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Agency Name: CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)

Site Information

Desc. By: D. McGarry Locality: R.H. Fife, Stranraer

Date Desc.: Elevation: 23/05/85 208 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 N 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6677600 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 758400 Datum: AGD66 Easting/Lat.: Drainage: No Data

**Geology** 

ExposureType: Undisturbed soil core Conf. Sub. is Parent. Mat.: No Data Geol. Ref.: No Data Substrate Material: No Data

**Land Form** 

Rel/Slope Class:No DataPattern Type:No DataMorph. Type:No DataRelief:No DataElem. Type:Terrace plainSlope Category:LevelSlope:0 %Aspect:No Data

Surface Soil Condition (dry): Surface crust, Recently cultivated

**Erosion:** 

**Soil Classification** 

Australian Soil Classification:Mapping Unit:N/AN/APrincipal Profile Form:Ug5.16ASC Confidence:Great Soil Group:Grey clay

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Cultivation. Rainfed

**Vegetation:** 

**Surface Coarse Fragments:** 

**Profile Morphology** 

A11p 0 - 0.12 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); , 10YR41, 2-10% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Light medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Subangular blocky; Moderate grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Granular; Smooth-ped fabric; Earthy fabric; Medium, (5 - 10) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very strong consistence; 0-

2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subangular, Quartz, coarse fragments; Field pH 7.3 (pH meter); Few,

very fine (0-1mm) roots; Abrupt, Smooth change to -

A12p 0.12 - 0.25 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); ; Medium clay; Massive grade of structure; Earthy fabric; Fine,

(0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Rigid consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subangular, Quartz, coarse fragments; Field pH

7.8 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Abrupt, Wavy change to -

A13 0.25 - 0.56 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); , 10YR41, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Medium clay; Weak grade of

structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Earthy fabric; Smooth-ped fabric; Medium, (5 - 10) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very strong consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subangular, Quartz, coarse fragments; Field

pH 8 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Abrupt, Smooth change to -

B21 0.56 - 1.15 m Very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2-Moist); , N30, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Faint; , 10YR81, 0-2% , 0-

5mm, Distinct; Light medium clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subangular, Quartz, coarse fragments; Very few (0 - 2 %), Gypseous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Crystals; Field pH 8.2 (pH

meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Gradual, Smooth change to -

B22 1.15 - 1.9 m Dark greyish brown (10YR4/2-Moist); , N30, 2-10% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 10YR58, 0-2% , 0-5mm,

Distinct; Light medium clay; Strong grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Lenticular; Strong grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Field pH 8.3

(pH meter);

B23 1.9 - 2.74 m Very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2-Moist); , N30, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 10YR58, 0-2% , 5-

15mm, Distinct; Medium clay; Strong grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Lenticular; Strong grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Very firm consistence; Field pH

7.7 (pH meter);

#### **Morphological Notes**

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Visible crack depth is 63cm. Fine granular surface of 2cm. A1p2 is a strong plough layer with tensile strength >6000. Sand lenses (5mm deep but not horizontally continuous) at A11p

22 horizon is strongly pedal, but does not seem buried due to lack of abrupt boundary and little colour change. At other sites similar material has been buried.

## **Observation Notes**

Parent Rock: alluvial sediment, clay, parna on fourth fan

### **Site Notes**

A12p

Surface cracks filled and not visible due to cultivation.

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# **Laboratory Test Results:**

Depth	рН	1:5 EC			e Cations		Exchangeable	CEC	;	ECEC	l	ESP
m		dS/m	Ca	Mg	K	Na Cmol (	Acidity +)/kg					%
0 - 0.02	7.83A	0.059A	23.55B	12.29	1.78	1.16						
0 - 0.1	6.86A	0.284A	22.07B	13.97	0.61	1.53						
0.12 - 0.2	8.6A	0.109A	25.82B	14.47	< 0.01	3.8						
0.3 - 0.4	9.05A	0.195A	21.4B	14.59	< 0.01	5.5						
0.72 - 0.8	7.86A	2.64A	26.26B	13.45	0.19	8.36						
1.2 - 1.3	8.65A	1.43A	26.99B	17.25	0.69	10.13						
2.5 - 2.6	8.78A	1.035A	25.5B	14.85	0.44	10.17						
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail.	Total	Total	Tota	al Bulk	P	article	Size	Analysis	S
		С	P	Р	N	K		GV	cs	FS	Silt	Clay
m	%	%	mg/kg	%	%	%	Mg/m3			%		
0 - 0.02	<0.1B	0.87C									21.0	51.6
0 - 0.02	<0.1B	1.35C	14.3J								∠1.0 18.2	
0.12 - 0.2	0.1B	0.63C	3.6J								20.5	
0.12 - 0.2	0.1B 0.4B	0.63C 0.61C	2.2J								19.4	
0.72 - 0.8	1.2B	0.01C 0.29C	8.9J								-	54.7
1.2 - 1.3	1.2B	0.29C	6.9J								-	65.3
2.5 - 2.6	0.5B	0.05C	3.5J									65.9
2.0 - 2.0	0.00	0.000	5.50								10.5	00.5
Depth	COLE	COLE Gravimetric/Volumetric Water Contents K sat								at	K unsa	
Doptii	JOLL	Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar	0.5 Bar	1 Bar		5 Bar	IV 3	uı	it ulisa	
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0 - 0.02 0 - 0.1 0.12 - 0.2

0.3 - 0.4 0.72 - 0.8 1.2 - 1.3 2.5 - 2.6

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### **Laboratory Analyses Completed for this profile**

15A2\_CA Exchangeable bases (Ca2+,Mg2+,Na+,K+) - 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for

soluble salts

15A2\_K Exchangeable bases- 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for soluble salts 15A2\_MG Exchangeable bases- 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for soluble salts 15A2\_NA Exchangeable bases- 1M ammonium chloride at pH 7.0, pretreatment for soluble salts

19B1 Carbonates - manometric 3A1 EC of 1:5 soil/water extract 4A1 pH of 1:5 soil/water suspension

5A2 Chloride - 1:5 soil/water extract, automated colour

6B3 Total organic carbon - high frequency induction furnace, infrared

7B1 Water soluble nitrate - automated colour

9B1 Bicarbonate-extractable phosphorus - manual colour

P10\_CF\_C Clay (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method Silt (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method