

# Loft Renovation - Additional Storey

A short overview and how  
ClearCalcs was applied to  
increase living space



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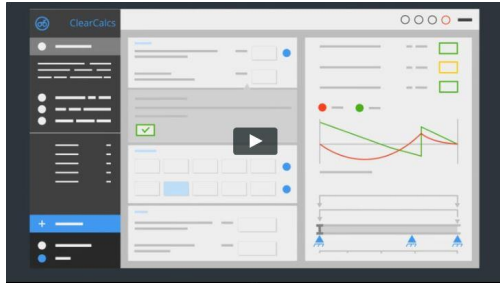


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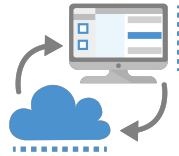
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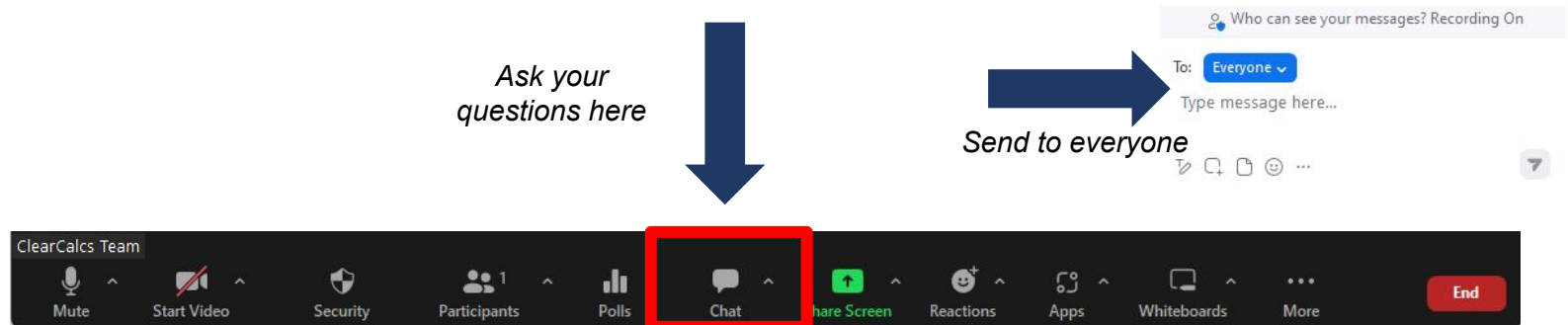


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# Meet the Presenters

- **Kyle Conway, Project Manager (Structural) for Aus Engineered**
  - Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours)
  - Bachelor of Commerce (Finance Major)
  - 5 years experience in major infrastructure projects including civil structures (bridges, culverts, gantrys) as well as residential and commercial buildings for a range of client sizes.
  - Aus Engineered is a structural engineering and project management consultancy for ClearCalcs



# Agenda – Today's Goals

- **Introducing a typical 'space addition' renovation**
  - Gathering information to inform design
- **Design Procedure**
  - Steel Beam, Timber Beam, Steel Columns, Connections
- **Project Deliverables**
  - Outputs for construction and permits

# The Project

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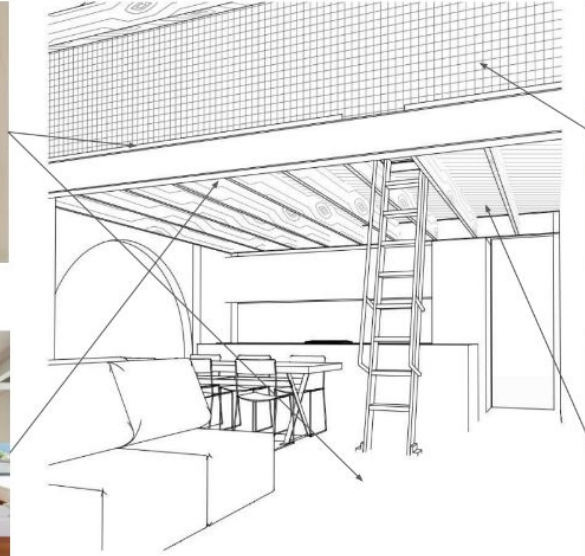
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EXISTING OAK FLOORING



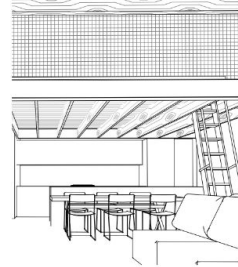
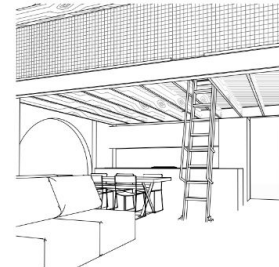
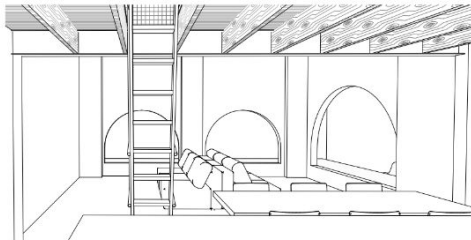
TIMBER BEAM CONCEPT



STEEL/MESH CONCEPT



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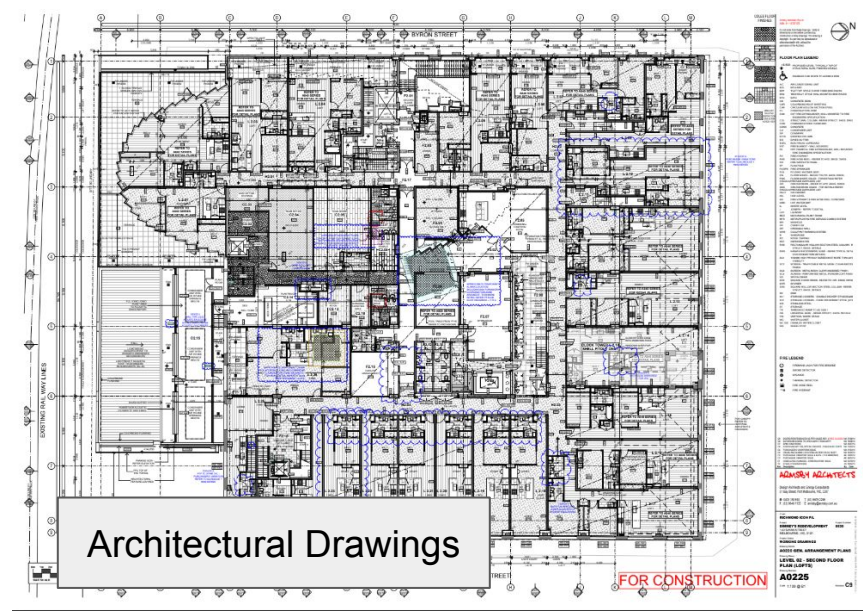
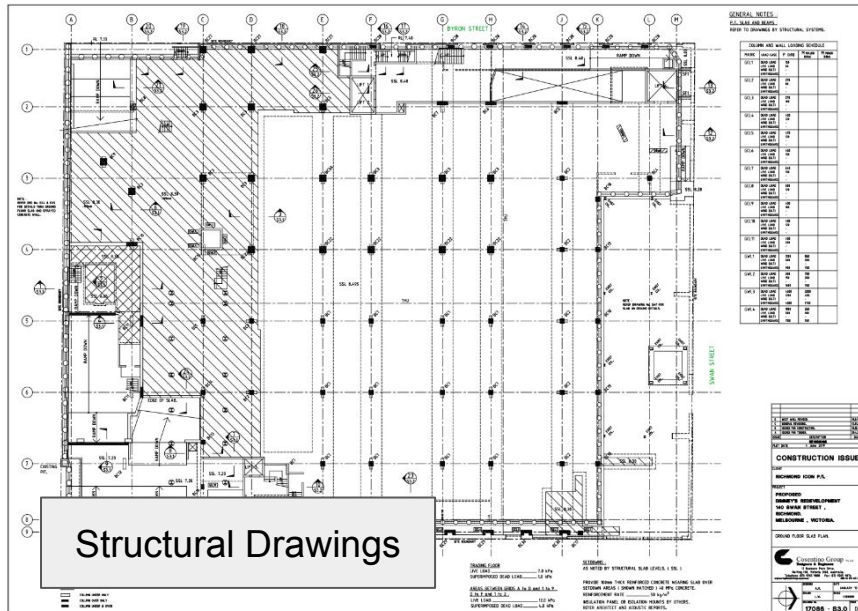


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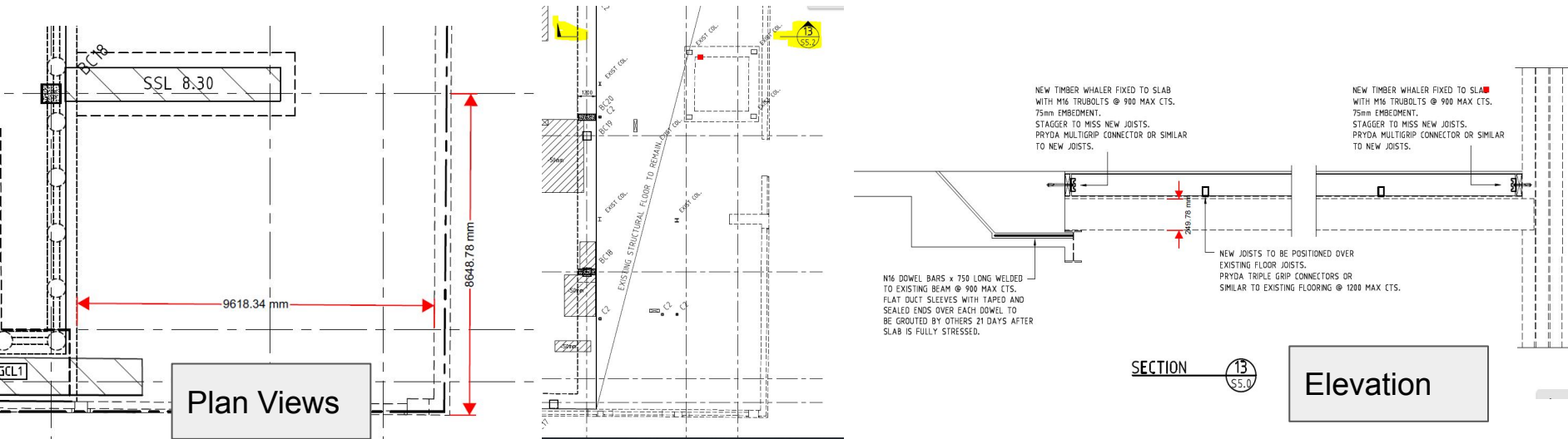


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# Step 3: Consider Council/Shire Planning Laws

Depending on the use case of the space being added, planning permit requirements can be triggered.

Be sure to consult the local council about the project and engage a town planner to assist with any required planning applications.

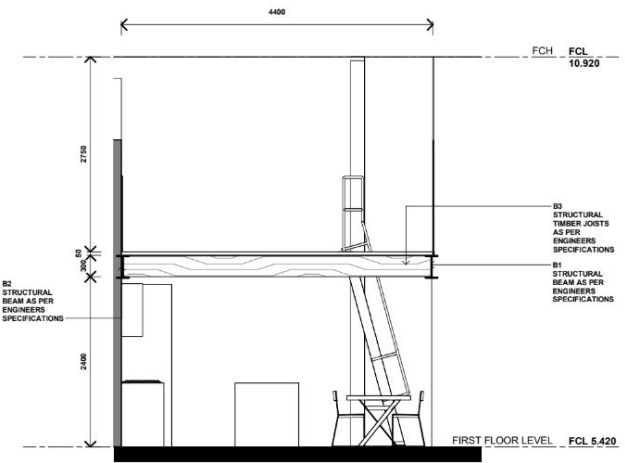
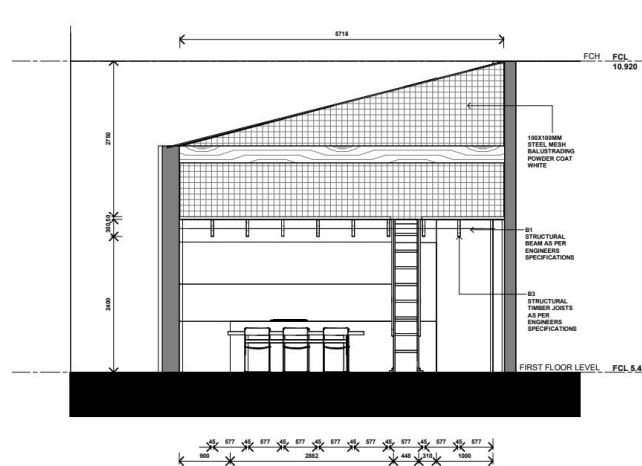
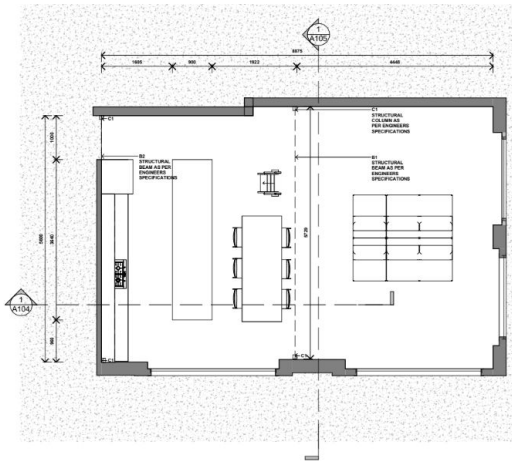
Often adding storage space (non-habitable rooms) will be exempt from a planning permit but the loads required for storage calculation as per AS1170 are often much greater than general use spaces.



# Step 4: Architectural Drawings

Once there was confidence that there was sufficient structural capacity and that planning laws would permit the construction, a qualified architect was engaged to draw up some plans.

The drafter detailed the beams and columns that required specification by the engineer.



# Step 5: Determine Loading Requirements

Loads as per AS 1170.1 Table 3.1

- UDL 2kPa
- Point load of 1.8kPa over 350mm for punching or crushing

**TABLE 3.1**  
**REFERENCE VALUES OF IMPOSED FLOOR ACTIONS**

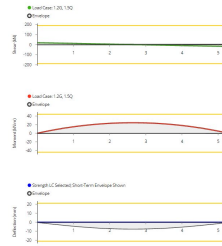
Type of activity/occupancy for part of the building or structure	Specific uses	Uniformly distributed actions kPa	Concentrate actions kN
<b>A Domestic and residential activities (also see Category C)</b>			
A1 Self-contained dwellings	General areas, private kitchens and laundries in self-contained dwellings	1.5	1.8 <sup>(1)</sup>
	Balconies, and roofs used for floor type activities, in self-contained dwellings—		
	(a) less than 1 m above ground level	1.5	1.5 kN/m run along edge
	(b) other	2.0	1.8 <sup>(1)</sup>
	Stairs <sup>(2)</sup> and landings in self-contained dwellings	2.0	2.7
	Non-habitable roof spaces in self-contained dwellings	0.5	1.4 <sup>(3)</sup>

# Step 6: Design Primary Steel Beams (B1/B2)

Using the tributary width of the new mezzanine area and the specified loads, ClearClacs' Steel Beam Calculator was used to find the most structurally efficient member in an instant.

## Distributed Loads

Label	Start Location $x_s$ (mm)	End Location $x_e$ (mm)	Start Load Width $ZW_s$ (mm)	End Load Width $ZW_e$ (mm)	Load Magnitudes $w$
UDL	0	5300	2220	2220	Q: 2 kPa

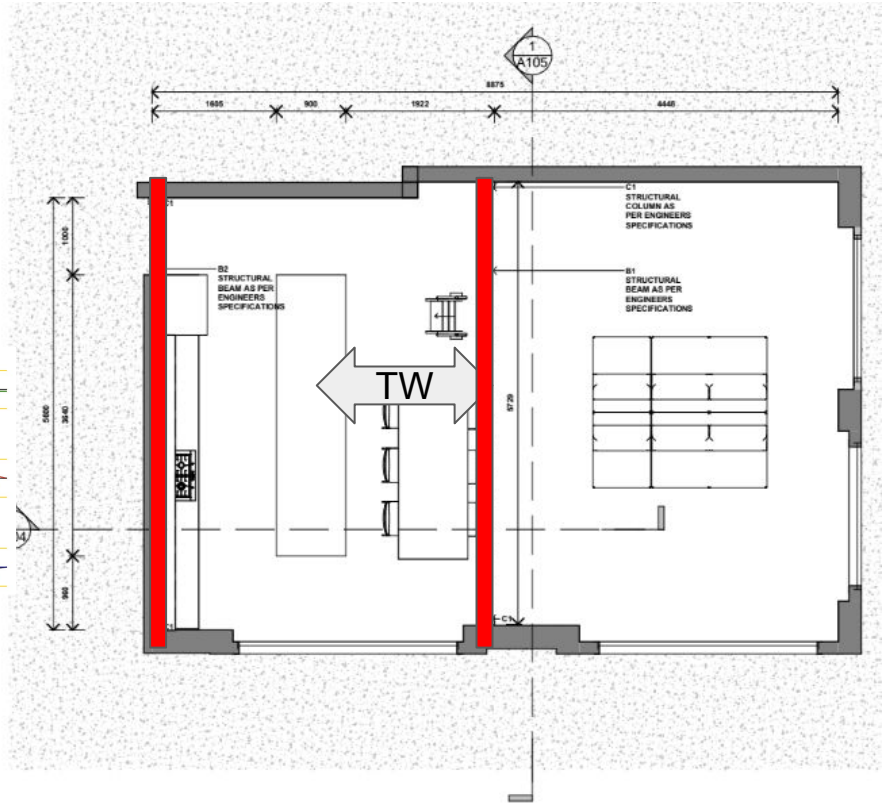


If we were completing hand calculations or using excel files we would have had to iterate the design many times to find a structurally efficient member.

Moment	Shear	ST Deflect	LT Deflect	Governing
55%	10%	35%	21%	55%

The selected member from ClearCalcs was a 200 UB 25.4 - Gr.300PLUS

[Steel Beam Design Procedure](#)



# Step 7: Design Secondary Timber Beams (B3)

In the design of this member, we could put a constraint on the beam depth that it had to be less than 200mm deep to fit in the flange of the primary beam B1. We also were able to specify a grading and manufacturer that was locally available to select our member.

► Centre-to-Centre Spacing (= load width)  $s = 400$  mm

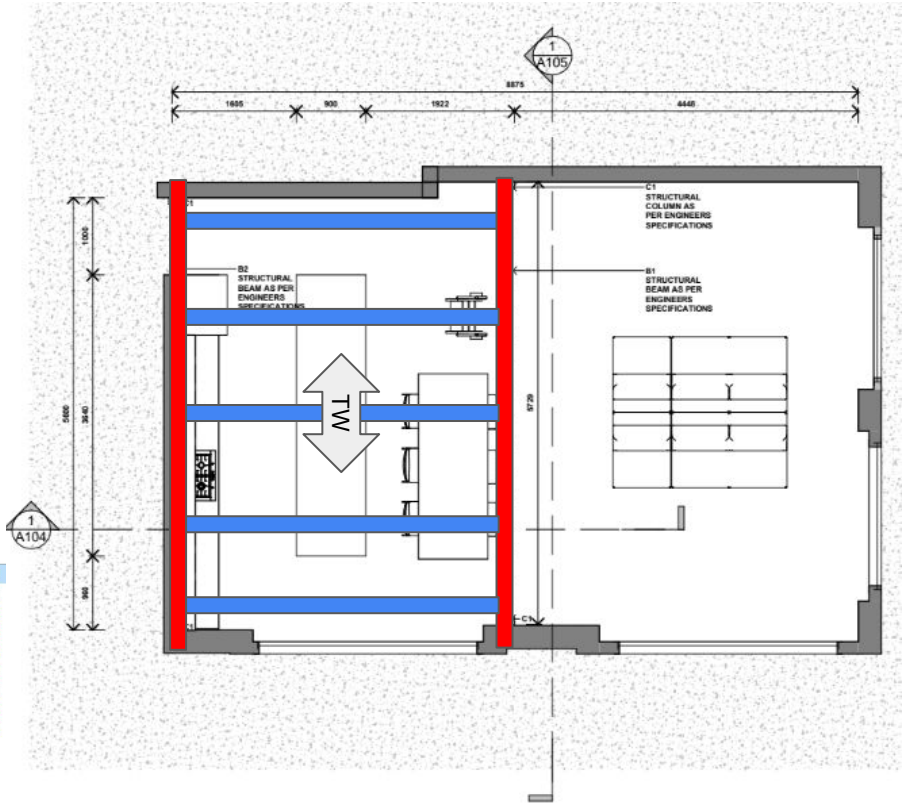
► Distributed Loads

Label	Start Location $x_1$ (mm)	End Location $x_2$ (mm)	Start Load Width $LW_1$ (mm)	End Load Width $LW_2$ (mm)	Load Magnitudes $W$
Floor Load	0	4430	400	400	G: 0.4 kPa, Q: 2 kPa

Instantaneous feedback was provided when the spacings were adjusted.

The selected member from ClearCalcs was a 195 x 65 GL15, Beam 15 (Hyne) at 400mm spacings

Stress Grade	Manufacturer	Max Depth (mm)	Max Breadth (mm)	grade	$m_f$	$\rho_{k,0.1}$ (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	$E_{0.05}$ (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )	specifier	$M_d$	$V_d$	$\delta_1$	$\delta_2$	Governing limit
GL15	Hyne Timber, Pty Ltd	200		195 x 65 GL15, Beam 15 (Hyne)	1.0	402	40200000	Beam 15 (Hyne)	33%	12%	64%	51%	64%
				130 x 65 GL15, Beam 15 (Hyne)	1.0	310	11900000	Beam 15 (Hyne)	72%	18%	208%	167%	206%
				165 x 65 GL15, Beam 15 (Hyne)	1.0	340	24300000	Beam 15 (Hyne)	45%	14%	103%	83%	103%
				130 x 85 GL15, Beam 15 (Hyne)	1.0	350	15400000	Beam 15 (Hyne)	56%	14%	162%	130%	162%
				165 x 85 GL15, Beam 15 (Hyne)	1.0	380	31800000	Beam 15 (Hyne)	35%	11%	82%	65%	82%
				195 x 85 GL15, Beam 15 (Hyne)	1.0	400	52500000	Beam 15 (Hyne)	26%	10%	51%	40%	51%
				130 x 130 GL15, Beam 15 (Hyne)	1.0	380	23800000	Beam 15 (Hyne)	38%	9%	113%	88%	113%
				165 x 130 GL15, Beam 15 (Hyne)	1.0	400	48700000	Beam 15 (Hyne)	24%	8%	58%	45%	58%
				195 x 130 GL15, Beam 15 (Hyne)	1.0	400	80300000	Beam 15 (Hyne)	17%	7%	37%	28%	37%



# Step 8: Design of Steel Columns (C1)

The loads from the Primary Beam (B1/B2) could be linked to Steel Column (C1) to save time in the design process.

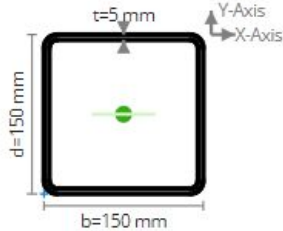
► Axial, Lateral & Moment Loads

$P, N, M =$

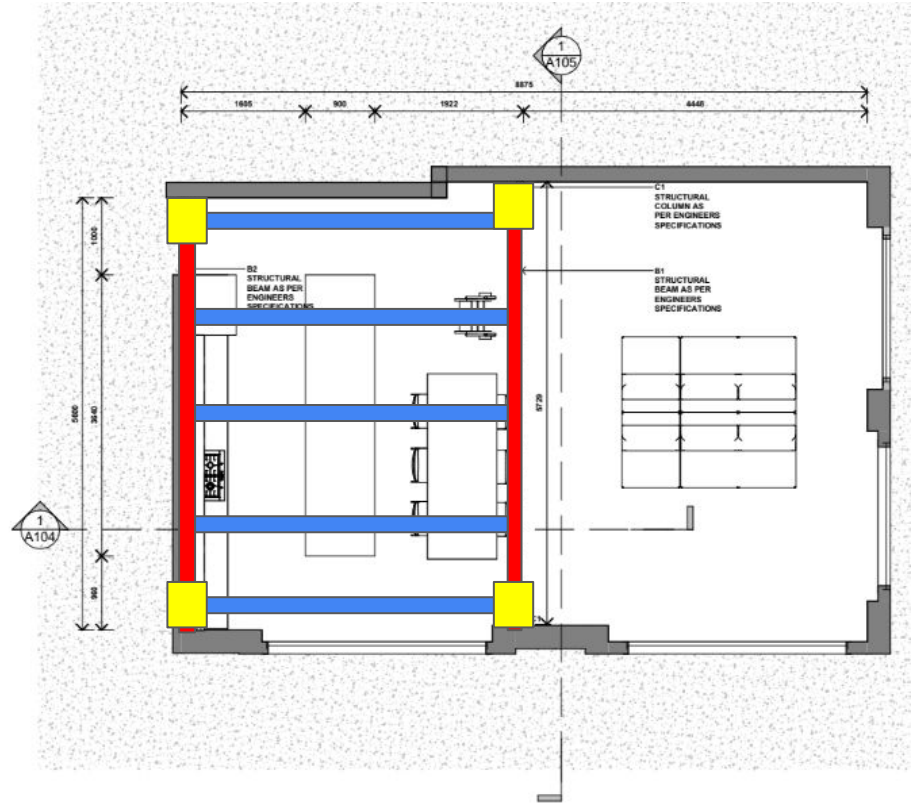
Label	Location $z$ (mm)	Axial Eccentricity $e$ (mm)	Load Magnitudes $P, N, M$
Axial Load	2700	75	G: 0 kN, 3.03 kN, 0 kN m, Q: 0

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The ClearCalcs member selector tool was used to find a member that had sufficient width for the flanges of the Steel Beams (B1/B2) to be connected to the flange of the RHS.



The selected member from ClearCalcs was a 150 x 150 x 5.0 SHS Gr 300



[Steel Column Design Procedure](#)

# Step 9: Design of Connections

## B1/B2 (Steel Beam) – B3 (Timber Beam) Connection

Dead loads = self weight of 1/2 of timber member =  $\frac{1}{2} * 7.69 \text{ kg/m} * 4.5\text{m} = 17.31\text{kg} = 0.17\text{kN}$

Live loads = UDL  $2\text{kPa} * \text{Tributary Area} = 0.002\text{MPa} * \frac{1}{2} * 4500\text{mm} * 400\text{mm} = 3600\text{N} = 3.6\text{kN}$

Additional Live load = point load of  $1.8\text{kN}$  over  $350\text{mm}$  for punching or crushing

Factored load =  $1.2G + 1.5Q = (1.2 * 0.17\text{kN}) + (1.5 * (3.6\text{kN} + 1.8\text{kN})) = 8.304\text{kN}$

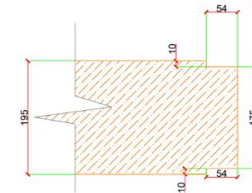
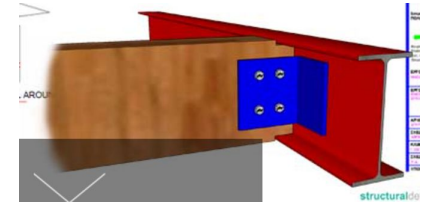
## Selected Connection:

Timber Secondary Beam to Steel Beam Angle Connection

4 No. 4.6/S (Snug Tightened) M12 Bolts - Designed using ClearCalcs Steel Bolt Calculator to AS4100

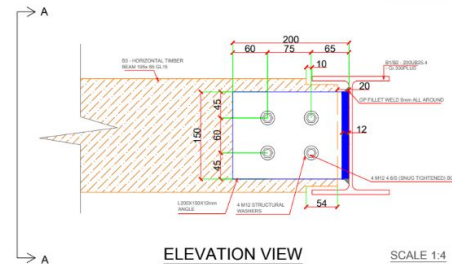
12mm thick angle cleat with GP Fillet Weld 6mm to Web of B1/B2 - Designed using ClearCalcs Weld Connection Calculator to AS4100

[Connection Design Procedure](#)



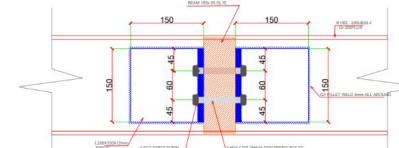
TIMBER BEAM CUTOUT DETAIL

SCALE 1:4



ELEVATION VIEW

SCALE 1:4



SECTION A-A

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# Step 9: Design of Connections

## B1/B2 (Steel Beam) -C1 (Steel Column) Connection

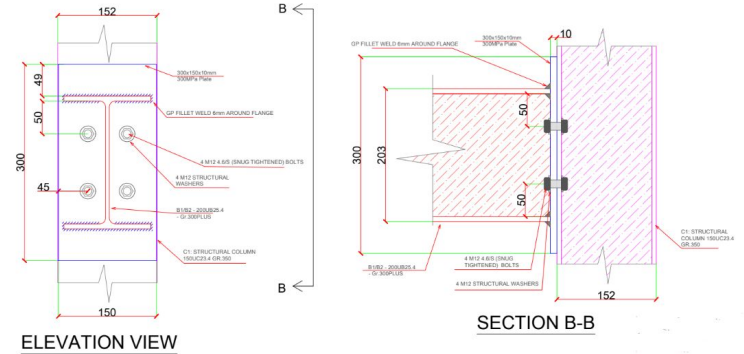
Shear on Bolt Group =  $1.2G + 1.5Q = (1.2 \cdot 3.03\text{kN}) + (1.5 \cdot (12.6\text{kN} + 1.8\text{kN})) = 25.236\text{kN}$

Design Out of Plane Moment on Bolt Group =  $3\text{kNm}$

Selected Connection:

150 x 150 x 10 300MPa plate GP Fillet Weld 6mm to Flanges of B1/B2- Designed using ClearCalcs Weld Connection Calculator to AS4100

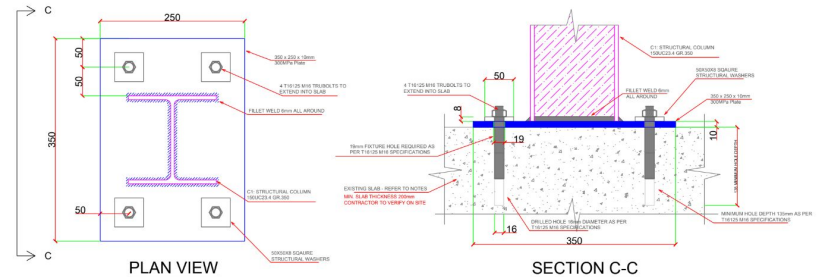
4 No. 4.6/S (Snug Tightened) M12 Bolts through the plate into the flange of C1 - Designed using ClearCalcs Steel Bolt Calculator to AS4100



## C1 - Existing Slab Connection

200 x 200 x 10 300MPa Plate with 6mm fillet weld around perimeter of C1 - Designed using ClearCalcs Weld Connection Calculator to AS4100

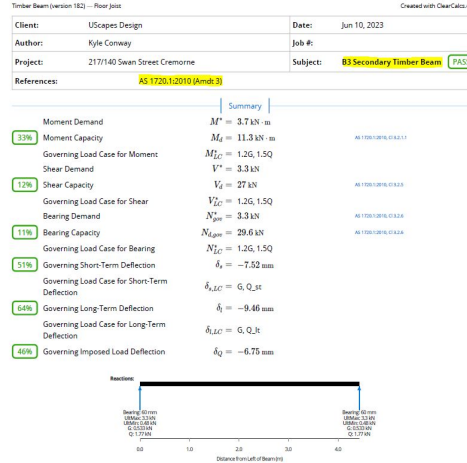
4 No. N16 Trubolts through plate post fixed into slab - Designed using manufacturer's technical guide





# Step 11: Project Deliverables

1. Structural Drawings
2. Form 126
3. Structural Calculations (exported neatly formatted from ClearCalcs)



	Calculation	Member	Quantity	Comments
<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px;">64%</span>	<b>B3 Secondary Timber Beam</b>	195 × 65 GL15, Beam 15 (Hyne)	4430 mm	
<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px;">55%</span>	<b>B1/B2 Primary Steel Beam</b>	200 UB 25.4 - Gr.300PLUS	5300 mm	
<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px;">15%</span>	<b>C1 Steel Column</b>	150 × 150 × 5.0 SHS - Gr.C350L0	2700 mm	
<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px;">77%</span>	<b>Timber Bolts for B3 - B1/B2 Connection</b>	M12 Wood Bolts	4 bolts	
<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px;">3%</span>	<b>Structural Weld for B3-B1/B2 Connection</b>	Other fillet weld - 4.242640687119285 mmmm throat	400 mm	
<span style="border: 1px solid green; border-radius: 5px; padding: 2px;">43%</span>	<b>Steel Bolts for B1/B2-C1 Connection</b>	M12, 4.6/S Steel Bolts	4 bolts	
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- B1/B2 Primary Steel Beam
- C1 Steel Column
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# Questions?

