reactive clays which could contribute to subsidence in extreme conditions or if the site is not well maintained. Ensure an even moisture profile is maintained to perimeter of your home).

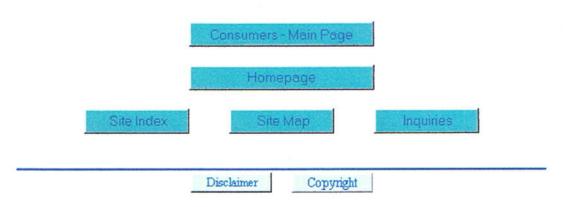
- Have you or your neighbours built a retaining wall near your house? (A rule of thumb is that retaining walls can cause damage when they're closer to your house than about one and a half times the retained height.) Retaining walls over 1 metre in height require Local Government approval and must be designed by a Registered Professional Engineer and should take into account slab/footing design and soil profile.
- If you have the soil test report and footing design for your house you should check the advice on site maintenance contained in those documents.

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

Further information on ground movement and damage to houses is contained in the CSIRO Information Sheet 10-91 titled 'A guide to homeowners on foundation maintenance and footing performance'. This sheet can be obtained for a small charge through CSIRO Publishing in Victoria, freecall 1800 645 051, or through http://www.publish.csiro.au/

Homeowners may also wish to seek advice from the following:

- Registered Professional Engineers of Qld practising in this field;
- the Local Government building section or private certifiers;
- licensed builders:
- landscape gardeners; and
- the Cement and Concrete Association ph. 07 3831 3288.



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