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Attention: Building Officer

Dear Sir/Madam

**35A and 35B Parnell Street, Rawene
Stormwater Disposal from downpipes**

Building works have recently been completed at 35B Parnell Street, Rawene, under Building Consent number ABA 20030885.

The works were carried out to protect the dwelling from potential future damage resulting from a landslip that occurred on the property in late June of 2002, and included foundation deepening and private stormwater drainage works. The stormwater works were required as the downpipe from the guttering on the house appeared to be discharging directly into the headscarp area of the landslip, rather than being piped to a safe disposal point.

During an inspection of both 35A and 35B Parnell Street immediately following the landslip, it was noted that the down pipes from 35A discharged onto the ground surface, and the water flowed overland and into the headscarp of the slip below 35B. These down pipes have been temporarily connected to flexible piping laid overland to the base of the slope below 35B to mitigate the risk of further land movements. While a satisfactory temporary solution, these pipes will need to be removed and the down pipes from 35A should be directed to a safe disposal point that does not concentrate water into the slip area below 35B.

We request that you investigate this issue, and instruct the owners of 35A Parnell St to rectify this situation if you see fit. Should you have any queries, please contact the undersigned on 09 355 6000.

Yours faithfully
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Senior Geotechnical Engineer.23-Jan-03
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