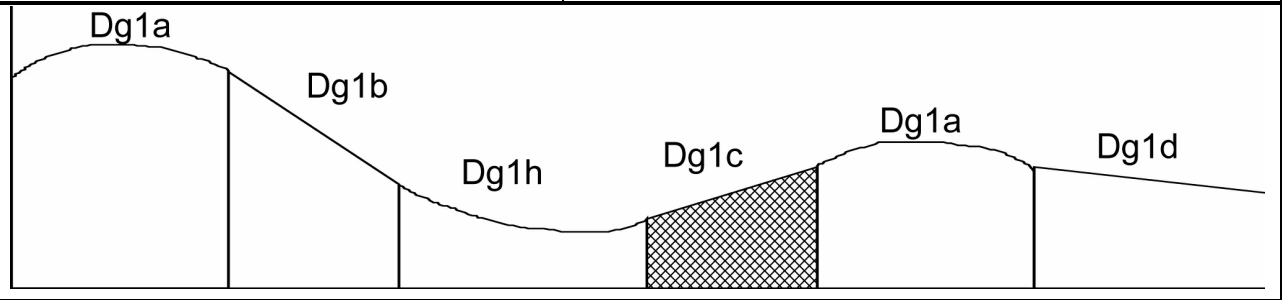


**MAP UNIT SYMBOL: Dg1c**

Area: 2711 ha

**MAP UNIT: Devonian granitic, red, moderately steep slope**



**A. GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The granodiorite soils of this unit, although variable, are generally a red gradational or red duplex soil with a whole coloured subsoil. The texture generally ranges from a coarse sandy loam, sandy clay loam topsoil to a coarse sandy clay grading to medium clay subsoil. Duplex profiles occur when there is an abrupt or clear transition from the sandy loam topsoil to a clay subsoil, and the transitional horizons are absent.

**SITE CHARACTERISTICS**

|   |               |                                   |                   |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Parent Material Age:</b>   | Devonian      | <b>Depth to Seas. Watertable:</b> | >5.0 m            |
| <b>Parent Material Lithology:</b>   | Granodiorite  | <b>Flooding Risk:</b>             | Nil               |
| <b>Landform Pattern:</b>  | Rolling hills | <b>Drainage:</b>                  | Well drained      |
| <b>Landform Element:</b>  | Hillslope     | <b>Rock Outcrop:</b>              | 0-2%              |
| <b>Slope a) common:</b>   | 23%           | <b>Depth to Hard Rock:</b>        | 0.8-2.0 m         |
| <b>Slope b) range:</b>  | 21-32%        | <b>Present Land Use:</b>          | Forested, grazing |
| <b>Potential Recharge to Groundwater:</b> Low   |               |                                   |                   |
| <b>Major Native Vegetation Species:</b> Broad-leaved Peppermint, Blackwood, Silver Wattle, Bracken Fern |               |                                   |                   |

**LAND DEGRADATION**

| Land Degradation      | Water Erosion |          | Wind Erosion | Mass Movement | Salting  | Acidification |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
|                       | sheet/rill    | gully    |              |               |          |               |
| <b>Susceptibility</b> | Moderate      | Moderate | Moderate     | Moderate      | Very low | Mod-high      |
| <b>Incidence</b>      | Low           | Low      | Low          | Low           | Nil      | Not available |

**B. SOIL PROFILE**

**PROFILE DESCRIPTION**

|           |             |  |
|-----------|-------------|--|
| <b>A1</b> | 0-180 mm    | Very dark greyish brown (10YR3/2) coarse sandy loam, weak subangular blocky structure, rough fabric, pH 6.5. Clear transition to:  |
| <b>A3</b> | 180-400 mm  | Dark brown (7.5YR3/4) coarse sandy loam, weak subangular blocky structure, rough fabric, pH 6.0. Gradual transition to:  |
| <b>B1</b> | 400-600 mm  | Reddish brown (5YR4/4) sandy clay with coarse sand, strong subangular blocky structure, rough fabric, a few medium granitic gravel fragments, pH 6.0. Gradual transition to: |
| <b>B2</b> | 600-800 mm+ | Dark reddish brown (5YR3/4) medium clay with coarse sand, moderate subangular blocky structure, rough fabric, a few medium granitic gravel fragments, pH 6.0.                |

**CLASSIFICATION**

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| <b>Factual Key:</b>                    | Gn4.11, Dr2.11 (major)   |
| <b>Australian Soil Classification:</b> | Haplic, ?, Red Dermosol (confidence level 4); medium, non-gravelly, loamy/clayey, deep |
| <b>Unified Soil Group:</b>             | CL   |

**INTERPRETATION OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS\***

| Horizon | pH (H <sub>2</sub> O) | % Gravel | E.C. (salts) | Nutrient Status | P  | K  | Al | Organic matter | Dispersibility |
|---------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|----|----|----|----------------|----------------|
| A1      | 6.5                   | <2       | NA           | NA              | NA | NA | NA | NA             | NA             |
| A3      | 6.0                   | <2       | NA           | NA              | NA | NA | NA | NA             | NA             |
| B1      | 6.0                   | 2-10     | NA           | NA              | NA | NA | NA | NA             | NA             |
| B2      | 6.0                   | 2-10     | NA           | NA              | NA | NA | NA | NA             | NA             |

VL: Very Low    L: Low    M: Moderate    H: High    VH: Very High    D: Deficient    S: Satisfactory  
 T: Potentially Toxic    NA: Not Available    \* see appendix D for analytical results    \*\* Strongly Acidic

**SOIL PROFILE CHARACTERISTICS:**

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| <b>Permeability</b> Low (estimate)<br><b>Available Water Capacity:</b> Moderate (122 mm H <sub>2</sub> O)<br><b>Linear Shrinkage (B horizon):</b> Low (estimate) |
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**C. LAND CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT**

| Land Use                         | Class  | Major Limiting Feature(s)/Land Use     |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Agriculture                      | C <sub>2</sub> T <sub>4</sub> S <sub>3</sub> | Slope                                  |
| Effluent Disposal (septic tanks) | 4  | Steep slope                            |
| Farm Dams                        | 5  | Slope                                  |
| Building Foundations slab        | 4  | Slope                                  |
| stumps/footings                  | 3  | Slope, susceptibility to slope failure |