Drainage Features

LAND UNIT 5.10

Relic Gravelly, Sandy Drainage Depressions

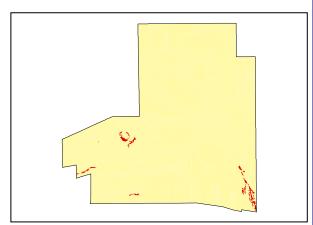
DESCRIPTION: Remnant drainage channel with a sandy, gravelly profile. Ironwood, Corkwood and Witchetty

Bush over annual and perennial grasses.

SITES: 076, **099**



Distribution of land unit.



Area = 1.61 km^2 , 0.49% of mapped area.

LAND CAPABILITY:

ATTRIBUTES		
SLOPE (%)	2	
RELIEF (m)	2	
SOIL DEPTH (m)	>2.00	
SURFACE CONDITION	Loose. Firm in part.	
DEPTH TO SUBSTRATE (m)	>2.00	
REACTION TREND (pH)	7.0	
OUTCROP (%)	-	
RUNOFF	Very slow	
PERMEABILITY	Highly permeable	
DRAINAGE	Well drained	
SALINITY (μs/cm)	16.3 to 27.0	

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

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

TECHNICAL DETAILS

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DESCRIPTION: Remnant gravelly and sandy drainage channels. Ironwood, Corkwood and Witchetty Bush

over annual and perennial grasses.

GEOLOGY: An accumulation of Quaternary, most likely Holocene, sediments eroded and transported

from the high relief Proterozoic and Palaeozoic hills and ranges form this land unit.

LANDFORM: This land unit is within a broader flood plain or a broad drainage system. It forms part of the

flood out system of drainage channels that flow only during infrequent larger flooding episodes. This land unit forms subtle drainage depressions that retain a good vegetation cover due to the underlying palaeochannel drainage system. It differs from land unit 5.09 by

the sandier nature of the soil and a slight variation in vegetation cover.

SOIL: Example from Site 099

MGA. Coordinates: 7369157mN, 390518mE

CLASSIFICATION: Desert loam. Kandosol - KA, AA, AH, CD, C, E, L, L, X

SURFACE: Firm, coherent mass of individual particles or aggregates with occasional loose aggregates that separate

DEPTH (m)	HORIZON	TEXTURE	рН	SALINITY (µs/cm)	OTHER DETAILS
0.00 - 0.10	A1	Sandy loam (SL)	7.0	27.0	Dark red (2.5YR3/6). Massive apedal structure with a dry earthy fabric and weak strength. Non-effervescent.
0.10 - 0.30	A1	Sandy loam (SL)	7.0	22.1	Dark red (2.5YR3/6). Massive apedal structure with a dry earthy fabric and weak strength. Non-effervescent.
0.30 - 0.70	B21	Sandy loam (SL)(K)	7.0	23.3	Dark red (2.5YR3/6). 5% 2-6mm fine gravelly subangular quartz fragments and 2% 20-60mm subangular coarse gravelly quartz fragments. Non-effervescent.
0.70 - 1.00	B22	Loamy sand (LS)	7.0	17.6	Yellowish red (5YR4/6). 10% 2-6mm fine gravelly subangular quartz fragments and 1% 20-60mm subangular coarse gravelly quartz fragments. Non-effervescent.
1.00 - 1.40	B22	Loamy sand (LS)	7.0	16.3	Yellowish red (5YR4/6). 15% 2-6mm fine gravelly subangular quartz fragments and 1% 20-60mm subangular coarse gravelly quartz fragments. Non-effervescent.
1.40 - 1.70	B23	Clay loam (CL)	7.0	23.4	Dark red (2.5YR3/6). 5% 2-6mm fine gravelly subangular quartz fragments Noneffervescent.
1.70 - 2.00	B23	Clay loam sandy (CLS)	7.0	21.3	Dark red (2.5YR3/6). Massive apedal structure with a dry earthy fabric and firm strength. Non-effervescent.

VEGETATION: Site 177 (Albrecht, D. and Pitts, B. 1999).

UPPER STRATUM - Isolated clump of trees			
Dominant species	Fork-leaved Corkwood		
Other species	Ironwood, Dead Finish, Ghost Gum, River Red Gum,		
MID STRATUM - Isolate	d shrubs		
Dominant species			
Other species	Ironwood, Desert Cassia, Acacia Bush, Tall Saltbush, Purple Plumegrass, Colony Wattle, Annual Saltbush, Dead Finish, Cannon-ball Saltbush, Weeping Emu Bush		
LOWER STRATUM - Gr	assland		
Dominant species	Buffel Grass,		
Other species	Woollyoat Grass, Buckbush, Tall Copper Burr, Five-minute Grass, Native Oat-grass, Maireana scleroptera, Wild Hops, Bunched Kerosene Grass, Erect Kerosene Grass, Yellow Billybuttons, Rubber Bush, Bogan Flea, Munyeroo, Wire-leaf Mistletoe, Chenopodium truncatum, Colocynth, Ruby Saltbush, Caustic Weed (A), Ironwood Mistletoe, Caper Bush, White Paper Daisy, Perennial Yellowtop, Diel's Pigeon Grass, Potato Bush, Cattle Bush.		

(See Appendix 3 for botanical names)