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## Lake Highway

Lake Highway Land System is located in the south eastern extremity of the study area. It covers Diamond, Bakers, Shannon and Jillets Tiers which are prominent features in the region, together with the Shannon River that flows through its centre. This hilly country with extensive rock outcrop and broad slopes is underlain by Jurassic dolerite.

Soils on all components are gradational, stony and yellowish brown. Boulders are common on rocky ridges and some slopes. Slopes in the Bakers Tier area exhibit well developed stony horizons which parallel the surface and are probably a result of Pleistocene periglacial conditions. Gradational soils in all components are fertile, evidence of which is found in the well developed open to tall open forests on lower and mid slopes where Eucalyptus delegatensis, E. dalrympleana, E. pauciflora, E. amygdalina and Acacia dealbata are common. On more exposed situations such as rocky crests and ridges Eucalyptus coccifera woodland predominates, while on organic loams in upper slope situations E. subcrenulata occur.

Land use includes limited bush grazing while forestry operations have been carried out in the taller forests. There is a low sheet erosion hazard in most situations, except on steep mid slopes where the hazard is moderate.



Deep, rocky yellow brown gradational soils on mid slopes with *Eucalyptus* delegatensis dominated forest.

LAND SYSTEM				$\sim$	
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Area(ha):22699			••••••	<b>·</b>	•••
COMPONENT					
PROPORTION(%)	30	30	10	25	5
RAINFALL (mm)		Approximate Annual Rainfall: 625-750			
GEOLOGY		Jurassic dolerite			
TOPOGRAPHY		Hills with numerous rock outcrops and broad slopes			
Position	Broad Lower Slopes	Steep Mid Slopes	Rocky Ridges	Narrow Upper Slopes	High Altitude
Typical Slope(	5-7	10-15	3-7	3-5	1-5
NATIVE					
Structure Floristic Association (See Appendix 1 for common names)	(Tall) Open Forest Eucalyptus amygdalina E. deiegatensis E dalrympleana Acacia dealbata Cyathodes parvifolia Lissantbe montana Poa sp.	(Tall) Open Forest Eucalyptus deiegatensis E. dalrympleana E. pauciflora Acacia dealbata Lomatia tinctoria Pteridium esculentum	Open Forest Eucalyptus coccifera E. dalrympleana H. pauciflora E. deiegatensis Cyathodes parvifolia Lomatia tinctoria Pultenaea juniperina Poa sp.	Open Forest Eucalyptus johnstonii E. coccifera E. deiegatensis Acacia dealbata Hakea epiglottis Lomatia tinctoria Cyathodes parvifolia	Woodland Not sampled but probably dominated by Eucalyptus coccifera woodland with an open heath understorey
SOIL					-
Surface(A)Textu B Horizon(subsoil ) Colour (wet) Texture and primary profile form	Loam Stony, gravelly, yellowish brown (10 YR 5/4) sandy clay loam. Gradational.	Sandy Clay Loam Stony, gravelly, strong brown (7. 5 YR 5/8) light clay. Gradational.	Loam Stony, gravelly, yellowish brown (20 YR 5/6) sandy clay loam. Gradational.	Organic Loam Stony, gravelly, dark yellowish brown (10 YR 4/6) sandy clay loam. Gradational.	Loam or Clay Loam Probably stony, gravelly, yellowish brown gradational soil.
Permeability	High	High-moderate	High	High	Not Sampled
Typical	>0. 40	1. 80	>0. 50	>0. 30	
Depth(A)Horizon	0. 05	0. 05	0. 10	0. 10	
LAND USE			Forestry, grazing		
HAZARDS			Low sheet erosion		