

ENVIRONMENTAL BACKGROUND RECORDING FORM

SITE/LOCATION:

RECORDER/S: DATE:

RECORDING FOR: Site location (single exposure) General survey information only (multiple exposures)

WEATHER: Clear Cloudy Raining

LIGHT CONDITIONS: Good Poor

ATTACHMENTS/OTHER FORMS:

- Open site
- Scarred tree
- Rock art
- Historic
- Sketch map
- Other

PERCENTAGE OF GROUND SURFACE VISIBLE: % Average across survey area Average within exposure

SEDIMENT/SOIL: Clay Silt Sand Other:

DISTURBANCE: Stock Insects Erosion Vegetation Other animals Development Other:

EXPOSURE(S):

- None
- Unformed track
- Formed track
- Erosion patch
- Fence line
- Cow pad
- Dam bank
- Backhoe/grader scrape
- Water course/drainage line
- Patchy ground cover
- Other:

GEOMORPHOLOGICAL REGIME:

- Aggrading
- Eroding
- Stable
- Unknown

GROUND COVER:

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| PERCENTAGE GROUND COVER ON EXPOSURE: <input type="text"/> % | <input type="checkbox"/> Within exposure(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Off exposure(s) | PERCENTAGE GROUND COVER OFF EXPOSURE: <input type="text"/> % |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaf litter/bark/twigs/wood | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaf litter/bark/twigs/wood | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass/vegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Grass/vegetation | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Moss/lichen | <input type="checkbox"/> Moss/lichen | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Rubble/gravel | <input type="checkbox"/> Rubble/gravel | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Water | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Redeposited sediments (eg. slumping) | <input type="checkbox"/> Redeposited sediments (eg. slumping) | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | |

ROCK OUTCROP: No rock outcrop (No bedrock exposed) Very slightly rocky (<2% bedrock exposed) Slightly rocky (2-10% bedrock exposed)

Rocky (10-20% bedrock exposed) Very rocky (>20% bedrock exposed)

COARSE FRAGMENTS (in situ aggregates): 2-6mm (Small pebbles or fine gravel) 6-20mm (Medium pebbles or gravel) 20-60mm (Large pebbles or coarse gravel) 60-200mm (Cobbles)

200-600mm (Stones) 600mm-2m (Boulders) >2m (Large boulders)

BACKGROUND NOISE:

- Leaf litter/bark having same colour/sheen/shape of artefacts
- In situ aggregates (coarse fragments from parent outcrops - see above)
- Imported aggregates (eg. road gravel/sand/shell etc)
- Other:

PERCENTAGE BACKGROUND NOISE: %

OTHER DETECTION LIMITING FACTORS:

- Deep excavation/erosion (ie. below archaeological horizon)
- Burning effects mimicking artefacts
- Other:

LANDFORM:

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| Slope: | Relief: | Pattern: | >300m <input type="checkbox"/> Hillcrest/ridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Creekline/bank |
| <input type="checkbox"/> >30° (>56%) Very Steep | <input type="checkbox"/> Very high | 90-300m <input type="checkbox"/> Upper slope | <input type="checkbox"/> River terrace | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 18-30° (33-56%) Steep | <input type="checkbox"/> High | 30-90m <input type="checkbox"/> Mid slope | <input type="checkbox"/> Swamp | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 6-17° (11-32%) Moderately Inclined | <input type="checkbox"/> Low | 9-30m <input type="checkbox"/> Lower slope | <input type="checkbox"/> Lake edge | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2-5° (2-10%) Gently Inclined | <input type="checkbox"/> Very low | <9m <input type="checkbox"/> Flat/plain | <input type="checkbox"/> Dune | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1° (1%) Level | | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: | | |

EXISTING VEGETATION: Grassland Rainforest Mangroves Heathland
 Open woodland Forest Shrubland Other:

Tallest stratum:

- Trees
- Trees/Mallee
- Shrubs
- Palms

Species noted:

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Height:

- >20m
- 13-20m
- 7-12m
- 4-6m
- 1-3m
- <1m

Crown separation:

- Touching to overlapping
- Touching or slightly separated
- Clearly separated
- Well separated
- Trees ~100+m apart/shrubs ~25+m apart
- Clumps of 2-5 trees/shrubs 200+m apart

Understorey:

- None
- Trees
- Trees/Mallee
- Shrubs
- Palms

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Height:

- >12m
- 7-12m
- 4-6m
- 1-3m
- 0.5-1m
- 0.25-0.5m
- <0.25m

Crown separation:

- Touching to overlapping
- Touching or slightly separated
- Clearly separated
- Well separated
- Trees ~100+m apart/shrubs ~25+m apart
- Clumps of 2-5 trees/shrubs 200+m apart

Ground Layer:

- Tussock grass
- Sod grass
- Ferns
- Moss
- Vines

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Height:

- 1-3m
- 0.5-1m
- 0.25-0.5m
- <0.25m

LAND USE: Undeveloped Grazed Built-up area Quarry/extraction
 Forested Ploughed Road verge Mining
 Cleared Cultivated Other:

**SITES/ISOLATED ARTEFACTS
 LOCATED (see separate forms):**

NOTES:

PHOTOGRAPHS: