

# Understanding Rolling Verges and Batters at Arbour

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At Arbour, we embrace a gentle, natural landscape design, reflecting the beauty of Down South living. This approach avoids harsh retaining walls, which can feel out of place and unnecessary on our gently sloping lots. Instead, our rolling garden verges and batters provide a smoother, softer transition, creating a more harmonious streetscape.

## What is a Batter?

A batter is a gentle slope used to connect different ground levels without the need for retaining walls. It stabilises the ground naturally with grass or mulch and planting, allowing for a seamless transition between levels.

### Flat Lot and Rolling Garden Verge

**Front Verge to Flat Lot:** From the back of the footpath, some lots may rise gently by up to 400mm over a span of 4m until it reaches the flat area of the lot. This design avoids the need for retaining walls while maintaining a natural, flowing aesthetic.



**Front Home Batters:** Some lots have a gradual slope of 50-400mm across the 4m front setback, which blends the home seamlessly with the verge.

\*Image above shows a 400mm batter over 2.8m” which is steeper than what we have designed.



**Side Batter:** Some lots have side batters, depending on the grade you can either grass them or plant them out which will mitigate any erosion. The image above has a grade of 400mm over 1.5m.

## Why Retaining Walls Are Unnecessary

We've designed the landscape to avoid the need for the harsh look of retaining walls. This also removes the costly installation of retaining walls which is often an additional expense for the home buyer. Rolling batters not only look better but are also more environmentally and economically friendly. The natural slopes are safe, stable, and require no additional structural interventions.