Rises

LAND UNIT 2.01

Gravelly Dolomite Rises

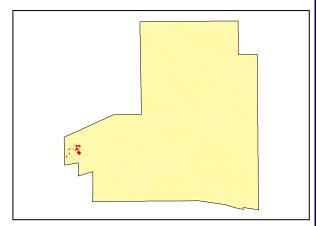
Description: Loose gravelly to rocky rises of dolomite with Witchetty Bush over annual and perennial

grasses.

Site: 133



Distribution of land unit.



Area = 0.46 km^2 , 0.14% of mapped area.

LAND CAPABILITY:

ATTRIBUTES		
SLOPE (%)	20%	
RELIEF (m)	20	
SOIL DEPTH (m)	0.25	
SURFACE CONDITION	Loose	
DEPTH TO SUBSTRATE (m)	0.25	
REACTION TREND (pH)	9.5	
OUTCROP (%)	60	
RUNOFF	Rapid	
PERMEABILITY	Slow	
DRAINAGE	Very Rapid	
SALINITY (μs/cm)	47.5	

DEVELOPMENT RISKS		
EROSION	Slight	
ROCK FALL	None	
SHEET FLOODING	None	
INUNDATION	None	
SALINITY	None	
ALKALINITY	High	
ACIDITY	None	

		CAPA	BILITY CLASS		
Formed Roads	Shallow excavations	Septic Disposal	Horticulture	Building Foundations	Landscaping
Good	Very Poor	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Poor

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TECHNICAL DETAILS

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DESCRIPTION: Loose, slightly elevated gravelly to rocky dolomite ridges that usually occur in valley floors

and on the lower extremities of higher relief dolomite rises.

GEOLOGY: Mostly float material overlying Late Proterozoic (570-1000Ma) Gillen Member Dolomite

formation substrate.

LANDFORM: Gently undulating rises within a valley of peripheral Dolomite Hills and Rises. The area is

generally raised with a relief of about 550 - 600m. Individual rises are elevated about 10m above the surrounding region. Erosion and aggradation formed slopes that are moderately inclined to a maximum of 20%. Runoff is very rapid with moderate to imperfect drainage

occurring.

Dissolution of original brecciated parent material resulted in the formation of shallow alkaline soils between larger calcrete rock fragments. Drainage channels within the unit are

poorly defined.

SOIL: Example from Site 133

MGA. Coords: 7371821mN, 370863mE

CLASSIFICATION: Dark Red Calcareous soils. Calcarosol - CA, CV, CZ, HK, B, H, L, U

SURFACE: Loose with 20% 60-200mm subangular calcrete rock fragments as float. Minor cryptogram

formation on areas of broader soil formation.

DEPTH (m)	HORIZON	TEXTURE	рН	SALINITY (μs/cm)	OTHER DETAILS
0.0 – 0.25m	A1	Loam (L)	9.5	47.50	Dark red (2.5YR3/6). Apedal with single grains and a sandy fabric, 30% 2-6mm subangular coarse calcrete fragments 10% 6-20mm subangular coarse calcrete fragments. Moderate effervescence.

VEGETATION: Site 285 (Albrecht, D. and Pitts, B. 1999).

UPPER STRATUM -	Usually absent		
Dominant species			
Other species	Coolabah, Bloodwood,		
MID STRATUM - Spa	rse shrubland		
Dominant species	Mimosa Bush,		
Other species	Curly Pod Wattle, Acacia Bush, Ironwood Mistletoe,		
LOWER STRATUM - Isolated clump of tussock grass			
Dominant species	Barley Mitchell Grass, Climbing Saltbush,		
Other species	Buffel Grass, Prickly Lettuce, Silver Tails, Dwarf Lantern Flower, Wild Turnip, Queensland Bluebush, Desert Goosefoot, Rat-tail Goosefoot, Purple Lovegrass, Knottybutt Neverfail, Mountain Wanderrie, Holly Grevillea, <i>Maireana integra</i> , Low Bluebush, Common Nardo, Large Green Pussytail, Silver Tails, Crimson Foxtail, Sand Sunray, Fan-Flower, Green Copper Burr, Johnson's Copper Burr, <i>Sida laevis</i> , Australian Dropseed, Small-burr Grass, Peach-leaved Poison Bush, Red Spinach,		
	Cattle Bush.		

(See Appendix 3 for botanical names)