

**Project Name:** Soils of the Lower Macquarie Valley, New South Wales  
**Project Code:** Macquarie **Site ID:** 323 **Observation ID:** 1  
**Agency Name:** CSIRO Division of Soils (ACT)

#### Site Information

<b>Desc. By:</b>	N.J. McKenzie	<b>Locality:</b>	
<b>Date Desc.:</b>	02/08/85	<b>Elevation:</b>	No Data
<b>Map Ref.:</b>	Sheet No. : 8434 1:10000	<b>Rainfall:</b>	No Data
<b>Northing/Long.:</b>	6467667 AMG zone: 55	<b>Runoff:</b>	Slow
<b>Easting/Lat.:</b>	589233 Datum: AGD66	<b>Drainage:</b>	Imperfectly drained

#### Geology

<b>ExposureType:</b>	Soil pit	<b>Conf. Sub. is Parent. Mat.:</b>	No Data
<b>Geol. Ref.:</b>	No Data	<b>Substrate Material:</b>	No Data

#### Land Form

<b>Rel/Slope Class:</b>	No Data	<b>Pattern Type:</b>	No Data
<b>Morph. Type:</b>	Flat	<b>Relief:</b>	No Data
<b>Elem. Type:</b>	No Data	<b>Slope Category:</b>	No Data
<b>Slope:</b>	%	<b>Aspect:</b>	No Data

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

#### Erosion:

#### Soil Classification

<b>Australian Soil Classification:</b>	N/A	<b>Mapping Unit:</b>	OLD ALLUVIUM BACKPLAIN
<b>ASC Confidence:</b>	Confidence level not specified	<b>Principal Profile Form:</b>	Ug5.15
		<b>Great Soil Group:</b>	N/A

**Site Disturbance:** Complete clearing. Pasture, native or improved, but never cultivated

#### Vegetation:

Tall Strata - Tussock grass, 0.51-1m, Mid-dense. \*Species includes - None Recorded

#### Surface Coarse Fragments:

#### Profile Morphology

A1	0 - 0.25 m	Weak red (2.5YR4/1-Moist); ; Medium clay; Strong grade of structure, 20-50 mm, Subangular blocky; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Common (1-5 per 100mm <sup>2</sup> ) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Common (1-5 per 100mm <sup>2</sup> ) Fine (1-2mm) macropores, Common (1-5 per 100mm <sup>2</sup> ) Medium (2-5mm) macropores, Common (1-5 per 0.01m <sup>2</sup> ) Medium (2-5mm) macropores, Moist; Firm consistence; Common cutans, 10-50% of ped faces or walls coated; Very few (0 - 2 %), Calcareous, Fine (0 - 2 mm), Nodules; Field pH 7.5 (Raupach); Many, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Many, fine (1-2mm) roots; Gradual, Smooth change to -
B21	0.25 - 0.85 m	Very dark grey (10YR3/1-Moist); ; Medium clay; Strong grade of structure, 200-500 mm, Polyhedral; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Medium, (5 - 10) mm crack; Coarse, (10 - 20) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm <sup>2</sup> ) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moist; Firm consistence; Common cutans, 10-50% of ped faces or walls coated; Few (2 - 10 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Nodules; Field pH 8 (Raupach); Common, very fine (0-1mm) roots; Diffuse, Smooth change to -
B22	0.85 - 1.4 m	Brown (7.5YR4/3-Moist); , 10YR42, 20-50% , 15-30mm, Distinct; Medium clay; Moderate grade of structure, 50-100 mm, Polyhedral; Smooth-ped fabric; Fine, (0 - 5) mm crack; Medium, (5 - 10) mm crack; Few (<1 per 100mm <sup>2</sup> ) Very fine (0.075-1mm) macropores, Moderately moist; Firm consistence; Common cutans, 10-50% of ped faces or walls coated; Common (10 - 20 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Nodules; Common (10 - 20 %), Calcareous, Medium (2 -6 mm), Soft segregations; Field pH 8.5 (Raupach); Few, very fine (0-1mm) roots;

#### Morphological Notes

A1 Big fat cracking grey/black clay. Sand fingers in B2; probably from road when soil is dry and open (road is 15cm away to west).

#### Observation Notes

Mullah Soil Profile Class, Black Phase

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**Laboratory Test Results:**

Depth	pH	1:5 EC	Ca	Exchangeable Mg	Cations K	Na	Exchangeable Acidity	CEC	ECEC	ESP
m		dS/m				Cmol (+)/kg				%
0.1 - 0.15	8.5A	0.141A	21.7E	4.8	0.8	0.5			27.8D	
0.3 - 0.35	9A	0.177A								
0.7 - 0.75	9.3A	0.408A	13.5E	10.2	0.7	5.8			30.2D	
1.3 - 1.35	8.1A	2.44A								

Depth	CaCO3	Organic C	Avail. P	Total P	Total N	Total K	Bulk Density	Particle GV	Size CS	Analysis FS	Silt	Clay
m	%	%	mg/kg	%	%	%	Mg/m3			%		
0.1 - 0.15							1.43		9.8A	27.4	11.4	51.4
0.3 - 0.35							1.40					
0.7 - 0.75							1.52		10.2A	26.1	12.5	51.3
1.3 - 1.35							1.45					

Depth	COLE	Gravimetric/Volumetric Water Contents						K sat	K unsat
m		Sat.	0.05 Bar	0.1 Bar	0.5 Bar	1 Bar	5 Bar	15 Bar	
				g/g -		m3/m3			
0.1 - 0.15	0.077A			0.22G				0.2D	
0.3 - 0.35	0.097A			0.29G				0.2D	
0.7 - 0.75	0.079A			0.23G				0.21D	
1.3 - 1.35	0.079A			0.25G				0.2D	

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**Laboratory Analyses Completed for this profile**

15C1_CA	Exchangeable bases (Ca <sup>2+</sup> ,Mg <sup>2+</sup> ,Na <sup>+</sup> ,K <sup>+</sup> ) - alcoholic 1M ammonium chloride at pH 8.5, pretreatment for soluble salts
15C1_K	Exchangeable bases and CEC - alcoholic 1M ammonium chloride at pH 8.5, pretreatment for soluble salts
15C1_MG	Exchangeable bases and CEC - alcoholic 1M ammonium chloride at pH 8.5, pretreatment for soluble salts
15C1_NA	Exchangeable bases and CEC - alcoholic 1M ammonium chloride at pH 8.5, pretreatment for soluble salts
15J_BASES	Sum of Bases
3A1	EC of 1:5 soil/water extract
4A1	pH of 1:5 soil/water suspension
P10_CF_C	Clay (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method
P10_CF_CS	Coarse sand (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method
P10_CF_FS	Fine sand (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method
P10_CF_Z	Silt (%) - Coventry and Fett pipette method
P3A1	Bulk density - g/cm <sup>3</sup>
P3B1GV_15	15 BAR Moisture g/g - Gravimetric of ground sample (<2mm) using pressure plate
P3B4GV_01	0.1 BAR Moisture g/g - Gravimetric of soil clods (Soil Survey Staff,1967)
P5_COLE	Coefficient of Linear Extensibility (Grossman et al. 1968)