## **Plains**

# **LAND UNIT 4.08**

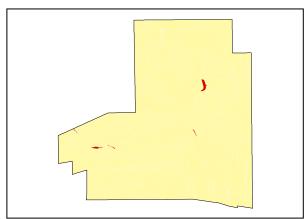
# **Upper Terrace Flat**

**DESCRIPTION:** Upper floodout terrace flats with clumps of River Red Gums over Buffel Grass.

SITE: 118



## Distribution of land unit.



Area =  $0.65 \text{ km}^2$ , 0.20% of mapped area.

#### LAND CAPABILITY:

ATTRIBUTES		
SLOPE (%)	1	
RELIEF (m)	2	
SOIL DEPTH (m)	>2.00	
SURFACE CONDITION	Loose	
DEPTH TO SUBSTRATE (m)	>2.00	
REACTION TREND (pH)	6.5 to 8.0	
OUTCROP (%)	-	
RUNOFF	Very slow	
PERMEABILITY	Highly permeable	
DRAINAGE	Rapidly drained	
SALINITY (μs/cm)	16.8 to 21.0	

DEVELOPMENT RISKS		
EROSION	Slight	
ROCK FALL	None	
SHEET FLOODING	Severe	
INUNDATION	Severe	
SALINITY	None	
ALKALINITY	Moderate (at depth)	
ACIDITY	None	

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

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# **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

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**DESCRIPTION:** Upper floodout terrace flat.

**GEOLOGY:** Quaternary, most likely Holocene sands derived from regional Proterozoic and Palaeozoic

rocks.

LANDFORM: Small flats aggraded or eroded by channelled or over-bank stream flow, standing above a

scarp and no longer frequently inundated (McDonald *et al.* 1990). This land unit is part of a former flood plain and has minor internal drainage channels that would be regularly inundated

with annual rainfall.

SOIL: Example Site 118

MGA. Coordinates: 7370710mN, 376452mE

#### CLASSIFICATION: Siliceous Sand. Tenosol - TE, DS, AO, AR, A, E, K, K, X

**SURFACE:** Loose, incoherent mass of individual particles with occasional loose aggregates that separate when touched. The surface is easily disturbed by pressure of forefinger. Rare (<1%) subrounded 20-60mm

coarse gravelly quartz fragments are evident.

DEPTH (m)	HORIZON	TEXTURE	рН	SALINITY (μs/cm)	OTHER DETAILS
0.00 - 0.10	A1	Loamy sand (LS)	6.5	18.8	Strong brown (7.5YR5/6). 1% 2-6mm fine gravelly subrounded quartz fragments. Apedal, single grain, incoherent mass of individual particles. Non effervescent.
0.10 - 0.30	B21	Sand (S)	7.5	16.8	Strong brown (7.5YR5/6). 2% 2-6mm fine gravelly subrounded quartz fragments. Apedal, single grain, incoherent mass of individual particles. Non effervescent.
0.30 - 0.80	B21	Sand (S)	8.0	21.0	Strong brown (7.5YR5/6). 2% 2-6mm fine gravelly subrounded quartz fragments. Apedal, single grain, incoherent mass of individual particles. Non effervescent.
0.80 - 1.50	B21	Sand (S)	8.0	18.1	Strong brown (7.5YR5/6). 3% 2-6mm fine gravelly subrounded quartz fragments and 1% 6-20mm medium gravelly subrounded quartz fragments. Apedal, single grain, incoherent mass of individual particles. Non effervescent.
1.50 - 2.00	B21	Sand (S)	8.0	19.7	Strong brown (7.5YR5/6). 3% 2-6mm fine gravelly subrounded quartz fragments and 1% 6-20mm medium gravelly subrounded quartz fragments. Apedal, single grain, incoherent mass of individual particles. Non effervescent.

VEGETATION: Site 163 (Albrecht, D. & Pitts, B. 1999).

UPPER STRATUM - Isolated clump of trees			
Dominant species	River Red Gum.		
Other species			
MID STRATUM - Isola	ated clump of shrubs		
Dominant species			
Other species	Acacia Bush, Witchetty Bush, Colony Wattle, Whitewood, Wild Orange, Silver Cassia.		
LOWER STRATUM - Grassland (Buffel and Couch Grass obscuring native grasses)			
Dominant species	Buffel Grass, Couch Grass.		
Other species	Mexican Poppy, Cane Grass Three-awn, Tar Vine & Yipa, Colocynth, Buck Bush, Desert Chinese Lantern, Boggabi, Wild Turnip, Caper Bush, Tall Fleabane, Native Thornapple, Cotton Panic Grass, Woolly Glycine, Natal Red Top, Fruit-salad Bush, Goathead Burr, Sticky Bluerod, Grey Swainsona.		

(See appendix 3 for botanical names)