

# LAND INVENTORY OF THE WIMMERA SYSTEMS AND ROCKLANDS WATER SUPPLY CATCHMENTS

## A Reconnaissance Survey

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## **Foreword**

The Wimmera-Rocklands study area contains a wide range of soil types and terrain which have varying physical limitations to land use. These limitations must be recognised so that the land can be used and managed for the dual objectives of maximising production and minimising land degradation.

The report provides a land inventory of soils and physical land conditions together with broad scale interpretations of land capability for a range of major land uses.

Equally important to the technical information provided is the role which the report will play in creating community awareness of the need to consider the capability of the land to support particular forms of land use.

There is still considerable scope for modifying community attitudes towards land use so that the broader context of land degradation is considered. If the land is used and managed within its limitations then it will be conserved for use by future generations, to the benefit of society.

The study represents a first approximation at a broad scale to provide a program planning document which will facilitate subsequent, detailed and problem specific investigations.

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