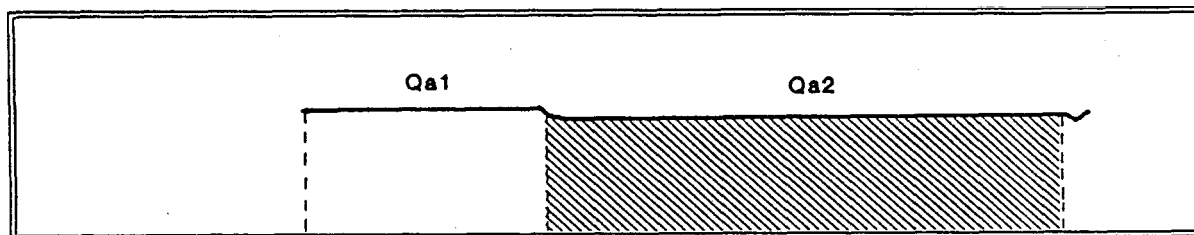


Map Unit:	QUATERNARY ALLUVIAL TERRACE	Map Unit Symbol: Qa2
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General Description:

Adjacent to the major streams and rivers the present flood plain has soils that are predominantly gradational. However, throughout the more extensive areas associated with the Campaspe River and Five Mile Creek, yellow and dark duplex soils also occur. The high seasonal watertable and risk of flooding, and imperfect site drainage restrict land use to grazing.

Site characteristics: Site No. 6

Parent material Age: Lithology:	Quaternary Alluvium	Depth seasonal watertable:	1.0 m
Landform Pattern: Element:	Level plain Lower terrace	Potential recharge to groundwater:	Low
Slope common: range:	1% 0-1%	Flooding risk:	High
Rock outcrop:	0%	Drainage:	Imperfectly drained
		Depth to hardrock:	> 3 m
		Proportion of Shire:	3.9%

Native vegetation: Narrow-leaf Peppermint, Messmate
Present land use: Grazing (native and introduced pastures)

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

Soil profile characteristics:

Permeability (measured - average, range): (estimated):	45, 5 - 140 mm/day -
Available water capacity:	170 mm H ₂ O
Linear Shrinkage (B horizon):	9.0%

Soil profile description:

A	0-5 cm	Dark brown (10YR 3/3) loam, weak subangular blocky structure, 4mm, rough fabric, loose consistence, pH 7.0. Sharp boundary to
A2	5-18 cm	Brown (10YR 4/3, 7/3 dry) clay loam, bleached, apedal massive firm consistence, pH 7.0. Clear transition to
B ₁	18-30 cm	Light brownish grey (10YR 6/2) light clay, moderate subangular blocky structure smooth fabric, moderately firm consistence, few ferruginous nodules, pH 7.5. Clear transition to
B2	30-80+ cm	Light yellowish brown (2.5YR 6/2) medium clay, moderate angular blocky structure 6 mm, smooth fabric, common distinct yellow mottles, firm consistence, pH 8.0.
B3	80-150 + cm	Pale yellow (2.5YR 7/4) light clay, weak subangular blocky structure, smooth fabric, moderately weak consistent pH 8.0.

Soil classification:

Factual Key (Northcote): Gn 3.06 (Minor Dy 3.21)
 Australian Soil Classification: Bleached, Eutrophic Grey, Dermosol, very deep, medium loamy, non-gravelly
 Unified Soil Group: NA

Interpretation of soil analyses*

Horizon	pH	Gravel	E.C.	Nutrient status	P	K	AI	Org. matter	Dispersibility
A ₁	7.0	< 1	VL	M	D	S	S	H	L
A ₂	7.0	< 1	VL	VL	D	D	S	M	L
B ₁	7.5	< 1	VL	L	NA	NA	S	L	M
B ₂	8.0	< 1	VL	L	NA	NA	S	L	H
B ₃	8.0	< 1	VL	L	NA	NA	S	L	H

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 ₁ S ₄	Shallow depth to seasonal watertable
Effluent disposal (septic tanks)	5	Poor site drainage, high flood risk
Farm dams (earthen)	4	High dispersibility of subsoil
Building foundations * slab * stumps/footings	4 4	Imperfect drainage, high flood risk Imperfect site drainage