

LAND UNIT DESCRIPTIONS PLATEAUX Plateau surfaces, generally flat, may be slightly undulating Red earths (Red Kandosols); (Berrimah series II), deep, occasional gravels and some lateritic outcrop. Eucalyptus miniata, Eucalyptus tetrodonta and Eucalyptus nesophila Open forest LOW HILLS Slopes generally 10-15% with occasional cliffs, usually fairly rugged. Very shallow, red lithosols (Red Kandosols); (Irgul). Eucalyptus nesophila and Eucalyptus miniata RISES

slopes normally 1-3%, can be greater; some remnant areas occur in main body of plains isolated from parent scarp and plateau. Deep sandy red earths (Red Kandosols); (Killuppa series II); no gravel or laterite outcrop; Berrimah series sometimes occur. Eucalyptus miniata and Eucalyptus nesophila Open forest Long colluvial slopes below plateau surfaces, separated from plateau by scarps; slopes normally 1-3%, can be greater; some remnant areas occur in main body of plains isolated from parent scarp and plateau. Deep sandy red earths (Red Kandosols); (Killuppa series II); no gravel or laterite outcrop; Berrimah series sometimes occur. Eucalyptus miniata and Eucalyptus nesophila Open forest. 3b component present

Long colluvial slopes below plateau surfaces, separated from plateau by scarps;

Footslopes or lower slopes of rugged terrain or gently undulating timbered area. Deep earthy sands (Red-Orthic Tenosols); (Cockatoo series II). Eucalyptus nesophila Зс or Eucalyptus miniata and Eucalyptus tetrodonta Open forest

LOW RISES 4c

3a

Undulating terrain, slopes to 4%; low level in landscape as a whole. Lateritic yellow earths (Ferric Brown Kandosols); (Koolpinyah). Eucalyptus porrecta or Eucalytpus confertiflora Low woodland

PLAINS

5a

5b

Gently sloping undulating areas associated with units 1a, 2a and 3a. Gravelly red earths (Red Kandosols); (Hotham); some laterite outcrop. Eucalyptus bleeseri Woodland

Lower slopes up to 3%. Deep sandy yellow earths (Kandosolic Oxyaquic Hydrosols); 4a (Ramil series II). Banksia dentata and Acacia spp., Low woodland Lower slopes up to 3%. Deep sandy yellow earths (Kandosolic Oxyaquic Hydrosols); 4a/4c (Ramil series II). Banksia dentata and Acacia spp., Low woodland.

> Gently undulating terrain, slopes up to 3%. Deep yellow earthy sands (Brown-Orthic Tenosols); (Arnhem). Banksia dentata and Livistona sp. Low open woodland

Flat to gently undulating terrain; slopes to 2%. Deep sandy red earths (Red Kandosols); (Killuppa) on colluvium. Banksia dentata, Petalostigma quadriloculare and Aciaca spp. Low open woodland

Undulating terrain; slopes up to 3%, can be 4%. Deep red earthy sands (Red-Orthic Tenosols); (Cockatoo series II). Acacia spp., Grevillea spp., and Calytrix exstipulata Tall to Low shrubland

LAND UNIT DESCRIPTIONS (continued)

Tall open shrubland

PLAINS Undulating terrain; slopes up to 3%, can be 4%. Deep red earthy sands (Red-Orthic Tenosols); (Cockatoo series II). Acacia spp., Grevillea spp., and Calytrix exstipulata Tall to Low shrubland. 3b component present

> Low lying areas in landscape, slope 1%. Lateritic podzolics (Kandosolic and Chromosolic Redoxic Hydrosols); (Mirrikau series I & II) - high amounts of gravel in lower A and upper B horizons. Melaleuca viridiflora Low woodland Low lying areas in landscape, slope 1%. Lateritic podzolics (Kandosolic and

Chromosolic Redoxic Hydrosols); (Mirrikau series I & II) - high amounts of gravel

in lower A and upper B horizons. Melaleuca viridiflora Low woodland. Low lying areas, generally flat; slope 1%. Lateritic podzolics (Kandosolic and Chromosolic Redoxic Hydrosols); (Mirrikau series I & II) - high amounts of gravel in lower A and upper B horizons. Banksia dentata and Grevillea pteridiifolia

DRAINAGE SYSTEMS 7a

Springs, creeks and drainage flats. Humic gleys (Kandosolic and Chromosolic Redoxic Hydrosols); (Murrabibbi) and gleyed podzolics (Marrakai) - soft weak subsoil. Sorghum plumosum, Eriachne sp., and Mnesithea sp., Grassland

SWAMPS

MARINE

6a

6a/6c

Saltwater mangroves areas along coast and lower tidal portions of rivers and creeks.

Unconsolidated saline mud. Mangrove spp. Low closed forest

Flat seasonally ponded areas. Lateritic podzolics (Kandosolic Redoxic Hydrosols); (Mirrikau series I) - high amounts of gravel in the lower A and upper B horizons. Grevillea pteridiifolia or Grevillea pteridiifolia and Lophostemon lactifluus

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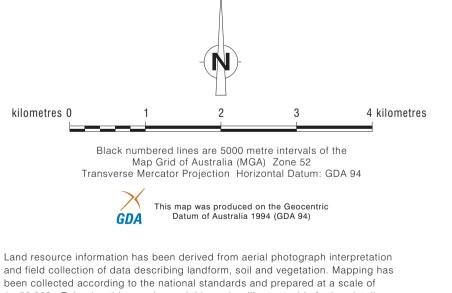
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