

APPENDIX E. CRITERIA USED FOR ESTABLISHING RECHARGE VALUES

Characteristics of Very High Recharge Areas

permeability of profile > 1000 mm/day

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Soil depth: < 25 cm
and/or outcropping bed-rock: > 10%
and/or permeability of profile: 200 - 1000 mm/day
and/or clay content of clayiest layer: < 25%
and/or soil type: Uniform soils:
uniform sands, loamy sands,
uniform loams, sandy silt loams,
loams (Uc, Um, Gc)
Duplex soils:
red and whole coloured
A2 present but not bleached
high Fe₂O₃ content throughout B horizon
Side slopes: > 25%

Characteristics of Moderate Recharge Areas

Soil depth: 25 - 100 cm
Outcropping bed-rock: 1 - 10%
Profile permeability: 50 - 200 mm/day
Clay content of clayiest layer: > 25 - 35%
Soil type: Gradational
Duplex acid, whole coloured
Duplex, A2 may be present and sporadically bleached

Characteristics of Low-Nil Recharge Areas

Soil depth: > 100 cm
Outcropping bed-rock: = 0
Profile permeability: < 50 mm/day
Clay content of clayiest layer: > 35%
Soil type: Uniform clays (Uf)
Uniform cracking clays (Ug)
Duplex soils with conspicuously bleached A2,
mottled B horizons and/or gleying characteristics.