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Rocky Colluvial Fan

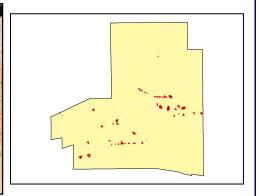
Unsorted rocky colluvial fans with Mulga. **061, Site 18** (*King D., 1996.*) **DESCRIPTION:**

SITES:





Distribution of land unit.



Area = 3.69 km^2 , 1.12% of mapped area.

LAND CAPABILITY:

ATTRIBUTES				
SLOPE (%)	6%			
RELIEF (m)	15			
SOIL DEPTH (m)	0.80			
SURFACE CONDITION	Surface flake. Loose in parts.			
DEPTH TO SUBSTRATE (m)	>0.80			
REACTION TREND (pH)	7.0 to 6.5			
OUTCROP (%)	1			
RUNOFF	Rapid			
PERMEABILITY	Highly permeable			
DRAINAGE	Well drained			
SALINITY (μs/cm)	56.5 to 76.0			

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

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

Slopes

TECHNICAL DETAILS

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DESCRIPTION: Rocky colluvial fan with low slope supporting Mulga.

GEOLOGY: Quaternary colluvium derived from Late Proterozoic Hills and Ranges.

LANDFORM: Very gently inclined slope with low relief emanating from a higher elevation erosional gully.

Internal drainage channels vary in size from narrow (0.5m wide x 0.3m deep) stable systems to broad (2.0m wide x 0.8m deep) erosional channels that are generally formed in disturbed areas. Rapid runoff would occur due to the absence of large obstructions. The well-drained soils with high permeability would be a result of the sandier characteristics of the soil.

SOIL: Example from Site 18 (King D., 1996.)

MGA. Coordinates: 7374137mN, 387025mE.

CLASSIFICATION: Lithosol. Tenosol - TE, DS, CZ, AR, A, I, L, L, V

SURFACE: 10% 60-200mm subangular cobbles of quartz and quartzite. 60% 20-60mm subangular coarse gravelly fragments of quartz and quartzite. All soil and rock material is transported and shows a very weak

pedological organisation.

DEPTH (m)	HORIZON	TEXTURE	рН	SALINITY (μs/cm)	OTHER DETAILS
0.00 - 0.01	A1	Sandy loam (SL)(L)	7.0	67.7	Dark reddish brown (5YR3/4). 20% 6-20mm subangular medium gravelly quartzite fragments and 10% 2-6mm subangular fine gravelly quartz fragments. Massive apedal structure and non-effervescent.
0.01 - 0.15	А3	Clayey sand (CS)(K)	7.0	56.5	Dark reddish brown (5YR3/4). 80% 6-20mm subangular medium gravelly fragments of quartzite and 80% 2-6mm subangular fine gravelly quartz fragments. Massive apedal structure and non-effervescent.
0.15 - 0.40	B1	Clayey sand (CS)(K)	6.5	68.2	Yellowish red (5YR4/6). 95% 6-20mm subangular medium gravelly fragments of quartzite and 100% 2-6mm subangular fine gravelly quartz fragments. Massive apedal structure and non-effervescent.
0.40 - 0.80	B2	Sandy loam (SL)(K)(L)	6.5	76.0	Yellowish red (5YR4/6). 95% 6-20mm subangular medium gravelly fragments of quartzite and 100% 2-6mm subangular fine gravelly quartz fragments. Massive apedal structure and non-effervescent.

VEGETATION: Site 6 (King D., 1996.)

UPPER STRATUM - Isolated trees			
Dominant species	Mulga.		
Other species			
MID STRATUM - Isola	ated shrubs		
Dominant species	Witchetty Bush.		
Other species			
LOWER STRATUM -	Isolated clump of tussock grasses		
Dominant species			
Other species	Woollyoat grass, Eight day Grass, Munyeroo, Goathead burr, Five-minute grass.		

(see Appendix 3 for botanical names)