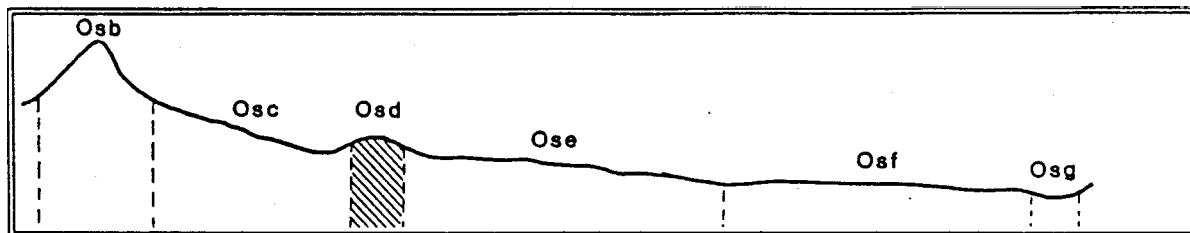


Map Unit:	ORDOVICIAN SEDIMENTS, CREST/RIDGE/MODERATE SLOPE	Map Unit Symbol: Osd
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General Description:

A large proportion of the Wombat State Forest, situated in the south-west of the Shire, is occupied by gentle crests which grade into moderate slopes or drainage depressions within a short distance. Because the major land use is timber production within a State Forest and because of limitations of map scale, the gentle crests have not been mapped separately from the adjoining gentle-moderate slopes. The soils are typically whole-coloured yellow duplex profiles with bleached A2 horizons. The inherent fertility is very low and the topsoils are highly susceptible to acidification.

Site characteristics: **Site No. 17**

Parent material Age: Lithology:	Ordovician Sediments	Depth seasonal watertable:	> 2 m
Landform Pattern: Element:	Undulating low hills Gentle crest/moderate slope	Potential recharge to groundwater:	Moderate
Slope common: range:	3% 2-6%	Flooding risk:	Nil
Rock outcrop:	0%	Drainage:	Well drained
		Depth to hardrock:	1.2 m
		Proportion of Shire:	14.0

Native vegetation: Messmate, Narrow-leaf Peppermint, Candlebark Gum
Present land use: State Forest, hardwood and softwood production (major) grazing (minor)

Land degradation:	Water erosion		Wind	Salting	Acidification
	Sheet/rill	Gully			
Susceptibility	Low	Low	High	Very low	High
Incidence	Low	Nil	Low	Nil	Moderate

Soil profile characteristics:

Permeability (measured - average, range): (estimated):	185, 10 - 500 mm/d -
Available water capacity:	125 mm H ₂ O
Linear Shrinkage (B horizon):	12.0%

Soil profile description:

- A₁** 0-11 cm Brownish yellow (10YR 6/6) loam, weak subangular blocky structure 4 mm, smooth fabric, loose consistence, few organic segregations, quartz and ironstone gravel, pH 5.2. Abrupt transition to
- A₂** 11-22 cm Brownish yellow (10YR 6/6, dry 8/3) silty loam, apedal massive, earthy fabric, moderately strong consistence, massive broken weakly-cemented dens pan pH 5.1. Clear transition to
- B₂** 22-85 cm Brownish yellow (10YR 6/8) light medium clay, weak angular blocky structure 8 mm, smooth fabric, moderately strong consistence, few quartz, sandstone and ferruginous gravels, pH 5.4. Clear transition to
- BC** 85-120 + cm

Soil classification:

Factual Key (Northcote): Dy 2.41
 Australian Soil Classification: Haplic, Dystrophic, Yellow, Kurosol, moderate medium, loamy, non-gravelly
 Unified Soil Group: NA

Interpretation of soil analyses*

Horizon	pH	Gravel	E.C.	Nutrient status	P	K	Al	Org. matter	Dispersibility
A ₁	5.2**	7	VL	VL	D	D	T	H	L
A ₂	5.1**	7	VL	VL	D	D	T	L	L
B ₂	5.4**	12	VL	VL	D	D	T	VL	L
BC	5.3**	7	VL	VL	D	D	T	VL	L

VL : Very Low L : Low M : Moderate H: High VH : Very High
 D: Deficient S: Satisfactory T: Toxic ** Acid NA : Not available

Land capability assessment

Land use	Class	Major limiting feature (s)
Agriculture (CTS values)	C ₃ T ₂ S ₄	High susceptibility to sheet/rill and wind erosion
Effluent disposal (septic tanks)	2	Nil
Farm dams (earthen)	4	Shallow depth to hard rock, of clay layer and depth moderate permeability
Building foundations * slab * stumps/footings	3 2	Moderate Nil