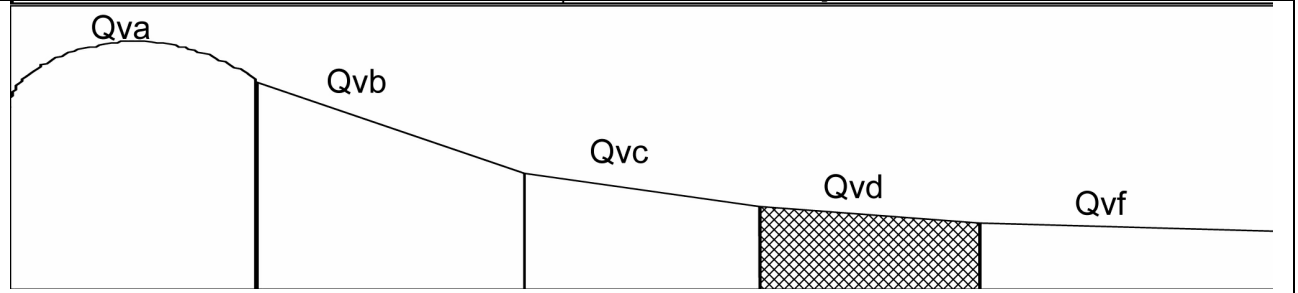


MAP UNIT SYMBOL: Qvd

Area: 9105 ha

MAP UNIT: Quaternary volcanic, moderate slope



A. GENERAL DESCRIPTION

This component occurs between Romsey and Lancefield extending to the western boundary of the Shire around Mt Kerrie, and south of Springfield. The soils are often yellow, red or brown duplex. The structured clay loam topsoil overlies the clayey subsoil.

SITE CHARACTERISTICS

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| Parent Material Age: | Quaternary | Depth to Seas. Watertable: | >2.0 m |
| Parent Material Lithology: | Volcanic | Flooding Risk: | Nil |
| Landform Pattern: | Rolling low hills | Drainage: | Moderately well drained |
| Landform Element: | Hillslope | Rock Outcrop: | 0-2% |
| Slope a) common: | 18% | Depth to Hard Rock: | 1.0 - 2.0 m |
| Slope b) range: | 11-20% | Present Land Use: | Grazing, partly forested |
| Potential Recharge to Groundwater: Low | | | |
| Major Native Vegetation Species: Manna Gum, Narrow-leaved Peppermint, Silver Wattle, Bracken Fern | | | |

LAND DEGRADATION

| Land Degradation | Water Erosion | | Wind Erosion | Mass Movement | Salting | Acidification |
|-----------------------|---------------|----------|--------------|---------------|----------|---------------|
| | sheet/rill | gully | | | | |
| Susceptibility | Moderate | Moderate | Low | Moderate | Very low | Low |
| Incidence | Low | Low | Low | Low | Low | Not available |

B. SOIL PROFILE

PROFILE DESCRIPTION

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|-----------------------|--|
| A11 0-220 mm | Dark brown (7.5YR3/2) clay loam with fine sand, moderate subangular blocky structure, rough fabric, pH 6.0. Gradual transition to: |
| A12 220-360 mm | Dark reddish brown (5YR3/3) clay loam with fine sand, strong subangular blocky structure, pH 5.75. Clear transition to: |
| B2 360-600 mm+ | Reddish brown (5YR5/3) medium clay, moderate subangular blocky structure, smooth fabric, pH 5.75. |

CLASSIFICATION

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| Factual Key: | Dy2.11 |
| Australian Soil Classification: | Haplic, ?, Red Chromosol, (Confidence level 4); thick, non-gravelly, clay loamy/clayey, moderate |
| Unified Soil Group: | Not available |

INTERPRETATION OF LABORATORY ANALYSIS*

| Horizon | pH (H ₂ O) | % Gravel | E.C. (salts) | Nutrient Status | P | K | Al | Organic matter | Dispersibility |
|---------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|----|----|----|----------------|----------------|
| A11 | 6.0 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| A12 | 5.75 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| B2 | 5.75 | NA | 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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| Permeability Moderate (estimate) Available Water Capacity: Moderate (estimated: 120 mm H ₂ O) Linear Shrinkage (B horizon): Low (estimate) |
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C. LAND CAPABILITY ASSESSMENT

| Land Use | Class | Major Limiting Feature(s)/Land Use |
|---|--|---|
| Agriculture | C ₂ T ₃ S ₃ | Slope, available water capacity, susceptible to sheet, rill and gully erosion |
| Effluent Disposal (septic tanks) | 3 | Slope, drainage |
| Farm Dams | 4 | Slope, permeability, depth to hardrock (variable) |
| Building Foundations slab | 4 | Slope |
| stumps/footings | 3 | Slope, drainage, slope failure risk |