

**Project Name:** Soil Studies in the Lower Namoi Valley  
**Project Code:** EDGEROI **Site ID:** ed332 **Observation ID:** 1  
**Agency Name:** CSIRO Division of Soils (QLD)

#### Site Information

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| <b>Desc. By:</b> W.T. Ward                  | <b>Locality:</b> Peter Miller, Noelurma |
| <b>Date Desc.:</b> 09/02/87                 | <b>Elevation:</b> 217 metres            |
| <b>Map Ref.:</b> Sheet No. : 8837_N 1:50000 | <b>Rainfall:</b> No Data                |
| <b>Northing/Long.:</b> 6654100 AMG zone: 55 | <b>Runoff:</b> No Data                  |
| <b>Easting/Lat.:</b> 763200 Datum: AGD66    | <b>Drainage:</b> No Data                |

#### Geology

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| <b>ExposureType:</b> Undisturbed soil core | <b>Conf. Sub. is Parent. Mat.:</b> No Data |
| <b>Geol. Ref.:</b> No Data                 | <b>Substrate Material:</b> No Data         |

#### Land Form

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| <b>Rel/Slope Class:</b> No Data | <b>Pattern Type:</b> No Data              |
| <b>Morph. Type:</b> No Data     | <b>Relief:</b> No Data                    |
| <b>Elem. Type:</b> No Data      | <b>Slope Category:</b> Very gently sloped |
| <b>Slope:</b> %                 | <b>Aspect:</b> 180 degrees                |

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

#### Erosion:

#### Soil Classification

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| <b>Australian Soil Classification:</b> N/A            | <b>Mapping Unit:</b> N/A           |
| <b>ASC Confidence:</b> Confidence level not specified | <b>Principal Profile Form:</b> N/A |
|   | <b>Great Soil Group:</b> Grey clay |

**Site Disturbance:** Cultivation. Rainfed

#### Vegetation:

#### Surface Coarse Fragments:

#### Profile Morphology

|      |              |  |
|------|--------------|--|
| A11  | 0 - 0.1 m    | Dark reddish brown (5YR3/2-Moist); Brown (7.5YR5/4-Dry); ; Light clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Rough-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 100mm2) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subrounded, Basalt, coarse fragments; Field pH 6 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Abrupt, Smooth change to -   |
| A12  | 0.1 - 0.25 m | Dark brown (7.5YR3/2-Moist); , 7.5YR54, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Distinct; Light medium 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; Strong consistence; Field pH 8.5 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;  |
| A13  | 0.25 - 0.4 m | Dark brown (7.5YR3/2-Moist); ; Light medium clay; Weak grade of structure, 50-100 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%, medium gravelly, 6-20mm, rounded, Consolidated rock (unidentified), coarse fragments; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 9 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Clear, Smooth change to -  |
| C    | 0.4 - 0.6 m  | Brown (7.5YR5/4-Moist); , 7.5YR32, 20-50% , 15-30mm, Distinct; Light medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Prismatic; Weak grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Angular 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%, coarse gravelly, 20-60mm, rounded, Consolidated rock (unidentified), coarse fragments; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 9 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Gradual, Smooth change to - |
| 2A11 | 0.6 - 1.05 m | Dark brown (7.5YR3/2-Moist); ; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 20-50 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; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Nodules; Field pH 9 (pH meter); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Sharp, Smooth change to -   |
| 2A12 | 1.05 - 2.2 m | Dark grey (10YR4/1-Moist); , 7.5YR54, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Faint; Light medium clay; Weak grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Lenticular; Weak grade of structure, 10-20 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 0.01m2) Medium (2-5mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; Field pH 9 (pH meter); Diffuse, Smooth change to -   |

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| 2B21 | 2.2 - 2.9 m  | Brown (7.5YR5/4-Moist); , 10YR41, 2-10% , 5-15mm, Distinct; Light medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 100-200 mm, Lenticular; Weak grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Angular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm2) Fine (1-2mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Strong consistence; 0-2%, fine gravelly, 2-6mm, subangular, Quartz, coarse fragments; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Nodules; Field |
| 2B22 | 2.9 - 3.44 m | Reddish brown (5YR5/4-Moist); , 7.5YR52, 0-2% , 0-5mm, Faint; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 100-200 mm, Lenticular; Weak grade of structure, 10-20 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; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Coarse (6 - 20 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8.7 (pH meter);                                      |

**Morphological Notes**

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| A11  | Very little sign of cultivated structure in top 10cm. Contrast between colours in top 10cm of core is perhaps enough to justify a second burial. Fine gravel and sand at 120cm mark the basal parent sediment of buried soil 2A1a. 120-130cm, so |
| A12  | me effervescence in the fine earth. At 240cm a worm cast infilled with sand. Rock is alluvium over prior soil (below 220). 10cm surface wash over earlier alluvium to 40cm on prior alluvium to 105.   |
| 2A11 | recent accumulation of alluvium, too thin to bury the soil effectively   |

**Observation Notes**

Parent Rock: alluvial sediment, mixed texture, with lime, second terraced fan

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**Laboratory Test Results:**

| Depth     | pH    | 1:5 EC | Exchangeable Cations |       |         | Exchangeable | CEC     | ECEC | ESP |
|-----------|-------|--------|----------------------|-------|---------|--------------|---------|------|-----|
| m         |       | dS/m   | Ca                   | Mg    | K       | Na           | Acidity |      | %   |
|           |       |        |                      |       |         | Cmol         | (+)/kg  |      |     |
| 0 - 0.1   | 6.73A | 0.06A  | 7.08B                | 7.77  | 0.82    | 1.28         |         |      |     |
| 0.1 - 0.2 | 8.22A | 0.071A | 16.53B               | 17.49 | 0.83    | 2.75         |         |      |     |
| 0.3 - 0.4 | 9.12A | 0.198A | 13.71B               | 17.03 | 0.48    | 4.12         |         |      |     |
| 0.4 - 0.5 | 9.21A | 0.219A | 11.04B               | 15.43 | 0.38    | 4.79         |         |      |     |
| 0.7 - 0.8 | 9.02A | 0.441A | 11.07B               | 19.03 | 0.65    | 7.98         |         |      |     |
| 1.2 - 1.3 | 8.92A | 0.459A | 11.39B               | 19.65 | 0.81000 | 7.36         |         |      |     |
|           |       |        |                      |       | 01      |              |         |      |     |
| 2.5 - 2.6 | 9.07A | 0.463A | 10.96B               | 25.73 | 1.06    | 8.33         |         |      |     |
| 3.2 - 3.3 | 8.79A | 0.364A | 10.18B               | 26.4  | 0.93    | 9            |         |      |     |

| Depth<br><br>m | CaCO3 | Organic C | Avail.<br>P | Total P | Total N | Total K | Bulk Density | Particle Size |    | Analysis  |
|----------------|-------|-----------|-------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------|---------------|----|-----------|
|                | %     | %         | mg/kg       | %       | %       | %       | Mg/m3        | GV            | CS | Silt Clay |
| 0 - 0.1        | <0.1B | 1.09C     | 42.9J       |         |         |         |              |               |    | 15.7 25.5 |
| 0.1 - 0.2      | <0.1B | 0.88C     | 7.3J        |         |         |         |              |               |    | 13 44.1   |
| 0.3 - 0.4      | 1.2B  | 0.76C     | 18.1J       |         |         |         |              |               |    | 16.3 36.9 |
| 0.4 - 0.5      | 0.7B  | 0.53C     | 24.3J       |         |         |         |              |               |    | 12.8 30.7 |
| 0.7 - 0.8      | 1.4B  | 0.56C     | 21.1J       |         |         |         |              |               |    | 18.1 40.6 |
| 1.2 - 1.3      | 1.2B  | 0.42C     | 18.4J       |         |         |         |              |               |    | 16.1 42.7 |
| 2.5 - 2.6      | 1B    | 0.42C     | 12.7J       |         |         |         |              |               |    | 18.5 55.2 |
| 3.2 - 3.3      | 0.4B  | 0.49C     | 1.9J        |         |         |         |              |               |    | 22.2 53.3 |

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**Laboratory Analyses Completed for this profile**

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| 15A2_CA  | Exchangeable bases (Ca <sup>2+</sup> ,Mg <sup>2+</sup> ,Na <sup>+</sup> ,K <sup>+</sup> ) - 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  |
| P10_CF_Z | Silt (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method  |