Soil Studies in the Lower Namoi Valley **Project Name:** 

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Agency Name: **CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)** 

Site Information

D. McGarry Locality: B.L. Langfield, Bundaroo Desc. Bv:

Date Desc.: 30/10/85 Elevation: 218 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 N 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6672700 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 761000 Datum: AGD66 Easting/Lat.: Drainage: No Data

Geology

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

**Land Form** 

Rel/Slope Class: No Data Pattern Type: No Data Morph. Type: No Data Relief: No Data Elem. Type: Slope Category: Terrace plain Level Aspect: No Data Slope: 0 %

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

**Erosion:** 

**Soil Classification** 

Australian Soil Classification: N/A Mapping Unit: Principal Profile Form: Ua5.16 ASC Confidence: **Great Soil Group:** Grey clay

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Cultivation. Rainfed

Vegetation:

**Surface Coarse Fragments:** 

**Profile Morphology** 

A11p 0 - 0.07 m Dark greyish brown (10YR4/2-Moist); Dark greyish brown (10YR4/2-Dry); ; Light medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Platy: Moderate grade of structure, 2-5 mm, Subangular

blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; 2-10%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subrounded, Quartz, coarse fragments; Field pH 7 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

Sharp, Wavy change to -

A12 0.07 - 0.25 m Very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2-Moist); , 10YR63, 2-10% , 0-5mm, Faint; Medium heavy

clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Lenticular; Moderate grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Medium, (5 - 10) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subrounded, Quartz, coarse fragments; Field pH 6.7 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); , 10YR62, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 10YR73, 0-2% , 0-5mm. A13 0.25 - 0.55 m

Faint; Medium heavy clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Earthy fabric; Smooth-ped 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 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules, Field pH

8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A14 0.55 - 0.85 m Very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2-Moist); , 10YR62, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 10YR73, 0-2% ,

0-5mm, Faint; Medium heavy clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subrounded, Quartz, coarse fragments; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Gradual, Smooth change to -

Brown (7.5YR4/2-Moist); , 10YR31, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; , 5YR44, 2-10% , 0-5mm, R21 0.85 - 1.4 m

Distinct; Heavy clay; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Earthy fabric; 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 8.5 (pH meter); Gradual, Smooth

B22 1.4 - 2.87 m

Brown (7.5YR4/2-Moist); , 5YR44, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 10YR73, 0-2% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Heavy clay; Strong grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Lenticular; Strong grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Lenticular; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous,

Medium (2 -6 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8 (pH meter);

## **Morphological Notes**

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Carbonate in 043.04 in trace amounts; B21 and B22 separated on structure; 270 to 287 is more massive; soil contains only minor quantities of lime, in large quantity below 250-

260. Visible crack depth is 11cm.

## **Observation Notes**

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

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## **Laboratory Test Results:**

Depth	рН	1:5 EC		hangeable			Exchangeable	CEC	:	ECEC	ı	ESP
m		dS/m	Ca	Mg	К	Na Cmol (-	Acidity +)/kg					%
0 - 0.02	7.95A	0.062A	22.69B	8.51	1.87	0.98						
0 - 0.07	7.34A	0.13A	23.88B	8.37	1.46	1.2						
0.1 - 0.2	8.05A	0.087A	24.29B	12.16	0.9	2.33						
0.3 - 0.4	8.78A	0.155A	31.82B	13.34	0.7	3.83						
0.7 - 0.8	8.86A	0.574A	28.68B	13.35	0.9	7.39						
1.2 - 1.3	8.88A	0.889A	33.05B	16.52	1.45	9.05						
2.5 - 2.6	8.79A	0.748A	26.45B	14.75	1.15	9.05						
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail.	Total	Total	Tota	l Bulk	Р	article	Size	Analysis	5
		С	Р	Р	N	K	Density	G۷	cs	FS	Silt	Clay
m	%	%	mg/kg	%	%	%	Mg/m3			%		
0 - 0.02	<0.1B	1C									_	44.3
0 - 0.07	<0.1B		20.7J								16.6	
0.1 - 0.2	<0.1B		11.7J								19	43.9
0.3 - 0.4	0.4B	0.54C	8.7J								20.5	
0.7 - 0.8	1.3B	0.32C	10.8J								19.3	_
1.2 - 1.3	0.8B	0.08C	12.4J								19.3	58.6
2.5 - 2.6	0.3B	0.08C	7J								18.3	58
Depth							Ks	at	K unsa	t		
m		Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar g/	0.5 Bar /g - m3/m	1 Bar 3	5 Bar 15	Bar	mm	ı/h	mm/h	

<sup>0 - 0.02</sup> 0 - 0.07 0.1 - 0.2

<sup>0.3 - 0.4</sup> 0.7 - 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