



# Wagners Pinkenba Wharf Project

Design Validation Of GFRP Materials  
For Use In An Innovative Wharf Structure  
ACIC 2019 – University of Birmingham

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# Today's Presentation

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- Wagners Background
- Bridge Beam Development
  - Development of composites in bridge applications
- Pinkenba Wharf
  - Design
  - Design Validation
  - Fabrication and QA
  - Installation
- Future Developments





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## Building the Future



- Head Office  
Toowoomba,  
Queensland  
Australia
- Manufactures  
and Fabricates  
1400 tonne of  
Fibre Composite  
Material per  
annum
- Australia's only  
Pultruder
- Publicly Listed on  
Australian Stock  
Exchange –  
ASX:WGN

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# Pull Wound Sections

## SQUARE HOLLOW SECTIONS – WCFT Grade GV35-S

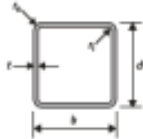
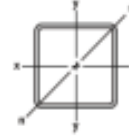


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DIMENSIONS & SECTION PROPERTIES

SQUARE HOLLOW SECTIONS  
WCFT Grade GV35-S  
Fibre Reinforced Polymer (FRP)



DIMENSIONS				SECTION PROPERTIES											
Designation				Outside Corner Radius $r_1$	Inside Corner Radius $r_2$	Mass per m	External Surface Area per m	Gross Section Area $A_g$	About x-and y-axls			About z-axls		Torsion Constant J	Torsion Modulus C
Depth d	Width b	Thick. t	$I_x$						$I_y$	$I_z$	$I_z$	$r_x$			
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WCFT 125 x 125 x 6.4	SH5	18.0	4.75	5.85	0.405	2970	6.80	110	48.2	6.80	81.8	18.0	48.2		
WCFT 190 x 190 x 5.2	SH5	18.0	4.75	3.75	0.380	1965	2.80	56.1	38.4	2.81	42.3	4.55	38.4		

## RECTANGULAR HOLLOW SECTIONS – WCFT Grade GV35-S

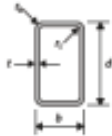


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WCFT Grade GV35-S  
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WCFT 190 x 75 x 5.0	SH5	18.0	4.75	3.12	0.330	1584	2.14	42.8	36.8	1.37	36.5	29.4	3.76	59.2	

## BONDED RECTANGULAR BEAMS – WCFT Grade GV35-S

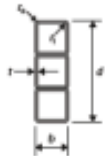
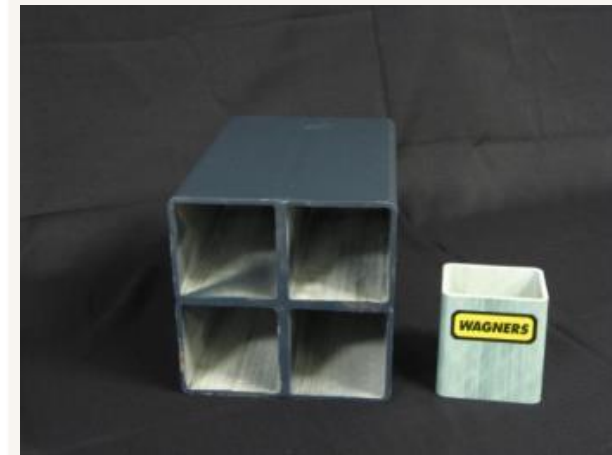


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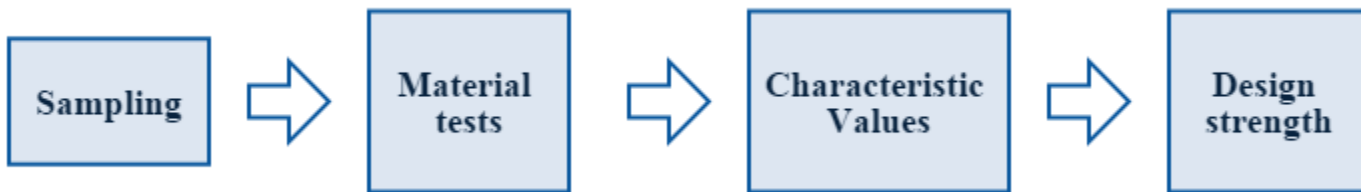
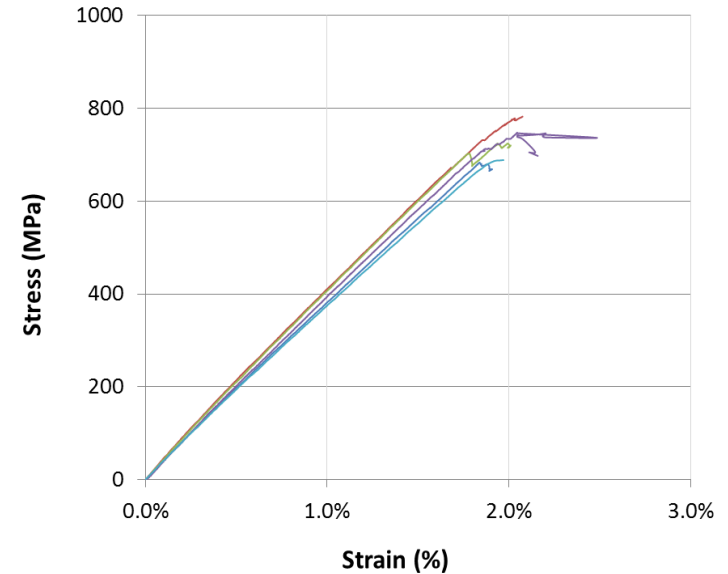
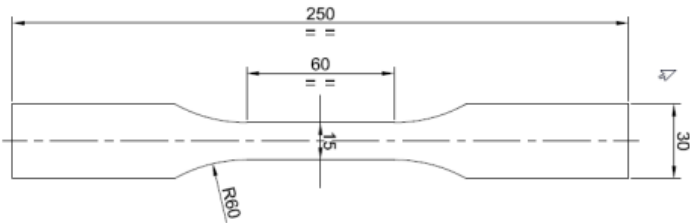
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WCFT 625 x 125 x 6.40	SH8	10.0	4.75	29.3	1.57	14840	498	1595	183	34.4	551	48.2	54.6	
WCFT 500 x 125 x 6.40	SH8	10.0	4.75	23.4	1.30	11879	280	1038	148	27.5	441	48.2	45.7	
WCFT 375 x 125 x 6.40	SH8	10.0	4.75	17.6	1.05	8909	113	605	113	20.7	350	48.2	32.8	
WCFT 250 x 125 x 6.40	SH8	10.0	4.75	11.7	0.798	5939	37.0	296	78.9	13.8	220	48.2	21.8	
WCFT 500 x 100 x 5.20	SH8	10.0	4.75	18.8	1.27	9527	208	818	147	14.0	280	38.4	22.8	
WCFT 400 x 100 x 5.20	SH8	10.0	4.75	15.0	1.05	7621	108.5	532	118	11.2	224	38.4	18.2	
WCFT 300 x 100 x 5.20	SH8	10.0	4.75	11.3	0.828	5716	46.5	310	90.2	8.41	168	38.4	13.7	
WCFT 200 x 100 x 5.20	SH8	10.0	4.75	7.51	0.606	3811	15.1	151	63.0	5.61	112	38.4	9.11	



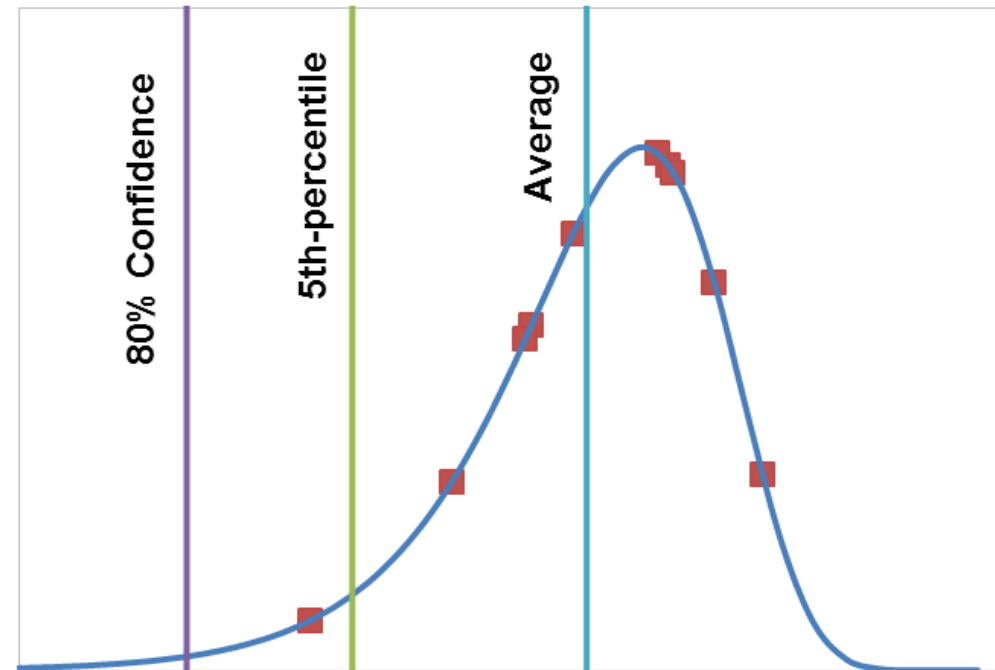
# Derivation of Characteristic Material Properties



- ASCE (2010) *Pre-Standard for Load and Resistance Factor Design (LRFD) of Pultruded Fiber Reinforced Polymer (FRP) Structures (Final)*, American Society of Civil Engineers

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# Characteristic Values



Characteristic Value

Weibull function

ASTM D7290

- Statistically determined values
- Considering two parameters – Shape and Scale
- Representing 80 % lower confidence bound on a 5<sup>th</sup> percentile of specific population

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# Application to Pedestrian Structures



- Wagners development process continued with Pedestrian Infrastructure
- Over 500 Structures around Australia, USA, NZ, UK and UAE Coastline

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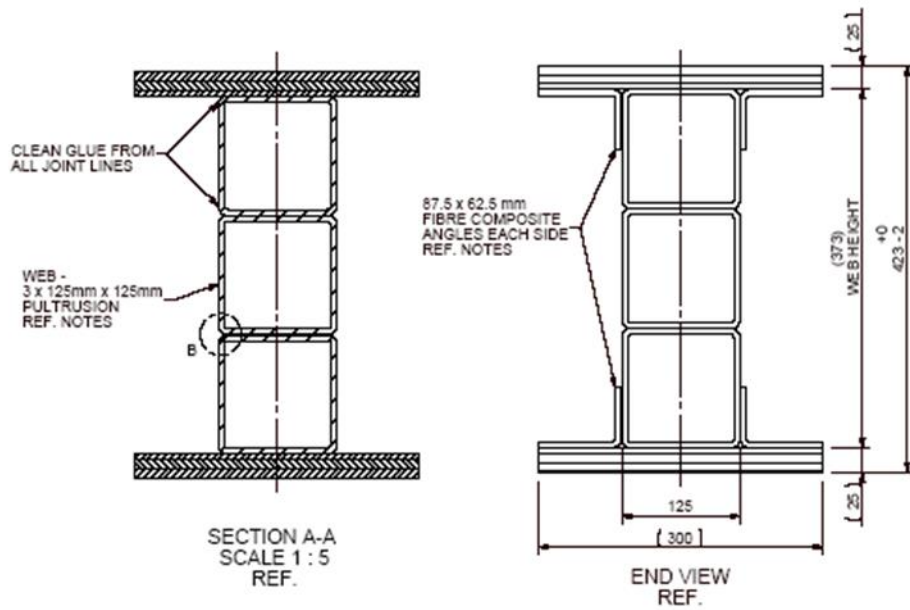




- Little Malop St Bridge – Geelong
- Raked Truss + Throw Screens
- 23m Span
- Designed for Horizontal Impact loading to AS5100
- Large vertical curve – Architectural and clearance to rail



# Beam Development

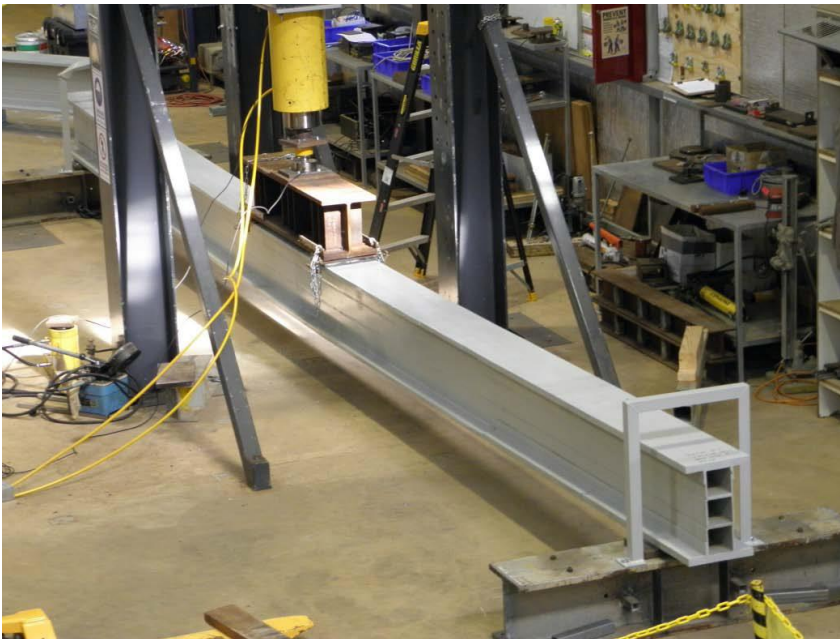
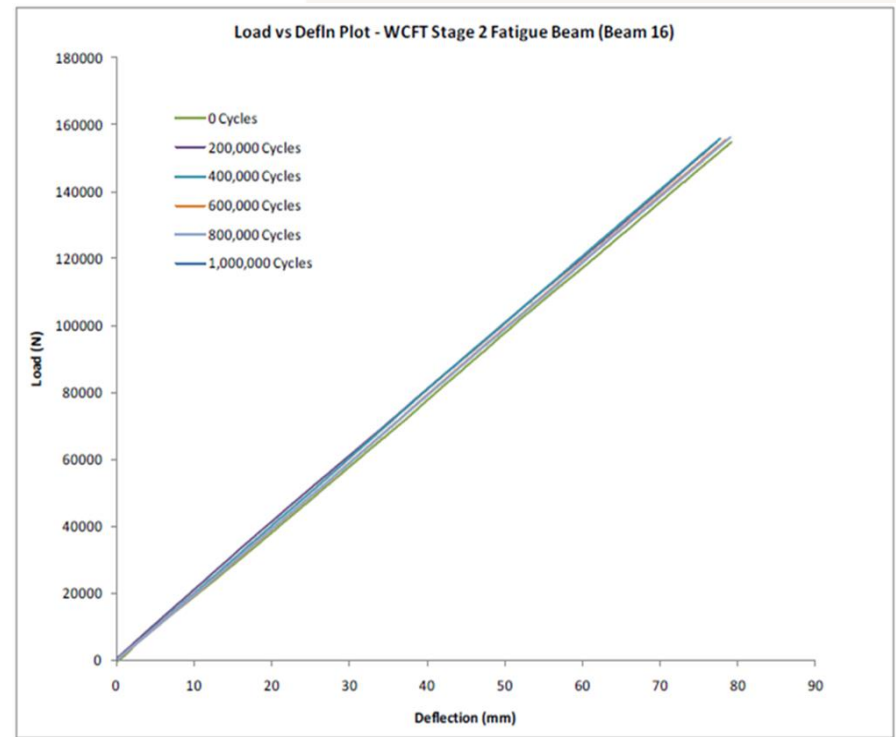
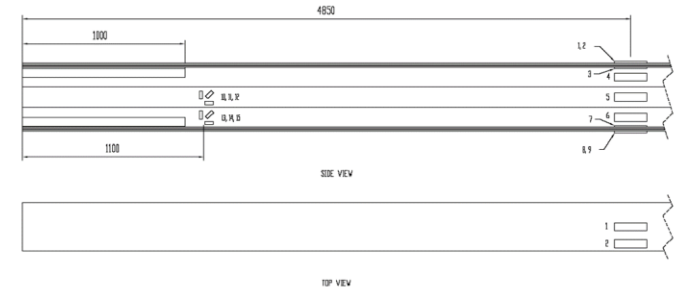
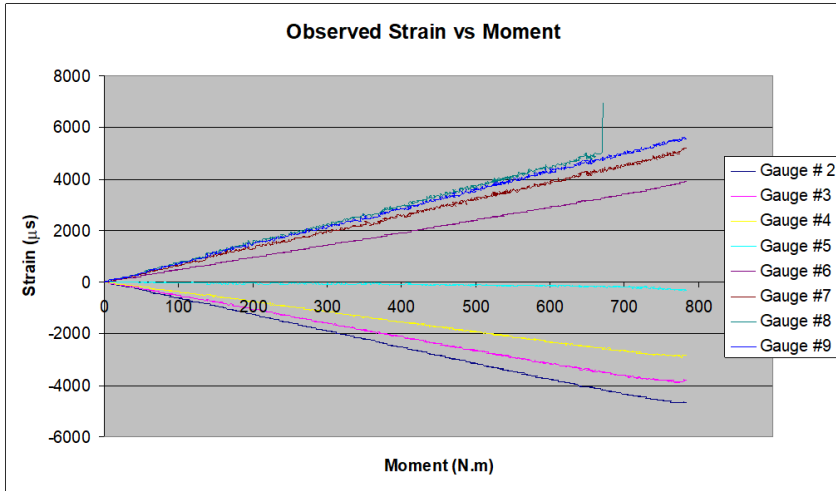


Beam Property	Requirement	Tolerance	Wagners Beam	Requirement Met?
Max width	350 mm	+0	300mm	Yes
Max depth	425 mm	+0	424mm	Yes
Mmax at failure	660 kNm	-0	780kN	Yes
EI of girder	29.6x10 <sup>12</sup> Nmm <sup>2</sup>	+/- 10%	27.4x10 <sup>12</sup> N.mm <sup>2</sup>	Yes
Working live load capacity	109 kNm	NA	NA	NA
Shear Capacity	350 kN	-0	435 kN	Yes
Max Deflection (at ultimate = 350kN)	170 mm	+/- 10%	172.4mm	Yes

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# Beam Testing - Fatigue



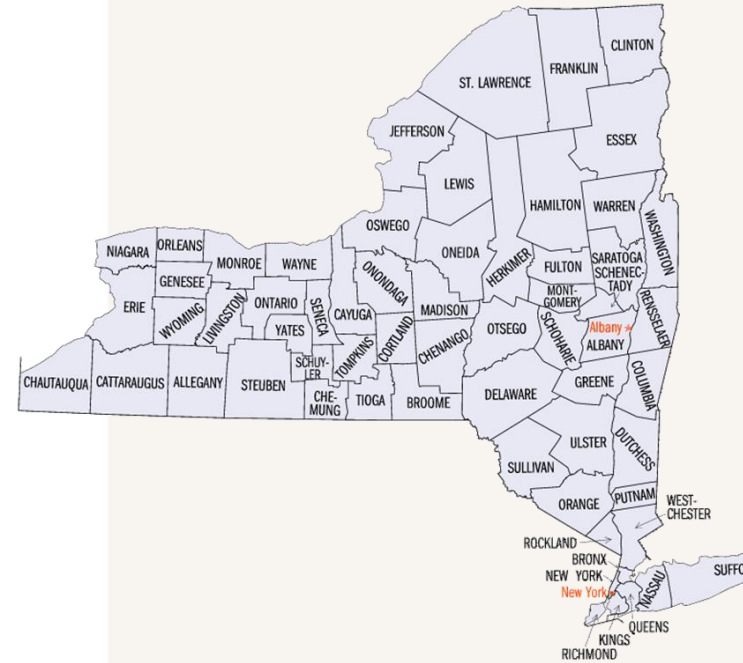


# Timber Bridge Rehabilitation

Replacement of timber structures  
With FRP Piles, girders and decks



# Concrete / FRP Bridge Superstructures



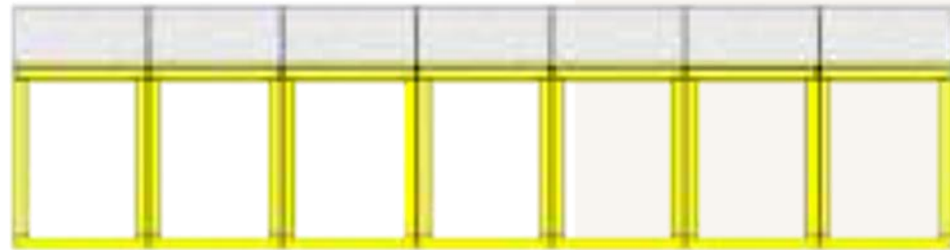
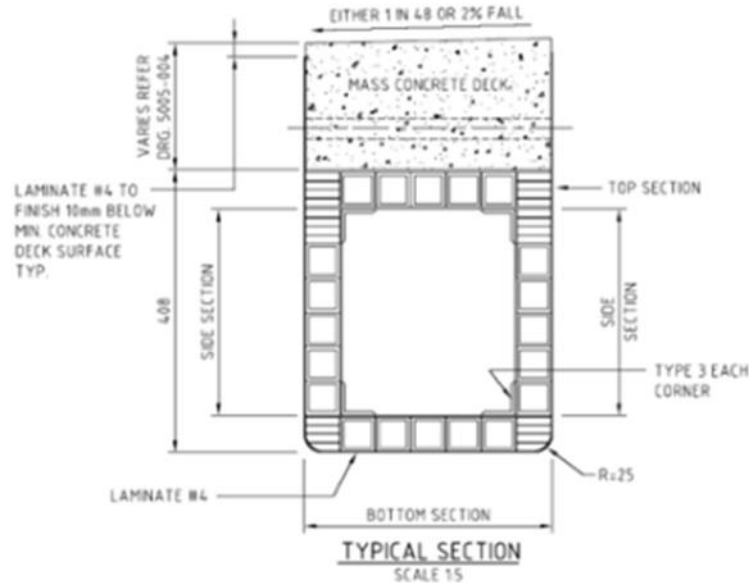
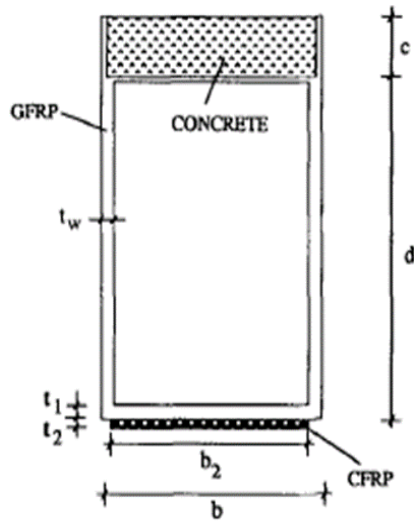
- Erie County Department of Public Works oversees 1200 lane mile of road, upon which 24 feet of snow falls every year. The county dumps 96,000 tonne of de-icing salts on their roads each year.





# Evolution of a Hybrid Bridge Deck

- Australian Approach – Van Erp et al 2002
- Funding from Wagners



- Early Concept - Triantafillou and Meier (1992)



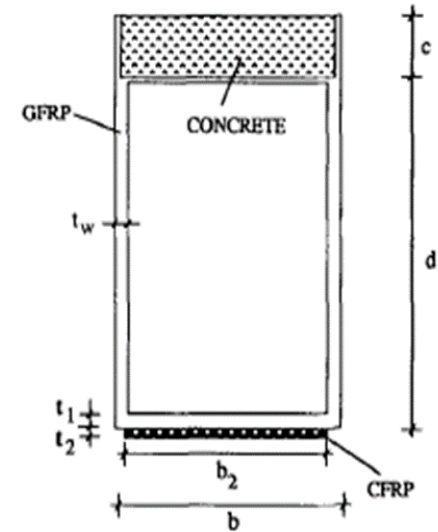
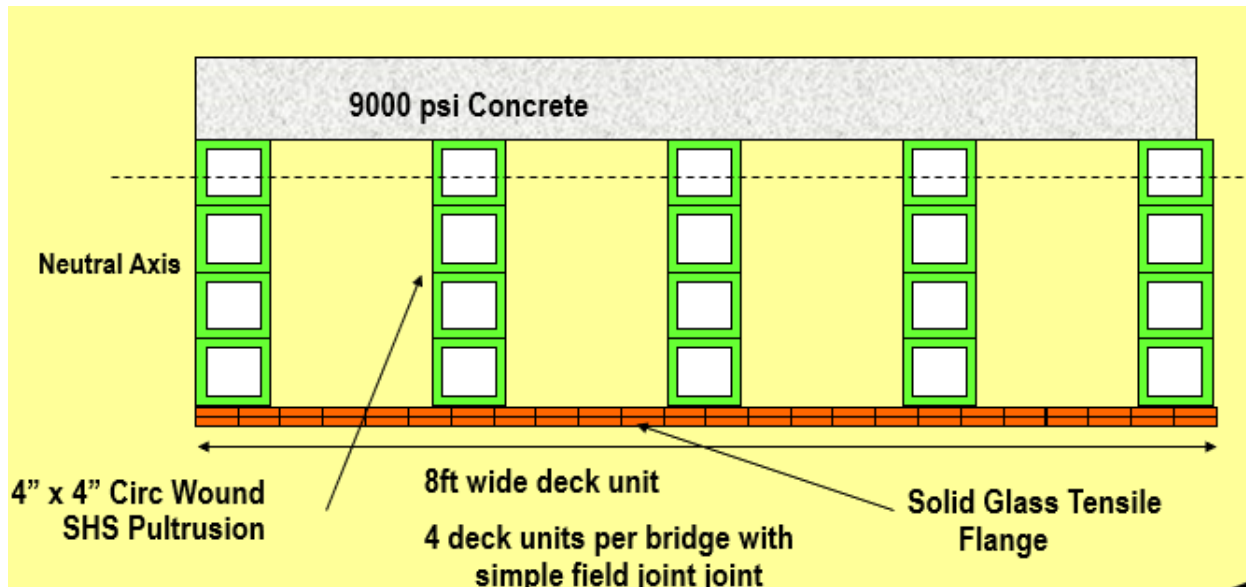
# Evolution of a Bridge Deck

Australia's First FRP Deck

Coutts Crossing, Grafton NSW



# Erie County Concept Section



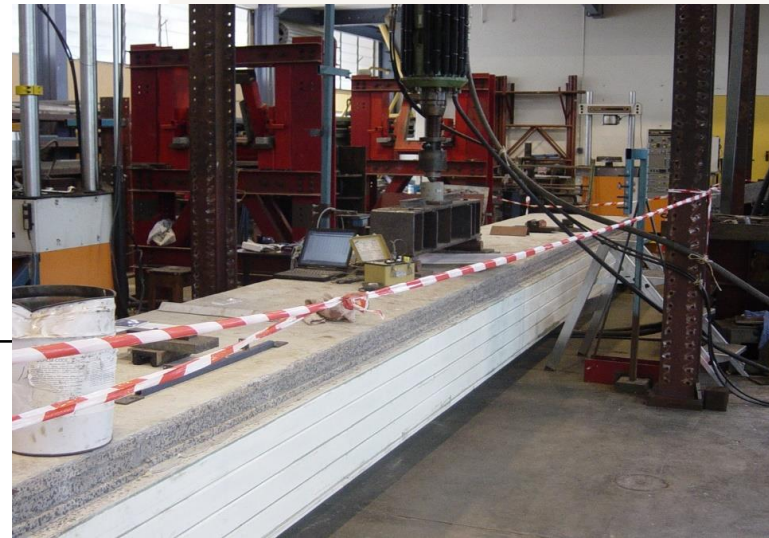
- AASHTO HS25 Design Vehicle
- L/500 allowable deflection under Live Load

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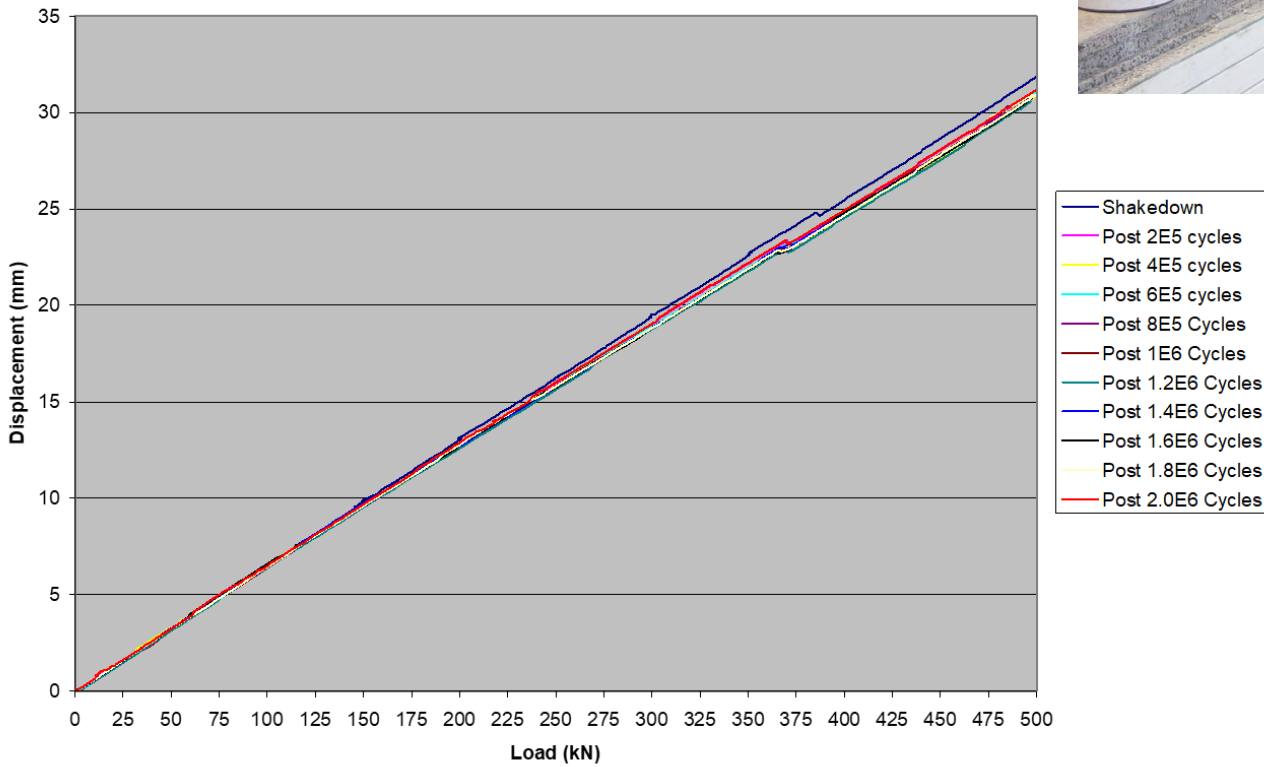
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# Testing and Analysis Fatigue



Displacement Verses Load - Fatigue Test



- 2 Million Cycles
- 4-Point Bending
- 2x 56,000 lb Point Loads (250kN)
- Average 1 ¼" Deflection (32mm)
- No loss of stiffness across test

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# 14 Years of Service

After 14 years of service the following observations are made:

- No deck surface deterioration
- No Corrosion of FRP materials
- No Structural failures
- No damage from debris (underside)

Conclusion –

**FRP Materials are living up to the reputation!**



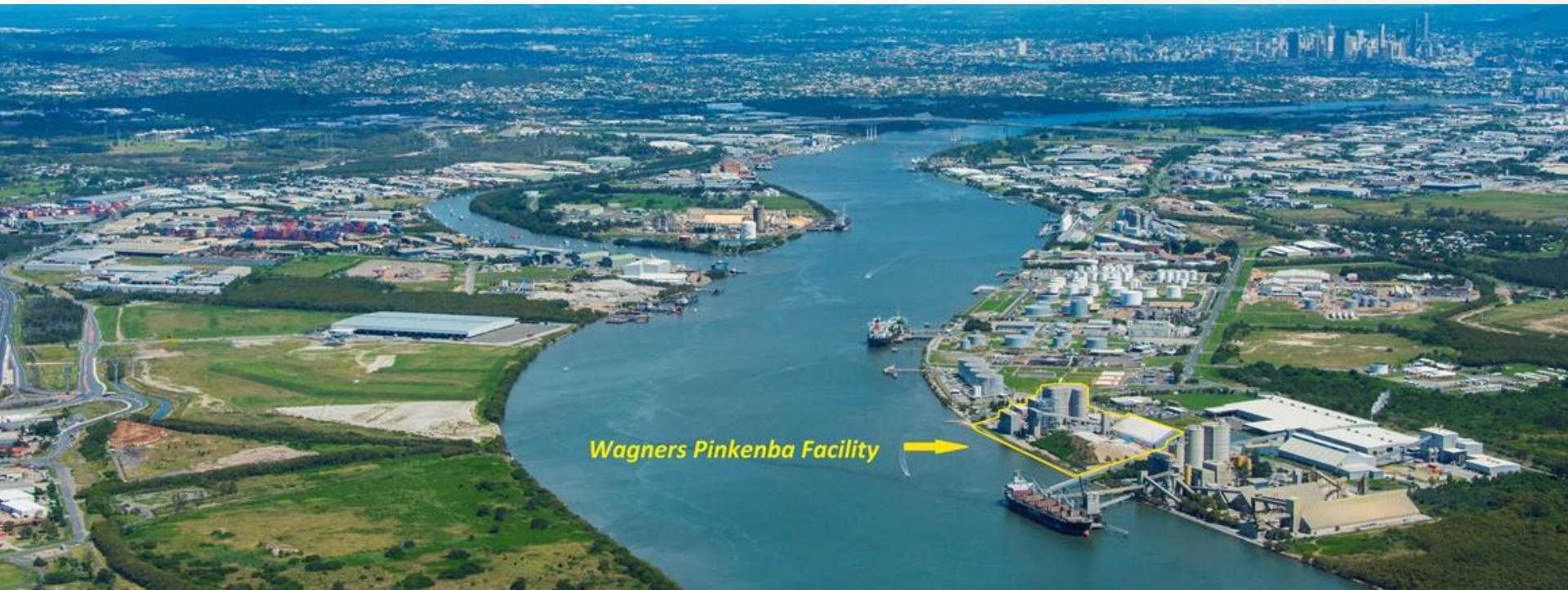
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# Pinkenba Wharf

Wagners Clinker  
Grinding Facility

Servicing Brisbane and  
SEQ Cement Market







# Loading

- Superstructure
  - FRP U-Girder Deck
  - Class 25 Wharf – 3.6psi deck UDL (25kPa) + 112,000 lb point load on 3ft square point load from Crane (General Purpose wharf)
  - Construction Load – Liebherr 1280 tracked crane
  - Concrete Top (Earth Friendly Concrete)
  - FRP Rebar in Concrete
  - No Corrosion in Deck

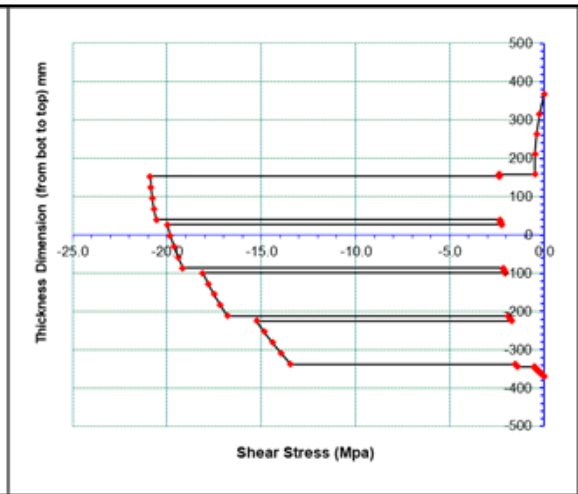
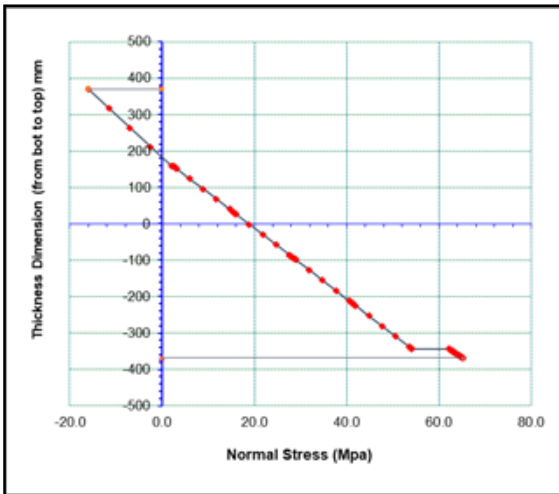
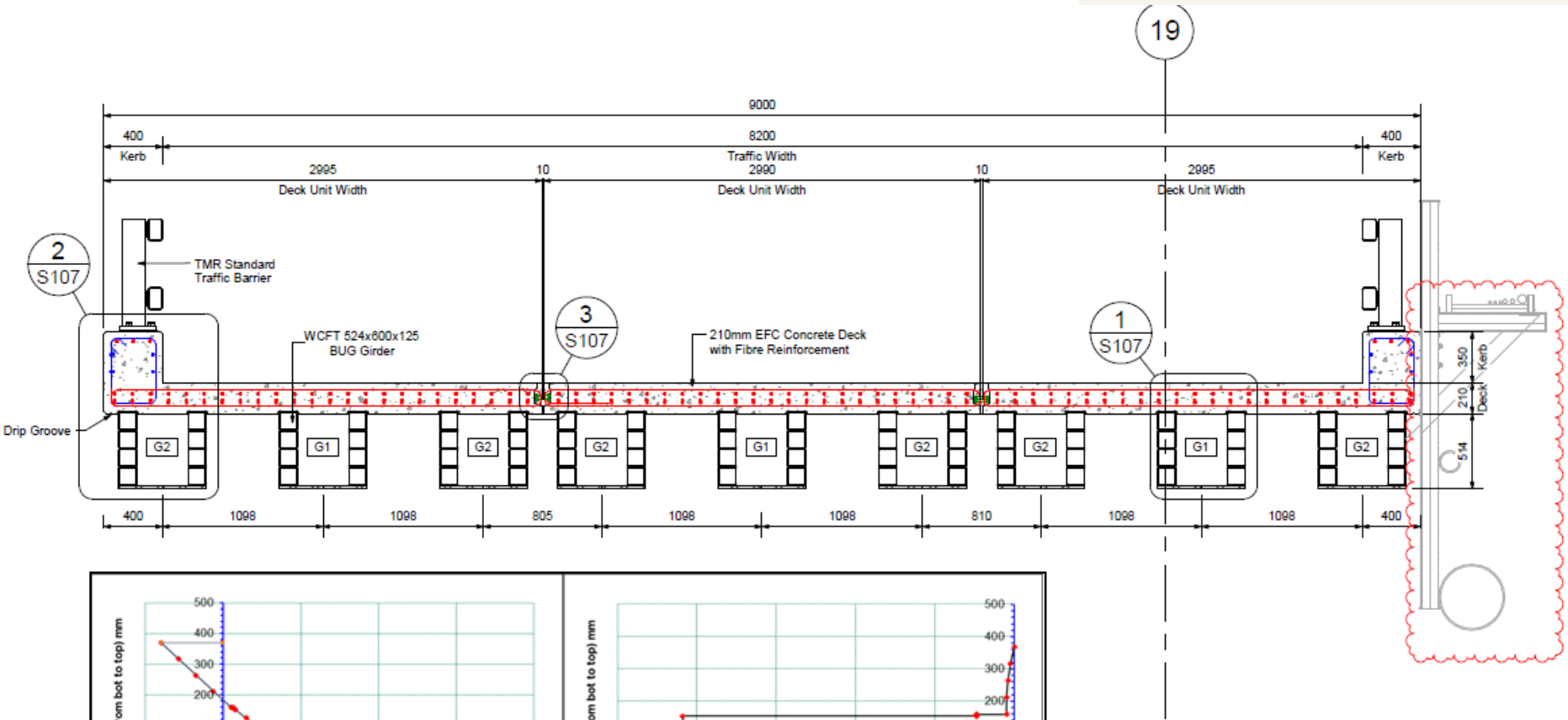


AS-4997☐	AS-5100☐	Client-Requested☐
25-kPa-UDL☐	W80-wheel-load☐	40t-articulated-dump-truck☐
500kN-PL-over-1200x1200mm-sq.☐	A160-axle-load☐	80t-fully-loaded-clinker-hopper☐
SM1600☐	SM1600-design-vehicle☐	35t-straddle-carrier☐
HLP☐	HLP-design-vehicle☐	forklifts☐
50t-SWL-mobile-crane☐	☐	Conveyors-and-transfer-towers☐
☐	☐	Liebherr-LR1280-tracked-crane-for-construction☐

**Table-1** Vertical loading criteria for Pinkenba Wharf



# Proposed Section



# Prototyping and Testing

- The testing program was broken up into five key tests:
  - **Test 1: aggregate shear key tension test**
    - To test tensile capacity and efflorescence of concrete
    - Ultimate tensile capacity of shear key from direct tension (wave uplift) loads
  - **Test 2: FRP reinforcing and concrete deck capacity**
    - Test ultimate moment capacity
    - Test ultimate shear capacity
    - Test ultimate punching shear capacity
    - Test ultimate bending capacity of slab
    - Test fatigue performance of slab over  $2e6$  cycles
    - Test long-term creep performance
    - Test longitudinal shear key capacity
    - Measure crack widths

## **Test 3: full scale U-girder and concrete deck test**

- Test ultimate moment capacity
- Test ultimate shear capacity
- Test ultimate bending capacity of slab
- Test fatigue performance of slab over  $2e6$  cycles
- Test long-term creep performance
- Test longitudinal shear key capacity

## **Test 4: FRP reinforcing bar tests**

- Test tensile modulus
- Test elastic modulus
- Test shear strength
- Test ultimate tensile strength
- Deriving GFRP bond coefficient

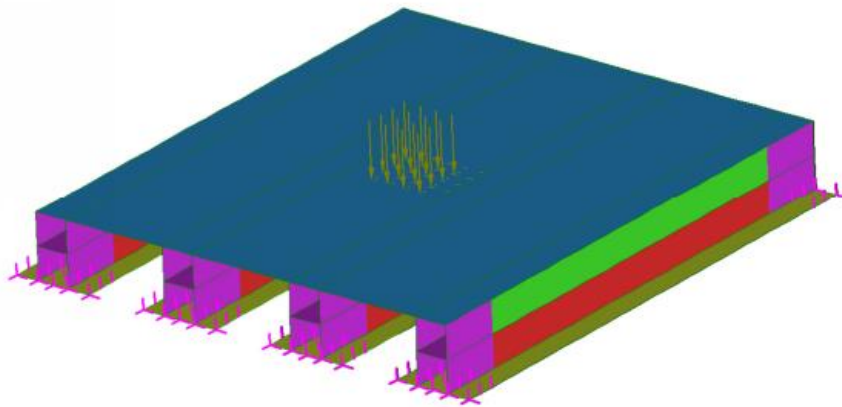
## **Test 5: U-Clip joint capacity**

- Test shear and tension across U-clips in construction joints between each

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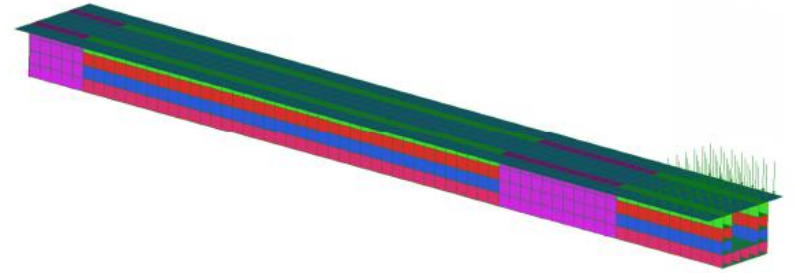


# Testing – Point Loads through Deck



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# Testing – Full Scale Beam Bending



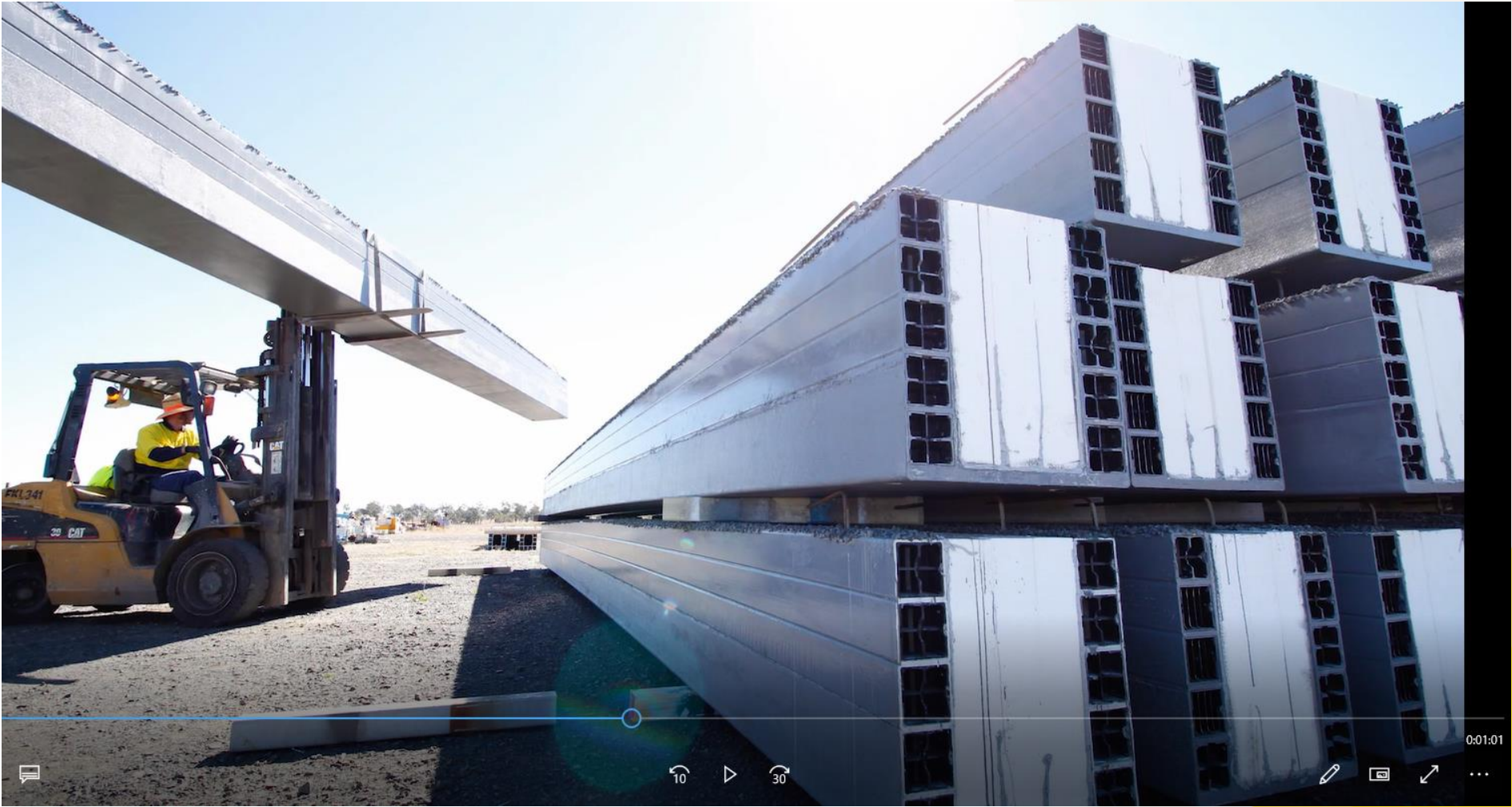
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# Fabrication



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# FRP Rebar





# Rebar and U-Girders in Form





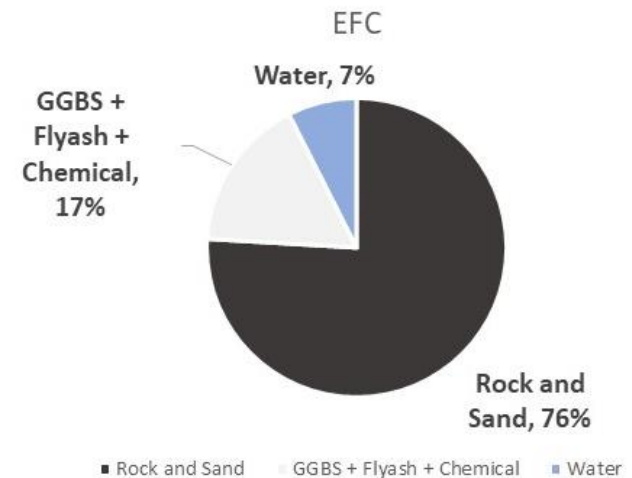
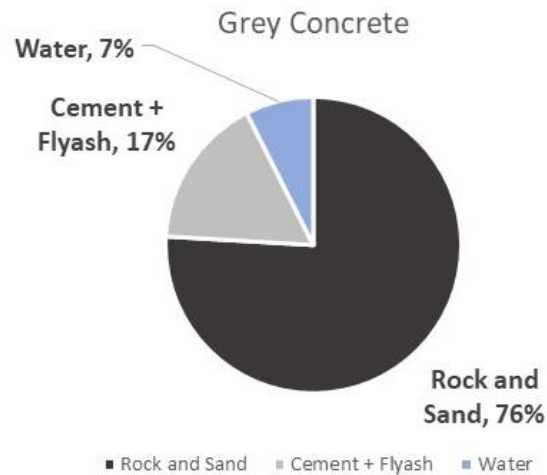
# Deck Units



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# Geopolymer Concrete

## Wagners Earth Friendly Concrete



<b>Structural Performance</b> (Compared to Portland cement concrete)	<b>Durability</b> (Compared to Portland cement concrete)
All commercial grades: 25 to 65 <u>MPa</u>	High acid resistance (sewer)
30% higher flexural tensile strength	High sulphate resistance
Low drying shrinkage – <u>typ</u> 350 $\mu\epsilon$	High chloride ingress resistance (marine)
Similar modulus and poisons ratio	Low heat of reaction
High fire resistance	

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# Pinkenba Wharf

The first of its kind

Questions?

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