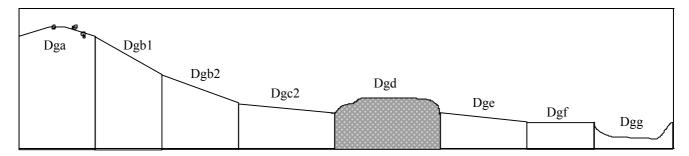
Land Unit:	Devonian granodiorite, gentle	Land Unit symbol:	Dgd
	crest	% of study area:	< 0.1



# **General Description:**

This unit occurs as a small, gentle ridge running parallel to the Buxton-Taggerty road, to the north-east of Buxton. Areas of outcropping bedrock prevent cultivation, however most of the land unit has been cleared and replaced with pasture species suitable for sheep and cattle.

### Site characteristics: Site No. -

Parent material		Depth to seasonal		
Age:	Devonian	watertable:	> 2 m	
Lithology:	Granodiorite	Potential recharge		
Landform		to groundwater:	Low	
Pattern:	Undulating rises	Flooding risk:	Nil	
Element:	Crest	Drainage:	Moderately well drained	
Slope		Depth to hardrock:	Variable, 0 - 2.0 m	
Common:	2%	Rock outcrop:	15%	
Range:	1 - 5%	Annual rainfall:	1090 mm	
Native vegetation: Narrow-leaf Peppermint, Manna Gum, Candlebark Gum, Messmate				
Present land use:	Grazing - sheep and cattle, minor areas of native vegetation have been retained on private land			

### Land degradation:

Degradation	Water erosion		Wind erosion	Salting	Acidification
process	Sheet/rill	Gully	Willia Closion	Saiting	Acidification
Susceptibility	Low	Moderate	High	Low	Moderate
Incidence	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Low

### Soil profile characteristics:

Permeability	(measured - average, range): (estimated):	- Moderate
Available water capacity:		250 mm H <sub>2</sub> O (est.)
Linear Shrinkage (B horizon):		Moderate (est.)

Land Unit symbol: Dgd

#### **Soil classification:**

Factual Key (Northcote, 1979): Australian Soil Classification (Isbell, 1992): Unified Soil Group:

### **Interpretation of soil analyses:** (see Appendix 2 for analytical results)

Horizon	pН	Gravel %	E.C. (salts)	Nutrient status	P	K	Al	Organic matter	Dispersibility
				No soil analyses done					

VL: Very LowL: LowM: ModerateH: HighVH: Very HighD: DeficientS: SatisfactoryT: ToxicNA: Not Available\*\* Acidic

# Land capability ratings and limitations for specific land uses:

Land use Rating		Major limiting factor(s)			
Agriculture	$C_3T_2S_4$	High susceptibility to wind erosion			
Building foundations - slab - stumps/footings	3 3	Nil (NB: Soil depth is variable - careful selection of a building site is advisable)			
Effluent disposal (septic tanks)	3	Nil			
Farm dams	4	Shallow soils			
Residential - rural	4	Low capability for farm dams			
- urban	3	Nil			
Scenic value	4	Low Scenic Quality			
Secondary roads	3	Nil			