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PREFACE & DISCLAIMER

Much of the work described in this report was undertaken during 1992 and the resulting report was presented to Margules and the then Forestry Commission in August 1992. At that time, the Standard Erosion Mitigation Conditions (SEMC) were in force.

Following the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CaLM) submission on the Wingham Management Area EIS in November 1992, and the release of the Standard Erosion Mitigation Guidelines for Logging (SEMGL) in March 1993 (which replaced the SEMC), additional work was undertaken for this Casino / Murwillumbah soils study. This included: the determination of soil erodibility classification, as defined in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL; determination of subsoil organic matter at each of the 33 sampling sites; superimposition of erosivity on the soil mapping unit map; and determination of erosion hazard classes as defined in Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL. In this final draft, soil erodibility has also been determined by the SOILOSS K factor sub-routine and some further refinements have been made to the erosion hazard assessment section.

Veness & Associates has certain professional concerns with the application of USLE technology to forest lands. As the directors of Veness & Associates, it is the authors' professional opinion that it is inappropriate to apply USLE technology to the broad scale land assessment at which a forestry EIS is performed. Veness & Associates is further concerned about the use of the USLE factor values which may be wholly inappropriate for forest soils. Despite these reservations, the USLE technology has been applied, following the methodology outlined by the Department of Conservation and Land Management, and erosion hazard classes have been derived. This has been done so at the request of our client, State Forests of New South Wales, and should in no way be taken as professional endorsement of this methodology by Veness & Associates.

Consequently, Veness & Associates accepts no responsibility for the reliability or accuracy of erodibility and erosion hazard assessments derived from the CaLM technology. Veness & Associates reserves the right to present, in the appropriate forum, technically based criticism of the current method of applying USLE technology to forest lands.

SOILS REPORT

CASINO / MURWILLUMBAH FORESTRY MANAGEMENT AREA

EIS STUDY

1.0 INTRODUCTION

At the request of Margules Groome Poyry Pty Limited, who is compiling Environmental Impact Statements for the New South Wales Forestry Commission's Grafton Management Area and Casino / Murwillumbah Management Area, Veness & Associates Pty Limited was contracted to survey the soils.

This report records the findings of the Casino / Murwillumbah survey, with occasional reference to the Grafton study, where appropriate.

1.1 BRIEF AND LIMITS OF THIS STUDY

The State forests and relevant crown timber areas within the Casino / Murwillumbah Management Area (hereafter referred to as the study area) consist of approximately 158,500 hectares.

The brief set for this study was to examine the soils of the study area, based on geological groupings, and to determine their susceptibility to erosion as a consequence of the proposed forestry activity being addressed in the EIS document.

1.2 TIMING OF THIS STUDY

The fieldwork for this Casino / Murwillumbah study was undertaken by Veness & Associates over a total of 353 man hours during the period from January 1992 to June 1992. Variable weather conditions were experienced in the study area during this period.

1.3 METHODOLOGY

1.3.1 General Procedure

The general methodology procedure used to undertake this study is as follows:

- the geology of the whole study area was examined from available published sources
- aerial photograph interpretation was used to examine and check the geological boundaries

- preliminary grouping of rock types was undertaken, in terms of the different soils that are likely to develop on them (for example, soils occurring on the basalts are likely to be different from soils occurring on the granitoids). Refer to Table 1 in Section 2 which illustrates this grouping
- the resulting geological boundaries were pencilled in on a 1:125 000 field map
 - fieldwork was undertaken. This comprised:
 - geological boundaries were field checked, modified where appropriate, and inked on to the field map
 - copies of the appropriate 1:25 000 topographic maps were used to locate soil description sites. Due attention was given to ensuring that, as far as practicable, each of the terrain components occurring within each soil unit was subjected to soil sampling and / or description. The location of each site was located on the 1:25 000 maps
 - soils occurring on each rock type within each geological group were examined and fully described. This step served as a check to ensure that soils described within rock types were indeed similar enough to group together. This also explains the variation and range of soil description site numbering. Each new soil site was given a leading two digit number to identify its group, followed by a trailing two digit number to identify its location. If a new soil was similar to one already described, the new soil inherited the former's leading two digit number
 - soil samples were collected at sites selected on their ability to be representative of the unit in which they occurred. These samples were analysed for key chemical and physical properties
- soil boundaries were then drawn up, based on the geological groupings and the similarities and/or differences of soil characteristics
- all of the data generated at each site within each soil mapping unit was collated. This forms the basis of the soil field descriptions in Section 3
- based on the assembled soil data, assessment of erosion hazard was performed

1.3.2 Methodology Detail

Aerial photograph interpretation was undertaken over most of the study area using photographs supplied by the then Forestry Commission of NSW to gain an impression of the geology and topography.

The geology of the study area was examined using existing available sources. Refinement of this geological data (and especially boundaries) presented in these sources was undertaken through aerial photograph interpretation and field checking.

The study area's soils were surveyed to determine the location and characteristics of the various soil mapping units.

The soils of the study area were mapped at a scale of 1:125 000, using the relevant Forestry Commission 1:125 000 State Forest sheets as base maps. Field mapping was undertaken using the relevant CMA 1:25 000 topographic map sheets.

Soils at 128 sites were described in the field. Of these, 33 sites were also sampled for laboratory analysis. At each site, a soil pit was dug or an existing road batter was excavated back to an unweathered face. Examination through soil augering was not used due to the inadequacy of this method in determining soil layer boundaries, soil consistence characteristics and soil structure.

At each of these sites, soils were fully described following detailed field examination. The characteristics examined were:

- surface condition	- horizon depth and colour
- boundary distinctness and shape	- presence of watertable
- texture grade and sand fraction	- plasticity type and stickiness
- consistence and coherence	- structure grade
- primary ped size and shape	- secondary size and shape
- fabric	- presence of cutans
- ped porosity	- crack size
- stone amount, shape, distribution, s	size, weathering and lithology
- amount and distribution of roots	- amount of bioturbation (faunal mixing)

- presence of pans - presence, form, amount and size of inclusions

Apart from these 128 description sites, numerous other observations were made to ensure consistency within soil mapping units.

The location of all description sites was dependent on the degree of access afforded by the existing road network and the prevailing weather conditions. Within these parameters, description site locations were chosen to cover the range of terrain units occurring within each soil mapping unit and to give a representative coverage throughout the whole study area. The exception to this approach relates to the three description sites which were located within the soil unit developed on granitoid material. This was not a factor of the size of this very small unit, rather it reflects the general perception that granitic soils must be erodible. However, this is not necessarily the case as is demonstrated by the results of the testing of the soils, as presented in Section 3 later in this report. (Access into some parts of Billilimbra, Ewingar and Washpool State Forests was limited due to both a lack of existing roading and the weather conditions current at that time.) The landform elements described by McDonald et al. (1990) were used to identify the various terrain components.

The relevant soils information from each description site was recorded on soil data cards. For the sake of convenience, only the cards for each of the 33 sampling sites are included in this report. They are found at Appendix 1. The remaining cards have been lodged with State Forests.

The principal profile form (Northcote, 1979) and Great Soil Group (Stace et al. 1968) were determined for each soil (where applicable).

Soil pH was determined in the field using Raupach solution. Soil colours were determined using Oyama & Takehara (1970) colour charts. In the soil descriptions, all colours refer to the moist soil unless indicated otherwise.

Soil samples were collected from each layer within each soil at each of the 33 sampling sites, generating a total of 122 samples for physical analyses. The laboratory tests undertaken were Particle Size Analysis, Dispersion Percentage and Emerson Aggregate Test. The testing methods used were those recommended and used by the Soil Conservation Service of NSW (now known as the Department of Conservation and Land Management - Soil Conservation Section). Erosion hazard classes are given for each soil mapping unit.

The 128 soil description site locations are shown on Figures 1a and 1b in Appendix 5.

Any erosion observed to be occurring within the study area was to be noted. This observation took place during both the aerial photograph interpretation program (which primarily looked at geological boundaries and terrain) and during the extensive fieldwork program.

No reference to mass wasting occurs in this report due to the absence of any significant examples being recorded. Obviously, some minor slumping of road batters can occur but these examples are not significant enough to warrant a further mention.

Soil erosion hazard assessment was performed using three different approaches which are presented in Section 4. The first was that carried out by the authors prior to the development and release of the SEMGL. This involved interpretation of laboratory and profile data to determine general erodibility characteristics of each soil mapping unit. Combined with field observations of existing erosion, this data was used to present an assessment of erosion hazard for each soil mapping unit. This assessment did not address variations of slope, rainfall or vegetation within soil mapping units as it was intended to be a broad planning scale assessment. Variation in these factors would have been addressed, and appropriate modifications to the erosion hazard made, at the harvest planning stage.

The second erosion hazard assessment was performed using methods set out in Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 of the SEMGL. This assessment allowed for variations in slope, rainfall erosivity and soil erodibility. The third method was similar in approach to the second but relied solely on output generated by the computer program SOILOSS (Rosewell & Edwards, 1988). Further details of the methodology are provided in Section 4.

An assessment of the effectiveness and applicability of the SEMGL procedures for erosion and sediment control was made, based partly on the observed erosion but mostly on the interpretation of field and laboratory soils data.

1.3.3 Comments on the Methodology

In reviewing the earlier draft of this report, the Department of Conservation and Land Management (CaLM) were critical of the fact that the study did not adopt a soil landscape approach to soil mapping. However, soil landscape mapping would entail a degree of survey intensiveness that is not, in the opinion of the authors, appropriate to areas managed for forestry. Atkinson (1992) stated the CaLM program of soil landscape mapping was being performed at scales of 1:250 000 and 1:100 000 with the latter being for areas of greatest land development pressure with the intended objectives to delineate areas with limitations or potential soil related hazards to urban and rural development (Atkinson, 1992; Chapman & Murphy, 1989). Forestry is a much less intensive form of management than even rural development and consequently a relatively broad scale of mapping is considered appropriate. In the authors' opinion, the soil characteristics which are of relevance to forestry management (erodibility, nutrient supply, roading suitability, etc) meaningfully vary at only a relatively coarse scale which is closely related to parent material. As some rock types are quite similar in this respect, it was meaningful to combine them in to geological groupings to define soil mapping units. The more detailed variations within these mapping units which might be delineated by soil landscape mapping are not believed to be of major importance to this broad scale of land resource assessment for forestry purposes.

The authors therefore stand by their professional judgement in not applying a full soil landscape study approach.

2.0 GEOLOGY

While this study was not a geological examination of the study area per se, the geological boundary information gained from geological maps, aerial photograph interpretation and field observations has been included because of both the influence that the underlying lithospheric material exerts on the development of soils in the area, and the fact that the study area's soils were examined from a geological point of view.

The geological units of the study area were taken from the 1:500 000 New England geological sheet, and the 1:250 000 Grafton, Maclean, Tweed Heads and Warwick geological sheets. As per all of the NSW 1:250 000 geological maps, the codes, boundaries and units shown on the edge of one sheet often do not agree with those on an adjoining sheet. Thus, geological boundaries were field checked, where roading access allowed, and mapping modifications made where appropriate. Twenty eight different rock types have been delineated within the study area and are presented in Figures 2a and 2b in Appendix 5. The rock type names used are those listed on the various geological sheets.

2.1 SEQUENCE OF GEOLOGICAL EVENTS

The following description gives a general idea of the sequence of geological events which led to the present distribution of rock types in the Casino / Murwillumbah area.

In the Ordovician-Silurian Period 430-500 million years ago (m.y.a.), a vast area of largely fine-grained sediments with some volcanics were deposited. These sediments have since been metamorphosed and all contain abundant quartz veins. They presently occur in Washpool and Ewingar State Forests (SFs). The next geological event occurred during the Silurian Period 395-430 m.y.a. when clay-rich sediments were deposited in the area now occupied by Mooball, Burringbar and Nullum SFs, near Murwillumbah. They have since been metamorphosed.

No further rocks were introduced to the study area before the Permian Period, 225-280 m.y.a. In the Lower Permian the Drake Volcanics erupted onto an area through the present Washpool, Billilimbra and Ewingar SFs. Also the Dumbudgery Creek Granodiorite intruded the oldest sediments (θ -S) and probably contributed to their metamorphism. This granodiorite now outcrops in a small part of Ewingar S.F. In the Middle Permian the Bungulla Porphyritic Adamellite intruded the same old sediments. This latter pluton was itself isolated by a further intrusion of the Stanthorpe Adamellite in the Upper Permian. Both now outcrop in the Billilimbra and Ewingar SFs.

In the Triassic Period, 190-225 m.y.a., the Chillingham Volcanics of rhyolite, rhyolitic tuff and claystone were deposited in the Nullum SF area. Also, the first sediments of the Clarence-Moreton Basin were deposited. This basin is oriented north-south and displays similar rock outcrops towards both western and eastern outer edges. Those sediments outcropping within the study area belong to the Marburg Formation, and consist of sequences of sandstone, siltstone and claystone, with some conglomerate. Examples occur in Sugarloaf, Keybarbin and part Mount Marsh S.Fs along the western boundary, and in the far east of Tabbimoble S.F.along the eastern boundary of the basin. Overlying these

sediments are the medium to fine-grained sedimentary deposits of the Walloon (and Mallanganee) Coal Measures. They now extend down the western side of the basin from the Richmond Range S.F. in the north-west, through Cherry Tree, Mount Pikapene and Mount Belmore S.Fs to Mount Marsh S.F. in the south. They reappear along the eastern side of the basin and pass, from north to south, through Wollumbin, Mebbin, Tabbimoble, Devils Pulpit and Mororo S.Fs.

These sediments were overlain by the two youngest formations which occur in this southern part of the Clarence-Moreton Basin. Firstly, in the Upper Jurassic Period about 150 m.y.a., quartz sandstones and feldspathic quartz sandstones were deposited as the Kangaroo Creek Sandstone. They dominate in the more central areas of the basin, in Mount Belmore, Mount Marsh and Doubleduke S.Fs., and also appear in lesser amounts in Fullers, Banyabba, Gibberagee, Bungwalbin, Tabbimoble and Devils Pulpit S.Fs. Also, the Woodenbong Beds were deposited north of a facies boundary between this and the Kangaroo Creek Sandstone. Outcrops occur in the NW corner of Richmond Range S.F. and in part of Eden Creek S.F. Lastly, in the Cretaceous Period 65-136 m.y.a., lithic sandstone, siltstone, claystone and minor coal sequences were deposited and are collectively called the Grafton Formation. These rocks occupy the middle part, or geologically youngest part, of the basin. They outcrop in the following state forests: Royal Camp, Fullers, Camira, Carwong, Braemar, Ellangowan, Myrtle, Whiporie, Banyabba, Gibberagee and Bungawalbin.

65 million years ago, in the Tertiary Period, an active period of volcanism occurred. The areas of interest to this study are all north of Casino. A Mount Warning complex of trachytes and basalts in Wollumbin S.F. represents the stump of an enormous central volcano whose lavas are found in the nearby McPherson Range and Lamington Plateau. The Lamington Volcanics are largely basalts and rhyolites and extend as far west as the Richmond Range S.F. This includes the Lismore Basalt of Boorabee, Bungabee, Mebbin, Nullum, Whian Whian and Goonengerry S.Fs, the Blue Knob Basalt and the Nimbin Rhyolite of Nullum, Whian Whian and Goonengerry S.Fs. A trachyte plug (Mount Belmore S.F.) and numerous, tiny remnants of basaltic flows also occur throughout the general area (two minor occurrences within part Gibberagee, Mount Belmore and Mount Marsh S.Fs).

Most recently extensive areas of Quaternary alluvial sediments occur within the Clarence-Moreton Basin, especially around the township of Whiporie. The State forests in which the major encroachments have occurred are: Braemar, Bungwalbin, Whiporie, Gibberagee, Tabbimoble, Doubleduke and Mororo.

The 28 rock types occurring in the study area which have been discussed above, are listed below in Table 1. From them, the nine different geological groups listed below have been determined, in terms of the soils developed on them.

- Alluvials
- Metasediments
- Grafton Formation sediments
- Walloon Coal Measures
- Eruptive volcanics

- Basalts
- Granites
- Kangaroo Creek Sandstone
- Marburg Sediments

The relationship between the 28 rock types and the nine geological groups is also shown in Table 1 as follows:

ROCK	TYPE	GEOLOGICAL GROUP	
Map Code	Name	Description	Soil Map Map Code
Qa	unnamed sediments (Quaternary)	alluvial mud, silt, sand, gravel deposits	A
Twe Twb	part Mt Warning Central Complex part Mt Warning Central Complex	trachyte basalt	B B
Tmb Tml Tll Tlb Tp	part Lamington Volcanics part Lamington Volcanics part Lamington Volcanics Lismore Basalt (pt Lamington Volcanics) unnamed Tertiary volcanics	basalt basalt, minor tuff & agglomerate basalt basalt (agglomerate, bole) trachyte plugs	B B B B
Tv 8–S Pro	unnamed Tertiary extrusive volcanics Ordovician - Silurian sediments Neranleigh - Fernvale "Group"	argillites, phyllites, slates & intermediate volcanics all with abundant quartz veins greuwacke slate phyllite quartz	с С
Pgdw Pab Pas	Dumbudgery Creek Granodiorite Bungulla Porphyritic Adamellite Stanthorpe Adamellite	granodiorite very coarsely porphyritic in feldspar, sphene-rich adamellite Biotite adamellite	D D D
Kg	Grafton Formation	lithic sandstone, siltstone, claystone & minor coal	E
Js Jk	Woodenbong Beds Kangaroo Creek Sandstone	medium feldspathic to feldspathic sublabile sandstone, siltstone quartz sandstone & feldspathic quartz sandstone, often iron-rich	F F
Jw Jws	Walloon Coal Measures Mallanganee Coal Measures	sandstone, siltstone, shale and coal massive feldspathic quartz sandstone facies	G G
RЉ Лm	Bundamba Group Marburg Formation Marburg Sandstone (part	sandstone, shale, conglomerate	н
RJm Jmr	Bundamba Group) " Marburg Formation " Koukandowie Sandstone "	feldspathic sandstone, pebbly in part sandstone, siltstone with some coal. Silicified fossil wood as base equivalent to Blaxland Fossil Wood Conglomerate Member sandstone and siltstone, with Blaxland Fossil Wood Conglomerat Member at base	H H Re H
Plv Pld Rc Tur Tub	Drake Volcanics part Drake Volcanics Chillingham Volcanics Nimbin Rhyolite (pt Lamington Volcanics) Blue Knob Basalt	acid to intermediate eruptives with minor interbedded sediments acid to intermediate eruptives with minor interbedded sediments rhyolite, rhyolitic tuff, claystone rhyolite, obsidian, pitchstone, tuff, agglomerate basalt and andesite	I I I I I

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3.0 SOILS

The various soil mapping units recorded in the study area are described below, followed by a discussion on the differences between each unit. The results of the laboratory analyses are presented and discussed.

The erosion hazard associated with these soils will be discussed later in Section 4.

3.1 SOIL MAPPING UNITS

On the basis of the information presented in Section 2 above, the study area is divided into nine main geological groups. The soils occurring throughout the study area were examined within each of these geological groups resulting in the recording of nine different soil units. (The soils occurring on each of the nine geological provinces are similar enough to group into a common soil unit, thus resulting in nine separate soil mapping units). The location of these soil mapping units is shown in Figures 1a and 1b in Appendix 5. These soil mapping units are as follows:

Map Soil Unit Code

F

A - Soil Mapping Unit A - soils developed on alluvials

B - Soil Mapping Unit B - soils developed on basalts

C - Soil Mapping Unit C - soils developed on metasediments

D - Soil Mapping Unit D - soils developed on granitoids

E - Soil Mapping Unit E - soils developed on Grafton Formation

F - Soil Mapping Unit F - soils developed on Kangaroo Creek Sandstones

G - Soil Mapping Unit G - soils developed on Walloon Coal Measures

H - Soil Mapping Unit H - soils developed on Marburg Sediments

- Soil Mapping Unit I - soils developed on volcanics

Each of these soil units is described below. Each soil unit description is an amalgamation of all the data recorded within each unit at each of the relevant 128 description sites. The number of sites described for each soil mapping unit is set out in Table 2 below.

Within each soil mapping unit the number of sites in each of six existing terrain components is recorded in Table 3. Further detail in respect of the terrain situations of each soil description site is included later in section 3.2.

Soil Mapping Unit	No. of sampled description sites	No. of other description sites	Total No. of description sites
Δ	2	8	10
R	6	9	10
C	$\overset{\circ}{2}$	4	6
D	3	3	6
Ē	3	21	24
F.	2	19	21
G	6	15	21
Н	4	4	8
I	5 .	12	17
TOTAL	33	95	128

TABLE 2:Number of soil description sites within each
soil mapping unit

TABLE 3:Location of soil description sites in terms of
terrain components, for each Soil Mapping Unit

Tomain			Soil Mapping Unit							
Component	Α	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	I	Total
Crest					5			1	1	7
Ridgeline		1	1		2	3	5	2	5	19
Upper slope		7	3	4	6	8	8	2	8	45
Midslope	3	4		1	7	5	3	1	2	25
Lower slope		3,	2	1	2	4	5	2	ŀ	17
Flat	7				2	1				10
Total No. sites	10	15	6	6	24	21	21	.8	17	128

It should be noted that not all soil layers described for each soil mapping unit are necessarily present at all sites. This variation in soil layering highlights the need to examine a number of soil sites within each unit before an understanding of that unit can be gained. The occurrence of each layer at the various sampled description sites can be gauged by examining each unit's soil data cards presented in Appendix 1.

The description of each soil unit is given as a summary which precedes a more detailed version. The detailed soil description lists the appearance and behaviour of each soil examined during the fieldwork. The parameters used in this description are mostly self-explanatory except for the following:

- bioturbation which refers to the mixing of soil particles by the soil fauna, chiefly ants and worms. The degree to which this occurs gives a good indication of the biological activity within that soil which in turn reflects favourable soil physical and chemical properties

- coherence which refers to the structure grade of the soil. The higher the grade the more pedal the soil

- consistence is divided into two parts which are separated by a slash within the descriptions. These two parts describe the amount of finger and thumb force which is required to disrupt peds and the behaviour of that disrupted soil when sheared between the palms of the hands. Together they reflect the soils ped strength, the amount of clay present and, where applicable, the effects of soil moisture in working the soil

- colour is recorded in the layer descriptions as moist unless otherwise indicated

For a definition of these and other technical terms used in this report, refer to McDonald et al (1990) and/or Houghton & Charman (1986).

3.2 SOIL FIELD DESCRIPTIONS

Each of the soil mapping units is described below. The summary at the beginning of each description is a non-technical, "plain English" version, keeping in mind the general EIS readership. This is followed by a more detailed and technical version. The use of the term "soil materials" is not used in the specific soil landscape context – rather, it is consistent. with common usage as are the terms "parent materials", "lithospheric materials", etc.

3.2.1 Soil Mapping Unit A - (soils developed on alluvials) .

3.2.1.1 Summary

These soils encroach into forest areas along boundaries and up creek lines. They tend to be well-developed clayey soils which reflect the surrounding sedimentary hillslope soils.

In general they consist of a brownish black, pedal, silty clay loam to silty clay topsoil over a bleached, dull brown, weakly to moderately pedal, sandy clay loam or fine sandy clay loam lower topsoil layer, over a brownish black, greyish brown or dull yellow orange, acid, pedal, light to light medium clay master colour subsoil layer. At depth these layers may be underlain by other, genetically different alluvial clay layers.

Ten sites were described within this unit. Of these, seven were located on an alluvial flat

situation, with slopes up to 2% but commonly less than 1%. The remaining three sites were located in a midslope or midslope to lower slope situation.

3.2.1.2 Dominant soil materials

Northcote Codings: Uf 6.23, Uf 6.33, Gn 2.94, Gn 3.04, Gn 3.11, Gn 3.41, Gn 3.74; Dy 4.11, Dy 5.31, Dy 5.41

Great Soil Groups: Structured plastic clays, Yellow podzolic soils

Surface Condition: friable with up to 10% surface stone (ironstone), 2 - 6mm in size

3.2.1.3 Description

Layer 1 (slightly moist to wet)

Diagnostic features: to	brownish black to greyish brown, moderately pedal silty clay loam silty light clay
Occurrence:	always present as an A or A11 horizon or topsoil layer, 3 – 25cm thick
Colour:	brownish black (7.5YR 3/2, 10YR 2/3, 3/1) to greyish brown (7.5YR 4/2)
pH:	strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.0)
Texture:	silty clay loam or silty light clay; also fine sandy clay loam, sandy clay loam, loam, fine sandy, light sandy clay loam or sandy loam, all normal plastic
Stickiness:	usually slight, but sometimes moderate
Structure:	weakly to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds $20 - 100$ mm breaking to crumb and sub-angular blocky peds $5 - 10$ mm diameter, and earthy or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak to moderate
Stone content:	0 - <2% of rounded pebbles up to 6mm in size may be present
Roots:	usually abundant
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments may occur

Boundary: sharp or clear and even or wavy to layers 2, 3, 4, or 5

Layer 2 (slightly moist to wet)

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Diagnostic features:	brownish black or dark brown, moderately pedal light sandy clay loam or silty light clay
Occurrence:	uncommonly present as an A12 horizon or lower topsoil layer, 5 - 12cm thick
Colour:	brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) or dark brown (10YR 3/3)
pH:	moderately acid (pH 5.0)
Texture:	light sandy clay loam or silty light clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	moderately pedal with sub-angular blocky peds $50 - 200$ mm breaking to $5 - 20$ mm, and rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak
Stone content:	none present
Roots:	талу
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	none observed
Boundary:	clear and wavy to layers 3 or 5
Layer 3 (moderately	moist to wet)
Diagnostic features:	dull brown, usually bleached, weakly to moderately pedal sandy clay loam or fine sandy clay loam
Occurrence:	commonly present as an A2 horizon or lower topsoil layer, 7 – 25cm thick
Colour:	dull brown (7.5YR 5/3(m), 6/3(d); 7.5YR 6/3(m), 8/1(d)), but ranges from brown (10YR 4/4(m), 6/4(d)) to dull yellowish brown (10YR 5/3(m), 7/3(d)) and greyish yellow brown (10YR 5/2(m), 7/2(d))
pH:	strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.0)
Texture:	sandy clay loam or fine sandy clay loam and rarely clayey sand, all normal plastic

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Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	weakly to moderately pedal with sub-angular blocky peds $20 - 100$ mm breaking to $5 - 20$ mm and earthy or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak to moderate
Stone content:	<2 - 20% rounded to sub-angular ironstone fragments up to 20mm in size occur
Roots:	common to many
Faunal mixing:	usually abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments may occur
Boundary:	sharp to gradual and even or wavy to layer 5
Layer 4 (slightly m	oist to wet)
Diagnostic features:	dull brown, pedal light clay
Occurrence:	sometimes present immediately underlying Layer 1, as a B1 horizon or upper subsoil layer, $11 - 22$ cm thick
Colour:	dull brown (7.5YR 5/3) or greyish brown (7.5YR 4/2)
pH:	strongly acid (pH 4.0)
Texture:	light clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight
Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds 20 – 200mm breaking to angular blocky and sub-angular blocky peds 2 – 10mm diameter, and smooth-faced dense or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	moderate to strong
Stone content:	none observed
Roots:	common
Faunal mixing:	many infilled faunal burrows occur
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments or soft iron nodules may occur

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Boundary:	sharp to gradual and even to layer 5
Layer 5 (moderately	y moist to wet)
Diagnostic features:	brownish black or greyish brown, pedal light clay
Occurrence:	always present as a B2 or B21 horizon, or master colour subsoil layer, 15 – 38+cm thick
Colour:	brownish black (5YR 3/1, 10YR 3/2), greyish brown (7.5YR 4/2, 5/2) or dull yellow orange (10YR 6/3, 7/4)
pH:	strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.0 - 6.0)
Texture:	usually light to light medium clays, all normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal with angular blocky and sub-angular blocky peds $20 - 200$ mm breaking to $<2 - 10$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced dense ped fabric
Coherence:	moderate to strong
Stone content:	usually none are present; rarely 50 – 90% rounded and sub-rounded ironstone fragments occur up to 60mm in size
Roots:	few to common
Faunal mixing:	few to abundant
Inclusions:	none observed
Boundary:	clear and even to layers 6 or 7
Layer 6 (moderately	y moist)
Diagnostic features:	greyish brown, strongly pedal light medium clay
Occurrence:	rarely present as a B22 horizon or lower subsoil layer, 27+cm thick
Colour:	greyish brown (7.5YR 4/2)
pH:	strongly acid (pH 4.5)
Texture:	light medium clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	moderate

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Structure: strongly pedal with angular blocky peds 50 - 100mm breaking to <2mm, and smooth-faced porous ped fabric

Coherence:	strong	
Stone content:	no stones	
Roots:	few	
Faunal mixing:	few	
Inclusions:	none observed	
Boundary:	not reached at depth	
Layer 7 (moderately	y moist)	
Diagnostic features:	black, strongly pedal light clay	
Occurrence:	rarely present as a D1 horizon or different genetic layer, 27+cm thick	
Colour:	black (5YR 1.71)	
pH:	moderately acid (pH 5.0)	
Texture:	light clay, normal plastic	
Stickiness:	slight	
Structure:	strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds $100 - 200$ mm breaking to angular blocky peds $2 - 5$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced dense ped fabric	
Coherence:	not recorded	
Stone content:	no stones are present	
Roots:	few	
Faunal mixing:	rare	
Inclusions:	none observed	
Boundary:	not reached at depth	

3.2.2 Soil Mapping Unit B – (soils developed on basalts)

3.2.2.1 Summary

These soils are most common in the Richmond Range and Eden Creek State Forests. They also occur throughout Bungabbee and Boorabee State Forests, and in the western half of Mebbin State Forest.

They are generally described as having a topsoil layer over two subsoil layers. Other layers are uncommon to rare and, therefore, will not be mentioned here. In summary then, a brownish black, moderately acid to slightly alkaline, strongly pedal, moderately coherent, strongly bioturbated clay loam or silty clay loam topsoil layer is underlain by a dark reddish brown, neutral to strongly acid, strongly pedal, stony, coherent, moderately to strongly bioturbated light clay, light medium clay, medium clay or heavy clay master colour subsoil layer sometimes over a dark reddish brown, neutral to moderately acid, strongly pedal, coherent, weakly bioturbated light to medium clay lower subsoil layer. At depths below 50cm a strongly weathered igneous rock layer occurs. This was not always reached at every site, especially where the subsoil was very deep, 100 - 150+cm, over the weathered layer.

Of the fifteen description sites recorded within this unit, seven were located in an upper slope situation (gradients ranging from 12% to 32%), one in an upper slope to midslope situation (16%), three midslope (10 - 13%), three lower slope (8% to 14%) and one on a ridgeline (35%).

3.2.2.2 Dominant soil materials

Northcote Codings: Uf 5.3; Gn 3.11, Gn 3.14, Gn 3.22, Gn 4.51; Dr 4.11 and Dr 4.21

Great Soil Groups: Structured sub-plastic clays, Krasnozems and Chocolate soils

Surface Condition: self-mulching litter layer with mycelium is common and the surface is often stony with rounded and sub-rounded basalt fragments up to 600mm in size, in varying amounts up to 10%

3.2.2.3 Description

Layer 1 (slightly to moderately moist)

Diagnostic features: brownish black, strongly pedal clay loam to silty clay loam

Occurrence: always present as a topsoil layer or A, A1, A11 horizon 3 – 45cm thick but usually <10cm thick

Colour: usually brownish black (5YR 2/1, 2/2; 7.5YR 2/2, 3/2; 10YR 3/2) or very dark reddish brown (2.5YR 2/2, 5YR 2/3)

pH:	moderately acid to slightly alkaline (pH 5.5 - 8.0)
Texture:	commonly clay loam or silty clay loam, all normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	strongly pedal with round and sub-angular blocky peds $10 - 100$ mm breaking to crumb or lenticular peds $<2 - 5$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous or, most commonly, rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak to moderate
Stone content:	0 - 10% rounded to angular igneous fragments may be present, most commonly up to 20mm in size but not so commonly up to 600mm in size
Roots:	abundant
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments are usually present
Boundary:	sharp or clear and wavy to irregular to layers 2, 3, 4 or 5
Layer 2 (moderately moist)	
Diagnostic features:	brownish black, pedal, fine sandy clay loam
Occurrence:	rarely present as a lower topsoil layer or A12 horizon, 22 - 28cm thick
Colour:	brownish black (7.5YR 2/2) or greyish yellow brown (10YR 5/2)
pH:	moderately to slightly acid (pH 5.0 - 6.0)
Texture:	fine sandy clay loam or silty clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds 20 - 100mm breaking to lenticular peds <2mm diameter, and rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak to moderate
Stone content:	up to 10% rounded or sub-rounded igneous fragments occur up to 60mm in size

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Roots:	abundant
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments are present
Boundary:	sharp or clear and wavy or irregular to layer 5
Layer 3 (slightly me	oist)
Diagnostic features:	brownish black to dark brown, strongly pedal light clay
Occurrence:	uncommonly present as a lower topsoil layer or unbleached A2 horizon, 17 - 23cm thick
Colour:	brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) or dark brown (7.5YR 3/4); also very dark reddish brown (5YR 2/4)
pH:	slightly acid to neutral (pH 6.0 - 7.0)
Texture:	light clay or silty light clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds $20 - 100$ mm breaking to sub-angular, angular blocky or lenticular $2 - 5$ mm diameter, and rough-faced or smooth-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	moderate to strong
Stone content:	0 - 10% sub-angular and angular igneous fragments may occur up to 20mm in size
Roots:	abundant to many
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments may occur
Boundary:	sharp, clear or gradual and wavy or irregular to layers 4 or 5
Layer 4 (slightly moist to wet)	
Diagnostic features:	dark reddish brown, strongly pedal light medium clay
Occurrence:	uncommonly present as an upper subsoil layer or B1 horizon, 13 – 47cm thick

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Colour:	dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/3, 5YR 3/4) or very dark reddish brown (5YR 2/3) or brownish black (7.5YR 2/2)
pH:	moderately acid to neutral (pH 5.5 - 7.0)
Texture:	light clay, light medium clay or medium clay, all normal plastic
Stickiness:	moderate to slight
Structure:	strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky or lenticular peds 20 – 100mm breaking to lenticular peds 2 – 5mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous ped fabric
Coherence:	moderate to strong
Stone content:	up to 20% rounded to sub-angular igneous fragments occur up to 200mm in size
Roots:	many to abundant
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments may occur
Boundary:	sharp, clear or gradual and wavy or inregular to layer 5
Layer 5 (slightly moist to wet)	
Diagnostic features:	dark reddish brown, strongly pedal light medium clay
Occurrence:	always present as a master colour subsoil layer or B2 horizon, $25 - 98+cm$ thick
Colour:	dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/4, 5YR 3/2, 3/4, 3/6) or brown (7.5YR 4/3, 4/4, 4/6); also very dark reddish brown (5YR 2/3, 2/4) or dark brown (7.5YR 3/3, 3/4)
pH:	strongly acid to neutral (pH 4.5 – 7.0)
Texture:	usually light medium clay, normal plastic but ranges from silty light clay to heavy clay, normal plastic or super-plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky, angular blocky or lenticular peds $20 - 200$ mm diameter breaking to lenticular $<2 - 5$ mm diameter, and rough-faced or \cdot smooth-faced, slowly porous ped fabric

Coherence:	slight to strong	
Stone content:	nil up to 50% rounded to angular, igneous fragments may occur up to 200mm in size	
Roots:	common to abundant	
Faunal mixing:	common to abundant	
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments usually occur	
Boundary:	clear or gradual and wavy or irregular to layers 6, 7 or 8	
Layer 6 (slightly to	moderately moist)	
Diagnostic features:	dark reddish brown, strongly pedal light medium clay	
Occurrence:	uncommonly present as a lower subsoil layer or B3 horizon, 48+cm thick	
Colour:	dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3, 3/4); also greyish brown (5YR 4/2) dark brown (10YR 3/3) or dull yellowish brown (10YR 5/3)	
pH:	moderately acid to neutral (pH 5.5 - 7.0)	
Texture:	light medium clay, medium clay or light clay, normal plastic or super-plastic	
Stickiness:	slight	
Structure:	strongly pedal with lenticular or sub-angular blocky peds $20 - 100$ mm breaking to lenticular peds $<2 - 5$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous to dense ped fabric	
Coherence:	not recorded	
Stone content:	0 - 20% rounded and sub-rounded igneous fragments may occur up to 200mm in size	
Roots:	common	
Faunal mixing:	common but decreasing with depth	
Inclusions:	none observed	
Boundary:	not reached at depth	

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Layer 7 (slightly moist)

Diagnostic features:' bright brown, pedal, light medium clay

probably rarely present but not always reached at depth as a Occurrence: transitional layer or BC horizon, 19+cm thick Colour: bright brown (7.5YR 5/6) pH: moderately acid (pH 5.0) light medium clay, normal plastic Texture: Stickiness: slight Structure: moderately pedal with rough-faced porous ped fabric Coherence: moderate Stone content: igneous stone fragments occur Roots: few Faunal mixing: uncommon Inclusions: none observed Boundary: not reached at depth Layer 8 Diagnostic features: >90% igneous, strongly weathered igneous bedrock always present but not always reached at depth as a weathered Occurrence:

3.2.3 Soil Mapping Unit C – (soils developed on metasediments)

3.2.3.1 Summary

These soils occur in two distinct, geographically separate locations: in the Mooball, Burringbar and northern arm of Nullum State Forests south of Murwillumbah, and in most of Washpool and the south-eastern parts of Ewingar State Forests, west of Baryulgil. Both areas are steep.

bedrock layer or C horizon at >64cm depth

They are, however, similar in terms of their physical characteristics. They are clay soils with one topsoil layer over two subsoil layers. They generally consist of a dark reddish

brown, slightly acid, strongly pedal, coherent, strongly bioturbated silty light clay to light clay topsoil layer over a reddish brown, slightly acid, strongly pedal, coherent, strongly bioturbated light to light medium clay master colour subsoil layer. This layer usually grades into a strongly weathered, moderately acid argillite rock layer at depths ranging from 44cm to 140cm or greater.

Of the six description sites recorded within this unit, three were located in an upper slope situation (gradients ranging from 8% to 33%), two in a lower slope situation (6% - 25%) and one on a ridgeline (10%).

3.2.3.2 Dominant soil materials

Northcote Codings: Uf 5.22, Uf 6.21, Uf 6.31, Uf 6.33

Great Soil Groups: Structured plastic clays and Krasnozems

Surface Conditions: self-mulching with up to 20% sub-angular and angular quartz and argillite, phyllite and slate fragments occur up to 200mm in size

3.2.3.3 Description

Layer 1 (slightly to moderately moist)

Diagnostic features: dark reddish brown, acid, strongly pedal, silty light clay or light clay

Occurrence: always present as a topsoil layer or A horizon, 8 – 22cm thick

Colour: dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/3, 5YR 3/2, 3/3), also very dark reddish brown (5YR 2/3) or brownish black (10YR 2/2)

pH: slightly acid (pH 6.0 - 6.5)

Texture: silty light clay or light clay, subplastic or normal plastic

Stickiness: usually moderate but may also be slight

Structure: strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds 20 - 100mm breaking to crumbs and occasionally angular blocky peds 2 - 5mm diameter, and rough-faced porous and sometimes smooth-faced slowly porous ped fabric

Coherence: moderate to strong

Stone content: <2 - 20% sub-angular and angular quartz and metamorphic rock
fragments occur up to 200mm in size</pre>

Roots: abundant

Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments occur at all sites
Boundary:	sharp or clear and even or wavy to layers 2 or 4
Layer 2 (slightly to	moderately moist)
Diagnostic features:	reddish brown, slightly acid, strongly pedal light to light medium clay
Occurrence:	usually present as an upper subsoil layer or B1, B11 horizon, 13 – 29cm thick
Colour:	reddish brown (5YR 4/6, 2.5YR 4/6), or dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3)
pH:	slightly acid (pH 6.0)
Texture:	light or light medium clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	moderate
Structure:	strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds 20 – 100mm breaking to crumbs <2mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous to dense or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	moderate
Stone content:	<2 - 20% sub-angular and angular metamorphic rock fragments occur up to 20mm in size
Roots:	many
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments are usually present
Boundary:	clear to gradual and even to wavy to layers 3 or 4
Layer 3 (moderately moist)	
Diagnostic features:	reddish brown, acid, strongly pedal light medium clay
Occurrence:	sometimes present as an upper subsoil layer or B12 horizon, 26cm thick
Colour:	reddish brown (2.5YR 4/6)

pH:	moderately acid (pH 5.5)
Texture:	light medium clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	moderate
Structure:	strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds 20 - 100mm in size breaking to lenticular and angular blocky peds <2mm in diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous to dense ped fabric
Coherence:	strong
Stone content:	<2% of metamorphic and quartz fragments occur up to 6mm in size
Roots:	not recorded
Faunal mixing:	not recorded
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments occur
Boundary:	gradual and even to layer 4
Layer 4 (slightly to moderately moist)	
Diagnostic features:	reddish brown, acid, strongly pedal light medium clay
Occurrence:	always present as a master colour subsoil layer or B2 horizon, 24 - 68+cm thick
Colour:	usually reddish brown (2.5YR 4/8, 5YR 4/8); also dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/6), or dull yellowish brown (10YR 5/4)
pH:	moderately to slightly acid (pH $5.0 - 6.0$)
Texture:	light to light medium clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	moderate ,
Structure:	strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds 20 – 100mm, breaking to angular blocky and lenticular <2mm diameter and smooth-faced slowly porous to dense, or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak to moderate
Stone content:	<2 - 50% sub-angular and angular metamorphic rock fragments occur up to 200mm in size
Roots:	many

Faunal mixing:	common to abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments may occur at some sites
Boundary:	gradual or sharp and irregular or broken to layers 5 or 6
Layer 5 (moderately	moist)
Diagnostic features:	reddish brown, acid, pedal light medium clay
Occurrence:	sometimes present as a transition layer or B3, BC horizon, 22+cm thick (upper boundary at 60cm depth)
Colour:	reddish brown (2.5YR 4/8)
pH:	moderately acid (pH 5.5)
Texture:	light medium clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight
Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds 20 - 50mm breaking to angular blocky peds <2mm diameter
Coherence:	moderate
Stone content:	50 – 90% angular metamorphic rock fragments occur up to 60mm in size
Roots:	many
Faunal mixing:	common .
Inclusions:	none observed
Boundary:	not recorded
Layer 6	
Diagnostic features:	strongly weathered rock
Occurrence:	always present but not always reached at depth as a weathered rock layer or C horizon, 75 – 156+cm thick
Colour:	not recorded
pH:	moderately acid (pH 5.5)
Texture:	not obtainable

Stickiness:	not obtainable		
Structure:	not obtainable		
Coherence:	not obtainable		
Stone content:	>90% metamorphic rock fragments occur		
Roots:	uncommon		
Faunal mixing:	absent		
Inclusions:	none		
Boundary:	not recorded		
Layer 7			
Diagnostic features:	unweathered rock		
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horizon, below 140cm depth

No other details were recorded for this layer

3.2.4 Soil Mapping Unit D – (soils developed on granitoids)

3.2.4.1 Summary

These soils occur in the very steep country of the Billilimbra and Ewingar State Forests.

They typically consist of a brownish black, slightly to strongly acid, moderately to strongly pedal, moderately coherent, strongly bioturbated, stony, silty light clay or light clay, commonly over an unbleached A2 horizon or lower topsoil layer which is a dark reddish brown to dark brown, slightly to moderately acid, pedal, stony, silty clay loam or light clay. This layer commonly overlies a reddish brown to dull yellowish brown, slightly to moderately acid, pedal, strongly bioturbated, weakly to moderately coherent, stony, light to medium clay upper subsoil layer, over a bright reddish brown, slightly to strongly acid, pedal, strongly bioturbated, weakly to moderately coherent, stony, light to light medium clay master colour subsoil layer. This layer grades into a strongly weathered granite rock layer, which comes in at depths between 50cm and 92cm or greater.

Of the six description sites recorded within this unit, four were located in an upper slope situation (gradients ranging from 8% to 20%), one in a midslope situation (8%) and one in a midslope to lower slope situation (12%).

3.2.4.2	Dominant soil materials
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Northcote Codings: Uf 4.43, Uf 5.11, Uf 6.2(4); Gn 3.14; Dy 4.11

Great Soil Groups: Structured subplastic and plastic clays, Krasnozems, Yellow podzolic soils

Surface Condition: loose and sandy or self-mulching or friable usually with a thin layer of scattered sand grains on the surface and a plant litter layer of varying thickness. Usually there are some rounded to angular stones present up to 600+mm in size, but generally up to 60mm. These are igneous fragments but feldspar, quartz and mica crystals are also commonly present.

3.2.4.3 Description

Layer 1 (moderately moist)

Diagnostic features: brownish black, acid, pedal silty light clay to light clay

Occurrence: always present as an A, A1, A11 horizon, 2 – 30cm thick

Colour: brownish black (5YR 2/2, 2/1, 7.5YR 2/2), and ranges from very dark reddish brown (2.5YR 2/2) to dark brown (10YR 3/4)

pH: strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.5)

Texture: silty light clay or light clay, one subplastic, the others normal plastic; also some sandy loam, clay loam or silty clay loam

Stickiness: slight to moderate

Structure: usually strongly pedal, but also moderately or weakly pedal, with sub-angular blocky and round peds, and rarely platy peds 20 – 100mm in size, breaking to round peds and crumbs 2 – 10 mm diameter, and earthy smooth-faced or rough-faced porous ped fabric

Coherence: moderate to strong

Stone content: 0 - 50% rounded to angular igneous rock fragments and feldspar quartz and mica crystals may occur from 2 - >600 mm in size

Roots: abundant

Faunal mixing:

Inclusions: charcoal fragments are usually present

abundant

sharp to clear and even or wavy to layers 2, 3 or 6

Layer 2 (moderately moist)

Boundary:

Diagnostic features:	dull reddish brown, acid, weakly or strongly pedal, light to light medium clay	
Occurrence:	sometimes present as a lower topsoil layer or A12 horizon, 8 – 16cm thick	
Colour:	lull reddish brown (5YR 4/3) or dark brown (10YR 3/3)	
рН:	moderately acid (pH 5.0 - 5.5)	
Texture:	usually light to light medium clay, but also light sandy clay loam, all normal plastic	
Stickiness:	slight	
Structure:	weakly or strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky and round peds 50 – 100mm breaking, in the more strongly pedal case, to angular blocky, round and crumb peds <2 – 10mm in size, and earthy or smooth-faced porous ped fabric	
Coherence:	weak to moderate	
Stone content:	0 - 20% sub-angular and angular igneous and quartz feldspar fragments may occur up to 20mm in size	
Roots:	abundant	
Faunal mixing:	abundant	
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments occur	
Boundary:	clear to sharp and wavy to layers 4 or 5	
Layer 3 (moderately moist)		
Diagnostic features:	reddish brown, acid, pedal, sandy light clay or light clay	
Осситтепсе:	commonly present as a lower topsoil layer or unbleached A2 horizon, 12 - 23cm thick	
Colour:	reddish brown (5YR 4/6), dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/3), or dark brown (7.5YR 3/3) [*]	
pH:	moderately to slightly acid (pH 5.0 - 6.0)	
Texture: sandy light clay, light clay or silty clay loam, normal plastic

Stickiness: slight

Structure: moderately to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky and some round peds 20 - 100mm, breaking to angular blocky and round peds 2 - 10mm diameter, and smooth-faced or rough-faced porous ped fabric

Coherence: moderate

Stone content: 10 - 50% sub-rounded to angular quartz feldspar crystals or igneous rock fragments occur up to 60mm in size, although some may range from 200 to >600mm in size

Roots: many to abundant

Faunal mixing: abundant

Inclusions: charcoal fragments occur

Boundary: clear or gradual and wavy to layers 5 or 6

Layer 4 (moderately moist)

Diagnostic features: dull reddish brown, acid, pedal sandy clay loam

Occurrence: rarely present as a transition layer or A3 horizon, 10cm thick

Colour: dull reddish brown (5YR 4/4)

pH: moderately acid (pH 5.5)

Texture: sandy clay loam

Stickiness: slight

Structure: moderately pedal (held together largely by mycelium threads) with sub-angular blocky peds 50 - 100mm

Coherence: moderate

Stone content: 10 – 20% sub-angular and angular igneous rock fragments and

quartz and feldspar crystal fragments occur up to 20mm in size

Roots: many

Faunal mixing: abundant

Inclusions:	charcoal fragments occur
Boundary:	not recorded
Layer 5 (moderately	v moist)
Diagnostic features:	reddish brown to bright reddish brown, acid, pedal, light to medium clay
Occurrence:	commonly present as an upper subsoil layer or B1 horizon, 10 – 19cm thick
Colour:	reddish brown (5YR 4/8) to bright reddish brown (5YR 5/6) or dull yellowish brown (10YR 4/3)
pH:	moderately to slightly acid (pH 5.0 - 6.0)
Texture:	light, light medium or medium clay, all normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight
Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds $50 - 100$ mm breaking to angular blocky, round and crumb peds $<2 - 10$ mm in diameter, and smooth-faced or rough-faced, slowly porous to porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak to moderate
Stone content:	either nil or up to 50% sub-rounded to angular igneous fragments and quartz and feldspar crystal fragments may occur up to 60mm in size
Roots:	common to many
Faunal mixing:	many to abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments usually occur
Boundary:	clear to gradual and wavy to layer 6
Layer 6 (moderately	v moist)
Diagnostic features:	bright reddish brown or reddish brown, acid, pedal light to light medium clay
Occurrence:	always present as a master colour subsoil layer or B2 horizon, 20 – 46cm thick

Colour:

bright reddish brown (5YR 5/8) or reddish brown (5YR 4/8), and ranges from dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/6) to yellowish brown (10YR 5.8)

pH: strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 5.0)

Texture: light or light medium clay, normal plastic

Stickiness: slight

Structure: moderately to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky and occasionally some lenticular peds 20 - 100mm breaking to angular blocky, sub-angular blocky, round, granular or crumb peds <2 - 10mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous to rough-faced porous ped fabric

Coherence: weak to moderate

Stone content: 0 - 50% rounded to angular igneous fragments and quartz, feldspar and mica crystal fragments may occur up to 600mm in size

Roots: common to many

Faunal mixing: common to abundant, predominantly many

Inclusions: charcoal fragments occasionally occur but not at all sites

Boundary: gradual and wavy to layers 7 or 8

Layer 7 (moderately moist)

Diagnostic features: very stony, slightly acid light clay

Occurrence: rarely present as a transition layer or BC horizon, 10cm thick

Colour: not recorded

pH: slightly acid (pH 6.0)

Texture: light clay, normal plastic

Stickiness: slight

Structure: moderately pedal

Coherence: weak

Stone content: 50 - 90% rounded to angular igneous fragments occur up to 200mm in size

Roots:	common
Faunal mixing:	common
Inclusions:	none observed
Boundary:	not recorded

Layer 8

Diagnostic features: strongly weathered igneous rock

Occurrence: always present but not always reached at depth as a weathered layer or C horizon, 40+cm thick and located below 50 - 90cm depth No other parameters were recorded for this layer

3.2.5 Soil Mapping Unit E - (soils developed on Grafton Formation sediments)

3.2.5.1 Summary

The soils in this unit predominate in the central forests of Bungawalbin, Braemar, Ellangowan, Carwong, Royal Camp, Camira, Myrtle, Whiporie, Banyabba and Gibberagee, unless otherwise overlain by Quaternary alluvium of the same-named unit. Terrain is very gently to gently undulating.

The soils are best divided into topsoils and subsoils because of the strong distinction between their relative field textures.

The topsoil generally consists of brownish black to dark reddish brown, slightly to strongly acid, moderately pedal, weakly to moderately coherent, strongly bioturbated sandy loam to fine sandy clay loam, with every texture in between. This layer has a sharp to clear boundary to either a brown, slightly to moderately acid, moderately pedal, moderately coherent, strongly bioturbated, light sandy clay loam, sandy clay loam, silty or fine sandy clay loam, sandy or silty light clay lower topsoil layer, or a brown, slightly to strongly acid, weakly to strongly pedal, weakly to moderately coherent, moderately to strongly bioturbated light sandy clay loam or light clay (textures range from sand to heavy clay) generally unbleached lower topsoil layer, or both. These layers show a sharp to clear boundary to the underlying subsoil.

The upper subsoil layer or transition layer is rare and is described as a reddish brown to bright reddish brown, moderately pedal sandy clay loam. The master colour subsoil layer is always present as a reddish brown, dark reddish brown, brown or greyish brown, slightly to strongly acid, strongly pedal, strongly to very strongly coherent, weakly bioturbated, light to heavy clay. It is commonly underlain by a dark reddish brown to dull brown, usually acid, strongly pedal, strongly coherent, weakly bioturbated light medium clay or heavy clay lower subsoil layer. The subsoil layers change, through a clear boundary to a strongly weathered sedimentary rock layer, which has pockets of strongly pedal light medium clay, below 43 – 87cm depth.

Of the 24 description sites recorded within this unit, five were located in an upper slope situation (gradients ranging from 2% to 20%), one in an upper slope to midslope situation (27%), seven in a midslope situation (1% - 13%), two lower slope (4% - 6%), two ridgetop (8% - 12%), five hilltop (1% - 8%), and one each in a drainage flat (1%) and gullyline (4%).

3.2.5.2 Dominant soil materials

- Northcote Codings: Gn 2.21, Gn 2.41, Gn 3.04, Gn 3.11, Gn 3.14, Gn 3.16, Gn 3.21, Gn 3.24, Gn 3.91, Gn 3.94; Dr 1.11 Dr 4.11, Dr 4.41, Dr 5.11, Dr 5.41; Dy 1.41, Dy 5.11, Dy 5.41
- Great Soil Groups: Yellow earths, Yellow-brown earths, Chocolate soils, Euchrozems, Red podzolic soils, Lateritic podzolic soils, Yellow podzolic soils and Minimal prairie soils
- Surface Condition: friable, firm, crusting, soft or loose, with litter layer, often in the form of sand grains over the top, with thin plant litter cover, or the top may be quite stony. Surface stone ranges from 0 20% rounded to angular, iron-rich, sedimentary fragments up to 200mm in size

3.2.5.3 Description

Layer 1 (usually slightly moist)

Diagnostic features: brownish black, dark brown or brown, pedal sandy loam to fine sandy clay loam

Occurrence: always present as a topsoil layer or A, A1, A11 horizon, 1 – 24cm thick

Colour: brownish black (7.5YR 3/2, 10YR 3/2), dark brown (7.5YR 3/3) or brown (7.5YR 4/3, 4/4) and ranges from black (7.5YR 1.71, 2/1) to dull reddish brown (5YR 4/4, 4/3)

pH: strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 – 6.5)

Texture: this ranges from sandy loam to fine sandy clay loam but is commonly fine sandy loam, sandy clay loam or silty clay loam, all normal plastic

Stickiness: • usually slight to moderate

Structure: weakly or moderately pedal with platy, round or sub-angular blocky peds 5 - 50mm breaking to crumbs, round, platy or sub-angular blocky peds 2 - 10mm diameter, and earthy or rough-faced porous ped fabric

Coherence:	weak to moderate
Stone content:	0 - 20% rounded to sub-angular ironstone, quartz or sedimentary rock fragments may occur up to 200mm in size
Roots:	abundant
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments occur at most sites
Boundary:	sharp and even or wavy to layers 2, 3, 5 or 7
Layer 2 (slightly to	moderately moist)
Diagnostic features:	brown pedal sandy clay loam
Occurrence:	commonly present as a lower topsoil layer or A12 horizon 5 – 35cm thick
Colour:	commonly brown (7.5YR 4/3, 4/4, 4/6) dark brown (7.5YR 3/3, 3/4) or brownish black (7.5YR 3/2)
pH:	moderately to slightly acid (pH 5.5 - 6.5)
Texture:	this is highly variable and ranges from fine sandy loam through sandy clay loam to light clay, all normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	weakly to moderately pedal with sub-angular blocky peds $20 - 100$ mm breaking to round and sub-angular blocky peds $5 - 10$ mm diameter, and earthy or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak to moderate
Stone content:	0 - 50% round to angular sedimentary quartz fragments may occur up to 60mm in size
Roots:	many to abundant
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments commonly occur
Boundary:	sharp or clear and even or wavy to layer 3 or more commonly to layer 6 or 7

Layer 3 (usually slightly to moderately moist)

Diagnostic features: brown or dull brown, weakly to strongly pedal light clay

Occurrence: commonly present as a bleached or unbleached lower topsoil layer or A2, A21 horizon, 5 – 37cm thick

Colour: brown (7.5YR 4/3, 4/4) or dull brown (7.5YR 5/3, 5/4); also dull reddish brown (5YR 4/3) greyish brown (5YR 5/2) or dull orange (5YR 6/4). Bleaching of this layer is common

pH: strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.0)

Texture: texture of this layer is highly variable ranging from sand at the one end to heavy clay at the other. The two textures which are present more often than others are light clay and light sandy clay loam, all normal plastic

Stickiness: non-sticky to moderate

Structure: weakly, moderately or strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds 10 - 200mm diameter breaking, in the more strongly pedal cases, to round, sub-angular blocky, angular blocky, lenticular or platy peds 5 - 10mm diameter, and earthy, smooth-faced or rough-faced porous to slowly porous ped fabric. Also on two occasions the structure was apedal single-grained or apedal massive

Coherence: weak to moderate

Stone content: 0 - 10% rounded to angular ironstone sedimentary or quartz fragments may occur, commonly up to 20mm in size

Roots: few to abundant

Faunal mixing: few to abundant (highly variable)

Inclusions: charcoal fragments may occur

Boundary: always sharp and even, wavy or irregular to layer 7 and clear and irregular to layer 4

Layer 4 (slightly moist)

Diagnostic features: yellowish brown, weakly pedal fine sandy loam

Occurrence: very rarely present as a lower bleached topsoil layer or A22 horizon, 28cm thick

Colour: yellowish brown (10YR 5/6)

pH:	not recorded
Texture:	fine sandy loam
Stickiness:	slight
Structure:	weakly pedal with round peds 5 – 20mm diameter and earthy porous ped fabric
Coherence:	not recorded
Stone content:	20 - 50% rounded sedimentary fragments occur up to 20mm in size
Roots:	few
Faunal mixing:	common
Inclusions:	none observed
Boundary:	sharp to layer 7
Layer 5 (slightly mo	bist)
Diagnostic features:	brownish black, weakly pedal loamy sand
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Occurrence:	very rarely present as a lower topsoil layer or A3 horizon, 12cm thick
Occurrence: Colour:	very rarely present as a lower topsoil layer or A3 horizon, 12cm thick brownish black (10YR 3/2)
Occurrence: Colour: pH:	very rarely present as a lower topsoil layer or A3 horizon, 12cm thick brownish black (10YR 3/2) not recorded
Occurrence: Colour: pH: Texture:	very rarely present as a lower topsoil layer or A3 horizon, 12cm thick brownish black (10YR 3/2) not recorded loamy sand, loose
Occurrence: Colour: pH: Texture: Stickiness:	very rarely present as a lower topsoil layer or A3 horizon, 12cm thick brownish black (10YR 3/2) not recorded loamy sand, loose non-sticky
Occurrence: Colour: pH: Texture: Stickiness: Structure:	<pre>very rarely present as a lower topsoil layer or A3 horizon, 12cm thick brownish black (10YR 3/2) not recorded loamy sand, loose non-sticky weakly pedal with round peds 10 - 20mm diameter and earthy porous ped fabric</pre>
Occurrence: Colour: pH: Texture: Stickiness: Structure: Coherence:	very rarely present as a lower topsoil layer or A3 horizon, 12cm thick brownish black (10YR 3/2) not recorded loamy sand, loose non-sticky weakly pedal with round peds 10 - 20mm diameter and earthy porous ped fabric not recorded
Occurrence: Colour: pH: Texture: Stickiness: Structure: Coherence: Stone content:	<pre>very rarely present as a lower topsoil layer or A3 horizon, 12cm thick brownish black (10YR 3/2) not recorded loamy sand, loose non-sticky weakly pedal with round peds 10 - 20mm diameter and earthy porous ped fabric not recorded none</pre>
Occurrence: Colour: pH: Texture: Stickiness: Structure: Coherence: Stone content: Roots:	<pre>very rarely present as a lower topsoil layer or A3 horizon, 12cm thick brownish black (10YR 3/2) not recorded loamy sand, loose non-sticky weakly pedal with round peds 10 - 20mm diameter and earthy porous ped fabric not recorded none common</pre>
Occurrence: Colour: pH: Texture: Stickiness: Structure: Coherence: Stone content: Roots: Faunal mixing:	<pre>very rarely present as a lower topsoil layer or A3 horizon, 12cm thick brownish black (10YR 3/2) not recorded loamy sand, loose non-sticky weakly pedal with round peds 10 - 20mm diameter and earthy porous ped fabric not recorded none common common</pre>

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Boundary: diffuse and wavy to layer 7

Layer 6 (slightly moist)

Diagnostic features:	reddish brown to dull yellowish brown, moderately pedal, sandy clay loam
Occurrence:	rarely present as a transitional layer or B1 horizon, 13 - 24 cm thick
Colour:	ranges from reddish brown (5YR 4/6) or bright reddish brown (5YR 5/6) through dark brown (7.5YR 3/4) to dull yellowish brown (10YR 4/3)
pH:	not recorded
Texture:	sandy clay loam, also fine sandy loam or light clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	moderately pedal with sub-angular blocky peds $20 - 100$ mm breaking to sub-angular blocky, round or lenticular peds $5 - 10$ mm diameter, and earthy or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	not recorded
Stone content:	10 - 20% rounded and sub-rounded quartz fragments occur up to 20mm in size
Roots:	common
Faunal mixing:	usually abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments commonly occur
Boundary:	usually clear and wavy to layer 7
Layer 7 (slightly to	moderately moist)
Diagnostic features:	reddish brown, strongly pedal light medium clay
Осситтепсе:	always present as a master colour subsoil layer or B2, B21 horizon, 10 - 51+cm thick
Colour:	usually reddish brown (2.5YR 4/8, 4/6); also dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/6, 5YR 3/6), brown (7.5YR 4/6, 4/3, 10YR 4/6) or greyish brown (7.5YR 6/2, 5/2, 4/2). Other not so common colours range from dull reddish brown (5YR 5/4, 4/4) to dull yellow orange (10YR 6/3)

pH: strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.0)

Texture: usually light medium clay, light clay or heavy clay, all normal plastic. Less commonly textures of sandy loam, fine sandy loam, light sandy clay loam, fine sandy clay loam and sandy light clay also occur

Stickiness: slight to moderate

Structure: usually strongly pedal but also can be weak to moderate with lenticular, angular-blocky and sub-angular blocky peds 20 ~ 200mm diameter breaking to <2 ~ 10mm diameter, and earthy or rough-faced porous ped fabric or smooth-faced slowly porous to dense ped fabric

Coherence: moderate to very strong

Stone content: 0 - 50% rounded to angular quartz sedimentary or ironstone fragments can occur up to 60mm in size

Roots: few to common

Faunal mixing: common, becoming less common with depth

- Inclusions: charcoal fragments may be present and rarely manganese nodules may occur
- Boundary: clear and wavy to layer 9, and rarely gradual to layers 8 or 10
- Layer 8 (wet)

Diagnostic features: greyish brown, strongly pedal, light medium clay

Occurrence: very rarely present as a lower subsoil layer or B22 horizon, 35+cm thick

Colour: greyish brown (7.5YR 4/2)

pH: moderately acid (pH 5.0)

Texture: light medium clay, normal plastic

Stickiness: slight

Structure: strongly pedal with angular blocky and sub-angular blocky peds 100 - 200mm breaking to sub-angular blocky peds 2 - 5mm diameter, and smooth-faced dense ped fabric

Coherence: not recorded

Stone content:	not recorded
Roots:	few
Faunal mixing:	uncommón
Inclusions:	none observed
Boundary:	not reached at depth
Layer 9 (usually m	oderately moist to wet)
Diagnostic features:	dark reddish brown to dull brown, strongly pedal, light medium clay
Occurrence:	commonly present as a lower subsoil layer or B3 horizon, $13 - 46$ +cm thick
Colour:	dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/6) or dull brown (7.5YR 5/3, 6/3). Other less common colours range from reddish brown (2.5YR 4/8) to dull yellow (2.5Y 6/4)
pH:	strongly acid to slightly alkaline (pH 4.5 - 8.5)
Texture:	light medium clay with some heavy clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky, angular blocky or lenticular peds $50 - 200$ mm breaking to $<2 - 5$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced, slowly porous to dense ped fabric
Coherence:	moderate to strong
Stone content:	0 – 90% rounded to angular, sedimentary, iron-rich pebbles may occur up to 60mm in size
Roots:	few to common on ped faces
Faunal mixing:	uncommon to rare. Normally at this depth open channels are observed with no mixing of soil either within the layer or across layers
Inclusions:	none observed
Boundary:	sharp to clear and broken to layer 10

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Layer 10 (soil moisture not recorded)

Diagnostic features:	very strongly weathered rock with some light medium clay
Occurrence:	always present but not always reached at depth as a weathered rock layer or C horizon at depth, below 43 - 87cm
Colour:	not recorded
pH:	not recorded
Texture:	light medium clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight
Structure:	not recorded
Coherence:	not recorded
Stone content:	50 - 90% angular, strongly weathered, sedimentary stones are present up to 60mm in size
Roots:	few
Faunal mixing:	rare .
Inclusions:	none observed
Boundary:	not reached at depth

3.2.6 Soil Mapping Unit F - (soils developed on Kangaroo Creek Sandstone)

3.2.6.1 Summary

These soils predominantly occur on Kangaroo Creek Sandstones in the Mount Belmore, Mount Marsh, and Doubleduke State Forests. Other smaller localities are in part Banyabba, part Gibberagee, part Richmond Range, and part Eden Creek State Forests.

The terrain is moderately steep on side slopes and more gentle on ridgelines and footslopes.

The soils generally consist of a brownish black, slightly to strongly acid, weakly to moderately pedal, weakly coherent, strongly bioturbated, loamy sand or sandy loam topsoil layer, over either a dark brown to brown, moderately acid, weakly to moderately pedal, weakly coherent, bioturbated, clayey sand lower topsoil layer, or a brown to dull yellowish brown (bleached or unbleached) slightly to moderately acid, weakly pedal, weakly coherent, moderately bioturbated, clayey sand, loamy sand or light sandy clay loam lower topsoil layer, sometimes over a brown, slightly to moderately acid, moderately pedal,

weakly coherent, moderately bioturbated, clayey sand or sandy clay loam transition layer or upper subsoil layer.

The master colour subsoil layer is always present and is characterised by a bright brown to yellow brown, slightly to strongly acid, weakly to strongly pedal, weakly to moderately coherent, weakly bioturbated (except where the layer is directly overlain by the topsoil layer, in which case it is strongly bioturbated), clayey sand, sandy light clay or light medium clay, occasionally over a dull yellow orange, moderately acid, strongly pedal, moderately coherent, light medium clay lower subsoil layer. This sharply changes to strongly weathered, bright brown sandstone at depths between 50 - 140+cm.

Of the 21 description sites recorded within this unit, eight were located in an upper slope situation (gradients ranging from 7% to 27%), five in a midslope situation (10% - 22%), two lower slope (7% - 17%), three ridgetop (8% - 18%), two footslope (2% - 12%), and one in a drainage flat (<1%).

3.2.6.2 Dominant soil materials

- Northcote Codings: Uc 4.21, Uc 4.24, Uc 6, Uc 6.14; Gn 2.14, Gn 2.21, Gn 3.11, Gn 3.21; Dr 5.11, Dr 5.21; Db 3.41; Dy 1.11, Dy 4.11, Dy 4.21, Dy 5.21, Dy 5.31, Dy 5.41
- Great Soil Groups: Sands, Structured sands, Earthy sands, Yellow earths, Red earths, Krasnozems, Red podzolic soils, Yellow podzolic soils

Surface Condition: thin, loose, sandy or crusting up to 1cm; organic matter can be present. Usually there are no stones but there may be up to 2% rounded quartz or coarse quartz sandstone pebbles, up to 20mm in size

3.2.6.3 Description

Layer 1 (slightly to moderately moist)

Diagnostic features:	brownish	black,	weakly	to	moderately	pedal,	loamy	sand	to	sandy
	loam	•								

Occurrence: always present as an A, A1, A11 horizon, 2 – 35cm thick

Colour: brownish black (7.5YR 3/2, 2/2, 2/3) but can range from dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) to dull yellowish brown (10YR 5/3)

pH: strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.0 - 6.5)

Texture: usually loamy sand or sandy loam but texture may be as clayey as fine sandy clay loam, all normal plastic

Stickiness:	non-sticky to slight
Structure:	weakly to moderately pedal with round and sub-angular blocky peds $10 - 100$ mm breaking to crumbs, granular, round or sub-angular blocky peds $< 2 - 10$ mm diameter, and earthy, sandy or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak
Stone content:	usually no stones are present; occasionally there are up to 10% rounded, sub-angular or angular quartz or coarse quartz sandstone fragments up to 20mm in size
Roots:	many to abundant
Faunal mixing:	usually abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments usually occur
Boundary:	sharp or clear and even, wavy or broken to layers 2, 3, 5 or 6
Layer 2 (slightly to	moderately moist)
Diagnostic features:	dark brown to brown, weakly to moderately pedal, clayey sand
Occurrence:	occasionally present as an A12 horizon or lower topsoil layer, $7 - 58+$ cm thick
Colour:	dark brown (7.5YR 3/3) or brown (7.5YR 4/4, 4/3), but ranges from brownish black (7.5YR 3/2) to yellowish brown (10YR 5/6)
pH:	moderately acid (pH 5.5)
Texture:	clayey sand or loamy sand but also light sandy clay loam, loam fine sandy, normal plastic
Stickiness:	usually slight
Structure:	weakly to moderately pedal with round and sub-angular blocky peds $10 - 100$ mm breaking to round sub-angular and angular blocky peds $2 - 10$ mm diameter, and earthy, sandy or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak .
Stone content:	0 - 10% rounded sub-angular or angular quartz or quartz sandstone fragments up to 60mm in size may occur
Roots:	common to many

Faunal mixing:	many to abundant, infilled faunal channels can be observed
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments are usually present
Boundary:	clear or gradual and wavy to layers 3, 4, 5 or 6
Layer 3 (slightly to	moderately moist)
Diagnostic features:	brown to dull yellowish brown weakly to moderately pedal, loamy sand or clayey sand
Occurrence:	commonly present as a second topsoil layer (i.e. present where layer 2 is not present) or either bleached or unbleached A2 horizon, $13 - 38$ cm thick
Colour:	dull yellowish brown (10YR 4/3, 5/3) or brown (7.5YR 4/3, 4/4) also dark reddish brown (5YR 3/3) and dull yellow orange (10YR 6/4). This layer is usually not bleached
pH:	moderately to slightly acid (pH 5.0 - 6.5)
Texture:	loamy sand, clayey sand or light sandy clay loam, normal plastic
Stickiness:	non-sticky to slight
Structure:	weakly to moderately pedal with round and sub-angular blocky peds $10 - 100$ mm diameter which break, in the moderately pedal cases to round peds 5 - 10mm diameter, and earthy, sandy or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak
Stone content:	stones are not usually present but at one site up to 90% rounded quartz and coarse-grained quartz sandstone fragments up to 20mm diameter occurred, with some bigger floaters up to 200mm on the slope
Roots:	common to abundant
Faunal mixing:	common
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments may occur
Boundary:	sharp, clear or gradual and usually wavy to either layer 4 or more commonly layers 5 or 6
Layer 4 (slightly to	moderately moist)
Diagnostic features:	dark brown to brown, pedal clayey sand or silty clay loam

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Осситтепсе:	rarely present as a transition layer or A3 horizon, 6 - 29cm thick
Colour:	dark brown (7.5YR 3/3) or brown (7.5YR 4/6)
pH:	not recorded
Texture:	clayey sand or silty clay loam, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	moderately pedal with sub-angular blocky peds 20 - 50mm breaking to round peds 5 - 10mm diameter, and rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	not recorded
Stone content:	none present
Roots:	many
Faunal mixing:	common
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments may occur
Boundary:	sharp or clear and wavy or irregular to layer 6
Layer 5 (slightly to	moderately moist)
Diagnostic features:	brown, weakly to moderately pedal clayey sand or sandy clay loam
Occurrence:	sometimes present as an upper subsoil layer or B1 horizon, 8 – 27cm thick
Colour:	brown (7.5YR 4/4, 4/6) and ranges from dark brown (7.5YR 3/3) to orange (7.5YR 6/6)
pH:	moderately to slightly acid (pH 5.5 - 6.0)
Texture:	clayey sand, sandy clay loam or light clay, all normal plastic
Stickiness:	non-sticky to moderate
Structure:	usually weakly to moderately pedal with sub-angular blocky, angular blocky or round peds $10 - 100$ mm, breaking in the more pedal cases to $2 - 20$ mm diameter, and earthy, sandy, smooth-faced or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak

Stone content:	0 - 10% rounded to angular ironstone or sedimentary fragments may occur up to 20mm in size
Roots:	usually common
Faunal mixing:	common
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments commonly occur
Boundary:	clear and wavy or broken to layer 6
Layer 6 (slightly m	oist to wet)
Diagnostic features:	bright brown or yellow brown, weakly to strongly pedal clayey sand, sandy clay or light medium clay
Осситтепсе:	always present as a master colour subsoil layer or B2, B21 horizon, 13 - 70+cm thick
Colour:	bright brown (7.5YR 5/6, 5/8) or yellow brown (10YR 5/6, 5/8) and ranges from reddish brown (2.5YR 4/8) to bright yellowish brown (10YR 6/6)
pH:	strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.0)
Texture:	clayey sand, sandy light clay or light medium clay, all normal plastic
Stickiness:	non-sticky to moderate
Stickiness: Structure:	non-sticky to moderate weakly, moderately or strongly pedal with round and sub-angular blocky peds $5 - 100$ mm diameter breaking to round sub-angular blocky, angular blocky or lenticular peds $2 - 10$ mm diameter, and either earthy, sandy or rough-faced porous ped fabric or smooth-faced, slowly porous to dense ped fabric
Stickiness: Structure: Coherence:	non-sticky to moderate weakly, moderately or strongly pedal with round and sub-angular blocky peds 5 - 100mm diameter breaking to round sub-angular blocky, angular blocky or lenticular peds 2 - 10mm diameter, and either earthy, sandy or rough-faced porous ped fabric or smooth-faced, slowly porous to dense ped fabric weak to moderate
Stickiness: Structure: Coherence: Stone content:	non-sticky to moderate weakly, moderately or strongly pedal with round and sub-angular blocky peds 5 - 100mm diameter breaking to round sub-angular blocky, angular blocky or lenticular peds 2 - 10mm diameter, and either earthy, sandy or rough-faced porous ped fabric or smooth-faced, slowly porous to dense ped fabric weak to moderate usually no stones are present but there may be <2 - 90% rounded to angular quartz or iron-rich quartz sandstone fragments up to 600mm in size
Stickiness: Structure: Coherence: Stone content:	non-sticky to moderate weakly, moderately or strongly pedal with round and sub-angular blocky peds 5 - 100mm diameter breaking to round sub-angular blocky, angular blocky or lenticular peds 2 - 10mm diameter, and either earthy, sandy or rough-faced porous ped fabric or smooth-faced, slowly porous to dense ped fabric weak to moderate usually no stones are present but there may be <2 - 90% rounded to angular quartz or iron-rich quartz sandstone fragments up to 600mm in size many to few
Stickiness: Structure: Coherence: Stone content: Roots: Faunal mixing:	non-sticky to moderate weakly, moderately or strongly pedal with round and sub-angular blocky peds 5 - 100mm diameter breaking to round sub-angular blocky, angular blocky or lenticular peds 2 - 10mm diameter, and either earthy, sandy or rough-faced porous ped fabric or smooth-faced, slowly porous to dense ped fabric weak to moderate usually no stones are present but there may be <2 - 90% rounded to angular quartz or iron-rich quartz sandstone fragments up to 600mm in size many to few common and becoming less common with depth
Stickiness: Structure: Coherence: Stone content: Roots: Faunal mixing: Inclusions:	<pre>non-sticky to moderate weakly, moderately or strongly pedal with round and sub-angular blocky peds 5 - 100mm diameter breaking to round sub-angular blocky, angular blocky or lenticular peds 2 - 10mm diameter, and either earthy, sandy or rough-faced porous ped fabric or smooth-faced, slowly porous to dense ped fabric weak to moderate usually no stones are present but there may be <2 - 90% rounded to angular quartz or iron-rich quartz sandstone fragments up to 600mm in size many to few common and becoming less common with depth charcoal fragments may occur but these tend to be less common than in overlying layers</pre>

Layer 7 (moderately moist to wet)

Diagnostic features: bright brown, apedal to weakly pedal sandy light clay

Occurrence:	rarely present as a lower subsoil layer or B22 horizon, 15 - 43+cm thick	
Colour:	bright brown (7.5YR 5/6); also dull yellow orange (10YR 6/4) or brown (7.5YR 4/4)	
pH:	moderately acid (pH 5.0)	
Texture:	sandy light clay or loamy sand, normal plastic	
Stickiness:	non-sticky to slight	
Structure:	either apedal massive or weakly pedal with sub-angular blocky and platy peds $10 - 50$ mm diameter, and earthy, sandy or rough-faced porous ped fabric	
Coherence:	slight	
Stone content:	up to 2% sub-angular and angular quartz fragments may occur up to 20mm in size	
Roots:	few	
Faunal mixing:	rare	
Inclusions:	none observed	
Boundary:	sharp or clear and even to layers 8 or 10	
Layer 8 (slightly moist)		
Diagnostic features:	dull yellow orange, strongly pedal light medium clay	
Occurrence:	occasionally present as a lower subsoil layer or B3 horizon, $16 - 31+cm$ thick	
Colour: or	dull yellow orange (10YR 6/4, 7/2); also bright brown (7.5YR 5/6) dull yellowish brown (10YR 5/3)	
pH:	moderately acid (pH 5)	
Texture:	normally light medium clay and rarely loamy sand, all normal plastic	
Stickiness:	non-sticky to slight	

Structure:	strongly pedal with angular and sub-angular blocky peds $50 - 100$ mm breaking to lenticular peds $<2 - 5$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous ped fabric
Coherence:	usually moderate
Stone content:	none observed at any site
Roots:	few
Faunal mixing:	rare
Inclusions:	none observed
Boundary:	gradual and wavy to layer 9

Layer 9

Diagnostic features: bright brown, weakly pedal, strongly weathered rock layer

Occurrence: always present but not usually reached at depth and a transitional layer or C horizon, 32+cm thick

Colour: bright brown (7.5YR 5/8)

pH: not recorded

Texture: not obtainable

Stickiness: not obtainable

Structure: weakly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds 20 - 50mm diameter

Coherence: not obtainable

Stone content: >90% stones

Roots: few

Faunal mixing: none

Inclusions: none

Boundary: not reached at depth

3.2.7 Soil Mapping Unit G - (soils developed on Walloon Coal Measures)

3.2.7.1 Summary

These soils occupy areas adjacent to basalt soils in the Richmond Range State Forest, and also dominate in the Cherry Tree State Forest. South of this they occur exclusively in Mount Pikapene State Forest and partly extend southwards into Mount Belmore State Forest. Terrain is generally moderately gentle throughout.

The soils consist of a brownish black, slightly to strongly acid, pedal, weakly to moderately coherent, strongly bioturbated light sandy clay loam, clay loam, silty light clay or light clay topsoil, uncommonly over a dull yellowish brown, usually bleached, slightly to strongly acid, pedal, moderately coherent, strongly bioturbated, light sandy clay loam, sandy clay loam or light clay lower topsoil layer, sometimes over a brown, slightly to strongly acid, strongly pedal, either moderately coherent and strongly bioturbated or strongly to very strongly coherent and weakly bioturbated, light medium clay upper subsoil layer. The boundary between the overlying layer (A1, A12, A2, B1) and the master colour subsoil layer, which always occurs, is usually sharp to clear, but may also be gradual. This layer is characterised by a reddish brown, slightly to strongly acid, moderately to very strongly coherent, strongly to weakly bioturbated at depth, slightly stony, strongly pedal, light to light medium clay. This is commonly underlain by a yellowish brown to greyish yellow brown, slightly to moderately acid, pedal, moderately coherent, non to weakly bioturbated, light medium clay. At depth is the strongly weathered sedimentary bedrock which extends to the unweathered rocks through a thickness of 12 -85+cm.

Of the 21 description sites recorded within this unit, eight were located in an upper slope situation (gradients ranging from 5% to 32%), three in a midslope situation (7% - 20%), five lower slope (4% - 20%), and five ridgetop (3% - 47%).

3.2.7.2 Dominant soil materials

Northcote Codings: Uf 5.22, Uf 5.31, Uf 6.31, Uf 6.33, Uf 6.34; Gn 3.14, Gn 3.84, Gn 3.91, Gn 3.94; Dr 2.21, Dr 4.11, Dr 4.21, Dr 5.11, Dr 5.21; Db 0.41;

Great Soil Groups: Structured plastic and sub-plastic clays, Krasnozems, Xanthozems, Chocolate soils, Red podzolic soils, Yellow podzolic soils

Surface Condition: gravelly, firm, rarely hard-setting or friable with some stones and a plant litter layer up to 1cm thick. One soil had a crust but this is unusual. Surface stones range from 0 - 20% and are rounded, sub-rounded, sub-angular or angular and range in size from 2 - 600mm although they are generally up to 60mm in size, and they may be lithic sandstone, ironstone or quartz fragments

3.2.7.3 Description

Layer 1 (usually slightly to moderately moist)

Diagnostic features: brownish black, pedal light clay

- Occurrence: always present as an A A1 or A11 horizon or topsoil layer, 2 38cm thick
- Colour: usually brownish black (5YR 2/2, 7.5YR 2/2, 3/2, 10YR 2/2, 3/2) but can range from dark reddish brown (5YR 3/2) to greyish yellow brown (10YR 4/2, 5/2)

pH: usually strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.5)

Texture: light clay, light sandy clay loam, clay loam or silty light clay, all normal plastic

Stickiness: slight to moderate

Structure: usually moderately to strongly pedal with round and sub-angular blocky peds 10 - 100mm breaking to angular blocky, sub-angular blocky, granular and crumb peds <2 - 20mm diameter, and smooth-faced or rough-faced, porous to dense ped fabric

Coherence: weak to moderate

Stone content: 0 - 20% rounded to angular quartz, lithic sandstone or ironstone pebbles may occur up to 60mm in size

Roots: many to abundant

Faunal mixing: abundant

Inclusions: charcoal fragments usually occur and rarely, soft iron nodules may also occur

Boundary: sharp to gradual and even or wavy to layers 2, 3, 4 or 5

Layer 2 (slightly to moderately moist)

Diagnostic features: dark reddish brown, pedal light sandy clay loam

Occurrence: rarely present as a A12 horizon or lower topsoil layer, 15 - 33cm thick

Colour: dark reddish brown (5YR 3/2); also greyish brown (7.5YR 4/2), brown (7.5YR 4/4) or bright yellowish brown (10YR 6/6)

pH:	moderately to slightly acid (pH 5.0 - 6.0)
Texture:	light sandy clay loam, clay loam, or light clay, all normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	moderately pedal with sub-angular blocky peds $50 - 100$ mm breaking to $5 - 20$ mm diameter, and rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak to moderate
Stone content:	<2 - 10% rounded to sub-angular, quartz, sedimentary or ironstone fragments occur up to 20mm in size
Roots:	many to common
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments usually occur
Boundary:	sharp to gradual and even to irregular to layers 3 or 5
Layer 3 (slightly to	moderately moist)
Diagnostic features:	dull yellowish brown, pedal light sandy clay loam, sandy clay loam or light clay
Occurrence:	uncommonly present as a bleached A2 horizon or lower topsoil layer, 9 – 26cm thick
Colour:	dull yellowish brown (10YR 5/3, 5/4) but ranges from dark reddish brown (5YR 3/6) to dull yellow orange (10YR 7/4)
pH:	strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.0)
Texture:	light sandy clay loam, sandy clay loam, or light clay, all normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight
Structure:	usually moderately pedal with sub-angular blocky peds $20 - 100$ mm breaking to $2 - 10$ mm diameter, and rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	moderate
Stone content:	usually $2 - 10\%$ rounded and sub-rounded quartz lithic sandstone or ironstone pebbles occur up to 20mm in size
Roots:	many to common

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Faunal mixing:	abundant	
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments usually occur, rarely soft iron nodules also can occur	
Boundary:	sharp or clear and usually wavy to layers 4 or 5	
Layer 4 (moderately	y moist)	
Diagnostic features:	brown, strongly pedal light medium clay	
Occurrence:	sometimes present as a B1 horizon or upper subsoil layer, $9 - 23$ cm thick	
Colour:	brown (7.5YR 4/6, 4/4) but ranges from dark reddish brown (5YR 3/4) to dull yellowish brown (10YR 5/4)	
pH:	strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.0)	
Texture:	usually light medium clay but also light clay or light sandy clay loam, all normal plastic	
Stickiness:	slight to moderate	
Structure:	strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds $20 - 100$ mm breaking to lenticular, angular blocky or sub-angular blocky peds $<2 - 5$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced dense to slowly porous ped fabric	
Coherence:	moderate to very strong	
Stone content:	<2 - 10% rounded to angular lithic sandstone or ironstone pebbles occur up to 20mm in size	
Roots:	many to common	
Faunal mixing:	common	
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments are usually present	
Boundary:	clear to gradual and wavy to layer 5	
Layer 5 (slightly moist to wet)		
Diagnostic features:	reddish brown, pedal light medium clay	
Occurrence:	always present as a B2, B21 horizon or master colour subsoil horizon, 8 - 51cm thick	

Colour:	usually reddish brown (2.5YR 4/8, 5YR 4/6, 4/8) or dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/6, 5YR 3/6); also brown (7.5YR 4/6, 10YR 4/4) and greyish brown (7.5YR 4/2, 5/2) \bullet	
pH:	strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.0)	
Texture:	light to light medium clays, normal plastic; rarely super-plastic heavy clays	
Stickiness:	slight to moderate	
Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky, lenticular or prismatic peds $20 - 200$ mm breaking to lenticular, angular blocky or sub-angular blocky peds $< 2 - 10$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous to dense ped fabric	
Coherence:	moderate	
Stone content:	0 - 10% rounded to angular quartz lithic sandstone or ironstone fragments may occur usually up to 20mm in size but sometimes up to 200mm diameter	
Roots:	many to common	
Faunal mixing:	common in the upper part of the layer but decreasing with depth	
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments occasionally occur; rarely manganese or iron nodules also occur	
Boundary:	gradual and wavy to layers 6, 7 or 9	
Layer 6 (moderately moist)		
Diagnostic features:	dark reddish brown, pedal light medium clay	
Occurrence:	very rarely present as a B22 horizon or lower subsoil layer, $<30 - 59$ cm thick	
Colour:	dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/4) or bright brown (7.5YR 5/6)	
pH:	moderately acid (pH 5.0)	
Texture:	light to light medium clay, normal plastic or super-plastic heavy clay	
Stickiness:	slight	

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Structure:	strongly pedal with angular and sub-angular blocky peds $50 - 100$ mm breaking to lenticular and angular blocky peds $2 - 10$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous ped fabric
Coherence:	moderate
Stone content:	<2% angular and sub-angular sedimentary fragments occur up to 200mm in size
Roots:	common
Faunal mixing:	uncommon
Inclusions:	none observed
Boundary:	clear to diffuse and wavy to layer 7
Layer 7 (moderately	moist to wet)
Diagnostic features:	greyish yellow brown, pedal light medium clay
Occurrence:	commonly present as a B3 horizon or lower subsoil layer, $16 - 52+cm$ thick
Colour:	usually either greyish yellow brown (10YR 4/2) or yellowish brown (10YR 5/6) but can range from brown (7.5YR 4/6) to bright yellowish brown (10YR 6/6)
pH:	moderately to slightly acid (pH 5.0 - 6.0)
Texture:	normally light to light medium clay, all normal plastic and rarely super-plastic heavy clay
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal with lenticular, angular blocky or sub-angular blocky peds $20 - 200$ mm breaking to $<2 - 20$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous to dense ped fabric
Coherence:	moderate
Stone content:	0 - 90%, but usually up to $10%$ sub-angular and angular sedimentary or ironstone fragments occur up to 20mm in size and occasionally up to 200mm in size
Roots:	few to common
Faunal mixing:	uncommon to rare \mathcal{J}

Inclusions:	charcoal fragments are not normally observed and rarely, manganese nodules are observed	
Boundary:	clear to diffuse and wavy to layers 8, 9 or 10	
Layer 8 (moderately	y moist)	
Diagnostic features:	none have been recorded for this layer	
Occurrence:	very rarely present as a transitional layer or BC horizon, 27+cm thick	
Layer 9 (slightly to	moderately moist)	
Diagnostic features:	very stony, weathered bedrock	
Occurrence:	always present but not always reached at depth as a C horizon or weathered parent material layer, at depth >52cm	
Colour:	not recorded	
pH:	not recorded	
Texture:	not obtainable	
Stickiness:	not obtainable	
Structure:	orthogonal to oblique planar void pattern is apparent	
Coherence:	not obtainable	
Stone content:	>90% angular stones are present up to 60mm in size	
Roots:	few to common	
Faunal mixing:	none	
Inclusions:	none	
Boundary:	sharp to gradual to layer 10	
Layer 10 (slightly moist to dry)		
Diagnostic features:	rock	
Occurrence:	always present but usually not reached at depth as an R horizon or unweathered bedrock at >60cm depth	
Colour:	not recorded	

pH:	not obtainable
Texture:	not obtainable
Stickiness:	not obtainable
Structure:	oblique to orthogonal planar void pattern is faintly observable
Coherence:	not obtainable
Stone content:	100% sedimentary rock
Roots:	not present
Faunal mixing:	none
Inclusions:	none

3.2.8 Soil Mapping Unit H - (soils developed on Marburg sediments)

3.2.8.1 Summary

These soils occur in three, widely separated localities in the management areas: the largest of the three localities occurs in the Sugarloaf, Keybarbin and part Mount Marsh State Forests, east of the Clarence River and east and north of Baryulgil. The smaller locality is in parts of Wollumbin and Nullum State Forests south-west of Murwillumbah, and the smallest site is in the eastern-most area of Tabbimoble State Forest, east of the Pacific Highway.

In general the terrain is gentle to flat, except for those areas where the bedrock outcrops as modified escarpments. In these instances the terrain tends to be steeper and quite broken (e.g. Site 0902).

The soils are generally dark coloured, sandy and weakly to moderately pedal in the topsoil and redder, clayey and moderately to strongly pedal in the subsoil.

In more detail then, a brownish black to very dark reddish brown, neutral to moderately acid, weakly to moderately pedal, weakly to moderately coherent, strongly bioturbated sandy (loamy sand to fine sandy clay loam) topsoil layer has a sharp boundary to either, sometimes a bleached, dull brown to greyish yellow brown, moderately acid, moderately pedal, weakly coherent, light sandy clay loam or sandy clay loam lower topsoil layer, or commonly a dark reddish brown to dull yellow orange, slightly acid, pedal, weakly to moderately coherent, commonly bioturbated, more clayey (fine sandy clay loam to medium clay) transition or upper subsoil layer, or both. These layers have a sharp to clear boundary to a dark reddish brown to bright yellowish brown, moderately acid, strongly pedal, coherent, commonly bioturbated, light, light medium or heavy clay master colour subsoil layer. This layer sometimes overlies a bright brown, moderately acid, pedal, light to light medium clay transition or lower subsoil layer, always over a strongly weathered iron-rich sandstone layer, below 58 - 72cm depth. This is occasionally observed to grade into unweathered rock below 96cm depth.

Of the eight description sites recorded within this unit, two were located in an upper slope situation (gradients ranging from 20% to 23%), one in a midslope situation (12%), two lower slope (5% - 9%), one hilltop flat (3%), and two ridgetop (12% - 40%).

3.2.8.2 Dominant soil materials

Northcote Codings: Uf 5.32; Gn 2.21, Gn 3.11; Dy 4.11, Dy 5.21, Dy 5.41

Great Soil Groups: Krasnozems, Yellow earths, Yellow podzolic soils

Surface Condition: loose to friable or crusting with a plant litter layer up to 1cm thick. Stones are usually present in amounts up to 20%. They may be angular to rounded and up to 200mm in size and consist of iron-rich sandstone fragments and quartz fragments

3.2.8.3 Description

Layer 1 (slightly moist to wet)

Diagnostic features: brownish black, weakly acid, pedal loamy sand to light clay

Occurrence: always present as an A, A1 horizon, 3 – 18cm thick

Colour: commonly brownish black (7.5YR 2/2, 10YR 2/2, 3/2) or very dark reddish brown (5YR 2/3)

pH:

moderately acid to neutral (pH 5.5 – 7.0)

Texture: generally sandy but highly variable, ranging from loamy sand through to light clay with sandy loam, light sandy clay loam, loam fine sandy, silty clay loam and fine sandy clay loam being textured in between those two extremes

Stickiness: slight

Structure:weakly to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky and round peds 10- 100mm, breaking to sub-angular blocky, round, granular and
crumb peds 2 - 10mm in size, and earthy or rough-faced porous
fabric

Coherence: weak to moderate

Stone content: usually 2 - 10% rounded to angular, iron-rich sandstone and quartz fragments are present up to 200mm in size but generally around 2 - 20mm in size

Roots:	many to abundant
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments may occur
Boundary:	usually sharp and even to layers 2, 3 or 4

Layer 2 (slightly moist or wet)

Diagnostic features: dull brown, acid, moderately pedal, light sandy clay loam or sandy clay loam Occurrence: sometimes present as a bleached A2 horizon, 18 – 21cm thick dull brown (7.5YR 5/4) or greyish yellow brown (10YR 6/2) Colour: pH: moderately acid (pH 5.0) either a light sandy clay loam or a sandy clay loam Texture: Stickiness: slight Structure: moderately pedal with sub-angular blocky and round peds 20 -100mm in size breaking to 2 - 10mm diameter, and earthy, sandy or rough-faced porous ped fabric very weak Coherence: Stone content: <2 - 50% rounded, sub-rounded or sub-angular stones occur, ranging in size from 2 - 60mm. They consist of quartz and sedimentary fragments Roots: common Faunal mixing: many Inclusions: none observed Boundary: sharp and wavy to layers 3 or 4

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Layer 3 (moderately moist to wet)

Diagnostic features: dull yellow orange, slightly acid, pedal fine sandy clay loam

Occurrence: commonly present as transition layer or B1 horizon, 23 - 30cm thick

Colour: dull yellow orange (10YR 6/4) or bright yellowish brown (10YR 6/8); also dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/4) and bright brown (7.5YR 5/6)

pH: slightly acid (pH 6.0)

Texture: usually clayey – fine sandy clay loam, silty light clay or medium clay, and rarely sandy – sandy loam, all normal plastic

Stickiness: slight to moderate

Structure: moderately to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky and round peds 20 - 100mm breaking to 2 - 20mm diameter, and rough-faced or earthy porous ped fabric

Coherence: very weak to moderate

Stone content: <2 - 20% rounded and sub-rounded quartz and iron-rich sandstone
fragments occur up to 60mm in size</pre>

Roots: common

Faunal mixing: common to many

Inclusions: charcoal fragments are observed

Boundary: clear to gradual and wavy to layer 4

Layer 4 (moderately moist to wet)

Diagnostic features: dark reddish brown or bright yellowish brown, acid, pedal light to light medium clay

Occurrence: always present as a master colour subsoil layer or B2, B21 horizon, 19 - 35cm thick

Colour: dark reddish brown (5YR 3/6, 2.5YR 3/6) or bright yellowish brown (10YR 6/6) and includes other colours ranging from reddish brown (5YR 4/8) to yellowish brown (10YR 5/6)

pH: moderately to slightly acid (pH 5.5 - 6.5)

Texture: light clay to light medium clay, normal plastic. Other less common textures which can occur are sandy loam, sandy light clay or heavy clay, normal plastic

Stickiness: usually slight (rarely moderate or non-sticky)

Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal with predominantly sub-angular blocky, with some lenticular, angular blocky and round peds $50 - 100$ mm breaking to lenticular, angular blocky or sub-angular blocky with some platy and round peds $<2 - 20$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced dense or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak to very strong
Stone content:	0 - 20% rounded and sub-rounded quartz and iron-rich sandstone fragments may occur up to 200mm in size
Roots:	common
Faunal mixing:	common
Inclusions:	charcoal was observed at some sites
Boundary:	diffuse or gradual and wavy to layers 5, 6 or 7
Layer 5 (wet)	
Diagnostic features:	dull yellowish brown, alkaline, strongly pedal light medium clay
Occurrence:	rarely present as a lower subsoil layer or B22 horizon, 99+cm thick
Colour:	dull yellowish brown (10YR 5/4)
pH:	slightly alkaline (pH 8.0)
Texture:	light medium clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight
Structure:	strongly pedal with lenticular peds $50 - 100$ mm breaking to $2 - 5$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced dense ped fabric
Coherence:	not recorded
Stone content:	2 - 10% sub-rounded to angular sedimentary fragments occur up to 200mm in size
Roots:	not recorded
Faunal mixing:	not recorded
Inclusions:	not recorded
Boundary:	not recorded

Layer 6 (slightly to moderately moist)

Diagnostic features:	bright brown, acid, pedal light medium clay
Occurrence:	sometimes present as a transition layer or B3 horizon, 27 - 48cm thick
Colour:	bright brown (7.5YR 5/6, 5/8) or reddish brown (2.5YR 4/8)
pH:	strongly to moderately acid (pH 5.0 - 5.5)
Texture:	light or light medium clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky and lenticular peds $20 - 100$ mm breaking to $2 - 10$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced dense ped fabric
Coherence:	not recorded
Stone content:	2 – 50% rounded to sub-angular, sedimentary fragments occur up to 200mm in size
Roots:	common
Faunal mixing:	many
Inclusions:	none observed
Boundary:	sharp and broken or diffuse to layers 7 or 8
Layer 7	
Diagnostic features:	strongly weathered sandstone
Occurrence:	always present but not always reached at depth as a weathered rock layer or C horizon, at or below 58 - 72cm depth.
No other parameters	were recorded for this layer
Layer 8	
Diagnostic features:	unweathered rock
Occurrence:	always present but rarely reached at depth as an unweathered rock layer or R horizon, below 96cm depth
No other parameters were recorded for this layer	

3.2.9 Soil Mapping Unit I – (soils developed on volcanics)

3.2.9.1 Summary

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These soils occupy all of Whian Whian and Goonengerry State Forests, the majority of Nullum State Forest in the north-east, and a significant portion of Ewingar State Forest in the far west of the Casino Management Area.

The soils can be described as a brownish black, dark brown or dark reddish brown, slightly to strongly acid, strongly pedal, moderately coherent, strongly bioturbated, sandy clay loam, silty clay loam, silty clay or light clay topsoil layer usually over either a brownish black, acid, strongly pedal, coherent, strongly bioturbated, silty light clay or light clay lower topsoil layer or a dark reddish brown to bright yellowish brown, acid, pedal, coherent, strongly bioturbated silty light clay to light clay bleached or unbleached lower topsoil layer, or both, over a reddish brown, dull reddish brown or bright reddish brown, acid, strongly pedal, coherent, strongly bioturbated light to light medium clay upper subsoil layer over a dark reddish brown, reddish brown or bright reddish brown, acid, strongly pedal, coherent, strongly bioturbated light to light medium clay upper subsoil layer over a strongly bioturbated light to light medium clay master colour subsoil layer over a strongly weathered igneous rock layer, below 47 – 91cm depth.

Of the 17 description sites recorded within this unit, eight were located in an upper slope situation (gradients ranging from 4% to 18%), two in a midslope situation (6% - 12%), one lower slope (10%), one hilltop (5%), and five ridgeline (9% - 40%).

3.2.9.2 Dominant soil materials

- Northcote Codings: Uf 2, Uf 5.22, Uf 5.23, Uf 6.21, Uf 6.31; Gn 3.11, Gn 3.14, Gn 3.71, Gn 3.74, Gn 4.81; Dr 4.41; Dy 4.11
- Great Soil Groups: Structured plastic and sub-plastic clays, Krasnozems, Red podzolic soils, Yellow podzolic soils
- Surface Condition: usually self-mulching with a plant litter layer up to about 1cm thick with varying degrees of decomposing roots, twigs, leaves and bark, also charcoal fragments and up to 50% stones may occur. These are rounded to angular up to 600mm in size and are composed of igneous tuff

3.2.9.3 Description

Layer 1 (slightly to moderately moist)

Diagnostic features: brownish black, dark brown or dark reddish brown pedal silty clay loam to silty light clay

Occurrence:	always present as a topsoil layer or A, A1, A11 horizon 3 - 26cm thick	
Colour:	commonly brownish black (5YR 2/2, 7.5YR 2/2, 3/2) dark brown (7.5YR 3/4, 3/3, 10YR 3/3) dark reddish brown (5YR 3/4, 3/3, 3/2, 3/6) or very dark reddish brown (2.5YR 2/2, 5YR 2/3)	
pH:	strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.5)	
Texture:	usually silty clay loam or silty light clay; also sandy clay loam or light clay, usually normal plastic with some sub-plastic	
Stickiness:	usually moderate, sometimes slight	
Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal, with sub-angular blocky and round peds $10 - 100$ mm breaking to crumbs, granular, round, sub-angular blocky, angular or lenticular peds <2 - 10mm diameter, and sandy, smooth-faced or rough-faced porous ped fabric	
Coherence:	moderate to weak	
Stone content:	0 - 50%, but usually $10 - 20%$ rounded to angular igneous tuff fragments occur up to 600mm in size	
Roots:	abundant	
Faunal mixing:	abundant	
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments usually occur	
Boundary:	usually sharp or clear and even or wavy to layers 2, 3, 4 or 6	
Layer 2 (slightly to moderately moist)		
Diagnostic features:	brownish black, pedal, silty light clay to light clay	
Occurrence:	uncommonly present as a lower topsoil layer or A12 horizon, 11 – 24cm thick	
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Colour: brownish black (7.5YR 2/2, 3/2, 10YR 2/3), and ranges from very dark reddish brown (2.5YR 2/3) to dull yellowish brown (10YR 5/4)

pH: strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.5)

Texture: usually silty light clay or light clay, all normal plastic, also sandy clay loam

Stickiness: slight to moderate

Structure: moderately to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky and angular blocky peds 20 - 100mm breaking to crumb, granular, lenticular angular blocky or sub-angular blocky peds <2 - 10mm diameter, and smooth-faced or rough-faced porous ped fabric

Coherence: moderate to weak

Stone content: 2 - 20% rounded to angular igneous tuff fragments occur up to 200mm in size

Roots: usually abundant

Faunal mixing: abundant

Inclusions: charcoal fragments commonly occur

Boundary: clear and even or wavy to layers 3, 4 or 6

Layer 3 (slightly to moderately moist)

Diagnostic features: dark reddish brown or bright yellowish brown, pedal, light clay

Occurrence: sometimes present as a lower topsoil layer or bleached and unbleached A2 horizon 7 – 38cm thick

Colour: commonly dark reddish brown (5YR 3/4, 3/6) to brown (7.5YR 4/6, 10YR 4/6, 6/6) unbleached, or dark brown (7.5YR 5/6) to bright yellowish brown (10YR 6/6, 7/6) bleached

pH: strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.0)

Texture: usually silty light clay or light clay, also sandy clay loam or light medium clay, all normal plastic

Stickiness: usually slight, sometimes moderate

Structure: moderately to strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky, angular blocky or lenticular peds 10 - 100mm breaking to <2 - 10mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous or rough-faced porous ped fabric

Coherence: moderate to weak, sometimes strong

Stone content: 10 - 20% rounded and sub-rounded igneous or sedimentary rock fragments occur up to 200 mm in size

Roots: many

Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments commonly occur
Boundary:	usually sharp to clear and wavy to layers 4 or 6
Layer 4 (slightly to moderately moist)	
Diagnostic features:	reddish brown to bright reddish brown, pedal, light to light medium clay
Occurrence:	sometimes present as an upper subsoil layer or B1, B11 horizon, 10 - 42cm thick
Colour:	reddish brown (2.5YR 4/6, 5YR 4/6), bright reddish brown (5YR 5/6, 5/8) or dull reddish brown (5YR 4/4)
pH:	strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.5 - 6.0)
Texture:	light to light medium clay, or silty light clay, all normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight to moderate
Structure:	mainly strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky, angular blocky or lenticular peds $20 - 100$ mm breaking to angular blocky and lenticular peds $<2 - 5$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous or rough-faced porous ped fabric
Coherence:	weak to moderate, sometimes strong
Stone content:	0 - 50% rounded to angular, igneous tuff fragments up to 600mm in size may occur
Roots:	many .
Faunal mixing:	many to abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments may occur
Boundary:	sharp to gradual and wavy to layers 5 or 6

Layer 5 (slightly to moderately moist)

Diagnostic features: bright reddish brown, strongly pedal light medium clay

Occurrence: rarely present as an upper subsoil layer or B12 horizon, 26cm thick

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Colour:	bright reddish brown (5YR 5/6)
pH:	moderately acid (pH 5.5)
Texture:	light medium clay, normal plastic
Stickiness:	slight
Structure:	strongly pedal with sub-angular blocky peds 20 – 100mm breaking to angular blocky peds <2mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous ped fabric
Coherence:	moderate
Stone content:	no stones are present
Roots:	many
Faunal mixing:	abundant
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments are commonly observed
Boundary:	wavy to layer 6

Layer 6 (slightly to moderatel	y.	moist)	į.
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Diagnostic features:	dark reddish brown to bright reddish brown, pedal light to light medium clay					
Occurrence:	always present as a master colour subsoil layer or B2 horizon $27 - 193+cm$ thick					
Colour:	commonly dark reddish brown (2.5YR 3/6), reddish brown (2.5YR 1/8) or bright reddish brown (5YR 5/8); colours range from brown 7.5YR 4/3) to bright yellowish brown (10YR 6/6)					
pH:	strongly to slightly acid (pH 4.0 – 6.0)					
Texture:	usually light to light medium clay, normal plastic; also sandy light clay or silty light clay					
Stickiness:	slight to moderate					
Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal with lenticular, sub-angular blocky of angular blocky peds $20 - 100$ mm, breaking to lenticular or angular blocky peds $<2 - 5$ mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous or rough-faced porous ped fabric					

Coherence:	moderate to weak			
Stone content:	0 - >90% rounded to angular igneous fragments may occur up to 600mm in size			
Roots:	common to many			
Faunal mixing:	many to abundant			
Inclusions:	charcoal fragments sometimes occur			
Boundary:	sharp to gradual and wavy to layers 7, 8 or 9			
Layer 7 (slightly to	moderatelý moist)			
Diagnostic features:	dark reddish brown, pedal light to light medium clay			
Occurrence:	rarely present as a lower subsoil layer or B3 horizon, 36+cm thick			
Colour:	dark reddish brown (5YR 3/6), bright brown (2.5YR 5/8) or yellow orange (7.5YR 7/8)			
pH:	strongly acid (pH 4.5)			
Texture:	light to light medium clay, normal plastic			
Stickiness:	slight to moderate			
Structure:	moderately to strongly pedal with lenticular and sub-angular blocky peds 20 - 100mm, breaking to lenticular and angular blocky peds <2mm diameter, and smooth-faced slowly porous ped fabric			
Coherence:	moderate			
Stone content:	0 - 50% rounded and sub-rounded igneous fragments may occur up to 60mm in size			
Roots:	common			
Faunal mixing:	uncommon to rare			
Inclusions:	sometimes charcoal fragments may occur			
Boundary:	not reached at depth			
Layer 8 (slightly moist)				

Diagnostic features: a mixture of strongly weathered rock fragments and soil

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Occurrence: probably often present but not usually reached at depth as a transitional layer or BC horizon, at 130cm depth and thickness is 70+cm

No other parameters were recorded for this layer

Layer 9

Diagnostic features: strongly weathered igneous bedrock

Occurrence: always present but not usually reached at depth as a weathered bedrock layer or C horizon, below 47 – 91cm depth

Stone content: > 90% rounded to sub-rounded igneous rock fragments up to 600mm in size occur

Roots: rare

Faunal mixing: absent

Inclusions: absent

Boundary: boundary was not reached at depth

No other parameters have been recorded for this layer

3.3 SOIL LABORATORY ANALYSIS

Various soil samples were collected from throughout the study area for a range of laboratory analyses. The results of these analyses are presented below.

3.3.1 Results

3.3.1.1 Physical Analyses

Laboratory analyses were carried out on 122 soil samples collected from a total of 34 sampling sites. The results of these physical analyses, presented below in Table 4, have been grouped into the nine different soil mapping units.

Note that two different sets of values are presented for the Particle Size Analysis test. One set of values represents the results which include the percentage proportion of gravels, while the second set of values, presented inside square brackets (i.e., []) represents the results where the proportion of gravels has been excluded.

			PARTIC	LE SIZ	E ANAI	LYSIS	(%)				
Site	Layer	Horizon	Clay	Silt	Fine Sand	Coarse Sand	Gravel	D%	EAT		
Soil Mapping Unit A – Alluvials											
1301	1	A11	22 [26]	15 [18]	47 [55]	1[]	15	6.	8		
1301	2	A12	28 [34]	25 (30)	29 351	111	17	21	8		
1301	3	B2	27 [52]	10 119	15 [29]	0`´	48	19	3(2)		
1301	4	D1	31 [66]	6 [13]	10 [21]	0	53	11	3(1)		
1306	1	Al	12	9	24	55	0	21	8		
1306	2	A2	14 [14]	5 [5]	24 [25]	55 [56]	2	21	2(1)		
1306	3	B2	12	6	26	56 [50]	0	17	2(1)		
Soil Ma	pping Un	it B – Basalts									
0102	1	A	23 [31]	23 [31]	20 [26]	9 [12]	25	18	8		
0102	2	B2	54 [66]	12 [15]	11 [13]	5 [6]	18	11	6		
0201	1	A11	18 (25)	27 [37]	25 [35]	2 [3]	28	19	8		
0201	2	A12	20 [28]	26 (36)	24 [33]	2 [3]	28	26	3(3)		
0201	3	B2	20 [20]	15 [26]	21 [36]	2 [4]	47	20	3(1)		
0201	4	B3	16 [25]	10 [15]	29 [45]	10 [15]	35	30	3(3)		
0503	1	А	20 [27]	22 (29)	29 [39]	4 [5]	25	5	3(2)		
0503	2	B1	18 [32]	14 [25]	22 [39]	2[4]	44	14	3(2)		
0503	3	· B2	21 [41]	10 (20)	19 [37]	1 [2]	49	17	3(1)		
0503	4	B3	17 [29]	11 [19]	21 [36]	9 [16]	42	22 ·	3(3)		
1201	1	А	14 [16]	27 [31]	38 [44]	8 [9]	13	16	8		
1201	2	B2	45 154	16 [19]	19 [22]	4 [5]	16	5	2(1)		
1201	3 [.]	B3	43 [54]	14 [17]	22 [28]	1 [1]	20	23	3(3)		
1701	1	Al	32 [44]	15 [21]	18 [25]	7 [10]	28	8	8		
1701	2	A2	61 (66)	16 [17]	13 [14]	3 [3]	7	13	3(1)		
1701	3	BI	72 [74]	14 [14]	0 [0]	3 [3]	2	1	5		
1701	4	B2	78 [81]	13 [13]	3 [3]	3 [3]	3	. 1	5		
1801	1 ·	А	22 [31]	16 [23]	23 [33]	9 [13]	30	19	2(1)		
1801	2 ·	B1	21 (30)	13 [18]	28 [39]	9 [13]	29	30	2(1)		
1801	3	B2	23 [34]	13 [19]	21 [31]	10 [16]	33	36	2(1)		
Soil Ma	Soil Mapping Unit C - Metasediments										
1401	1	A	10 [21]	15 (31)	16 [33]	7 [15]	52	22	8		
1401	2	B2	15 [21]	25 [35]	19 [27]	12 [17]	29	70	2(2)		
2202	1		26 [31]	14 [16]	39 [46]	6 [7]	15	3	8		
2202	2	R11 ·	41 [43]	17 [18]	36 [37]	2 [2]	4	11	3(2)		
2202	2	B12	45 [46]	17 [10]	36 [36]	1 [1]	1	15	3(2)		
2202	4	B2	51 [55]	17 [19]	23 [26]	1 [1]	2	3	2(1)		
2272	7	24	21 [22]	1, [10]	رمی _ا س	וויי	0	5	<i>2</i> (1)		
Soil Ma	pping Un	it D – Granitoids									
2101	1	A1	10 [10]	20 /211	56 [59]	10 [10]	4	25	8		
2101	2	A2 .	12 [14]	19 [22]	.40 [47]	15 [17]	14	30	- 2(1)		
2101	3	B2	12 [24]	6 [12]	22 [45]	9 [19]	51	21	2(1)		
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TABLE 4: Results of soil laboratory physical analyses

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			PARTIC	CLE SIZ	E ANA	LYSIS	(%)		
Site	Layer	Horizon	Clay	Silt	Fine	Coarse	Gravel	D%	EAT
			•		Sand	Sand			
Soil Ma	apping Ur	nit D cont'd							
2404	1/2	A11/A12	10 [12]	4 [5]	25 [30]	44 [53]	17	17	8
2404	3	A3	14 1161	9 1101	24 [26]	43 [48]	10	17	8
2404	4	B 1	32 [37]	5 [6]	20 (23)	30 [34]	13	3	3(2)
2404	5	B2	43 [49]	5 [6]	17 [20]	22 [25]	13	2	3(1)
2501	1	A1	9 [16]	6 [11]	21 [36]	21 [37]	43	15	8
2501	2	A2	13 [19]	8 [12]	18 [26]	29 [43]	32	22	8
2501	3	B1	16 [23]	10 [14]	13 [19]	30 [44]	31	37	2(1)
2501	4	B2	21 [34]	8 [13]	9 [15]	23 [38]	39	20	2(1)
Soil Ma	apping Un	nit E – Grafton Fo	rmation						
1109	1	A1	13 [16]	19 (23)	48 [57]	3 [4]	17	20	2(1)
1109	2	A2	17 (23)	19 [25]	36 [48]	3 [4]	25	35	2(1)
1109	3	B2	42 [54]	13 (17)	23 [29]	010		22	2(1)
1109	4	B3	39 [52]	13 [17]	22 [30]	1 [1]	25	28	2(1)
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1114	1	A11	20 [23]	15 [17]	37 [44]	14 [16]	14	22	8
1114	2	A12	12 [13]	27 [30]	42 [47]	9 [10]	10	40	2(1)
1114	3	A2	10 [12]	31 [37]	37 [44]	6 [7]	16	59	2(3)
1114	4	B2	42 [54]	8 [10]	23 [30]	5 [6]	22	9	2(1)
1114	5	B3	28 [39]	13 [18]	24 [34]	6 [9]	29	54	2(3)
1124	1	Al	7 [8]	8 [8]	41 [42]	42 [43]	2	40	2(1)
1124	2	A2	6 [6]	13 [14]	30 [32]	45 [48]	6	58	2(1)
1124	3	B2	37 [48]	4 [5]	23 [30]	13 [17]	23	32	2(1)
Soil Ma	pping Un	it F – Kangaroo C	reek Sar	dstone					
0601	1	A11	14 [15]	12 [12]	38 [39]	33 [34]	3	5	8
0601	2 .	A12	20 22	12 [13]	26 29	33 [36]	9	12	2(1)
0601	3	B1	29 [30]	10 [10]	18 [19]	40 [41]	3	12	2(1)
0601	4	B21	30 [30]	7 [7]	15 [15]	47 [48]	1	9	2(2)
0601	5	B22	25 [26]	6 [6]	9 [9]	57 [59]	3	14	2(2)
0601	6	B3	24 [38]	11 [17]	18 [29]	10 [16]	37	7	2(2)
0602	3	B21	5	10	40	45	0	55	8
0707	1	A1	5	5	22	68	0	57	8
0707	2	A2	6	4	28	62	0	62	3(2)
0707	3	B1	7 [7]	2 [2]	32 (32)	58 (59)	1	75	-(-) п.а.
0707	4	B2	5 [7]	1 [2]	18 [26]	45 [65]	31	75	л.а.
Soil Ma	pping Un	it G – Walloon Co	al Measu	ires					
0404	1	A11	16 [17]	15 [16]	47 [52]	14 (15)	8	42	8
0404	2	A12	22 [26]	15 [18]	36 [42]	12 [14]	15	15	3(2)
0404	3	B2	29 [40]	11 [15]	27 [37]	6 [8]	27	30	3(3)
0404	4	B3	29 [38]	10 [13]	32 [41]	6 [8]	23 .	46	2(2)
0407	1	А	29 [38]	12 [16]	31 [41]	4 [5]	24	9	2(2)
0407	2	B2	39 [53]	10 [14]	22 [30]	2 [3]	27	25	5
0407	3	B3	36 [43]	20 [24]	23 [28]	4 [5]	17	33	2(2)

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			PARTIC	ILE SIZ	E ANAJ	LYSIS	(%)		
Site	Layer	Horizon	Clay	Silt	Fine Sand	Coarse Sand	Gravel	D%	EAT
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Soil Ma	pping Ur	nit G cont'd							
0408	1	A	32 [40]	20 [25]	27 [33]	2 [2]	19	26	2(1)
0408	2	B2	36 [46]	18 [23]	22 [28]	2 [3]	22	31	2(1)
0408	3	B3	28 [57]	9 [18]	11 [23]	1 [2]	51	42	2(2)
0413	1	А	27 [29]	26 [28]	35 [37]	6 [6]	6	15	3(2)
0413	2	B1	39 [43]	25 [27]	19 [21]	8 [9]	9	13	2(1)
0413	3	B21	47 [56]	15 [18]	18 [21]	4 [5]	16	5	2(1) ·
0413	4	B22	51 [63]	12 [15]	15 [18]	3 [4]	19	3	2(1)
0415	1	A1	10 [11]	20 [22]	58 [64]	3 [3]	9	26	8
0415	2	A2	12 [17]	14 [19]	43 [60]	3 [4]	28	48	2(1)
0415	3	B2	46 [62]	9 [12]	17 [23]	2 [3]	26	10	2(2)
1002	1	A11	12 [13]	13 [14]	36 [38]	33 (35)	6	30	8
1002	2	A12	13 [15]	12 [14]	35 [40]	28 (31)	12	33	2(1)
1002	3	A2	12 [15]	9 [12]	34 [44]	23 [29]	22	59	2(2)
1002	4	B2	30 [35]	5 [6]	22 [25]	29 [34]	14	26	2(2)
Soil Ma	Soil Mapping Unit H – Marburg Sediments								
	_			0 (40)	10 1003	0 (10)		26	-
0802	1	A	18 [22]	8 [10]	48 [58]	8 [10]	18	36	2(1)
0802	2	B2	44 [48]	7 [8]	39 [42]	2 [2]	8	25	3(3)
0802	3	B3	31 [41]	8 [11]	34 [44]	3 [4]	24	24	3(2)
0902	1	A1	5 [6]	4 [5]	40 [52]	29 [37]	22	60	3(2)
0902	2,	A2	6 [10]	6 [10]	19 [32]	29 [48]	40	64	n.a.
0902	3	B2	23 [27]	5 [6]	49 [59]	7 [8]	16	61	2(2)
0902	4	B3	29 [35]	9 [11]	41 [50]	3[4]	18	54	2(2)
1601	1	Δ	19 (22)	11 [12]	38 [43]	20 (23)	12	14	.8
1601	2	R1	25	16	47	17	1- 0	57	2(1)
1601	3	B2	25	19	43	13	0	53	2(2)
2001	1	A1 .	7 [7]	7 [7]	48 [49]	37 [37]	1	38	2(1)
2001	2	A2 .	6 តែ	7 7	39 [41]	44 461	4	63	2(1)
2001	3	B1	38 [48]	6 [8] 6	17 [22]	17 221	22	44	2(1)
2001	4	B2	44 [47]	6 [6]	18 [20]	25 [27]	7	37	2(1)
Soil Ma	ipping Ur	nit I – volcanics							
1501	1	A1	11 [19]	13 [22]	22 [38]	12 [21]	42	12	8
1501	2	A2	20 (29)	18 [26]	17 [25]	14 [20]	31	18	2(1)
1501	3	B1	22 [32]	16 [24]	16 [24]	14 (20)	32	36	2(1)
1501	4	B2	36 [51]	8 [11]	14 [21]	12 [17]	30	4	5
1903	1	A1	26 [38]	15 [22]	22 [31]	6 [9]	31	12	8
1903	2	A2	41 [49]	22 261	18 [21]	3 41	16	0	3(1)
1903	3	B2	50 561	21 [23]	17 [19]	2 2	10	2	5
1902	4	ВЗ •	49 [54]	23 [26]	14 [16]	4 [4]	10	0	5

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Site	Layer	Horizon	Clay	Silt	E ANAL Fine Sand	Coarse Sand	(%) Gravel	D%	EAT
Soil M	apping U	nit I cont'd							
1908	1	A11	18 [20]	16 [18]	36 [41]	19 [21]	11 ·	8	8
1908	2	A12	23 [26]	18 [20]	30 [33]	19 [21]	10	9	8
1908	3	A2	26 [30]	17 [20]	22 [26]	20 [24]	15	16	2(1)
1908	4	B1	26 [36]	12 [17]	20 [28]	14 [19]	28	5	2(1)
1908	5	B2	14 [22]	6 [9]	37 [58]	7 [11]	36	7	2(1)
302	1	A [.]	15 [19]	10 [13]	44 [56]	9 [12]	22	4	8
2302	2	B1	20 [23]	18 [21]	41 [48]	7 [8]	14	3	8
2302	3	B2	28 [38]	18 [25]	23 [32]	4 [5]	27	2	3(3)
303	1	А	16 [16]	26 [27]	50 [51]	6 [6]	2	20	3(2)
303	2	B11	31 [32]	23 [24]	40 [42]	2 [2]	4	24	3(1)
2303	3	B12	41 [46]	17 [19]	29 [32]	3 [3]	10	11	6
203	4	B2	48 [49]	20 [20]	30 [31]	0	2	3	2(1)

3.3.1.2 Organic Matter

Samples from the surface layer and the top of the subsoil layer at each of the 33 sampling sites were analysed to determine organic matter content. This information, required for consideration in Section 4, is presented below.

TABLE 5:	Results of	Organic Matter	content
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TOPSO	DIL		OR	GANIC MA	ATTER DIL		
Site	Horizo	on Depth (cm)	OM %	Site	Horizon	Depth (cm)	OM %
Soil M	apping	Unit A –	Alluvials	<u> </u>			
1301	A11	0-3	20.50	1301	B2	8–23	4.59
1306	A 1	0–17	1.39	1306	B2	42-80+	0.138
Soil M	apping	Unit B –	Basalts				
0102	Α	0–45	4.00	0102	B2	45-90	1.44
0201	A11	0-12	5.50	0201	B2	40–94	1.23
0503	Α	0-3	8.03	0503	B1	•3-27	4.53
1201	Α	0-7	8.82	1201	B2	7-56	2.10
1701	A1	0-24	9.39	1701	B 1	43-90	1.42
1801	Α	0-12	4.41	1801	B 1	12–57	0.993
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TOPS	JIL		OF	GANIC MA	ATTER DIL		
Site	Horizon	Depth (cm)	OM %	Site	Horizon	Depth (cm)	OM %
Soil M	lapping U	nit C -	Metasedime	nts		<u>.</u>	
1401	А	022	7.11	. 1401	B2	22-65	1.45
2202	Α	0–13	15.30	2202	B11	13-26	7.68
Soil M	lapping U	init D –	Granitoids				
2101	A1	0–15	7.07	2101	B2	38-60+	0.677
2404	A11/12	0-10	3.30	2402	B1	20-36	0.841
2501	A1	0-30	8.82	2501	B1	48–67	1.04
Soil M	lapping U	init E –	Grafton For	matiọn			
1109	A1	0-4	°13.00	1109	B 2	9-38	1.00
1114	Δ11	0_7	3 38	1114	B2	35_40	0.802
1124	A1	0-5	4.80	1124	B2 ·	32-75+	0.464
Soil M	lanning T	nit F -	Kangaroo C	reak Sandat			
3011 W		mu r -	Kangaruu C	ICCK Sallusu	UIIC		
0601	A11	0-7	8.26	0601	B1	16-33	0.975
0707	A1	0-15	2.02	0707	B 1	43–70	0.332
Soil M	lapping U	nit G –	Walloon Co	al Measures			
0404	A11	0–10	2.83	0404	B2	25-33	0.586
0407	Α	0-3	7.06	0407	B2	3–19	1.61
0408	Α	0-9	6.24	0408	B2	9-47	4.35
0413	Α	0-16	6.48	. 0413	B1 ·	16-32	2.55
0415	A1	0–27	4.21	0415	B2	53-76+	0.777
Soil M	lapping U	nit H –	Marburg Se	diments			
0802	А	0-5	3.94	0802	B2	5-40	0.860
0902	Al	0-5	7.22	0902	B2	22-48	0.611
1601	A	0-12	7.37	1601	B1	12-35	0.533
2001	Al	0-3	4.63	2001	B1	24–54	1.32
Soil M	lapping U	nit I –	volcanics				
1501	Δ1	0-16	11 20	1501	RI	38_63	1 22
1002	A1	0-10	5.04	1002	D1 D2	25-02	0.260
1000	A11	0-10	. 0.01	1000	D2 D1	27-52	1 5 1
1200	A11 A	0-0	7.71 16.40	2202 1209	D1 D1	37-33	10.20
4304 2202		0-13	7 94	2002	D1 D11	16 20	2 27
<i>LUCJ</i>	А	J-1V	7.00	2002	511	10-27	3.31

3.3.2 Discussion of Results

The results shown in Table 4 assist in the determination of the degree of erodibility of ' each of the soil units within the study area. Each of the three physical tests undertaken indicate specific aspects of the soil and its behaviour to erosive forces. When the results of these tests are combined, a good overview of the soil's erodibility is gained.

3.3.2.1 Particle Size Analysis

The Particle Size Analysis test (PSA) proportions the amounts of clay, silt, fine sand, coarse sand and gravel which exist in a given sample, on a percentage basis. Thus, layer 1 of sample 1301 consists of 22% clay, 15% silt, and so on, including 15% gravel. To negate the effect of the gravel content, and concentrate only on the soil fraction (i.e. <2 mm), the proportion of clay, silt, fine sand and coarse sand on a percentage basis have been recalculated and are presented as the value in the square brackets. Thus, without gravel content, layer 1 of sample 1301 consists of 26% clay, 18% silt, and so on.

Given the geological basis of the soil mapping, the soils tested reflect the lithology from which they have been formed. The fine-grained soils derived from the metasediments, basalts and volcanics have the highest clay contents (excluding gravels) while the granitic soils are the sandiest soil unit. Note also that in most cases, the soils are gravelly throughout.

3.3.2.2 Dispersion Percentage

The Dispersion Percentage (D%) test indicates the proportion of the soil fraction less than 0.005 mm (i.e. the clay and some of the fine silt material) that will disperse on wetting. Consequently, the results of this test should normally be read in conjunction with the PSA results.

A sample which has a very high D% value (e.g. 90%) and a high clay content (e.g. 45%) would be more dispersive than a sample with the same D% value and a low clay content (e.g. 10%).

An interpretation of the D% values can be based on the following, taken from Simpson & Veness (1984):

D % Value	Comment
>67%	severely erodible; unstable
37–67%	moderately erodible
17–37%	slightly erodible
<17%	stable

 TABLE 6:
 Interpretation of D% values

It should be noted that the interpretation of these values should also take into account the PSA and EAT (see Section 3.3.2.3) data.

When the results of the Dispersion % values in Table 4 are read in this context, none of the soils sampled within the study area has a high dispersion problem. Two thirds of the 17 samples with a medium dispersion value (say, greater than 50 - 60%) have a correspondingly low to medium clay content (i.e. less than 20% when the gravels are excluded) while the remaining six samples have medium to high clay contents ranging from 21% [without gravels] (1401 layer 2) to 39% (1114/5).

All of the soils derived from sediments (i.e. soil mapping units E, F, G and H) have D% values ranging from very low (3%) to high (75%). Likewise, the metasediment-derived soils range from very low (3%) to high (70%). The D% values for the alluvial soils are very low to low (6% to 21%) as they are for the basaltic soils (1% to 36%), the granitic soils (2% to 37%), and the volcanically derived soils (2% to 36%). None of the samples tested recorded very high D% values.

Throughout the study area, each of the 36 samples with high clay contents (> 40%), especially without gravels, correspond to very low to low D% values (up to 50%), with fourteen of these samples recording D% values of <10%. It is interesting to note that the highest D% values generally correspond to low clay contents while the highest clay contents generally correspond to low or very low D% values.

Thus, from a Dispersion Percentage point of view, all of the soils in the study area, represented by the results of those tested in Table 4, are considered to be stable, with a generally low, but sometimes moderate, erosion potential.

3.3.2.3 Emerson Aggregate Test

The Emerson Aggregate Test (EAT) classifies soil aggregates based on their coherence when immersed in water. As stated in Houghton & Charman (1986), this test uses natural peds, with the first separation being based on slaking. Those aggregates that do not slake are placed in class 7 if they swell and class 8 if they do not. Of those which do slake, those which show complete soil dispersion are placed in class 1 and those showing only partial dispersion are placed in class 2. Those showing no dispersion are remoulded and reimmersed in water. Aggregates which disperse after remoulding are placed in class 3 and those which do not are further separated by the presence or absence of carbonate or gypsum. Those with carbonate or gypsum fall into class 4 while those without are made up into a 1:5 soil:water suspension and shaken. Those soils which then show dispersion are placed in class 5 and those which show flocculation fall into class 6. Classes 2 and 3 are further subdivided into four subclasses with an increasing tendency to disperse with an increase in numerical value. The degree of stability of soils increases from class 1 through to class 8, with classes 1 and 2 generally being considered to be unstable, class 3 generally considered to be stable while classes 4 to 8 are considered to be stable. (Charman, 1978).

As shown in Table 4, there is a range of EAT values for the samples tested. EAT values for three samples (site 0707, layers 3 & 4, and site 0902 layer 2) could not be attained due

to the lack of naturally occurring aggregates. Of the other 119 samples 48% (57 samples) have a class 2 EAT, 22% (26 samples) have a class 3 EAT and the remaining 30% (36 samples) have EAT classes 5 to 8.

The samples having a class 2 EAT value range from very low clay contents of 6% [without gravels] (1124/2 and 2001/2) to very high clay contents up to 63% [without gravels] (0413/4). Those samples with high to very high clay contents generally have low D% values while conversely, those samples with low clay contents usually have up to medium to high D% values. Consequently the soil layers represented by these class 2 EAT values are considered to have a generally moderate, but sometimes low, erosion potential.

The 26 class 3 samples have very low to low D% values, ranging from 0% to 30% (with the exception of 0902/1 and 0707/2 which have D% values of 60% and 62% but only 6% clay contents), and generally medium to high clay contents. The soil layers represented by these class 3 samples are thus considered to have a generally low erosion potential.

The remaining 36 samples which have EAT values of 5 to 8 are, by definition, considered to be stable. There is a good correlation between these samples and very low to low and sometimes medium (0602/3 and 0707/1) D% values, despite clay contents ranging from 5% to 81% (without gravels).

From an EAT point of view therefore, the soils in the study area are considered to range from a generally low erosion potential to a sometimes moderate erosion potential.

4.0 EROSION HAZARD

Due to the historical evolution of this report, erosion hazard has been examined in three ways, each placing emphasis on slightly different aspects. The first simply examines the laboratory results and marries the soils' predicted behaviour to field observation and the authors' experience. The second examines the soils through the SEMGL Appendix 1 and Appendix 2 which use descriptive variables to determine erodibility and erosion hazard. The third uses CaLM's SOILOSS computer program to calculate the USLE 'K' factor and the predicted soil loss for a given set of parameters. The results of each of these, while not significantly differing from each other, are presented in this chapter.

4.1 METHOD 1: PRE SEMGL ASSESSMENT

In the original version of this report, erosion hazard was assessed within the framework of the definition given by Houghton & Charman (1986). By this definition erosion hazard is determined by the susceptibility of a parcel of land to the prevailing agents of erosion. It is dependent on a combination of climate, landform, soil, land use and land management factors. The qualitative categories of erosion hazard used are low, moderate, high, very high and extreme.

Extreme erosion hazard implies that erosion will occur to such an extent that it will be normally uneconomic to address satisfactorily. Very high erosion hazard implies significant erosion occurring during and after development, even with intensive soil conservation measures. High erosion hazard implies significant erosion during development, with short-term erosion controlled by simple soil conservation measures but long-term erosion control requiring intensive measures. Moderate erosion hazard implies that significant erosion may occur during development, but short- and long-term erosion problems can be avoided by adopting appropriate soil conservation measures during development. Low erosion hazard results in no appreciable erosion during or after development.

This assessment found that the lands within the Casino / Murwillumbah EIS study area under a forest land use and under a forest harvesting land management operation, as is currently practised by NSW State Forests, would incur a low to moderate erosion hazard based on the Houghton & Charman definition. Consequently, this implies that significant erosion may occur during development of the particular land use (in this case forestry operations). However, provided appropriate soil conservation measures are adopted during development both short-term and long-term erosion problems may be avoided (Houghton & Charman, 1986). The soil erosion and sedimentation safeguards contained within the SEMGL are appropriate in respect of these measures, as discussed below in Section 5.

4.2 METHOD 2 & 3: EROSION HAZARD ASSESSMENT BASED ON SEMGL.

4.2.1 Methodology

Both of these methods are based on a technique originally developed by CaLM (1992) which uses a computer program, SOILOSS (Rosewell & Edwards, 1988) to generate predicted soil loss values as an indicator of erosion hazard. SOILOSS is based on the Universal Soil Loss Equation or USLE (Wischmeier & Smith, 1978):

$$A = R * K * L * S * P * C$$

where

Α	is the average annual soil loss (t/ha)
R	is the rainfall erosivity factor
K	is the soil erodibility factor
L	is the slope length factor
S	is the slope steepness factor
Р	is the support practice factor, a measure of the effect on erosion of soil conservation measures such as contour cultivation and bank systems
С	is the crop and cover management factors

In order to obtain an erosion hazard from the calculated soil loss, the following erosion hazard classes have been defined (CaLM, 1993):

Class

Soil Loss

<40 t/ha/yr

LOW MODERATE HIGH EXTREME

40 - 400 t/ha/yr 400 - 800 t/ha/yr >800 t/ha/yr

The USLE output is in tonnes/hectare/year i.e. it is the long-term average value based on the factor inputs also being long-term averages. Because of the revegetation and long rotation aspects of forest management CaLM adopted the assumption that the entire predicted soil loss occurs in year 1 and so the figures provided above would be divided by the rotation length to give an actual average annual soil loss for the whole rotation.

One of the key factor inputs, soil erodibility (K), can be determined from laboratory data (soil particle size analysis, organic matter) and structure and profile permeability. SOILOSS has a subroutine to calculate K from these inputs. Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL provides a means of estimating K if laboratory data is not available. Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL provides a method of determining erosion hazard from varying combinations of K, S and R.

Method 2 below is based solely on the appendices from the SEMGL. Method 3 estimates erosion hazard directly from the SOILOSS program (versions earlier than 5.1).

4.2.2 Method 2: Applying SEMGL Appendices 1 and 2

4.2.2.1 Soil erodibility

Data from each of the soil mapping units were collated in to the format of the soil erodibility classification as set out in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL. The results are attached to this report at Appendix 2 and the results summarised below in Table 7. It can be seen that the results do not significantly differ from the conclusion reached by Method 1.

Despite the similarity in results with Method 1, some problems are experienced in applying Appendix 1 (ii) to forest soils of the study area. Organic matter contents in the forest soils cover a range much greater than that of the appendix. Twenty nine out of the 33 topsoil samples exceeded the 3% value considered to indicate topsoils of high organic matter content. Likewise, 17 out of the 33 subsoil samples exceeded the subsoil 1% value. The choices of soil structure, texture and lithology did not cover the conditions for the forest soils. Nor do many of the forest soils easily fit the soil classifications in the SEMGL Appendix. Much of the data collected during the soil survey of the study area is not catered for in the appendix which is not surprising since the original source was aimed at agricultural rather than forest soils.

Soil Mapping Unit	SOIL ERODIBILITY CLASSIFIC Whole Unit	CATION Topsoil	Subsoil		
A (alluvials)	low to moderate	low to moderate	low to moderate		
B (basalts)	generally low, sometimes mod	low	low to moderate		
C (metased's)	generally low, sometimes mod	low	low to moderate		
D (granitoids)	low to moderate	low	low to moderate		
E (Grafton Form	n'n) low to moderate	low to moderate	moderate		
F (K'too Ck ss)	low to moderate	low to moderate	low to moderate		
G (Walloon Coa	l) low to moderate	low to moderate	low to moderate		
H (Marburg Sed	s) low to moderate	low to moderate	low to moderate		
I (volcanics)	low, sometimes moderate	low, sometimes mod	low, sometimes mod		

TABLE 7:Summary of soil erodibility classification for each soil mapping
unit, based on the SEMGL's Appendix 1 (ii)

4.2.2.2 Erosivity

Erosivity is the "potential ability to cause erosion" (Houghton & Charman, 1986) and is commonly referred to in respect of rainfall. An erosivity map of the study area, prepared from data contained within Australian Rainfall and Runoff (Pilgrim, 1987) according to the method of Rosewell & Turner (1992) was prepared by the Forestry Commission (Figure 1a and 1b in Appendix 5). Also refer to Maps 5 and 6 in Volume A of the Casino Management Area EIS.

4.2.2.3 Slopes and Erosion Hazard Classes

Appendix 2 (i) of the SEMGL utilises soil erodibility (from Appendix 1 (ii)), slope and rainfall erosivity to produce four classes of erosion hazard viz, low, moderate, high and extreme.

To determine erosion hazard in the SEMGL context, the study area was examined to determine the maximum slope gradients for the range of erosivities, on a per soil unit basis (using Figures 1a and 1b), in order to determine erosion hazard classes occurring within each soil mapping unit. (The relevant CMA 1:25 000 topographic maps were used to measure slope gradients. This exercise was not meant to be a slope analysis study. It did not record the range of slopes occurring within each Soil Mapping Unit but rather gave an indication of the maximum slopes occurring. Consequently, neither lower slopes nor necessarily the highest occurring slope values have been recorded. However, it should be appreciated that the "maximum" slopes recorded do actually occur.) The data generated by this exercise is presented in Appendix 3 for each of the Soil Mapping Units. The results of this exercise are summarised below in Table 8.

The authors have some difficulty reconciling the definition of erosion hazard in Houghton & Charman (1986), with some of the assessed erosion hazard classes in Table 8. This viewpoint stems from examination of the study area as it exists today through API and extensive fieldwork. Despite decades of past forestry activity, there is no real evidence to support the high to extreme erosion hazard classifications, the ramifications of which, according to the definition of Houghton a & Charman, would otherwise be observable. Nevertheless, extreme erosion hazard has been found to exist within soil mapping units B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I. Appendix 3 shows the erosivity and slope circumstances under which high or extreme hazard occurs in each mapping unit. These conditions could be used as a warning to managers that wherever they exist, more detailed erosion hazard assessment and more careful harvest planning is required.

Soil Mapping	Appendix 2 (ii)	SEMGL Erosion
Unit	Erosivity	Hazard Class
\ .	<4000	Moderate
В	<4000	Moderate to High
	<6000	Extreme
	<8000	High to Extreme
2	<2000	Moderate
	<4000	Moderate to High
	<8000	Extreme
)	<2000	Moderate to High
	<4000	Extreme
;	<4000	Moderate to Extreme
7	<4000	Moderate to Extreme
3	<4000	Moderate to Extreme
	<6000	High to Extreme
	<8000	Extreme
I	<2000	Moderate
	<4000	Moderate to High
	<8000	Extreme
	<2000	Moderate
	<4000	Moderate to High
	<8000	Extreme

TABLE 8:Summary of soil erosion hazard classification
for each soil mapping unit, based on the
SEMGL's Appendix 2 (ii)

4.2.3 Method 3: The SOILOSS Method

This assessment utilised SOILOSS to determine a soil erodibility (K) value and erosion hazard rating for all sampling sites. The variation of K value by terrain unit was also determined as far as the data allowed (there were some gaps in this analysis since the study was not a soil landscape study as explained earlier). An erodibility value was then determined for each soil mapping unit based on a composite of topsoil and subsoil as there was very little variation in K value with terrain. SOILOSS was used to derive a table of erosion hazards that would occur for various combinations of erodibility, slope steepness and rainfall erosivity. This was performed for two C values, 0.45 and 0.1, for comparative purposes.

4.2.3.1 Erodibility of terrain units

The results of K value determination for each of the sampling locations are provided in Appendix 4. These K values have been arranged according to the terrain units in which they occurred (Table 9). It can be seen that there are a number of gaps in the table which stem from some of the units not being sampled and from the fact that some of the terrain units did not occur within the relevant soil mapping unit. Where terrain units were not sampled this was generally because they had a low frequency of occurrence and would therefore have a low likelihood of interacting with logging operations. The majority of soil mapping units that samples from ridgelines, upper slopes and/or mid slopes. These are the terrain units that will be most frequently subjected to logging operations since access to logged areas is most commonly from major ridgelines. There are no strong patterns within any of the soil mapping units to suggest a relationship between terrain unit and K value.

Unit		TERRAI Ridge	N Upper Slope	Midslope	Lower Slope	Flat
	Torsoil	· .			<u> </u>	008 - 01'
A	Subsoil					014 - 014
B	Torsoil		006 - 031	020	016 - 025	.01401.
D	Subsoil		008 - 038	.020	0.010 .020 .021	
c	Torcoll		.000000	.000	.027041	
C	Subcoil		•		0.000 = 0.02.5	
n	Torroll		000 022	010	.007044	
U	Topson		.009022	.010		
Б	Terreil	011	.033030	.025		020
C	Fubroil	.011		.020		.029
r	200SOII	.019	012	.025	017	.010
Г	Topson		.012		.012	
<u> </u>	Subsoli	01.0	.018	073	.010	
G	1 opsou	.018	.020044	.023	.017032	
	Subsoil	.019	.013024	.023	.016034	
н	Topsoil	.011	.014		.026029	
	Subsoil	.039	.042		.014022	•
I	Topsoil	.020	.004 – .016		.004	
	Subsoil	.027	.007025		.020	

TABLE 9:	Erodibility (K)	values	for	terrain	components	for	each	soil
	mapping unit							

4.2.3.2 Erodibility of each soil mapping unit

From the preceding discussion, there appears to be no basis for further subdividing soil mapping units into areas of different K value by terrain unit. Hence a K value for each soil mapping unit was obtained primarily from a composite of K values from topsoil and subsoil layers. The results are shown in Table 10. The use of a composite value is based on the fact that snig track soil disturbance varies considerably within a logged area and often within short distances. Sometimes subsoil is exposed and sometimes only very shallow disturbance occurs. The composite K value gives a reasonable balance between the range of conditions that could be expected.

Unit	Topsoil value / range	Subsoil value / range	Whole Soil Average 'K'	Unit Erodibility rating		
A	.008 – .017	.014015	.014	LOW		
B	.006 – .031	.006041	.020	LOW - MOD		
С	.006023	.009 – .044	.021	MOD		
D	.009022	.023036	.022	LOW - MOD		
E	.011029	.016023	.021	LOW – MOD		
F	.012	.018	.015	LOW		
G	.017032	.013034	.024	MOD		
H	.011 – .029	.014042	.025	MOD		
I	.004020	.007 – .027	.015	LOW		

TABLE 10: Erodibility (K) values and 'erodibility ratings for each soil mapping unit using SOILOSS

4.2.3.3 Erosion hazard assessment

The SOILOSS program was used twice on data from the topsoil and the upper subsoil layer from each of the sampling sites to determine erosion hazard. The first time, the different variables for each of the factors were chosen from the data which had already been collected for the study area's soils. These included a variation in rainfall zone, erosivity and particle size analyses results. 'P' was constant at 1.0 while 'C' was constant at 0.003 (refer to discussion below). Soil structure was taken usually as '3' but sometimes varied, depending on the secondary ped size. (The four SOILOSS choices for soil structure do not fit comfortably when dealing with these forest soils – this is a reflection on its greater applicability for agricultural soils.) Permeability was determined from Charman & Murphy (1991) [Table 10.4 which determined permeability from texture and structure data]. Slope steepness was the value recorded in the field at each sampling site. SOILOSS gives a choice of 0 - 300 metres for slope length. Various values were chosen, depending on each site's field situation.

The second set of calculations adopted a P factor of 1, a C value of 0.45 and a slope length of 10 metres.

In determining 'C', SOILOSS's handbook directs the user to its appendix D which lists suggested 'C' factors for permanent (mulch) cover, improved pasture, permanent pasture, undisturbed forest land and rangeland, scrub, etc. The section dealing with forest situations lists a range of 'C' factors from 0.0001 to 0.009, depending on the area covered by tree canopy and organic layer. While 0.003 (representing the mean value of 45 - 70% canopy and 75 - 85% organic layer cover; also representative of the lower end of 20 - 40% canopy and 40 - 70% organic layer cover) was used for the first set of calculations, the requirements' use of 0.45 does not appear in the forest situation of appendix D. Rather, this value can be found in the scrub situation representing no appreciable canopy and zero percent ground cover.

The results of these two sets of calculations are summarised below in Table 11. The detail of these calculations are presented in Appendix 4.

TABLE 11:	Erodibility	(K)	values	and	erosion	bazard	for	sampled	sites	using
	SOILOSS							-		Ū

Unit	Site	First S Topsoi	-	Second Set		First Se Subsoil	et .		Second Set		
		'K'	Soil Loss C=.003	Erosion Hazard	Soil Loss C=.45	Erosion Hazard	' K '	Soil Loss · C=.003	Erosion Hazard	Soil Loss C=.45	Erosion Hazard
Ā	1301	.008	.02	LOW	1.0	LOW	.015	.04	LOW	1.9	LOW
	1306	.017	.02	LOW	1.8	LOW	.014	.02	LOW	1.4	LOW
В	0102	.020	2.5	LOW	68	MOD	.006	.76	LOW	20	LOW
	0201	.031	5.4	LOW	148	MOD	.038	6.6	LOW	181	MOD
	0503	.016	.62	LOW	17	LOW	.027	1.1	LOW	29	LOW
	1201	.012	.61	LOW	20	LOW	.015	.76	LOW	25	LOW
	1701	.006	1.9	LOW	57	MOD	.008	2.8	LOW	75	MOD
	1801	.025	2.9	LOW	81	MOD	.041	4.8	LOW	133	MOD
С	1401	.023	8.8	LOW	241	MOD	.044	17	LOW	461	HIGH
	2202	.006	.08	LOW	2.3	LOW	.009	.12	LOW	3.4	LOW
D	2101	.022	2.5	LOW	84	MOD	.036	4.1	LOW	137	MOD
	2404	.010	.19	LOW	5.4	LOW	.023	.44	LOW	12	LOW ·
	2501	.009	.24	LOW	6.3	LOW	.033	.84	LOW	23	LOW
Ê	1109	.011	.25	LOW	8.7	LOW	.019	.45	LOW	15	LOW
	1114	.029	.26	LOW	10	LOW	.016	.15	LOW	5.5	LOW
	1124	:.026	.32	LOW	11	LOW	.023	.28	LOW	9.5	LOW
F	0601	.012	.24	LOW	6.9	LOW	.018	.38	LOW	10	LOW
	0707	.012	.64	LOW	17	LOW	.018	.96	LOW	26	LOW
3	0404	.032	1.1	LOW	30	LOW	.034	1.2	LOW	32	LOW
	0407	.026	1.9	LOW	53	MOD	.024	1.8	LOW	49	MOD
	0408	.018	.29	LOW	9.5	LOW	.019	.29	LOW	10	LOW
	0413	· .023	.97	LOW	27	LOW	.023	.96	LOW	27	LOW
	0415	.044	1.5	LOW	41	MOD	.013	.45	LOW	12	LOW
	1002	.017	.78	LOW	21	LOW	.016	.73	LOW	20	LOW
H	0802	.029	.64	LOW	17	LOW	.022	.48	LOW	13	LOW
	0902	.014	1.6	LOW	53	MOD	.042	4.7	LOW	158	MOD
	1601	.011	.65	LOW	32	LOW	.039	.09	LOW	112	MOD
	2001	.026	.40	LOW	11	LOW	.014	.22	LOW	6	LOW
	1501	.004	.91	LOW	27	LOW	.025	6.3	LOW	170	MOD
	1903	.016	3.3	LOW	90	MOD	.015	3	LOW	85	MOD
	1908	.004	.37	LOW	11	LOW	.020	2.1	LOW	56	MOD
	2302	.008	.51	LOW	15	LOW	.007	50	LOW	73	LOW
	2303	.020	.94	LOW	26	LOW	.027	1.3	LOW	35	LOW

The results of this table demonstrate the effect of choosing a C value of 0.45 (which denotes a zero ground cover which is commensurate with the blading off of snig tracks) and a C value of 0.003 which probably more realistically reflects the actual conditions of snig tracks to be used in the proposed forestry operations.

Table 12 provides indicative results of erosion hazard assessments for different levels of soil erodibility (K), rainfall erosivity (R) and slope steepness (S) for two different levels of cover (C). The variables used in the SEMGL for K, R and S have been used here to compare the effect of a C value of 0.45 to a C value of 0.1 which equates to a groundcover of 40% without any allowance being made for canopy cover. The resultant erosion hazards for these two different values of C are shown to illustrate the sensitivity of the method to the selection of particular values. The selection of standard C and P values by CaLM has been a somewhat subjective exercise and is therefore a current weakness in the method.

TABLE 12:Calculation of erosion hazard for each erodibility class - a comparison
between the SEMGL's Appendix 2 ('C' = 0.45 [bare ground]) and a
new value ('C' = 0.10) which allows for a 40% ground cover

		SEMGL Appendix 2 (C = 0.45)					Recalculated (C = 0.10)					
Erodibili Erosivity	ity - LO 7 Slope (10 [17.6]	W (<0.02) (degrees / [4 15 [26.8]	%]) 20 [36.4]	25 [46.6]	30 [57.7]	35 [70.0]	Slope (d 10 [17.6]	legrees / [9 15 [26.8]	%]) 20 {36.4}	25 [46.6]	30 [57.7]	35 [70.0]
<2000	L	м	м	м	М	м	L	L	L	L	М	М
<4000	м	м	м	м	мГ	н	L		м	M	м	м
<6000	м	м	м	н	н	н	L	M	М	м	м	м
<\$000	м	м	н	н	E	E	L	м	м	М	м	м
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4.3 COMMENTS ON EROSION HAZARD METHODOLOGY

4.3.1 Soil Loss Estimates

The technique of applying SOILOSS to determine erosion hazard necessarily generates a value of soil loss. To some readers, the implied values of a high (>400 tonnes/ha/year) or extreme (>800 t/ha/yr) erosion hazard may be quite alarming. However, it must be stressed that these figures are used merely to obtain an objective indication of relative erosion hazard given certain site factors. There are many reasons why the actual soil loss would be much less than that predicted by SOILOSS. Even more importantly, the predicted soil loss does not imply 'lost from the logging area'; it simply implies 'moved from point A to point B'. Point A and point B may be quite close or quite distant. This is to say that the USLE, on which SOILOSS is based, has no transport function. However, research on erosion in logged forests indicates that transport distances are relatively small (see Lacey, 1993). Reasons why the soil loss estimates are less than would actually occur are as follows:

- the version of SOILOSS used is known to significantly overestimate erosion on slopes greater than 9%. This is one of the most significant revisions to the new version of SOILOSS which is based on RUSLE (the Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation) rather than the USLE (Rosewell, 1993). On slopes steeper than about 35% snig tracks are often benched to allow safe machinery operation. This means that the erodible surface has a much lesser slope than the natural slope but in addition there is a cut batter, which is not handled by SOILOSS.
- the P factor assumed is 1.0. This is the value used for soil cultivated up and down the slope. The level of disturbance assumed, i.e. bare soil snig tracks, does not parallel that of soil cultivated up and down the slope. The main difference is that cultivation disrupts internal soil cohesiveness and provides ready formed channels for rill initiation once overland flow commences. Snig tracks retain internal cohesiveness and contain few if any ready formed channels.
- the soil loss figures generated are assumed to be for a long-term situation. This implies that the long-term rainfall erosivity (R) is received by the soil surface which is maintained at average values of P and C as selected. This long-term or average R value is dependent on the range of rainfall intensities with both short and long return intervals being received. The problem is that P and C values are not stable in forest situations. C in particular declines rapidly as vegetation and litter layers recover.

The probability of the average R value being received during that window of elevated C value is therefore quite low due to the dependence on some low probability high intensity rainfall being received. There is no doubt that, in the long-term, some compartments will receive the average or above average R but they will be in the minority.

• the USLE was derived principally for arable land and therefore may not take into account factors important in erosion processes on forest soil. One of these is the high level of gravels commonly found in forest soils. High gravel tends to act as a cover across the soil surface lowering the potential for particle detachment.

4.3.2 Erosion Hazard Classes

The above comments about the methodology are intended simply to point out that the soil loss figures should not be taken literally.

Of greater concern is that whilst the numbers generated by SOILOSS may be reasonably objective, the same does not apply to the erosion hazard class boundaries.

The authors do not believe that CaLM has adequately justified the choice of the particular erosion hazard class boundaries with any evidence of how the predicted numbers relate to reality. The classes are not consistent with other erosion hazard assessment methodology based on the USLE. For example, Morse & Rosewell (1993) presented a similar method for assessing erosion hazard for urban land. In their method, the erosion hazard classes are defined as Class 1: computed soil loss <300 t/ha/yr (regular erosion and sediment control plans are able to ensure sediment pollution remains at acceptable levels), Class 2: computed soil loss 300 - 900 t/ha/yr (special measures may be needed), and Class 3: computed soil loss >900 t/ha/yr (very stringent controls needed which may render work uneconomic). There are two reasons why the upper limit of 900 t/ha/yr for urban land makes the 800 t/ha/yr for forest land seem much too low. i) The efficiency of transport to receiving waters will be much greater in urban development so less sediment pollution will occur from forest areas for the same computed soil loss. ii) The area of contiguous disturbed land is much greater in urban development than in native forest logging and so the total amount of sediment generated will also be much greater.

There is a need for the erosion hazard classes to be demonstrably related to a definition of erosion hazard such as that of Houghton & Charman (1986). In conducting extensive fieldwork and API for this report, the authors never observed erosion of a severity that would match the extreme or high erosion hazard definition of Houghton & Charman (1986). It is maintained that the reason for this is the nature of the land use. Certainly, if the land was cleared and put to a more intensive use such as agriculture or urban development, then the manifestations of a high or extreme hazard might eventuate. Indeed such examples were observed in agricultural lands adjacent to forest land in the study area. In conclusion, the definition of erosion hazard should be framed with a particular land use in mind.

5.0 IMPACT MITIGATION

All of the soils within the study area are stable, under their current land use and land management regime. It should be appreciated that even a stable soil can erode if inappropriate land management is practised. The results of this can be observed on some eroded farmlands adjacent to the State forest lands within the study area.

To remain stable, the soils within the study area should be protected through vegetative cover and sound land management practices such as those which result from, and are consistent with, the current land use and land management to which these soils are subjected within the state forest regime. Thus, within the study area, the current forestry land management and land use strategies help to ensure the stability of the soil resource. This is principally due to the relatively undisturbed nature of the area and more particularly because of the good basal vegetative ground cover that is retained. To combat the onset of erosion on areas of disturbance occurring during harvesting/roading operations, a number of specific conditions are adhered to. These are discussed below in this Section.

5.1 GENERAL COMMENT

The Standard Erosion Mitigation Conditions (SEMC) were drawn up a number of years ago by the then Soil Conservation Service of NSW and the NSW Forestry Commission. Designed to minimise soil erosion and maintain water quality, these conditions allowed for a number of measures to be installed during and after logging and roading activities.

At the time that this study was first undertaken in 1992, the SEMC's were in operation. However, the more recently developed Standard Erosion Mitigation Guidelines for Logging (SEMGL), released in March 1993, now direct forestry operation activities in New South Wales on a day-to-day basis.

In a memorandum of understanding between CaLM and State Forests, it has been deemed that while the SEMC constituted a guide rather than prescriptive standards, the SEMGL are to be adapted and form the basis to produce enforceable conditions.

5.2 THE CONDITIONS

The following section of this report discusses the effectiveness of the SEMGL conditions in respect of limiting any accelerated erosion or land degradation during forest harvesting or roading activities, within the study area. These conditions are designed to be a minimum guideline, intended to mitigate against erosion which might lead to soil movement and water turbidity and sedimentation in excess of natural levels. Briefly, these conditions are organised around the following activities:

- construction of road and snig tracks g
- retention of filter and protection strips
- groundcover management
- rips felling operations
- snigging and timber extraction
- log dumps

Each of these activities will be taken in turn and the relevance of their associated conditions, as they relate to the study area, will be briefly discussed.

5.2.1 Roading

A distinction is made in the conditions between "roads" and "snig and timber extraction tracks".

The roading conditions relate to the planning, location, formation, engineering constraints, batter stabilisation and drainage of roads as well as to clearing, crossing of drainage lines, and the rehabilitation of borrow pits, construction of bridges and culverts, repairing damaged roads and ongoing grading maintenance. Providing these conditions are adhered to, the construction and maintenance of roads should not present any long-term or significant erosion threat.

In respect of the construction and use of tracks and snig tracks, these conditions become more specific regarding their drainage, stabilisation and maintenance. There is adequate scope within these conditions for appropriate specifications to be applied to tracks within the study area to ensure erosion and land degradation does not occur. These will be dealt with later in Section 5.2.5

While the soil materials occurring within the study area are deemed to be relatively stable, the slope gradients occurring on the "minor" roads dictate that attention must be given to the proper construction of cross bank drains and the incorporation of seed and fertiliser where appropriate. The conditions cater for this and also dictate the proper disposal of road drainage water.

The flexibility contained within the SEMGL allows detailed conditions to be applied to specific situations. This is adequate to ensure that any normal roading operation that is carried out within the study area will not result in any significant erosion, providing specific instances are recognised and addressed. Obviously, this means that attention must be given to incorporating specific conditions in the case of minor roads being constructed on steep slopes. In this respect, roads can only be constructed where ground slopes exceed 30 degrees if engineering design and stabilisation techniques ensure road and batter stability.

Also of importance is the need for regular maintenance, especially that involving the desilting of table drains and especially culverts. A few areas were observed during the fieldwork period where maintenance was required. These were: a short 200 metre section on the steep downgrade on Paw Paw Skids Road (Richmond Range S.F.), two kilometres east of the intersection with Peacock Creek Road, where rilling up to 50 cm deep had developed; and in Camira S.F., Benders Rails Road requires the construction of culverts and / or cross drains at both ends. Other, non-erosion related instances of maintenance requirements were observed, such as the need for the reconstruction of culverts / bridges which have been destroyed by recent fires. (It is appreciated that the inclement weather conditions experienced during the fieldwork period for this study could well account for the above road surface grading maintenance works not being undertaken at that time.) Interestingly enough, there appears to be no such maintenance requirement contained within the SEMGL conditions.

5.2.2 Groundcover Management

The conditions recognise that groundcover management techniques are necessary to minimise soil erosion and sedimentation for operations associated with such activities as roading, snig tracks and log dumps.

These conditions call for minimising ground cover disturbance and destruction during logging operations and aim at achieving at least 70% groundcover. Apart from staff training in these matters, these conditions also outline effective groundcover management and re-establishment procedures.

Such procedures should be adequate to maintain a good basal groundcover within the areas disturbed by forestry operations.

5.2.3 Retention of Filter and Protection Strips

The conditions call for the retention of filter strips, of dimensions to be specified, on watercourses generally having catchment areas of 100 hectares or more or 40 hectares where erosion hazard is high. Protection strips are more generally applicable and are to be at least 10 metres wide on each side of specified drainage features.

It is considered that the operation of this condition within the study area is adequate and appropriate to prevent the sedimentation of flowlines, given the relative stable nature of the study area's soils.

5.2.4 Felling Operations

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Felling activities within or into filter or protection strips or drainage lines are subject to a number of conditions. Adherence to these should ensure that erosion in proximity to streams is prevented and that filter strips function effectively at trapping any sediment mobilised from upslope disturbances.

5.2.5 Snigging and Timber Extraction

These conditions provide for uphill snigging, the drainage of snigging and extraction tracks and the retention of soil material and vegetative matter.

In areas of high erosion hazard, snigging and timber extraction is not permitted from areas with slopes over 25 degrees if track construction is required. For areas of low or moderate erosion hazard, snigging and timber extraction is not permitted from areas with slopes greater than 30 degrees if track construction is necessary.

Snig track and timber extraction activities in areas of extreme erosion hazard will only be permitted in specified circumstances relating to months of low erosivity, timing of soil and groundcover handling, and the limitation to slopes less than 30 degrees.

Where snig and extraction tracks are constructed, proper drainage is required through the installation of cross banks at a specified spacing and size. Providing due care is taken to install this required cross bank drainage at the specified spacing, no unacceptable erosion should occur as a result of forestry operations.

Snig tracks are not permitted to be bladed-off (i.e. the removal of muddy surface layers to provide better traction) and the retention of groundcover in the form of logging slash and existing vegetation is required as far as practicable.

5.2.6 Log Dumps

These conditions relate to the uphill location of log dumps, as well as their construction, drainage and subsequent rehabilitation. They allow for the removal, storage and respreading of topsoil as well as the ripping of specified areas to overcome the effects of compaction. Uphill locations minimise disturbance near streams and lead to snig track patterns which diverge rather than converge down the slope which reduces concentration of overland flow. Adherence to the safeguards allowed for in these conditions should ensure against any significant erosion.

5.3 INTERACTION WITH FORESTRY OPERATIONS

Given the low to moderate erodibility classification of the soils throughout the study area, and the appropriateness of the existing (SEMGL) erosion mitigation conditions, the impact of forestry operations on this soil resource should be negligible, providing the Standard Erosion Mitigation Guidelines for Logging conditions are adhered to. The guidelines adequately provide protection of the soil resource and receiving waters from the range of forestry operation activities. Based on current observation of the effects of past logging and forest operations within the study area, the implementation of similar conditions (under SEMC) has helped maintain the stability and proper management of the study area's soil resource.

6.0 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

A number of issues have become evident during the compilation of this soils report which could be acted upon to improve and enhance the protection of the soil resource within the study area. These issues are treated separately below.

6.1 RELIANCE ON SEMGL VALUES

While the procedures contained within the SEMGL are considered appropriate guidelines for forestry operation activities, the basis on which soil erodibility and erosion hazard are classified should be subject to review and amendment based on improved scientific knowledge and understanding. This is especially important given that, according to the Memorandum of Understanding between CaLM and State Forests, the interpretation of erosion hazard, erosivity and erodibility parameters "will be consistent with standards established by CaLM in Appendix 1, 2 and 3 of the SEMGL or as subsequently amended as a consequence of scientifically-based review and consultation".

It has been demonstrated in Section 4 of this report that such standards as set out in the SEMGL appendices require urgent review and amendment.

The emphasis of the SEMGL on snig tracks with zero ground cover is a major concern. Whilst this may serve as a convenient reference condition, it overlooks the very powerful sediment trapping role of undisturbed forest floor (Lacey, 1993). This sediment trapping efficiency may be less on steep slopes so there is a need to investigate the role of undisturbed forest floor and filter strips in interrupting sediment transport. This should be built into the erosion hazard assessment procedure.

Therefore, it is recommended that:

- a series of erosion hazard tables be drawn up for snig tracks of varying degrees of ground cover to enable the use of a prescriptive value which is closer to reality
- more realistic erosion hazard values be calculated for various forestry operations outside the construction of snig tracks and that these more generally applicable values be used, rather than those currently listed in the SEMGL, to determine whether forestry operations can, or cannot, be undertaken
- urgent emphasis be placed on the investigation of the role and mechanics of soil movement in the forest situation

6.2 DETERMINATION OF ERODIBILITY

Appendix 1 in the SEMGL presents a table whereby soil erodibility classification can be easily determined. In light of the non-applicability of this table to the forest soils that were examined in this soils report, it is recommended that:

• the table in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's be replaced by an erodibility classification system whereby the soil characteristics peculiar to forest soils are recognised since forest soils are very different from, and behave differently to, agricultural soils from which the SEMGL table is derived

6.3 USE OF USLE TECHNOLOGY

Some of the shortcomings of current USLE technology, referred to in this report, relate to the inappropriate choice of soil structure categories, the biased weighting of a 'C' factor of 0.45, the inadequate levels of organic matter (and the need to identify the effects of having "high" forest organic matter levels), and the emphasis that the USLE places on soil loss and not soil movement.

Therefore, it is recommended that:

- as the values chosen for input to SOILOSS, particularly C and P, along with the overprediction on steeper land, are almost certainly overstating erosion hazard on forest land, the inputs to SOILOSS should be modified to reflect the forest situation and erosion hazard classes which should more reliably reflect real risks
- a better measure of soil movement, rather than soil loss, be developed as the basis of forestry operations. In time, this will mean either replacing, or substantially modifying the USLE. Until that time, USLE technology should only serve the purpose of a guideline rather than that of a prescription
- any such measure deals with realistic forest soil characteristics

6.4 ROLE OF THE HARVESTING PLAN

While it has not been discussed specifically in this report, the Harvesting Plan, prepared on an individual compartment basis, plays an important role in assessing specific soil characteristics and the impact that proposed forestry operations have on them.

To date, the Harvesting Plan has realistically dealt in "broad brush" terms. However, a greater emphasis is being placed on this instrument which runs the very real risk of falling

victim to its own complexity. A proposal to group a number of compartments together to widen the area covered at this more detailed level of planning has been discussed between State Forests and CaLM. This has occurred within the context of preparing a draft framework for Erosion Hazard and Sediment Control Strategies (EH&SCS). This development is seen as a vital link between the generalised level of information that must necessarily be contained within an EIS study and the detailed level that is required if meaningful day-to-day management decisions are to be made from an informed position.

Therefore, it is recommended that:

- the proposed Erosion Hazard and Sedimentation Control Strategy approach be adopted
- in light of the above recommendations, the role that the USLE is to play in the EH&SCS be reviewed

6.5 FURTHER SOIL DATA COLLECTION

The data base of soils information compiled for this and the many other forestry EIS studies is extensive. This information ought to be capitalised upon by collecting further data from similar, adjacent lands within the same soil mapping units but which are under a land use, such as farming and/or grazing activities.

By examining these geographically and pedologically related soils, the real difference between forest soils and agricultural soils, primarily resulting from the effects of each land use, can be documented and fully appreciated. This especially relates to factors dealing with soil structure, bioturbation, organic matter, nutrient status, compaction, permeability, erodibility and ultimately erosion hazard.

Therefore, it is recommended that:

• the acquisition of soil data from agricultural lands immediately adjacent to State forest lands be undertaken and the results used to derive realistic expectations on the behaviour of forest soils

7.0 CONCLUSION

The various geological units occurring, and the soils derived on them within the study area have been examined and described. Nine main soil mapping units have been delineated. The soils' erodibility has been assessed and discussed. It has been found that, at the scale of mapping undertaken, the soils throughout the study area are quite stable, with a low to moderate erodibility classification. Based on observation of the results of past forestry operations within the study area, the stable nature of these soils is largely maintained under the existing forestry land use and land management practices.

Erosion hazard has been assessed across the study area and mitigation measures, primarily through the existing Standard Erosion Mitigation Guidelines for Logging conditions have been discussed. Providing the safeguards contained in the SEMGL are implemented and adhered to, it is concluded that there should be little, if any, significant detrimental erosion or sedimentation within the study area as a result of the proposed forestry operations.

With respect to the SEMGL method of assessing erosion hazard, it is concluded that the soil erodibility and erosion hazard classifications resulting from the use of this approach do not accurately reflect the behaviour of these soils. Consequently, the use of soil loss models in forest situations should be reviewed to reflect on-going research, operational experience and subsequent improved scientific knowledge and understanding.

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APPENDIX 2

SEMGL based Soil Erodibility Classification

Soil Erodibility based on Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's

SOIL MAPPING UNIT A - (soils formed on alluvials)

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CHARACTERISTIC	TOPSOIL	CLASS	SUBSOIL	CLASS
ORGANIC MATTER	Range 1.39 – 20.5%; (av. 10.95%); >3%	LOW		n.a.
TEXTURE	L1 - SiCL/SLC/FSCL/SCL/Lfsy/SCL ⁻ /SL (A,A11 L2 SCL-/SiLC (A12 - uncommon) L3 - SCL/FSCL/CS (A2 - common; usually bleac	- always)* LOW hed) MOD?	L4 - LC (B1 - sometimes) L5 - LC TO LMC (B2,B21 - always) L6 - LMC (B22 - rare) L7 - LC (D1 - rare)	LOW – MOD MOD?
STRUCTURE	moderately well structured / non-dispersive	LOW	well structured	LOW – MOD
EAT	A1 - 8; A11 - 8; A12 - 8 A2 - 2(1)	LOW MOD	B2 – 2(1), 3(2)	MOD
NORTHCOTE	Uf 6.2*, 6.3*; Gn 2.9*, 3.0, 3.1, 3.4, 3.7 . Dy 4.1*, 5.3*, 5.4*	LOW MOD?		
GSG	Structured plastic clays*, Yellow podzolic soil	MOD		
GEOLOGY .	alluvial mud, silt, sand, gravel	HIGH	· ·	
* = not catered	for in the table in Appendix 1 (ii)			

CONCLUSION:

According to the table in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's, the soils represented by this soil mapping unit have a generally low to moderate soil erodibility classification.

Soil Erodibility based on Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's

CHARACTERISTIC	TOPSOIL	CLASS	SUBSOIL	CLASS
ORGANIC MATTER	Range 4.41 – 9.39%; (av.6.69); >3%	LOW	•	n.a.
TEXTURE	L1 – CL/SiCL (A,A1,A11 – always) L2 – FSCL/SiC (A12 – rare) L3 – LC/SiLC (A2 – uncommon; unbleached)	LOW LOW MOD?	L4 – LC/LMC/MC (B1 – uncommon) L5 – LMC/SiLC/HC (B2 – always) L6 – LMC/MC/LC (B3 – uncommon) L7 – LMC (BC – rare)	LOW LOW – MOD
STRUCTURE	well structured / non-dispersive	LOW	well structured	MOD
EAT	A,A1 - 8, 8, 3(2), 8, 8, 2(1) A12 - 3(3); A2 - 3(1)	LOW - MOD	B1 - 3(2), 5. 2(1) B2 - 6, 3(1), 3(1), 2(1), 5, 2(1) B3 - 3(3), 3(3), 3(3)	LOW – MOD LOW-MOD-HIGH MOD
NORTHCOTE	Uf 5.3; Gn 3.1, 3.2, 4.5; Dr 4.1, 4.2	LOW		
GSG	Structured plastic clays*, Krasnozems Chocolate soils	LOW LOW		
GEOLOGY	trachyte, basalt, tuff*, agglomerate*	MOD - LOW		
* = not catered	for in the table in Appendix 1 (ii)			

SOIL MAPPING UNIT B - (soils formed on basalts)

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CONCLUSION: According to the table in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's, the soils represented by this soil mapping unit have a generally low, but sometimes moderate, soil erodibility classification. The topsoil layers generally have a low classification, while the subsoils have a low to moderate classification.

Soil Erodibility based on Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's

SOIL MAPPING UNIT D - (soils formed on granitoids)

CHARACTERISTIC	TOPSOIL	CLASS	SUBSOIL	CLASS
ORGANIC MATTER	Range 3.3 – 8.82%; (av. 6.06%); >3%	LOW		n.a.
TEXTURE	L1 - SiLC/LC (A,A1,A11 - always) L2 - LC/LMC/SCL ⁻ (A12 - sometimes) L3 - SCL/LC/SiCL (A2 - common; unbleached) L4 - SCL (A3 - rare)	LOW LOW	LS - LC/LMC/MC (B1 - common) L6 - LC/LMC (B2 - always) L7 - LC (BC - rare)	LOW - MOD?
STRUCTURE	well structured / non-dispersive	LOW	well structured	LOW - MOD
EAT	A1,A11,A12 - 8, 8 A2 - 2(1), 8; A3 - 8	LOW LOW - MOD	B1 - 3(2), 2(1) B2 - 2(1), 3(1), 2(1)	MOD – HIGH
NORTHCOTE	Gn 3.1; Dr 4.1; Uf 4.4*, 5.1, 6.2*	LOW		
GSG	Structured plastic & sub-plastic clays*, Krasnozer Yellow podzolic soils	ns LOW MOD		·
GEOLOGY	granodiorite, porphyritic adamellite*	HIGH	· .	
* = not catered	for in the table in Appendix 1 (ii)			

CONCLUSION: According to the table in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's, the soils represented by this soil mapping unit have a generally low to moderate soil erodibility classification.

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Soil Erodibility based on Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's

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CHARACTERISTIC	TOPSOIL	CLASS	SUBSOIL	CLASS
ORGANIC MATTER	Range 7.11 - 15.3%; (av. 11.1%); >3%	LOW		n.a.
TEXTURE	L1 - SiLC/LC (A - always)	LOW	L2 - LC/LMC (B1,B11 - usually) L3 - LMC (B12 - sometimes) L4 - LC/LMC (B2 - always) L5 - LMC (B3,BC - sometimes)	LOW - MOD?
STRUCTURE	well structured / non-dispersive	LOW	well structured	LOW
EAT	A – 8	LOW	B11 - 3(2); B12 - 3(1); B2 - 2(1), 2(2)	MOD ·
NORTHCOTE	Uf 5.2, 6.2*, 6.3*	LOW		
GSG ·	Structured plastic clays* Krasnozems	LOW		
GEOLOGY	argillite*, phyllite, slate, greywacke intermediate volcanics*, quartz*	MOD		
* = not catered	for in the table in Appendix 1 (ii)			

SOIL MAPPING UNIT C - (soils formed on metasediments)

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CONCLUSION: According to the table in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's, the soils represented by this soil mapping unit have a generally low but sometimes moderate soil erodibility classification. The topsoil layers have a low classification, while the subsoils have a low to moderate classification.

Soil Erodibility based on Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's

SOIL MAPPING UNIT E - (soils formed on Grafton Formation)

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CHARACTERISTIC	TOPSOIL	CLASS	SUBSOIL	CLASS
ORGANIC MATTER	Range 3.38 - 13%; (av. 7.06%); >3%	LOW		n.a.
TEXTURE	L1 - SL - FSCL (FSL/SCL/SiCL) (A,A1,A11 - a L2 - FSCL/SCL/LC (A12 - common) L3 - LC/SLC ⁻ (S-HC)(A2,A21-common;bleached/u L4 - FSL (A22 - rare) L5 - LS (A3 - rare)	lways) * MOD – mbleached)HIGH MOD MOD	L6 - SCL/FSL/LC (B1 - rare) L7 - LMC/LC/HC(CSL/FSL/SCL ⁻ /FSCL/SLC)(B2-always) L8 - LMC (B22 - rare) L9 - LMC/HC (B3 - common)	MOD MOD HIGH?
STRUCTURE	weak to well structured / non-dispersive	LOW	well structured	LOW – MOD
EAT	A1,A11, - 2(1), 8, 2(1) A12 - 2(1); A2 - 2(1), 2(3), 2(1)	LOW MOD	B2 - 2(1), 2(1), 2(1) B3 - 2(1), 2(3)	MOD – HIGH
NORTHCOTE	Gn 2.2*, 2.4*, 3.0, 3.1, 3.2, 3.9 Dr 1.1*, 4.1, 4.4, 5.1*, 5.4* Dy 1.4*, 5.1*, 5.4*	LOW LOW - MOD MOD?		·
GSG	Chocolate soils, Euchrozems Yellow podzolic soils, Yellow-brown earths Red and Yellow podzolic soils Lateritic podzolic soils*, Minimal prairie soils*	LOW - MOD MOD		
GEOLOGY	lithic sandstone, siltstone, claystone? minor coal	HIGH MOD LOW		

* = not catered for in the table in Appendix 1 (ii)

CONCLUSION:

According to the table in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's, the soils represented by this soil mapping unit have a low to moderate soil erodibility classification. The topsoil layers generally have a low to moderate classification, while the subsoils have a moderate classification.

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Soil Erodibility based on Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's

SOIL MAPPING UNIT F - (soils formed on Kangaroo Creek sandstones)

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CHARACTERISTIC	TOPSOIL	CLASS	SUBSOIL	CLASS
ORGANIC MATTER	Range 2.02 – 8.26%; (av. 5.14%); >3%	LOW	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	n.a.
TEXTURE	L1 - LS/SL/FSCL (A,A1,A11 - always) L2 - CS/LS/SCL ⁻ /Lfsy (A12 - occasional) L3 - LS/CS/SCL ⁻ (A2-common;bleached/unbleached L4 - CS/SiLC (A3 - rare)	* d) * MOD – * MOD?	L5 - CS/SCL/LC (B1 - sometimes) L6 - CS/SLC/LMC (B2/B21 - always) L7 - SLC/LS (B22 - rare) L8 - LMC/LS (B3 - occasional)	* MOD? * LOW - MOD?
STRUCTURE	weak to moderately structured / non-dispersive	LOW - MOD	well structured	MOD?
EAT	A1,A11 - 8, 8 A2 - 3(2)	LOW MOD	B1 - 2(1); B21 - 2(2); B22 - 2(2); B3 - 2(2)	MOD
NORTHCOTE	Uc 4.2*, 6*, 6.1*; Gn 2.1*, 2.2*, 3.1, 3.2 Dr 5.1*, 5.2*; Dy 1.1*, 4.1*, 4.2*, 5.2*, 5.3*, 5.4* Db 3.4	LOW MOD? LOW		
GSG	Krasnozems, Sands*, Structured sands* Red & Yellow podzolic soils; Yellow & Red earth	LOW s MOD		
GEOLOGY	quartz sandstone*, feldspathic quartz sandstone siltstone	MOD		
* = not catered	for in the table in Appendix 1 (ii)			

CONCLUSION: According to the table in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's, the soils represented by this soil mapping unit have a low to moderate soil erodibility classification. Both the topsoil and subsoil layers generally have a low to moderate classification.

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Soil Erodibility based on Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's

SOIL MAPPING UNIT G - (soils formed on Walloon Coal Measures)

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CHARACTERISTIC	TOPSOIL	CLASS	SUBSOIL	CLASS
ORGANIC MATTER	Range 2.83 - 7.06%; (av. 5.36%); >3%	LOW		n.a.
TEXTURE	L1 – LC/SCL ⁻ /CL/SiLC (A,A1,A11 – always) L2 – SCL ⁻ /CL/LC (A12 – rare) L3 – SCL ⁻ /SCL/LC (A2 – sometimes; bleached)	LOW – MOD MOD MOD-HIGH	LA – LMC/LC/SCL ⁻ (B1 – sometimes) L5 – LC/LMC (B2,B21 – always) L6 – LC/LMC (B22 – rare)	LOW LOW -
STRUCTURE	moderately structured	LOW – MOD	L7 – LC/LMC (B3 – common) well structured	MOD
EAT	A,A1,A11 - 8, 2(2), 2(1), 3(2), 8, 8 A12 - 3(2), 2(1); A2 - 2(1), 2(2)	LOW - MOD MOD	B1 - 2(1) B21 - 2(1) B22,B2 - 3(3), 5, 2(1), 2(1), 2(2), 2(2)	LOW – MOD – HIGH
NORTHCOTE	Uf 5.2, 5.3, 6.3* . Gn 3.1, 3.8, 3.9 Dr 2.2*, 4.1, 4.2, 5.1*, 5.2* Db 0.4	LOW LOW LOW MOD?	·	
GSG	Structured plastic and sub-plastic clays* Krasnozems, Xanthozems, Chocolate soils Yellow and Red podzolic soils	LOW MOD		
GEOLOGY	sandstone*, shale*, coal siltstone	LOW MOD		
* = not catered	for in the table in Appendix 1 (ii)			

CONCLUSION:

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According to the table in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's, the soils represented by this soil mapping unit have a low to moderate soil erodibility classification.

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Soil Erodibility based on Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's

SOIL MAPPING UNIT H - (soils formed on Marburg Sediments)

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CHARACTERISTIC	TOPSOIL	CLASS	SUBSOIL	CLASS
ORGANIC MATTER	Range 3.94 – 7.37%; (av. 5.79%); >3%	LOW	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	n.a.
TEXTURE	L1 – LStoLC(SL/SCL ⁻ /Lfsy/SiCL/FSCL)(A,A1, – L2 – SCL ⁻ /SCL (A2 – sometimes; bleached)	always) * MOD?	L3 - FSCL/SiLC/MC (B1 - common) L4 - LC - LMC (SL/SiLC/MC) (B2,B21 - always) L5 - LMC (B22 - rare)	LOW MOD
			L6 – LMC (B3 – sometimes)	MOD
STRUCTURE	weak to well structured / non- to slight dispersive	LOW - MOD	well structured	LOW – MOD
EAT	A,A1 - 2(1), 3(2), 8, 2(1) A2 - 2(1)	LOW – MOD MOD	B2 - 3(3), 2(2), 2(1), 2(2) B3 - 3(2), 2(2)	MOD MOD
NORTHCOTE	Uf 5.3; Gn 2.2*, 3.1 Dy 4.1*, 5.2*, 5.4*	LOW – MOD?		
GSG	Krasnozems Yellow podzolic soils; Yellow earths	LOW MOD	,	
GEOLOGY	sandstone*, shale*	* MOD?		

CONCLUSION:

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According to the table in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's, the soils represented by this soil mapping unit have a generally low to moderate soil erodibility classification. The topsoil and subsoil layers generally have a low to moderate classification.

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Soil Erodibility based on Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's

SOIL MAPPING UNIT I - (soils formed on volcanics)

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CHARACTERISTIC	TOPSOIL	CLASS	SUBSOIL	CLASS
ORGANIC MATTER	Range 5.04 – 16.4%; (av. 10.1%); >3%	LOW		n.a.
TEXTURE	L1 - SiCL/SiLC/SCL/LC (A,A1,A11 - always) L2 - SiLC/LC (SCL) (A12 - uncommon) L3 - SiLC/LC/SCL/LMC (A2-sometimes;bleached	LOW LOW i/unbleached)MOI	L4 - LC/LMC/SiLC (B1,B11 - sometimes) L5 - LMC (B12 - rare) D L6 - LC/LMC/(SLC/SiLC) (B2 - always) L7 - LC/LMC (B3 - rare)	LOW - MOD LOW LOW - MOD
STRUCTURE	well structured / non-dispersive	LOW	well structured	LOW -MOD
EAT	A,A1,A11 - 8, 8, 8, 8, 3(2) A12 - 8 A2 - 2(1), 3(1), 2(1)	LOW - MOD LOW MOD	B1,B11 - 2(1), 2(1), 8, 3(1) B12 - 6; B2 - 5, 5, 2(1), 3(3), 2(1) B3 - 5	LOW – MOD LOW – MOD MOD
NORTHCOTE	Uf 2*, 5.2, 6.2*, 6.3* Gn 3.1, 3.7, 4.8; Dr 4.4 Dy 4.1*	LOW LOW MOD?		
GSG	Structured plastic and sub-plastic clays* Krasnozems Red and Yellow podzolic soils	* LOW MOD	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
GEOLOGY	rhyolite*, tuff*, claystone*, obsidian*, pitchstone* basalt, agglomerate*, andesite*	• LOW		
* = not catered	for in the table in Appendix 1 (ii)			

CONCLUSION:

According to the table in Appendix 1 (ii) of the SEMGL's, the soils represented by this soil mapping unit have low, but sometimes moderate, soil erodibility classification. Both the topsoil and subsoil layers generally have a low to sometimes moderate classification.

APPENDIX 3

SEMGL based Erosion Hazard Classification

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CASINO / MURWILLUMBAH EIS SOILS STUDY Soil Erosion Hazard based on Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL's

Erodibility (SEMGL App 1)	SEMGL Appendix 2 Erosivities	State Forest	Maximum Slope (degrees)	Erosion Hazard Class
low to	<4000	pt Eden Creek	<1	Moderate
moderate*		SF north of Royal Camp	<1	Moderate
		Royal Camp	<1	Moderate
		Mount Marsh	6	Moderate
	,	Carwong	2	Moderate
		Braemar	<1 .	Moderate
		Ellangowan	<1	Moderate
		Myrtle	<1	Moderate
		Whiporie	<1	Moderate
		Camira	3	Moderate
		Banyabba	1	Moderate
		Gibberagee	<1	Moderate
	·	Mount Belmore	6	Moderate
		. Bungawalbin	<1	Moderate
*while the soil erod	ibility for	Doubleduke	1	Moderate
this unit is low to m	noderate, the	Tabbimoble	<1	Moderate
"worst case" modera	ate class has	Devils Pulpit	1	Moderate
been used for this ta	ible '	Mororo	5	Moderate
•	•	pt Gibberagee	1	Moderate

SOIL MAPPING UNIT A - (soils formed on alluvials)

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CONCLUSION:

According to the table in Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL's, the soils represented by this soil mapping unit have a moderate "maximum" erosion hazard class.

Soil Erosion Hazard based on Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL's

SOIL MAPPING UNIT B – (soils formed on basalts)

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Erodibility (SEMGL App 1)	SEMGL Appendix 2 Erosivities	State Forest	Maximum Slope (degrees)	Erosion Hazard Class
low, sometimes	<4000	Richmond Range	18	Moderate
moderate		Eden Creek	14	Moderate
		pt Eden Creek	22	Moderate
		Boorabee	39	High
		Bungabee	26	High
		Cherry Tree North	26	High
		Mount Belmore	12	Moderate
	,	Mount Marsh	15	Moderate
		pt Gibberagee	10	Moderate
	<6000	Boorabee	32	Extreme
		Mebbin	45	Extreme
	<8000	Wollumbin	30	Extreme
		Nullum	21	High
		Goonengarry	17	High
		Whian Whian	32	Extreme

Soil Erosion Hazard based on Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL's

Erodibility (SEMGL App 1)	SEMGL Appendix 2 Erosivities	State Forest	Maximum Slope (degrees)	Erosion Hazard Class	
low, sometimes moderate	<2000	Ewingar	25	Moderate	
	<4000	Ewingar	29	High	
•		Billilimbra	18	Moderate	
		Washpool	- 31	High	
		pt Washpool	23	Moderate	
	<8000	Mooball	29	Extreme	
		Burringbar	. 34	Extreme	
		Nullum	39	Extreme	

SOIL MAPPING UNIT C – (soils formed on metasediments)

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CONCLUSION:

Soil Erosion Hazard based on Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL's

SOIL MAPPING UNIT D - (soils formed on granitoids)

Erodibility (SEMGL App 1)	SEMGL Appendix 2 Erosivities	State Forest	Maximum Slope (degrees)	Erosion Hazard Class	
low to moderate*	<2000	Ewingar Billilimbra	28 - 37 24	High Moderate	
	<4000	Ewingar Billilimbra	27 27	Extreme Extreme	
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* while the soil erodibility for this unit is low to moderate, the "worst case" moderate class has been used for this table

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CONCLUSION:

Soil Erosion Hazard based on Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL's

Erodibility (SEMGL App 1)	SEMGL Appendix 2. Erosivities	State Forest	Maximum Slope (degrees)	Erosion Hazard Class	
low to moderate*	<4000	Royal Camp Fullers	4 6	Moderate Moderate	.•
, ,		Carwong	7	Moderate	
		Braemar	14	Moderate	
		Ellangowan	9	Moderate	
		Myrtle	7	Moderate	
		Whiporie	1.5	Moderate	
		Camira	10	Moderate	
		Banyabba	9	Moderate	·
		Gibberagee	17	High	
•		Bungawalbin	6	Moderate	
		Doubleduke	2	Moderate	
* while the soil eroc this unit is low to m "worst case" modera been used for this ta	libility for oderate, the ate class has able	Devils Pulpit.	14	Moderate	

SOIL MAPPING UNIT E – (soils formed on Grafton Formation)

CONCLUSION:

Soil Erosion Hazard based on Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL's

SOIL MAPPING UNIT F - (soils formed on Kangaroo Creek Sandstone)

Erodibility (SEMGL App 1)	SEMGL Appendix 2 Erosivities	State Forest	Maximum Slope (degrees)	Erosion Hazard Class	
low to	<4000	Richmond Range	25	High to Extreme	<u> </u>
moderate*		pt Richmond Range	41	Extreme	
		Cherry Tree/Cherry Tree W	22	High	
		Mount Belmore	36	Extreme	
		pt Mount Belmore	30	Extreme	
		pt Royal Camp	18	High	
Ň		Fullers	19	High	
	•	Mount Marsh	23	High	
		Banyabba	22	High	
		Camira	·5	Moderate	•
		Gibberagee	22	High	
		pt Gibberagee	22	High	
* while the soil eroo	dibility for	Devils Pulpit	27	Extreme	
this unit is low to n	noderate, the	Doubleduke	24	High	
"worst case" modera	ate class has	Bungawalbin	3	Moderate	
been used for this ta	able	pt Eden Creek	8	Moderate	
		Eden Creek	16	High	

CONCLUSION:

Soil Erosion Hazard based on Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL's

Erodibility (SEMGL App 1)	SEMGL Appendix 2 Erosivities	State Forest	Maximum Slope (degrees)	Erosion Hazard Class	
low to	<4000	Richmond Range	16	High	
moderate*		Cherry Tree North	19	High	• .
		Cherry Tree	21	High	~ /
		Cherry Tree West	22	High	
	•	Mount Pikapene	25	High to Extreme	
	·•	Mount Belmore	17	High	
	•	pt Mount Belmore	21	High	
*while the soil erod	ibility for	Mount Marsh	20	High	
this unit is low to n	noderate, the	pt Mount Marsh	15	Moderate to High	
"worst case" modera	ate class has	Doubleduke	9	Moderate	
been used for this ta	able	Sugarloaf	24	High	
	,	Tabbimoble	6	Moderate	
		Devils Pulpit	27 ·	Extreme	
		Могого	3	Moderate	
	<6000	Mebbin	17	High	
		Wollumbin	22	Extreme	,
	<8000	Wollumbin	27	Extreme	

SOIL MAPPING UNIT G – (soils formed on Walloon Coal Measures)

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Soil Erosion Hazard based on Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL's

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SOIL	MAPPING	UNIT H	- (soils	formed	on	Marburg	Sediments))
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Erodibility (SEMGL App 1)	SEMGL Appendix 2 Erosivities	State Forest	Maximum Slope (degrees)	Erosion Hazard Class	`
low to	<2000	Sugarloaf	17	Moderate	
moderate*		Keybarbin	22	Moderate	
	<4000	Sugarloaf	13	Moderate	
		Keybarbin	22	High	
		pt Mount Marsh	11	Moderate	
		Doubleduke	3	Moderate	
	<8000	Wollumbin	25	Extreme	
		Nullum	. 32	Extreme	
* while the soil eron this unit is low to n "worst case" modera been used for this ta	dibility for noderate, the ate class has able		.*		

Soil Erosion Hazard based on Appendix 2 (ii) of the SEMGL's

Erodibility (SEMGL App 1)	SEMGL Appendix 2 Erosivities	State Forest	Maximum Slope (degrees)	Erosion Hazard Class
low, sometimes moderate	<2000	Ewingar Billilimbra	24 26	Moderate Moderate
	<4000	Billilimbra Washpool Ewingar	16 - 32 30 23	Moderate to High High Moderate
·	<8000	Nullum Goonengerry Whian Whian East Whian Whian	32 - 42 16 - 42 28 35	Extreme High to Extreme Extreme Extreme

SOIL MAPPING UNIT I – (soils formed on extrusive volcanics)

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CONCLUSION:

APPENDIX 4

Erodibility (K) values

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$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	A	1301	A11	1	3000	3	2	.008
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			B2			3	3	.015
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		1306	A1	1	3100	3	1 ·	.017
$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			B2			3	1	.014
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	В	0102	Α	1	3250	2	2	.020
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$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		0201	A11	2	3100	3	3	.031
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$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			B2			3	3	.012
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$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			B 1			3	3	.008
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$\begin{array}{c ccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		1801	Α	1	5500	3	3	.025
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$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			B2 ·			3	3	.044
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$		2202	Α	2	2200	2	3 .	.006
$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			B11 .			3	3	.009
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$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$			B2			3	3	.016
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Unit	Site	Layer	Zone	R	Structure	Permeab.	К
G	0413	A	1	5500	3	3	.023
	-	B 1			3	3	.023
	0415	A1	1	3100	3	2	.044
					. 3	3	.013
	1002	A11	2	3050	2	2	.017
					3	3	.016
H	0802	Α	2	2000	3	2	.029
					3	3	.022
	0902	A1	2	2100	3	1	.014
		B2			3	4	.042
	1601	Α	1	6200	3	1	.011
		B 1			4	2	.039
	2001	A1	1	3100	3	2	.026
		B1			3	3	.014
Ι	1501	A1	1	8500	2	2	.004
		B1			2	3	.025
	1903	A1	1	8600	2	3	.016
	•	B2			2 ·	3	.015
	1908	A11	1	8000	2	.2	.004
		B 1			2	3	.020
	2302	Α	1	2100	2	3	.008
		B 1			2	3	.007
	2303	Α	2	2200	2	3	.020
		B11			2	. 3	.027

APPENDIX 4:

Values used to determine the erodibility (K) factor

APPENDIX 5

Figures

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Note : Also refer to Figure 8.1 and Maps 5 and 6 inVolume A of the Casino Management Area EIS

CASINO MANAGEMENT AREA

LEGEND

A	ALLUVIAL
В	BASALTS OF PLUGS AND FLOWS
С	METASEDIMENTS
D	GRANITOIDS
E	GRAFTON FORMATION
F	KANGAROO CREEK SANDSTONES
G	WALLOON COAL MEASURES
Н	MARBURG SEDIMENTS
J	EXTRUSIVE VOLCANICS
	MANAGEMENT BOUNDARY
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Casino Management Area

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MURWILLUMBAH MANAGEMENT AREA

LEGEND В BASALTS OF PLUGS AND FLOWS С METASEDIMENTS WALLOON COAL MEASURES G MARBURG SEDIMENTS Η ERUPTIVE VOLCANICS MANAGEMENT BOUNDARY 4000 SOIL EROSIVITY TYPE SAMPLED SOIL DESCRIPTION POI 1000 1000 SOIL DESCRIPTION SITE Х · TOWNS Ο **RIVERS** Ν 10km SOILS

SOILS Murwillumbah Management Area

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Note: Also refer to Figure 6.3 in Volume A of the Casino Management Area EIS

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CASINO MANAGEMENT AREA

LEGEND	
Jk	KANGAROO CREEK SANDSTONE
JIm	MARBURG SANDSTONE
Jmr	KOUKANDOWIE SANDSTONE
Js	WOODENBONG BEDS
Jw	WALLON COAL MEASURES
Jws	MALLANGANEE COAL MEASURES
Kg	GRAFTON FORMATION
Pab	BUNGULLA PORPHYRITIC ADAMELLITE
Pas	STANTHORPE ADAMELLITE
Pgdw	DUMBUDGERY CREEK GRANODIORITE
Pld	DRAKE VOLCANICS
Plv	DRAKE VOLCANICS
Qa	SEDIMENTS
Ø-S	ORDIVICIAN-SILURIAN SEDIMENTS
Tlb	LISMORE BASALT
Tmb	LAMINGTON VOLCANICS, (basalt)
Tml	LAMINGTON VOLCANICS, (agglomerate)
Тр	TERTIARY VOLCANICS
Tv	TERTIARY EXTRUSIVE VOLCANICS
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MURWILLUMBAH MANAGEMENT AREA

LEGEND						
WL	WALLOON COAL MEASURES					
Pzn	NERANLEIGH-FERNVALE GROUP					
Rc	CHILLINGHAM VOLCANICS					
R–Jb	BUNDAMBA GROUP					
TIb	LISMORE BASALT					
ТІІ	LAMINGTON BASALTS					
Tnb	BLUE KNOB BASALT					
Twb	MT WARNING CENTRAL COMPLEX (basait)					
Twe	MT WARNING CENTRAL COMPLEX (trachyte)					
	MANAGEMENT BOUNDARY					
- · -	GEOLOGICAL FORMATION BOUNDARY	,				
0	TOWNS					
Z	RIVERS					
0	10km N					
GEOLOGY	· · ·					
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Management Area						
FIGURE	2b					