specification Compliance with: R11, AS3725, WSA PS-350, WSA PS-360, STS101



HUNTER	Macka's Sand - Screened Sand Williamtown Site 218 - Annual Testing Results Summary for 2022  Aggregate for Utility Assets Specification Compliance			2					
CIVILAB		Specification							
				R11	AS3725	WSA PS - 350	WSA PS - 360	(Project Specified)	Hunter Water Corporation STS 101
Property	Units	Test Method	Result	Stormwater Drainage	Design for Installation of Buried Concrete Pipes	Compaction Sand for Pipe Embedment	Embedment / Concrete Sand	Electrical Trench Sand	Construction & Pipe Bedding Materials
				Bed & Haunch	Bed & Haunch	Grade B			Sand
Uncompacted Bulk Density	t/m3	AS1141.4	1.49						
Compacted Bulk Density	t/m3	AS1141.4	1.6						
Particle Density (SSD)	t/m3	AS1141.5	2.66				>= 2.1		
Particle Density (Dry)	t/m3	AS1141.5	2.66				>= 2.1		
Water Absorption	%	AS1141.5	0.3				<= 3		
Particle Size Distribution:									
% Finer Than 2.36 mm	%	AS1289.3.6.1	100		50 to 100				
% Finer Than 1.18 mm	%	AS1289.3.6.1	100						
% Finer Than 0.600 mm	%	AS1289.3.6.1	94		20 to 90				
% Finer Than 0.425 mm	%	AS1289.3.6.1	45						
% Finer Than 0.300mm	%	AS1289.3.6.1	1		10 to 60				
% Finer Than 0.150mm	%	AS1289.3.6.1	1		0 to 25				
% Finer Than 0.075mm	%	AS1289.3.6.1	0		0 to 10				
% Finer Than 2.36 mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	100	50 to 100		90-100	60-100		100
% Finer Than 1.18 mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	100	-		85-100	30-100		
% Finer Than 0.600 mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	94	20 to 90		70-100	15-100		90-100
% Finer Than 0.425 mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	45	-					
% Finer Than 0.300mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	1	10 to 60		50-100	5-50		
% Finer Than 0.150mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	1	0 to 25		0-40	0-15		0-20
% Finer Than 0.075mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	0	0 to 10		0-5	0-5		0-5
% Finer Than 0.075mm	%	AS1141.12 / T201	0			0-5	<= 10		0-5
% Finer Than 0.002mm	%	AS1141.13	N/A				<= 1		
Sodium Sulphate Soundness	%	AS1141.24	0.1						
Light Particles	%	AS1141.31	0				< = 1		
Clay & Fine Silt	%	AS1141.33	1						
Organic Impurities		AS1141.34	Lighter Than Standard						
Organic Matter Content	%	AS1289.4.1.1	<0.1						
Sugar		AS1141.35	Absent						
Methylene Blue Adsorption Value (MBV)	g/mg	T659	2.0						
MBV75 Value	-	Calculated	0						
Acid Insoluble Residue	%	Tex-612-J	100						
Micro-Deval Loss	%	ASTM D7428	3.8						
Flow Cone Time	s	T279	19.11						
Acid Soluble Salts:	1	T		I	T	T	I		
Chlorides	%	AS1012.20	0.002						
Sulfates	%	AS1012.20	0.004						
Alkali Aggregate Reactivity	<u> </u>	AS1141.60.1	Slowly Reactive  Refer to						
Petrographic Analysis		ASTM C295	Report						< 3% Mica
Moisture	%	T120	3						
Linear Shrinkage	%	AS1289.3.4.1	0		max 10				
Plasticity Index	%	T109, AS1289.3.3.1	Non - Plastic	max 6				<6	
Salinity	mS/cm		0.0429						< 0.4 mS / cm
pH Value  Note: In accordance with RTA R	pH	AS1289.4.3.1	7.8			Range 5 - 9	Range 5 - 9		> 5.5

Note: In accordance with RTA R11 and AS/NZS 3725 Section 9.2.3.2, the grading result indicates aggregate is just outside the limits for the 0.60mm sieve. This will need to be confirmed with the superintendant before approval for use. AS3725 clause 9.2.2.2 provides, " Select fill with the fraction passing the 0.6mm sieve not conforming to the above limits may be used in the bed & haunch zones provided that - a) it can be demonstrated that the required degree of compaction can be attained in the field and the reduction to the bedding factor given in Clause 9.3.2 is applied; or b) it is cement stabilized." The sand is slightly out on the 0.300mm sieve in the WSA – 350 & likewise would need acknowledgement & approval by the projects superintendent before use.

## **Material Test Report**

**Report Number:** P20023-4B

Issue Number:

Date Issued: 01/03/2022

Client: Macka's Sand Pty Ltd

2684 Nelson Bay Road, Salt Ash NSW 2318

Contact: Andrew Pickard

**Project Number:** P20023

**Project Name:** Materials Testing - Screened Sand **Project Location:** Williamtown Quarry - Site 218

Work Request: 6287 Sample Number: 21-6287A Date Sampled: 23/12/2021

**Dates Tested:** 23/12/2021 - 21/02/2022

Sampling Method: AS 1141.3.1 8.4.2 - Hand Sampling with shovel or a scoop

Preparation Method: In accordance with the test method

Lot No: 549

Particle Distribution (AS 1141.12)

Screened Fine Dune Sand Material: Site 218 Williamtown **Material Source:** 



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Approved Signatory: James Wyatt

Laboratory Manager

NATA Accredited Laboratory Number: 14975

Particle Size Distribution (AS1141.11.1)						
Sample Washing	Sample wa	Sample was Washed				
Sieve	Passed % Passing Limits					
1.18 mm	100					
0.6 mm	100					
0.425 mm	94					
0.3 mm	45					
0.15 mm	1					
0.075 mm	1					

Bulk Density of Aggregate (AS 1141.4)		Min	Max
Uncompacted (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.49		
Compacted (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	1.60		
Moisture Condition	Dry		
Nominal Size	Under 5mm		

Density and Water Absorption of Fine Agg 1141.5)	regate (AS	Min	Max
Apparent Particle Density (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	2.67		
Particle Density Dry (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	2.66		
Particle Density SSD (t/m <sup>3</sup> )	2.66		
Water Absorption (%)	0.3		

Min

Material Finer than 75µm (%)	0		
Sodium Sulphate Soundness (AS 1141.24	)	Min	Max
Sieve Apperture	% Loss		
75 - 53mm			
53 - 37.5mm			
37.5 - 26.5mm			
26.5 - 19mm			
19 - 13.2mm			
13.2 - 9.5mm			
9.5 - 4.75mm			
4.75 - 2.36mm			
2.36 - 1.18mm			
1.18 - 0.600mm			
0.600 - 0.300mm	0.1		
Total Weighted Loss (%)	0.1		

Light Particles (AS 1141.31)		Min	Max
Nominal Size of Aggregate (mm)	Less than 7		
Light Particles (%)	0		

	Particle Size Distribution			
		Sand	Gravel	Cobbles
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		Particle	e Size (mm)	

Clay and Fine Silt (AS 1141.33)		Min	Max
Volume of Clay and Silt (%)	1		
Organic Impurities other than Sugar (AS 1	141.34)		
Organic Impurities	Lighter tha	n stan	dard
Method of Colour Assessment	Visual using solu	a refe ution	rence
Sugar (AS 1141.35)			
Sugar	Absent		
Methylene Blue (RMS T659)			
	Test 1	Te	st2
Methylene Blue Adsorption Value (mg/g)	2		2
Mean Methylene Blue Adsorption Value (mg/g)	2		
Moisture Content (RMS T262)			
		1	

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AS 1141.3.1 8.4.2 - Hand Sampling with shovel or a scoop Sampling Method:

Preparation Method: In accordance with the test method

Lot No: 549

Screened Fine Dune Sand Material: Material Source: Site 218 Williamtown

Atterberg Limit (AS1289 3.1.2 & 3.2	Min	Max	
Sample History	Oven Dried		
Preparation Method	Dry Sieve		
Liquid Limit (%)	Not Obtainable		
Plastic Limit (%)	Not Obtainable		
Plasticity Index (%)	Non Plastic		
Linear Shrinkage (AS1289 3.4.1)		Min	Max
Moisture Condition Determined By	AS 1289.3.1.2		
Linear Shrinkage (%)	0.0		
Cracking Crumbling Curling	None		

pH Value of Soil (AS 1289 4.3.1)		Min	Max
Air Temp (°C)	23.2		
Distilled Water pH	6.8		
Depth			
Moisture Condition	In situ		
На	7.8		



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## **TEST REPORT**

CLIENT: HUNTER CIVILAB

FILE NO: 629/22

PROJECT: Testing of Screened Fine Dune Sand ex Williamtown Quarry - Site 218.

REQUEST NO: 97719

TEST PROCEDURE: ASTM 7428, Standard Test Method for Resistance of Fine Aggregate to Degradation by Abrasion in the Micro-Deval Apparatus

DATE TESTED: 3.2.21

Sample Description	1:	Screened Fine Dune Sand –Lot No: 549
Project No:		P20023
Work Request No:		6287
Client Sample No:		21-6287A
Date Sampled:		23.12.21
Date Received:	9	20.1.22
Laboratory Sample	No:	262402
Test Method:	Test:	Results
ASTM D7428*1	Micro-Deval Abrasion Test % Loss The % loss of the control Agg. tested closest to the time at which the sample was tested = 19.5	3.8

Sample with Particle Density figures provided by client

NOTE: \*1Sample tested without preparing standard grading as per ASTM D7428 Clause 8 Note 2

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Date 8.2.21 Serial No. AGG97719.KA.1

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## **TEST REPORT**

CLIENT:

Hunter Civilab

P.O. Box 3127 Thornton NSW 2322

FILE No.: 629 / 22

REQUEST No.: 97719

TEST PROCEDURE:

AS 1141.12 – Material Finer than 75 micron \* AS 1141.13 – Material Finer than 2 micron

Laboratory Sample No.:

262402

PROJECT: Testing of Screened Fine Dune Sand from Williamtown Quarry - Site 218

Date Sampled:

23.12.21

Date Received:

20.1.22

Date Tested:

31.1.22

Project Number:

P20023

Work Request Number:

6287

Sample Description:

Screened Fine Dune Sand

Lot No. 549

Client Sample No. 21-6287A

Field No.:

1

#### **TEST RESULTS:**

Material Finer than 75 micron (μm) (%) \*

Nil

Material Finer than 2 micron (µm) (%)

Not Applicable

Sample was provided by the Client.

\* The authorised signatory for AS 1141.12 is A.Liu.

James Wyatt, Mat.File, File.

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S.Krishnamoorthy

Date 31.1.22

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**TEST REPORT** 

CLIENT: H

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PROJECT: Testing of Screened Fine Dune Sand from Williamtown Quarry - Site 218 REQUEST No.: 97719

**TEST PROCEDURE:** 

Tex-612 - J - Acid Insoluble Residue for Fine Aggregate

Laboratory Sample Number: 262402

Date Sampled: 23.12.21

Date Received: 20.1.22

Date Tested: 1.2.22

Project Number: P20023

Work Request Number: 6287

Sample Description: Screened Fine Dune Sand

Lot No. 549

Client Sample No. 21-6287A

Field No.: 1

**TEST RESULTS:** 

Acid Insoluble Residue (%)

Sample was provided by the Client.

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Test results in this Test Report relate only to the samples tested.

S.Krishnamoorthy

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1st February 2022

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Client:

**HUNTER CIVILAB** 

File No:

629/22

Address:

Req. No:

97719

**Date Received:** 

P. O. BOX 3127 THORNTON, NSW 2322 January 2022

23/12/2021

Project:

Testing of Screened Fine Dune Sand from Williamtown Quarry-site 218; Project No: P20023; Work Request No: 6287

Date Sampled:

**Test Method:** 

Potential Alkali-silica Reactivity – Accelerated Mortar Bar Method (AS 1141.60.1)

Lab Sample No	Sample Description	Location
262402	Screened Fine Dune Sand - Lot No: 549; Sample No: 21-6287A	Williamtown Quarry
N/A	Boral GP/SL Cement	Berrima

Results:

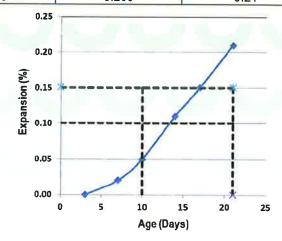
Flow (%): 52

W/C Ratio: 0.47

Date Mixed: 2/02/2022

Age (Days)	Expansion (%)				
	Specimen 1	Specimen 2	Specimen 3	Average	
3	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.00	
7	0.020	0.025	0.020	0.02	
10	0.050	0.060	0.050	0.05	
14	0.110	0.115	0.105	0.11	
17	0.150	0.160	0.145	0.15	
21	0.205	0.215	0.200	0.21	

Mortar Bar E  Duration of  1mol/L Na	AS1141.60.1 Aggregate Reactivity	
10 Days	21 Days	Classification
1	< 0.1*	Non-Reactive
< 0.1*	0.1*≤ E < 0.3	Slowly Reactive
≥ 0.1*	_	Reactive
— 0.3 ≤ E		Reactive
*The value for natural fine aggregates is 0.15%		



#### Notes:

Sample submitted by the Client.

James Wyatt, Mat. File, File

Kasar Humarhan **Approved Signatory** CEM97719.KH.1 Serial No.







#### Macka's Sand - Screened Sand Williamtown Site 218 - Annual Testing Result Summary for 2022 - Concrete Aggregate Specification Compliance

CIVILAB							
				Specification			
Property	Units	Test Method	Result	AS2758.1	B80	R83	R82
				Concrete Aggregates	Concrete Work for Bridges	Concrete Pavement Base	Lean-Mix Concrete Subbase
Uncompacted Bulk Density	t/m3	AS1141.4	1.49			min 1.2	min 1.2
Compacted Bulk Density	t/m3	AS1141.4	1.6			min 1.2	min 1.2
Particle Density (SSD)	t/m3	AS1141.5	2.66				
Particle Density (Dry)	t/m3	AS1141.5	2.66	Normal weight aggregate min 2.1, max 3.2			
Water Absorption	%	AS1141.5	0.3	max 2	max 2.5	max 5.0	max 5.0
Particle Size Distribution:							
% Finer Than 2.36 mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	100	+/- 5% from nominated	Based on combined aggregate Table R80.2	Based on combined aggregate Table R83.1	+/- 5% from nominated
% Finer Than 1.18 mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	100	+/- 10% from nominated	Based on combined aggregate Table R80.2	Based on combined aggregate Table R83.1	+/- 10% from nominated
% Finer Than 0.600 mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	94	+/- 15% from nominated	Based on combined aggregate Table R80.2	Based on combined aggregate Table R83.1	+/- 15% from nominated
% Finer Than 0.425 mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	45		-	Based on combined aggregate Table R83.1	
% Finer Than 0.300mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	1	+/- 10% from nominated	Based on combined aggregate Table R80.2	Based on combined aggregate Table R83.1	+/- 10% from nominated
% Finer Than 0.150mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	1	+/- 5% from nominated	Based on combined aggregate Table R80.2	Based on combined aggregate Table R83.1	+/- 5% from nominated
% Finer Than 0.075mm	%	AS1141.11.1 / T201	0	0 to 5	Based on combined aggregate Table R80.2	Based on combined aggregate Table R83.1	0 to 5
% Finer Than 0.075mm	%	AS1141.12 / T201	0	0 to 5	0 to 5	Figure R83.1 on TF	Figure R82.1 on TF
% Finer Than 0.002mm	%	AS1141.13	N/A	max 1	max 1	Figure R83.1 on TF	Figure R82.1 on TF
Sodium Sulphate Soundness	%	AS1141.24	0.1	max 6	max 6	max 6.0	max 6.0
Light Particles	%	AS1141.31	0	max 1	max 1	max 1	max 1
Clay & Fine Silt	%	AS1141.33	1				
Organic Impurities		AS1141.34	Lighter Than Standard	Pass (lighter in Colour to Reference)	PASS (lighter in Colour to Reference)	PASS or FAIL on TF	PASS or FAIL on TF
Organic Matter Content	%	AS1289.4.1.1	<0.1			max 0.5 on TF	max 0.5 on TF
Sugar		AS1141.35	Absent	Negative (No Sugar)	Negative (No Sugar)	< 1 part in 10000 on TF	< 1 part in 10000 on TF
Methylene Blue Adsorption Value (MBV)	g/mg	T659	2.0			Figure R83.1	Figure R82.1
MBV75 Value	-	Calculated	0	max 150 (Manufactured fine aggrgate)	max 100	Figure R83.1	Figure R82.1
Acid Insoluble Residue	%	Tex-612-J	100			min 60 on TF	
Micro-Deval Loss	%	ASTM D7428	3.8			max 15 on TF	
Flow Cone Time	s	T279	19.11			max 27 on TF	max 27 on TF
Acid Soluble Salts:							
Chlorides	%	AS1012.20	0.002	Report if > 0.01, Reinforced concrete max 0.4, Plain concrete max 0.15	Report if > 0.01, Reinforced concrete max 0.4, Plain concrete max 0.15	Report if > 0.01, Reinforced concrete max 0.4, Plain concrete max 0.15	Report if > 0.01, Reinforced concrete max 0.4, Plain concrete max 0.15
Sulfates	%	AS1012.20	0.004	Report if > 0.01, max 5% of portland cement	Report if > 0.01, max 5% of portland cement	Report if > 0.01, max 5% of portland cement	Report if > 0.01, max 5% of portland cement
Alkali Aggregate Reactivity		T363	Slowly Reactive	Report for assessment of reactivity	Refer to Table B80.3 classification & actions	Refer to Clause 2.5.1	refer to Clause 2.4
Petrographic Analysis		ASTM C295	Refer to Report	Report for assesment of reactivity and classification of material	Refer to clause 2.5.2	Report for assesment of reactivity and classification of material	Report for assesment of reactivity and classification of material
Secondary Mineral Count		AS1141.26	Refer to Report				
Moisture	%	AS1289.2.1.1	3				
Linear Shrinkage	%	AS1289.3.4.1	0				
Plasticity Index	%	AS1289.3.3.1	Non-Plastic				
Salinity	mS/cm	APHA 2510B	0.0429				
pH Value	рН	AS1289.4.3.1	7.8				
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TF = Total Fine Test Result either by testing individually and calculating theorectically or testing the mixed fne aggregate. Material complies with AS4058 if the material complies with AS2758.1. & has a maximum Water Absorption of 2.5%. Refer also to clause RS3 2.2.2 for AAR assessment. Material complies with AS4058 if the material complies with AS2758.1.





Conductivity

Client: Macka's Sand Pty Limited P20023 Project No: Principle: Report No: P20023\_21-6287A\_CON.1 Project: Materials Testing - Annuals Sample No: 20-6287A Williamtown - Site 218 Location:

Test Method: APHA 2510B with AS1289.4.3.1 Clause 5 (Preparation)

#### **Sample Detail**

Date Sampled: 23/12/2021

Sampling Method: AS1141.3.1 (8.4.2) - Hand sampling with shovel or scoop

**Date Tested:** 21/2/2022

Sample Description: Screened Fine Dune Sand

Material Source: Site 218, Williamtown

Client reference: -

Fraction Tested: -2.36mm

#### Result

Conductivity at 25°C (Temperature Compensated): 42.9 μS/cm **Temperature of Sample:** 25.1 °C

Remarks:

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Name: Natasha O'Neill Position: **Technician** 

Date: 22/02/2022



Flow Time and Voids Content of Fine Aggregate by Flow Cone -RMS T279

Client:	Macka's Sand & Soil Supplies	Project No:	P20023
Principle:	-	Report No:	P20023_21-6287A_FC.1
Project:	Materials Testing	Sample No:	21-6287A

**Location:** Williamtown Quarry - Site 218

**Date Sampled:** 23/12/2021

**Sampling Method:** AS 1141.3.1(8.4.2) - Hand sampling with shovel or a scoop

**Date Tested:** 9/02/2022

Material Description: Screened Fine Dune Sand

Material Source: Williamtown Quarry - Site 218

Client Reference: -

For use as:

## **Results**

*Dry Density:* 2,656 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Oversize Material: 0 %

Flow Time (s):			
Test 1	Test 2	Test 3	Average
19.2	19.1	19.1	19.1

**Uncompacted Void Content:** 45.0 %

Remarks:

**Authorised Signatory:** 

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## PETROGRAPHIC REPORT ON A SCREENED SAND SAMPLE (21-6287A) FROM WILLIAMTOWN QUARRY

prepared for

## HUNTER CIVILAB THORNTON NSW

Purchase Order: 0175

Invoice Number: G2202523

Issued by

9 February 2022

**Sample Label**: 21-6287A **Date Sampled**: 23/12/2021

Material: Screened Fine Dune Sand Project: P20023

**Location**: Williamtown Quarry – Site 218 **Lot**: 549

Work Request: 6287 Client: Macka's Sand & Soil

**Work Requested**: Petrographic analysis in relation to use as concrete sand; petrographic

assessment of potential for alkali-silica reactivity

Methods Account taken of ASTM C 295 Standard Guide for Petrographic

Assessment of Aggregates for Concrete, the AS2758.1 – 2014 Aggregates and rock for engineering purposes part 1; Concrete aggregates (Appendix B), the AS1141.65 Standard Guide for the Method for sampling and testing aggregates, of the content of the 1996 joint publication of the Cement and Concrete Association of Australia and Standards Australia, entitled (HB 79-2015) Alkali Aggregate Reaction - Guidelines on Minimising the Risk

of Damage to Concrete Structures in Australia

**<u>Identification</u>** Medium to fine quartz sand

## **Description**

The sample consisted of about 4.5 kg of greyish orange, quartz-rich, free flowing clean sand. Clasts appear to be dominated by quartz and are mainly sub-rounded.



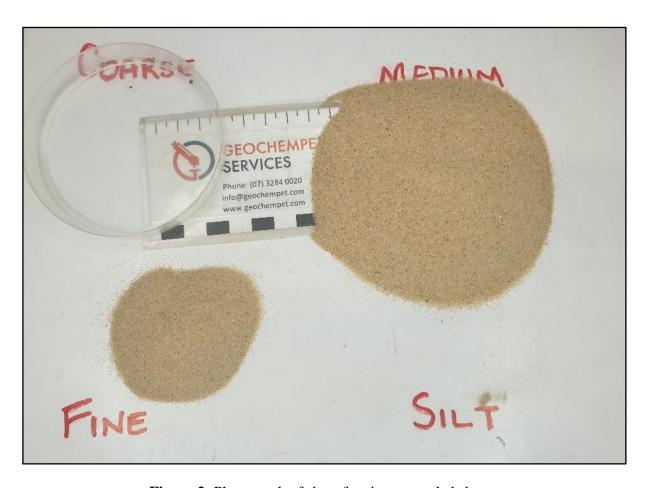
Figure 1: A sub sample of the supplied sand from Williamtown Quarry.

In a crude, dry sieving test of a small subsample these results were tabulated:

Sieve Size	Wt % of sample
Coarse (>1.18mm)	<0.1
Medium (>0.3mm)	87.8
Fine (>0.075mm)	12.2
Silt (<0.075mm)	< 0.1

Clasts range up to 1 mm. A very minor coarse fraction of clay cemented grains and small shells was recorded. These grains easily crumbled under finger pressure. The sand consists largely of rounded quartz grains. There are no apparent deleterious grain coatings.

A sub-sample was swirled in water, generating a light persistent greyish orange turbidity with some argillized scum at the surface, indicating the presence of some very minor clay and silt.



**Figure 2:** Photograph of sieve fractions recorded above.



**Figure 3:** Photograph of the medium fraction composed mostly of quartz grains and a few darker lithic grains.

A thin section was prepared for microscopic examination in transmitted, polarized light. A count of 600 widely-spaced points falling within sectioned sand clasts gave the following composition:

- 73.3% quartz as single, free, unstrained to mildly strained grains 65.5%) or as simple composite crystalline aggregates of quartz grains (7.8%)
- 12.3% quartz as moderately strained simple or crystalline composite grains
- 4.3% quartzite (3.9% moderately strained)
- 0.7% chert
- <1% vein quartz
- 2.4% feldspar (k-feldspar 2.2% and plagioclase 0.2%)
- 0.4% other mineral grains (including 0.2% opaque oxides, zircon, rutile (0.2%), biotite and tourmaline)
- 0.2% epidote
- 1.4% lithic clasts of acid volcanics (0.5% finely microcrystalline quartz)
- 0.5% lithic clasts of intermediate volcanics
- 0.8% lithic clasts of granite (0.3% quartz)
- 0.2% lithic clasts of basalt (weathered)
- 1.8% lithic clasts of volcanoclastic siltstone ( 0.6% finely microcrystalline quartz)
- 1.0% lithic clasts of sandstone (0.6% quartz)
- 0.2% clay cemented grains
- 0.2% argillized clasts
- 0.3% shell fragments

#### **Thin Section Description**

A simultaneous count of total free silica content yielded 92.6%, comprising 85.6% as free quartz grains, 5.9% quartz locked within lithic clasts (quartzite, granite, sandstone, and chert), and 1.1% within acid volcanic clasts and siltstone.

In thin section the sand is seen to consist largely of quartz in the form of unstrained to mildly strained free quartz grains (65.5%) and less abundant rounded clasts of simple crystalline composites (7.8%) of two or more unstrained to mildly strained quartz grains. Simple or polycrystalline grains of moderately strained quartz amount to about 12.3%. Other siliceous clasts include 4.3% quartzite and 0.7% chert.

Potassium feldspar grains represent about 2.2% of the rock and 0.2% plagioclase. About 0.6% of the sand consists of other mineral grains (including heavy minerals of tourmaline, rutile and zircon and epidote). Other lithic fragments amount to about 5.7% of the sample and include acid volcanic fragments, intermediate volcanic fragments, granite, basalt, siltstone, and sandstone. Clay cemented grains and argillized fragments together amounted to 0.2% respectively of the sample.

Shell fragments amount to 0.3%.

## **Comments and Interpretations**

The submitted dune sand sample (labelled 21-6287A) from Williamtown Quarry may be regarded as clean, free flowing, medium to fine quartz sand, and is narrowly graded.

The total **free silica content** (or **total quartz content**) **is 92.6%**, comprising 85.6% as free quartz grains, 5.9% quartz locked within lithic clasts (quartzite, granite, sandstone, and chert), and 1.1% within acid volcanic clasts and siltstone.

Being composed almost entirely of hard, strong, durable, rounded siliceous mineral grains and lithic clasts, sand is interpreted to be **physically suitable for use in concrete**.

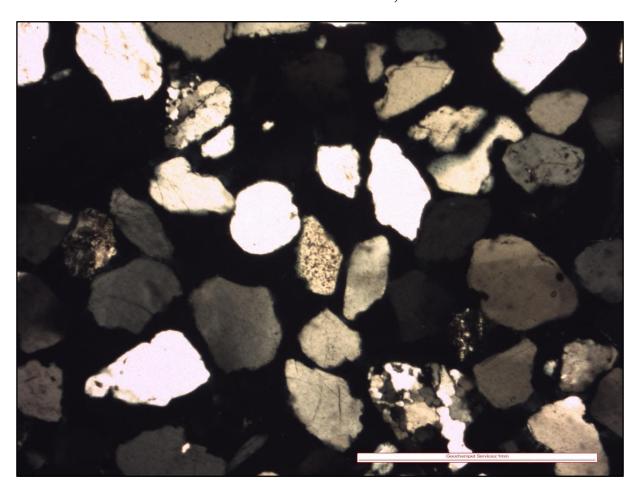
In relation to potential for alkali-silica reactivity in concrete it is noted that the sand carries about 16.2% of moderately strained quartz (as free grains and crystalline composite grains, and in lithic clasts of quartzite and chert) and about 1.8% of finely microcrystalline quartz (within acid volcanic/tuffaceous rock, chert, and siltstone). Thus, the sand is predicted to have potential for mild and/or slow deleterious alkali-silica reactivity in concrete.

The supplied sand sample is predicted to be **suitable for use as fine concrete sand** provided that the appropriate precautions are taken in mix and engineering design to deal with its perceived potential for deleterious alkali-silica reactivity when used under conditions which might promote such reaction.

Guidance on appropriate precautions can be obtained from the 2015 joint publication of the Cement and Concrete Association of Australia and Standards Australia, entitled *Alkali Aggregate Reaction - Guidelines on Minimising the Risk of Damage to Concrete Structures in Australia*.

## **Free Silica Content**

The free silica content is about 92.6%.



**Figure 4:** Photo-micrograph taken at low magnification in transmitted, cross-polarised light. This view is dominated by quartz grains; note the quartzite and different degrees of straining within the quartz grains.

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	SAMPLES	O.M. %	Cl %	SO4 % as SO3
1	21-6287A	< 0.1	0.002	0.004
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RESULTS ON DRY BASIS

SAMPLE DESCRIPTION: WILLIAMTOWN QUARRY - SITE 218

DATE OF COLLECTION: 23/12/21

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#### METHODS OF PREPARATION AND ANALYSIS

The tests contained in this report have been carried out on the samples as received by the laboratory. In the case where an analyte or group of analytes are received outside of recommended holding times, the analysis will proceed and the report annotated. Analysis is carried out within analyte holding times where possible.

P4	Sample dried, sieved at 9.5mm, split and crushed to -425um
P5	Sample dried, split and crushed to -150um
C4	Organic Matter - AS1289.4.1.1
C32	Acid Soluble Chloride - AS1012.20.1
C33	Acid Soluble Sulphate - AS1012.20.1