Project Name: Soil Studies in the Lower Namoi Valley

Project Code: EDGEROI Site ID: ed059 Observation ID: 1

Agency Name: CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)

Site Information

Desc. By: K.J. Smith Locality: P.A. Eather, Bald Knob

Date Desc.: Elevation: 31/05/85 210 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 N 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6670400 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 756800 Datum: AGD66 Easting/Lat.: Drainage: No Data

<u>Geology</u>

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:PedimentSlope Category:LevelSlope:1 %Aspect:0 degrees

Surface Soil Condition (dry): Self-mulching, Recently cultivated

Erosion:

Soil Classification

Australian Soil Classification: Mapping Unit: N/A
N/A Principal Profile Form: Ug5.12
ASC Confidence: Great Soil Group: Black earth

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Cultivation. Rainfed

Vegetation:

Surface Coarse Fragments:

Profile Morphology

A11p 0 - 0.08 m Black (10YR2/1-Moist); Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Dry); ; Medium clay; Strong grade of structure, 5-10 mm, Granular; Smooth-ped fabric; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, rounded,

macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, rounded, Quartz, coarse fragments; Field pH 7.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Sharp,

Smooth change to -

A12 0.08 - 0.25 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); Medium heavy clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 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; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, rounded, Quartz, coarse fragments; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A13 0.25 - 0.55 m Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); , 10YR82, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Medium clay; Strong grade

of structure, 20-50 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Weak consistence; Very few

(0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.8 (pH meter);

A14 0.55 - 0.77 m Dark brown (7.5YR3/2-Moist); , 10YR82, 2-10% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Medium heavy clay; Strong

grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Lenticular; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subrounded tabular, Silcrete, coarse fragments; Very few (0 - 2%),

Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.8 (pH meter); Clear, Irregular change to

B2 0.77 - 1.26 m Dark greyish brown (10YR4/2-Moist); , 10YR82, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Prominent; Medium heavy clay;

Weak grade of structure, 50-100 mm; Weak grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Sandy (grains prominent) fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; 2-10%, fine

gravelly, 2-6mm, subrounded tabular, Quartz, coarse fragments; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.8 (pH meter); Clear, Irregular change to -

C 1.26 - 1.6 m Brown (7.5YR5/4-Moist); , 10YR84, 10-20% , 5-15mm, Distinct; , 10YR32, 20-50% , 5-15mm,

Prominent; Medium clay; Massive grade of structure; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; 90-100%, medium gravelly, 6-20mm, subangular, Basalt, coarse fragments; Common (10 - 20 %),

Calcareous, Coarse (6 - 20 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.8 (pH meter);

Morphological Notes

A11p Smith and Ward. Signs in 059.02 of inwashed sand film. Texture of .06 very gravelly

medium clay.

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Observation Notes

Parent Rock: saprolite, basalt, colluvium, thick, with basalt

Site Notes

Several coarse fragments of silcrete in topsoil and some fractured silcrete pebbles suggest midden. The slope is very gentle. No deep cracks were seen but one was found by chart penetrometer.

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Laboratory Test Results:

Depth	рН	1:5 EC		hangeable			xchangeable	CEC	ECEC	ESP
m		dS/m	Ca	Mg	К	Na Cmol (+)	Acidity /kg			%
0 - 0.02	7.56A	0.049A	28.89B	11.78	0.98	0.39				
0 - 0.08	7.18A	0.157A	33.56B	22.67	0.96	0.3				
0.1 - 0.2	8.61A	0.102A	32.69B	23.24	0.33	0.58				
0.3 - 0.4	8.87A	0.151A	33.14B	27.81	0.26	1.35				
0.7 - 0.77	9.14A	0.188A	30.12B	29.6	0.28	3.53				
1.2 - 1.26	9.31A	0.296A	26.35B	29.24	0.4	4.9				
1.5 - 1.6	9.55A	0.247A	27.43B	20.36	0.24	4.46				
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail.	Total	Total	Total	Bulk	Partic	le Size	Analysis
•		C	Р	Р	N	K	Density	GV C	S FS	Silt Clay
m	%	%	mg/kg	%	%	%	Mg/m3		%	
0 - 0.02	<0.1B		0.4.1							20.5 48.2
0 - 0.08	0.1B	1.29C	8.1J							20 46.4
0.1 - 0.2	0.7B	0.61C	1J							20.1 49.2
0.3 - 0.4	1.4B 1.9B	0.56C	<1J							19.5 51.8
0.7 - 0.77 1.2 - 1.26		0.45C	<1J							20 52.5 20.9 53.1
1.5 - 1.6	5.3B	0.25C 0.03C	1.2J							
1.5 - 1.6	10.3B	0.030	<1J							24.9 33
Depth	COLE Gravimetric/Volumetric Water Contents K sat K unsat									K unsat
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0 - 0.02 0 - 0.08 0.1 - 0.2 0.3 - 0.4 0.7 - 0.77 1.2 - 1.26 1.5 - 1.6

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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