

**DEVELOPMENT  
CONSTRUCTION  
SPECIFICATION**

**C211**

**CONTROL OF EROSION AND  
SEDIMENTATION**



**Amendment Record for this Specification Part**

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**GENERAL**

**C211.01 SCOPE**

1. The work to be executed under this Specification consists of the construction of structures and the implementation of measures to control erosion and sedimentation. These may be temporary or permanent in accordance with the approved Erosion and Sediment Control Plan (ESCP) or Soil and Water Management Plan (SWMP) included in the Drawings.
2. The Contractor shall plan and carry out the whole of the Works to avoid erosion and sedimentation of the site, surrounding country, watercourses, waterbodies and wetlands.
3. All measures for erosion and sedimentation control shall be designed, installed and maintained by the Contractor in such a manner so as not to present a potential hazard to any person or property.

**C211.02 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS**

1. Documents referenced in this specification are listed in full below whilst being cited in the text in the abbreviated form or code indicated.

***Documents  
Standards  
Test Methods***

**(a) Council Specifications**

C212	-	Clearing and Grubbing
C213	-	Earthworks
C273	-	Landscaping
C224	-	Open Drains, Including Kerb and Gutter

**(b) State Legislation**

Protection of the Environment Operations Act, 1997

**(c) Other**

NSW Department of Housing (DOH) - Managing Urban Stormwater, Soils and Construction, 3<sup>rd</sup> Ed., Aug 1998  
NSW Department of Land and Water Con.- Urban Erosion and Sediment Control  
NSW Environment Protection Authority. - Managing Urban Stormwater.  
Urban Erosion and Sediment Control  
Institute of Public Works Engineering Australia (IPWEA) – Local Government Salinity Management Handbook (Draft, July 2001)  
Development Control Plans (DCPs) for Erosion and Sediment Control in Councils where they have been developed.

**C211.03 EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL PLAN/ SOIL AND WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

1. For implementation of the ESCP/SWMP, the site shall be divided into sections based on the catchment area draining to each permanent drainage structure in the works. In addition to the area bounded by the property boundaries, the sections shall include:
- Site Sections**
- (a) access and haulage tracks,
  - (b) borrow pits and
  - (c) compound areas, such as Contractor's facilities and concrete batching areas.
2. Prior to the issue of a Construction Certificate for the works, the Developer shall submit to Council a Soil and Water Management Plan (SWMP) for that section. The SWMP shall be prepared in accordance with the requirements of the NSW Department of Housing's Managing Urban Stormwater: Soils and Construction.
- Section Plan**
3. The Plan shall consist of scale diagrams indicating:
- Plan Inclusions**
- (a) features of the site including contours and drainage paths,
  - (b) relevant construction details of all erosion and sedimentation control structures,
  - (c) all permanent and temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures, including the control measures to be implemented in advance of, or in conjunction with, clearing and grubbing operations as required under the Specification for CLEARING AND GRUBBING,
  - (d) an order of works based upon construction and stabilisation of all culverts and surface drainage works at the earliest practical stage, and
  - (e) proposed time schedules for construction of structures and implementation of measures to control erosion and sedimentation.
4. The following publications provide guidance on typical permanent and temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures which may be required and guidance in the preparation of an ESCP/SWMP: DIPNR publication Urban Erosion and Sediment Control and the DOH publication Managing Urban Stormwater, Soils and Construction
- Guidance**
5. In known salt affected areas, the Contractor shall seek advice from the relevant land and water resource authority to ensure that its Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan conforms with the current salinity prevention measures outlined in the IPWEA publication, Local Government Salinity Management Handbook.
- Salinity Prevention**
6. No work shall commence in each section until Council has approved the ESCP/SWMP. Such approval shall not relieve the Contractor of the full responsibility to provide whatever measures are required for effective erosion and sedimentation control at all times.
- Contractor's Responsibility**
7. The Contractor shall adhere to the approved ESCP/SWMP. The Contractor shall submit a revised ESCP/SWMP for approval by Council fourteen days in advance of intended variation from the approved plan.
- Adherence to Plan**

**C211.04 EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL MEASURES**

1. Erosion and sedimentation control measures shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following: **Scope**

- (a) The installation of permanent drainage structures before the removal of topsoil and commencement of earthworks for formation within the catchment area of each structure.
- (b) The prompt completion of all permanent and temporary drainage works, once commenced, to minimise the period of exposure of disturbed areas.
- (c) The stabilisation of diversion and catch drains to divert uncontaminated runoff from outside the site, clear of the site. Catch drains shall be installed and lined, as specified or as directed by the Superintendent, before the adjacent ground is disturbed and the excavation is commenced.
- (d) The passage of uncontaminated water through the site without mixing with contaminated runoff from the site.
- (e) The provision of contour and diversion drains across exposed areas before, during and immediately after clearing and the re-establishment and maintenance of these drains during soil removal and earthworks operations.
- (f) The provision of sediment filtering or sediment traps, in advance of and in conjunction with earthworks operations, to prevent contaminated water leaving the site.
- (g) The restoration of the above drainage and sedimentation control works on a day to day basis to ensure that no disturbed area is left without adequate means of containment and treatment of contaminated water.
- (h) The limitation of areas of erodible material exposed at any time to those areas being actively worked. Any area that is not approved by the Superintendent for clearing or disturbance by the Contractor's activities shall be clearly marked, fenced off or otherwise appropriately protected against any such disturbance.
- (i) The minimisation of sediment loss during construction of embankments by means such as temporary or reverse superelevations during fill placement, constructing berms along the edge of the formation leading to temporary batter flumes and short term sediment traps.
- (j) The progressive vegetation of the site, in accordance with the Specification for LANDSCAPING, as work proceeds.
- (k) All stockpile sites shall be situated in areas approved for such use by the Superintendent. A 5m buffer zone shall exist between stockpile sites and any stream or flow path. All stockpiles shall be adequately protected from erosion and contamination of the surrounding area by use of the measures approved in the Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan.
- (l) Access and exit areas shall include shake-down or other methods approved by the Superintendent for the removal of soil materials from motor vehicles.

2. All permanent and temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures shall be constructed in accordance with the construction details in the ESCP/SWMP and the details as shown on the Drawings

**PERMANENT EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL****C211.05 EARTHWORKS FOR PERMANENT EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL BASINS**

1. Earthworks for permanent erosion and sedimentation control basins shall be constructed to the planned levels and dimensions shown on the Drawings or such levels and dimensions as determined by the Superintendent. ***Planned Levels***
2. The entire storage and embankment foundation area of permanent erosion and sedimentation control basins shall be cleared in accordance with the Specification for CLEARING AND GRUBBING and shall be stripped of topsoil and any unsuitable material under embankments removed in accordance with the Specification for EARTHWORKS. ***Site Preparation***
3. The embankments shall be constructed in accordance with the Specification for EARTHWORKS. ***Compaction Requirements***

**C211.06 INLETS, SPILLWAYS AND LOW FLOW OUTLETS FOR SEDIMENTATION CONTROL BASINS AND SEDIMENT TRAPS**

1. Inlets and spillways shall be constructed using rock filled woven galvanised steel mattresses and geotextile as shown on the Drawings or as directed by the Superintendent. The rock filled mattresses shall be installed in accordance with the requirements for rock filled wire mattress and geotextile in the Specification for OPEN DRAINS, INCLUDING KERB AND GUTTER (C224). ***Rock Mattresses***
2. A low flow outlet consisting of a 150 mm diameter plastic pipe shall be installed as shown in the Drawings. ***Plastic Pipe Outlet***

**C211.07 DROP INLET SEDIMENT CONTROL**

1. Drop inlet sediment traps and inlet control banks shall be constructed on completion of each gully pit unless otherwise directed by the Superintendent. These drop inlet sediment traps and inlet control banks are additional to the temporary sedimentation control measures that may be required under Clause C211.10 during construction of the gully pits. ***Time of Construction***
2. The drop inlet sediment traps are intended to remove sediment from the surface flow before it enters the drainage system. The inlet control banks shall be constructed as required to prevent the surface flows bypassing the gully pits. ***Purpose***
3. The drop inlet sediment traps shall be constructed as shown on the Drawings. The associated inlet control banks shall consist of at least two courses of sandbags containing a 10:1 sand/cement mix. The bags shall be keyed at least 25 mm into the surface, dampened sufficiently to ensure hydration of the cement and tamped lightly to provide mechanical interlock between adjacent bags. ***Control Banks***

**C211.08 CLEANING SEDIMENTATION CONTROL STRUCTURES**

1. The Contractor shall clean out permanent sedimentation control structures, cleaning out whenever the accumulated sediment has reduced the capacity of the structure by 50 per cent or more, or whenever the sediment has built up to a point where it is less than 300 mm below the spillway crest. All permanent sedimentation control structures shall be cleaned out by the Contractor prior to Practical Completion of the Works. ***Contractor's Responsibility***

2. Accumulated sediment shall be removed from permanent sedimentation control structures in such a manner as not to damage the structures. The sediment removed shall be disposed of in such locations that the sediment will not be conveyed back into the construction areas or into watercourses. The Contractor shall provide and maintain suitable access to permanent sedimentation control structures to allow cleaning out in all weather conditions.

***Removal of Sediment***

#### **C211.09 RESERVED**

*(For additional Site Specific Permanent Control Measures.)*

### **TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL**

#### **C211.10 GENERAL**

1. The Contractor shall ensure that effective erosion and sedimentation control is provided at all times during the Contract.

***Contractor's Responsibility***

2. Runoff from all areas where the natural surface is disturbed by construction, including access roads, depot and stockpile sites, shall be free of pollutants as defined in the Protection of the Environment Operations Act before it is either dispersed to stable areas or directed to natural watercourses. The Contractor shall be responsible for all temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures required for this purpose.

***Pollutant Free***

3. The Contractor shall provide and maintain slopes, crowns and drains on all excavations and embankments to ensure satisfactory drainage at all times. Water shall not be allowed to pond on the works unless such ponding is part of an approved ESCP/SWMP.

***Maintenance by Contractor***

#### **C211.11 TEMPORARY DRAINS**

1. Runoff from areas exposed during the work shall be controlled by construction of temporary contour drains and/or temporary diversion drains. Generally, a temporary contour drain or temporary diversion drain takes the form of a channel constructed across a slope with a ridge on its lower side. They may require progressive implementation and frequent alteration as the work progresses.

***Control of Runoff***

2. Contour drains, which follow points on the natural surface of approximately the same elevation, shall be provided immediately after a construction site is cleared to intercept and divert runoff from the site to nearby stable areas at non-erosive velocities. Contour drains shall be formed with a grade of neither less than 1 per cent nor more than 1.5 per cent and shall be spaced at intervals of neither less than 20 m nor more than 50 m, depending on the erodibility of the exposed soil. Contour drains shall be constructed as shown on the Drawings.

***Contour Drains***

3. Diversion drains shall be provided across haul roads and access tracks when such roads and access tracks are identified as constituting an erosion hazard due to their steepness, soil erodibility or potential for concentrating runoff flow. Diversion drains shall be formed to intercept and divert runoff from the road or track to stable outlets. Spacing of diversion drains shall not be greater than that required to maintain runoff at non-erosive velocities.

***Diversion Drains***

#### **C211.12 TEMPORARY SEDIMENT TRAPS**

1. Temporary sediment-trapping devices shall be provided during construction to remove sediment from sediment-laden runoff flowing from areas of 0.5 hectares or more

***Sediment Traps***

before the runoff enters natural watercourses or adjacent land.

**C211.13 BATTER PROTECTION**

1. The Contractor shall take all necessary action to protect batters from erosion during the Contract.

***Contractor's  
Responsibility***

2. Scour of newly-formed fill batters during and after embankment construction shall be minimised by diverting runoff from the formation away from the batter until vegetation is established.

***Scour Control***

**C211.14 MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION**

1. The Contractor shall inspect all temporary erosion and sedimentation control works after each rain period and during periods of prolonged rainfall. Any defects revealed by such inspections shall be rectified immediately and these works shall be cleaned, repaired and augmented as required, to ensure effective erosion and sedimentation control thereafter.

***Contractor's  
Responsibility***

2. The Contractor shall provide and maintain access from within the road reserve or from other locations acceptable to the Superintendent, for cleaning out sedimentation control works.

***Access***

**C211.15 REMOVAL**

1. All temporary erosion and sedimentation control works shall be removed by the Contractor when revegetation is established on formerly exposed areas before the end of the Contract. All materials used for the temporary erosion and sedimentation control works shall be removed from the site or otherwise disposed by the Contractor to the satisfaction of the Superintendent.

***Contractor's  
Responsibility***

**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

**C211.16 RESERVED**

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