

Comments from Charles Swain on 7/12/24 site visit

- On Tues 7 Jan I met Jason Marsh on site to visit the property owners at 10-12 View point Rd.
- We inspected the landslide in the backyard to the property and observed water still trickling down the hill . He mentioned that there never used to be water coming from this point and it had only recently started. He also mentioned how the retaining wall had been constructed by maw civil.
- We went across to the west side of the property where there is a stair pathway towards the bottom of the hill in between 14 and 10-12. He mentioned that the previous landside in 2022 had impacted no. 14 which had been evacuated by council and is still in dispute over this issue. He said the area was previously very wet but is now dry. And he suspected it has something to do with the construction of the stormwater drain on the north side of the View Point rd. We walked up the alignment of the drain and he mentioned that there was previously a very poor condition curb and channel that experienced flow 24/7. He believed that prior to this being constructed, this water was infiltrating through cracks in the curb and channel and discharged out of the ground on the eastern side of no. 14. He said he is an engineer and had a good understanding of these types of issues.
- We walked further up into Propsect Hill rd and noticed a significant flow of water inside the stormwater drain and walking further he mentioned that this water was from properties in Propsect Hill rd that had groundwater pumps. He mentioned that no. 7 was recently constructed and they had lots of groundwater issues and have a pump running 24/7 to remove the groundwater.
- Walking further up Prospect Hill rd we met with the owners of no. 5 who mentioned that he previously worked for the Melb. Metro. Board of Works (now retired). He observed that the pump in his basement had started pumping more frequently as of around a month ago. The water from this pump discharges into the curb and channel in front of the property which connected into a closed stormwater drain that connects to the drain in View Point Rd.
- Whilst onsite I also observed a significant wet area in front of no. 6 Prospect Hill rd. this was surveyed multiple times by leak detection and no leak was found.