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Agency Name: CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)

Site Information

Desc. By: M.E. Heape Locality: P.E.(Phil) Tout, Belbowrie

Date Desc.: Elevation: 19/02/86 268 metres Map Ref.: Sheet No.: 8837 N 1:50000 Rainfall: No Data Northing/Long.: 6665200 AMG zone: 55 Runoff: No Data 773200 Datum: AGD66 Easting/Lat.: Drainage: No Data

Geology

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

Land Form

Rel/Slope Class:No DataPattern Type:No DataMorph. Type:No DataRelief:No Data

Elem. Type: Hillcrest Slope Category: Very gently sloped Slope: 1 % Aspect: 200 degrees

<u>Surface Soil Condition (dry):</u> Hardsetting, Recently cultivated

Erosion:

Soil Classification

Australian Soil Classification: Mapping Unit: N/A
N/A Principal Profile Form: Dy5.13
ASC Confidence: Great Soil Group: Siliceous sand

Confidence level not specified

Site Disturbance: Cultivation. Rainfed

Vegetation:

Surface Coarse Fragments:

Profile Morphology

Dark brown (10YR3/3-Moist); Dark brown (10YR3/3-Dry); ; Sandy loam; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Weak grade of structure, <2 mm, Granular; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Weak consistence; Field pH 7.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

A12 0.1 - 0.25 m Dark brown (10YR3/3-Moist); ; Clayey sand; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Weak grade of structure, <2 mm, Granular; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 0.01m2) Medium (2-5mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Weak consistence; Field pH

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

B21 0.25 - 0.65 m Yellowish brown (10YR5/4-Moist); , 10YR33, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Clayey sand; Weak

grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Subangular blocky; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Weak consistence; 0-2%, coarse gravelly, 20-60mm, subangular, Quartz, coarse fragments; Field pH

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

B22 0.65 - 1 m Yellowish brown (10YR5/4-Moist); , 2.5YR46, 2-10% , 0-5mm, Distinct; , 10YR34, 0-2% , 5-

15mm, Distinct; Light clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Columnar; Earthy fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Field pH 8 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

B23k 1 - 2 m Light yellowish brown (10YR6/4-Moist); , N60, 10-20% , 5-15mm, Distinct; , 2.5YR44, 2-10% ,

5-15mm, Prominent; Light clay; Strong grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Columnar; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Veins;

Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Diffuse, Smooth change to -

C 2 - 2.59 m Reddish yellow (7.5YR6/6-Moist); , N60, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Prominent; , 5YR54, 0-2% , 0-5mm,

Faint; Clayey sand; Massive grade of structure; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Moderately moist; Strong

consistence; Field pH 8 (pH meter);

Morphological Notes

A11 Red colour in 70-80cm and 120-130cm could be the primary red colour. 30-40cm

abandoned small ant nest at 56cm. Many pores in the upper part of the B horizon. At 60cm one large stone (4cm long) and other smaller stones lying on the contact w

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ith the lower B texture change - biotic stone line. 120-130 tensile reading reading doubtful. 120-130 has 7.5YR4/0 humus stain on peds and in worm channels. At 180 is

stoneline marking contact between pedisediment and sandstone in place. 25

B21 0-260 is sandstone with a crack in it containing soil.

Observation Notes

Parent Rock: colluvial sediment, from sandstone, with lime, Tertiary beds, weathered

Site Notes

This site is 200m from the top of a sandstone ridge. Sandstone stone on top of soil shows fine sand, highly ferruginised.

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Laboratory Test Results:

Depth	pH	1:5 EC	Exc	hangeable	Cations	Е	exchangeable	CEC		ECEC	ES	SP
m		dS/m	Ca I	Mg	K	Na Cmol (+)	Acidity /kg				%	•
0 - 0.02	6.97A	0.066A		1.54	1.05	<0.01						
0 - 0.1	6.29A	0.116A	2.83B	1.38	0.75	<0.01						
0.1 - 0.2	6.88A	0.039A	4.68B	1.79	0.79	<0.01						
0.3 - 0.4	7.27A	0.024A	3.99B	1.36	0.56	<0.01						
0.7 - 0.8	7.8A	0.032A	7.88B	3.42	0.63	0.02						
1.2 - 1.3	8.33A	0.118A	10.28B	10.02	0.43	0.17						
2.5 - 2.6	8.68A	0.113A	6.14B	10.49	0.55	0.79						
Depth	CaCO3	Organic	Avail.	Total	Total		Bulk				Analysis	
	%	C %	P	P	N o/	K	Density	G۷	CS	FS %	Silt C	lay
m	70	70	mg/kg	%	%	%	Mg/m3			70		
0 - 0.02	<0.1B	1.39C									4	12.1
0 - 0.1	<0.1B	0.92C	40.4J								4.4	14.2
0.1 - 0.2	<0.1B	0.59C	37.8J								4.3	19
0.3 - 0.4	<0.1B	0.31C	21.1J								4.4	15.5
0.7 - 0.8	<0.1B		4.4J									30.6
1.2 - 1.3	0.2B	0.16C	4.5J									44.3
2.5 - 2.6	<0.1B		12.2J									33.3
Depth	COLE Gravimetric/Volumetric Water Contents K sat								at	K unsat		
	-	Sat.		0.1 Bar	0.5 Bar	1 Bar		Bar				
m					/g - m3/m	13		-	mm	ı/h	mm/h	
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0 - 0.02 0 - 0.1 0.1 - 0.2

0.3 - 0.4 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