

25/03/2025 – 10-12 Viewpoint Road MCCRAE inspections

Met out front of dwelling with Gerry and Bronwyn.

- Jack notes he is wearing a body camera, Bronwyn requests us not to take video footage inside the dwelling.
- Gerry and Bronwyn ask if we have any Geotech information on their driveway to establish what size crane they can use to fix the head scarf.
- David isn't sure if that information was recorded but will get back to them
- Gerry states he may pursue civil test to gain the information.
- Gerry and David discuss the make safe method. Don't want to further disturb the cliff face.
- How far to go with the usual safe recommendation of a 35-degree incline
- Gerry has requested more conversations alongside the usual legal Documents.

Basement Area

- : Jack Q: what was the basement area previously used for?
- A: used to store old rubbish. Past owners and their own. Old beds and furniture etc
- All this was taken to the tip slowly over years

As we enter into the basement area Gerry and Bronwyn leave to do their own things. Video cameras are turned off.

Inside the basement

- 7 Altered stumps
- 5 brand new
- 3 steel beams supporting 3 missing stumps
- Plans to put a 60mm concrete slab in the excavated area can be seen on the wall.

Outside we reconvene with Gerry and Bronwyn and ask questions

Q – when did the excavation take place

A- last year by Gerry. Two bays where already excavated however it was crumbling, Gerrys work was too increase floor space and stop it from crumbling as it already was. Fixing 1500mm disparity in the soil and strengthening for internal buckling all done via hand

Q – what about the restumping

A – Around the same time, with concrete pads.

Q- where did the fill go – Matt

A – Cameras where asked to be turned off, Gerry asks how did he not know that. The fill went over the hill (around the bushes by the flag pole)

Gerry states that they are being helpful – Jack comments that they could’ve been more helpful by coming into basement and answering questions in there.

- miscommunication on both ends whether Gerry and Bronwyn where needed in the basement area

Basement Images



Figure 4 - Notes regarding proposed floor levels for concrete and excavation



Figure 3 steel cantilever installed over where removed stumps where



Figure 2 steel cantilever installed over where removed stumps where



Retaining wall (around recent landslip area)

Q – When was concrete retaining wall built

A - about two years ago, to stabilised the previously slumping wood retaining wall and provide a level area for the veggie patch.

- Done by maw civil
- 3rd party engineer did the computations

- Decision to build was made after a number of people who were analysing the 2022 slide site said that

Q- when was the wooden retaining wall built

A – 4 years ago, with 1m high steel posts and tied back

Gerry states they had old retaining walls installed all along the escarpment approx. 3-600mm high that were put in by a gardener. Used to vegetate the hill to stabilise it.

50 odd year-old retaining walls that were previously in the gully built with round pickets.

Dead vegetation and south African weeds removed along the escarpment as they are in a bushfire overlay



southern staircase that goes down the hill

- Originally built in the 1950s
- Gerry did "Repair/Maintenance works" as it was rotting.
- "like for like" except thicker wood was used and probably about 300mm out of position.
- Done by Gerry