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Executive Summary

Background

Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd is proposing to mine iron ore within the Roy Hill 1 Project area (Tenements E46/334, 335, 586 and 592 and E47/1326) approximately 120 km north of Newman in the eastern Pilbara, Western Australia.

As part of the requirements for a Public Environmental Review assessment, Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd commissioned *ecologia* Environment (*ecologia*) to conduct a Level 2 biological assessment of the Roy Hill 1 project area.

Two phases of survey were conducted during October 2005 and May 2006. Due to the severity of seasonal influence upon the flora during the first and most extensive phase, a third phase of survey was undertaken during March 2008 to supplement the floristic inventory and refine the definition of mapping communities.

Vegetation and flora

A total of 477 species from 53 families and 170 genera was recorded during the three phases of survey. The most commonly recorded families were Poaceae (83 taxa), Mimosaceae (41 taxa), Malvaceae (37 taxa), Amaranthaceae (28 taxa), Fabaceae (26 taxa), Chenopodiaceae (23 taxa) and Caesalpiniaceae (18 taxa). The most commonly recorded genera were Acacia (39 species), Ptilotus (18 species), Senna (16 species), Eremophila (12 taxa), and Abutilon, Eragrostis and Eriachne (11 taxa respectively). Thirteen families and 86 genera were represented by a single taxon.

This pattern of representation of families and genera is typical of flora of the Eastern Pilbara. The relatively high number of grasses (Poaceae) reflects the large proportion of the survey area in which an understorey of soft grasses and herbs are present, rather than hummock grasses (*Triodia* spp.) steppes, which encompass a relatively small proportion and in which a smaller number of taxa from this family would be present.

No taxon listed as Critically Endangered, Endangered, Conservation Dependant, Extinct, or Extinct in the Wild under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 (EPBC Act 1999) were recorded in the survey area.

No taxon listed as Declared Rare Flora under the Western Australian Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2006(2) of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* was recorded in the survey area. However there are six taxa recorded to date which are categorised Priority species, the details of which are summarised below:



Table S 1 Threatened flora recorded within the Roy Hill 1 survey area

| Species | Priority | Number of locations at Roy Hill | Number of locations impacted | % Locations impacted at Roy Hill | Number of other locations regionally |
|--|----------|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| Rhagodia sp. Hamersley | Р3 | 29 | 22 | 76 | 4 |
| Acacia glaucocaesia | Р3 | 1 | 1 | 100 | >20 |
| Goodenia nuda | Р3 | 12 | 5 | 42 | 15 |
| Polymeria sp. Hamersley | Р3 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 |
| Rostellularia adscendens var. latifolia | P3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota | P4 | 7 | 2 | 29 | 21 |
| Total | | 55 | 30 | | |

Due to the extent of clearing within the project area there is a moderate to high degree of impact locally to three of the six recorded priority flora; *Rhagodia* sp. Hamersley, *Acacia glaucocaesia* and *Goodenia nuda*. However the regional impact to *Acacia glaucocaesia* and *Goodenia nuda* is relatively minor given the large number of populations recorded elsewhere. The impact to *Rhagodia* sp. Hamersley is more significant, given that more than half of the recorded locations for this taxon at Roy Hill will be cleared and that this location represents 20% of the total number of locations currently known. However, it is noteworthy that this is a relatively new taxon that has yet to be formally described. It has probably been identified as other *Rhagodia* species, particularly when sterile, in many previous surveys. Consequently the number of locations currently known is likely to significantly underestimate the total distribution and abundance of the taxon.

A total of nineteen naturalised alien taxa (weeds) were recorded during the Roy Hill vegetation and flora assessment. One weed of national significance, *Parkinsonia aculeata, was recorded within the Roy Hill project area. This taxon is also a Declared Weed at a state level in the East Pilbara. Two species with Declared Weed status in some portions of the state but not the East Pilbara were also recorded; *Argemone ochroleuca subsp. ochroleuca (P1, P2, P3, P4) and *Heliotropium europaeum (P1, P3, P4). By far the most widespread and abundant introduced species recorded was *Cenchrus ciliaris (grass) which dominates many of the creek banks in the area. The perennial herb *Malvastrum americanum was also relatively widespread and abundant.

No nationally listed Threatened Ecological Communities have been recorded within the project area. At a state level there are no vegetation complexes present which are identified as Threatened Ecological Communities. The Fortescue Marsh is not a TEC but is listed as a wetland of national significance. It is informally listed as an ecosystem at risk by the DEC. Whilst not within the footprint of clearing, this areas is located to the immediate south of the western portion of Lease E46/ and is dependent upon sheet flow and drainage from, amongst others, Kulkinbah Creek, Kulbee Creek and other minor creek lines which



from, amongst others, Kulkinbah Creek, Kulbee Creek and other minor creek lines which drain through the footprint of disturbance. These creeklines will require temporary diversion for the development to proceed. The proposed mining activities therefore have the potential to disturb the Fortescue Marsh.

The vegetation of the project area has been mapped at a scale of 1:20,000 and has been categorized into four major vegetation associations:

- 1. Triodia sp. Hummock Grasslands
- 2. Riparian Associations
- 3. Acacia aneura Low Woodlands and Tall Shrublands
- 4. Miscellaneous Shrublands

These associations were further classified into eighteen sub-associations.

At a regional level, the majority of the leases are comprised of land systems which, by virtue of their relatively broad distribution elsewhere, will be minimally impacted by vegetation clearance within the current project. The most regionally constrained unit, Warri, which has a total representation of only 24,509 hectares, occurs within a portion of the project area that is almost entirely outside the proposed impact footprint. The land system unit most impacted by the proposed vegetation clearance, Turee, will be reduced in regional representation by 2.63%. Due to its suitability for pastoral activities, it is estimated that less than 1% of the total representation of this unit remains in very good condition. The condition of this unit within the Roy Hill project area ranges from good to poor with the largest area of representation of this unit in the south east of Lease 46/592 (largely unaffected by the impact footprint) in poor condition and the area in the northwest of in good condition. Approximately half of this north western area lies within the disturbance footprint.

Much of the vegetation, particularly the riparian communities and, to a lesser but significant degree, the Mulga communities are in relatively poor condition within the Roy Hill project area due to extensive historical and current pastoral activities. The abundance of several introduced species, particularly *Cenchrus ciliaris, which is often the dominant understory species along creek banks, is indicative of grazing pressure. The abundance of the spiny native taxon Acacia synchronicia in the southern portion of the Project area is also indicative of grazing pressure, as this species is unpalatable to cattle. In contrast the areas of hummock grass steppes (Triodia spp) that occur in the most northern and in the north eastern portion of the project area are in good to very good condition with a much lower level of weed invasion and greater integrity in the shrub and ground strata.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project Background

The proposed Roy Hill 1 Iron Ore Project (the Project) is situated approximately 120 km north east of Newman (Figure 1-1). The project area is located within existing Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd (HPPL) exploration tenements E46/334, 335, 586 and 592 and E47/1326 (Figure 1-2). It is situated in the hills and foot slopes of the Chichester Range and the plains of the Fortescue Valley and covers approximately 4,160 hectares of open rangelands.

The current iron ore resource for the project has been estimated at approximately 600 million tonnes with expected extensions currently under exploration. It is proposed to utilise conventional open-cut strip mining methods. The main project components will consist of:

- A number of open pits which would generally be located in three main areas;
- Out-of-pit overburden emplacement areas;
- Infrastructure including ore crushing and screening plant, site administration facilities, rail load-out facilities and stockpiles;
- If required, a beneficiation plant for ore washing and associated residue storages;
- An accommodation camp;
- Haul and access roads;
- Public road diversion;
- Electricity transmission line; and
- A rail spur corridor to a junction near existing rail corridors and railways to ports.

This report details the outcomes of a Level 2 flora and vegetation assessment undertaken by *ecologia* during November 2005, July 2006 and March 2008. The data collected during these three phases has been supplemented by further data collected during several exploration approval clearance surveys over the project area from September 2005 to November 2008.



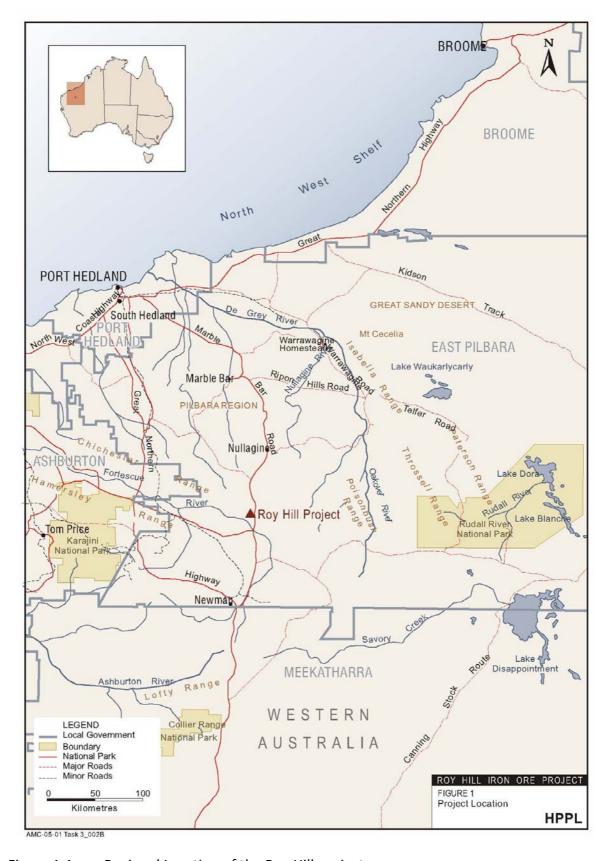


Figure 1-1: Regional Location of the Roy Hill project area.

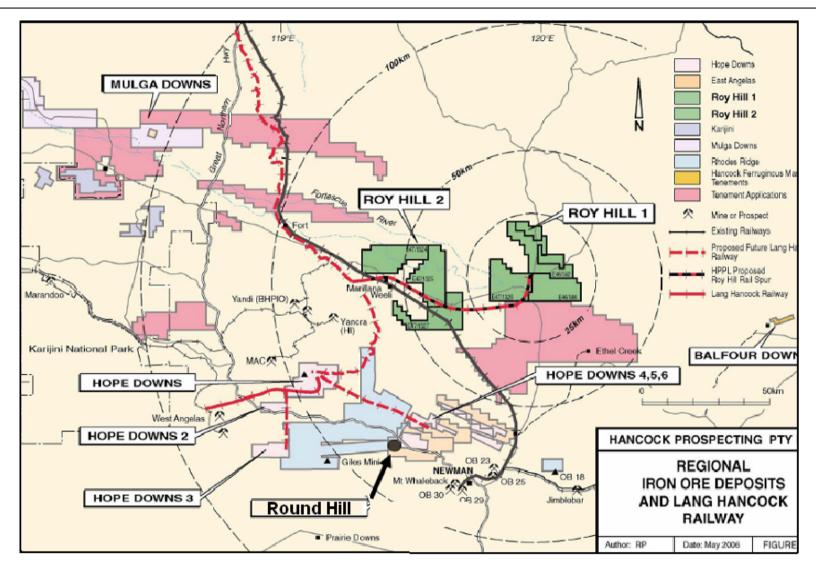


Figure 1-2: Location of Roy Hill 1 project area and other HPPL tenements.

1.2 Legislative Framework

Federal and State legislation applicable to the conservation of native flora include, but are not limited to, the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*, and the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*.

Section 4a of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* requires that developments take into account the following principles applicable to native flora:

• The Precautionary Principle

Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty should not be used as a reason for postponing measures to prevent environmental degradation.

The Principle of Intergenerational Equity

The present generation should ensure that the health, diversity and productivity of the environment is maintained or enhanced for the benefit of future generations.

• The Principle of the Conservation of Biological Diversity and Ecological Integrity

Conservation of biological diversity and ecological integrity should be a fundamental consideration.

Projects undertaken as part of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) process are required to address guidelines produced by the EPA, in this case, Guidance Statement 51: Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact in Western Australia (EPA, 2004), and principles outlined in the EPA's Position Statement No. 3 Terrestrial Biological Surveys as an element of Biodiversity Protection (EPA, 2002) (See Table S-1).

Native flora and fauna in Western Australia are protected at a Federal level under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), and at a State level under the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950* (WC Act).

The EPBC Act was developed to provide for the protection of the environment, especially those aspects of the environment that are matters of national environmental significance, to promote ecologically sustainable development through the conservation and ecologically sustainable use of natural resources; and to promote the conservation of biodiversity. The EPBC Act includes provisions to protect native species (and, in particular, to prevent the extinction and promote the recovery of threatened species) and to ensure the conservation of migratory species. In addition to the principles outlined in Section 4a of the EP Act, Section 3a of the EPBC Act includes a principle of ecologically sustainable development dictating that decision-making processes should effectively integrate both long-term and short-term economic, environmental, social and equitable considerations.

The WC Act was developed to provide for the conservation and protection of wildlife in Western Australia. Under Section 14 of this Act, all fauna and flora within Western Australia is protected; however, the Minister may, via a notice published in the



Government Gazette, declare a list of flora taxa identified as likely to become extinct, or as rare, or otherwise in need of special protection. The current listing was gazetted on the 5th of August, 2008 (WAGG, 2008).

1.3 Survey Objectives

Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd commissioned *ecologia* Environment (*ecologia*) to undertake a baseline biological survey of the vegetation and flora of the Roy Hill 1 project area as part of the environmental impact assessment for the project.

The EPA's objectives with regard to management of native flora and vegetation are to:

- Avoid adverse impacts on biological diversity comprising the different plants and animals and the ecosystems they form, at the levels of genetic, species and ecosystem diversity;
- Maintain the abundance, species diversity, geographic distribution and productivity of vegetation communities;
- Protect Declared Rare Flora consistent with the provisions of the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950; and
- Protect other flora species of conservation significance.

Hence, the primary objective of this study was to provide sufficient information to the EPA to assess the impact of the project on the vegetation and flora of the area, thereby ensuring that these objectives will be upheld.

As per requirements outlined in the EPA's Guidance Statement 51 and Position Statement No. 3, this report provides:

- A review of background information (including literature and database searches);
- An inventory of vegetation types and flora species occurring in the study area, incorporating recent published and unpublished records;
- An inventory of flora taxa of biological and conservation significance recorded or likely to occur within the project area and surrounds;
- A map and detailed description of vegetation types occurring in the study area;
- A description of the characteristics of the vegetation types;
- An appraisal of the current knowledge base for the area, including a review of previous surveys conducted in the area which are relevant to the current study;
- A review of regional and biogeographical significance, including the conservation status of species recorded in the project area; and



• A risk assessment to determine likely impacts of threatening processes on vegetation and flora within the study area.



2.0 REGIONAL SETTING

2.1 General

The Roy Hill 1 project is one of a number of HPPL exploration tenements in the Newman area. The five tenements included in this Roy Hill 1 Flora and Vegetation assessment, cover an area of 648 km² and are shown below (Table 2-1, Figure 1-2).

Table 2-1: HPPL exploration tenements covered by the Roy Hill Project.

| Leases | Area (km²) |
|----------|------------|
| E46/334 | 47.5 |
| E46/335 | 47.6 |
| E46/592 | 177.5 |
| E46/586 | 190 |
| E47/1326 | 221.5 |

2.2 Climate

Roy Hill is situated in the Pilbara region of Western Australia and experiences an arid-tropical climate with two distinct seasons; a hot summer from October to April and a mild winter from May to September. Annual evaporation exceeds rainfall by as much as 500 mm per year. Seasonally low but unreliable rainfall, together with high temperatures and high diurnal temperature variations are also characteristic climatic features of the region. This region has in the past experienced no rainfall in any month of the year, which is typical of a desert climate (Beard, 1975). Within the Pilbara, the temperature range is large and maxima are high. Summer temperatures may reach as high as 46 °C at Newman, with a mean maximum of 31.4 °C (Table 2-2). Light frosts occasionally occur during July and August. The climate experienced throughout the year is usually very dry since high temperature and humidity seldom occur simultaneously.

Table 2-2: Summary of Climatic Data for Newman.

| NEWMAN | Elevation: 554 m Location: 23°22'S 119°44'E | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|---|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec |
| Temp (°C) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Daily max. (mean) | 38.8 | 37.2 | 35.8 | 31.6 | 26.2 | 22.4 | 22.2 | 24.8 | 29.4 | 33.6 | 36.5 | 38.5 |
| Daily min. (mean) | 25.3 | 24.4 | 22.5 | 18.5 | 13.3 | 9.6 | 8.0 | 10.2 | 13.7 | 18.0 | 21.5 | 24.1 |
| | _ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rainfall (mm) | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mean | 51.4 | 80.1 | 38.6 | 25.3 | 23.2 | 25.0 | 12.6 | 10.5 | 4.1 | 3.9 | 9.8 | 27.0 |

Source: Bureau of Meteorology, 2008.



Rainfall in the Pilbara is highly unpredictable and recordings are highest at stations around the Hamersley Ranges, which lie at altitudes of up to 900 m (Beard, 1975). From January to March, rain results from moist tropical storms penetrating from the north, producing sporadic and drenching thunderstorms. Tropical cyclones moving south from northern Australian waters also bring sporadic heavy rains. From May to June extensive cold fronts move easterly across the state and occasionally reach the Pilbara. These fronts produce only light winter rains that are ineffective for plant growth other than herbs and grasses. Larger perennial species require the intense and prolonged storms of summer. Surface water can be found in some pools and springs in the Pilbara all year round, although watercourses only flow briefly due to the short wet season. Within the study region, meteorological data has been recorded at the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) weather station at Newman (23°22'S, 119°44'E). This BOM weather station is located approximately 100 km to the southwest of Roy Hill, providing an indication of climatic conditions experienced within the Project area.

The calculated average annual rainfall is 310 mm, occurring over 34 rain days. It loosely follows the typical Pilbara bimodal distribution pattern, with a peak between December and March and a smaller peak in May and June. Most of the rainfall occurs in the summer period, with over 55 % of total annual precipitation occurring between December and March.

Mean annual maximum and minimum temperatures for Newman are 31.4°C and 17.4°C respectively. Mean monthly maxima range from 38.8°C during January to 22.2°C in July, while mean monthly minima range from 25.3°C in January to 8.0°C in July (Figure 2-1, Table 2-2) (Bureau of Meteorology, 2008).

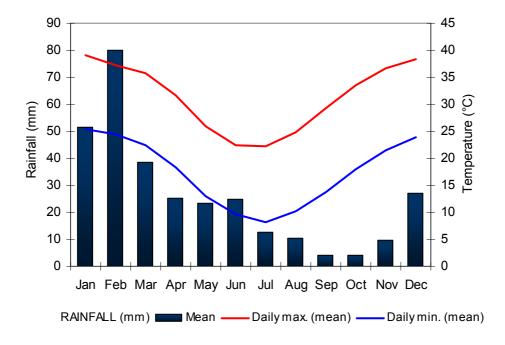


Figure 2-1: Summary of climatic data from Newman (Bureau of Meteorology, 2008).



2.3 Geology

The Pilbara Region comprises a portion of the ancient continental Western Shield, which dominates the geology of Western Australia. The Western Shield is comprised of pre-Cambrian Proterozoic and Archaean rocks. The Pilbara Craton dates back to the Archaean, and includes some of the oldest rocks in the world. It is overlain by Proterozoic rocks deposited in the Hamersley and Bangemall Basins. The Hamersley Basin, which occupies most of the southern part of the Pilbara Craton, can be divided into three stratigraphic groups; the Fortescue, Hamersley and Wyloo Groups (Beard, 1975). Of the three groups, the Hamersley Group is the most relevant to this proposal. Generally 2.5 km thick, it contains both the Brockman Iron Formation and the Marra Mamba Iron Formation, which together provide most of the known major iron ore deposits in the Pilbara region (O'Brien, 1992). The geology of the region around Roy Hill has been mapped and described in detail by Thorne and Tyler (1997). The proposed Roy Hill 1 Project area lies within an extensive area dominated by alluvial and colluvial geology. These fit into four defined classifications:

- a) Brecciated siliceous caprock of dolomitic rock (Czz);
- b) Calcrete sheet carbonate along major drainage lines (Czk);
- c) Alluvium of unconsolidated silt, sand and gravel along drainage and floodplain (Qa); and
- d) Alluvium and colluvium of red-brown sandy clay (Qw).

The lower proterozioc rocks of the Pilbara craton are classified into three groups: the Fortescue, Hamersley and Wyloo, of a total thickness of over 9000 m. The Fortescue group is the lowest and consists mainly of basalt with included beds of siltstone, mudstone, shale, dolomite and jaspilite (Beard, 1975). The Fortescue group forms the Chichester Plateau, with a north facing escarpment fronting onto the granite coastal plain, and appears again beneath the Hamersley Plateau and the Ashburton Valley. The Chichester escarpment which terminates the gently rising granitic coastal plain at it's northern boundary, forms a plateau of the Fortescue group of lower Proterozoic rocks which rises another 150-200 m above the coastal plain. The Roy Hill 1 tenements cover part of the Chichester Plateau, and also the Fortescue valley. The rocks of the Chichester Plateau are mainly volcanics, tuff and basalt, with intercalated shales and sandstones in strata, but which are capped by the Marra Mamba Iron formation, which is very hard and resistant and is said to control the escarpment of the Chichester Range (Beard, 1975). underlying basalts of the Chichester Range continue uninterrupted to dip down beneath the Fortescue Valley and then onwards beneath the Hamersley Escarpment. Fortescue Valley consists mainly of Quaternary alluvium, colluvium and sand plains overlying the Tertiary Oakover formation (limestone and calcareous gravels) and chert breccia which is exposed locally (Beard, 1975).

2.4 Topography and Soils

The Roy Hill 1 project area lies within both the Fortescue Valley and Chichester plateau sub-regions of the Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia. These two subregions are typified by distinct landforms and associated soils (Thackway and Cresswell, 1995).

The very long narrow unit of the Chichester Plateau forms a watershed between the numerous rivers flowing north to the coast and the Fortescue River drainage on its southern side. The majority of its northern length and at its western end is bounded by abrupt escarpments rising from the coastal plains, but on the southern side its descent to the Fortescue Valley and the Roy Hill area is much less abrupt and more gradual. The summit of the plateau standing at about 400-500 m above sea level consists mainly of a high level gently undulating plain and it is only dissected into rougher country at the eastern and western extremities (Beard, 1975).

The Fortescue Valley is also a very long narrow region which occupies the trough between the Chichester and Hamersley Plateaux. Drainage in the Roy Hill region of the Valley is into an extensive salt marsh and extensive sand plains in the eastern parts of the valley indicate that the material must have been brought down from the granite country of the nearby Fortescue headwaters (Beard, 1975).

Roy Hill lies within a large region of soils that have been classified by Bettany *et al.* (1967) as dominated by 1) red earths, 2) hard-setting loamy soils, 3) loamy soils with pedalogic organisation, 4) dissected pediments, and 5) outwash plains. The three soil types that are most applicable to the Roy Hill 1 Project area are;

- 1. The red earth plains of the Fortescue valley, the surface cover of which consists of stony gravels;
- 2. The dissected pediments forming low stony hills and the outwash plains, both of which support a surface cover of gravel, and;
- 3. The hard setting loamy soils with red clay subsoils forming dissected stony pediments, hills and mesas.

On the descent to the Fortescue Valley the chief soils of the Chichester Plateau are cracking clays, but non cracking clays and hard alkaline red soils also occur. East of Roy Hill the chief soils are deep earthy loams, together with some areas of clay soils. The more dissected country comprises steep ranges on basaltic lavas and stony pediments on hills. In such dissected country the chief soils are hard alkaline red soils and other red soils with shallow loams associated with rock outcrops (Beard, 1975).

As a consequence of the sparse vegetation cover and the erosive force of heavy summer cyclonic rains, much of the soil on the hill slopes tends to be transported down to the valleys and plains. This results in substantial areas of the Chichester Plateau being without significant soil cover. Thus, species and associations of vegetation on the hills and slopes tend to be correlated to geology rather than soil type (Beard, 1975). Along drainage lines, superficial deposits influence the distribution of the vegetation, but the presence of surface and groundwater is also a major determining factor.



Soils in the sand plains of the Fortescue valley are typically red sands and earthy sands. Adjacent to them are alluvial plains influenced by basaltic parent materials and dominated by deep cracking clays. Most of the extensive valley plains however have as their chief soils earthy clays along with some cracking clays, shallow loams and hard red soils. Flood out zones feature highly calcareous earths with minor areas of shallow calcareous loams, overlying pedologically deposited limestone and kunkar (Beard, 1975).

2.5 Landforms

In their biological survey of the Hamersley Range National Park (Karijini National Park), Dawe and Dunlop, (1983) developed a landform-vegetation classification system of nine main landforms which were further categorised into many sub-units. The Roy Hill 1 Project area covers four of these main landforms:

- (a) Low Ridges or Hills: Low ridges and hills rising above the surrounding plains largely covered with skeletal soils, with areas of exposed rock. This landform supports *Eucalyptus leucophloia* open low woodland, *Acacia maitlandii* and *A. umbellata* low scrub and mid-dense *Triodia basedowii* hummock grassland.
- (b) Outwash Plains: Plains of deep loams or clayey loams supporting *Acacia aneura* low woodland or *Eucalyptus victrix* low woodland over *Triodia pungens* hummock grassland and *Aristida*, *Enneapogon* and *Eragrostis* bunch grasses.
- (c) Minor Drainage Lines: Minor drainage lines are generally shallow eroded channels with a sandy or gravelly washline and associated outwash areas. They support open fringing woodlands of *Eucalyptus*, *Grevillea* and *Acacia* species.
 - (d) Major Creeks: Heavy gravel channels with sandy levee banks and islands. The vegetation is characteristically open *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* woodland over *Acacia* or *Melaleuca glomerata* thicket.

2.6 Land systems

Seven land types and ten land systems, as mapped by Van Vreeswyk *et al.* (2004) occur within the Roy Hill 1 Project area (Figure 2-2,). Of these systems the project area is dominated by Jamindie and Turee and to a lesser extent Newman.



Table 2-3: Land system units present within the Roy Hill 1 survey area

| Land System Unit | Area survey area (km²) | % survey area | Total regional representation (km²) | % Region representation | |
|---------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Adrian | 0.83 | 0.30 | 245.1 | 0.1 | |
| Boolgeeda | 4.53 | 1.63 | 9,996.1 | 4.3 | |
| Brockman | 1.44 | 0.52 | 741.1 | 0.4 | |
| Coolibah | 9.59 3.49 | | 1,010.4 | 0.6 | |
| Jamindie | 123.63 | 44.49 | 11,882.7 | 1.1 | |
| McKay | 7.01 2.52 | | 4,274.7 | 2.3 | |
| Newman | 45.48 16.37 19,997.7 | | 19,997.7 | 8.0 | |
| River | 0.75 | 0.27 | 5,914.3 | 2.3 | |
| Turee | 84.30 | 84.30 30.34 927.4 | | 0.3 | |
| Warri | 0.33 | 0.12 | 2,203.0 | 0.2 | |
| Total | 555.78 | 100.00 | | | |

The landforms, vegetation, susceptibility to grazing and degree of preservation of these systems can be summarised as follows:

- 1. Land type 1: Hills and ranges with spinifex grasslands.
 - (i) Newman: The Newman land system comprises rugged jaspilite plateaux, ridges and mountains supporting hard spinifex grasslands. Ninety one percent of the regional representation of this land system is classified as having vegetation in very good condition, due to its unsuitability for pastoral activities.
 - (ii) McKay: The McKay land system comprises hills, ridges, plateaux remnants and breakaways of meta sedimentary and sedimentary rocks supporting hard spinifex grasslands. Like the Newman system, it is generally unsuitable for pastoral practices and is therefore well preserved, with 88% of total area is classified as being in very good condition.
- 2. Land type 6: Stony plains and hills with spinifex grasslands
 - (iii) Adrian: The Adrian land system comprises stony plains with low silcrete hills supporting hard spinifex grasslands. Vegetation on this system is not preferred by livestock and generally not prone to degradation, with a low risk of erosion. Approximately 66% of the total area is classified as in very good condition, with a further 20% classified as good.
- 3. Land type 8: Stony plains with spinifex grasslands
 - (iv) Boolgeeda: The Boolgeeda land system comprises stony lower slopes and plains below hill systems supporting hard and soft spinifex grasslands and mulga shrublands. The hard spinifex grasslands are not preferred by livestock but soft spinifex is moderately preferred for a few years following fire. The vegetation is generally not prone to degradation and the system is not susceptible to erosion, but is subject to fairly frequent burning. Approximately 82% of the total area is classified as in very good condition, with a further 13% classified as good.



- 4. Land type 12: Wash plains on hardpan with groved mulga shrublands (sometimes with spinifex understorey).
 - (v) Jamindie: The Jamindie land system comprises stony hardpan plains and rises with groved mulga shrublands, occasionally with spinifex understorey. Most vegetation is only moderately preferred by grazing animals but can become degraded by overgrazing of cattle. Only 22% of the total area is classified as in very good condition, with a further 26% classified as good.
- 5. Land type 14: Alluvial plains with tussock grasslands or grassy shrublands.
 - (vi) Brockman: The Brockman land system comprises alluvial plains with cracking clay soils supporting tussock grasslands and grassy shrublands. These grasslands are moderately to highly preferred by livestock and are susceptible to overgrazing and degradation. Only 19% of the total area is classified as in very good condition, with a further 26% classified as good.
 - (vii) Turee: The Turee land system comprises stony alluvial plains with gilgaied and non-gilgaied surfaces. This system is favoured by cattle and is prone to degradation if overgrazed. Only 1% is classified as being in very good condition with a further 15% classified as good.
- 6. Land type 17: River plains with grassy woodlands and shrublands and tussock grasslands.
 - (viii) Coolibah: The Coolibah land system comprises flood plains with weakly gilgaied clay soils supporting coolibah (*E. victrix*) woodlands with tussock grass understorey. It is favoured by cattle and is prone to depletion if overgrazed. Only 9% is classified as being in very good condition with a further 14% classified as good.
 - (ix) River: The River land system comprises active floodplains and major rivers supporting grassy Eucalypt woodlands, tussock grasslands and soft spinifex grasslands. The grass understorey is highly preferred by livestock. The system is largely stabilised by buffel and Spinifex and accelerated erosion is uncommon, but the system is highly susceptible to erosion if vegetative cover is removed. Approximately 56% of the vegetation is classified as in very good condition, with a further 26% classified as good.
- 7. Land type 18: Calcrete drainage plains with shrublands or spinifex grasslands
 - (x) Warri: The Warri land system comprises low calcrete platforms and plains supporting mulga and cassia (Senna) shrublands. The system supports shrubs and grasses that are highly preferred by grazing animals and is prone to degradation. Only 7% of the total area of this system is classified as in very good condition with a further 21% classified as good.



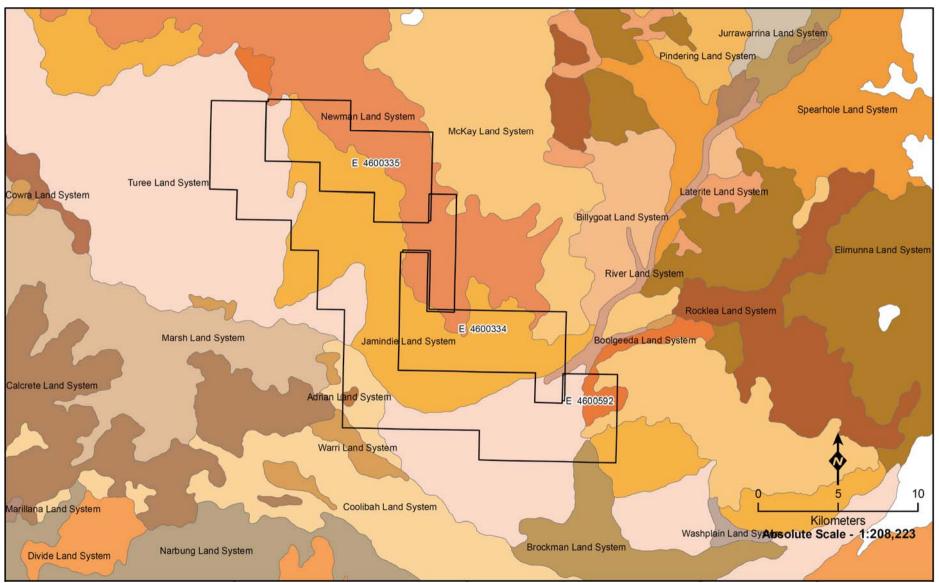


Figure 2-2: Land systems of the Roy Hill region (from Van Vreeswyck et al. (2004)



2.7 Biogeography

The Project area lies in the Pilbara biogeographic region of the Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA) (Figure 2-3). Bioregions are defined on the basis of climate, geology, landforms, vegetation and fauna. The Pilbara biogeographic region is similar to that commonly recognised as the Pilbara region, and includes four major components; the Hamersley, Fortescue Plains, Chichester and Roebourne subregions (Thackway and Cresswell, 1995).

The Roy Hill 1 Project area lies within both the Fortescue and Chichester sub-regions of the Interim Biogeographic Regionalisation for Australia.

The Chichester sub-region is described by Thackway and Cresswell (1995) as:

"Archaean granite and basalt plains supporting shrub steppe and characterised by *Acacia pyrifolia* over *Triodia pungens* hummock grasses. Snappy gum tree steppes occur on ranges."

The plains of the Chichester subregion are known to support shrub steppes of *Acacia* inaequilatera over *Triodia wiseana* (Kendrick and McKenzie, 2001).

The Fortescue plains sub-region is described by Thackway and Cresswell (1995: 69) as:

"Alluvial plains and river frontages. Salt marsh, mulga bunch grass, and short grass communities on alluvial plains. River gum woodlands fringe the drainage lines. This is the northern limit of mulga (*Acacia aneura*)."

Some biotopes that are representative of the Fortescue plains subregion occur in the south western part of the Project area. These include the alluvial plains, river frontages and River Gum woodlands that fringe the Fortescue River, which is the main drainage line running across the south western boundary of the Project area.

With an area of 179, 287 km², the Pilbara bioregion is within the largest area class. However, the size of the Pilbara bioregion is fairly typical of bioregions situated in remote arid and semi-arid areas. Dominant limiting factors and constraints for the Pilbara bioregion listed by Thackway and Cresswell (1995) include extinction of critical weight range (CWR) mammals, wildfire, feral animals (in particular the cat and fox), weeds, and grazing or pastoral activities. The reservation status of the bioregion is 1-5%, which is relatively low (some bioregions have a greater than 10% reservation status).

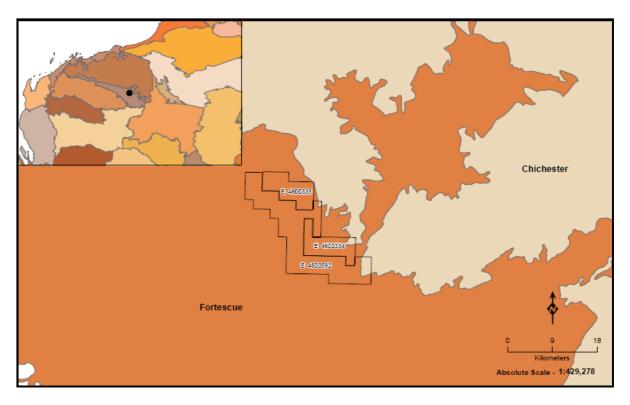


Figure 2-3: IBRA 6.1 sub-regions of the Pilbara (PIL) and surrounding areas (Thackway & Cresswell, 1995).

2.8 Previous Biological Surveys

The Pilbara is a region of considerable environmental significance, lying on the southern limits of the Northern Botanical Province (Burbidge, 1959; Beard, 1979). The region includes species from the northwest, a region of high species endemism, and the arid interior, as well as numerous species which are either endemic to the Pilbara or have restricted geographic distributions (Beard, 1975). Beard (1975) provides a detailed account of previous exploration in the area. Early flora survey work was carried out by Royce (1948) and Burbidge (1959), while broad-scale vegetation mapping was first carried out by Burbidge (1945) and later refined by Beard (1975, 1979). However, it was not until the increased development of mineral resources in the region in the late 1900s that any site-specific detailed flora and fauna surveys have been conducted in the Pilbara region.

A large number of biological assessments and environmental monitoring exercises have been undertaken in the areas adjacent to Roy Hill. Surveys have been conducted in association with development in surrounding areas, such as at Orebody 18 (ecologia 1995), the West Angelas Pipeline Corridor (ecologia, 1998), Orebody 24 (ecologia, 2004a), East Ophthalmia Range (ecologia, 2004b), Hope Downs (ecologia 1993, 2006) Mining Area C (ecologia, 2004c), and Wheelarra Hill (ecologia, 2004d). Other surveys in the region include the Jimblebar Mine Site Survey (Endersby, 1994; ecologia, 1999), FMG Stage B Rail Corridor Survey (Biota, 2005) and the Fauna Survey of Cloudbreak Iron Ore Mine (Davis et al. 2005).



More extensive biological surveys have been undertaken, and include the Karijini National Park (Muir, 1983), Burrup Peninsula (Butler, 1983; Tingay and Tingay, 1983) and Pilbara wetlands (Masini, 1988; Masini and Walker, 1989). Research projects conducted by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) and opportunistic collecting by amateur naturalists have further supplemented this information. DEC, in association with the Western Australian Museum (WAM), is currently undertaking a five year regional biological survey of the Pilbara to provide comprehensive, long-term baseline data for future management.

2.9 Landuse History

The mineral exploration history of the Pilbara began in 1888 when gold was found in the Pilbara Creek. Although this did not prove productive, more consistent deposits were subsequently discovered at Marble Bar. Tin was discovered in 1899 and manganese and asbestos have also since been mined in the Pilbara. Massive iron-ore deposits were discovered, with exploration expanding immensely in the 1960s when the Commonwealth embargo on exporting iron-ore was relaxed. Subsequently, the construction of several mining towns, including Newman, was undertaken. Newman was developed in the early 1970s to provide accommodation for workers at the Mt Whaleback iron-ore mine. Ports, such as Port Hedland and Dampier, and standard gauge railways from Mt. Tom Price and Paraburdoo to Dampier, Pannawonica to Cape Lambert and Mt Goldsworthy and Mt Newman to Port Hedland, were also constructed. The development of the iron ore industry has resulted in activity within the Pilbara changing from revolving around cattle and sheep stations and small coastal ports to a large mining economic base with a commensurate increase in population.

Tourism is a smaller but rapidly developing industry within the region. The nearest conservation reserve to the Roy Hill area is the Karijini National Park, which is located approximately 140 km to the west (Beard, 1975).



3.0 SURVEY METHODS

3.1 Guiding Principles

The survey methods adopted by *ecologia* were formulated in consideration of the EPA's Guidance Statement No. 51 (EPA, 2004), and Position Statement No. 3 (EPA, 2002).

The survey combined the following two basic methodological approaches:

- Detailed site/association vegetation assessments; and
- Broad-scale vegetation mapping.

3.2 Field Methods

3.2.1 Survey Timing

Three phases of survey were conducted from 26 October to 4 November 2005, 29 May to 5 June 2006 and from 6 to 18 March 2008.

The objectives of the survey were to provide:

- An inventory of vascular plant species;
- A description and mapping of plant communities;
- A review of plant species considered to be rare and endangered, or geographically restricted, which are known to, or may occur, within the project area;
- An inventory of exotic plants, including declared weeds; and
- A review of the significance of the plant communities within a local, regional, and State context.

3.2.2 Detailed Floristic Survey Sites

In total 258 quadrats were sampled with 100 sites established during the Phase I survey, 47 sites during Phase II and 111 sites during Phase III. These survey sites were distributed over the relevant tenements to compile a comprehensive list of flora species, and to record different vegetation types, life-form strata, percentage cover of individual species, surface soil type, litter cover and disturbances to the different areas. Locations of sites for each phase are detailed in Appendix B and Figure 3-1.

Despite the relatively high number of sites surveyed in Phase I, the dry conditions which preceded the survey contributed to the low diversity observed at many sites, and a substantial number of taxa which could not be identified beyond genus. The vegetation



over much of the Roy Hill 1 Project area is dominated by an understorey of annual or semi annual grasses and herbs and thus is particularly subject to seasonal shifts in the composition and condition of the understorey. The fragility of the understorey prior to the summer rainfalls is exacerbated by the impacts of cattle grazing. Substantial wet season rains preceded the Phase II survey, resulting in much higher species richness per site but also constraining the number of sites which could be completed in the time constraints. As a result of the limited number of post-rainfall sites, a third phase of survey work was undertaken in March 2008 to supplement the species inventory and refine the vegetation mapping.

The survey involved a combination of systematic flora sampling using quadrats, and opportunistic collections while traversing between sites to maximise the sampling of the entire area. Opportunistic collections are more time-efficient than bounded quadrats when the aim is to locate flora of potential significance. However, quadrats enable comparative assessment of floristic variation and are essential to multivariate analysis of the data, thus contributing to vegetation mapping. Both methods contribute to the floristic inventory of the survey area.

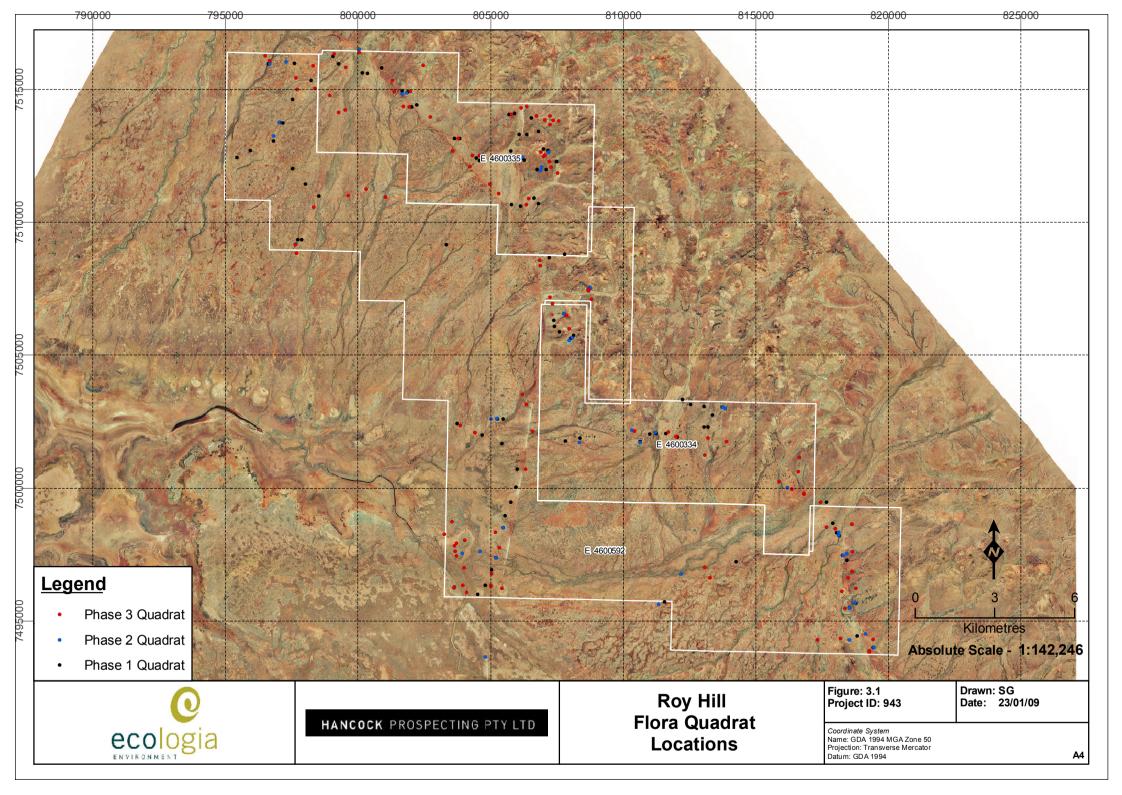
Sampling sites were chosen by means of aerial photography, topographical features and field observations, to ensure that all vegetation types present within the Project area were represented. The number of sites established was determined by the size and the heterogeneity of the Project area.

The sampling sites were approximately 50 m by 50 m quadrats, or an area of 2500 m² in sites which occupied narrow habitats such as creek lines and gullies.

The following parameters were recorded at each quadrat:

- Location details, including GPS co-ordinates (using datum WGS84);
- Site parameters such as topography, soils, and surface lithology;
- Structural information describing the vegetation unit, including the height, cover, form and dominant species within each layer using a vegetation classification system adapted from Executive Steering Committee for Australian Vegetation Information (ESCAVI) (2003) (Appendix A).
- Maximum height and foliage projective cover for each species within the site, including introduced species;
- Vegetation condition based on criteria described by Keighery (1994), Connell (1995) after Trudgen (1991) (Appendix A);
- The estimated time since the last fire at the site.







3.3 Vegetation Classification and Mapping

Vegetation mapping is the delineation of plant communities into groups or associations. The distinctive characteristics that these groups or associations share include features such as species dominance and composition, and stratum structure (Heddle *et al.*, 1980).

Aerial photographs and topographic maps were used to interpret vegetation patterns of the survey area. These interpretations were then verified using observations of dominant species and vegetation structure. Quadrat sites were selected to be representative of the vegetation types as interpreted from the photographs and field observations.

Multivariate analysis of the Phase 3 site by species (presence and abundance score) matrix was performed using the complete linkage mode in the SYSTAT software package. Cluster analysis packages such as SYSTAT provide a means of objectively verifying the vegetation units observed in the field. The boundaries of the major vegetation units derived from field observations and detailed site data analysis were then mapped onto a 1:20,000 aerial photograph of the area. This provided a visual summary of the extent of dominant floristic and structural elements over the entire project area. A separate analysis combining data from Phases 2 and 3 was also conducted, however data from Phase 1 was too heavily influenced by poor seasonal conditions to warrant inclusion. The dendogram resulting from analysis of Phase 3 data and the site matrix used to derive the dendogram are detailed in Appendices J and H respectively.

3.4 Targeted Rare and Priority Flora and Declared Weed Survey

A search of the WA Herbarium and Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Threatened Flora Databases was undertaken to determine the exact locations of flora previously recorded near the proposed mine site. During the field survey, areas not sampled using quadrats were surveyed using linked traverses. Additional grid pattern searches have subsequently been conducted in some locations as part of exploration approvals processes. Such high intensity opportunistic searching increases the probability of record flora of conservation significance. Voucher specimens of all species present were taken, noting the characteristics of the vegetation communities present. In keeping with Guidance Statement 51 (EPA, 2004), nomenclature of all flora species encountered in the survey was aligned with that currently adopted by the Western Australian Herbarium (FloraBase, 2008).

3.5 Survey Limitations and Constraints

The EPA Guidance Statement 51 for Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment in Western Australia (EPA, 2004), has identified the main factors that can limit and constrain flora and vegetation surveys. In Table 3-1, the current survey has been evaluated against these factors.





 Table 3-1:
 Flora and Vegetation Survey Constraints.

| Aspect | Constraint* | Comment | |
|--|-------------|--|--|
| Scope | No | The survey scope was prepared in consultation with the DEC, and the methods used are consistent with the requirements of EPA Guidance Statement No. 51 and EPA Position Statement No. 3. | |
| Proportion of flora identified, recorded and/or collected | No | 477 taxa were recoded during the three phases of survey work (Phase 1 = 250; Phase 2 = 308; Phase 3 = 339). Approximately 6,250 collections were made during the three seasons of survey work. Due to a poor season during Phase I, two collections could not be identified beyond family level and 23 collections could not be identified beyond genus level (1.2%). This is compared with 16 collections in Phase 2 (0.9%) and six collections in Phase 3 (0.2%) that were limited to genus level identification The poor season for the Phase 1 survey undoubtedly contributed to the number of partially identified taxa, however with the additional phase undertaken in 2008 this limitation was negated. Estimates from this data based on species accumulation curves indicate that approximately 92% of the flora species potentially present within the Roy Hill survey area were recorded during the survey | |
| Sources of information e.g. previously available information (whether historic or recent) vs. new data | No | The flora of the region, as for all regions, is in subject to review, however taxonomic information for most species is publicly available via FloraBase (2008) and botanical journals. Most of the regional vegetation data of the area were collected in the broad scale vegetation mapping project by Beard (1979). Botanical surveys, some of which include localised mapping at higher scales of resolution have been conducted for the Hope Downs Mining Lease (ecologia, 1993), West Angelas Mining Lease (ecologia 1998, 2004), Packsaddle Ridge (ecologia 2004), FMG Roy Hill Exploration Area (biota 2005), and the Mining Area C Rail Corridor (ecologia, 2004c, biota 2005. The results of the previous Roy Hill Study (biota 2005), which was located within about 15 km of the current Roy Hill study, were a useful source of comparative data. | |
| The proportion of the task achieved and further work which might be needed | No | Sufficient sampling sites were selected to document the flora and vegetation of the project area; however the difference between the number of sites surveyed in Phase 1 (pre summer rainfall) and Phase 2 (post summer rainfall) was potentially a constraint. This was rectified by the third phase of survey in March 2008. | |



| Aspect | Constraint* | Comment | |
|---|-------------|---|--|
| Timing/weather/season/cycle | No | A bi-seasonal survey approach was undertaken for this project. Rainfall during the three months preceding Phase 1 of the Roy Hill survey was low, which is typical of winter rainfall in the region. Rainfall preceding phase ii was much higher, again typical of the summer rainfall in the regions. The seasonal influence on the Phase 1 survey, which assessed a much larger number of sites, was such that definition of vegetation of vegetation communities was impaired, hence the scheduling of a third survey in March 2008 where above average rainfalls occurred in February 2008. | |
| Disturbances which affected results of survey | No | Some portions of the survey area, particularly riparian vegetation, have been heavily grazed, both historically and recently, resulting in diminished biodiversity. | |
| Intensity (in retrospect was the intensity adequate) | No | Adequate | |
| Resources | No | Resources were adequate for the survey with 61 person days invested in the botanical survey work. | |
| Remoteness and/or access problems | No | Access to some areas of the eastern portions of several leases was constrained by the absence of tracks. | |
| Availability of contextual (e.g. Biogeographic) information on the region | Moderate. | The flora of the region is continuing to be documented with many reports produced by ecologia and other consulting companies on the vegetation and flora of the region. The absence of regional mapping other than at a very broad scale limits the interpretation of the regional significance and degree of conservation of vegetation communities. | |
| Competency/experience of the consultant carrying out the survey | No | All personnel are qualified botanists having significant field experience. Senior personnel have 18 and 6 years experience respectively conducting floristic surveys within the Pilbara. The taxonomist utilised has over 20 years experience with the flora of the Pilbara. | |

^{*}Defined as yes/no; significant, moderate or negligible.



4.0 VEGETATION OF THE ROY HILL 1 PROJECT AREA

4.1 Project Area Vegetation Units

The Roy Hill 1 Project area is located in the Fortescue Botanical District of Beard (1975). Beard (1975) has mapped the vegetation of the Pilbara region at a scale of 1:1,000,000. The area encompassed by the Project area contains four vegetation units (Figure 4-1):

- 1. Mulga in grooved patterns: comprising *Acacia aneura* occurring in groves or patches;
- 2. Tree steppe with Mulga in valleys: comprising *Eucalyptus leucophloia* (previously *Eucalyptus brevifolia*), *Triodia wiseana* and *Acacia aneura*;
- 3. Shrub steppe on basalt/ Kanji, soft and buck spinifex: comprising *Acacia pyrifolia*; *Triodia wiseana* and *T. pungens*; and
- 4. Acacia aneura low woodland (from Beard 1975).

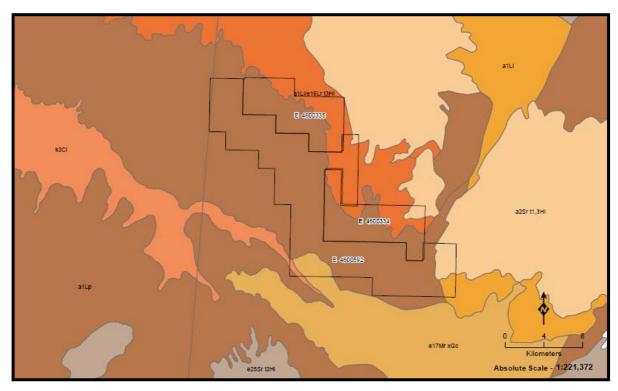


Figure 4-1 Roy Hill 1 Project within Beard Vegetation Mapping units (Beard, 1975).

During the current survey the vegetation was mapped at a scale of 1:20,000. The vegetation has been categorized into four major vegetation associations, which have been sub classified into further eighteen sub associations:

1. Triodia sp. Hummock Grassland Steppes

- A. Isolated to open low trees and shrubs over *Triodia brizoides* hummock grasslands on slopes and crests.
- B. Isolated to open low trees and mixed shrubs over *Triodia* sp. Shovelanna Hill hummock grasslands on slopes and plains.
- C. Isolated low trees and isolated to sparse mixed shrubs over *Triodia longiceps* hummock grasslands on colluvial deposits.
- D. Isolated low trees over sparse to open mid to low shrubland over *Triodia basedowii* hummock grasslands.
- E. Isolated low trees over sparse to open mid to low shrubland over *Triodia epactia* hummock grasslands.

2. Riparian associations

- A. Open low forest to woodland of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and/or *E. victrix/Corymbia hamersleyana* over open high *Atalaya hemiglauca/Acacia pyrifolia* over open low shrubs over dense **Cenchrus ciliaris*.
- B. Scattered *Eucalyptus victrix* over a low woodland of *Acacia aneura/A. coriacea* subsp. *pendens/Atalaya hemiglauca* over open shrubs over dense **Cenchrus ciliaris* grassland.
- C. Tall *Acacia* spp. and *Grevillea wickhamii* subsp. *hispidula* shrubland over low shrubland over mixed tussock grassland.
- D. Floodplains adjacent to major creek lines: open forest to woodland of *Eucalyptus victrix* over open mid-height shrubland dominated by *Acacia tetragonophylla, A. sclerosperma, *Vachellia farnesiana* over sparse mixed tussock grasses and herbs.
- E. Floodplains: isolated trees to open woodland of *Eucalyptus victrix* over open *Acacia synchronicia* over mixed low shrubs over open to closed mixed tussock grasses.

3. Acacia aneura Low woodlands and Tall Shrublands

- A. *Acacia aneura*, *A. rhodophloia* open forest and woodland over sparse low shrubs and closed tussock grassland and herbland ± *Triodia longiceps*.
- B. Open woodland of *Acacia pruinocarpa, A. aneura* over open mixed shrubland over open grasses.
- C. Moderately dense to open tall *Acacia aneura* shrubland over sparse to open *A. tetragonophylla, Senna artemisioides* subsp. *helmsii* shrubs over moderately dense to open grassland dominated by *Aristida contorta*.
- D. Groves of *Acacia aneura*, *A. rhodophloia* woodland over sparse shrubland of *Eremophila forrestii* subsp. *forrestii*, *Senna artemisioides* subsp. *helmsii*, *Eremophila latrobei* subsp. *filiformis* over open to sparse grasses.
- E. Isolated trees or shrubs of *Acacia aneura* over open shrubland of *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *luerssenii* and *Eremophila cuneifolia* over sparse grasses.
- F. Isolated clumps of tall *Acacia aneura* shrubs over open low shrubs of *Ptilotus schwartzii*.



4. Miscellaneous Shrublands

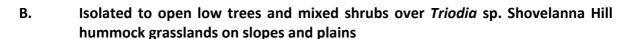
- A. Rocky crests of hills: *Acacia rhodophloia* shrubland over sparse mixed shrubs and isolated herbs, and grasses.
- B. Isolated shrubs of Acacia synchronicia over open and diverse herbs and grasses.

1. Triodia species Hummock Grassland Steppes

Hummock grasslands encompass a significant proportion of the total area, largely occurring to the east of the Nullagine road and at the northern boundary of Lease 46/00335. The dominant species within the low tree and shrub strata are widespread throughout each of the subtypes.

A. Isolated to open low trees and shrubs over *Triodia brizoides* hummock grasslands on slopes and crests (No photo representation available)

This vegetation type is largely restricted to the slopes and crests of steeper hills within the eastern portion of E46/00335, E46/00592 and the northern portion of E46/334. Although widespread in these areas, it constitutes a relatively small proportion of the total survey area. It is distinguished by the dominance of the hummock grass *Triodia brizoides* at ground level, usually at open to closed coverage. An isolated to open overstorey of *Grevillea wickhamii* subsp. *hispidula, Acacia pruinocarpa* with isolated *Eucalyptus leucophloia* subsp. *leucophloia* is present above an open shrubland dominated by *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *glutinosa* above *Corchorus lasiocarpus* subsp. *lasiocarpus*. The tussock grass *Eriachne mucronata* is consistently present at sparse to open density. The diversity and cover of the shrub and herb strata increase on the foot slopes and in areas where pockets of deeper soil occur between boulders.



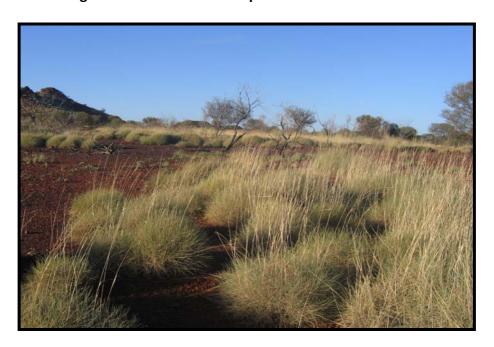




Slopes dominated by the hummock grass *Triodia* sp. Shovelanna Hill were recorded at scattered locations on plains and hill slopes in the northern and north-eastern portions of the survey area. This taxon also occurs in a number of locations in combination with *T. basedowii, T. longiceps* and *T. brizoides*. The boundaries between these steppes are often difficult to distinguish using aerial photography and the mapped distribution of this association may underestimate its extent.

Emergents are typically isolated to open and of variable height. The species composition is typical of most hummock grass steppes, with *Grevillea wickhamii* subsp. *hispidula* the most consistently present shrub. At some locations scattered low trees of *Acacia aneura* and *A. pruinocarpa* trees are present, but elsewhere *Eucalyptus leucophloia* subsp. *leucophloia* or *Hakea lorea* subsp. *lorea* are more common. Other species frequently recorded within the scattered to open shrub stratum include *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *glutinosa*, *Solanum lasiophyllum*, *Corchorus lasiocarpus* subsp. *parvus*, *Acacia acradenia*, *Dampiera candicans*, *Eremophila forrestii* subsp. *forrestii* and *Tribulus suberosus*.

C. Isolated low trees and isolated to sparse mixed shrubs over *Triodia longiceps* hummock grasslands on colluvial deposits



This vegetation type is restricted to the eastern and north eastern portions of leases E46/335 and E46/592, in the swales between rocky slopes and in the bases and lower slopes of broad gullies where there is colluvial deposition of soil. Although widespread, each occurrence is confined to these landforms and hence the proportion of the total survey area supporting this vegetation is relatively low.

It is characterised by isolated low trees and sparse shrubs over an open to moderately dense cover of the tall hummock grass *Triodia longiceps*. The species composition of the tree and shrub strata area is typical of all hummock grass steppes in the area rather than specific to the *T. longiceps* community type. The low tree *Eucalyptus leucophloia* subsp.



leucophloia and the tall to mid-height shrubs, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa and S. glutinosa subsp. pruinosa are widespread above the low shrubs Tribulus suberosus, Indigofera monophylla, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Solanum horridum, S. lasiophyllum, S. phlomoides, Sida sp. Excedentifolia (J.L. Egan 1925) and Sida pilbarensis ms. The tussock grasses Eriachne mucronata and E. lanata are widespread at sparse density. Sparse herbs such as Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Trianthema glossostigma, Streptoglossa bubakii, Bonamia media var. villosa and Pluchea dunlopii are present, particularly at the bases of gullies.

D. Isolated low trees over a spare to open mid to low shrubland over *Triodia* basedowii hummock grasslands



This vegetation type is widely distributed on low undulating plains and minor hill slopes, particularly within leases E46/335, E46/592 and E46/334. It is characterised by an open to moderately dense cover of the hummock grass *Triodia basedowii*, sometimes in combination with *T. epactia* or *T.* sp. Shovelanna Hill. Isolated low trees of *E. leucophloia* occur above isolated to open *Grevillea wickhamii* subsp. *hispidula*, above a sparse to open mid to low shrubland in which *Solanum lasiophyllum*, *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *glutinosa*, , *Tribulus suberosus*, *Corchorus lasiocarpus* subsp. *parvus*, *Indigofera monophylla* and *Ptilotus calostachyus* var. *calostachyus* are common. The density of shrubs, particularly *Grevillea wickhamii* subsp. *hispidula*, is greater in areas which have been recently burnt.

E. Isolated low trees over sparse to open mid to low shrubland over *Triodia* epactia hummock grasslands



Triodia epactia is less widespread than in many other locations in the Eastern Pilbara, where it is often the dominant understorey in creek lines and swales. In many such locations the dominant grass is *Cenchrus ciliaris and T. epactia, if present, is a minority species. However it was recorded along sections of Kulbee Creek and also in some minor drainage systems within the hills to the east of the Nullagine Road. In these locations it typically extends up the slopes some distance. The sparse or isolated tall shrub stratum may contain Acacia marramamba, A. aneura, A. pruinocarpa and Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula above an open lower shrub stratum of Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Goodenia stobbsiana, Ptilotus calostachyus subsp. calostachyus, Solanum phlomoides, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus and Tribulus suberosus. The tussock grasses Eriachne mucronata and Cymbopogon ambiguous are typically present at sparse coverage.

2. Riparian associations

There are three moderately large creek lines which traverse the survey area:

- Kulbee Creek, which flows south to south west from the northern boundary through the northern half of the survey area, eventually draining into the Fortescue Marsh system which lies to the south of the survey area;
- "No-Name Creek", which flows almost due south from near the north western boundary through the northern third of the survey area, draining into the Fortescue Marsh system; and
- Kulkinbah Creek, which flows south west to west through the most southern portion of the survey area, draining into the Fortescue Marsh system.

Large portions of these creek lines are dry other than following rainfall, with isolated pools of water remaining in Kulbee Creek and Kulkinbah Creek.



In addition to these more substantial creek lines, much of the remaining area is dissected by narrower drainage channels, some of which have defined banks and scoured beds, and others with only minor definition.

The vegetation in the riparian associations has been severely affected by pastoral activities, with *Cenchrus ciliaris (buffel grass) largely replacing the native grasslands and herbs in many locations and thorny shrubs such as *Vachellia farnesiana, *Parkinsonia aculeata, Acacia victoriae and A. synchronicia dominating the shrub stratum. The degree of pastoral degradation is one of the major influences in the statistical analysis of riparian vegetation groupings and a major differentiator in the subtypes below:

A. Open low forest to woodland of *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and/or *E. victrix/Corymbia hamersleyana* over open high *Atalaya hemiglauca/Acacia pyrifolia* over open low shrubs over dense *Cenchrus ciliaris



This vegetation type is widely distributed along the banks of the creek lines, particularly Kulbee Creek and No Name Creek. Although *Eucalyptus camaldulensis* subsp. *obtusa* is present at some locations, *E. victrix* is more commonly the dominant species in the overstorey, with *Corymbia hamersleyana* also present in shallow portions and tributaries. Below scattered to open tall shrubs of *Atalaya hemiglauca*, *Gossypium robinsonii*, *Petalostylis labicheoides*, *Hakea lorea* subsp. *lorea* and *Acacia pyrifolia*, an open lower shrub stratum of *Tephrosia rosea* var. *glabrior*, *Corchorus parviflorus*, *Solanum phlomoides*, *Hybanthus aurantiacus* and *Sida fibulifera* is present. The ground stratum is dominated by a dense to moderately dense cover of *Cenchrus ciliaris with the perennial herb *Malvastrum americanum widespread but less abundant. Small areas near the northern boundary of the survey area appear to have water flowing near ground level even in the drier months, upwelling in small sections of the creek. These areas, although otherwise undistinguished in composition, have small dense stands of the tall rush *Typha domingensis*.



B. Scattered *Eucalyptus victrix* over a low woodland of *Acacia aneura/A. coriacea* subsp. *pendens/Atalaya hemiglauca* over open shrubs over dense *Cenchrus ciliaris grassland



Also widely distributed, this vegetation tends to be associated with slightly shallower, narrower channels and floodplains immediately adjacent to creek lines. Scattered trees of Corymbia hamersleyana or Eucalyptus victrix may be present, however the low tree/tall shrub stratum is dominated by Acacia aneura (mixed varieties), Atalaya hemiglauca and Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens. The tall to mid-height, unpalatable species Acacia tetragonophylla and *Vachellia farnesiana are also common in some locations. Scattered shrubs of Sida fibulifera, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Dicladanthera forrestii are widespread above the dense cover of *Cenchrus ciliaris. The perennial weed *Malvastrum americanum and the annuals *Bidens bipinnata, *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis are widespread but less abundant. The twining species or prostrate species Glycine canescens, Duperreya commixta, Ipomoea muelleri and Rhynchosia minima var. australis are widespread at low densities.

C. Tall Acacia spp. and Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula shrubland over low shrubland over mixed tussock grassland (No photo representation available)

This association was recorded along the banks of drainage channels in the north eastern portion and eastern portion of the survey area, generally in areas less heavily impacted by cattle. At some locations isolated to open trees of *Corymbia candida* subsp. *candida* or less commonly *C. ferriticola* are present above the open to moderately dense tall shrubland dominated by *A. aneura*, *A. rhodophloia*, *A. tumida* var. *pilbarensis* and *Grevillea wickhamii* subsp. *hispidula and* at some locations *Dodonaea petiolaris*. The open to moderately dense low shrub stratum commonly contains *Corchorus parviflorus*, *Ptilotus obovatus* var. *obovatus*, *Indigofera monophylla*, *Isotropis forrestii*, *Hybanthus aurantiacus* and *Dicladanthera forrestii*. The tussock grassland is more complex than in other more degraded areas, with the native grasses *Digitaria brownii*, *Eriachne mucronata*, *Themeda*



triandra, Enneapogon polyphyllus and Perotis rara widespread and common, in addition to the introduced species *Cenchrus ciliaris. The introduced herbs *Bidens bipinnata and *Malvastrum americanum are also abundant and common.

D. Floodplains adjacent to major creek lines: open forest to woodland of Eucalyptus victrix over open mid-height shrubland dominated by Acacia tetragonophylla, A. sclerosperma, *Vachellia farnesiana over sparse mixed tussock grasses and herbs



This association is relatively restricted within the survey area, occurring adjacent to some sections of Kulkinbah Creek where significant flooding of the plains occurs during water flow.

A moderately dense to open canopy of *Eucalyptus victrix* is present above a sparse low tree/tall shrub stratum of *Atalaya hemiglauca, Grevillea striata* and occasionally *Acacia aneura*. The open mid-height shrub stratum is dominated by *Acacia tetragonophylla,* *Vachellia farnesiana, Acacia sclerosperma, but other common species include the *Muehlenbeckia florulenta,* the Declared weed *Parkinsonia aculeata and the Priority 4 shrub *Eremophila youngiana* subsp. *lepidota.* The sparse ground cover is a relatively diverse mixture of tussock grasses and herbs, including *Cenchrus ciliaris, Setaria dielsii, *Dichanthium sericeum* subsp. *humilius,* *Malvastrum americanum, Boerhavia burbidgeana, *Cleome viscose, Sida fibulifera, Ptilotus gomphrenoides* var. *gomphrenoides, Gomphrena affinis* subsp. *pilbarensis,* *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, *Portulaca oleracea, Sclerolaena bicornis, Trianthema triquetra, the small sedge Cyperus bifax and the Priority 3 taxon Polymeria sp. Hamersley (ME Trudgen 11353).



E. Floodplains: isolated trees to open woodland of *Eucalyptus victrix* over open *Acacia synchronicia* over mixed low shrubs over open to closed mixed tussock grasses



This association occurs on the outer floodplains of larger creek lines and the less substantial floodplains of smaller creek lines. The upper stratum of *Eucalypt victrix* is sparser than that of Association 2D and the sparse upper stratum of *Atalaya hemiglauca* is often absent. The open mid-height shrub stratum is dominated by *Acacia synchronicia* and *A. tetragonophylla* but as for Association 2D, *Parkinsonia aculeate, *Vachellia farnesiana, *A. sclerosperma* and *Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota* are also common. At ground level the cover by tussock grasses is much more extensive, ranging from open to closed, and is relatively diverse, with *Chloris pumilio, Echinochloa colona* and *Dactyloctenium radulans* the most widespread and abundant, although *Cenchrus ciliaris is also present and in some areas abundant. A sparse but diverse stratum of herbs similar to those observed in Association 2D is present, including *Malvastrum americanum, Neptunia dimorphantha, Ptilotus gomphrenoides* var. *gomphrenoides*, *Portulaca oleracea, *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Cleome viscose, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii, Sida fibulifera, *Trianthema triquetra, Boerhavia burbidgeana* and the small sedge *Cyperus bifax*. The Priority 3 taxon *Goodenia nuda* was recorded in this association but was not widespread.

3. Acacia aneura Low Woodlands and Tall Shrublands

Vegetation associations characterised by the presence of *Acacia aneura* are very widespread within the survey area. Whilst the common features are a canopy of *Acacia aneura* trees at variable density and the ground cover of tussock grasses and herbs, particularly the introduced grass *Cenchrus ciliaris and herb *Bidens bipinnata, some further categorisation of the vegetation association is possible:

A. Acacia aneura, A. rhodophloia open forest and woodland over sparse low shrubs and closed tussock grassland and herbland ± Triodia longiceps



This is a broadly distributed association in minor drainage channels. Isolated trees of *Eucalyptus victrix* or *Corymbia candida* subsp. *candida* may be present, above low woodland or open forest of *Acacia aneura* and *A. rhodophloia* and tall shrubs of the same species and *A. tetragonophylla*. The mid-height and low shrub strata are typically very sparse, with isolated shrubs of *Psydrax latifolia, Senna artemisioides* subsp. *helmsii, Dicladanthera forrestii, Indigofera monophylla, Hybanthus aurantiacus* and the twiner *Glycine canescens*. The open to closed ground cover is generally dominated by a mixture of tussock and other grasses, particularly *Themeda triandra, Digitaria brownii, Chrysopogon fallax, Enneapogon polyphyllus* and **Cenchrus ciliaris*. The hummock grass *Triodia longiceps* is widespread and occasionally dominant. Herbs are frequently codominant, with the most widespread and abundant species **Bidens bipinnata*. Other widespread but less prolific species include *Cleome viscose, Evolvulus alsinoides* var. *villosicalyx, Sida fibulifera, Rostellularia adscendens* var. *clementii, Euphorbia biconvexa and Isotropis forrestii*.

B. Open woodland of *Acacia pruinocarpa, A. aneura* over open mixed shrubland over open grasses



This broadly distributed association occurs on slopes and plains and in some instances very minor drainage channels. An open to sparse low tree stratum of *Acacia aneura* with lesser numbers of *A. pruinocarpa* occurs an open shrub stratum of mixed height typically containing *Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila latrobei* subsp. *filiformis* and *Eremophila forrestii* subsp. *forrestii*, with *Acacia rhodophloia* also common at some locations. The lower shrubs are more variable in composition, but commonly include *Hybanthus aurantiacus*, *Hibiscus burtonii*, *Tribulus suberosus*, *Sida ectogama*, *Corchorus lasiocarpus* subsp. *parvus*, *Solanum lasiophyllum* and *Ptilotus obovatus* var. *obovatus*. The ground cover typically contains a open mixture of isolated clumps of hummock grass and other grasses such as *Cymbopogon ambiguous*, *Eriachne mucronata*, *Enneapogon polyphyllus Aristida contorta* and **Cenchrus ciliaris*. Hummock grass species are also variable, with *Triodia epactia*, *T. longiceps* and *T. basedowii* all recorded.



C. Moderately dense to open tall *Acacia aneura* shrubland over sparse to open *A. tetragonophylla, Senna artemisioides* subsp. *helmsii* shrubs over moderately dense to open grassland dominated by *Aristida contorta*



This broadly distributed association occurs on plain throughout the survey area. Although isolated clumps of Acacia aneura trees may be present, it is characterised by a tall moderately dense to open shrubland of Acacia aneura, which in some areas occurs in a weakly banded formation. The middle to lower shrub stratum is generally open or sparse with Acacia tetragonophylla, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Solanum lasiophyllum and Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis common throughout. At some locations, particularly in areas where pastoral activity has been more intense, the dominant species within the shrub stratum is *Acacia synchronicia*. Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla and Eremophila lanceolata are also more common, whilst Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, a palatable species, is less abundant. However these distinctions in the shrub stratum can not be distinguished in aerial photography and have hence not been mapped. The ground cover typically consists of an open to moderately dense cover of grasses, both perennial and annual. Hummock grasses are absent. The dominant species are a mixture of annual and perennial species, with Aristida contorta most common and abundant. widespread species are Chloris pumilio, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Chrysopogon fallax, Perotis rara and Iseilema eremaeum. *Cenchrus ciliaris, although not uncommon, is not dominant as it is elsewhere in the Acacia aneura associations. Herbs, although less abundant than grasses, are widespread. Sida fibulifera, Cleome viscosa, *Bidens bipinnata, Euphorbia biconvexa, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena kanisii, Boerhavia coccinea, *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis and *Portulaca oleracea are all widespread.

D. Groves of Acacia aneura, A. rhodophloia woodland over sparse shrubland of Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis over open to sparse grasses



This association accounts is widespread although less extensive than Association C. It often occurs in combination with areas that are virtually devoid of all vegetation other than very sparse annual herbs. The major species within the open woodland/tall shrubland overstorey is *Acacia aneura*, with *Acacia rhodophloia* often present but usually less abundant. The sparse shrub mid-stratum is low in diversity, with Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, E. latrobei subsp. filiformis, Acacia tetragonophylla, Dodonaea petiolaris, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii typically present above a sparse to open grassland in which Aristida contorta, A. ingrata, Paraneurachne muelleri and Eulalia aurea are typical and Perotis rara, Enneapogon polyphyllus and Eriachne mucronata are also widespread. Isolated clumps of Triodia basedowii may also be present, particularly near the outer edges of the groves. Isolated clumps of herbs may be present, typically Sida fibulifera, Maireana villosa, Mollugo forrestii and the ubiquitous *Bidens bipinnata and Cleome viscosa.

E. Isolated trees or shrubs of *Acacia aneura* over open shrubland of *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *luerssenii* and *Eremophila cuneifolia* over sparse grasses



This association occurs at a small number of locations on both plains and low rocky crests. It is characterised by a low to mid-height stratum dominated by the shrubs *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *luerssenii* and *Eremophila cuneifolia*. Other widespread but less abundant species are *Eremophila latrobei* subsp. *filiformis, Senna artemisioides* subsp. *helmsii, Solanum lasiophyllum* and *Acacia synchronicia*. The sparse cover of grasses is dominated by the annual/semi perennial species *Enneapogon polyphyllus* and *Aristida contorta*. Isolated clumps of the small spinescent herb *Sclerolaena cornishiana* are widespread.

F. Isolated clumps of tall *Acacia aneura* shrubs over open low shrubs of *Ptilotus* schwartzii



This association is present across small areas, predominantly on plains in the southern portion of the survey area. Isolated clumps of tall shrubs of *Acacia aneura* and at some locations *A. catenulata* subsp. *occidentalis* Maslin ms occur, with a sparse lower shrub stratum of *Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila latrobei* subsp. *filiformis,* and *Eremophila forrestii* subsp. *forrestii*. These clumps of shrubland are surrounded by areas of largely bare ground, with a sparse coverage of the low shrubs *Ptilotus schwartzii* subsp. *schwartzii, Eremophila lanceolata* and *Solanum lasiophyllum*. The herb and grass stratum is almost absent in these surrounding areas, with isolated plants of *Sclerolaena cornishiana* and the small annual grass *Enneapogon polyphyllus* occasionally recorded.

4. Miscellaneous Shrublands

A. Rocky crests of hills: *Acacia rhodophloia* shrubland over sparse mixed shrubs and isolated herbs, and grasses



This association is restricted to the rocky crests of small hills. Isolated low trees of Acacia pruinocarpa occur above a tall to mid-height shrubland of Acacia rhodophloia. A sparse shrub understorey of Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Tribulus suberosus and Santalum lanceolatum occurs above isolated clumps of Triodia basedowii, Eriachne mucronata, Paspalidium clementii, Perotis rara, *Cenchrus ciliaris and the small sedge Bulbostylis barbata. Isolated herbs such as Sida fibulifera, Gomphrena kanisii, G. cunninghamii, *Portulaca oleracea and Maireana planifolia are also present.

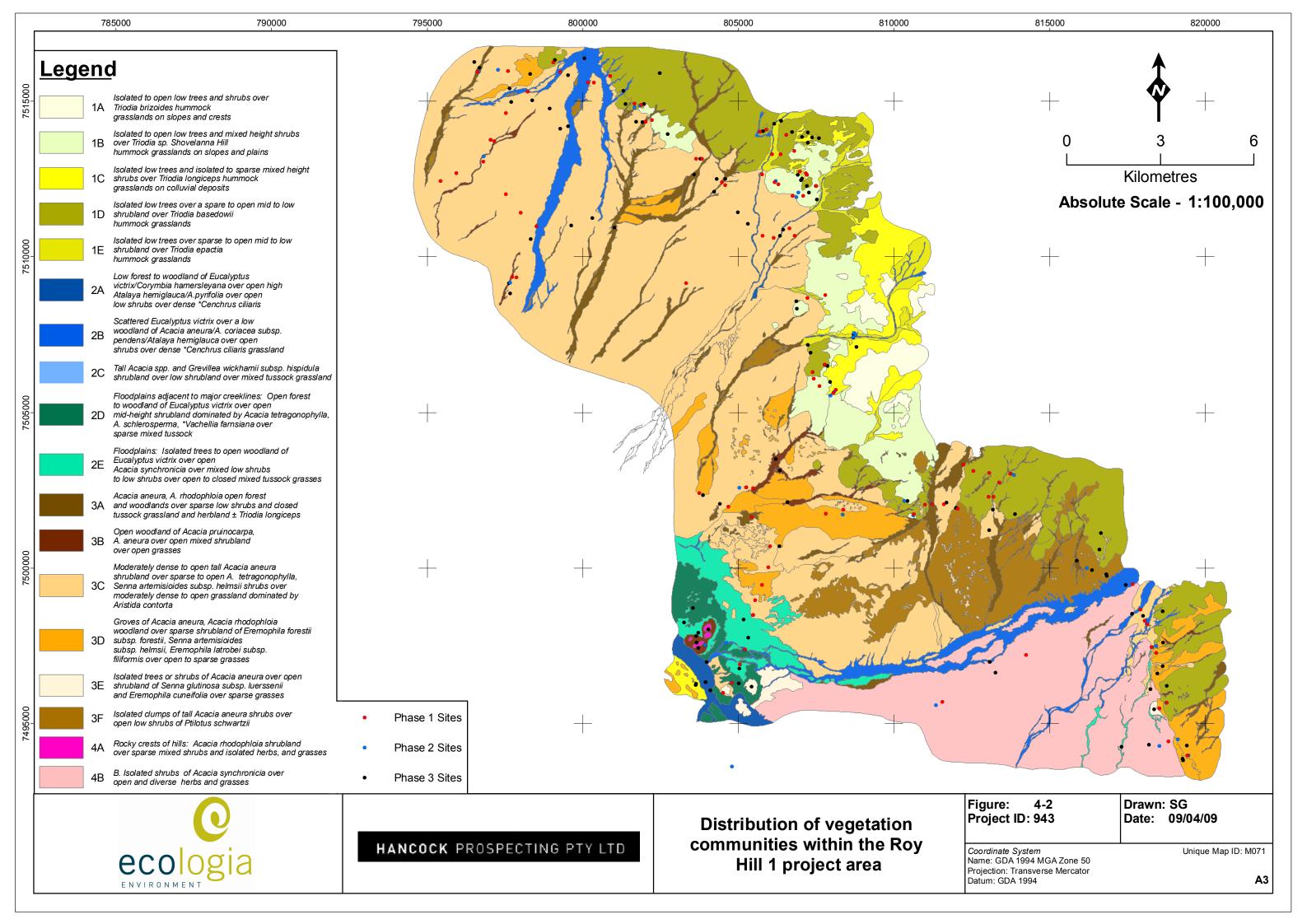






This association occurs as a large area south of Kulkinbah Creek at the southern boundary of the survey area. It is characterized by isolated to sparse shrub cover dominated by Acacia synchronicia over a diverse open cover of soft grasses and herbs. Isolated clumps of low shrubs, typically Eremophila lanceolata, Solanum lasiophyllum are scattered across a diverse array of perennial and annual herbs and soft grasses, with Aristida contorta, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila and Panicum decompositum all common. Herbs present include Neptunia dimorphantha, Boerhavia paludosa, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Goodenia muelleriana, *Portulaca oleracea, Sida fibulifera, *Malvastrum americanum, Sclerolaena bicornis, S. densiflora, Ptilotus aervoides, Gomphrena kanisii, Trianthema triquetra and *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis.







4.2 Flora of the Roy Hill Project Area

A total of 477 species from 53 families and 170 genera was recorded during the three phases of survey. Thirty additional specimens, predominantly from Phase 1, could not be identified beyond the level of genus due to a lack of reproductive material and have been excluded from the above figures.

The most commonly recorded families were Poaceae (83 taxa), Mimosaceae (41 taxa), Malvaceae (37 taxa), Amaranthaceae (28 taxa), Fabaceae (26 taxa), Chenopodiaceae (23 taxa) and Caesalpiniaceae (18 taxa).

The most commonly recorded genera were *Acacia* (39 species), *Ptilotus* (18 species), *Senna* (16 species), *Eremophila* (12 taxa), and *Abutilon, Eragrostis* and *Eriachne* (11 taxa respectively). Thirteen families and 86 genera were represented by a single taxon.

This pattern of dominant families and genera is typical of flora of the Eastern Pilbara. The relatively high number of grasses (Poaceae) reflects the large proportion of the survey area in which an understorey of soft grasses and herbs are present, rather than hummock grasses (*Triodia* spp.) steppes, in which a much smaller number of taxa from this family would be present.

A list of species recorded during all phases of the survey is included in Appendix C.

4.3 Sampling Adequacy

Species accumulation curves provide a theoretical basis for understanding the relationship between sampling effort and the accumulation of species, and hence, provide a means of estimating species richness and assessing survey adequacy. As sampling effort increases with a corresponding increase in survey area and time, the rate at which new species are recorded is reduced and the curve becomes asymptotic. At the point where there is a minimal number of additional species recorded with each additional sampling effort, the survey size is deemed sufficient.

Flora sampling adequacy was estimated using species accumulation curve analysis (Colwell, 2005) (Figure 4-3) and extrapolation of the curve to the asymptote using Michaelis-Menten modelling. Using this analysis, the incidence-based coverage estimator of species richness (ICE, Chao) was determined as 520, suggesting that with a total of 477 taxa recorded; approximately 92 % of the flora species potentially present within the study area were recorded during the survey.



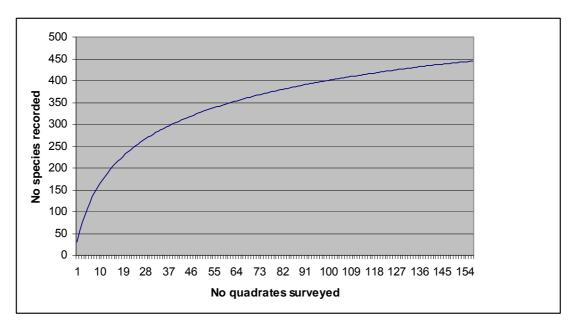


Figure 4-3 Average randomised species accumulation curve for flora surveyed within the Project area (Phases 2 & 3 sites only)

4.4 Flora of Conservation Significance

4.4.1 Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999 (Commonwealth of Australia)

At a National level, flora is protected under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection* and *Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act 1999). This lists species that are considered Critically Endangered, Endangered, Conservation Dependant, Extinct, or Extinct in the Wild (Appendix D).

No nationally listed species have been recorded within the Project area.

4.4.2 Wildlife Conservation Act, 1950 (Western Australia)

Declared Rare Flora (DRF) are protected under the Western Australian Wildlife Conservation (Rare Flora) Notice 2008(2) of the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*. The notice lists flora taxa that are extant and considered likely to become extinct or rare. These taxa are legally protected and removal or impact to their surroundings cannot be conducted without ministerial approval, obtained on each occasion for each population.

The DEC also maintains a list of flora taxa which are considered to be poorly known, uncommon, or under threat, but for which there is insufficient justification on the basis of known distribution and population sizes to be included on the DRF schedule. These are classified as Priority Flora. The Declared Rare Flora and the four ranks of Priority Flora are defined by specific criteria (Appendix G).

A search was undertaken of the Department of Conservation and Environment's (DEC) Threatened (Declared Rare) Flora database, the Western Australian Herbarium Specimen



database for priority species opportunistically collected in the area of interest and the DEC Declared Rare and Priority Flora List. The search area contained the Roy Hill 1 Project area and a radius of 50 km from the Project area.

The database search indicates that nine species listed as DEC Priority taxa and no species listed as Declared Rare Flora have been previously recorded in the vicinity of the Project area. These species, their distribution, preferred habitat and their likelihood of occurrence in the Project area are summarized in Table 4-1.

Table 4-1: DEC Priority Flora taxa previously recorded in the vicinity of the Roy Hill 1 Project area.

| Taxon | Cons. Status | Distribution (Nearest named location) | No. of records | Preferred Habitat | Potential to occur in Project area |
|---|-----------------|---|----------------|--|--|
| Acacia aphanoclada (Mimosaceae) | P1 | Nullagine | 6 | Skeletal stony soils on rocky hills, ridges & rises. | Possible on the north eastern perimeter which has not been searched due to access constraints |
| Eremophila pilosa (Myoporaceae) | P1 | Roy Hill, Jigalong Community | 2 | Shallow depression in sandplain with loamy soil; Hardpan plain over granite | Possible |
| Eremophila spongiocarpa (Myoporaceae) | P1 | Roy Hill | 2 | Weakly saline alluvial plain on margins of marsh. | Occurs immediately to the south west of Lease 46/592 but unlikely within the Roy Hill 1 leases |
| Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota ms (Myoporaceae) | P4 | Cape Range, Roy Hill, Mt. Vernon, Paraburdoo, Shovelanna Creek | 7 | Stony red sandy loam. Flats plains, floodplains, sometimes semi-saline, clay flats. | Recorded during the current survey |
| Goodenia nuda (Goodeniaceae) | P3 | Weeli Wolli, Roy Hill, Mount Stuart | 1 | Plain. Dry, red sand; Bare river sand in dry scoured river bed | Recorded during the current survey |
| Goodenia sp. East Pilbara (Goodeniaceae) | P1 | Noreena, Mulga Downs | 2 | Clay soil, calcrete pebbles on low undulating plains. | Possible |
| Helichrysum oligochaetum (Asteraceae) | P1 | Roy Hill, | 1 | Red clay on alluvial plains. | Possible |
| Myriocephalus scalpellus (Asteraceae) | P1 | Roy Hill | 1 | Depression on flood plain | Possible |
| Ptilotus mollis (Amaranthaceae) | P4 | Bamboo Springs | 1 | Stony hills and screes. | Possible |

4.4.3 Recorded Flora of Conservation Significance

Six flora species of conservation significance were recorded during the three phase survey (Figure 4-4). During the first phase, one species was recorded: *Rostellularia adscendens* var. *latifolia* (P3). During the second phase, additional populations of *Rostellularia adscendens* var. *latifolia*, were found, and three additional species; *Rhagodia* sp.



Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794) (P3), *Polymeria* sp. Hamersley (P3) and *Goodenia nuda* (P3) were recorded. During the third phase further populations of the above taxa were recorded, and two additional taxa, Acacia *glaucocaesia* (P3) and *Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota* (P4) were recorded. Data regarding the locations and abundance of these taxa within the survey area has been supplemented by more intensive grid searches within a subset of polygons within the lease.

These six Priority species are described below, and their locations are detailed in

Table 4-2: DEC Priority Flora taxa recorded in the Roy Hill 1 Project area

| Taxon | Priority Rank |
|---|------------------|
| Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794) | Р3 |
| Acacia glaucocaesia | Р3 |
| Goodenia nuda | Р3 |
| Polymeria sp. Hamersley | Р3 |
| Rostellularia adscendens var. latifolia | Р3 |
| Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota | P4 |

Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794) (Priority 3)

Rhagodia sp. Hamersley is a perennial shrub growing up to 60cm high with ovate leaves and a striate stem (Plate 4-1). It superficially resembles in form the widespread species Rhagodia eremaea and can be mistaken for this taxon if seasonal conditions are not conducive to the collection of reproductive material.

R. sp. Hamersley has previously been lodged with the Western Australian Herbarium from three locations as follows:

- i) Three records at Mining Area C;
- One record at East Angelas;
- iii) One record at Mount Hilditch.

A fourth location has recently been recorded at West Angelas Mine site.

The current location therefore represents an eastern extension to the known range of this taxon. However given it is a relatively new and as yet undescribed taxon, the current paucity of records may be a consequence of collections from earlier surveys within the region not being assigned to this taxon and hence not being lodged with the Herbarium, rather than a genuinely restricted distribution. The Priority status of this taxon has recently been revised from Priority 1 to Priority 3 given the recent expansion of population records.



Within the Project area, this taxon was recorded at four locations during Phase 2 and a further twenty locations during Phase 3. These point-based records have now been supplemented by grid-pattern traverses of areas of proposed infrastructure and exploration drilling, in which individual plants are counted. The known distribution within the Project area is detailed in Figure 4-4. At some locations within the survey area it is relatively abundant and it is anticipated that additional plants will be located as more intensive searching occurs.





Plate 4-1: Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794)

Acacia glaucocaesia (Mimosaceae) (Priority3)

Acacia glaucocaesia is a small erect tree to 4 m tall with grey, finely fissured bark on the main trunk and smooth, pruinose (whitish) upper branches and branchlets. The phyllodes are thin, more or less glaucous (blue-green) and pruinose, without a prominent midrib. No stipular spines are present. The inflorescences are predominantly racemose with some simple heads and light golden flowers.

This taxon has been recorded from more than twenty locations within the Pilbara, most of which are closer to the coast near Port Hedland, Roebourne, Whim Creek, Dampier and Karratha and one near Mardie Homestead between Onslow and Damper. A single population has been recorded further north near Anna Plains Homestead within the south Kimberley. However there are also three locations further inland; one approximately 100 km south east of Port Hedland, one between the Ashburton and DeGrey Rivers, and one at Woodie Woodie near the boundary of the Pilbara region with the Great Sandy Desert.

The current record in the Roy Hill 1 tenements therefore represents a minor south eastern extension of the known range of the taxon. To date only one location has been recorded near the eastern boundary of Lease E46/00334 within a sparse, predominantly low shrubland over sparse tussock grasses (Figure 4-4). As no broader searching has been conducted in the vicinity, it is possible the taxon is scattered at low density more widely.



Plate 4-2: Acacia glaucocaesia (photo courtesy of FloraBase 2008)

Goodenia nuda (Goodeniaceae) (Priority 3)

Goodenia nuda is an annual erect to ascending herb to 0.5 m in height. Flowers are yellow, occurring between April and August (Plate 4-3). *G. nuda* is found in a variety of habitats such as dry scoured river beds, spinifex grassland or Mulga scrub (FloraBase, 2008).

Records of *Goodenia nuda* have been lodged with the Western Australian Herbarium from fifteen other locations as follows:

- i) Two records within the Cloudbreak Mining Tenement
- ii) Four records along the FMG Stage A Rail Corridor;
- iii) One record on the Canning Stock Route;
- iv) One record at Yandi Iron Ore Mine
- v) One record in Marillana Creek, south of the Yandi Iron Ore Mine
- vi) One record at Marillana Creek, 90 km N/W of Newman;
- vii) One record at Mardie Station;
- viii) One record near Lake Auld
- ix) One record 96 miles from Onslow on Mount Stuart Road;
- x) One record near Roy Hill, on Wittenoom Road;
- xi) One record at Weeli Wolli Creek.

This taxon has also been recently recorded within the West Angelas Mining Lease, approximately 100 km north of Newman.

The current collections at Roy Hill lie within the previously known range. *G. nuda* was recorded at four and six locations during Phases 2 and 3 respectively, with three additional collections subsequently made during ground searches of areas of proposed infrastructure and exploration drilling (Figure 4-4). To date this taxon appears to be present in relatively low numbers at these locations.



Plate 4-3: Goodenia nuda (photo courtesy of FloraBase 2008)

Polymeria sp. Hamersley (Convolvulaceae) (Priority3)

Polymeria sp. Hamersley is a rhizomatous perennial with erect annual stems and silvery/hairy leaves, growing to approximately 15 cm in height (Plate 4-4)

Three previous collections of *Polymeria* sp. Hamersley have been lodged at the Western Australian Herbarium, as follows;

- i) Two collections near Balbina Bore, Hamersley Station;
- ii) One collection from Hamersley (more precise locality details not available).

This taxon has also been collected very recently in the exploration lease immediately south of the current survey area.

Given the limited number of collections to date, the current records at Roy Hill represent an eastern extension to the recorded range of this taxon. However given it is a relatively new and as yet undescribed taxon, the current paucity of records may be a consequence of collections from earlier surveys within the region not being assigned to this taxon and hence not being lodged with the Herbarium, rather than a genuinely restricted distribution.

One small population of *Polymeria* sp. Hamersley was recorded during Phase 2 and a further three locations were recorded during Phase 3 (Figure 4-4). This taxon appears to be present at low cover at each of the locations at which it was recorded.



Plate 4-4: Polymeria sp. Hamersley (M.E. Trudgen 11353)

Rostellularia adscendens var. latifolia (Acanthaceae) (P3)

Rostellularia adscendens var. latifolia (Acanthaceae) is a low herb between 0.1 and 0.3 m in height, with blue to purple flowers usually between April and May (Plate 4-5). It most commonly occurs on ironstone soils near creeks and rocky hills (FloraBase, 2008).

Ten previous collections of *R. adscendens* var. *latifolia* have been lodged at the Western Australian Herbarium, as follows;

- three collections within Karijini National Park, approximately 100 km to the west of Roy Hill;
- ii. three collections near Wittenoom, approximately 70 km to the north-north west of Roy Hill;
- iii. one collection in the Hamersley Range National Park on a ridge S/W of Juna Downs;
- iv. one collection alongside the Tom Price to Paraburdoo rail line;
- v. one collection on Warrawagine Station;
- vi. one collection on the Flumen Oakover, Oakover River, approximately 200 km to the north east of Roy Hill;

This taxon has also been recently collected from Hope Downs Mine Site and West Angelas Mine site.

The current collection at Roy Hill lies well within the previously distribution range of the taxon.

Only one small population of *R. adscendens* var. *latifolia* was recorded during Phase 1, however a further thirteen and fifteen locations were recorded during Phases 2 and 3 respectively. The significant expansion of collections during the second and third phase is due to the dry conditions which prevailed during Phase 1. At some locations this taxon was observed to be moderately abundant (Figure 4-4).







Plate 4-5: Rostellularia adscendens var. latifolia (lower photograph courtesy of FloraBase 2008)

Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota (Myoporaceae) (Priority4)

Eremophila youngii subsp. *lepidota* is a dense, spreading shrub growing from 0.2 to 3 m high that produces purple to red- pink flowers from January to March and June to September (Plate 4-6). It occurs on stony, red sandy loam soils and is found on flats, plains, floodplains and sometimes semi-saline clay flats.

The taxon is relatively broadly distributed and collections have been lodged at the Herbarium from 17 other locations within the Pilbara, Carnarvon, Gascoyne and western boundary of the Little Sandy Desert IBRA regions. It has also been recently collected from locations immediately to the south of the Roy Hill 1 Project area and near Shovelanna Creek. The current project location lies near the eastern boundary of this distribution.

Within the Roy Hill 1 leases, it has been recorded from a number of locations in close proximity to each other in the south eastern boundary of the survey area (Figure 4-4) at cover rankings ranging from less than 2% to 10-30%.

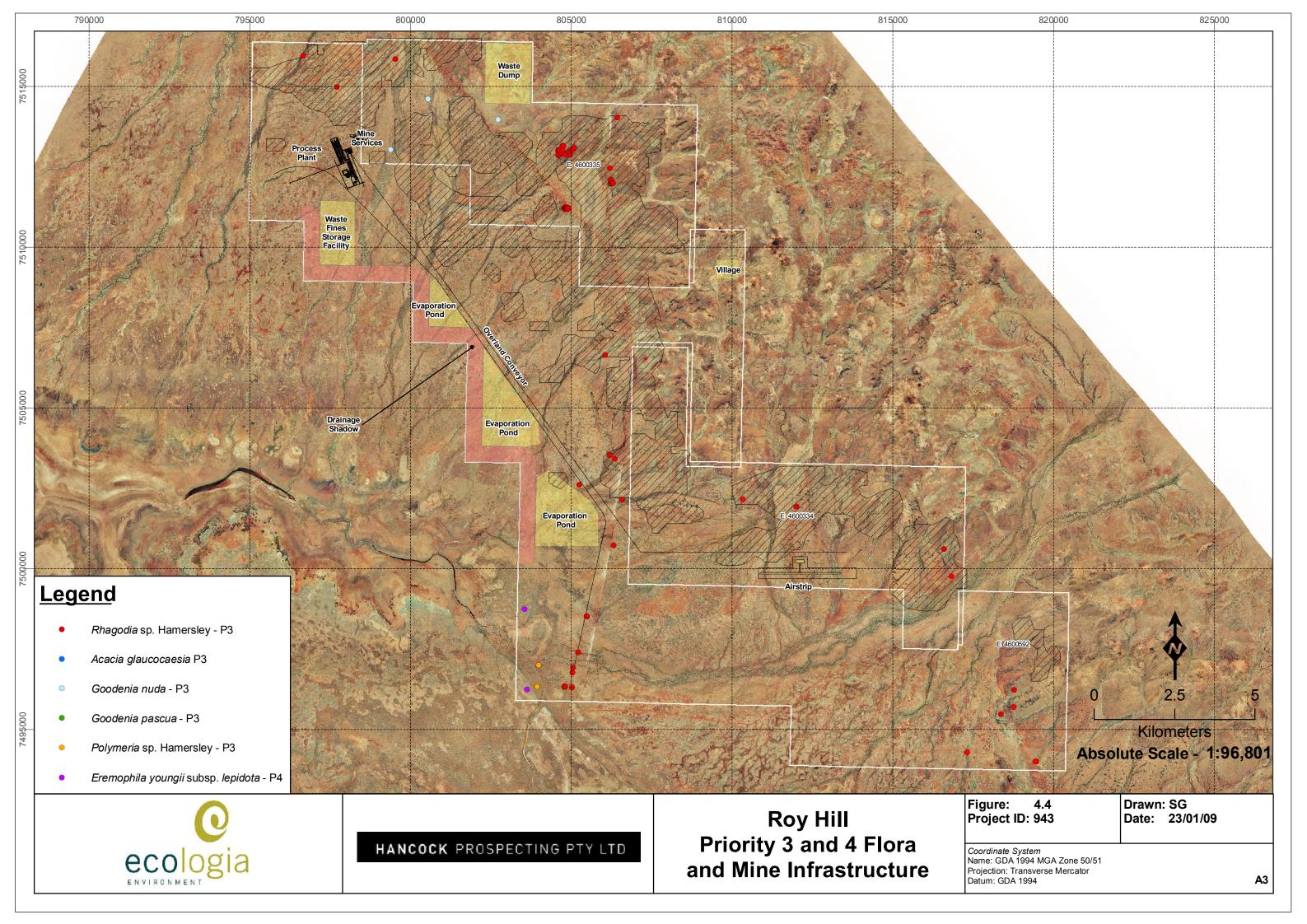






Plate 4-6: Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota (lower photo courtesy of FloraBase 2008)







4.5 Introduced Flora

A total of nineteen naturalised alien taxa (weeds) were recorded during the Roy Hill 1 Project area vegetation and flora assessment. The locations of these weeds are detailed in Appendix D and Figure 4-5.

4.5.1 Declared Weeds

Weeds that are, or that have the potential to become pests to agriculture may be formally declared under the *Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act, 1976*. Declared plants under this Act are listed within standard control codes that outline the requirements for control. Five Priority groupings exist (P1, P2, P3, P4 and P5), and more than one of these codes may be placed on a weed species. Depending upon the Priority accorded to the species in the particular district, landholders having declared pests on their property may be obliged to control them at their own expense, and are encouraged to follow the standard control codes. Details of these codes are included in Appendix G.

A search was conducted of the Declared Plants List under the ARRP Act, 1976 by the Department of Agriculture for any declared weed species that could potentially be found in the Roy Hill 1 Project area. One weed with declared weed status in some areas of the state was found during the surveys;

*Parkinsonia aculeata (CAESALPINIACEAE) P1, P2

As a P1 species the movement of plants or their seeds is prohibited within the State, including a prohibition of movement of contaminated machinery and produce including livestock and fodder, As a P2 taxon all plants must be treated to destroy and prevent propagation each year until no plants remain.

*Parkinsonia aculeata (Parkinsonia, Jerusalem Thorn) is a large, spiny shrub or small tree, growing to 8 metres in height with drooping, slender branches. Flowers are yellow, occurring between March and December. It was originally introduced for shade and ornamental purposes, from warm temperate and tropical areas of America. It has become a serious weed, especially along rivers, in pastoral areas of the Pilbara and Kimberley (FloraBase, 2008) (Hussey et. al., 2007) and has declared weed status in the East Pilbara.

*Parkinsonia aculeata was recorded at two sites during Phase 2 of the Roy Hill 1 survey, one of which was a river bank and the other a floodplain (Figure 4-5). Both populations had more than 10 individuals. During Phase 3 of the Roy Hill 1 survey *P. aculeata was found at five sites. Two of these sites were creek banks and the other three were floodplains. At all of the sites *P. aculeate was recorded at a density cover of less than 2%.

This has been categorised as one of the 20 weeds of National significance, by the National Weed Strategy (1999).

4.5.2 Weeds of National Significance

The National Weeds Strategy (1999) defines a weed as "a plant which has, or has the potential to have, a detrimental effect on economic, social, or conservation values".



Weeds that have proliferated in bushland without direct human intervention are also referred to as naturalised alien species.

One weed of national significance, *Parkinsonia aculeate* was recorded within the Roy Hill project area as described above.

4.5.3 Environmental Weeds

In addition to the 3 declared weed species described above, 18 environmental weeds were recorded within the Roy Hill 1 Project area, two of which have declared status in some part of the state other than the East Pilbara. These weed species are described briefly below.

*Heliotropium europaeum (BORAGINACEAE)

Heliotropium europaeum (Common heliotrope) is an annual herb with declared weed status of P1, P3 or P4 in some portions of the south west, growing from 0.1 – 0.3 m in height. The small flowers that occur between January and December are white with a yellow throat. It is native to southern and central Europe, Western Asia and North Africa. It is abundant in paddocks, firebreaks, roadsides and other disturbed areas (FloraBase, 2008) (Hussey *et. al.*, 2007).

Heliotropium europaeum was recorded at three sites during Phase 2 of the Roy Hill 1 survey. All three populations had more than 10 plants. It was found twice in a flat / plain site and once on a river channel site (Figure 4-5). Heliotropium europaeum was not found during the other Phases of the survey.

*Argemone ochroleuca subsp. ochroleuca (PAPAVERACEAE)

*Argemone ochroleuca subsp. ochroleuca (Mexican Poppy) is a declared weed under the Agriculture and Related Resources Protection Act in Western Australia. *Argemone ochroleuca is categorised as Priority One (or higher) for the entire state with the exception of several municipal districts including the East Pilbara. Hence for the purpose of this survey, *A. ochroleuca is not a declared weed. *Argemone ochroleuca is widely distributed in the pastoral areas, mainly along river systems, moist flats and sand dunes in Western Australia. It is also present in some agricultural areas, but does not compete well with crops or well managed pastures (FloraBase, 2008) (Hussey et. al., 2007).

*Argemone ochroleuca subsp. ochroleuca was recorded opportunistically during Phase 1; four individual plants were noted adjacent to an access track within the Project area (Figure 4-5). During Phase 2 *A. ochroleuca was recorded at one river bank site with a population size less than 10 plants.

*Trianthema portulacastrum (AIZOACEAE)

*Trianthema portulacastrum (giant pigweed) is a prostrate, somewhat succulent herb native to tropical Africa and Asia with ovate green leaves and small white flowers hidden



amongst the leaves. (Hussey et. al., 2007). It favours disturbed land and is occurs within the Pilbara and Kimberley, where it can be a serious weed in irrigated crops.

Within the survey area it was recorded in low numbers; two locations in Phase Three (Figure 4-5).

*Aerva javanica (AMARANTHACEAE)

*Aerva javanica (Kapok Bush) is a perennial herb native to northern Africa and south-west Asia, which grows to 1.6 m in height and is covered in dense, branched hairs. *Aerva javanica was introduced to Australia to assist with the revegetation of degraded rangelands. It is now widespread in many types of vegetation from Carnarvon to the Kimberley (FloraBase, 2008) (Hussey et. al., 2007).

*Aerva javanica is widely distributed within the survey area, primarily in Mulga woodlands, and was recorded from thirteen quadrates (Figure 4-5). It was also observed opportunistically along the Nullagine road and numerous other tracks within the tenements. Populations are predominantly small (fewer than 10 plants) but the species was prolific at one location surveyed during Phase 3.

*Bidens bipinnata (ASTERACEAE)

*Bidens bipinnata (Beggars Tick) is an erect annual herb with forrestii leaves, four-angled stems, heads in terminal panicles and narrow black fruits with barbed awns at one end. *Bidens bipinnata is broadly distributed in the Pilbara and favours shaded habitats such as Mulga groves and drainage systems. It is readily spread by means of the awned seed, which attaches to clothes and fur. Cattle are probably a major source of seed dispersion.

*Bidens bipinnata is broadly distributed throughout the survey area, recorded from 60 quadrates and multiple opportunistic records, with the greatest densities of plants recorded in Mulga woodlands and along drainage channels where it is often prolific (Figure 4-5).

*Sonchus oleraceus (ASTERACEAE)

*Sonchus oleraceus (Sowthistle) is an erect annual herb or short-lived perennial, growing to 1.5 meters in height native to Eurasia and North Africa. It is widespread throughout the state. The leaves are generally flaccid and are weakly prickly or have no prickles at all. Flowers are yellow, occurring from January to December.

*Sonchus oleraceus was found at one creek bed location during Phase 2 of Roy Hill 1 survey. Fewer than 10 plants were observed.

*Citrullus colocynthis (CUCURBITACEAE)

*Citrullus colocynthis is a trailing perennial herb native to northern Africa and western Asia, with sticky and hairy stems and leaves and fleshy fruits with green with yellow markings. *Citrullus colocynthis is found in wetlands and creeks in the Pilbara and Kimberley regions (FloraBase, 2008) (Hussey et. al., 2007).



*Citrullus colocynthis was recorded at eleven locations during at low abundance (Figure 4-5). Fewer than 10 plants were observed at each location.

*Citrullus lanatus (CUCURBITACEAE)

*Citrullus lanatus (Afghan Melon, Pie Melon, Wild Melon), a wild relative of the water melon, is a summer growing annual, native to tropical and southern Africa and now widely distributed throughout the state. The prostrate, bristly stems radiate from a fleshy tap root and bear large, deeply lobed leaves up to 20cm long as well as branched tendrils. The separate male and female flowers, produced in summer and autumn (and winter in the Kimberley), are bright yellow and 3-4cm across. The mature spherical fruit is up to 15cm across, hairy, with mottled green stripes at first, but becoming yellow and hairless with age (FloraBase, 2008) (Hussey et. al., 2007).

*Citrullus lanatus was recorded in low numbers at only one location during Phase 3 of the Roy Hill 1 survey (Figure 4-5).

*Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis (CUCURBITACEAE)

*Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis (Ulcardo Melon) is a trailing annual, herb or climber. Flowers are yellow, occurring from February –June and September–October (FloraBase, 2008).

*Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis was recorded at 48 locations, usually at low abundance, predominantly within or adjacent to minor channel or river habitats with some records occurring on plains (Figure 4-5).

*Malvastrum americanum (MALVACEAE)

*Malvastrum americanum (Spiked Malvastrum) is an erect, hairy, perennial herb or shrub between 0.5 and 1.3 m in height. Native to America, *M. americanum is a weed of river and creek margins, wastelands, and many arid zone habitats from the Nullarbor to the Pilbara and Kimberley. *Malvastrum americanum is inedible to herbivores (Hussey et. al., 2007) and hence has a competitive advantage and becomes particularly abundant under grazing pressure.

*Malvastrum americanum is widespread in the survey and was recorded at a total of 68 locations; seven in Phase 1, 20 in Phase 2 and 41 in Phase 3. The records were predominantly within or adjacent to drainage channels (Figure 4-5). Abundance ranges from sparse to dominant within the ground cover.

*Vachellia farnesiana (MIMOSACEAE)

*Vachellia farnesiana is a South American species widely introduced in the tropics which was introduced to Australia prior to European settlement. The young seed pods were roasted and eaten by the Aboriginal tribes. It is a dense, sprawling, spiny shrub to 4m with forrestii leaves and paired spines at each node and can be mistaken for the declared weed mesquite (*Prosopis* sp). It is distinguished from mesquite by noting the sweetly-scented yellow flowers are grouped into globular flower heads arising from the leaf axils,



and the pods are black and sausage shaped, tending to be retained on the plant. It is a widespread weed of roadsides, creeks, rivers and disturbed flood plains, from the Kimberley to Carnarvon and occasionally south to Muchea (Hussey et. al., 2007). The spiny branches discourage cattle and it tends to increase relative to other species under grazing pressure.

Within the survey area *V. farnesiana was recorded at 41 locations; 15 in Phase1 eight in Phase 2 and 18 in Phase 3. This species was generally found in association with drainage channels and their adjacent floodplains, often dominant within the tall shrub stratum.

*Cenchrus ciliaris (POACEAE)

*Cenchrus ciliaris (Buffel Grass) is a tufted, perennial grass growing to 1 m in height and native to Africa and India. *Cenchrus ciliaris was widely planted in pastoral regions as a pasture grass, and has since become a widespread weed of roadsides, creek lines, river edges and most vegetation types from Shark Bay to the Pilbara. (Hussey et. al., 2007). It continues to spread throughout the state both naturally and through deliberate establishment.

*Cenchrus ciliaris is a very widespread weed within the Roy Hill study area and was recorded at 35, 22 and 49 locations during Phase 1, 2 and 3 respectively, totalling 106 sites which is 40% of all the sites. It was located in a variety of habitats but is particularly common in minor and major drainage lines and the adjacent flood plains. Estimates of abundance range from less than 2 % to between more than 70% cover; of the 106 sites with *C. ciliaris present, 19% of these have moderately dense to dense coverage. It is a major environmental weed of the drainage systems, outcompeting native grasses and herbs.

*Chloris virgata (POACEAE)

*Chloris virgata (Windmill Grass) is a tufted perennial grass to 0.5 m in height native to tropical Africa. The inflorescence is shorter, softer and less widely branched than other Chloris species. *Chloris virgata is scattered on roadsides and other disturbed sites throughout southern Western Australia, the Goldfields, Pilbara and Kimberley

*Chloris virgata is represented by one opportunistic collection during Phase 1 of the Roy Hill 1 survey. This was noted as low abundance (Figure 4-5).

*Echinochloa colona (POACEAE)

*Echinochloa colona (Awnless barnyard grass) is a grass-like annual ranging from 20-90cm in height. Flowers are green or purple occurring from February to July. Native to Africa and Asia, *E. colona is a widespread weed of creeks, swamps and irrigated crops in the Kimberley and Pilbara (FloraBase, 2008) (Hussey et. al., 2007).

*Echinochloa colona were recorded at broadly varying abundances in eight locations during the Roy Hill 1 surveys; once during Phase 2 and seven times in Phase 3 (Figure 4-5).



*Eragrostis cilianensis (POACEAE)

*Eragrostis cilianensis (Stinkgrass), native to North Africa and the Mediterranean, is a tufted annual grass growing from 0.1 to 0.9 metres in height and often odorous when wet. The inflorescence is green or purple growing to 30cm long and flowering from November to January and April to May. It is a widespread weed of road verges and disturbed ground from Geraldton to Esperance and around Kununurra (Hussey et. al., 2007).

*Eragrostis cilianensis was recorded at two small populations, both with cover estimated at less than 2%, and both during Phase 2 of the Roy Hill 1 survey (Figure 4-5).

*Setaria verticillata (POACEAE)

*Setaria verticillata (Whorled pigeon grass) is a loosely-tufted annual ranging from 0.1 – 1.3 metres in height native to temperate and tropical regions of the northern hemisphere. The inflorescence is a dense, spike-like, erect or nodding, cylindrical panicle, 2-30cm long, flowering between December and June. *Setaria verticillata is a common and widespread weed of disturbed land, riverine edges and shrublands from the Kimberley and Pilbara south to Three Springs, with one record from Albany (Hussey et. al., 2007).

*Setaria verticillata was recorded at ten locations in the survey area on plains and riparian habitat, at abundance estimates ranging from less than 2% to 10% cover (Figure 4-5).

*Portulaca oleracea (PORTULACACEAE)

*Portulaca oleracea (Purslane) is a succulent, prostrate to decumbent annual, herb, to 0.2 m high. Under water stress the whole plant becomes reddish. The shiny leaves are spoonshaped and have yellow sessile flowers in their axils. It is widespread throughout the state (Hussey et. al., 2007).

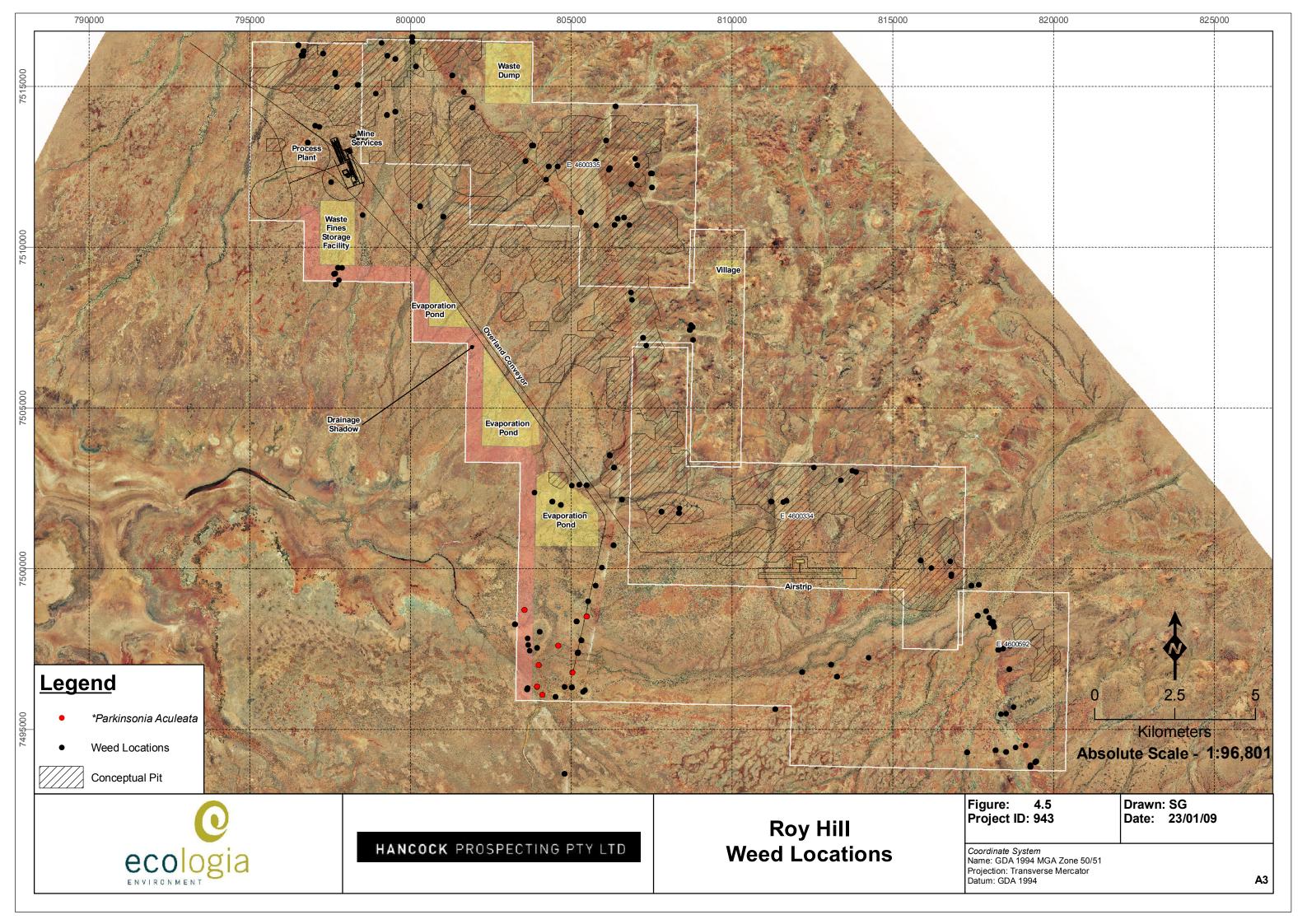
*Portulaca oleracea was recorded at 38 locations within the survey area, generally at low levels of abundance (Figure 4-5).

*Cymbalaria muralis (SCROPHULARIACEAE)

*Cymbalaria muralis (Ivy-Leafed Toadflax) originates from the Mediterranean and is commonly a weed of southern Western Australia. Commonly *C. muralis is found in calcareous and rocky ground, which is true for the ground of *C. muralis noted during this survey. *Cymbalaria muralis has a creeping/trailing habit. The leaves of *C. muralis are soft with five lobes. *Cymbalaria muralis is an annual and flowers in spring. The flowers are lilac with a yellow patch on the lower lip (Hussey et. al., 2007).

*Cymbalaria muralis was recorded twice during Phase 1 of the Roy Hill 1 survey at low abundance (Figure 4-5).







5.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Potential impacts arising from the development of the Roy Hill 1 Project are:

5.1.1 Clearing of Vegetation

Clearing of significant areas of vegetation is an unavoidable impact of the development of an open cut mine and associated infrastructure. The localised impact from vegetation clearing within the Project area is presented within Table 5-1 below.

Table 5-1 Percent impact to Roy Hill 1 Project area vegetation sub-associations

| Vegetation sub-association code | Area (ha) within project area | % of total project area | Area within proposed impact footprint (ha) | % of total area of unit within project area which will be impacted |
|---|--|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Isolated to open low trees and shrubs over <i>Triodia</i> brizoides hummock grasslands on slopes and crests | 506.0 | 1.6 | 16.2 | 3.2 |
| Isolated to open low trees and mixed shrubs over <i>Triodia</i> sp. Shovelanna Hill hummock grasslands on slopes and plains. | 1,596.3 | 5.1 | 505.3 | 31.7 |
| Isolated low trees and isolated to sparse mixed shrubs over <i>Triodia longiceps</i> hummock grasslands on colluvial deposits | 866.7 | 2.8 | 41.6 | 4.8 |
| Isolated low trees over sparse to open mid to low shrubland over <i>Triodia basedowii</i> hummock grasslands. | 3,830.4 | 12.3 | 1,303.3 | 34.0 |
| Isolated low trees over sparse to open mid to low shrubland over <i>Triodia epactia</i> hummock grasslands | 435.1 | 1.4 | 79.0 | 18.2 |
| Open low forest to woodland of Eucalyptus camaldulensis and/or E. victrix/Corymbia hamersleyana over open high Atalaya hemiglauca/Acacia pyrifolia over open low shrubs over dense *Cenchrus ciliaris. | 256.0 | 0.8 | 38.9 | 15.2 |
| Scattered Eucalyptus victrix over a low woodland of Acacia aneura/A. coriacea subsp. pendens/Atalaya hemiglauca over open shrubs over dense *Cenchrus ciliaris grassland. | 1,217.4 | 3.9 | 305.1 | 25.1 |
| Tall Acacia spp. and Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula shrubland over low shrubland over mixed tussock grassland | 4.5 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 56.4 |
| Floodplains adjacent to major creek lines: open forest to woodland of <i>Eucalyptus victrix</i> over open mid-height shrubland dominated by <i>Acacia tetragonophylla</i> , <i>A. sclerosperma</i> , *Vachellia farnesiana over sparse mixed tussock grasses and herbs. | 421.0 | 1.3 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| Floodplains: isolated trees to open woodland of Eucalyptus victrix over open Acacia synchronicia over mixed low shrubs over open to closed mixed tussock grasses | 692.6 | 2.2 | 41.3 | 6.0 |
| Acacia aneura, A. rhodophloia open forest and woodland over sparse low shrubs and closed tussock grassland and herbland ± Triodia longiceps. | 1,243.8 | 4.0 | 530.0 | 42.6 |
| Open woodland of <i>Acacia pruinocarpa, A. aneura</i> over open mixed shrubland over open grasses. | 231.1 | 0.7 | 91.3 | 39.5 |
| Moderately dense to open tall Acacia aneura shrubland over sparse to open A. tetragonophylla, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii shrubs over moderately dense to open grassland dominated by Aristida contorta. | 12,492.7 | 40.0 | 5,561.5 | 44.5 |

| Vegetation sub-association code | Area (ha) within project area | % of total project area | Area within proposed impact footprint (ha) | % of total area of unit within project area which will be impacted |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Groves of Acacia aneura, A. rhodophloia woodland over sparse shrubland of Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis over open to sparse grasses. | 1,690.2 | 5.4 | 600.8 | 35.5 |
| Isolated trees or shrubs of <i>Acacia aneura</i> over open shrubland of <i>Senna glutinosa</i> subsp. <i>luerssenii</i> and <i>Eremophila cuneifolia</i> over sparse grasses. | 147.3 | 0.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Isolated clumps of tall <i>Acacia aneura</i> shrubs over open low shrubs of <i>Ptilotus schwartzii</i> | 1,873.9 | 6.0 | 539.2 | 28.8 |
| Rocky crests of hills: <i>Acacia rhodophloia</i> shrubland over sparse mixed shrubs and isolated herbs, and grasses | 12.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Isolated shrubs of <i>Acacia synchronicia</i> over open and diverse herbs and grasses. | 3,730.9 | 11.9 | 5.5 | 0.1 |
| Total | 31,248 | 100 | 9,662 | 31.4 |



Moderate impact, defined as ≥25% loss of a vegetation unit which represent less than 10% of the total project area



High impact: defined as ≥25% loss of a vegetation unit which represents less than 1% of the total project area

Due to the scale of the proposed development within the project area there is a moderate to high degree impact to some vegetation sub-associations as a result of clearing. It can be seen from the above table that there are five units which are moderately restricted locally (i.e. comprise less than 10% of the total project area) and will have 25% or more of their total area within the Roy Hill 1 leases cleared, whilst two units,

- Open woodland of *Acacia pruinocarpa, A. aneura* over open mixed shrubland over open grasses, and Tall *Acacia* spp. and
- Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula shrubland over low shrubland over mixed tussock grassland which is highly restricted (i.e. comprises less than 1% of the total project area)

will have approximately 48% and 56% respectively of their total occurrence within the project area cleared, due to distributions predominantly within the pit footprint.

However all of the sub-associations mapped are expected to be distributed locally beyond the boundaries of the project area, although mapping of their broader distribution is beyond the scope of this survey. In particular, the five units identified above as moderately impacted and the two units identified as highly impacted are known to occur both locally and more broadly within the Eastern Pilbara.



The most restricted sub-association within the project area,

 Acacia rhodophloia shrubland over sparse mixed shrubs and isolated herbs, and grasses on rocky crests of hills;

is probably also the most restricted sub-association in the broader locality, due to its specificity to a particular landform which is locally uncommon. However this community type occurs outside the footprint of clearance or drainage shadow and therefore should not be impacted by the proposed development.

Thus, due to the broader local representation of the mapped vegetation units the impact of vegetation clearing, whilst high within the project area, is minor at a local scale

In a regional context mapping of the vegetation is available only at a much broader scale (1,000,000 Beard, 1974). The land systems mapping (Van Vreeswyk *et al.*, 2004), with associated vegetation notes provides the most current assessment of vegetation regionally. The project represents a minimal impact to the land systems that it encompasses (Table 5-2), with only one unit, Turee, impacted by greater than 0.5% of its extent.

Table 5-2: Percent impact to land system units within the Roy Hill 1 Project area

| Land System Unit | Total regional representation (ha) | Area within proposed impact footprint (ha) | % total area within region impacted |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Adrian | 24,509 | 42 | 0.17 |
| Boolgeeda | 999,609 | 112 | 0.01 |
| Coolibah | 101,035 | 194 | 0.19 |
| Jamindie | 1,188,272 | 5,611 | 0.47 |
| McKay | 427,471 | 54 | 0.01 |
| Newman | 1,999,771 | 1,641 | 0.13 |
| River | 591,433 | 68 | 0.01 |
| Turee | 92,741 | 2,444 | 2.63 |
| Warri | 220,304 | 29 | 0.01 |
| Total | 5,645,145 | 10,195 | 3.65 |

Note: The total area of impact is slightly larger than Table 5-1 due to a slight difference in area of the mapping units. However the impact footprint is constant in both tables.

The Turee land system comprises stony alluvial plains with gilgaied and non-gilgaied surfaces. This system is favoured by cattle and is prone to degradation if overgrazed. Only 1% of the remaining areas regionally are classified as being in very good condition. The proposed impact to the Turee land system of 2.63% of the total occurrence is relatively minor, particularly given that the area of impact has been subjected to intensive and prolonged grazing. Most of the area classified as this land system unit occurring within the project area would be classified as either poor or moderate condition.

Thus at a regional level the proposed vegetation clearance is considered to be of minor significance in the context of loss of vegetation biodiversity or habitat.



The impact of the proposed vegetation clearing to Priority flora is tabulated in Table 5-3 below.

Table 5-3: Percent impact to Priority Taxa within the Roy Hill 1 Project area based on WA Herbarium records

| Species | Priority | Number of locations at Roy Hill | Number of locations impacted | % Locations impacted at Roy Hill | Number of other locations regionally |
|--|----------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rhagodia sp. Hamersley | P3 | 29 | 22 | 76 | 4 |
| Acacia glaucocaesia | Р3 | 1 | 1 | 100 | >20 |
| Goodenia nuda | Р3 | 12 | 5 | 42 | 15 |
| Polymeria sp. Hamersley | Р3 | 5 | 0 | 0.0 | 4 |
| Rostellularia adscendens var. latifolia | P3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota | P4 | 7 | 2 | 29 | 21 |
| Total | | 55 | 30 | | |

Again, due to the extent of clearing within the project area there is a moderate to high degree of impact locally to three of the six recorded priority flora; *Rhagodia* sp. Hamersley, *Acacia glaucocaesia* and *Goodenia nuda*. It can be seen that the impacts regionally to *Acacia glaucocaesia* and *Goodenia nuda* are relatively minor given the large number of populations recorded elsewhere. The impact to *Rhagodia* sp. Hamersley is more significant, given that more than half of the recorded locations for this taxon at Roy Hill will be cleared and that this location represents 20% of the total number of locations currently known. However it is noteworthy that this is a relatively new and as yet undescribed taxon which has probably been identified as other *Rhagodia* species, particularly when sterile, in many previous surveys. Consequently the number of locations currently known is likely to significantly underestimate the total distribution and abundance of the taxon.

5.1.2 Damage to Vegetation Due to Dust

Excessive dust can clog the stomata of plants and lead to localised deaths. This is particularly prevalent at track edges. Correct dust suppression techniques can minimise this impact

5.1.3 Leakage of Saline Water Used Industrially

As some of the ground water in the Roy Hill 1 Project area is saline, its use or discharge must be tightly managed to ensure damage to vegetation does not occur. The need for dust suppression must be counterbalanced with the risk of saline scalds if non-saline water is not available in industrial quantities.



5.1.4 Bushfires

Fires are a frequent occurrence in hummock grasslands in the arid zones of Australia. Prior to European occupation, fires occurred as a result of intentional burning by Aboriginals of the area to encourage the growth of fresh growth for game. Due to the early demise of the local Aboriginal groups' traditional life style in the area, this regime of burning is likely to have rapidly diminished from the 1920's. Ground truthing and examination of the aerial photography of the Project area reveals that the area has been affected by extensive fires, some of which are within the last five years. An extensive area at the eastern and northeastern boundaries of leases E46/00335 and E46/00592 respectively has been very recently burnt, probably between November 2007 and January 2008. The source of these fires is unknown, but is likely to be lightning strikes, unintentional fires caused by human activity, or a combination of these factors.

Although the native flora is adapted and in many instances dependent upon fire for activation of seed germination, too frequent or too hot bushfires can result in detrimental changes to the composition and diversity of the vegetation., causing local extinctions of vulnerable species.

The risk of fire directly as a result of mining activity can be minimised by implementing fire protocols such as appropriate isolation of flammable compounds such as hydrocarbons and explosives, localised clearing around working plant, and enforcement of appropriate smoking practices (e.g. no discarding of cigarette buts). Additional tracks in the area as a result of mining may act as a fire break and so may serve to reduce the extent of fires once started.

5.1.5 Introduction of Weed Species

At present the Roy Hill pastoral lease has high levels of weed invasion, with 19 taxa recorded, some of which are broadly distributed and locally very abundant. Increased vehicular traffic, combined with increased ground disturbance and disposal of water from drilling and domestic operations, provide an opportunity for additional species to become established unless weed hygiene procedures are established.

5.1.6 Introduction of Feral Animals

Feral animals such as rabbits, cats, foxes, dogs, goats, camels, horses and donkeys are already established in the region, and policies prohibiting the introduction of domestic animals to mining leases are mandatory. However the unintentional introduction of additional species, such as alien insects in food or on personnel remains a remote possibility, particularly where personnel are on a fly in/fly out basis and hence arriving from remote locations where these species are already present.



5.2 Risk Assessment of Potential Impacts

A risk assessment was undertaken to determine potential impacts arising from the development on the flora and vegetation and the residual impacts following the implementation of management strategies identified in this document. The risk level is defined as a multiple of the numeric rankings attributed to the likelihood and consequences (criteria for rankings are detailed in The significance of the risks is classified as either "High" (site/issue specific management programmes required, advice/approval from regulators required), "Medium" (specific management and procedures must be specified) or "Low" (managed by routine procedures). The results of this assessment are detailed in Table 5-4.



 Table 5-4:
 Risk assessment of potential impacts of proposed development to the Roy Hill 1 flora and vegetation

| | | | | Inhe | rent R | isk | | | Resi | dual R | isk |
|--|---|--|--------------|----------|--------|-------------|---|--------------|------|--------|--------|
| Process/Activity | ess/Activity Event Impacts Consequence Consequence Risk Level | | Significance | Controls | | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance | | | |
| Diversion of water flow from existing creek beds by construction of pits and other infrastructure | Changes to the timing of water flow to the Fortescue Marsh System | Increased or decreased water volume and salinity levels and/or increased turbidity leading to loss of viability of flora and fauna species dependent on the Marsh. | 3 | 5 | 15 | High | Detailed modelling of water flows as a result of temporary creek diversions to ensure flows to Marsh are neither inadequate or excessive during mining Adherence to timeframes in which pits are obstructing flow and necessitating diversion Ensure that fines from mining construction do not contaminate water supply into Fortescue Marsh | 2 | 5 | 10 | Medium |
| Vegetation Clearing and construction of infrastructure | Distortion of sheet flow of water leading to localised drought or inundations and consequent death of <i>Acacia aneura</i> (mulga) vegetation communities | Areas of widespread tree death | 3 | 4 | 12 | High | Evaluate the placement of infrastructure in terms of changes to sheet flow. Should significant changes to sheet flow be expected, relocation of infrastructure where feasible or installation or remediating structures (e.g. culverts under rail or roads) to be installed. Monitor areas of Mulga communities in areas downstream from infrastructure where potential exists for sheet flow disturbance. | 2 | 4 | 8 | Medium |
| Pit construction in areas with saline water table | Discharge of saline dewatering | Saline scalds, leakage of saline water to Fortescue March system | 5 | 5 | 25 | High | Disposal of saline dewatering into impermeable evaporative ponds | 1 | 5 | 5 | Low |

| | | | | Inhe | rent R | lisk | | | Resi | dual Ri | sk |
|---|--|--|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---|---|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Process/Activity | Event | Impacts | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance | Controls | | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance |
| Vegetation Clearing | Removal of Priority Flora | Reduction or loss of viability of taxa leading to localised extinction | 5 | 3 | 15 | Medium | Specify the proportion of Priority flora likely to be impacted and ensure impact is kept within approved limits for specific taxa given regional distribution Consult with relevant personnel within DEC with respect to acceptable impacts | 5 | 1 | 5 | Low |
| Inadequate hygiene to vehicles in the vicinity of Parkinsonia aculeata (Declared Weed) | Expansion of existing populations or introduction to new locations | Breach of Dept. of Agriculture legislation Loss of diversity to native flora | 3 | 3 | 9 | Medium | Eradicate Parkinsonia aculeata in areas where movements of personnel or vehicles is necessary Restrict movement of cattle in areas where Parkinsonia aculeata is present Ensure vehicle hygiene maintained at all times | 1 | 3 | 3 | Low |
| Clearing combined with poor vehicle hygiene, incorrect disposal of waste water | Introduction or dispersal of environmental weeds | Reduction in floristic diversity and integrity | 3 | 2 | 6 | Medium | Weed hygiene measures should be implemented | 2 | 2 | 4 | Low |
| Driving | Off-road use of vehicles | Damage to vegetation | 3 | 2 | 6 | Medium | Enforce policy of driving on established tracks only to all site workers by: emphasis on policy during site induction; • clear signposting of off-limit areas; • appropriate penalties should infringements occur. | 1 | 2 | 2 | Low |
| Use of saline water during operations | Leakage of saline wager | Localised plant death | 3 | 2 | 6 | Medium | Restrict release of saline water into environment | 1 | 2 | 2 | Low |



| | | | | Inhe | rent R | isk | | | Resi | dual Ri | isk |
|------------------------------------|---|---|----------|------------|-------------|------------|---|---|------|---------|-----|
| Process/Activity | Activity Event Impacts Controls Controls | | Controls | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance | | | | |
| Human activities which start fires | Excessively frequent, large scale or too hot bushfire as a result of uncontrolled bushfire | Possible loss of vulnerable species or loss of diversity in some community types Loss of fauna and habitat | 1 | 5 | 5 | Medium | Ensure flammable material is suitably contained Ensure vehicles and plant do not park on <i>Triodia species</i> Maintain correct procedures for smoking e.g. no discarding of cigarette buts in bush Prohibition of campfires within lease | 1 | 5 | 1 | Low |
| Vegetation Clearing | Removal of significant proportion of land system units poorly represented at a regional level | Loss of biodiversity at a regional scale Loss of habitat to fauna species with dependency on this habitat type | 2 | 4 | 8 | Medium | Clearing of land systems identified as of limited distribution (if present) should be avoided by relocation of infrastructure wherever feasible. | 1 | 4 | 4 | Low |
| Vegetation Clearing | Removal of Declared Rare Flora | Breach of EPBC Act, and Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 Reduction or loss of viability of taxon/taxa leading to possible extinction | 1 | 4 | 4 | Low | As no Declared Rare Flora have been recorded to date, no avoidance measures are currently required. Systematic searching of areas to be cleared to ensure no populations of Lepidium catapycnon or Thryptomene wittweri (the only two DRF taxa known within the Pilbara) are present. If either of these taxa are subsequently recorded, the relocation of infrastructure shall occur wherever feasible. If not feasible application to remove rare flora submitted to Minister of Environment prior to any disturbance | 1 | 3 | 3 | Low |



| | | | | Inhe | rent R | isk | | | Residual Risk | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--|
| Process/Activity | Event | Impacts | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance | Controls | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance | |
| Vegetation Clearing | Removal of significant proportion of identified vegetation subassociations poorly represented locally | • Loss of biodiversity at a local scale• Loss of habitat to fauna species with dependency on this habitat type | 1 | 3 | 3 | Low | Clearing of the community types identified as of limited distribution locally (Table 5.1) too be avoided by relocation of infrastructure wherever feasible. | 1 | 3 | 3 | Low | |
| Dust | Dust emissions from clearing and construction vehicles | Damage to vegetation resulting in loss of diversity or species | 2 | 1 | 2 | Low | Dust suppression methods using non- saline water | 2 | 1 | 2 | Low | |
| Increased human and plant movement | Introduction of plant or animal pathogens | Loss of vulnerable species | 1 | 2 | 2 | Low | Correct vehicle hygiene when using vehicles previously used where pathogens may be present | 1 | 2 | 2 | Low | |
| Increased human and plant movement | Introduction of feral animals, particularly insects | Loss of vulnerable species | 1 | 2 | 2 | Low | Ensure correct quarantining of material from potentially infected equipment or goods (particularly material from overseas) has occurred prior to use | 1 | 1 | 1 | Low | |



6.0 DISCUSSION

6.1 Conservation Significance of the Roy Hill Vegetation

The vegetation and flora of the Roy Hill project area was assessed within a national, state, regional and local context.

At a national level there are no taxa or floristic community types present which are identified under the EPBC Act and the area is therefore assessed as not significant at this level. However one introduced taxon, *Parkinsonia aculeate is identified under the National Weeds Strategy (1999) as "a plant which has, or has the potential to have, a detrimental effect on economic, social, or conservation values"

At a state level there are no vegetation complexes present which are identified as Threatened Ecological Communities. The Fortescue Marshes, which lie directly south of the western portion of Lease E46/, whilst not a TEC are a listed as a wetland of national significance (DEWHA Directory of Important Wetlands, 2006) and are currently considered an ecosystem at risk by the DEC (P Modesta, DEC, pers. com. Aug 08). Whilst not within the footprint of clearing, this area is dependent upon inflow from, amongst others, Kulkinbah Creek, Kulbee Creek and other minor creek lines which drain through the footprint of disturbance and thus has the potential to be disturbed by the mining activities by changes to the timing, volume or quality of inflow, or by leakages of saline dewatering into the system unless adequate controls are implemented.

There are six flora taxa recorded to date which are categorised Priority species, the details of which are summarised below.

Table 6.1: Summary of status of Priority Taxa found within the Roy Hill 1 Project Area

| Taxon | Priority Status | Number of locations recorded at Roy Hill | Abundance at Roy Hill locations | % Locations impacted at Roy Hill | Number of other locations regionally | Location of Roy Hill relative to other lodged populations | | |
|---|--------------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794) | 3 | 77 | moderate to high | 61.0 | 4 | Within previously known range | | |
| Acacia glaucocaesia | 3 | 1 | low | 100.0 | Slig | | | |
| Goodenia nuda | 3 | 4 | low | 38.5 | 15 | Within previously known range | | |
| <i>Polymeria</i> sp. Hamersley | 3 | 1 | low | 0.0 | 4 | Range extension | | |
| Rostellularia adscendens var. latifolia | 3 | 1 | low | 0.0 | 12 | Within previously known range | | |
| Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota | 4 | 7 | 7 low C | | 21 | Within previously known range | | |

It can be seen that the impact regionally to *Acacia glaucocaesia* and *Goodenia nuda* is relatively minor given the large number of populations recorded elsewhere. The impact to *Rhagodia* sp. Hamersley is more significant, given that more than half of the recorded locations for this taxon at Roy Hill will be cleared and that this location represents 20% of the total number of locations currently known. However it is noteworthy that this is a relatively new and as yet undescribed taxon which has probably been identified as other *Rhagodia* species, particularly when sterile, in many previous surveys. Consequently the number of locations currently known is likely to significantly underestimate the total distribution and abundance of the taxon regionally.

At a regional level, the majority of the leases are comprised of land systems which, by virtue of their relatively broad distribution elsewhere, will be minimally impacted by vegetation clearance within the current project. The most regionally constrained unit, Warri, which has a total representation of only 24,509 hectares, occurs within a portion of the project area that is almost entirely outside the proposed impact footprint. The land system unit most impacted by the proposed vegetation clearance, Turee, will be reduced in regional representation by 2.63%. Due to its suitability for pastoral activities, it is estimated that less than 1% of the total representation of this unit remains in very good condition. The condition of this unit within the Roy Hill project area ranges from good to poor with the largest area of representation of this unit in the south east of Lease 46/592 (largely unaffected by the impact footprint) in poor condition and the area in the northwest of in good condition. Approximately half of this north western area lies within the disturbance footprint.



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8.0 PERMITS

Licences – "Licence to take flora for scientific purposes"

The Roy Hill Vegetation and Flora Survey was conducted under the authorisation of the following licences issued by the Department of Environment and Conservation:

| Licences | Permit Number | Valid Until |
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Appendix A: Vegetation Structural and Condition Classifications





Appendix A1: Vegetation Structural Formation Nomenclature

| Growth | Height | | | Structural Fo | ormation Class | es | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| form | ranges (m) | 70-100 | 30-70 | 10-30 | <10 | 0-5 | approximately 0 |
| Tree | <10, 10- 30, >30 | closed forest | open forest | woodland | open woodland | isolated clumps of trees | isolated trees |
| Tree, mallee | <3, <10, 10-30 | closed mallee forest | open mallee forest | mallee woodland | open mallee woodland | isolated clumps of mallee trees | isolated trees |
| Shrub | <1,1- 2,>2 | closed shrubland | shrubland | open shrubland | sparse shrubland | isolated clumps of shrubs | isolated shrubs |
| Heath shrub | <1,1- 2,>2 | closed heathland | heathland | open heathland | sparse heathland | isolated clumps of heath shrubs | isolated heath shrubs |
| Chenopod shrub | <1,1- 2,>2 | closed samphire shrubland | chenopod shrubland | open chenopod shrubland | sparse chenopod shrubland | isolated clumps of chenopod shrubs | isolated chenopod shrubs |
| Samphire shrub | <1,1- 2,>2 | closed samphire shrubland | samphire shrubland | open samphire shrubland | sparse samphire shrubland | isolated clumps of samphire shrubs | isolated samphire shrubs |
| Hummock Grass | <2,>2 | closed hummock grassland | hummock grassland | open hummock grassland | sparse hummock grassland | isolated clumps of hummock grasses | isolated hummock grasses |
| Tussock Grass | <0.5, >0.5 | closed tussock grassland | tussock grassland | open tussock grassland | sparse tussock grassland | isolated clumps of tussock grasses | isolated tussock grasses |
| Other Grass | <0.5, >0.5 | closed grassland | grassland | open grassland | sparse grassland | isolated clumps of grasses | isolated grasses |
| Sedge | <0.5, >0.5 | closed sedgeland | sedgeland | open sedgeland | sparse sedgeland | isolated clumps of sedges | isolated sedges |
| Herbs | <0.5, >0.5 | closed herbland | herbland | open herbland | sparse herbland | isolated clumps of herbs | isolated herbs |
| Vine | <10, 10- 30, >30 | closed vineland | vineland | open vineland | sparse vineland | isolated clumps of vines | isolated vines |

Citation: Executive Steering Committee for Australian Vegetation Information (ESCAVI) (2003) Australian Vegetation Attribute Manual: National Vegetation Information System, Version 6.0, Dept. of the Environment and Heritage, Canberra



Appendix A2: Vegetation Height Class Nomenclature

| Height | | Growth Form | | | | | | |
|-----------------|------------------------|-----------------------|---|------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Height class | Height range (m) | tree, vine (M & U) | Shrub, heath shrub, chenopod shrub, ferns, samphire shrub, cycad, tree-fern, grass-tree, palm (multi-stemmed) | tree mallee, mallee shrub | tussock grass, hummock grass, other grass, sedge, rush, herbs, vine (G) | bryophyte, lichen, seagrass, aquatic | | |
| 8 | >30 | tall | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A | | |
| 7 | 10-30 | mid | N/A | tall | N/A | N/A | | |
| 6 | <10 | low | N/A | mid | N/A | N/A | | |
| 5 | <3 | N/A | N/A | low | N/A | N/A | | |
| 4 | >2 | N/A | tall | N/A | tall | N/A | | |
| 3 | 1-2 | N/A | mid | N/A | tall | N/A | | |
| 2 | 0.5-1 | N/A | low | N/A | mid | tall | | |
| 1 | <0.5 | N/A | low | N/A | low | low | | |

Height classes defined by NVIS (2003) Source: (Based on Walker and Hopkins 1990).

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Appendix A3: Vegetation condition scale from Keighery BJ (1994) and Connell (1995) after Trudgen (1991)

Excellent (E) Pristine or nearly so, no obvious signs of damage caused by the activities of European man. Very Good (VG) Some relatively slight signs of damage caused by the activities of European man. For example, some signs of damage to tree trunks caused by repeated fires and the presence of some relatively non-aggressive weeds such as *Ursinia anthemoides* or Briza species, or occasional vehicle tracks Good (G) More obvious signs of damage caused by the activities of European man including some obvious impact on the vegetation structure such as caused by low levels of grazing or by selective logging. Weeds as above, possibly some more aggressive ones. Poor (P) Still retains basic vegetation structure or ability to regenerate to it after very obvious impacts of activities of European man such as grazing or partial clearing (chaining) or very frequent fires. Weeds as above, probably plus some more aggressive ones such as Ehrharta species Very Poor (VP) Severely impacted by grazing, fire, clearing or a combination of these activities. Scope for some regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management. Usually with a number of weed species, including aggressive species. Completely Areas that are completely or almost completely without native Degraded (6) species in the structure of their vegetation i.e. areas that are cleared or "parkland cleared" with their flora comprising weed or

Government of Western Australia 2000, *Bush Forever Volume 2: Directory of Bush Forever Sites*, Department of Environmental Protection, Perth.

crop species with isolated native trees or shrubs.





Appendix B: Locations of Flora Sites





Appendix B: Location of Flora Quadrats

| Phase | Site | Year | Easting | Northing |
|---------|----------|------|---------|----------|
| Phase 1 | Site 01 | 2005 | 806801 | 7513419 |
| Phase 1 | Site 02 | 2005 | 806356 | 7513316 |
| Phase 1 | Site 03 | 2005 | 805901 | 7514114 |
| Phase 1 | Site 04 | 2005 | 805689 | 7514048 |
| Phase 1 | Site 05 | 2005 | 805775 | 7512655 |
| Phase 1 | Site 06 | 2005 | 805753 | 7512676 |
| Phase 1 | Site 07 | 2005 | 804578 | 7512316 |
| Phase 1 | Site 08 | 2005 | 804471 | 7512409 |
| Phase 1 | Site 09 | 2005 | 806803 | 7510692 |
| Phase 1 | Site 10 | 2005 | 806639 | 7510923 |
| Phase 1 | Site 101 | 2005 | 800882 | 7515817 |
| Phase 1 | Site 11 | 2005 | 806125 | 7510613 |
| Phase 1 | Site 12 | 2005 | 805777 | 7510679 |
| Phase 1 | Site 13 | 2005 | 799051 | 7516264 |
| Phase 1 | Site 14 | 2005 | 799279 | 7515959 |
| Phase 1 | Site 15 | 2005 | 800357 | 7515613 |
| Phase 1 | Site 16 | 2005 | 800167 | 7515616 |
| Phase 1 | Site 17 | 2005 | 801883 | 7514898 |
| Phase 1 | Site 18 | 2005 | 801664 | 7514942 |
| Phase 1 | Site 19 | 2005 | 802220 | 7514415 |
| Phase 1 | Site 20 | 2005 | 806982 | 7512760 |
| Phase 1 | Site 21 | 2005 | 803821 | 7513166 |
| Phase 1 | Site 22 | 2005 | 802015 | 7514356 |
| Phase 1 | Site 23 | 2005 | 806531 | 7513946 |
| Phase 1 | Site 24 | 2005 | 803636 | 7513162 |
| Phase 1 | Site 25 | 2005 | 807512 | 7512294 |
| Phase 1 | Site 26 | 2005 | 806088 | 7513317 |
| Phase 1 | Site 27 | 2005 | 807479 | 7512289 |
| Phase 1 | Site 28 | 2005 | 805474 | 7502581 |
| Phase 1 | Site 29 | 2005 | 805244 | 7502603 |
| Phase 1 | Site 30 | 2005 | 804672 | 7501986 |
| Phase 1 | Site 31 | 2005 | 803739 | 7502417 |
| Phase 1 | Site 32 | 2005 | 806013 | 7500718 |
| Phase 1 | Site 33 | 2005 | 805423 | 7501663 |
| Phase 1 | Site 34 | 2005 | 796613 | 7515960 |
| Phase 1 | Site 35 | 2005 | 797596 | 7515995 |
| Phase 1 | Site 36 | 2005 | 798222 | 7515330 |
| Phase 1 | Site 37 | 2005 | 797529 | 7514627 |
| Phase 1 | Site 38 | 2005 | 797158 | 7513734 |
| Phase 1 | Site 39 | 2005 | 797038 | 7513763 |
| Phase 1 | Site 40 | 2005 | 795424 | 7512449 |
| Phase 1 | Site 41 | 2005 | 795930 | 7512709 |
| Phase 1 | Site 42 | 2005 | 797528 | 7512019 |



Appendix B: Location of Flora Quadrats

| Phase | Site | Year | Easting | Northing |
|---------|---------|--------------|----------|----------|
| Phase 1 | Site 43 | 2005 | 796802 | 7513070 |
| Phase 1 | Site 44 | 2005 | 798517 | 7510998 |
| Phase 1 | Site 45 | 2005 | 798004 | 7511439 |
| Phase 1 | Site 60 | 2005 | 807806 | 7501768 |
| Phase 1 | Site 61 | 2005 | 808371 | 7501887 |
| Phase 1 | Site 73 | 2005 | 807082 | 7511970 |
| Phase 1 | Site 74 | 2005 | 806747 | 7511974 |
| Phase 1 | Site 75 | 2005 | 805956 | 7500034 |
| Phase 1 | Site 76 | 2005 | 805751 | 7499477 |
| Phase 1 | Site 77 | 2005 | 805536 | 7498981 |
| Phase 1 | Site 78 | 2005 | 805479 | 7498516 |
| Phase 1 | Site 79 | 2005 | 805209 | 7490310 |
| Phase 1 | Site 80 | 2005 | 805050 | 7497304 |
| Phase 1 | Site 81 | 2005 | 804795 | 7496914 |
| | | | | |
| Phase 1 | Site 82 | 2005 2005 | 804509 | 7496008 |
| Phase 1 | Site 83 | + | 807770 | 7506559 |
| Phase 1 | Site 85 | 2005 | 807413 | 7506091 |
| Phase 1 | Site 86 | 2005 | 807382 | 7506316 |
| Phase 1 | Site 87 | 2005 | 808040 | 7505639 |
| Phase 1 | Site 88 | 2005 | 807608 | 7505863 |
| Phase 1 | Site 89 | 2005 | 808134 | 7505745 |
| Phase 1 | Site 90 | 2005 | 797737 | 7509357 |
| Phase 1 | Site 91 | 2005 | 797873 | 7509355 |
| Phase 1 | Site 92 | 2005 | 807219 | 7508686 |
| Phase 1 | Site 93 | 2005 | 807794 | 7508792 |
| Phase 1 | Site 94 | 2005 | 806172 | 7512417 |
| Phase 1 | Site 95 | 2005 | 806281 | 7512348 |
| Phase 1 | Site 96 | 2005 | 807192 | 7512654 |
| Phase 1 | Site 97 | 2005 | 807164 | 7512707 |
| Phase 1 | Site 98 | 2005 | 803328 | 7509159 |
| Phase 1 | Site 46 | 2005 | 818820.9 | 7494443 |
| Phase 1 | Site 47 | 2005 | 819424.2 | 7493988 |
| Phase 1 | Site 48 | 2005 | 818774.5 | 7495675 |
| Phase 1 | Site 49 | 2005 | 818532 | 7495496 |
| Phase 1 | Site 50 | 2005 | 818277.5 | 7497476 |
| Phase 1 | Site 51 | 2005 | 818434.4 | 7497293 |
| Phase 1 | Site 52 | 2005 | 818050.2 | 7498317 |
| Phase 1 | Site 53 | 2005 | 818146.6 | 7498202 |
| Phase 1 | Site 54 | 2005 | 817673 | 7499489 |
| Phase 1 | Site 55 | 2005 | 817913.5 | 7498677 |
| Phase 1 | Site 56 | 2005 | 811556.2 | 7495707 |
| Phase 1 | Site 57 | 2005 | 814252.9 | 7497229 |
| Phase 1 | Site 58 | 2005 | 810638.1 | 7501737 |
| Phase 1 | Site 59 | 2005 | 810998.6 | 7502042 |
| Phase 1 | Site 63 | 2005 | 811234.1 | 7502072 |



Appendix B: Location of Flora Quadrats

| Phase | Site | Year | Easting | Northing |
|---------|---------|------|----------|----------|
| Phase 1 | Site 64 | 2005 | 811595.4 | 7502072 |
| Phase 1 | Site 65 | 2005 | 812048.1 | 7501906 |
| Phase 1 | Site 66 | 2005 | 812225.5 | 7503331 |
| Phase 1 | Site 67 | 2005 | 812552 | 7503138 |
| Phase 1 | Site 68 | 2005 | 813051.7 | 7503068 |
| Phase 1 | Site 69 | 2005 | 813193.8 | 7502297 |
| Phase 1 | Site 70 | 2005 | 813040.8 | 7502300 |
| Phase 1 | Site 71 | 2005 | 813376.2 | 7502355 |
| Phase 1 | Site 71 | 2005 | 813739.3 | 7503045 |
| Phase 2 | Site 01 | 2006 | 807962 | 7505560 |
| Phase 2 | Site 01 | 2006 | 803938 | 7497544 |
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| Phase 2 | Site 05 | 2006 | 804600 | 7497611 |
| Phase 2 | Site 17 | 2006 | 797034 | 7513763 |
| Phase 2 | Site 18 | 2006 | 796813 | 7513250 |
| Phase 2 | Site 19 | 2006 | 797280 | 7516025 |
| Phase 2 | Site 20 | 2006 | 796654 | 7515957 |
| Phase 2 | Site 21 | 2006 | 800044 | 7516526 |
| Phase 2 | Site 22 | 2006 | 801662 | 7514822 |
| Phase 2 | Site 23 | 2006 | 801833 | 7514873 |
| Phase 2 | Site 29 | 2006 | 808356 | 7501724 |
| Phase 2 | Site 30 | 2006 | 805024 | 7502586 |
| Phase 2 | Site 31 | 2006 | 805243 | 7502606 |
| Phase 2 | Site 34 | 2006 | 807777 | 7506551 |
| Phase 2 | Site 36 | 2006 | 808077 | 7505669 |
| Phase 2 | Site 37 | 2006 | 805206 | 7497381 |
| Phase 2 | Site 38 | 2006 | 804791 | 7496327 |
| Phase 2 | Site 39 | 2006 | 805478 | 7498511 |
| Phase 2 | Site 40 | 2006 | 806932 | 7512069 |
| Phase 2 | Site 41 | 2006 | 806867 | 7511947 |
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| Phase 2 | Site 44 | 2006 | 806195 | 7512453 |
| Phase 2 | Site 0A | 2006 | 797657 | 7509185 |
| Phase 2 | Site 91 | 2006 | 797745 | 7509365 |
| Phase 2 | Site 02 | 2006 | 816785.2 | 7500236 |
| Phase 2 | Site 03 | 2006 | 816201.7 | 7500014 |
| Phase 2 | Site 06 | 2006 | 818524.7 | 7494296 |
| Phase 2 | Site 07 | 2006 | 819460.3 | 7493991 |
| Phase 2 | Site 08 | 2006 | 819129.9 | 7494509 |
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| Phase 2 | Site 10 | 2006 | 818756 | 7495687 |
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| Phase 2 | Site 12 | 2006 | 818286.6 | 7497477 |
| Phase 2 | Site 13 | 2006 | 818131.5 | 7498223 |
| Phase 2 | Site 14 | 2006 | 818120.3 | 7498343 |
| Phase 2 | Site 15 | 2006 | 812178.1 | 7496784 |



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Appendix B: Location of Flora Quadrats

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| Phase 3 | Site 191 | 2008 | 804303.9 | 7512508 |
| Phase 3 | Site 192 | 2008 | 804577.6 | 7512513 |
| Phase 3 | Site 193 | 2008 | 803576.7 | 7512670 |
| Phase 3 | Site 194 | 2008 | 802731.8 | 7513960 |
| Phase 3 | Site 195 | 2008 | 801303.3 | 7515345 |
| Phase 3 | Site 196 | 2008 | 801379.5 | 7514917 |
| Phase 3 | Site 196b | 2008 | 803989.3 | 7497004 |
| Phase 3 | Site 197 | 2008 | 801919.1 | 7514337 |
| Phase 3 | Site 198 | 2008 | 801704.1 | 7514369 |
| Phase 3 | Site 200 | 2008 | 800047.5 | 7516402 |
| Phase 3 | Site 201 | 2008 | 796672.9 | 7516095 |
| Phase 3 | Site 202 | 2008 | 796505.1 | 7516277 |
| Phase 3 | Site 203 | 2008 | 806373.4 | 7514378 |
| Phase 3 | Site 204 | 2008 | 806145.4 | 7514295 |
| Phase 3 | Site 206 | 2008 | 806903.9 | 7512659 |
| Phase 3 | Site 207 | 2008 | 807005 | 7512486 |
| Phase 3 | Site 208 | 2008 | 807199.6 | 7512292 |
| Phase 3 | Site 209 | 2008 | 807053.1 | 7512535 |
| Phase 3 | Site 210 | 2008 | 807514.6 | 7511853 |
| Phase 3 | Site 213 | 2008 | 799098.9 | 7516347 |
| Phase 3 | Site 214 | 2008 | 798306.1 | 7515889 |
| Phase 3 | Site 215 | 2008 | 799530.2 | 7515851 |
| Phase 3 | Site 216 | 2008 | 798924.6 | 7514779 |
| Phase 3 | Site 217 | 2008 | 798368.3 | 7515045 |
| Phase 3 | Site 218 | 2008 | 797704.4 | 7514991 |
| Phase 3 | Site 219 | 2008 | 797650.9 | 7515434 |
| Phase 3 | Site 220 | 2008 | 799520 | 7514216 |
| Phase 3 | Site 221 | 2008 | 799264.1 | 7514118 |



Appendix C: Flora Species Recorded during Phases 1, 2 and 3 of the Roy Hill 1 Project Vegetation and Flora Assessment





Appendix C Roy Hill 1 Project Area Flora Species List

Family Species

Acanthaceae Dicladanthera forrestii

Dicladanthera forrestii

Rostellularia adscendens var. latifolia

Adiantaceae Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia

Cheilanthes brownii

Cheilanthes sieberi subsp. sieberi

Aizoaceae Trianthema glossostigma

Trianthema oxycalyptra var. oxycalyptra

Trianthema portulacastrum

Trianthema triquetra

Amaranthaceae Achyranthes aspera

Aerva javanica

Alternanthera angustifolia Alternanthera nodiflora Amaranthus interruptus Amaranthus undulatus

Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis Gomphrena canescens subsp. canescens

Gomphrena cunninghamii

Gomphrena kanisii Ptilotus aervoides

Ptilotus astrolasius var. astrolasius

Ptilotus auriculifolius

Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus

Ptilotus carinatus Ptilotus clementii Ptilotus drummondii

Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus Ptilotus fusiformis var. fusiformis

Ptilotus gaudichaudii var. gaudichaudii

Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides

Ptilotus helipteroides var. helipteroides

Ptilotus incanus var. incanus Ptilotus macrocephalus

Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus

Ptilotus polystachyus var. polystachyus

Ptilotus roei

Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii



Family Species

Apiaceae Trachymene oleracea subsp. oleracea

Asclepiadaceae Cynanchum floribundum

Rhyncharrhena linearis

Asteraceae Bidens bipinnata

Blumea tenella

Calocephalus francisii Calocephalus knappii Calotis plumulifera Calotis porphyroglossa

Centipeda minima subsp. macrocephala

Centipeda thespidioides Chrysocephalum apiculatum Chrysocephalum eremaeum Chrysocephalum gilesii Flaveria australasica Minuria integerrima Pluchea dunlopii

Pluchea ferdinandi-muelleri

Pluchea rubelliflora Pluchea tetranthera Pterocaulon serrulatum Pterocaulon sphacelatum Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides

Rhodanthe floribunda Rhodanthe margarethae

Rutidosis helichrysoides subsp. helichrysoides

Sonchus oleraceus Streptoglossa bubakii Streptoglossa cylindriceps Streptoglossa decurrens Streptoglossa liatroides

Boraginaceae Ehretia saligna var. saligna

Heliotropium chrysocarpum Heliotropium cunninghamii Heliotropium europaeum Heliotropium heteranthum Heliotropium inexplicitum Heliotropium pachyphyllum Heliotropium tanythrix



Family Species

Boraginaceae Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum

Brassicaceae Arabidella nasturtium

Lepidium echinatum
Lepidium pedicellosum
Lepidium phlebopetalum
Lepidium pholidogynum
Stenopetalum decipiens
Stenopetalum nutans

Caesalpiniaceae Parkinsonia aculeata

Petalostylis labicheoides

Senna artemisioides subsp. filifolia Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla Senna artemisioides subsp. x sturtii

Senna ferraria Senna glaucifolia

Senna glutinosa subsp. chatelainiana Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa Senna glutinosa subsp. pruinosa Senna glutinosa subsp. x luerssenii

Senna hamersleyensis

Senna notabilis Senna sericea Senna stricta Senna symonii Senna venusta

Campanulaceae Wahlenbergia tumidifructa

Capparaceae Capparis lasiantha

Capparis spinosa var. nummularia

Capparis umbonata Cleome oxalidea Cleome viscose

Caryophyllaceae Polycarpaea corymbosa var. corymbosa

Polycarpaea holtzei Polycarpaea longiflora

Chenopodiaceae Atriplex bunburyana

Dissocarpus paradoxus Dysphania kalpari



Family Species

Chenopodiaceae Dysphania rhadinostachya subsp. rhadinostachya

Enchylaena tomentosa Maireana carnosa Maireana luehmannii Maireana planifolia Maireana pyramidata

Maireana tomentosa subsp. tomentosa

Maireana villosa Rhagodia eremaea

Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794)

Salsola tragus subsp. tragus

Sclerolaena bicornis
Sclerolaena convexula
Sclerolaena cornishiana
Sclerolaena costata
Sclerolaena cuneata
Sclerolaena densiflora
Sclerolaena deserticola
Sclerolaena eriacantha
Sclerolaena tetragona

Commelinaceae Commelina ciliata

Commelina ensifolia

Convolvulaceae Bonamia media var. villosa

Bonamia pannosa

Convolvulus angustissimus subsp. angustissimus

Duperreya commixta

Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx

Ipomoea coptica

Ipomoea diamantinensis Ipomoea lonchophylla Ipomoea muelleri Ipomoea plebeia Ipomoea polymorpha Operculina aequisepala

Polymeria aff. ambigua (CGC-25)

Polymeria sp. Hamersley (M.E. Trudgen 11353)

Cucurbitaceae Austrobryonia pilbarensis

Citrullus colocynthis Citrullus lanatus

Cucumis maderaspatanus



Family Species

Cucurbitaceae Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis

Cyperaceae Bulbostylis barbata

Cyperus bifax Cyperus iria

Fimbristylis dichotoma Fimbristylis microcarya Fimbristylis simulans

Euphorbiaceae Adriana urticoides var. urticoides

Euphorbia australis
Euphorbia biconvexa
Euphorbia boophthona
Euphorbia coghlanii
Euphorbia drummondii
Euphorbia schultzii

Euphorbia tannensis subsp. eremophila

Leptopus decaisnei Phyllanthus erwinii

Phyllanthus maderaspatensis

Goodeniaceae Dampiera candicans

Goodenia forrestii

Goodenia lamprosperma Goodenia microptera Goodenia muelleriana

Goodenia nuda Goodenia pascua Goodenia prostrata Goodenia stobbsiana Goodenia triodiophila Goodenia vilmoriniae Scaevola acacioides

Gyrostemonaceae Codonocarpus cotinifolius

Lamiaceae Basilicum polystachyon

Teucrium racemosum

Lauraceae Cassytha capillaries

Loranthaceae Amyema aff. bifurcata

Amyema fitzgeraldii



Family Species

Loranthaceae Amyema gibberula var. gibberula

Amyema miquelii Lysiana casuarinae

Lythraceae Ammannia auriculata

Ammannia baccifera

Malvaceae Abutilon ?dioicum R.M.Barker ms.

Abutilon amplum

Abutilon cryptopetalum Abutilon cunninghamii

Abutilon fraseri
Abutilon lepidum
Abutilon leucopetalum
Abutilon macrum
Abutilon malvifolium
Abutilon otocarpum

Abutilon oxycarpum subsp. prostratum R.M.Barker ms

Gossypium australe Gossypium robinsonii Hibiscus burtonii Hibiscus coatesii Hibiscus gardneri Hibiscus haynaldii Hibiscus leptocladus

Hibiscus sturtii var. aff. grandiflorus Hibiscus sturtii var. campylochlamys Hibiscus sturtii var. platychlamys Hibiscus sturtii var. truncatus Hibiscus trionum var. vesicarius

Sida arenicola Sida calyxhymenia Sida echinocarpa Sida ectogama Sida fibulifera

Malvastrum americanum

Sida pilbarensis R.M. Barker ms

Sida platycalyx

Sida rohlenae subsp. rohlenae

Sida sp. dark green fruits (S. van Leeuwen 2260)

Sida sp. Excedentifolia (J.L. Egan 1925)

Sida sp. spiciform panicles (E. Leyland s.n. 14/8/90) Sida sp. Supplejack Station (T.S. Henshall 2345)



Family Species
Malvaceae Sida spinosa

Marsileaceae Marsilea exarata

Marsilea hirsute

Mimosaceae Acacia acradenia

Acacia adsurgens
Acacia ampliceps
Acacia ancistrocarpa
Acacia aneura var. aneura
Acacia aneura var. conifera
Acacia aneura var. intermedia
Acacia aneura var. macrocarpa
Acacia aneura var. major

Acacia aneura var. pilbarana Acacia aneura var. tenuis

Acacia arida Acacia atkinsiana Acacia ayersiana Acacia bivenosa

Acacia catenulata subsp. occidentalis Maslin ms

Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens

Acacia distans

Acacia glaucocaesia
Acacia hamersleyensis
Acacia inaequilatera
Acacia kempeana
Acacia maitlandii
Acacia marramamba
Acacia monticola
Acacia oswaldii
Acacia paraneura

Acacia pruinocarpa Acacia pyrifolia Acacia rhodophloia

Acacia robeorum

Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma

Acacia sibirica Acacia synchronicia Acacia tetragonophylla Acacia trachycarpa

Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis

Acacia victoriae



Family Species

Mimosaceae Acacia xiphophylla

Neptunia dimorphantha Vachellia farnesiana

Molluginaceae Glinus lotoides

Mollugo molluginea

Myoporaceae Eremophila cuneifolia

Eremophila enata Eremophila exilifolia

Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii

Eremophila lanceolata

Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis Eremophila latrobei subsp. glabra Eremophila latrobei subsp. latrobei

Eremophila longifolia Eremophila margarethae Eremophila platycalyx

Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota

Myrtaceae Calytrix carinata

Corymbia candida subsp. candida

Corymbia deserticola Corymbia ferriticola Corymbia hamersleyana

Eucalyptus camaldulensis var. obtusa Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia

Eucalyptus lucasii Eucalyptus pilbarensis Eucalyptus socialis Eucalyptus victrix Melaleuca glomerata Melaleuca linophylla

Nyctaginaceae Boerhavia burbidgeana

Boerhavia coccinea Boerhavia gardneri Boerhavia paludosa Boerhavia repleta

Boerhavia schomburgkiana

Oleaceae Jasminum didymum subsp. lineare



Family Species

Papaveraceae Argemone ochroleuca subsp. ochroleuca

Papilionaceae Aeschynomene indica

Alysicarpus muelleri

Crotalaria dissitiflora subsp. benthamiana Crotalaria medicaginea var. neglecta Cullen aff. lachnostachys (MET 15,154)

Cullen cinereum
Cullen graveolens
Cullen pogonocarpum
Desmodium campyloca

Desmodium campylocaulon

Desmodium filiforme Erythrina vespertilio Glycine canescens Gompholobium karijini Indigofera colutea Indigofera linifolia Indigofera linnaei Indigofera monophylla Isotropis forrestii Lotus cruentus

Rhynchosia minima Swainsona canescens Swainsona kingii Tephrosia aff. supina Tephrosia clementii

Tephrosia rosea var. glabrior Pedley ms

Vigna lanceolata var. lanceolata

Pedaliaceae Josephinia eugeniae

Poaceae Aristida contorta

Aristida holathera var. latifolia

Aristida inaequiqlumis

Aristida ingrata

Aristida jerichoensis var. subspinulifera

Aristida latifolia Bothriochloa bladhii Bothriochloa ewartiana Brachyachne prostrata

Cenchrus ciliaris Chloris pectinata Chloris pumilio



Family Species

Poaceae Chloris virgata

Chrysopogon fallax
Cymbopogon ambiguus
Cymbopogon bombycinus
Cymbopogon obtectus
Cymbopogon procerus
Dactyloctenium radulans
Dichanthium fecundum

Dichanthium sericeum subsp. humilius

Digitaria brownii
Digitaria ctenantha
Echinochloa colona
Enneapogon avenaceus
Enneapogon caerulescens
Enneapogon cylindricus
Enneapogon intermedius
Enneapogon lindleyanus
Enneapogon polyphyllus
Enteropogon ramosus

Eragrostis cilianensis Eragrostis cumingii

Eragrostis desertorum

Eragrostis dielsii

Eragrostis eriopoda Eragrostis falcata

Eragrostis leptocarpa

Eragrostis pergracilis

Eragrostis setifolia

Eragrostis tenellula

Eragrostis xerophila

Eriachne aristidea

Eriachne benthamii

Eriachne ciliata

Eriachne flaccida

Eriachne helmsii

Eriachne lanata

Eriachne mucronata

Eriachne pulchella subsp. dominii Eriachne pulchella subsp. pulchella

Eriachne semiciliata

Eriachne tenuiculmis

Eriochloa pseudoacrotricha

Eulalia aurea



Family Species

Heteropogon contortus Iseilema dolichotrichum Iseilema eremaeum Iseilema macratherum Iseilema vaginiflorum Panicum decompositum Panicum laevinode Paraneurachne muelleri Paspalidium clementii Paspalidium constrictum

Perotis rara Setaria dielsii Setaria verticillata

Paspalidium rarum

Sporobolus australasicus Sporobolus mitchellii Themeda triandra Triodia angusta Triodia basedowii Triodia brizoides Triodia epactia Triodia longiceps Triodia pungens

Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835)

Triodia wiseana

Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis ms (C.A.Gardner & C.E.Hubb.)

B.K.Simon

Urochloa occidentalis var. ciliata (C.A.Gardner & C.E.Hubb.) B.K.Simon ms

Whiteochloa ?airoides

Polygalaceae Polygala isingii

Polygonaceae Muehlenbeckia florulenta

Portulacaceae Calandrinia polyandra

Calandrinia ptychosperma Portulaca conspicua Portulaca intraterranea Portulaca oleracea Portulaca pilosa

Proteaceae Grevillea berryana

Grevillea striata



Family Species

Proteaceae Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula

Hakea chordophylla Hakea lorea subsp. lorea

Rhamnaceae Ventilago viminalis

Rubiaceae Psydrax latifolia

Psydrax suaveolens

Spermacoce brachystema

Synaptantha tillaeacea var. tillaeacea

Santalaceae Anthobolus leptomerioides

Santalum lanceolatum

Sapindaceae Atalaya hemiglauca

Dodonaea coriacea Dodonaea petiolaris

Scrophulariaceae Cymbalaria muralis

Stemodia grossa Striga curviflora

Solanaceae Nicotiana benthamiana

Nicotiana occidentalis Solanum centrale Solanum dioicum Solanum ellipticum Solanum ferocissimum Solanum horridum Solanum lasiophyllum Solanum phlomoides Solanum sturtianum

Sterculiaceae Keraudrenia nephrosperma

Keraudrenia velutina subsp. elliptica

Melhania oblongifolia Rulingia luteiflora Waltheria indica

Tiliaceae Corchorus laniflorus

Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus

Corchorus parviflorus



Family Species

Tiliaceae Corchorus tridens

Triumfetta aff. chaetocarpa Triumfetta maconochieana

Typhaceae Typha domingensis

Verbenaceae Clerodendrum floribundum var. angustifolium

Violaceae Hybanthus aurantiacus

Zygophyllaceae Tribulus astrocarpus

Tribulus hirsutus Tribulus occidentalis Tribulus suberosus

Zygophyllum iodocarpum

Classification and nomenclature according to the Western Australian Herbarium and R.J. Hnatiuk (1990), Census of Australian Vascular Plants. Australian Government Publishing Service.



Appendix D: Flora Site Descriptions, Phase 3





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943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 102

Described CW **Date** 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807274 **mE** 7512076 **mN**

Habitat Midslope, moderate to gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula scattered shrubs over Ptilotus calostachyus var.

calostachyus and Corchorus Iasiocarpus subsp. Iasiocarpus shrubland over Eriachne Ianata very open tussock grassland and Triodia basedowii and Triodia aff. basedowii very

open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Pristine

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Senna glutinosa subsp. pruinosa |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia acradenia, Calytrix carinata, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Dampiera candicans, Goodenia stobbsiana, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus clementii, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Senna notabilis, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| hummock grass | Triodia aff. basedowii, Triodia basedowii |
| other grasses | Eriachne lanata |
| herbs | Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 102b

Described CJM **Date** 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803254 mE 7498265 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange clay

Rock Type Cracked clay, surface crust

Vegetation Acacia synchronicia and Vachellia farnesiana shrubland over Vachellia farnesiana low

shrubland over Chloris pumilio and Echinochloa colona open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (cattle, weeds, ground disturbance, horses)

Fire None evident

Notes Sparse leaf litter, neg wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2 m | Acacia synchronicia, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia synchronicia, Vachellia farnesiana, Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Neptunia dimorphantha, Sida aff. fibulifera (HD2000-6), Trianthema triquetra var. triquetra |
| other grasses | Chloris pumilio, Dactyloctenium radulans, Echinochloa colona, Eragrostis aff. falcata, Panicum laevinode |
| herbs | Boerhavia burbidgeana, Cleome viscosa, Cullen sp., Malvastrum americanum, Minuria integerrima, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Trianthema portulacastrum |

Described JN Date 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50807361 mE 7513850 mN

Habitat Footslope, midslope, small gorge (gorge sides and gorge base)

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders, surface level plates

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) open woodland over Acacia aff.

aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) and Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia low woodland over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) high shrubland over Dodonaea petiolaris and Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) open shrubland to low open shrubland over Gomphrena cunninghamii very open herbs over Eriachne mucronata (typical form) very open tussock grassland over Triodia epactia

scattered hummock grasses.

Veg Condition Excellent **Fire** Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf litter, moderate to sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|--|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia, Clerodendrum floribundum var. angustifolium |
| Shrubs > 2 m | Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Ehretia saligna var. saligna |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Ehretia saligna var. saligna, Clerodendrum floribundum var. angustifolium, Dodonaea petiolaris, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Clerodendrum floribundum var. angustifolium, Dodonaea petiolaris, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Ehretia saligna var. saligna, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Hibiscus gardneri, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Gomphrena cunninghamii, Hibiscus gardneri, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Pterocaulon serrulatum, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Sida atrovirens, Sida sp. Excedentifolia (J.L. Egan 1925), Solanum horridum, Solanum phlomoides, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia epactia |
| other grasses | Cymbopogon ambiguus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |
| herbs | Amaranthus aff. interruptus (WAS 988), Gomphrena cunninghamii, Goodenia stobbsiana |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus |



Described CW Date 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50807228 mE 7513685 mN
Habitat Midslope, moderate slope
Soil Red-orange sandy clay
Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered low mallee trees over Hakea

chordophylla high open shrubland over Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii and Senna symonii low open shrubland over Eriachne lanata very open tussock grassland and Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) and Triodia longiceps very open

hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent (not far from tracks)

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Hakea chordophylla, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia acradenia, Calytrix carinata, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Goodenia stobbsiana, Goodenia triodiophila, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Melhania sp. (CH15-39), Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Senna notabilis, Senna symonii, Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms, Solanum lasiophyllum, Solanum sturtianum, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps, Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) |
| other grasses | Eriachne aff. mucronata, Eriachne Ianata |
| herbs | Trianthema glossostigma |

Described CJM **Date** 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807584 mE 7513810 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, hill crest **Soil** Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered low trees over Grevillea wickhamii

subsp. hispidula open shrubland over Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus and Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form) low shrubland over Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus very open herbs over Triodia basedowii very open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent

Fire Very recent (<1 yr)

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|---|
| Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| Acacia pruinocarpa, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Eremophila latrobei subsp. glabra |
| Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Ptilotus astrolasius var. astrolasius, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Senna notabilis, Tephrosia aff. rosea (CH3-47), Tribulus hirsutus, Tribulus suberosus |
| Triodia basedowii |
| Eriachne mucronata (typical form), Eriachne pulchella subsp. pulchella |
| Bonamia media var. villosa, Goodenia triodiophila, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus |
| |



Described JN Date 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806723 mE 7514019 mN

HabitatMidslope, moderate slopeSoilRed-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Corymbia aff. hamersleyana and Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered low

trees and *Eucalyptus leucophloia* subsp. *leucophloia* (regrowth) scattered low mallee trees over *Grevillea wickhamii* subsp. *hispidula* scattered tall shrubs to open shrubland over *Ptilotus calostachyus* var. *calostachyus* and *Corchorus lasiocarpus* subsp. *parvus* low shrubland over *Trianthema glossostigma* scattered herbs over *Eriachne lanata* open

tussock grassland over *Triodia* aff. basedowii scattered hummock grasses.

Veg Condition Good (fire) **Fire** Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf litter, moderate to sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Corymbia aff. hamersleyana, Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Corymbia aff. hamersleyana, Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Senna venusta |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia ancistrocarpa, Acacia monticola, Acacia pruinocarpa, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Solanum phlomoides, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Senna notabilis, Tribulus suberosus |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia ancistrocarpa, Calytrix carinata, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Solanum phlomoides, Dampiera candicans, Goodenia stobbsiana, Goodenia triodiophila, Hibiscus sturtii var. campylochlamys, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Sida sp. Excedentifolia (J.L. Egan 1925), Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms, Streptoglossa bubakii, Trianthema glossostigma |
| hummock grass | Triodia aff. basedowii |
| other grasses | Eriachne lanata, Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |
| herbs | Bonamia media var. villosa, Mollugo molluginea |
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Described CJM **Date** 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807053 mE 7513864 mN

Habitat Gully sides, gully base, minor gully, lower slopes and base = one veg type, moderate

slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders, surface level plates

Vegetation Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered low trees over Senna glutinosa

subsp. glutinosa scattered shrubs over Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form) low scattered shrubs over Triodia longiceps and Triodia epactia very open hummock

grassland.

Veg Condition Pristine

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)
Notes Neg leaf litter

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Hibiscus aff. coatesii (MET 15 012), Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Solanum phlomoides, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Pluchea dunlopii, Ptilotus incanus var. incanus, Senna glutinosa subsp. pruinosa, Sida sp. Excedentifolia (J.L. Egan 1925), Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms, Solanum horridum, Solanum phlomoides, Streptoglossa bubakii |
| hummock grass | Triodia epactia, Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Enneapogon caerulescens var. occidentalis, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne lanata, Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |
| herbs | Amaranthus aff. interruptus (WAS 988), Bonamia media var. villosa, Cleome viscosa, Dysphania rhadinostachya subsp. rhadinostachya, Gomphrena cunninghamii, Goodenia muelleriana, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus clementii, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Streptoglossa bubakii, Trianthema glossostigma |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus |



Described CW **Date** 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807225 mE 7513998 mN

Habitat Ridgetop, crest, moderate slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered low mallee trees over Senna

glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form) and Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus low open shrubland over Eriachne lanata open tussock grassland over Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill

(S. van Leeuwen 3835) and *Triodia* aff. basedowii very open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Pristine

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia marramamba, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia acradenia, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Calytrix carinata, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Goodenia stobbsiana, Goodenia triodiophila, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia aff. basedowii, Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) |
| other grasses | Aristida holathera var. latifolia, Eriachne lanata, Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |
| herbs | Bonamia media var. villosa, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Trianthema glossostigma |



Described CJM **Date** 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 805784 mE 7514027 mN

Habitat Hill crest, gentle slope
Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Fine gravel, stones/boulders, surface level plates

Vegetation Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered trees over Grevillea wickhamii

subsp. hispidula (patchy) open shrubland over Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus and Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form) low open shrubland over Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus very open herbs over Paraneurachne muelleri, Eriachne lanata and Eriachne mucronata very open tussock grassland and Triodia basedowii and

Triodia epactia very open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent (drill lines nearby)

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

Species List:

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| Shrubs 0.5-1 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Dampiera candicans, Goodenia stobbsiana, Hibiscus aff. coatesii (site 664), Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Senna notabilis, Senna stricta, Sida aff. fibulifera (oblong; MET 15 220), Solanum phlomoides, Streptoglossa bubakii, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii , Triodia epactia, Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Enneapogon caerulescens var. occidentalis, Eriachne lanata, Eriachne mucronata, Eriachne pulchella subsp. pulchella, Paraneurachne muelleri |
| herbs | Bonamia media var. villosa, Dysphania rhadinostachya subsp. rhadinostachya, Goodenia stobbsiana, Goodenia triodiophila, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Ptilotus clementii, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Ptilotus fusiformis var. fusiformis |



Described CJM Date 7/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803770 **mE** 7513170 **mN**

Habitat Broad floodplain/bank on side of minor scoured creek line

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Corymbia candida subsp. candida open woodland over Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis

and *Grevillea wickhamii* subsp. *hispidula* high shrubland over *Tephrosia* aff. *rosea* (HD292-37), *Corchorus parviflorus*, mixed low open heath over *Digitaria brownii*, *Eriachne tenuiculmis*, mixed tussock grassland over *Triodia longiceps* very open

hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, widespread

| trees 5-15 m | Corymbia candida subsp. candida |
|----------------|---|
| | Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Atalaya hemiglauca, Grevillea wickhamii |
| shrubs > 2m | subsp. <i>hispidula</i> |
| | Acacia pyrifolia, Indigofera monophylla, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Trudgen 17794), Rulingia luteiflora |
| | Abutilon aff. lepidum, Corchorus parviflorus, Indigofera monophylla, |
| | Paraneurachne muelleri, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Tephrosia aff. |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | rosea (HD292-37) |
| | Hibiscus gardneri, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Isotropis forrestii, Ptilotus |
| | calostachyus var. calostachyus, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Ptilotus |
| | obovatus var. obovatus, Sida sp. spiciform panicles (E. Leyland s.n. |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | 14/8/90), Solanum phlomoides, Tephrosia aff. rosea (HD292-37) |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| | Cenchrus ciliaris, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Digitaria brownii, Eriachne |
| other grasses | mucronata (typical form), Eriachne tenuiculmis, Themeda triandra |
| | Abutilon fraseri, Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Gomphrena kanisii, |
| | Mollugo molluginea, Phyllanthus maderaspatensis, Polycarpaea longiflora, |
| | Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Trichodesma |
| herbs | zeylanicum var. zeylanicum, Waltheria indica |
| | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Duperreya commixta, Jasminum didymum subsp. |
| climbers | lineare |



Described CJM Date 7/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 804211 mE 7512102 mN

Habitat Creek bank, minor creek line, gentle slope

Soil Red orange sandy clay (more clay than sand)

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) and Acacia pruinocarpa woodland over

Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) low woodland over Acacia tetragonophylla and Psydrax latifolia high open shrubland over Sida ectogama, Senna spp. and Indigofera monophylla shrubland to low shrubland and Dicladanthera forrestii low open shrubland over mixed herbs over Eriachne mucronata (typical form), mixed

very open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good

Fire None evident

Notes Spare leaf litter, plentiful wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia pruinocarpa, Corymbia aff. hamersleyana |
|----------------|---|
| Trees < 5 m | Acacia pruinocarpa |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia pyrifolia, Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Dodonaea petiolaris, Psydrax latifolia, Senna ferraria |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Dodonaea petiolaris, Indigofera monophylla, Sida ectogama, Psydrax latifolia, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Waltheria indica |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Anthobolus leptomerioides, Corchorus parviflorus, Hibiscus sturtii var. platychlamys, Indigofera monophylla, Sida ectogama, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Tephrosia aff. rosea (CH3-47) |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Dicladanthera forrestii, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20) |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Chrysopogon fallax, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form), Paspalidium clementii, Themeda triandra |
| herbs | Abutilon fraseri, Bidens bipinnata, Euphorbia biconvexa, Glycine canescens |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |



Described CJM **Date** 7/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 801032 mE 7510960 mN

Habitat Creek bank, creek bed

Soil Red-orange clay (base = stones/pebbles) **Rock Type** Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix open woodland over Acacia aneura var. pilbarana and Acacia

rhodophloia low open forest over Acacia tetragonophylla high open shrubland to scattered shrubs over Cucumis maderaspatanus and Ipomoea muelleri climbers over

Bidens bipinnata open herbs over Themeda triandra closed tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (weeds, cattle) **Fire** None evident

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Corymbia candida subsp. candida, Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia rhodophloia |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia pyrifolia, Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Sida ectogama |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia sp., Corchorus parviflorus, Dodonaea petiolaris, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Indigofera monophylla, Isotropis forrestii, Psydrax latifolia, Sclerolaena cornishiana |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Chrysopogon fallax, Cyperus iria, Echinochloa colona, Eragrostis cumingii, Eragrostis leptocarpa, Eriachne tenuiculmis, Fimbristylis microcarya, Paspalidium rarum, Perotis rara, Setaria dielsii, Themeda triandra |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Cheilanthes sieberi subsp. sieberi, Cleome viscosa, Dicladanthera forrestii, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Leptopus decaisnei var. orbicularis, Malvastrum americanum, Marsilea hirsuta, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Ipomoea muelleri, Ipomoea plebeia, Operculina aequisepala |



Described JN Date 7/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 800302 mE 7511261 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, gentle to neg slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana scattered trees to scattered low trees over Acacia aneura

var. pilbarana open scrub over Dodonaea petiolaris and Acacia aneura var. pilbarana shrubland over Indigofera monophylla, Dodonaea petiolaris, mixed low open shrubland over Cucumis maderaspatanus climbers over very open mixed herbs over Chloris pumilio

and Enneapogon polyphyllus open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing and weeds)

Fire None evident

Notes Sparse leaf litter, moderate to sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Psydrax latifolia |
|----------------|--|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Psydrax latifolia |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Indigofera monophylla, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Indigofera monophylla, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii Sida ectogama, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon aff. lepidum, Eremophila lanceolata, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gomphrena cunninghamii, Hibiscus burtonii, Hibiscus sturtii var. aff. grandiflorus, Indigofera monophylla, Malvastrum americanum, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus astrocarpus |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Dichanthium sericeum subsp. humilius, Digitaria ctenantha, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne helmsii, Iseilema eremaeum, Perotis rara, Setaria dielsii |
| herbs | Alysicarpus muelleri, Bidens bipinnata, Boerhavia aff. coccinea, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Portulaca oleracea |
| climbers | Austrobryonia pilbarensis, Citrullus colocynthis, Cucumis maderaspatanus |



Described CW **Date** 7/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 799636 mE 7511020 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Fine gravel, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana woodland over Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla high

shrubland over Cleome viscosa open herbs over Aristida contorta and Enneapogon

polyphyllus open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent (tracks) **Fire** None evident

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs and trees

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Eremophila lanceolata, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gomphrena kanisii, Goodenia muelleriana, Heliotropium tanythrix, Hibiscus sturtii var. aff. grandiflorus, Neptunia dimorphantha, Polygala aff. isingii, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Solanum lasiophyllum, Tephrosia aff. clementii (9) (HD284-6) |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida latifolia, Chloris pumilio, Dactyloctenium radulans, Dichanthium sericeum subsp. humilius, Enneapogon caerulescens var. caerulescens, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila |
| herbs | Boerhavia coccinea, Cleome viscosa, Goodenia muelleriana, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |
| climbers | Sida rhytidocarpa |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 116

Described CW **Date** 7/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 797626 mE 7509169 mN

Habitat Undulating plain, minor channel

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) and Acacia aneura var. pilbarana open

forest to low woodland over Chrysopogon fallax tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (tracks, stock disturbance, old drill site)

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia tetragonophylla |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gomphrena kanisii, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Maireana planifolia, Neptunia dimorphantha, Ptilotus exaltatus, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Tephrosia aff. clementii, Tephrosia aff. clementii (9) (HD284-6) |
| other grasses | Chrysopogon fallax, Dactyloctenium radulans, Dichanthium sericeum subsp. humilius, Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis |
| herbs | Alysicarpus muelleri, Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Portulaca oleracea |
| climbers | Citrullus colocynthis, Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis |



Described JN Date 7/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 797703 mE 7508831 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, slightly undulating (gentle to neg slope)

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana scattered low trees to high open shrubland over Senna

artemisioides aff. subsp. oligophylla (thinly sericeous) open shrubland over Eremophila lanceolata low shrubland and Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii low scattered shrubs over Gomphrena kanisii scattered herbs over Chloris pumilio scattered tussock grasses.

Veg Condition Good (grazing) **Fire** Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
|----------------|--|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Eremophila lanceolata, Psydrax latifolia, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia gardneri, Eremophila lanceolata, Gomphrena kanisii, Hibiscus sturtii var. aff. grandiflorus, Maireana planifolia, Malvastrum americanum, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum lasiophyllum |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Chloris pumilio, Dactyloctenium radulans, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila, Iseilema macratherum |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Operculina aequisepala |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 117b

Described CJM **Date** 7/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 798318 mE 7510581 mN

Habitat Flat/plain Soil Clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) low woodland over Acacia

tetragonophylla high open shrubland over Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla shrubland over Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla and Acacia tetragonophylla low open shrubland over Operculina aequisepala climbers over Cleome viscosa and Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides open herbs over Chloris pumilio, Iseilema

dolichotrichum, mixed open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (cattle, weeds, holes, grazing evident)

Fire

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259)Acacia tetragonophylla, Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida latifolia, Chloris pumilio, Dichanthium sericeum subsp. humilius, Eragrostis xerophila, Iseilema dolichotrichum, Iseilema macratherum, Panicum laevinode |
| herbs | Abutilon malvifolium, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus tridens, Euphorbia biconvexa, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gomphrena kanisii, Goodenia muelleriana, Indigofera linifolia, Neptunia dimorphantha, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Rhynchosia minima var. australis, Sida aff. fibulifera (HD200-6), Tephrosia aff. clementii (9) (HD284-6) |
| climbers | Ipomoea muelleri, Operculina aequisepala |



Described CJM **Date** 6/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 802323 mE 7515765 mN

HabitatUpper slope, gentle slopeSoilRed-orange sandy clayRock TypeCoarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula high shrubland to open heath over Grevillea

wickhamii subsp. hispidula and Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus low open shrubland

over Triodia basedowii and Triodia epactia hummock grassland.

Veg ConditionExcellent (tracks)FireOld (>5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| shrubs > 2m | Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Hakea chordophylla |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Rulingia luteiflora, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Tribulus suberosus |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Calytrix carinata, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Psydrax latifolia |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia maitlandii, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Dodonaea coriacea, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form) |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii , Triodia epactia |
| other grasses | Eriachne lanata |
| herbs | Cassytha capillaris, Euphorbia sp. (site 1089), Goodenia stobbsiana, Mollugo molluginea |

Described JN Date 6/03/2008

MGA Zone 50801825 mE 7514773 mN

Habitat Top of small minor hill and midslopes, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered low trees/mallee trees over

Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula scattered tall shrubs over Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula and Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa open shrubland over Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus and Acacia acradenia low open shrubland over Triodia

basedowii hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf litter, sparse to neg wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia acradenia, Acacia maitlandii, Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Senna symonii, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Tribulus suberosus |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia acradenia, Dodonaea coriacea, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii , Triodia brizoides, Triodia epactia, Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form), Paraneurachne muelleri |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 120a

Described CW Date 12/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 201560 mE 7495878 mN

HabitatFlat/plain, gentle slopeSoilRed-orange sandy clayRock TypeCoarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia pruinocarpa low open woodland to high shrubland over Acacia tetragonophylla

open shrubland over Solanum lasiophyllum low shrubland over Triodia sp. Shovelanna

Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent
Fire None evident

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, widespread

| trees < 5m | Acacia pruinocarpa, Hakea Iorea subsp. Iorea |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia synchronicia |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Eremophila cuneifolia |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Solanum lasiophyllum, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| hummock grass | Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Enneapogon caerulescens var. occidentalis, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eulalia aurea, Paraneurachne muelleri |
| herbs | Abutilon aff. lepidum (4), Euphorbia boophthona , Gomphrena kanisii, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 120b

Described CW Date 12/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 202548 mE 7494266 mN

Habitat Undulating plain, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) scattered low trees over Acacia

synchronicia scattered tall shrubs over Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii and Eremophila cuneifolia open shrubland over Eremophila cuneifolia low open heath to low open shrubland over Enneapogon polyphyllus and Aristida contorta very open tussock grassland and Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) scattered hummock

grasses.

Veg Condition Excellent (track)
Fire None evident

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia synchronicia, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Eremophila cuneifolia, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Solanum horridum, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| hummock grass | Triodia brizoides, Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Enteropogon ramosus, Eulalia aurea |
| herbs | Gomphrena kanisii |



Described CW Date 12/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 202538 mE 7494315 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, minor channel Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, fine gravel, loose soil

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) and Acacia ancistrocarpa shrubland

over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) low scattered shrubs over Cleome

viscosa herbs over Dactyloctenium radulans very open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (cattle, tracks)

Fire None evident

Notes Sparse leaf litter, neg wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia ancistrocarpa, Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Acacia trachycarpa, Vachellia farnesiana |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Ipomoea muelleri |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Dactyloctenium radulans, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne aristidea |
| herbs | Boerhavia aff. coccinea, Cleome viscosa, Gomphrena kanisii, Ipomoea muelleri, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 122

Described JN Date 12/03/2008

MGA Zone 51202657 mE 7494758 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, small band of mulga (low) on bare plain

Soil Red-orange clay/sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) scattered low trees over Acacia aff.

aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) high open shrubland to open shrubland over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) and Maireana villosa low open

shrubland over Paraneurachne muelleri very open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia tetragonophylla |
| | Acacia rhodophloia, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Eremophila latrobei |
| shrubs 1-2 m | subsp. filiformis, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous) |
| | Boerhavia coccinea, Ipomoea muelleri, Maireana villosa, Mollugo molluginea, |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20) |
| | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Digitaria brownii, Eriachne aff. mucronata, |
| other grasses | Eulalia aurea, Paraneurachne muelleri |
| climbers | Glycine canescens |



Described JN Date 12/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 201931 mE 7496647 mN

Habitat Footslope of small hill, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Hakea lorea subsp. lorea scattered low trees over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined;

site 1259) scattered tall shrubs over *Acacia ancistrocarpa* and *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *luerssenii* shrubland over *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *luerssenii*, *Solanum sturtianum*, mixed low open shrubland over *Ptilotus exaltatus* var. *exaltatus* scattered herbs over *Paraneurachne muelleri* and *Aristida contorta* open tussock grassland and *Triodia*

basedowii hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good/Excellent **Fire** Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf litter, mod wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia ancistrocarpa, Acacia pruinocarpa, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Solanum sturtianum |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Eremophila latrobei subsp. glabra, Psydrax latifolia, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon otocarpum, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Eremophila exilifolia, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Hibiscus burtonii, Hibiscus sturtii var. platychlamys, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Sida aff. echinocarpa (MET 15,350), Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus suberosus |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Gomphrena kanisii, Mollugo molluginea, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum horridum, Tephrosia aff. clementii |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii , Triodia brizoides |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Cymbopogon obtectus, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eulalia aurea, Paraneurachne muelleri |
| herbs | Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 124

Described JN Date 12/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 201440 mE 7494741 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange clay

Rock Type Cracked clay and gilgai, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Vachellia farnesiana scattered tall shrubs to scattered shrubs over Boerhavia

burbidgeana low shrubland and Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous) low scattered shrubs over Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides open herbs over

Cenchrus ciliaris scattered tussock grasses.

Veg Condition Good (grazing) **Fire** None evident

Notes Sparse leaf litter, neg wood litter

| shrubs > 2m | Vachellia farnesiana |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Operculina aequisepala |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia burbidgeana, Cullen cinereum, Indigofera linifolia, Indigofera linnaei, Ipomoea lonchophylla, Ipomoea muelleri, Ipomoea polymorpha, Malvastrum americanum, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Sida fibulifera s.lat., Solanum lasiophyllum, Streptoglossa liatroides, Tephrosia aff. clementii (9) (HD284-6), Operculina aequisepala |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Eragrostis xerophila, Iseilema macratherum, Panicum laevinode |
| herbs | Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Indigofera colutea, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |

Described CW Date 12/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 200558 mE 7494641 mN

HabitatFlat/plain, minor channelSoilRed-orange sandy clayRock TypeFine gravel, loose soil

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix open woodland over Atalaya hemiglauca low open woodland over

Neptunia dimorphantha shrubland and Acacia tetragonophylla open shrubland over Ipomoea muelleri climbers over Malvastrum americanum herbs over Cenchrus ciliaris

and Chloris pumilio tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (track, cattle, Malvastrum)

Fire None evident

Notes Mod leaf litter, sparse wood litter, widespread

| trees 5-15 m | Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Atalaya hemiglauca |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Neptunia dimorphantha |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Gomphrena kanisii, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Tribulus occidentalis |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Dactyloctenium radulans, Eragrostis tenellula, Panicum laevinode, Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis |
| herbs | Alysicarpus muelleri, Boerhavia burbidgeana, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus tridens, Crotalaria medicaginea, Cullen cinereum, Goodenia nuda, Indigofera linifolia, Malvastrum americanum, Phyllanthus maderaspatensis, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii, Sida fibulifera s.lat., Tephrosia aff. clementii (9) (HD284-6), Trianthema aff. triquetra (M3.35) |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Ipomoea muelleri, Vigna lanceolata var. lanceolata |



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Described JN Date 12/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 201617 mE 7497031 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red orange clay/sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, some stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia tetragonophylla and Acacia synchronicia scattered shrubs over Acacia

tetragonophylla, Acacia synchronicia, Sclerolaena cornishiana and Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii low scattered shrubs over Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus scattered herbs over Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata and Enneapogon polyphyllus

scattered tussock grasses.

Veg Condition Good

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Ipomoea muelleri, Maireana tomentosa, Mollugo molluginea, Ptilotus roei, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Sida platycalyx, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Enneapogon polyphyllus |
| herbs | Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 126b

Described JN Date 12/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 201414 mE 7496521 mN

Habitat Flat/plain
Soil Clay/sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia synchronicia scattered shrubs to low scattered shrubs over mixed low open

shrubland over Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides open herbs over

Enneapogon polyphyllus tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (weeds, grazing)

Fire None evident

Notes Mod to sparse leaf litter, neg wood litter

| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia synchronicia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Malvastrum americanum, Solanum lasiophyllum, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia coccinea, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Indigofera colutea, Indigofera linifolia, Indigofera linnaei, Ipomoea muelleri, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Sida aff. fibulifera (HD200-6), Tephrosia aff. clementii (9) (HD284-6) |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Enneapogon caerulescens var. occidentalis, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila, Iseilema vaginiflorum, Panicum laevinode |
| herbs | Euphorbia coghlanii, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Rhynchosia minima var. australis, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Trianthema aff. triquetra (M3.35) |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis |



Described JN Date 11/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 201757 mE 7498019 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia pruinocarpa scattered trees to scattered low trees over Acacia rhodophloia high

shrubland over *Senna artemisioides* subsp. *oligophylla x helmsii* open shrubland over *Senna artemisioides* subsp. *oligophylla x helmsii* and *Corchorus lasiocarpus* subsp. *parvus* low open shrubland over *Cucumis maderaspatanus* climbers over *Cleome viscosa* scattered herbs over *Cymbopogon ambiguus* open tussock grassland and *Triodia*

longiceps very open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing) **Fire** None evident

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia pruinocarpa, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia aneura var. intermedia, Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tetragonophylla |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii, Senna glaucifolia |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon macrum, Corchorus Iasiocarpus subsp. Iasiocarpus, Corchorus Iasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii , Hibiscus burtonii, Rhagodia eremaea |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Bidens bipinnata, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii , Gomphrena kanisii, Maireana planifolia x villosa, Mollugo molluginea, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Sida ectogama, Solanum lasiophyllum, Rhagodia eremaea |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii , Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Cenchrus ciliaris, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne aff. mucronata, Eulalia aurea, Paraneurachne muelleri |
| herbs | Cleome viscosa |
| climbers | Citrullus colocynthis, Cucumis maderaspatanus, Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Duperreya commixta |



Described JN Date 11/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 201703 mE 7499039 mN

Habitat Crest of small rise, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Hakea lorea subsp. lorea scattered low trees over Acacia adsurgens scattered tall shrubs

over *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *luerssenii* open shrubland over *Corchorus lasiocarpus* subsp. *lasiocarpus* and *Solanum lasiophyllum* low open shrubland over *Cymbopogon ambiguus*

very open tussock grassland and Triodia aff. basedowii hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent **Fire** Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse to neg wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2 m | Acacia adsurgens |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia adsurgens, Acacia pruinocarpa, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Senna glutinosa subsp. pruinosa, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Dodonaea petiolaris, Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus suberosus, Eremophila forrestii x latrobei, Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x symonii?, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Senna notabilis |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Dodonaea petiolaris, Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus suberosus, Gomphrena kanisii, Mollugo molluginea, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Solanum horridum |
| hummock grass | Triodia aff. basedowii |
| other grasses | Cymbopogon ambiguus, Eriachne aff. mucronata, Eulalia aurea |
| herbs | Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus |

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Described CW Date 11/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 201071 mE 7498855 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix open woodland over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259)

low woodland over Acacia tetragonophylla, Acacia synchronicia and Neptunia dimorphantha open shrubland over Acacia synchronicia and Corchorus lasiocarpus

subsp. lasiocarpus low open shrubland over Cenchrus ciliaris tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (tracks, cattle, weeds)

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| trees 5-15 m | Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma, Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Capparis lasiantha, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Neptunia dimorphantha |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia synchronicia |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gomphrena kanisii, Sclerolaena costata, Sida aff. fibulifera (oblong; MET 15 220) |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Dactyloctenium radulans, Eragrostis xerophila |
| herbs | Cleome viscosa, Crotalaria medicaginea, Portulaca intraterranea |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus |



Described CW Date 12/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 201773 mE 7497279 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, minor drainage band

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. intermedia and Acacia rhodophloia open scrub to shrubland over

Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii open shrubland over Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii and Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20) low shrubland over Cleome viscosa very open herbs over Aristida ingrata and Perotis rara

tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent **Fire** Old (>5 yrs)

| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. intermedia, Acacia catenulata subsp. occidentalis, Acacia rhodophloia, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Maireana villosa |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Gomphrena kanisii, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Sida ectogama, Tephrosia aff. supina (HD133-20), Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eulalia aurea, Paraneurachne muelleri, Perotis rara |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Boerhavia coccinea, Cleome viscosa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Mollugo molluginea, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Ptilotus gaudichaudii var. gaudichaudii |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis |

Described JN Date 11/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 200720 mE 7498909 mN

Habitat Creek bed, creek bank, minor drainage area (several channels), gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sand/sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Corymbia aff. hamersleyana and Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) open

woodland over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) low woodland over Acacia tetragonophylla high shrubland over Vachellia farnesiana shrubland over Vachellia farnesiana, mixed low open shrubland over Cucumis maderaspatanus climbers over Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides and Malvastrum americanum open

herbs over Cenchrus ciliaris closed tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (weeds, grazing)

Fire Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Mod leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Atalaya hemiglauca, Corymbia aff. hamersleyana |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Acacia pruinocarpa, Atalaya hemiglauca, Corymbia aff. hamersleyana, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia pyrifolia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma, Acacia synchronicia, Eremophila latrobei subsp. glabra, Eremophila longifolia, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Indigofera monophylla, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Corchorus Iasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Malvastrum americanum, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Aeschynomene indica, Bidens bipinnata, Boerhavia coccinea, Crotalaria medicaginea, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Neptunia dimorphantha, Operculina aequisepala, Phyllanthus maderaspatensis, Polymeria aff. ambigua (CGC-25), Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii, Sclerolaena costata |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Echinochloa colona, Eragrostis tenellula, Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis |
| herbs | Alysicarpus muelleri, Cleome viscosa, Marsilea hirsuta, Portulaca oleracea, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Duperreya commixta, Ipomoea muelleri, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |
| Epiphytes | Amyema fitzgeraldii |
| Sedges | Cyperus iria |



Described CW Date 11/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 200477 mE 7499832 mN

Habitat Undulating plain, floodplain
Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil

Vegetation Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens open forest over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined;

site 1259) and Atalaya hemiglauca low woodland over Acacia tetragonophylla high open shrubland over Acacia tetragonophylla and Acacia pyrifolia shrubland over Ipomoea muelleri and Rhynchosia minima var. australis climbers over Bidens bipinnata herbs over

Cenchrus ciliaris closed tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (cattle, weeds) **Fire** None evident

Notes Sparse leaf litter, neg wood litter, widespread

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Corymbia aff. hamersleyana, Eucalyptus camaldulensis var. obtusa |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Atalaya hemiglauca |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia pyrifolia |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Senna artemisioides subsp. filifolia |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia repleta, Capparis umbonata, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Sida aff. fibulifera (oblong; MET 15 220) |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis |
| herbs | Amaranthus aff. pallidiflorus (WAS1127), Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus tridens, Dicladanthera forrestii, Euphorbia biconvexa, Malvastrum americanum, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Duperreya commixta, Glycine canescens, Ipomoea muelleri, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |



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Described CJM Date 10/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 199852 mE 7500098 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange clay
Rock Type Surface crust

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. intermedia and Acacia rhodophloia low open forest over Dodonaea

petiolaris and Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii scattered tall shrubs over Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20) low shrubland and mixed low scattered shrubs over Bidens

bipinnata herbs over Triodia longiceps open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (lots of *Bidens bipinnata*)

Fire Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Mod leaf litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. intermedia, Acacia rhodophloia |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Psydrax latifolia, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Eremophila lanceolata, Hibiscus burtonii, Isotropis forrestii, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Tephrosia aff. supina (HD133-20) |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Commelina ciliata, Digitaria brownii, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Paspalidium clementii |
| herbs | Abutilon otocarpum, Alysicarpus muelleri, Bidens bipinnata, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena cunninghamii, Gomphrena kanisii, Goodenia nuda, Ipomoea muelleri, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii, Spermacoce brachystema |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus |
| sedges | Fimbristylis dichotoma |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 134b

Described CW Date 11/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 199845 mE 7500150 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) high shrubland over Acacia

tetragonophylla open shrubland over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259)

low shrubland over Paraneurachne muelleri open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (track, cattle)

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| shrubs > 2m | Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tetragonophylla |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Rhagodia eremaea, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Dodonaea petiolaris |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon otocarpum, Alysicarpus muelleri, Corchorus tridens, Eremophila exilifolia, Eremophila lanceolata, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gomphrena kanisii, Hibiscus sturtii var. platychlamys, Hibiscus sturtii var. truncatus, Maireana planifolia x villosa, Maireana villosa, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Senna hamersleyensis, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum lasiophyllum |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Chrysopogon fallax, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila, Eriachne aff. mucronata, Eulalia aurea, Paraneurachne muelleri, Perotis rara |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Mollugo molluginea |
| climbers | Citrullus colocynthis, Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Ipomoea muelleri |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 135

Described CW Date 11/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 199375 mE 7500272 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia catenulata subsp. occidentalis

and Acacia aneura var. intermedia high shrubland over Dodonaea petiolaris open

shrubland over Acacia aneura and Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii low shrubland.

Veg Condition Good (track, drill site, cattle)

Fire None evident

| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia aneura var. intermedia, Acacia catenulata subsp. occidentalis |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Dodonaea petiolaris |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia aneura var. ?, Acacia catenulata subsp. occidentalis, Acacia tetragonophylla |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Eremophila lanceolata, Maireana villosa, Pluchea tetranthera, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Sclerolaena cuneata, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| other grasses | Eriachne helmsii |



Described JN Date 10/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 199587 mE 7500926 mN

Habitat Crest and upper slopes of very small hill, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia pruinocarpa low open woodland to high open shrubland over Eremophila

exilifolia open shrubland to low open shrubland over Triodia basedowii hummock

grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent **Fire** Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
|---|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous) |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Rhagodia eremaea, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous) |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Dodonaea petiolaris |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon otocarpum, Alysicarpus muelleri, Corchorus tridens, Eremophila exilifolia, Eremophila lanceolata, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gomphrena kanisii, Hibiscus sturtii var. platychlamys, Hibiscus sturtii var. truncatus, Maireana planifolia x villosa, Maireana villosa, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Senna hamersleyensis, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum lasiophyllum |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Chrysopogon fallax, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila, Eriachne aff. mucronata, Eulalia aurea, Paraneurachne muelleri, Perotis rara |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Mollugo molluginea |
| climbers | Citrullus colocynthis, Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Ipomoea muelleri |
| hummock grass other grasses herbs | Gomphrena kanisii, Hibiscus sturtii var. platychlamys, Hibiscus sturtii var. truncatus, Maireana planifolia x villosa, Maireana villosa, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Senna hamersleyensis, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum lasiophyllum Triodia basedowii Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Chrysopogon fallax, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila, Eriachne aff. mucronata, Eulalia aurea, Paraneurachne muelleri, Perotis rara Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Mollugo molluginea |



Described JN Date 11/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 199616 mE 7501465 mN

Habitat Minor gully between two small gently sloping hills/rises, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered trees to low woodland and

Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia (regrowth) scattered low mallee trees over Acacia monticola scattered tall shrubs to open shrubland over Acacia monticola, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus and Indigofera monophylla low shrubland over Cucumis maderaspatanus climbers over Paraneurachne muelleri open tussock grassland

and Triodia basedowii scattered hummock grasses.

Veg Condition Excellent (weeds, fire) **Fire** Very recent/Mod

Notes Sparse leaf litter, mod wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Codonocarpus cotinifolius, Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Abutilon cunninghamii, Acacia maitlandii, Acacia monticola, Dodonaea petiolaris, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Solanum sturtianum, Psydrax latifolia, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Santalum lanceolatum, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Senna notabilis, Sida arenicola, Solanum phlomoides |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Acacia monticola, Hibiscus aff. coatesii (MET 15 012), Hibiscus sturtii var. campylochlamys, Indigofera monophylla, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Solanum sturtianum, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Tephrosia aff. rosea (HD292-37), Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Eremophila latrobei subsp. glabra, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Solanum sturtianum, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus clementii |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form), Paraneurachne muelleri |
| herbs | Goodenia microptera |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Duperreya commixta |



Described CW Date 10/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 198882 mE 7500547 mN

HabitatMinor creek bankSoilRed-orange sandy clayRock TypeCoarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. intermedia low open forest over Acacia rhodophloia high shrubland

over Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis climbers over Bidens bipinnata herbs over Triodia

longiceps open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (tracks, weeds)

Fire None evident

| trees 5-15 m | Corymbia candida subsp. candida |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. intermedia, Acacia catenulata subsp. occidentalis, Acacia pruinocarpa |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Psydrax latifolia, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Indigofera monophylla |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Dicladanthera forrestii, Gomphrena kanisii, Indigofera monophylla, Melhania sp. (CH15-39), Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Chrysopogon fallax, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Paspalidium clementii, Themeda triandra |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Waltheria indica |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Glycine canescens, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 141

Described JN Date 10/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 196841 mE 7501961 mN

Habitat Foot slopes of small rounded hill, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered low trees over Grevillea wickhamii

subsp. hispidula scattered tall shrubs to scattered shrubs over Acacia stowardii (linear form), Acacia pruinocarpa, mixed low scattered shrubs over Triodia basedowii hummock

grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent **Fire** Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia pruinocarpa, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Psydrax latifolia |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia stowardii (linear form), Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Dodonaea petiolaris, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Solanum sturtianum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Solanum lasiophyllum, Solanum sturtianum |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii , Triodia basedowii ? |
| other grasses | Eulalia aurea, Paraneurachne muelleri |

Described CJM Date 10/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 196031 mE 7501411 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) scattered trees to low woodland over

Psydrax latifolia and Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) scattered tall shrubs over Dodonaea petiolaris and Senna spp. open shrubland over Senna spp., Solanum lasiophyllum, mixed low open shrubland over Aristida contorta tussock

grassland.

Fire Old (>5 yrs)

| shrubs >2 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Psydrax latifolia, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Sida ectogama |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Indigofera monophylla, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Gomphrena kanisii, Hibiscus burtonii, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Sida atrovirens, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| other grasses | Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne aff. mucronata, Eulalia aurea |
| herbs | Goodenia microptera, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides |
| grasses | Aristida contorta |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 143

Described CJM Date 10/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 194948 mE 7502079 mN

Habitat Flat/plain Soil Clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana scattered low trees to high open shrubland over

Eremophila cuneifolia, Sclerolaena cornishiana and Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii low open shrubland and Senna spp. low scattered shrubs over Aristida contorta and Eriachne

aff. mucronata scattered tussock grasses.

Veg Condition Excellent (cattle) **Fire** None evident

| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana , Acacia glaucocaesia |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2 m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna stricta, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Anthobolus leptomerioides, Eremophila cuneifolia, Hibiscus burtonii, Psydrax latifolia, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne aff. mucronata |

Described CW Date 10/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 196124 mE 7502089 mN

Habitat Minor creek bank, minor channel

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Fine gravel, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia rhodophloia and Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) high shrubland

over *Dodonaea petiolaris, Indigofera monophylla* and *Hybanthus aurantiacus* low open shrubland over *Eriachne mucronata* (typical form) open tussock grassland and *Triodia*

epactia open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent (track)
Fire None evident

Notes Sparse leaf litter, mod wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Corymbia candida subsp. candida |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia catenulata subsp. occidentalis, Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia pruinocarpa, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Psydrax latifolia, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Indigofera monophylla, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Hibiscus aff. coatesii (MET 15 012), Isotropis forrestii, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Tephrosia aff. rosea (HD292-37), Waltheria indica |
| hummock grass | Triodia epactia |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Digitaria brownii, Eriachne mucronata (typical form), Paraneurachne muelleri |
| herbs | Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Hybanthus aurantiacus |
| climbers | Glycine canescens |

Described JN Date 10/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 194618 mE 7502244 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay/clay loam **Rock Type** Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) open woodland to low open woodland

over *Acacia* aff. *aneura* (narrow fine veined; site 1259) high shrubland to scattered shrubs over *Senna artemisioides* subsp. *helmsii, Corchorus parviflorus* and *Malvastrum americanum* low shrubland over *Cucumis melo* subsp. *agrestis* climbers over *Cleome*

viscosa very open herbs over Aristida contorta and Perotis rara tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing, weeds)

Fire Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Mod to sparse leaf litter, mod wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259,)Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259,)Acacia tetragonophylla, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon macrum, Abutilon otocarpum, Aerva javanica, Corchorus parviflorus, Malvastrum americanum, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna notabilis, Tephrosia aff. rosea (HD292-37), Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon otocarpum, Boerhavia coccinea, Crotalaria medicaginea, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Hibiscus sturtii var. campylochlamys, Indigofera colutea, Indigofera linnaei, Maireana planifolia, Rutidosis helichrysoides, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Sida aff. fibulifera (oblong; MET 15 220), Solanum dioicum, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne helmsii, Perotis rara |
| herbs | Alysicarpus muelleri, Amaranthus aff. pallidiflorus (WAS1127), Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Ipomoea muelleri, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |



Described CW Date 10/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 193358 mE 7502239 mN

HabitatMidslope, gentle slopeSoilRed-orange sandy clayRock TypeCoarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus low scattered shrubs over Ptilotus calostachyus

var. calostachyus herbs over Triodia aff. basedowii open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent (track)
Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia ancistrocarpa, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Sida arenicola, Solanum phlomoides |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Dampiera candicans, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Ptilotus clementii, Sida arenicola, Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms |
| hummock grass | Triodia aff. basedowii |
| herbs | Goodenia microptera, Goodenia stobbsiana, Goodenia triodiophila, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 154

Described JN Date 13/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 196216 mE 7497195 mN

Habitat Creek bed, creek bank, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sand/sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix and Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens woodland over Acacia coriacea

subsp. pendens low woodland to open shrubland over Malvastrum americanum, mixed low open shrubland over Rhynchosia minima var. australis climbers over Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii scattered herbs over Cenchrus ciliaris open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (weeds, grazing)

Fire Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf litter, mod wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Atalaya hemiglauca, Erythrina vespertilio |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Acacia synchronicia, Acacia trachycarpa |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Indigofera monophylla, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Achyranthes aspera, Malvastrum americanum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Achyranthes aspera, Boerhavia paludosa, Cleome viscosa, Crotalaria medicaginea, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Ipomoea muelleri, Operculina aequisepala, Sida fibulifera s.lat. |
| other grasses | Bothriochloa ewartiana, Cenchrus ciliaris, Dichanthium sericeum subsp. humilius, Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis |
| herbs | Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Duperreya commixta, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |



Described CW Date 13/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 196413 mE 7496832 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. conifera low open woodland over Acacia synchronicia and Acacia

aneura var. conifera open shrubland over Acacia synchronicia, Eremophila lanceolata and Senna hamersleyensis low open shrubland over Ipomoea muelleri climbers over Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides open herbs over Enneapogon polyphyllus

and Aristida contorta open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (cattle, weeds, tracks)

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. conifera |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia synchronicia, Eremophila lanceolata |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia paludosa, Crotalaria dissitiflora subsp. benthamiana, Hibiscus sturtii var. campylochlamys, Indigofera colutea, Neptunia dimorphantha, Sclerolaena bicornis, Sclerolaena densiflora, Senna hamersleyensis, Sida aff. fibulifera (HD200-6), Solanum lasiophyllum, Tephrosia aff. clementii (9) (HD284-6) |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Dactyloctenium radulans, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila, Panicum decompositum |
| herbs | Cleome viscosa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Goodenia muelleriana, Malvastrum americanum, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Ipomoea muelleri |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 157

Described CW Date 13/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 805017 mE 7496313 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, floodplain **Soil** Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix and Eucalyptus camaldulensis var. obtusa woodland over Hakea lorea

subsp. *lorea* low open woodland over *Acacia tetragonophylla* high open shrubland over *Vachellia farnesiana* and *Acacia tetragonophylla* shrubland over *Vachellia farnesiana* low open shrubland over *Boerhavia burbidgeana* herbs over *Dichanthium sericeum* subsp.

humilius very open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (litter, tracks, cattle, weeds)

Fire None evident

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Eucalyptus camaldulensis var. obtusa, Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Atalaya hemiglauca, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma, Acacia tetragonophylla |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia synchronicia, Grevillea striata, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia synchronicia |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Malvastrum americanum, Polymeria sp. Hamersley (M.E. Trudgen 11353), Sclerolaena bicornis, Sida fibulifera s.lat. , Tribulus occidentalis |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Dichanthium sericeum subsp. humilius |
| herbs | Boerhavia burbidgeana, Cleome viscosa, Cullen cinereum, Euphorbia biconvexa, Euphorbia schultzii, Ipomoea lonchophylla, Malvastrum americanum, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Trianthema aff. triquetra (M3.35) |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 157b

Described JN Date 13/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 805430 mE 7496207 mN Habitat Crest and slopes of small rocky hill, moderate to gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana low open woodland to high shrubland over Senna glutinosa

subsp. *luerssenii* open heath over *Eremophila latrobei* subsp. *filiformis, Acacia aneura* var. *pilbarana*, mixed low open shrubland over *Gomphrena cunninghamii* scattered

herbs over Cenchrus ciliaris scattered tussock grasses.

Veg ConditionExcellent/goodFireNone evident

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Grevillea striata, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Capparis spinosa var. nummularia, Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila cuneifolia, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Tribulus suberosus |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Capparis spinosa var. nummularia, Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Capparis spinosa var. nummularia, Boerhavia coccinea, Gomphrena cunninghamii, Heliotropium cunninghamii, Maireana planifolia, Sclerolaena bicornis, Sclerolaena cornishiana |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 159

Described CW **Date** 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 804106 mE 7496079 mN

Habitat River bank
Soil Red-orange clay
Rock Type Cracked clay

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix and Eucalyptus camaldulensis var. obtusa open forest over Cyperus

bifax sedges over Echinochloa colona tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent (cattle) **Fire** None evident

Notes Mod leaf litter, sparse wood litter, widespread

| trees 5-15 m | Eucalyptus camaldulensis var. obtusa, Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Atalaya hemiglauca |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Neptunia dimorphantha |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Alternanthera sp., Malvastrum americanum, Neptunia dimorphantha, Parkinsonia aculeata |
| other grasses | Chloris pumilio, Echinochloa colona, Eragrostis tenellula |
| herbs | Basilicum polystachyon, Cullen cinereum, Euphorbia schultzii, Malvastrum americanum, Marsilea exarata, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii |
| sedges | Cyperus bifax |

Described JN Date 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803941 mE 7496333 mN

Habitat Floodplain/extended channel of river, gentle to neg slope

Soil Red-orange clay/sandy clay

Rock Type Cracked clay, surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix woodland to low woodland over Acacia sclerosperma subsp.

sclerosperma high open shrubland to shrubland over Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma, Vachellia farnesiana and Malvastrum americanum low open shrubland over Cyperus bifax scattered sedges over Cenchrus ciliaris and Eragrostis aff. falcata

scattered tussock grasses.

Veg Condition Poor (weeds and grazing)

Fire None evident

Notes Moderate leaf litter, moderate to sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs and trees

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus victrix, Grevillea striata |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2 m | Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma, Atalaya hemiglauca, Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota, Rhagodia eremaea |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia tetragonophylla, Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma, Atalaya hemiglauca, Capparis lasiantha, Senna glutinosa subsp. chatelainiana, Parkinsonia aculeate, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia victoriae (hairy variant), Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma, Atalaya hemiglauca, Capparis lasiantha, Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota, Rhagodia eremaea, Muehlenbeckia florulenta, Parkinsonia aculeate, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia victoriae (hairy variant), Boerhavia burbidgeana, Capparis lasiantha, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Malvastrum americanum, Neptunia dimorphantha, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Sida aff. fibulifera (oblong; MET 15 220), Vachellia farnesiana |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Eragrostis aff. falcata, Paspalidium constrictum |
| herbs | Goodenia pascua, Polymeria sp. Hamersley (M.E. Trudgen 11353), Teucrium racemosum |
| sedges | Cyperus bifax |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 161

Described CJM **Date** 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803624 mE 7496249 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

SoilOrange-yellow sandy clayRock TypeSurface crust, loose soil

Vegetation Vachellia farnesiana scattered shrubs over Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Goodenia

forrestii, Stemodia grossa and Goodenia forrestii scattered herbs over Cenchrus ciliaris

scattered tussock grasses and Triodia longiceps hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (cattle have grazed edible plants such as Cenchrus)

Fire

Notes Neg leaf litter

| trees < 5m | Eremophila longifolia |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma, Acacia synchronicia, Vachellia farnesiana, Muehlenbeckia florulenta |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Aerva javanica, Corchorus parviflorus, Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota, Heliotropium chrysocarpum, Hibiscus sturtii var. campylochlamys, Muehlenbeckia florulenta, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Enneapogon cylindricus |
| herbs | Goodenia forrestii, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Stemodia grossa |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 161b

Described CJM **Date** 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803636 mE 7496282 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, neg slope
Soil Orange sandy clay
Rock Type Surface crust

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana low open woodland over Eremophila forrestii subsp.

forrestii and Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma open shrubland over Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii and Sida aff. fibulifera (oblong; MET 15 220) low open shrubland over Sclerolaena cornishiana scattered herbs over Cenchrus ciliaris

scattered tussock grasses and *Triodia longiceps* very open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good

Fire None evident

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Vachellia farnesiana, Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma, Rhagodia eremaea |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Senna glutinosa subsp. chatelainiana |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Aerva javanica, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla, Sida aff. fibulifera (oblong; MET 15 220), Solanum lasiophyllum |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Eragrostis desertorum |
| herbs | Malvastrum americanum |
| climbers | Rhynchosia minima var. australis |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 162

Described CW Date 13/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 805039 mE 7496775 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, floodplain, neg slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel / pebbles

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix woodland/mallee woodland over Atalaya hemiglauca scattered low

trees over Acacia synchronicia high open shrubland over Acacia synchronicia and Senna glutinosa subsp. chatelainiana shrubland over Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota low shrubland over Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis scattered climbers over Dactyloctenium

radulans open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (cattle, track)

Fire

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Atalaya hemiglauca |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia synchronicia, Parkinsonia aculeata |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Acacia tetragonophylla, Atriplex bunburyana, Senna glutinosa subsp. chatelainiana |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Neptunia dimorphantha, Sclerolaena bicornis, Sclerolaena densiflora, Sida aff. fibulifera (HD200-6), Sida fibulifera s.lat. |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Dactyloctenium radulans, Echinochloa colona |
| herbs | Malvastrum americanum, Portulaca oleracea, Salsola tragus subsp. grandiflora |
| climbers | Austrobryonia pilbarensis, Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis |



Described CJM **Date** 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 804026 mE 7498029 mN

Habitat Hill crest, gentle slope
Soil Red-orange fine sandy clay

Rock Type Skeletal soils, belts rocks, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia pruinocarpa scattered low trees over Acacia rhodophloia high open shrubland to

open heath over *Eremophila latrobei* subsp. aff. *filiformis* low open shrubland over mixed scattered herbs over *Bulbostylis barbata* scattered sedges over *Eriachne mucronata* (arid form) very open tussock grassland and *Triodia basedowii* very open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazed by cattle)

Fire Notes

| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia rhodophloia, Santalum lanceolatum, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Maireana planifolia, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Eriachne mucronata , Paspalidium clementii, Perotis rara |
| herbs | Gomphrena cunninghamii, Gomphrena kanisii, Portulaca oleracea |
| s3s2 | Eremophila latrobei subsp. aff. filiformis |
| sedges | Bulbostylis barbata |
| t3s1s2 | Acacia pruinocarpa |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 165

Described JN Date 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803707 mE 7497442 mN

Habitat Midslope, upper slopes of small hill, moderate slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders, surface level plates

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) low woodland to high shrubland over

Eremophila latrobei subsp. glabra and Dodonaea petiolaris shrubland to low scattered shrubs over Enneapogon polyphyllus scattered tussock grasses and Triodia basedowii

scattered hummock grasses.

Veg Condition Good (grazing) **Fire** None evident

Notes Mod to sparse leaf litter, mod wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| shrubs 1-2 m | Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Senna glutinosa subsp. pruinosa |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Hibiscus burtonii |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Paspalidium clementii |
| s1s2 | Acacia rhodophloia |
| s2s3s4 | Dodonaea petiolaris |
| s3s4 | Tribulus suberosus |
| s4s3s2 | Eremophila latrobei subsp. aff. filiformis, Eremophila latrobei subsp. glabra |
| t3t2 | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 166a

Described CW **Date** 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803646 mE 7497837 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Eremophila cuneifolia low shrubland over Sclerolaena cuneata and Sclerolaena densiflora

open herbs over Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) very open hummock

grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent (track)
Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia victoriae, Eremophila cuneifolia, Solanum lasiophyllum |
|----------------|---|
| hummock grass | Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Dactyloctenium radulans, Enteropogon ramosus |
| herbs | Sclerolaena cuneata, Sclerolaena densiflora |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 166b

Described CW **Date** 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803712 mE 7497936 mN

Habitat Stony plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Sclerolaena cuneata very open herbs over Dactyloctenium radulans scattered tussock

grasses.

Veg Condition Excellent (track)
Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| other grasses | Dactyloctenium radulans |
|---------------|-------------------------|
| herbs | Sclerolaena cuneata |



Described JN **Date** 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803544 mE 7498727 mN

HabitatFloodplain, gentle to neg slopeSoilRed orange clay/sandy clayRock TypeCracked clay, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) open woodland over Acacia aff.

aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) and Eucalyptus victrix low open forest over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) high open shrubland over Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma and Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) shrubland to low shrubland over mixed low scattered shrubs over Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis scattered climbers over Cleome viscosa very open herbs over Setaria dielsii very

open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good/Poor (grazing and weeds)

Fire None evident

Notes Mod leaf litter, mod to sparse wood litter, mainly under trees

| trees 5-15 m | Eucalyptus victrix, Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Atalaya hemiglauca, Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma, Acacia tetragonophylla, Parkinsonia aculeata |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Capparis spinosa var. nummularia, Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota, Rhagodia eremaea, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna glutinosa subsp. chatelainiana, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Capparis spinosa var. nummularia, Eremophila cuneifolia, Malvastrum americanum, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Operculina aequisepala, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Sida aff. fibulifera (oblong; MET 15 220), Solanum lasiophyllum, Vachellia farnesiana |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Setaria dielsii, Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis |
| herbs | Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia schultzii, Portulaca oleracea |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 169

Described CW Date 13/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 805318 **mE** 7497774 **mN**

Habitat Creek bank

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Loose soil, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix woodland over Neptunia dimorphantha high shrubland to low open

shrubland over Acacia synchronicia low scattered shrubs over Malvastrum americanum herbs over Cyperus bifax sedges over Chloris pumilio, Eragrostis leptocarpa and

Echinochloa colona tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (cattle, tracks, weeds)

Fire None evident

Notes Sparse leaf litter, neg wood litter, widespread

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|--|
| trees < 5m | Erythrina vespertilio |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia sclerosperma subsp. sclerosperma, Neptunia dimorphantha |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia synchronicia |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Dactyloctenium radulans, Dichanthium sericeum subsp. humilius, Echinochloa colona, Eragrostis leptocarpa, Eragrostis tenellula |
| herbs | Basilicum polystachyon, Boerhavia paludosa, Centipeda minima subsp. macrocephala, Corchorus tridens, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Malvastrum americanum, Marsilea hirsuta, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |
| sedges | Cyperus bifax |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 169b

Described JN Date 13/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803991 mE 7497003 mN

Habitat Creek bank, bank between two channels of one creek, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay/clay loam

Rock Type Cracked clay, surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix scattered trees to low open forest over Vachellia farnesiana scattered

tall shrubs over *Vachellia farnesiana* and *Muehlenbeckia florulenta* shrubland to low open shrubland over *Rhynchosia minima* var. *australis* climbers over *Polymeria* sp. Hamersley (M.E. Trudgen 11353) scattered herbs over *Cyperus bifax* scattered sedges

over Dichanthium fecundum and Sporobolus mitchellii scattered tussock grasses.

Veg Condition Poor (weeds and grazing)

Fire None evident

Notes Plentiful/mod leaf litter, mod/sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs and trees

| trees 5-15 m | Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5 m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Atalaya hemiglauca, Erythrina vespertilio, Eucalyptus camaldulensis var. obtusa |
| shrubs > 2 m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Acacia tetragonophylla, Grevillea striata, Parkinsonia aculeata, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota, Muehlenbeckia florulenta |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia victoriae (hairy variant) |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia coccinea, Cleome viscosa, Malvastrum americanum, Sclerolaena bicornis |
| other grasses | Dichanthium fecundum, Sporobolus mitchellii |
| herbs | Polymeria sp. Hamersley (M.E. Trudgen 11353) |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |
| sedges | Cyperus bifax |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 170

Described JN Date 13/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 805173 mE 7498355 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, floodplain

Soil Red-orange clay/sandy clay

Rock Type Cracked clay, surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix scattered low trees over Acacia synchronicia scattered tall shrubs over

Vachellia farnesiana scattered shrubs to low scattered shrubs over Sclerolaena bicornis low open shrubland over Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis climbers over Trianthema aff. triquetra (M3.35) very open herbs over Chloris pumilio and Dactyloctenium radulans

tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Degraded (tracks, grazing and weeds)

Fire None evident

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Sclerolaena bicornis |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia synchronicia, Boerhavia burbidgeana, Cleome viscosa, Cullen cinereum, Malvastrum americanum, Minuria integerrima, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Sclerolaena cuneata, Trianthema aff. triquetra (M3.35), Trianthema portulacastrum, Trianthema triquetra |
| other grasses | Chloris pumilio, Dactyloctenium radulans, Echinochloa colona, Eragrostis leptocarpa, Eragrostis setifolia, Eriachne aff. festucacea, Setaria dielsii |
| herbs | Portulaca oleracea |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis |
| Epiphytes | Amyema aff. bifurcata |



Described JN Date 14/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806314 **mE** 7500715 **mN**

Habitat Flat/plain, gentle to neg slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana scattered low trees to high shrubland over mixed open

shrubland over *Eremophila cuneifolia* and *Sclerolaena cornishiana* low shrubland over *Cucumis melo* subsp. *agrestis* climbers over *Gomphrena cunninghamii* very open herbs

over Aristida contorta open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing and weeds)

Fire None evident

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| Trees < 5 m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Senna artemisioides aff subspoligophylla (thinly sericeous) |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous) |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Cleome viscosa, Enchylaena tomentosa, Eremophila cuneifolia, Hibiscus burtonii, Maireana planifolia, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Hibiscus sturtii var. aff. grandiflorus, Ipomoea muelleri, Malvastrum americanum, Neptunia dimorphantha, Portulaca pilosa, Ptilotus roei, Sida aff. fibulifera (HD200-6), Solanum lasiophyllum |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Chloris sp., Chrysopogon fallax, Dactyloctenium radulans, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila, Iseilema macratherum, Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Boerhavia coccinea, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena cunninghamii, Goodenia muelleriana, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 173

Described CW Date 14/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806579 mE 7502139 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, drainage line
Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia rhodophloia and Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) open scrub

over *Acacia tetragonophylla* open shrubland over *Eremophila latrobei* subsp. *filiformis* and *Sida ectogama* low open shrubland over *Bidens bipinnata* herbs over *Digitaria*

ctenantha and Enneapogon polyphyllus open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (cattle, tracks, weeds)

Fire

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| shrubs > 2m | Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tetragonophylla |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Psydrax latifolia, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Indigofera monophylla, Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous) |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Sida ectogama |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Commelina ensifolia, Dactyloctenium radulans, Digitaria brownii, Digitaria ctenantha, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis leptocarpa, Eriachne aff. mucronata, Paspalidium clementii, Perotis rara, Themeda triandra, Urochloa occidentalis var. ciliata |
| herbs | Alysicarpus muelleri, Bidens bipinnata, Boerhavia coccinea, Cheilanthes sieberi subsp. sieberi, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gomphrena kanisii, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Isotropis forrestii, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Ipomoea plebeia |
| sedges | Fimbristylis dichotoma |



Described CW **Date** 10/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 804412 mE 7502081 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, sump land in middle/side of plot

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana low woodland over Sclerolaena cuneata low shrubland over

Eriachne flaccida tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (weeds and track)

Fire

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Eremophila latrobei subsp. glabra, Rhagodia eremaea |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia synchronicia, Eremophila cuneifolia, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Eremophila latrobei subsp. glabra, Solanum phlomoides |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia victoriae, Aeschynomene indica, Rhagodia eremaea, Sclerolaena costata, Sclerolaena cuneata |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Cyperus iria, Dactyloctenium radulans, Eragrostis leptocarpa, Eragrostis setifolia, Eriachne flaccida, Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Malvastrum americanum, Marsilea hirsuta, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 175

Described JN Date 10/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803853 mE 7502356 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, minor gully on flat plain, bed and bank

Soil Red-orange clay/sandy clay

Rock Type Cracked clay, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) scattered low trees over Acacia

synchronicia high shrubland to open shrubland over *Maireana pyramidata, Acacia* synchronicia and *Sclerolaena cuneata* low open shrubland over *Gomphrena affinis* subsp. pilbarensis scattered herbs over *Dactyloctenium radulans* very open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (grazing and weeds)

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2 m | Acacia synchronicia |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia synchronicia, Eremophila cuneifolia, Eremophila forrestii x latrobei, Maireana pyramidata, Rhagodia eremaea, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous) |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia synchronicia |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia burbidgeana, Boerhavia coccinea, Maireana tomentosa, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Sclerolaena cuneata, Sida aff. fibulifera (HD200-6), Trianthema oxycalyptra var. oxycalyptra |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Dactyloctenium radulans, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Enteropogon ramosus |
| herbs | Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Portulaca pilosa |



Described CW Date 14/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806336 mE 7503152 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) open scrub over Dodonaea petiolaris

and Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) open shrubland over Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii and Senna artemisioides subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous) low shrubland over Bidens bipinnata herbs over Aristida contorta and

Enneapogon polyphyllus tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (weeds, tracks, cattle)

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
|----------------|---|
| | Acacia tetragonophylla, Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila latrobei subsp. |
| shrubs 1-2 m | filiformis, Psydrax latifolia |
| | Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna artemisioides |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | subsp. oligophylla x helmsii |
| | Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | gomphrenoides, Sida ectogama |
| | Aristida contorta, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Dactyloctenium radulans, |
| | Digitaria ctenantha, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Iseilema eremaeum, Paspalidium |
| other grasses | clementii |
| | Bidens bipinnata, Boerhavia coccinea, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, |
| | Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Portulaca oleracea, Portulaca pilosa, |
| herbs | Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis |



Described JN Date 14/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806199 mE 7503522 mN

Habitat Drainage complex, small channels, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay/clay loam **Rock Type** Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) open forest to scattered low trees over

Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) high open shrubland to scattered shrubs over *Ptilotus obovatus* var. obovatus, mixed low open shrubland over *Cucumis melo* subsp. agrestis climbers over *Bidens bipinnata* and *Cleome viscosa* open herbs over *Cyperus iria* scattered sedges over *Paspalidium rarum* and *Digitaria ctenantha* tussock

grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (grazing and weeds)

Fire None evident

Notes Mod leaf litter, plentiful/mod wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Psydrax latifolia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Abutilon cryptopetalum, Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Dodonaea petiolaris, Isotropis forrestii, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Sida ectogama |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon cryptopetalum, Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Bidens bipinnata, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Isotropis forrestii, Josephinia eugeniae, Ptilotus macrocephalus, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20) |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Mollugo molluginea, Isotropis forrestii |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Cyperus iria, Digitaria brownii, Digitaria ctenantha, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis leptocarpa, Eulalia aurea, Paspalidium constrictum, Paspalidium rarum, Perotis rara, Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis |
| herbs | Alysicarpus muelleri, Boerhavia coccinea, Cleome viscosa, Dicladanthera forrestii, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena cunninghamii, Goodenia nuda, Marsilea hirsuta, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii, Spermacoce brachystema |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Glycine canescens, Ipomoea lonchophylla, Ipomoea muelleri |



Described CW Date 15/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807231 mE 7507185 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, gentle slope **Soil** Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) high shrubland over Dodonaea

petiolaris shrubland over Corchorus parviflorus low open heath over Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis climbers over Aristida contorta tussock grassland and Triodia basedowii

hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (tracks)

Fire

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia pruinocarpa |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia acradenia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Corchorus parviflorus, Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Amaranthus aff. interruptus (WAS 988), Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gomphrena cunninghamii, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Mollugo molluginea, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum horridum, Solanum lasiophyllum, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| hummock grass | Triodia basedowii |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Iseilema eremaeum, Paspalidium clementii |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Boerhavia aff. coccinea, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Euphorbia sp. (site 1089), Salsola tragus subsp. tragus |
| climbers | Citrullus colocynthis, Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Duperreya commixta |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 178b

Described JN Date 15/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807324 mE 7506931 mN

Habitat Footslope/midslope, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange clay/sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia pruinocarpa scattered tall shrubs over Acacia pruinocarpa and Acacia

marramamba open shrubland over Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus and Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa low open shrubland over Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis climbers over Paraneurachne muelleri scattered tussock grasses and Triodia sp.

Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent **Fire** Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

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| trees < 5m | Psydrax latifolia |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia marramamba, Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia tetragonophylla, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Psydrax latifolia |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia acradenia, Dodonaea petiolaris, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Psydrax suaveolens, Solanum lasiophyllum, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia acradenia, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Eremophila forrestii x latrobei, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Psydrax suaveolens, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| hummock grass | Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) |
| other grasses | Enneapogon polyphyllus, Paraneurachne muelleri |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Duperreya commixta |



Described JN Date 17/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807863 mE 7506511 mN

Habitat Crest of mesa hill, moderate/gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders, surface level plates

Vegetation Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered low trees over Grevillea wickhamii

subsp. hispidula high shrubland over Acacia pruinocarpa shrubland over Acacia pruinocarpa and Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus low shrubland over Eriachne mucronata (typical form) very open tussock grassland and Triodia brizoides hummock

grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent (fire)
Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Mod to sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia marramamba, Acacia pruinocarpa, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous) |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Ptilotus clementii, Tribulus suberosus |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Mollugo molluginea, Ptilotus fusiformis var. fusiformis |
| hummock grass | Triodia brizoides |
| other grasses | Cymbopogon ambiguus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |
| s3s4 | Dampiera candicans, Triumfetta maconochieana |

Described CW Date 17/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807949 **mE** 7505997 **mN**

Habitat Flat/plain, foot slopes of hills all round, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Loose soil, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) and Acacia pruinocarpa low open

woodland over *Eucalyptus leucophloia* subsp. *leucophloia* scattered low mallee trees over *Acacia monticola* high open shrubland over *Acacia monticola* and *Acacia marramamba* open shrubland over *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *glutinosa*, *Corchorus lasiocarpus* subsp. *lasiocarpus* and *Solanum lasiophyllum* low shrubland over *Duperreya commixta* climbers over *Hybanthus aurantiacus* very open herbs over *Triodia longiceps*

and Triodia brizoides hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (cattle, grazing, tracks, drill site)

Fire Very recent/Mod

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia pruinocarpa, Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia aff. ayersiana (narrow form; MET 15,786), Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia ayersiana, Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia marramamba, Acacia monticola, Acacia pruinocarpa |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Tribulus suberosus, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon cunninghamii, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Dampiera candicans, Hibiscus aff. coatesii (MET 15 012), Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon cunninghamii, Dampiera candicans, Indigofera monophylla, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus fusiformis var. fusiformis, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Senna notabilis, Solanum lasiophyllum, Solanum phlomoides, Streptoglossa bubakii |
| hummock grass | Triodia brizoides, Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida inaequiglumis, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form), Paspalidium clementii |
| herbs | Euphorbia sp. (site 1089), Goodenia stobbsiana |
| climbers | Duperreya commixta |
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Described CW **Date** 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 191432 mE 7507505 mN

Habitat Midslope, steep slope **Soil** Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa and Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) R.M. Barker ms

low shrubland over Goodenia stobbsiana open herbs over Eriachne mucronata (typical

form) very open tussock grassland and Triodia epactia hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Pristine

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia marramamba, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Ptilotus clementii, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Rutidosis helichrysoides, Senna notabilis, Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms, Solanum phlomoides, Solanum sturtianum, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia epactia |
| other grasses | Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |
| herbs | Goodenia stobbsiana, Lepidium pholidogynum, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides |

Described JN Date 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 191412 **mE** 7507426 **mN**

Habitat Creek bed, creek bank, minor permanent creek, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix woodland to low open woodland and Eucalyptus victrix (regrowth)

scattered low mallee trees over *Acacia tumida* scattered tall shrubs over *Acacia bivenosa* scattered shrubs over *Senna notabilis, Acacia bivenosa,* mixed low shrubland over *Ipomoea muelleri* climbers over *Pluchea rubelliflora* very open herbs over *Typha domingensis* very open sedges over *Cenchrus ciliaris* open tussock grassland and *Triodia*

longiceps very open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing and fire) **Fire** Very recent (<1 yr)

Notes Mod to sparse leaf litter, mod wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Corymbia aff. hamersleyana, Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|--|
| trees < 5m | Atalaya hemiglauca |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia tumida, Ehretia saligna var. saligna |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia bivenosa, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Petalostylis labicheoides, Santalum lanceolatum, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon amplum, Acacia bivenosa, Acacia pyrifolia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Capparis lasiantha, Solanum sturtianum, Senna ferraria, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Senna notabilis, Solanum phlomoides, Stemodia grossa, Tephrosia aff. rosea (CH3-47) |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon aff. lepidum, Abutilon amplum, Amaranthus aff. pallidiflorus (WAS1127), Acacia bivenosa, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus parviflorus, Capparis lasiantha, Solanum sturtianum, Euphorbia biconvexa, Euphorbia sp. (site 1089), Flaveria australasica, Hibiscus sturtii var. aff. grandiflorus, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Indigofera monophylla, Isotropis forrestii, Leptopus decaisnei var. orbicularis, Malvastrum americanum, Phyllanthus maderaspatensis, Polymeria aff. ambigua (CGC-25), Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Sida aff. fibulifera, Senna notabilis, Solanum phlomoides, Solanum lasiophyllum, Streptoglossa decurrens |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Cymbopogon obtectus, Themeda triandra |
| herbs | Pluchea rubelliflora, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Ipomoea muelleri |
| sedges | Typha domingensis |



Described CW **Date** 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803662 mE 7497613 mN

HabitatMidslope, moderate slopeSoilRed-orange sandy clayRock TypeCoarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia pruinocarpa and Acacia aneura var. pilbarana high shrubland over Eremophila

latrobei subsp. filiformis and Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa open shrubland to low open shrubland over Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus low open shrubland over

Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Pristine **Fire** Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Mod leaf litter, sparse wood litter, mainly under *Acacia aneura*

| trees < 5m | Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Hakea chordophylla |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia pruinocarpa |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Eremophila latrobei subsp. aff. filiformis, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Senna glutinosa subsp. pruinosa |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon macrum, Bonamia pannosa, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Enchylaena tomentosa, Euphorbia boophthona, Hibiscus sturtii var. campylochlamys, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum horridum, Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 184

Described CJM **Date** 9/03/2008

MGA Zone 51 191528 mE 7507113 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, gentle slope
Soil Red-orange sandy clay
Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia paraneura scattered low trees over Solanum lasiophyllum, Acacia paraneura and

Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii low scattered shrubs over Eriachne helmsii and Enneapogon polyphyllus scattered tussock grasses and Triodia longiceps and Triodia

brizoides hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (cattle, low impact relatively speaking)

Fire Very recent (<1 yr)

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| trees < 5m | Acacia paraneura |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia ayersiana, Acacia marramamba, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Psydrax suaveolens, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia paraneura, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Dampiera candicans, Hibiscus burtonii, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Senna notabilis, Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia brizoides, Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis eriopoda, Eriachne helmsii |
| herbs | Citrullus colocynthis, Euphorbia biconvexa |

Described CW Date 15/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806881 mE 7508356 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, gentle slope **Soil** Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/pebbles

Vegetation Grevillea berryana high open shrubland over Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii shrubland

over *Tribulus suberosus* and *Corchorus lasiocarpus* subsp. *lasiocarpus* low shrubland over *Cucumis melo* subsp. *agrestis* climbers over *Goodenia stobbsiana* scattered herbs over

Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent (track) **Fire** Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| shrubs > 2m | Grevillea berryana, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula |
|----------------|---|
| | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia pruinocarpa, Senna glutinosa subsp. |
| shrubs 1-2 m | glutinosa, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| | Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Keraudrenia |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | nephrosperma |
| | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Ptilotus calostachyus var. |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | calostachyus, Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Paraneurachne muelleri, Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) |
| other grasses | Aristida ingrata, Eulalia aurea |
| herbs | Goodenia stobbsiana, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Duperreya commixta |



Described JN Date 15/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806852 mE 7508589 mN

Habitat Creek bank, creek bed, small drainage line, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sand/sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, loose soil, coarse gravel, pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana and Acacia aff. ayersiana (narrow form; MET 15,786)

scattered trees to low open woodland over *Acacia aneura* var. *pilbarana* and *Acacia* aff. *ayersiana* (narrow form; MET 15,786) open scrub over *Dodonaea petiolaris* and *Sida ectogama* open heath to low shrubland over mixed low open shrubland over *Duperreya commixta* climbers over *Bidens bipinnata* very open herbs over *Eriachne helmsii* very open tussock grassland and *Triodia* sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) scattered

hummock grasses.

Veg Condition Good

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf litter, plentiful/mod wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. intermedia, Acacia aff. ayersiana (narrow form; MET 15,786), Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia pruinocarpa, Grevillea berryana |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. intermedia, Acacia aff. ayersiana (narrow form; MET 15,786), Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia tetragonophylla, Anthobolus leptomerioides, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aff. ayersiana (narrow form; MET 15,786), Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Psydrax latifolia, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Sida ectogama, Tribulus suberosus |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Corchorus Iasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Solanum Iasiophyllum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Bidens bipinnata, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Hibiscus burtonii, Maireana luehmannii, Maireana villosa, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Sida atrovirens |
| hummock grass | Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Digitaria brownii, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis eriopoda, Eriachne helmsii, Iseilema eremaeum, Paspalidium rarum, Perotis rara |
| climbers | Duperreya commixta |



Described CW Date 15/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806340 mE 7510687 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, creek bed, creek bank, gentle slope

SoilRed-orange sand/sandy clayRock TypeLoose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Atalaya hemiglauca woodland over Corymbia hamersleyana low open woodland over

Grevillea wickhamii subsp. *hispidula* scattered tall shrubs to shrubland over *Cucumis* maderaspatanus climbers over *Trichodesma zeylanicum* var. *zeylanicum* very open herbs

over Cenchrus ciliaris tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (cattle, weeds) **Fire** None evident

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| trees 5-15 m | Atalaya hemiglauca |
|----------------|--|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. conifera, Corymbia hamersleyana |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. conifera, Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Abutilon amplum, Petalostylis labicheoides, Senna ferraria |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Gossypium robinsonii |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia coccinea, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus parviflorus, Dicladanthera forrestii, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Leptopus decaisnei var. orbicularis, Melhania sp. (CH15-39), Pluchea rubelliflora, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Sida aff. fibulifera (oblong; MET 15 220), Solanum phlomoides, Tephrosia aff. rosea (CH 3-12), Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum, Waltheria indica |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Cymbopogon procerus, Eulalia aurea |
| herbs | Amaranthus aff. pallidiflorus (WAS1127), Euphorbia biconvexa, Euphorbia tannensis ssp. eremophila (Panorama form), Hybanthus aurantiacus, Malvastrum americanum, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides |
| climbers | Citrullus aff. lanatus, Cucumis maderaspatanus, Glycine canescens, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |



Described JN Date 15/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806447 mE 7510889 mN

Habitat Creek bank, floodplain beside medium creek, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange clay loam

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Corymbia aff. hamersleyana open woodland to low open woodland over Atalaya

hemiglauca (regrowth) high open shrubland over Acacia pyrifolia open shrubland over Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, mixed low shrubland over Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis climbers over Cleome viscosa scattered herbs over Cenchrus ciliaris tussock

grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing and weeds)

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Mod leaf litter, mod to sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Atalaya hemiglauca, Corymbia aff. hamersleyana |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Atalaya hemiglauca, Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Acacia pyrifolia, Ehretia saligna var. saligna, Jasminum didymum subsp. lineare |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Aerva javanica, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Indigofera monophylla, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Tephrosia aff. rosea (CH3-47), Solanum lasiophyllum |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon amplum, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Gossypium robinsonii, Solanum phlomoides, Rhagodia eremaea, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna notabilis, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Amaranthus aff. pallidiflorus (WAS1127), Boerhavia gardneri, Euphorbia biconvexa, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gossypium robinsonii, Solanum phlomoides, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Leptopus decaisnei var. orbicularis, Melhania sp. (CH15-39), Operculina aequisepala, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus auriculifolius, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum dioicum, Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus occidentalis, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Enneapogon caerulescens var. occidentalis, Setaria verticillata |
| herbs | Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia sp. (site 1089), Flaveria australasica, Malvastrum americanum |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Duperreya commixta, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |



Described JN Date 7/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 805305 mE 7511082 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) scattered trees to scattered low trees

over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) high open shrubland over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow line veined; site 1259) and Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis scattered shrubs over Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus and Solanum lasiophyllum low open shrubland over Cucumis maderaspatanus climbers over mixed

scattered herbs over Aristida contorta tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing and weeds)

Fire None evident

Notes Sparse leaf litter, mod to sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees > 5 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Abutilon macrum, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon macrum, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna notabilis, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus Iasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Hibiscus burtonii, Malvastrum americanum, Solanum Iasiophyllum, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia aff. coccinea, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Hibiscus burtonii, Malvastrum americanum, Solanum lasiophyllum, Euphorbia biconvexa, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gomphrena cunninghamii, Goodenia muelleriana, Gossypium australe (Burrup form), Josephinia eugeniae, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum horridum, Streptoglossa bubakii, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Digitaria brownii, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Iseilema eremaeum, Paspalidium rarum, Perotis rara |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Corchorus tridens, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus |
| sedges | Fimbristylis dichotoma |

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Described CW Date 7/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 804976 **mE** 7511451 **mN**

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Corymbia hamersleyana and Psydrax latifolia scattered low trees over Acacia aneura var.

pilbarana, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. *hispidula, Senna glutinosa* subsp. *luerssenii* and *Acacia tetragonophylla* scattered shrubs over mixed low scattered shrubs over *Aristida*

contorta open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Pristine

Fire

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| trees < 5m | Corymbia aff. hamersleyana, Corymbia hamersleyana, Psydrax latifolia |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia tetragonophylla, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon otocarpum, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. lasiocarpus, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena kanisii, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Mollugo molluginea, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Senna notabilis, Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus hirsutus, Tribulus suberosus, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta |
| herbs | Goodenia muelleriana |
| climbers | Boerhavia coccinea, Cucumis maderaspatanus |



Described JN Date 14/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 804303 **mE** 7512507 **mN**

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange clay loam

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) scattered trees over Acacia aff. aneura

(narrow fine veined; site 1259) and *Acacia pruinocarpa* low open woodland to high open shrubland over *Acacia pruinocarpa* and *Dodonaea petiolaris* shrubland over *Corchorus parviflorus*, mixed low shrubland over *Cucumis maderaspatanus* climbers over *Cleome*

viscosa scattered herbs over Aristida contorta very open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf litter, mod wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia pruinocarpa, Psydrax latifolia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia aff. ayersiana (narrow form; MET 15,786), Acacia aneura var. intermedia, Acacia pyrifolia, Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Hibiscus burtonii, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Sida arenicola, Solanum phlomoides, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon lepidum, Abutilon macrum, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus parviflorus, Cullen aff. lachnostachys (MET 15,154), Malvastrum americanum, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Senna glutinosa subsp. x luerssenii, Senna notabilis, Solanum lasiophyllum, Solanum phlomoides, Tephrosia rosea var. glabrior, Tribulus suberosus |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Bidens bipinnata, Boerhavia coccinea, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena kanisii, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Mollugo molluginea, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum horridum, Solanum phlomoides, Stemodia grossa |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Cenchrus ciliaris, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Digitaria ctenantha, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form), Perotis rara |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Duperreya commixta, Glycine canescens |



Described CW Date 14/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 804578 mE 7512513 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, drainage channel Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Corymbia candida subsp. candida low mallee woodland over Acacia aneura var.

intermedia and Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) high open shrubland over Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula and Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis shrubland over Isotropis forrestii and Corchorus parviflorus low open heath over Rhynchosia minima var. australis and Glycine canescens climbers over Hybanthus aurantiacus very open herbs over Enneapogon intermedius, Eriachne aff. mucronata and Digitaria brownii

open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (tracks) **Fire** Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| trees < 5m | Corymbia candida subsp. candida |
|----------------|--|
| | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia aneura var. |
| shrubs > 2m | intermedia, Acacia catenulata subsp. occidentalis, Acacia rhodophloia |
| | Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. |
| shrubs 1-2 m | hispidula, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| | Dodonaea petiolaris, Indigofera monophylla, Isotropis forrestii, Psydrax |
| | latifolia, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | zeylanicum, Solanum phlomoides |
| | Abutilon fraseri, Abutilon sp., Corchorus parviflorus, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | 125-20), Solanum lasiophyllum, Solanum phlomoides |
| | Cymbopogon ambiguus, Digitaria brownii, Enneapogon intermedius, |
| other grasses | Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne aff. mucronata, Perotis rara |
| | Bidens bipinnata, Boerhavia gardneri, Cleome viscosa, Dicladanthera forrestii, |
| | Euphorbia sp. (site 1089), Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Goodenia |
| | microptera, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Malvastrum americanum, Melhania sp. |
| | (CH15-39), Phyllanthus maderaspatensis, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, |
| herbs | Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794) |
| | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Duperreya commixta, Glycine canescens, |
| climbers | Rhynchosia minima var. australis |



Described JN Date 14/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 803577 **mE** 7512670 **mN**

Habitat Drainage complex and flood plain area, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange clay loam

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana scattered trees to low open woodland over Acacia

rhodophloia high shrubland over mixed shrubland over Indigofera monophylla low open shrubland over Cucumis maderaspatanus climbers over Bidens bipinnata very open

herbs over Triodia longiceps hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf litter, mod/sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia pyrifolia, Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Psydrax latifolia |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Indigofera monophylla, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Sida sp. spiciform panicles (E. Leyland s.n. 14/8/90) |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Corchorus parviflorus, Dicladanthera forrestii, Isotropis forrestii, Hibiscus sturtii var. platychlamys, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Tephrosia rosea var. glabrior, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon aff. lepidum, Abutilon macrum, Boerhavia coccinea, Dicladanthera forrestii, Isotropis forrestii, Enchylaena tomentosa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Maireana villosa, Melhania sp. (CH15-39), Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20) |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Dactyloctenium radulans, Digitaria brownii, Digitaria ctenantha, Enneapogon caerulescens var. occidentalis, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Iseilema eremaeum, Paspalidium clementii, Paspalidium rarum, Perotis rara, Setaria verticillata, Themeda triandra |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Cheilanthes sieberi subsp. sieberi, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Euphorbia tannensis subsp. eremophila (Hamersley form) |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Duperreya commixta, Glycine canescens |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 194

Described CW **Date** 7/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 802732 mE 7513960 mN

HabitatFlat/plain, gentle slopeSoilRed-orange sandy clayRock TypeCoarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula high open shrubland over Acacia acradenia low

shrubland over Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Pristine

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| shrubs > 2m | Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia acradenia, Acacia marramamba, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia marramamba, Calytrix carinata, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form)Dodonaea petiolaris, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Psydrax latifolia, Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Tribulus suberosus |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form,)Goodenia nuda, Heliotropium chrysocarpum |
| hummock grass | Triodia sp. Shovelanna Hill (S. van Leeuwen 3835) |
| other grasses | Paraneurachne muelleri |
| climbers | Rhyncharrhena linearis |

Described JN Date 16/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 801303 mE 7515347 mN

Habitat Minor creek bed and bank, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sand/sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana open woodland to low open woodland over Acacia aneura var. pilbarana and Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula high shrubland over Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii and Dodonaea petiolaris shrubland to low open shrubland over Dicladanthera forrestii low shrubland over Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis climbers over Bidens bipinnata very open herbs over Themeda triandra tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent/Good (grazing and weeds)

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Mod leaf and wood litter mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Acacia pruinocarpa, Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. ayersiana (narrow form; MET 15,786), Acacia aneura var. intermedia, Acacia pyrifolia, Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Rulingia luteiflora |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Abutilon macrum, Acacia rhodophloia, Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Eremophila latrobei subsp. glabra, Indigofera monophylla, Isotropis forrestii, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Rhagodia eremaea, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna stricta, Sida ectogama, Sida sp. spiciform panicles (E. Leyland s.n. 14/8/90), Rulingia luteiflora |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon fraseri, Amaranthus aff. pallidiflorus (WAS1127), Hybanthus aurantiacus, Isotropis forrestii, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Malvastrum americanum, Melhania sp. (CH15-39), Tephrosia aff. rosea (CH3-47), Waltheria indica, Rulingia luteiflora |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon cunninghamii, Boerhavia coccinea, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Dicladanthera forrestii, Gomphrena kanisii, Isotropis forrestii, Keraudrenia nephrosperma, Leptopus decaisnei var. orbicularis, Maireana villosa, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Senna notabilis, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum, Rulingia luteiflora |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Chrysopogon fallax, Digitaria brownii, Enneapogon intermedius, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis tenellula, Eriachne mucronata (typical form), Perotis rara, Setaria dielsii, Themeda triandra |
| herbs | Amaranthus aff. interruptus (WAS 988), Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia sp. (site 1089) |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Duperreya commixta, Glycine canescens |



Described CW Date 16/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 801379 **mE** 7514917 **mN**

Habitat Flat/plain, adjacent to drill site

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. intermedia and Acacia aff. ayersiana (narrow form; MET 15,786) low

open woodland to high open shrubland over *Eremophila forrestii* subsp. *forrestii* scattered shrubs over *Eremophila forrestii* subsp. *forrestii* and *Solanum lasiophyllum* low open shrubland over *Ptilotus schwartzii* var. *schwartzii* very open herbs over *Aristida contorta* very open tussock grassland and *Triodia longiceps* very open hummock

grassland.

Veg Condition Good (tracks) **Fire** Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Sparse leaf litter, neg wood litter, widespread

| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. intermedia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. ayersiana (narrow form; MET 15,786), Acacia aneura var. intermedia Acacia pruinocarpa |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Hibiscus burtonii, Senna stricta |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Maireana planifolia x villosa, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Sida ectogama |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Maireana luehmannii, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Eragrostis eriopoda, Eriachne aff. mucronata |
| herbs | Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii |

Described CW Date 16/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 801918 mE 7514337 mN

Habitat Creek bed, creek bank, minor drainage channel between drill pads

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation *Clerodendrum floribundum* var. *angustifolium* and *Acacia* aff. *aneura* (narrow fine veined; site 1259)low woodland and *Corymbia ferriticola* subsp. *ferriticola* low mallee woodland over *Acacia tumida* var. *pilbarensis*, *Acacia* aff. *aneura* (narrow fine veined; site 1259), *Acacia aneura* var. *intermedia* and *Acacia rhodophloia* open scrub over *Dodonaea petiolaris* and *Grevillea wickhamii* subsp. *hispidula* open heath over *Dodonaea petiolaris*, *Indigofera monophylla* and *Corchorus parviflorus* low shrubland over *Cucumis maderaspatanus* climbers over *Bidens bipinnata* herbs over *Perotis rara*, *Themeda triandra* and *Enneapogon polyphyllus* tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (weeds, cattle, tracks)

Fire

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Clerodendrum floribundum var. angustifolium, Corymbia candida subsp. candida, Corymbia ferriticola subsp. ferriticola |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia aneura var. intermedia, Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tumida var. pilbarensis |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Dodonaea petiolaris, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula Indigofera monophylla, Psydrax latifolia, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Indigofera monophylla |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia coccinea, Corchorus parviflorus, Dicladanthera forrestii, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Isotropis forrestii, Maireana planifolia x villosa, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Digitaria brownii, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form), Paspalidium clementii, Perotis rara, Sporobolus australasicus, Themeda triandra, Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis |
| herbs | Abutilon sp., Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus parviflorus, Euphorbia biconvexa, Euphorbia boophthona, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Malvastrum americanum, Tephrosia aff. rosea (HD292-37), Trachymene oleracea subsp. oleracea, Waltheria indica |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Glycine canescens |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 198

Described JN Date 16/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 801705 mE 7514368 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana scattered low trees over Acacia aneura var. pilbarana and

Acacia aff. ayersiana (narrow form; MET 15,786) high shrubland over *Eremophila* forrestii subsp. forrestii open shrubland over *Eremophila forrestii* subsp. forrestii and *Solanum lasiophyllum* low open shrubland over *Aristida contorta* scattered tussock

grasses.

Veg Condition Good (grazing) **Fire** None evident

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Psydrax latifolia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Psydrax latifolia, Acacia aff. ayersiana (narrow form; MET 15,786), Acacia tetragonophylla |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia rhodophloia, Dodonaea petiolaris, Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Rhagodia eremaea, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Anthobolus leptomerioides, Senna stricta, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Hibiscus burtonii, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Sclerolaena cornishiana |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne aff. mucronata |
| herbs | Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx |
| s1t3 | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Psydrax latifolia |



Described CW Date 16/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 800047 mE 7516402 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, adjacent to banks of major river (no water)

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil

Vegetation Ehretia saligna var. saligna low woodland over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined;

site 1259) and *Acacia aneura* var. *pilbarana* high shrubland over *Grevillea wickhamii* subsp. *hispidula* open shrubland over *Senna artemisioides* subsp. *oligophylla* x *helmsii* low scattered shrubs over *Cucumis maderaspatanus* climbers over Cenchrus ciliaris

closed tussock grassland and *Triodia longiceps* scattered hummock grasses.

Veg Condition Poor (weeds, cattle, drill site close by)

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| trees < 5m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Atalaya hemiglauca, Ehretia saligna var. saligna |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia tetragonophylla |
| | Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula, Rhagodia eremaea, Senna stricta, |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum, Waltheria indica |
| | Corchorus parviflorus, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Senna artemisioides |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | subsp. <i>oligophylla x helmsii</i> |
| | Dicladanthera forrestii, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Melhania sp. (CH15-39), |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20) |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Themeda triandra |
| | Abutilon amplum, Bidens bipinnata, Malvastrum americanum, Rostellularia |
| herbs | adscendens var. clementii |
| | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Duperreya commixta, Glycine canescens, Jasminum |
| climbers | didymum subsp. lineare |

Described JN Date 15/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 796673 **mE** 7516094 **mN**

Habitat Creek bed, creek bank, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sand/sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) and Acacia pruinocarpa woodland to low open woodland over Acacia rhodophloia open scrub to open shrubland over Malvastrum americanum, mixed low open shrubland over Rhynchosia minima var. australis climbers over Bidens bipinnata open herbs over Digitaria ctenantha open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (weeds and grazing)

Fire None evident

Notes Mod/sparse leaf litter, plentiful/mod wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia pruinocarpa |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia rhodophloia, Atalaya hemiglauca, Psydrax latifolia |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia rhodophloia, Acacia tetragonophylla |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon cryptopetalum, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon fraseri, Amaranthus aff. interruptus (WAS 988), Boerhavia gardneri, Crotalaria medicaginea, Dicladanthera forrestii, Josephinia eugeniae, Melhania sp. (CH15-39), Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20) |
| other grasses | Aristida ingrata, Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Commelina ensifolia, Digitaria brownii, Digitaria ctenantha, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriochloa pseudoacrotricha, Iseilema eremaeum, Themeda triandra, Urochloa occidentalis var. ciliata, Urochloa occidentalis var. occidentalis |
| herbs | Alysicarpus muelleri, Bidens bipinnata, Cleome viscosa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Malvastrum americanum, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii |
| climbers | Citrullus colocynthis, Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Duperreya commixta, Glycine canescens, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |



Described CW Date 15/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 796505 **mE** 7516277 **mN**

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) high shrubland over Acacia

synchronicia open heath over Acacia synchronicia and Sida aff. fibulifera (B235-7) low open shrubland over Marsilea hirsuta scattered herbs over Cenchrus ciliaris, Aristida holathera, Aristida contorta and Eragrostis xerophila open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (track) **Fire** Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Acacia synchronicia |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii x ?symonii, Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Corchorus tridens, Crotalaria dissitiflora subsp. benthamiana, Gomphrena kanisii, Neptunia dimorphantha, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Sida aff. fibulifera (B235-7), Solanum phlomoides |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida holathera, Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Enneapogon caerulescens var. caerulescens, Enneapogon caerulescens var. occidentalis, Eragrostis leptocarpa, Eragrostis tenellula, Eragrostis xerophila, Iseilema macratherum |
| herbs | Cleome viscosa, Crotalaria medicaginea, Malvastrum americanum, Marsilea hirsuta, Phyllanthus maderaspatensis, Tephrosia aff. clementii (9) (HD284-6) |
| climbers | Austrobryonia pilbarensis |



Described JN Date 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806375 mE 7514378 mN

Habitat Midslope, moderate slope
Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders, surface level plates

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) and Acacia pruinocarpa scattered low

trees to scattered tall shrubs over *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *glutinosa* scattered shrubs over *Senna glutinosa* subsp. *glutinosa*, *Solanum phlomoides* and *Corchorus lasiocarpus* subsp. *parvus* low open shrubland over *Gomphrena cunninghamii* scattered herbs over *Cymbopogon ambiguus* very open tussock grassland and *Triodia epactia* very

open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing, fire) **Fire** Very recent/Mod

Notes Sparse/neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia pruinocarpa |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Aerva javanica, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Eulalia aurea, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Solanum phlomoides |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia gardneri, Gomphrena cunninghamii, Hibiscus aff. coatesii (MET 15 012), Leptopus decaisnei var. orbicularis, Mollugo molluginea, Ptilotus incanus var. incanus, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Solanum horridum, Solanum phlomoides, Streptoglossa bubakii, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia epactia |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Enneapogon lindleyanus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |
| herbs | Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia sp. (site 1089), Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Polycarpaea longiflora (red form), Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |



Described CW **Date** 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806145 **mE** 7514295 **mN**

Habitat Undulating plain, creek bed, creek bank, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix open woodland over Tephrosia aff. rosea (CH3-47) and Corchorus

parviflorus low open shrubland over Cenchrus ciliaris tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| trees 5-15 m | Corymbia hamersleyana, Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Melaleuca glomerata |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Gossypium robinsonii, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous) |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia pyrifolia, Adriana urticoides var. urticoides, Atalaya hemiglauca, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Neptunia dimorphantha, Sida rohlenae subsp. rohlenae, Tephrosia aff. rosea (CH3-47) |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon amplum, Cleome viscosa, Corchorus parviflorus, Gomphrena kanisii, Malvastrum americanum, Melhania sp. (CH15-39), Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Rhagodia eremaea, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Solanum lasiophyllum, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris |
| herbs | Euphorbia biconvexa, Streptoglossa bubakii |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus, Cynanchum sp. (MET 15,151) |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 206

Described JN Date 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 806904 mE 7512659 mN

Habitat Small valley between small hills, gentle slope

Soil Brown clay loam

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, surface level plates (small flat plates)

Vegetation Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered low trees/mallee (regrowth) trees

over Solanum phlomoides and Senna notabilis low open shrubland over Triodia longiceps

very open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (fire)

Fire Very recent (<1 yr)

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse/neg wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Atalaya hemiglauca, Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Gossypium robinsonii, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa, Senna glutinosa subsp. pruinosa, Solanum phlomoides |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon otocarpum, Bonamia media var. villosa, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Gossypium robinsonii, Goodenia microptera, Goodenia stobbsiana, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Pluchea dunlopii, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Senna notabilis, Sida sp. Excedentifolia (J.L. Egan 1925), Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms, Solanum horridum, Solanum lasiophyllum, Streptoglossa bubakii, Streptoglossa decurrens, Tephrosia aff. supina (WW23-22), Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |



Described CJM Date 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807005 mE 7512486 mN

Habitat Basin surrounded by low hills, gentle slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil

Vegetation *Triodia longiceps* closed hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Excellent (low impact track)

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| shrubs 1-2 m | Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus |
|----------------|--|
| | Heliotropium inexplicitum, Hibiscus aff. coatesii (MET 15 012), Indigofera |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | monophylla |
| hummock grass | Triodia longiceps |
| other grasses | Cymbopogon ambiguus |
| herbs | Gomphrena cunninghamii, Salsola kali, Trianthema glossostigma |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 208

Described CW **Date** 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807199 mE 7512292 mN

Habitat Gully sides, moderate slope **Soil** Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia scattered low mallee trees over Ptilotus

clementii and Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form) low open shrubland over Triodia basedowii, Triodia aff. basedowii and Triodia epactia very open hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Pristine

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs and trees

| trees < 5m | Eucalyptus leucophloia subsp. leucophloia, Hakea chordophylla |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Senna glutinosa subsp. pruinosa |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Bonamia media var. villosa, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Dampiera candicans, Heliotropium inexplicitum, Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus, Ptilotus clementii, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Senna notabilis, Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms, Solanum lasiophyllum, Tribulus suberosus |
| hummock grass | Triodia aff. basedowii , Triodia basedowii , Triodia epactia |
| other grasses | Eriachne lanata, Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |
| herbs | Euphorbia aff. australis |
| | |

Described CJM **Date** 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807053 mE 7512535 mN

Habitat Creek bank, moderate slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Eucalyptus victrix scattered trees to scattered low trees over Gossypium robinsonii and

Acacia pyrifolia open shrubland over Gossypium robinsonii low open shrubland and Tephrosia aff. rosea (HD292-37), Indigofera monophylla and Solanum phlomoides low scattered shrubs over Cucumis maderaspatanus climbers over Themeda triandra (locally)

and Cenchrus ciliaris closed tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (Cenchrus, cattle)

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes

| trees 5-15 m | Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Abutilon amplum, Acacia pyrifolia, Atalaya hemiglauca, Gossypium robinsonii, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea, Solanum phlomoides |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Petalostylis labicheoides, Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms, Solanum phlomoides |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Flaveria australasica, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Indigofera monophylla, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna notabilis, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Tephrosia aff. rosea (HD292-37), Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Eriachne tenuiculmis, Themeda triandra |
| herbs | Amaranthus aff. pallidiflorus (WAS1127), Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Leptopus decaisnei var. orbicularis, Malvastrum americanum, Phyllanthus maderaspatensis, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Rhynchosia minima var. australis, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus |



Described JN Date 8/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 807515 mE 7511852 mN

Habitat Floodplain of medium sized creek

Soil Brown clay loam

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Corymbia aff. hamersleyana scattered trees to scattered low trees over Acacia pyrifolia

scattered tall shrubs to open shrubland over *Acacia pyrifolia, Corchorus parviflorus,* mixed low open shrubland over *Cucumis maderaspatanus* climbers over *Cenchrus ciliaris*

tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (Cenchrus ciliaris plain)

Fire Mod (1-5 yrs)

Notes Mod/sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Corymbia aff. hamersleyana, Eucalyptus victrix |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Corymbia aff. hamersleyana, Eucalyptus victrix, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia pyrifolia |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia pyrifolia, Atalaya hemiglauca, Gossypium robinsonii, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia pyrifolia, Aerva javanica, Gossypium robinsonii, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum, Malvastrum americanum, Petalostylis labicheoides, Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Swainsona canescens |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Amaranthus aff. pallidiflorus (WAS1127), Cleome viscosa, Corchorus parviflorus, Indigofera monophylla, Melhania sp. (CH15-39), Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Senna notabilis, Solanum phlomoides, Tephrosia aff. rosea (CH3-47), Boerhavia gardneri, Hybanthus aurantiacus, Leptopus decaisnei var. orbicularis, Mollugo molluginea, Petalostylis labicheoides, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Sida aff. fibulifera (oblong; MET 15 220) |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cenchrus ciliaris, Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |
| herbs | Euphorbia biconvexa, Euphorbia sp. (site 1089) |
| climbers | Cucumis maderaspatanus |



Described CW Date 15/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 799099 **mE** 7516347 **mN**

Habitat Crest of small hill, moderate slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Hakea lorea subsp. lorea scattered low trees over Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined;

site 1259) scattered tall shrubs over *Acacia bivenosa* open shrubland over *Dodonaea* petiolaris and *Corchorus lasiocarpus* subsp. parvus low open shrubland over *Cucumis* melo subsp. agrestis climbers over *Eriachne mucronata* (typical form) very open tussock

grassland and Triodia aff. basedowii hummock grassland.

Veg Condition Good

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf and wood litter

| trees < 5m | Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia bivenosa, Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Indigofera monophylla (brown calyx form), Senna glutinosa subsp. glutinosa |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia aff. stowardii (linear form), Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Dodonaea petiolaris, Gomphrena kanisii, Goodenia stobbsiana, Maireana planifolia x villosa, Senna notabilis, Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms, Solanum horridum, Solanum lasiophyllum, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| hummock grass | Triodia aff. basedowii |
| other grasses | Cymbopogon obtectus, Eriachne mucronata (typical form) |
| herbs | Bonamia media var. villosa, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Ptilotus calostachyus var. calostachyus |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 214

Described JN Date 15/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 798306 mE 7515889 mN

Habitat Flat/plain

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana and Acacia pruinocarpa scattered low trees over Acacia

aneura var. pilbarana scattered tall shrubs over Acacia pruinocarpa and Acacia synchronicia scattered shrubs over Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii and Eremophila

lanceolata low open heath and mixed low scattered shrubs.

Veg Condition Good (grazing, tracks)

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse/neg wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia pruinocarpa |
|----------------|--|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia pruinocarpa |
| | |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia synchronicia |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794) |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Pluchea ferdinandi-muelleri, Pluchea tetranthera, Solanum lasiophyllum, Ptilotus schwartzii var. schwartzii, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous) |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Pluchea ferdinandi-muelleri, Pluchea tetranthera, Solanum lasiophyllum, Eremophila lanceolata, Gomphrena kanisii, Maireana luehmannii, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Solanum horridum |
| other grasses | Enneapogon polyphyllus |

Described JN Date 16/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 799530 **mE** 7515851 **mN**

Habitat Flat/plain, gentle/neg slope **Soil** Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana scattered low trees to open scrub over Eremophila latrobei

subsp. *filiformis* open shrubland over *Senna artemisioides* subsp. *helmsii* and *Eremophila lanceolata* low open shrubland over *Cucumis melo* subsp. *agrestis* climbers over *Bidens bipinnata* very open herbs over *Fimbristylis dichotoma* scattered sedges over *Aristida*

contorta tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing, weeds)

Fire Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Mod/sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees 5-15 m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
|----------------|---|
| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana |
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Psydrax latifolia, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794) |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon macrum, Cleome viscosa, Eremophila lanceolata, Hibiscus burtonii, Hibiscus sturtii var. aff. grandiflorus |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Abutilon oxycarpum subsp. prostratum, Boerhavia gardneri, Enchylaena tomentosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena cunninghamii, Gomphrena kanisii, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum lasiophyllum, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila, Iseilema eremaeum, Setaria dielsii |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Corchorus tridens, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus |
| climbers | Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis |
| sedges | Fimbristylis dichotoma |



943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 216

Described CW Date 16/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 798925 **mE** 7514779 **mN**

Habitat Flat/plain, band of tall shrub vegetation adjacent to drill site

Soil Red-orange sandy clay **Rock Type** Coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia synchronicia scattered tall shrubs over Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii and

Senna stricta shrubland over Eremophila cuneifolia low shrubland and Senna

artemisioides subsp. oliqophylla x helmsii low scattered shrubs over Aristida contorta

very open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (tracks and cattle)

Fire Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| shrubs > 2m | Acacia synchronicia |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Senna stricta |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Senna artemisioides subsp. oligophylla x helmsii |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Acacia aneura var. conifera, Eremophila cuneifolia, Gomphrena affinis subsp. pilbarensis, Gomphrena kanisii, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Sclerolaena cornishiana, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Cymbopogon ambiguus, Enneapogon polyphyllus |
| herbs | Portulaca oleracea |



Described JN Date 16/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 798367 **mE** 7515044 **mN**

Habitat Flat/plain, gentle slope

Soil Clay

Rock Type Cracked clay, surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia pruinocarpa scattered low trees over Acacia synchronicia high shrubland to open

shrubland over Acacia synchronicia and Eremophila lanceolata low shrubland over Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis climbers over Aristida contorta and Enneapogon

polyphyllus tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing) **Fire** None evident

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia pruinocarpa |
|----------------|---|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia pruinocarpa, Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Senna artemisioides aff subspoligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Abutilon macrum, Abutilon otocarpum, Cleome viscosa, Eremophila lanceolata, Malvastrum americanum, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia gardneri, Corchorus lasiocarpus subsp. parvus, Enchylaena tomentosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena kanisii, Hibiscus sturtii var. aff. grandiflorus, Hibiscus sturtii var. campylochlamys, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Sida aff. fibulifera (HD200-6), Tephrosia aff. clementii |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Iseilema eremaeum, Perotis rara, Setaria dielsii, Themeda triandra |
| herbs | Alysicarpus muelleri, Amaranthus aff. pallidiflorus (WAS1127), Bidens bipinnata, Flaveria australasica, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii |
| climbers | Citrullus colocynthis, Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Duperreya commixta, Rhynchosia minima var. australis |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 218

Described CW Date 17/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 797705 mE 7514991 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, mulga band adjacent to drill sites and open field

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. intermedia and Acacia aneura var. conifera open scrub over Acacia

synchronicia open shrubland to low shrubland over Enneapogon polyphyllus, Urochloa

occidentalis var. ciliata and Chloris pumilio tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (cattle - heavily grazed, weeds)

Fire None evident

Notes Neg leaf litter, sparse wood litter

| trees < 5m | Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia aneura var. conifera, Acacia aneura var. intermedia, Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Psydrax latifolia, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous) |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Eremophila lanceolata, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Maireana planifolia x villosa, Maireana villosa, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Sclerolaena cornishiana, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Sida pilbarensis (ferruginous form) ms |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Digitaria ctenantha, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Iseilema eremaeum, Perotis rara, Themeda triandra, Urochloa occidentalis var. ciliata |
| herbs | Abutilon macrum, Bidens bipinnata, Boerhavia aff. coccinea, Euphorbia biconvexa, Gomphrena kanisii, Malvastrum americanum, Portulaca oleracea, Rostellularia adscendens var. clementii |
| climbers | Duperreya commixta |

Described JN Date 17/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 797651 **mE** 7515435 **mN**

Habitat Flat/plain, gentle/neg slope
Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) scattered low trees to high open

shrubland over Acacia synchronicia open shrubland over Sclerolaena cornishiana, Senna

spp., mixed low open shrubland over Aristida contorta open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing) **Fire** None evident

Notes Sparse leaf and wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| trees < 5m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259) |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aff. aneura (narrow fine veined; site 1259), Acacia synchronicia |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Senna glaucifolia x aff. oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Senna stricta |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Cleome viscosa, Hibiscus sturtii var. aff. grandiflorus, Pluchea ferdinandi- muelleri, Solanum lasiophyllum, Solanum lasiophyllum |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Boerhavia gardneri, Calandrinia polyandra, Eremophila lanceolata, Evolvulus alsinoides var. villosicalyx, Gomphrena kanisii, Pterocaulon sphaeranthoides, Pluchea ferdinandi-muelleri, Solanum lasiophyllum, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20) |
| other grasses | Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila, Eriachne aff. mucronata, Iseilema eremaeum, Perotis rara |
| herbs | Bidens bipinnata, Portulaca oleracea |
| sedges | Fimbristylis dichotoma |

943.00 HPPL Roy Hill Site 220

Described CW Date 17/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 799519 mE 7514216 mN

Habitat Flat/plain, minor creek bank

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Loose soil, coarse gravel/pebbles

Vegetation Acacia pruinocarpa low open forest over Acacia synchronicia high open shrubland over

Acacia tetragonophylla open shrubland over Aerva javanica low open heath over

Cenchrus ciliaris open tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Poor (heavily grazed and cattle route through site)

Fire None evident

Notes

| trees < 5m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia pruinocarpa, Atalaya hemiglauca, Hakea lorea subsp. lorea |
|----------------|--|
| shrubs > 2m | Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia synchronicia, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 1-2 m | Acacia tetragonophylla, Psydrax latifolia, Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii, Vachellia farnesiana |
| shrubs 0.5-1 m | Acacia coriacea subsp. pendens, Eremophila cuneifolia |
| shrubs < 0.5 m | Aerva javanica, Corchorus parviflorus, Dicladanthera forrestii, Enchylaena tomentosa, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Sclerolaena cornishiana, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Sida aff. fibulifera (oblong; MET 15 220), Solanum lasiophyllum, Tephrosia aff. rosea (CH3-47) |
| other grasses | Cenchrus ciliaris, Chloris pumilio, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Setaria verticillata, Urochloa occidentalis var. ciliata |
| herbs | Abutilon macrum, Bidens bipinnata, Boerhavia gardneri, Cleome viscosa, Euphorbia biconvexa, Malvastrum americanum, Portulaca pilosa, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus |



Described JN Date 17/03/2008

MGA Zone 50 799264 **mE** 7514118 **mN**

Habitat Undulating flat plain, gentle/neg slope

Soil Red-orange sandy clay

Rock Type Surface crust, coarse gravel/pebbles, stones/boulders

Vegetation Acacia aneura var. pilbarana scattered low trees over Acacia synchronicia high shrubland

over Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii and Acacia synchronicia shrubland to low shrubland over Eremophila lanceolata low open shrubland over Rhynchosia minima var. australis climbers over Bidens bipinnata scattered herbs over Aristida contorta and

Enneapogon polyphyllus tussock grassland.

Veg Condition Good (grazing and weeds)

Fire Old (>5 yrs)

Notes Spare leaf litter, mod/sparse wood litter, mainly under shrubs

| Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Atalaya hemiglauca | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Acacia aneura var. pilbarana, Acacia synchronicia, Acacia tetragonophylla | | | | | |
| Ptilotus obovatus var. obovatus, Rhagodia sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 17794), Senna artemisioides aff subsp oligophylla (thinly sericeous), Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii | | | | | |
| Cleome viscosa, Enchylaena tomentosa, Solanum lasiophyllum | | | | | |
| Boerhavia gardneri, Crotalaria medicaginea, Eremophila lanceolata, Euphorbia biconvexa, Gomphrena kanisii, Heliotropium tanythrix, Hibiscus sturtii var. aff. grandiflorus, Indigofera colutea, Ipomoea muelleri, Maireana planifolia, Malvastrum americanum, Portulaca oleracea, Ptilotus exaltatus var. exaltatus, Ptilotus gomphrenoides var. gomphrenoides, Salsola tragus subsp. tragus, Sclerolaena cornishiana, Sida aff. fibulifera (FMG 125-20), Solanum horridum, Tribulus hirsutus, Trichodesma zeylanicum var. zeylanicum | | | | | |
| Triodia wiseana | | | | | |
| Aristida contorta, Aristida ingrata, Chloris pumilio, Chrysopogon fallax, Dactyloctenium radulans, Enneapogon polyphyllus, Eragrostis xerophila, Eriachne aff. mucronata, Iseilema eremaeum, Perotis rara, Setaria dielsii, Themeda triandra | | | | | |
| Bidens bipinnata, Flaveria australasica, Portulaca pilosa | | | | | |
| Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis, Rhynchosia minima var. australis | | | | | |
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Appendix E: Locations of Priority Flora

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Appendix F: Locations of Naturalised Alien Flora (Weeds)





Table F1: Locations of naturalised alien Flora located during the Roy Hill Survey

| Table F1: Locations of naturalised alien Flora located during the Roy Hill Survey | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-------------|-------|----------|-------|------|
| FAMILY | Species | Weed Class. | Phase | Site | Cover | Zone |
| AIZOACEAE | *Trianthema portulacastrum | GEW | Ph 3 | 102b | х | 50 |
| AIZOACEAE | *Trianthema portulacastrum | GEW | Ph 3 | 170 | 1 | 50 |
| AMARANTHACEAE | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 1 | 10 | 1 | 50 |
| AMARANTHACEAE | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 1 | 27 | n | 50 |
| AMARANTHACEAE | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 1 | 64 | n | 51 |
| AMARANTHACEAE | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 2 | 15 | n | 51 |
| Amaranthaceae | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 2 | 41 | n | 50 |
| Amaranthaceae | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 3 | 148 | n | 51 |
| Amaranthaceae | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 3 | 188 | 1 | 50 |
| Amaranthaceae | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 3 | 203 | n | 50 |
| Amaranthaceae | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 3 | 210 | n | 50 |
| Amaranthaceae | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 3 | 220 | 4 | 50 |
| AMARANTHACEAE | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 3 | 161a | n | 50 |
| Amaranthaceae | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 3 | 161b | 1 | 50 |
| Amaranthaceae | *Aerva javanica | GEW | Ph 3 | Opp Coll | n | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 12 | n | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 14 | t | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 25 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 26 | n | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 26 | t | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 26 | t | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 34 | t | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 38 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 42 | t | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 63 | 1 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 71 | 1 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 90 | t | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | 94 | t | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 1 | Opp Coll | 1 | |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 2 | 1 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 4 | t | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 18 | n | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 19 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 20 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 22 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 32 | 1 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 35 | 1 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 41 | n | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 44 | 1 | 50 |



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|--------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|--------|------|
| FAMILY | Species | Weed Class. | Phase | Site | Cover | Zone |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 91 | 1 | |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 2 | 21b | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 110 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 111 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 112 | 3 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 113 | 2 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 116 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 128 | 1 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 131 | 2 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 132 | 1 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 133 | 4 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 134a | 4 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 140 | n | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 148 | 1 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 171 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 173 | 4 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 174 | х | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 176 | 4 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 177 | 3 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 186 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 189 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 191 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 192 | 4 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 193 | 2 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 195 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 197 | 4 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 200 | 2 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 201 | 3 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 215 | 2 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 217 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 218 | 3 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 219 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 220 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 221 | 1 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 134b | 2 | 51 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Bidens bipinnata | GEW | Ph 3 | 178a | 3 | 50 |
| ASTERACEAE | *Sonchus oleraceus | GEW | Ph 2 | 33 | n | 51 |
| Boraginaceae | *Heliotropium europaeum | P1, P3, P4 | Ph 2 | 15 | n | 51 |
| Boraginaceae | *Heliotropium europaeum | P1, P3, P5 | Ph 2 | 29 | n | 50 |
| Boraginaceae | *Heliotropium europaeum | P1, P3, P6 | Ph 2 | 37 | n | 50 |



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| FAMILY | Locations of naturalised alie | Weed Class. | Phase | Site | Cover | Zone |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------|------|-------|------|
| CAESALPINIACEAE | *Parkinsonia aculeata | P1, P2, P4 | Ph 2 | 5 | n | 50 |
| CAESALPINIACEAE | *Parkinsonia aculeata | P1, P2, P5 | Ph 2 | 39 | n | 50 |
| CAESALPINIACEAE | *Parkinsonia aculeata | P1, P2, P6 | Ph 3 | 159 | 1 | 50 |
| CAESALPINIACEAE | *Parkinsonia aculeata | P1, P2, P7 | Ph 3 | 160 | 1 | 50 |
| CAESALPINIACEAE | *Parkinsonia aculeata | P1, P2, P8 | Ph 3 | 162 | n | 50 |
| CAESALPINIACEAE | *Parkinsonia aculeata | P1, P2, P9 | Ph 3 | 167 | 1 | 50 |
| CAESALPINIACEAE | *Parkinsonia aculeata | P1, P2, P10 | Ph 3 | 169b | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Citrullus colocynthis | GEW | Ph 1 | 60 | n | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Citrullus colocynthis | GEW | Ph 2 | 2 | n | |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Citrullus colocynthis | GEW | Ph 2 | 14 | n | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Citrullus colocynthis | GEW | Ph 3 | 113 | n | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Citrullus colocynthis | GEW | Ph 3 | 116 | 1 | 50 |
| | *Citrullus colocynthis | GEW | Ph 3 | 128 | | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Citrullus colocynthis | | | | n | |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Citrullus colocynthis | GEW | Ph 3 | 134b | n | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | <u> </u> | GEW | Ph 3 | 178a | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Citrullus colocynthis | GEW | Ph 3 | 184 | 1 | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Citrullus colocynthis | GEW | Ph 3 | 201 | n | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Citrullus colocynthis | GEW | Ph 3 | 217 | n | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Citrullus lanatus | GEW | Ph 3 | 187 | n | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 5 | n | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 6 | n | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 7 | n | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 9 | n | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 11 | n | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 18 | n | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 19 | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 25 | 1 | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 26 | 1 | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 35 | n | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 37 | n | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 38 | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 39 | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 2 | 21b | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 116 | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 117 | n | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 124 | 1 | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 125 | 1 | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 126 | 1 | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 128 | n | 51 |



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| Table 11. Locations of naturalised alien Flora located during the Roy Fill Survey | | | | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------|-------|------|-------|------|
| FAMILY | Species | Weed Class. | Phase | Site | Cover | Zone |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 131 | n | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 132 | 1 | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 133 | 2 | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 140 | 2 | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 148 | 1 | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 154 | 1 | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 155 | n | 51 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 162 | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 167 | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 170 | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 171 | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 173 | n | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 174 | х | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 176 | 1 | 50 |
| CUCURBITACEAE | *Cucumis melo subsp. agrestis | GEW | Ph 3 | 177 | 1 | 50 |



Appendix G: Priority and Rare Flora Desktop Study





Table G1:Records of Priority Flora at Roy Hill from Atkins, 2006

| Species | Priority Code | District Found |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|---|
| Eremophila pilosa ms | 1 | Roy Hill, Jigalong Community |
| Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota ms | 4 | S Cape Range, Roy Hill, N Mt Vernon, Paraburdoo, Muggon Stn |
| Goodenia nuda | 3 | Weeli Wolli, Roy Hill, Mt Stuart |
| Myriocephalus scalpellus | 1 | Roy Hill |
| Nicotiana heterantha | 1 | Broome, Dampier Peninsula, Roy Hill, Mandora, Anna Plains |
| Sida sp. Wittenoom (WR Barker 1962) | 3 | Wittenoom, Nickol Bay, Roy Hill, Fortescue Roadhouse, Nanutarra, Lawloit Range |

Table G2: Priority Flora recorded from the Pilbara IBRA region in the vicinity of Roy Hill (FloraBase, 2008)

| Species | Priority code | District Found (Atkins, 2006) |
|--|---------------|---|
| Lepidium catapycnon | R | Wittenoom Gorge, Hamersley Range, Weeli Wolli, Newman |
| Thryptomene wittweri | R | Hamersley Range, Mt Augustus, Carnarvon Range, White Cliffs Stn, NT |
| Abutilon uncinatum | 1 | Onslow, Yaraloola Stn |
| Acacia aphanoclada | 1 | Nullagine |
| Acacia cyperophylla var. omearana | 1 | Nullagine |
| Acacia leeuweniana | 1 | |
| Acacia levata | 1 | Marble Bar, Woodstock H/S, Hillside |
| Aluta quadrata | 1 | Mt Channar, Paraburdoo |
| Atriplex spinulosa | 1 | Nullagine |
| Calotis squamigera | 1 | Wittenoom, Hamersley Range |
| Eragrostis sp. Mt Robinson (S. van Leeuwen 4109) | 1 | Hamersley Range |
| Eremophila coacta | 1 | Mt Vernon, Ashburton Downs |
| Eremophila pilosa | 1 | Roy Hill, Jigalong Community |
| Eremophila sp. Ophthalmia Range (D. Brearley s.n. 20/3/2004) | 1 | Ophthalmia Range |
| Eremophila spongiocarpa | 1 | Mt Marsh, Chichester Range, Marillana Station |
| Fimbristylis sp. Shay Gap (K.R. Newbey 10293) | 1 | Shay Gap |
| Genus sp. Hamersley Range | 1 | Hamersley Range |

Table G2: Priority Flora recorded from the Pilbara IBRA region in the vicinity of Roy Hill (FloraBase, 2008)

| Species | Priority code | District Found (Atkins, 2006) | | |
|--|---------------|--|--|--|
| hilltops (S. van Leeuwen 4345) | | | | |
| Goodenia lyrata | 1 | Laverton, Newman | | |
| Goodenia pallida | 1 | Fortescue | | |
| Goodenia pedicellata | 1 | Telfer | | |
| Goodenia sp. East Pilbara (A.A. Mitchell PRP 727) | 1 | Weeli Wolli, Mulga Downs, Nullagine, NW of Newman | | |
| Gunniopsis sp. Fortescue (M.E. Trudgen 11019) | 1 | South Fortescue Pipeline | | |
| Helichrysum oligochaetum | 1 | Port Walcott, Ashburton Downs | | |
| Josephinia sp. Marandoo (M.E. Trudgen 1554) | 1 | Marandoo, West Angelas | | |
| Lepidium amelum | 1 | Tanguin Hill | | |
| Myriocephalus nudus | 1 | Hamersley Range, Paynes Find, Yannarie River, Juna Downs, Swan River (Drummond) | | |
| Myriocephalus scalpellus | 1 | Roy Hill | | |
| Nicotiana heterantha | 1 | Broome, Dampier Peninsula, Roy Hill, Mandora, Anna Plains | | |
| Ptilotus appendiculatus var. minor | 1 | Port Hedland, Boodardee | | |
| Ptilotus sp. Brockman (E. Thoma & A. Joder ET & AJ 145) | 1 | Brockman | | |
| Ptilotus trichocephalus | 1 | Mt James Stn, Paraburdoo | | |
| Rhodanthe ascendens | 1 | Gascoyne Junction, Middalya Station | | |
| Sida sp. Pilbara (S. van Leeuwen 4377) | 1 | Hamersley Range | | |
| Stackhousia clementii | 1 | Bernier Is., Dorre Is., Gibson Desert, Beverly Springs, NT, SA, Gnaraloo Stn | | |
| Swainsona sp. Millstream (A.A. Mitchell PRP 798) | 1 | Millstream, Hamersley Stn, West Angelas | | |
| Tetratheca fordiana | 1 | West Angelas, Hamersley Range | | |
| Acacia daweana | 2 | Hamersley Range, Karijini N.P. | | |
| Acacia effusa | 2 | Mt Bruce, Hamersley Ra., Karijini N.P., Juna Downs | | |
| Dampiera atriplicina | 2 | Gregory Range, Jupiter Well, Gibson Desert | | |
| Dicladanthera glabra | 2 | Wittenoom, Robe River, Hamersley Gorge, Marandoo, Mt Mossenson | | |
| Euphorbia clementii | 2 | Port Hedland area, Yarrie | | |

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| Species | Priority code | District Found (Atkins, 2006) | | | |
|---|---------------|--|--|--|--|
| Gomphrena cucullata | 2 | Derby, King Sound, Pt Hedland | | | |
| Gomphrena pusilla | 2 | Dampier Peninsula, Pt Hedland | | | |
| Gonocarpus ephemerus | 2 | East of Wiluna, Mt Augustus, Rudall River, Jiggalong | | | |
| Indigofera ixocarpa | 2 | Marandoo, Tom Price, Nullagine, Karijini NP | | | |
| Ischaemum albovillosum | 2 | Fortescue, Millstream, Hooley Stn, Mulga Downs Stn | | | |
| Olearia fluvialis | 2 | Hamersley Range, Karijini N.P., West Angelas, Newman | | | |
| Olearia mucronata | 2 | Hamersley and Chichester Range area, West Angelas, Paraburdoo, Mt Margaret, Mt Keith | | | |
| Paspalidium retiglume | 2 | Halls Creek, Chichester Range | | | |
| Pilbara trudgenii | 2 | Hamersley Range | | | |
| <i>Scaevola</i> sp. Hamersley Range basalts (S. van Leeuwen 3675) | 2 | Hamersley Range | | | |
| Spartothamnella puberula | 2 | Mt Bruce, Hamersley Range, West Angelas, NT | | | |
| Stylidium weeliwolli | 2 | Mt Augustus, Barlee Range | | | |
| Abutilon trudgenii | 3 | Marillana, Warralong, Woodstock, Hamersley Range, Karratha, Pt Sampson, Newman, Pannawonica | | | |
| Acacia fecunda | 3 | | | | |
| Acacia glaucocaesia | 3 | Karratha, Port Hedland, Mardie, Roebourne, De Grey | | | |
| Acacia subtiliformis | 3 | | | | |
| Astrebla lappacea | 3 | Hamersley Stn, NT, Eastern States | | | |
| Bulbine pendula | 3 | Rudall River, Mt Augustus Stn, Minilya River, Juna Downs, Hamersley Stn | | | |
| Bulbostylis burbidgeae | 3 | Mount Edgar, Gorge Creek, Abydos-Woodstock | | | |
| Calotis latiuscula | 3 | Giles, Warburton, Blackstone Range, Rawlinson Range, Hamersley Range | | | |
| Cynanchum sp. Hamersley (M. Trudgen 2302) | 3 | Hamersley Range, Marandoo, Turner Syncline, West Angelas | | | |
| Dampiera anonyma | 3 | Mt Bruce, Mt Nameless, Hamersley Ranges, Mt Sheila, Karijini NP | | | |
| Dampiera metallorum | 3 | Hamersley Range, Mt Meharry, West Angelas, Karijini NP | | | |
| Eragrostis crateriformis | 3 | Balgo Hill, Warralong Stn, Yanrey Stn, Chichester Range, NT | | | |
| Eremophila caespitosa | 3 | Mt Vernon, Waldburg, Wanna Munna Flats, Woodlands, West Angelas, Marymia Station | | | |
| Eremophila magnifica subsp. velutina | 3 | Hamersley Ranges, Newman, Marandoo | | | |



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| Species | Priority code | District Found (Atkins, 2006) | | |
|--|---------------|--|--|--|
| Fimbristylis sieberiana | 3 | Hamersley Range, Millstream, Fitzroy Crossing, King Leopold Range, Halls Creek, Little Sandy Desert | | |
| Fuirena incrassata | 3 | Oakover River (Wandanya), Edgar Ranges, Deep Creek, NT, Qld, NSW | | |
| Glycine falcata | 3 | Chichester, Hamersley Station, Mulga Downs Station, Bungle Bungle NP | | |
| Goodenia nuda | 3 | Weeli Wolli, Roy Hill, Mt Stuart | | |
| Goodenia pascua | 3 | Hamersley Stn, Sandy Creek, Port Hedland, Onslow, Mardie, Roebourne, Little Sandy Desert | | |
| Gymnanthera cunninghamii | 3 | Minilya, Dampier Archipelago, Boodarie, 80 Mile Beach, NT, Qld | | |
| Hibiscus brachysiphonius | 3 | Balgo Mission, Christmas Creek, Wandagee, Karratha, Tom Price, Millstream, Warrawagine, Hamersley Range | | |
| Indigofera ammobia | 3 | | | |
| Indigofera gilesii subsp. gilesii | 3 | Hamersley Range, Meekatharra, West Angelas | | |
| Owenia acidula | 3 | Mardie Stn, Millstream, Collier Range, Winning Stn., Minilya Stn, Boolathana Stn, Qld, NSW | | |
| Phyllanthus aridus | 3 | West Kimberley, Chichester Range, West Angelas, Pardoo, Shay Gap, Doongan Homestead, Durack River | | |
| Plantago sp. Hamersley (M.E. Trudgen 11207) | 3 | Hamersley Stn, Wittenoom | | |
| Polymeria sp. Hamersley (M.E. Trudgen 11353) | 3 | Hamersley Stn, Wittenoom, Marandoo, Hamersley Ranges | | |
| Rhynchosia bungarensis | 3 | Hamersley Ranges, Chichester Ranges, Yardie Creek, Robe River, Tom Price | | |
| Rostellularia adscendens var. latifolia | 3 | Hamersley Ranges | | |
| Sida sp. Barlee Range (S. van Leeuwen 1642) | 3 | Barlee Range, Turee Creek | | |
| Sida sp. Marandoo (M.E. Trudgen 10976) | 3 | Marandoo, Mindi Springs, Channar | | |
| Sida sp. Wittenoom (W.R. Barker 1962) | 3 | Wittenoom, Nickol Bay, Roy Hill, Fortescue Roadhouse, Nanutarra, Lawloit Range | | |
| <i>Tephrosia</i> sp. Cathedral Gorge (F.H. Mollemans 2420) | 3 | Newman, Hamersley Range, Fortescue Valley | | |
| Terminalia supranitifolia | 3 | Robe River, Burrup Peninsula, Dolphin Is., Bungaroo Creek, Yannery River, Harding Dam | | |
| Themeda sp. Hamersley Station | 3 | Karratha, Millstream, Hamersley Stn, West Angelas, | | |

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| Species | Priority code | District Found (Atkins, 2006) | | |
|---|---------------|---|--|--|
| (M.E. Trudgen 11431) | | Coondewanna Flats | | |
| <i>Triodia</i> sp. Mt Ella (M.E. Trudgen 12739) | 3 | Hamersley Range, Mt Ella | | |
| Triumfetta leptacantha | 3 | Hamersley Range, Marandoo | | |
| Acacia balsamea | 4 | Mount William Lambert, Paterson Range, Gibson Desert, Clutterbuck Hills, Leinster Downs, Little Sandy Desert | | |
| Eremophila magnifica subsp. magnifica | 4 | Hamersley Ranges, Tom Price, Marandoo, Wittenoom | | |
| Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota | 4 | S Cape Range, Roy Hill, N Mt Vernon, Paraburdoo, Muggon Stn | | |
| Livistona alfredii | 4 | Millstream, Cave Creek, Cape Range | | |
| Ptilotus mollis | 4 | Warralong Station, Mt Channar, Bamboo, Rudall River, Ripon Hills, Mt Bruce | | |





Appendix H: Definitions of Conservation Codes





Definition of Conservation Codes

Table H2: Definition of categories described under the EPBC Act

| Conservation Category | Definition | | |
|------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Extinct | A species is extinct if there is no reasonable doubt that the last member of the species has died. | | |
| Extinct in the wild | A species is categorised as extinct in the wild if it is only known to survive in cultivation, in captivity or as a naturalised population well outside its past range; or if it has not been recorded in its known/expected habitat, at appropriate seasons, anywhere in its past range, despite exhaustive surveys over a time frame appropriate to its life cycle and form. | | |
| Critically Endangered | The species is facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future. | | |
| Endangered | The species is likely to become extinct unless the circumstances and factors threatening its abundance, survival or evolutionary development cease to operate; or its numbers have been reduced to such a critical level, or its habitats have been so drastically reduced, that it is in immediate danger of extinction. | | |
| Vulnerable | Within the next 25 years, the species is likely to become endangered unless the circumstances and factors threatening its abundance, survival or evolutionary development cease to operate. | | |
| Conservation Dependent | The species is the focus of a specific conservation program, the cessation of which would result in the species becoming vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered within a period of five years. | | |

 Table H3:
 Definition of Declared Rare and Priority categories

| Code | Definition | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| DRF | Declared Rare Flora-Extant Taxa. Taxa which have been adequately | | | | | | |
| | searched for and are deemed to be in the wild either rare, in danger | | | | | | |
| | of extinction, or otherwise in need of special protection, and have | | | | | | |
| | been gazetted as such. | | | | | | |
| P1: Priority One | Poorly Known Taxa. Taxa which are known from one or a few | | | | | | |
| | (generally <5) populations which are under threat, either due to | | | | | | |
| | small population size, or being on lands under immediate threat, | | | | | | |
| | e.g. road verges, urban areas, farmland, active mineral leases, etc., | | | | | | |
| | or the plants are under threat, e.g. from disease, grazing by feral | | | | | | |
| | animals, etc. May include taxa with threatened populations on | | | | | | |
| | protected lands. Such taxa are under consideration for declaration | | | | | | |
| D2. Delevite Torre | as 'rare flora', but are in urgent need of further survey. | | | | | | |
| P2: Priority Two | Poorly Known Taxa. Taxa which are known from one or a few | | | | | | |
| | (generally <5) populations, at least some of which are not believed to be under immediate threat (i.e. not currently endangered). Such | | | | | | |
| | taxa are under consideration for declaration as 'rare flora', but are in | | | | | | |
| | urgent need of further survey. | | | | | | |
| P3: Priority Three | Poorly Known Taxa. Taxa which are known from several | | | | | | |
| | populations, and the taxa are not believed to be under immediate | | | | | | |
| | threat (i.e. not currently endangered), either due to the number of | | | | | | |
| | known populations (generally >5), or known populations being | | | | | | |
| | large, and either widespread or protected. Such taxa are under | | | | | | |
| | consideration for declaration as 'rare flora' but are in need of | | | | | | |
| | further survey. | | | | | | |
| P4: Priority Four | Rare Taxa. Taxa which are considered to have been adequately | | | | | | |
| | surveyed and which, whilst being rare (in Australia), are not | | | | | | |
| | currently threatened by any identifiable factors. These taxa require | | | | | | |
| | monitoring every 5-10 years. | | | | | | |

(From Atkins, K.J., Declared Rare and Priority Flora List Dec. 2008, DEC)

Table H4: Explanation of codes for Declared Weeds in Western Australia

| Table 114. Explanation of codes for Declared Weeds in Western Australia | | | |
|---|---|--|--|
| Priority | Requirements | | |
| P1 | The movement of plants or their seeds is prohibited within the State. This prohibits the movement of contaminated | | |
| Prohibits movement | machinery and produce, including livestock and fodder. | | |
| P2 | Treat all plants to destroy and prevent propagation each year until no plants remain. The infested area must be | | |
| Aim is to eradicate infestation | managed in such a way that prevents the spread of seed or plant parts on or in livestock, fodder, grain, vehicles and/or machinery. | | |



Table H4: Explanation of codes for Declared Weeds in Western Australia

| Priority | Requirements |
|---|---|
| P3 | The infested area must be managed in such a way that prevents the spread of seed or plant parts within and from |
| Aims to control infestation by reducing | the property, on or in livestock, fodder, grain, vehicles and/or machinery. |
| area and/or density of | Treat to destroy and prevent seed set for all plants: |
| infestation | within 100 metres inside of the boundaries of the infestation. |
| | within 50 metres of roads and high-water marks on waterways. |
| | within 50 metres of sheds, stock yards and houses. |
| | Treatment must be done prior to seed set each year. |
| | Of the remaining infested area: |
| | Where plant density is 1-10 per hectare, treat 100% of infestation. |
| | Where plant density is 11-100 per hectare, treat 50% of infestation. |
| | • Where plant density is 101-1000 per hectare, treat 10% of infestation. |
| | Properties with less than two hectares of infestation must treat the entire infestation. |
| | Additional areas may be ordered to be treated. |



Table H4: Explanation of codes for Declared Weeds in Western Australia

| Priority | Requirements |
|--|---|
| Priority P4 Aims to prevent infestation spreading beyond existing boundaries of infestation | The infested area must be managed in such a way that prevents the spread of seed or plant parts within and from the property, on or in livestock, fodder, grain, vehicles and/or machinery. Treat to destroy and prevent seed set for all plants: within 100 metres inside of the boundaries of the infested property. within 50 metres of roads and high-water marks on waterways. |
| | within 50 metres of sheds, stock yards and houses. Treatment must be done prior to seed set each year. Properties with less than two hectares of infestation must treat the entire infestation. Additional areas may be ordered to be treated. Special considerations: In the case of P4 infestations where they continue across property boundaries, there is no requirement to treat the relevant part of the property boundaries as long as the boundaries of the infestation as a whole are treated. There must be agreement between neighbours in relation to the treatment of these areas. |
| P5 | Infestations on public lands must be controlled. |



Appendix I: Criteria applied to risk assessment





| | | | | LIKELIHOOD | | |
|------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------------|--|---|
| Risk Assessment Rating | | 5: Almost Certain Is expected to occur in most circumstance | 4: Likely Will probably occur in most circumstance | 3: Possible Could occur | 2: Unlikely Could occur but not expected | 1: Rare Occurs in exceptional circumstances |
| | 5: Catastrophic Significant impact to flora species of conservation significance or regional biodiversity | 25 | 20 | 15 | 10 | 5 |
| ES | 4: Major Impact to flora species of conservation significance in project area. | 20 | 16 | 12 | 8 | 4 |
| CONSEQUENCES | 3: Moderate Loss of flora biodiversity in project area. | 15 | 12 | 9 | 6 | 3 |
| 8 | 2: Minor Short term or localised impact to flora biodiversity. | 10 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| | 1: Insignificant No impact to flora of conservation significance or biodiversity. | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

| 11- 25 | High risk, site/issue specific management programmes required, advice/approval from regulators required. |
|-----------|--|
| 6 – 10 | Medium risk, specific management and procedures must be specified. |
| 1 – 5 | Low risk, managed by routine procedures. |



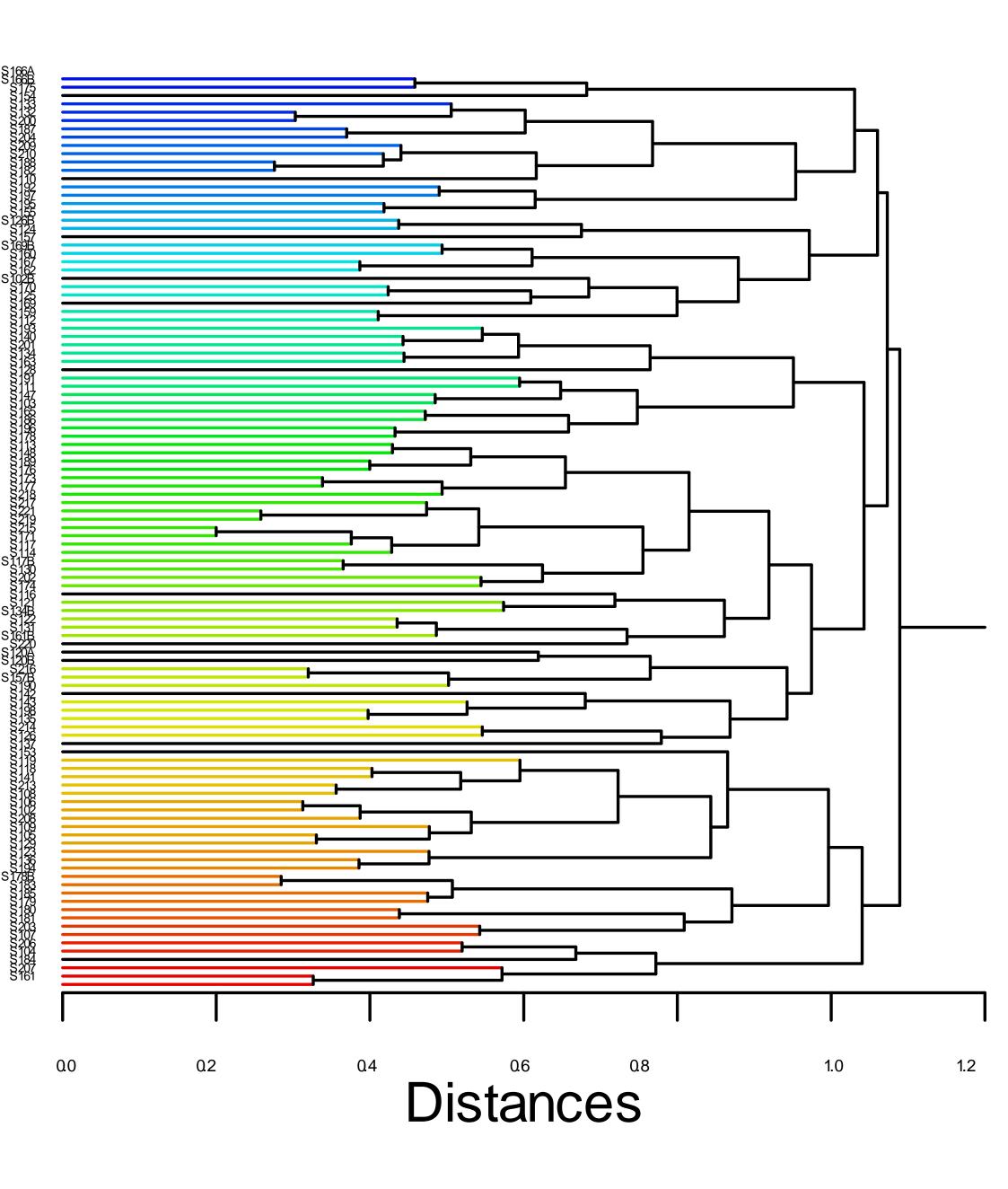


Appendix J: Dendogram, Phase 3 quadrats, coverage ranked data

(SYSTAT 12 TM, Spearman rank order correlation matrix, Pearson complete linkage cluster analysis)









Appendix K: Phase 3 Site by species matrix, coverage ranked data

Refer to attach compact disk





Appendix L: Addendum - Stage 1 Impact Assessment





STAGE 1 IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Subsequent to the completion of the flora and vegetation assessment, the development of the Roy Hill 1 Mining Proposal was restructured into two stages, Stage 1 of which is detailed in the Roy Hill Phase 1 Public Environmental Review (SMEC, 2009). The infrastructure requirements for Stage 1 result in a revised impact footprint.

In addition to the polygons of known clearing, the revised impact footprint includes an additional 5% for clearing for minor infrastructures such as access tracks and lay down areas. The precise locations for these minor infrastructures have yet to be determined, but are assumed to be in the vicinity of the defined polygons and to be evenly distributed, such that an increase of 5% has been applied to the estimated impact area of each vegetation category. In practice of course the impact may be more localised and thus have a greater or lesser effect on some vegetation types.

The potential impacts arising from the development of all Stage 1 infrastructure and mining pits within the Roy Hill 1 Project are discussed below.

1.1.1 Clearing of vegetation

Clearing of significant areas of vegetation is an unavoidable impact of the development of an open cut mine and associated infrastructure. The localised impact from vegetation clearing within the Project area given the Stage 1 infrastructure is presented within Table L-1 below.

Table L-1 Percent impact to Roy Hill 1 Project area vegetation sub-associations

| Vegetation sub-association code | Area (ha) within project area | % of total project area | Area estimated to be within proposed impact footprint (ha) | % of total area of unit estimated to be within project area which will be impacted |
|--|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Isolated to open low trees and shrubs over <i>Triodia</i> brizoides hummock grasslands on slopes and crests | 506.00 | 1.6 | 109.3365 | 21.61 |
| Isolated to open low trees and mixed shrubs over <i>Triodia</i> sp. Shovelanna Hill hummock grasslands on slopes and plains. | 1596.32 | 5.1 | 776.916 | 48.67 |
| Isolated low trees and isolated to sparse mixed shrubs over <i>Triodia longiceps</i> hummock grasslands on colluvial deposits | 866.68 | 2.8 | 199.584 | 23.03 |
| Isolated low trees over sparse to open mid to low shrubland over <i>Triodia basedowii</i> hummock grasslands. | 3830.40 | 12.3 | 1319.399 | 34.45 |
| Isolated low trees over sparse to open mid to low shrubland over <i>Triodia epactia</i> hummock grasslands | 435.12 | 1.4 | 200.4345 | 46.06 |
| Open low forest to woodland of Eucalyptus camaldulensis and/or E. victrix/Corymbia hamersleyana over open high Atalaya hemiglauca/Acacia pyrifolia over open low shrubs over dense *Cenchrus ciliaris. | 255.96 | 0.8 | 44.793 | 17.50 |

| Vegetation sub-association code | Area (ha) within project area | % of total project area | Area estimated to be within proposed impact footprint (ha) | % of total area of unit estimated to be within project area which will be impacted |
|---|--|----------------------------------|--|---|
| Scattered Eucalyptus victrix over a low woodland of Acacia aneura/A. coriacea subsp. pendens/Atalaya hemiglauca over open shrubs over dense *Cenchrus ciliaris grassland. | 1217.38 | 3.9 | 244.1145 | 20.05 |
| Tall Acacia spp. and Grevillea wickhamii subsp. hispidula shrubland over low shrubland over mixed tussock grassland | 4.50 | 0.01 | 2.7195 | 60.43 |
| Floodplains adjacent to major creek lines: open forest to woodland of <i>Eucalyptus victrix</i> over open mid-height shrubland dominated by <i>Acacia tetragonophylla</i> , <i>A. sclerosperma</i> , *Vachellia farnesiana over sparse mixed tussock grasses and herbs. | 420.98 | 1.3 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Floodplains: isolated trees to open woodland of Eucalyptus victrix over open Acacia synchronicia over mixed low shrubs over open to closed mixed tussock grasses | 692.64 | 2.2 | 10.962 | 1.58 |
| Acacia aneura, A. rhodophloia open forest and woodland over sparse low shrubs and closed tussock grassland and herbland ± Triodia longiceps. | 1243.81 | 4.0 | 246.2565 | 19.80 |
| Open woodland of <i>Acacia pruinocarpa, A. aneura</i> over open mixed shrubland over open grasses. | 231.06 | 0.7 | 29.3895 | 12.72 |
| Moderately dense to open tall Acacia aneura shrubland over sparse to open A. tetragonophylla, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii shrubs over moderately dense to open grassland dominated by Aristida contorta. | 12492.67 | 40.0 | 3518.246 | 28.16 |
| Groves of Acacia aneura, A. rhodophloia woodland over sparse shrubland of Eremophila forrestii subsp. forrestii, Senna artemisioides subsp. helmsii, Eremophila latrobei subsp. filiformis over open to sparse grasses. | 1690.20 | 5.4 | 250.446 | 14.82 |
| Isolated trees or shrubs of Acacia aneura over open shrubland of Senna glutinosa subsp. luerssenii and Eremophila cuneifolia over sparse grasses. | 147.34 | 0.5 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Isolated clumps of tall <i>Acacia aneura</i> shrubs over open low shrubs of <i>Ptilotus schwartzii</i> | 1873.86 | 6.0 | 102.0285 | 5.44 |
| Rocky crests of hills: Acacia rhodophloia shrubland over sparse mixed shrubs and isolated herbs, and grasses | 12.54 | 0.04 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Isolated shrubs of <i>Acacia synchronicia</i> over open and diverse herbs and grasses. | 3730.91 | 11.9 | 0 | 0.00 |
| Total | 31,248 | 100 | 7,055 | 22.58 |

Moderate impact, defined as ≥25% loss of a vegetation unit which represent less than 10% of the total project area



High impact: defined as≥25% loss of a vegetation unit which represents less than 1% of the total project area

Due to the scale of the proposed development within the project area there is a moderate to high degree of impact to some vegetation sub-associations as a result of clearing. It can be seen from the above table that there are two units which are moderately restricted locally (i.e. comprise less than 10% of the total project area) that will have 25% or more of their total area within the Roy Hill 1 leases cleared.



One unit:

• Tall *Acacia* species/*Grevillea wickhamii* subsp. *hispidula* shrubland over low shrubland over mixed tussock grassland;

Is highly restricted (i.e. comprises less than 1% of the total project area) and will have approximately 60.4 % of the total occurrence within the project area cleared, due a distribution predominantly within the proposed pit footprint. This unit is relatively common with the project area, but occupies a small proportion of the total area due to its occurrence along minor drainage lines as narrow bands, often only 1-2 metres in width. It is widely distributed in the Eastern Pilbara.

All of the sub-associations mapped are expected to be distributed locally beyond the boundaries of the project area, although mapping of their broader distribution is beyond the scope of this survey. In particular, the two units identified above as moderately impacted and the unit identified as highly impacted are all known to occur both locally and more broadly within the Eastern Pilbara.

The other sub-association within the project area that is highly restricted locally,

• Acacia rhodophloia shrubland over sparse mixed shrubs and isolated herbs, and grasses on rocky crests of hills;

is estimated to encompass only 0.04% of the total project area. This community type is probably also the most restricted sub-association in the broader locality, due to its specificity to a particular landform which is locally uncommon. However as it occurs outside the footprint of clearance or drainage shadow it should not be impacted by the proposed development.

Thus, due to the broader representation of the mapped vegetation units the impact of vegetation clearing, whilst high within the project area, is minor at a local scale

In a regional context, the vegetation mapping is only available at a much broader scale (1,000,000 Beard, 1974). The land systems mapping (Van Vreeswyk *et al.*, 2004), with associated vegetation notes provides the most current assessment of vegetation regionally and includes an estimate of the current condition of the vegetation types present. The distribution of each land system unit within the project areas is detailed in Table L-2.

Table L-2: Percent impact to land system units within the Roy Hill 1 Project area

| Land System Unit | Total regional representation (ha) | Area within proposed impact footprint (ha) | % total area within region impacted |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| Adrian | 24,509 | 0 | 0 |
| Boolgeeda | 999,609 | 0 | 0 |
| Coolibah | 101,035 | 14.5 | 0.01 |
| Jamindie | 1,188,272 | 1,879 | 0.16 |
| МсКау | 427,471 | 109 | 0.03 |
| Newman | 1,999,771 | 2,707 | 0.14 |
| River | 591,433 | 0 | 0 |
| Turee | 92,741 | 2192 | 2.36 |
| Warri | 220,304 | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 5,645,145 | 6,900 | 0.18 |



Note: The total area of impact is slightly larger than Table 5-1 due to a slight difference in area of the mapping units. However the impact footprint is constant in both tables.

The project represents a minimal impact to the land systems that it encompasses with only one unit, Turee, impacted by greater than 0.5% of its total extent.

The Turee land system comprises stony alluvial plains with gilgaied and non-gilgaied surfaces. This system is favoured by cattle and is prone to degradation if overgrazed. Only 1% of the total extent is classified as remaining in very good condition. The proposed impact to the Turee land system of 2. 36% of the total occurrence is relatively minor, particularly given that the area of impact has been subjected to intensive and prolonged grazing. Most of the area classified as this land system unit occurring within the project area would be classified as either poor or moderate condition.

Thus at a regional level the proposed vegetation clearance is considered to be of minor significance in the context of loss of vegetation biodiversity or habitat.

The impact of the proposed vegetation clearing to Priority flora is tabulated in Table L-3 below.

Table L-3: Percent impact to Priority Taxa within the Roy Hill 1 Project area based on WA Herbarium records

| Species | Priority | Number of locations* at Roy Hill | Number of locations impacted | % Locations impacted at Roy Hill | Number of other locations regionally |
|--|----------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Rhagodia sp. Hamersley | Р3 | 29 | 23 | 79.3 | 4 |
| Acacia glaucocaesia | P3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | >20 |
| Goodenia nuda | Р3 | 12 | 3 | 25.0 | 15 |
| Polymeria sp. Hamersley | Р3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Rostellularia adscendens var. latifolia | Р3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 12 |
| Eremophila youngii subsp. lepidota | P4 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Total | | 51 | | | |

^{*} A location is defined as one or more plants located by at least 50 metres distant from any other collection of the taxon

Again, due to the extent of clearing within the project area there will be high and moderate degrees of impact to the known local distributions of *Rhagodia* sp. Hamersley and *Goodenia nuda* respectively. It can be seen that the impact regionally to *Goodenia nuda* is minor given the large number of populations recorded elsewhere. The impact to *Rhagodia* sp. Hamersley is more significant, given that more than half of the locations recorded for this taxon at Roy Hill will be cleared and that this location represents 20% of the total number of locations currently known. However it is noteworthy that this is a relatively new and as yet undescribed taxon that has probably been identified as other *Rhagodia* species, particularly when sterile, in many previous surveys. Consequently the



number of locations currently known is likely to significantly underestimate the total distribution and abundance of the taxon.

1.1.2 Damage to vegetation due to dust

Excessive dust can clog the stomata of plants and lead to localised deaths. This is particularly prevalent at track edges. Correct dust suppression techniques can minimise this impact.

1.1.3 Leakage of saline water used industrially

As some of the ground water in the Roy Hill 1 Project area is saline, its use or discharge must be tightly managed to ensure damage to vegetation does not occur. The need for dust suppression must be counterbalanced with the risk of saline scalds if non-saline water is not available in industrial quantities.

1.1.4 Bushfires

Fires are a frequent occurrence in hummock grasslands in the arid zones of Australia. Prior to European occupation, fires occurred as a result of intentional burning by Aboriginals of the area to encourage the growth of fresh growth for game. Due to the early demise of the local Aboriginal groups' traditional life style in the area, this regime of burning is likely to have rapidly diminished from the 1920's. Ground truthing and examination of the aerial photography of the Project area reveals that the area has been affected by extensive fires, some of which are within the last five years. An extensive area at the eastern and northeastern boundaries of leases E46/00335 and E46/00592 respectively has been very recently burnt, probably between November 2007 and January 2008. The source of these fires is unknown, but is likely to be lightning strikes, unintentional fires caused by human activity, or a combination of these factors.

Although the native flora is adapted and in many instances dependent upon fire for activation of seed germination, too frequent or too hot bushfires can result in detrimental changes to the composition and diversity of the vegetation., causing local extinctions of vulnerable species.

The risk of fire directly as a result of mining activity can be minimised by implementing fire protocols such as appropriate isolation of flammable compounds such as hydrocarbons and explosives, localised clearing around working plant, and enforcement of appropriate smoking practices (e.g. no discarding of cigarette buts). Additional tracks in the area as a result of mining may act as a fire break and so may serve to reduce the extent of fires once started.

1.1.5 Introduction of weed species

At present the Roy Hill pastoral lease has high levels of weed invasion, with 19 taxa recorded, some of which are broadly distributed and locally very abundant. Increased vehicular traffic, combined with increased ground disturbance and disposal of water from



drilling and domestic operations, provide an opportunity for additional species to become established unless weed hygiene procedures are established.

1.1.6 Introduction of feral animals

Feral animals such as rabbits, cats, foxes, dogs, goats, camels, horses and donkeys are already established in the region, and policies prohibiting the introduction of domestic animals to mining leases are mandatory. However the unintentional introduction of additional species, such as alien insects in food or on personnel remains a remote possibility, particularly where personnel are on a fly in/fly out basis and hence arriving from remote locations where these species are already present.

1.2 Risk Assessment of Potential Impacts

A risk assessment was undertaken to determine potential impacts arising from the development on the flora and vegetation and the residual impacts following the implementation of management strategies identified in this document. The risk level is defined as a multiple of the numeric rankings attributed to the likelihood and consequences (criteria for rankings are detailed in The significance of the risks is classified as either "High" (site/issue specific management programmes required, advice/approval from regulators required), "Medium" (specific management and procedures must be specified) or "Low" (managed by routine procedures). The results of this assessment are detailed in Table L-4.



 Table L-4:
 Risk assessment of potential impacts to flora and vegetation of the Stage 1 development

| | | | Inherent Risk | | | isk | | Residual Risk | | | |
|--|---|--|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Process/Activity | Event | Impacts | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance | Controls | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance |
| Diversion of water flow from existing creek beds by construction of pits and other infrastructure | Changes to the timing of water flow to the Fortescue Marsh System | Increased or decreased water volume and salinity levels and/or increased turbidity leading to loss of viability of flora and fauna species dependent on the Marsh. | 3 | 5 | 15 | High | Detailed modelling of water flows as a result of temporary creek diversions to ensure flows to Marsh are neither inadequate or excessive during mining Adherence to timeframes in which pits are obstructing flow and necessitating diversion Ensure that fines from mining construction do not contaminate water supply into Fortescue Marsh | 2 | 5 | 10 | Medium |
| Vegetation Clearing and construction of infrastructure | Distortion of sheet flow of water leading to localised drought or inundations and consequent death of <i>Acacia aneura</i> (mulga) vegetation communities | Areas of widespread tree death | 3 | 4 | 12 | High | Evaluate the placement of infrastructure in terms of changes to sheet flow. Should significant changes to sheet flow be expected, relocation of infrastructure where feasible or installation or remediating structures (e.g. culverts under rail or roads) to be installed. Monitor areas of Mulga communities in areas downstream from infrastructure where potential exists for sheet flow disturbance. | 2 | 4 | 8 | Medium |
| Pit construction in areas with saline water table | Discharge of saline dewatering | Saline scalds, leakage of saline water to Fortescue March system | 5 | 5 | 25 | High | Disposal of saline dewatering into impermeable evaporative ponds | 1 | 5 | 5 | Low |

| | | | Inherent Risk | | | isk | | Residual Risk | | | |
|--|--|--|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Process/Activity | Event | Impacts | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance | Controls | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance |
| Vegetation Clearing | Removal of Priority Flora | Reduction or loss of viability of taxa leading to localised extinction | 5 | 3 | 15 | Medium | Specify the proportion of Priority flora likely to be impacted and ensure impact is kept within approved limits for specific taxa given regional distribution Consult with relevant personnel within DEC with respect to acceptable impacts | 1 | 3 | 3 | Low |
| Inadequate hygiene to vehicles in the vicinity of <i>Parkinsonia aculeata</i> (Declared Weed) | Expansion of existing populations or introduction to new locations | Breach of Dept. of Agriculture legislation Loss of diversity to native flora | 3 | 3 | 9 | Medium | Eradicate Parkinsonia aculeata in areas where movements of personnel or vehicles is necessary Restrict movement of cattle in areas where Parkinsonia aculeata is present Ensure vehicle hygiene maintained at all times | 1 | 3 | 3 | Low |
| Clearing combined with poor vehicle hygiene, incorrect disposal of waste water | Introduction or dispersal of environmental weeds | Reduction in floristic diversity and integrity | 3 | 2 | 6 | Medium | Weed hygiene measures should be implemented | 2 | 2 | 4 | Low |
| Driving | Off-road use of vehicles | Damage to vegetation | 3 | 2 | 6 | Medium | Enforce policy of driving on established tracks only to all site workers by: * emphasis on policy during site induction; * clear signposting of off-limit areas; * appropriate penalties should infringements occur. | 1 | 2 | 2 | Low |
| Use of saline water during operations | Leakage of saline wager | Localised plant death | 3 | 2 | 6 | Medium | Restrict release of saline water into environment | 1 | 2 | 2 | Low |



| | | | Inherent Risk | | | isk | | | Residual Risk | | | |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--|------------|---------------|------------|--------------|--|
| Process/Activity | Event | Impacts | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance | Controls | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance | |
| Human activities which start fires | Excessively frequent, large scale or too hot bushfire as a result of uncontrolled bushfire | Possible loss of vulnerable species or loss of diversity in some community types Loss of fauna and habitat | 2 | 4 | 8 | Medium | Ensure flammable material is suitably contained Ensure vehicles and plant do not park on <i>Triodia species</i> Maintain correct procedures for smoking e.g. no discarding of cigarette buts in bush Prohibition of campfires within lease | 1 | 4 | 5 | Low | |
| Vegetation Clearing | Removal of significant proportion of identified vegetation sub- associations poorly represented locally | • Loss of biodiversity at a local scale• Loss of habitat to fauna species with dependency on this habitat type | 2 | 3 | 6 | Medium | Clearing of the community types identified as of limited distribution locally (Table 5.1) too be avoided by relocation of infrastructure wherever feasible. | 1 | 3 | 3 | Low | |
| Vegetation Clearing | Removal of significant proportion of land system units poorly represented at a regional level | Loss of biodiversity at a regional scale Loss of habitat to fauna species with dependency on this habitat type | 1 | 4 | 4 | Low | Clearing of land systems identified as of limited distribution (if present) should be avoided by relocation of infrastructure wherever feasible. | 1 | 3 | 3 | Low | |

| | Event Impacts | | Inherent Risk | | | | | | Residual Risk | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|---------------|-------------|------------|--------------|---|---|---------------|------------|--------------|--|
| Process/Activity | | Impacts | Likelihood | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance | Controls | | Consequence | Risk Level | Significance | |
| Vegetation Clearing | Removal of Declared Rare Flora | Breach of EPBC Act, and Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 Reduction or loss of viability of taxon/taxa leading to possible extinction | 1 | 4 | 4 | Low | As no Declared Rare Flora have been recorded to date, no avoidance measures are currently required. Systematic searching of areas to be cleared to ensure no populations of Lepidium catapycnon or Thryptomene wittweri (the only two DRF taxa known within the Pilbara) are present. If either of these taxa are subsequently recorded, the relocation of infrastructure shall occur wherever feasible. If not feasible application to remove rare flora submitted to Minister of Environment prior to any disturbance | 1 | 4 | 4 | Low | |
| Dust | Dust emissions from clearing and construction vehicles | Damage to vegetation resulting in loss of diversity or species | 2 | 2 | 4 | Low | Dust suppression methods using non- saline water | 1 | 2 | 2 | Low | |
| Increased human and plant movement | Introduction of plant or animal pathogens | Loss of vulnerable species | 2 | 2 | 4 | Low | Correct vehicle hygiene when using vehicles previously used where pathogens may be present | 1 | 2 | 2 | Low | |
| Increased human and plant movement | Introduction of feral animals, particularly insects | Loss of vulnerable species | 1 | 2 | 2 | Low | Ensure correct quarantining of material from potentially infected equipment or goods (particularly material from overseas) has occurred prior to use | 1 | 1 | 1 | Low | |

