LAND UNIT 2.03

Sadadeen Range Gneiss Rises

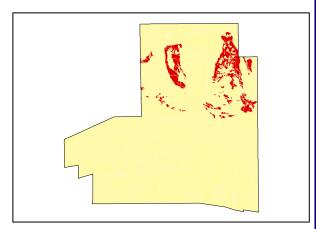
DESCRIPTION: Low, rugged Sadadeen Range Gneiss rises with Witchetty Bush over sparse annual and

perennial grasses.

SITE: 024



Distribution of land unit.



Area = 17.66 km^2 , 5.37% of mapped area.

LAND CAPABILITY:

ATTRIBUTES		
SLOPE (%)	15%	
RELIEF (m)	25.0	
SOIL DEPTH (m)	0.10	
SURFACE CONDITION	Loose	
DEPTH TO SUBSTRATE (m)	0.10	
REACTION TREND (pH)	6.5	
OUTCROP (%)	90%	
RUNOFF	Rapid	
PERMEABILITY	Moderate	
DRAINAGE	Rapid	
SALINITY (μs/cm)	34.7	

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

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

Rises

TECHNICAL DETAILS

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sparse annual and perennial grasses.

GEOLOGY: Early Proterozoic Sadadeen Range Gneiss. Part of the Hayes metamorphic Complex.

Schistose, quartz rich metasediments.

LANDFORM: Rolling rises with slopes of about 15% and general relief of 25m above the surrounding lower

lying areas and abutting the higher Sadadeen Range Gneiss Hills and Ranges, are typical of

this land unit.

Runoff is generally rapid, there is mod permeability and the unit is well drained due to open

fractures and schistose textures of the substrate.

SOIL: Example from Site 024.

MGA. Coords: 7384361mN, 389113mE

Soil formation is restricted to areas between larger rock fragments or close to and within

troughs of outcrop exposures.

CLASSIFICATION: Earthy Sands. Rudosols RU, CY, DU, AR, I, K, T

SURFACE: 90% of substrate exposed with 20% 60-200mm angular tabular quartz fragments and 50% 200-

600mm angular tabular quartz fragments.

DEPTH (m)	HORIZON	TEXTURE	рН	SALINITY (μs/cm)	OTHER DETAILS
0.00 – 0.10	A1	Clayey sand (CS)	6.5	34.7	Reddish brown (5YR3/4) 25% apedal with 2-6mm angular tabular quartz fragments and 25% 6-20mm angular tabular quartz fragments present in the coarse fraction of the soil profile. No effervescence.

VEGETATION: Site 247 (Albrecht, D. and Pitts, B. 1999).

UPPER STRATUM - Isolated clump of trees			
Dominant species			
Other species	Mulga, Ironwood, Whitewood,		
MID STRATUM - Spa	rse shrubland		
Dominant species	Witchetty Bush,		
Other species	Dead Finish, Long-leaf Corkwood, Dense Cassia, Blunt-leaf Cassia,		
LOWER STRATUM - Sparse forbland			
Dominant species	Silver Indigo,		
Other species	Dwarf Lantern Flower, Wild Hops, Bunched Kerosene Grass, Flat-awned Threeawn, Bogan Flea, Woolly Oak Fern, Mulga Fern, Perennial Sunray, Hill Everlasting, Cotton Panic Grass, Woollyoat Grass, Rock Fuchsia Bush, Native Fuchsia, Mountain Wanderrie, Caustic Weed, Tropical Speedwell, Woolly Glycine, <i>Heliotropium sp.</i> (one or both of <i>H.cunninghamii</i> & <i>H.tanythrix</i>), Orange Spade Flower, Green Peppercress, Low Bluebush, Bush Banana, Velvet Hibiscus, Large Green Pussytail, Silver Tails, Tall Saltbush, Buckbush, Tall Copper Burr, Hill Sida, Wild Tomato, Hill Thread-petal, Kangaroo Grass, Five-minute Grass.		

(See Appendix 3 for botanical names)