

LAKE DOBSON ROAD

This small land system is located on the protected slopes of the Mt Field National Park on sediments of the Parmeener Supergroup.

Protected upper slopes contain a deep complex soil consisting of a clay loam to sandy loam surface over an olive, light clay over an olive yellow to dark brown clay loam with a light grey mottle. This supports a tall, open forest dominated by Eucalyptus delegatensls, Eucalyptus urnigera and Eucalyptus subcrenulata with a rainforest understorey that includes Nothofagus cunninghamii, Phyllocladus aspleniifolius, Leptospermum lanigerum, Atherosperma moschatum, Gahnia grandis, Blechnum wattsii and Aristotelia peduncularis.

Localised sandstone benches contain a shallow (0.40 m) soil which consists of a peat or sandy loam surface over a very dark greyish brown, sandy loam. This supports heath and scrub dominated by Monotoca submutica, Richea pandanifolia, Gahnia grandis, Phyllocladus asplenllfolius, Anodopetalum rubioides, Oxylobium ellipticum, biglandulosum, Bauera Trochocarpa cunninghamii, Cenarrhenes nitida and Sphagnum cristatum. These benches also contain a deep (0.70 m) soil consisting of a shallow, dark reddish brown peat or sandy loam surface over a very dark greyish brown sand on bedrock. This supports an open forest dominated by Eucalyptus subcrenulata with a rainforest understorey that includes Anodopetalum biglandulosum, areas of prolific moss, Cenarrhenes nitida, Trochocarpa gunnii and Anopterus glandulosus.

Protected lower slopes have a deep (>1.40 m), duplex soil with a sandy loam to sandy clay loam surface over a dark yellowish brown, medium clay with a light grey mottle.

The land system is within the Mt Field National Park. The deep soils on the slopes are particularly prone to sheet, rill and gully erosion. Waterlogging hazards are associated with the sandstone benches.