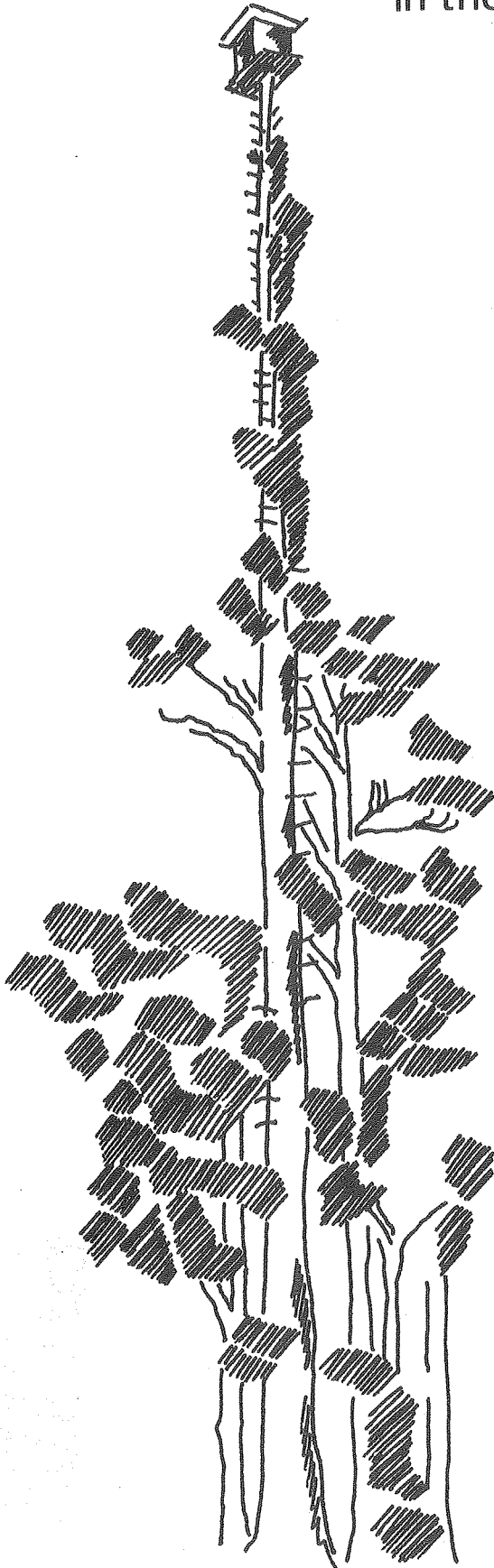


# Report on Crown Land for Release to Agriculture or for Pine Production in the Manjimup Shire



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**SUMMARY**

A joint Study Group was convened in April 1984 from the Departments of Agriculture and Forests to investigate the suitability of Crown Land in the Manjimup Shire for release to agriculture or conversion to pine plantation. The objective of the study was to find land in the Shire to assist the Government in its programme to plant 500 hectares of pine in the region each year to meet a deficit resulting from declining hardwood yields.

Vacant Crown Land (VCL), State Forest and Forest Act Timber Reserves not encumbered within the proposed South Coast Park, Shannon Park, Nature Reserves, National Park and Management Priority Areas for Conservation were considered. On State Forest and Forest Act Timber Reserves, only non-forest or poor forest types were reviewed.

The main conclusions from the Study were:

1. Up to 2860 ha of Crown Land in the Manjimup Shire may be suitable for release for agricultural development.
2. Preliminary examination of soil type and profitability indicates that 1610 ha of this area, comprising 710 ha Vacant Crown Land and <sup>900</sup>710 ha of State Forest, would support profitable farms or viable run-off blocks.
3. A further 1250 ha comprising 450 ha Vacant Crown Land and 800 ha of State Forest, may support viable run-off blocks.
4. The areas in 2 and 3 above are also suited to pine planting.
5. A further 4 300 ha of non-forest country within State Forest may prove suitable for pine establishment.

6. Areas concerned are conditional on the results of further detailed survey. Proposed pine areas generally would require the inclusion of some better quality soil areas or association with established plantations.
7. Any requirement for significant additional areas to those above would require clearing of medium to high quality hardwood forest on State Forest or inclusion of areas outside of the Shire boundary.

The Study Group recommends that:

- (a) To commence the programme areas suitable for agriculture should be considered for release to compensate for a similar area of farmland being planted to pines.
- (b) Non-forest and associated areas in State Forest be further considered to provide additional pine planting areas within the programme.

#### PREAMBLE

In October 1983 the Premier advised the Manjimup Shire that the Government was committed to the planting of 500 hectares of pine per year in the Manjimup region. The programme would provide for the establishment of a large softwood-based industry in the Shire.

The new industry was desirable to compensate for the declining hardwood cut and would ensure that long term deficits in the hardwood resource, accentuated by the creation of the Shannon National Park were replaced. The programme, which involved the purchase of farmland as one option for obtaining suitable land for pines, had been under consideration by the previous Government.

The Manjimup Shire is concerned to ensure that the profitable agricultural base in the Shire should be maintained and has suggested that all further pine planting should be in State Forest. The Premier has indicated that the destruction of good quality hardwood forest for pine planting will not be considered but that a number of options were being investigated to resolve the problem of obtaining suitable areas for pine planting. These are:

1. Exchange Crown Land suitable for agriculture for agricultural land which is more suitable for pine plantation establishment. Significant areas of Crown land and even land within State forest do not carry hardwood forest.
2. Purchase agricultural land not required for horticultural production for conversion to pine plantations.
3. Co-operative arrangements in which suitable freehold farmland would be used for pines, are being considered. An annual rental for lease of the land could be paid.
4. The establishment of pine forest on cleared land within the Warren Catchment. This could have the additional benefit of reducing stream salinity.
5. The establishment of pine plantations on Vacant Crown Land and State forest which does not support good quality hardwood forest.

A combination of these strategies is likely to achieve the objective of establishing a softwood-based industry in a manner mutually beneficial to individual farmers, the community and the State.



At the request of the Hon Premier and Minister for Forests the Acting Conservator of Forests contacted the Director, Department of Agriculture on April 2nd 1984 to set up joint working parties to examine in detail firstly the application of agroforestry and secondly the possible release of Crown land for farming or plantation forestry in the Manjimup area.

This report concerns only the possibilities for release of Crown land in the Manjimup Shire to assist pine plantation proposals.

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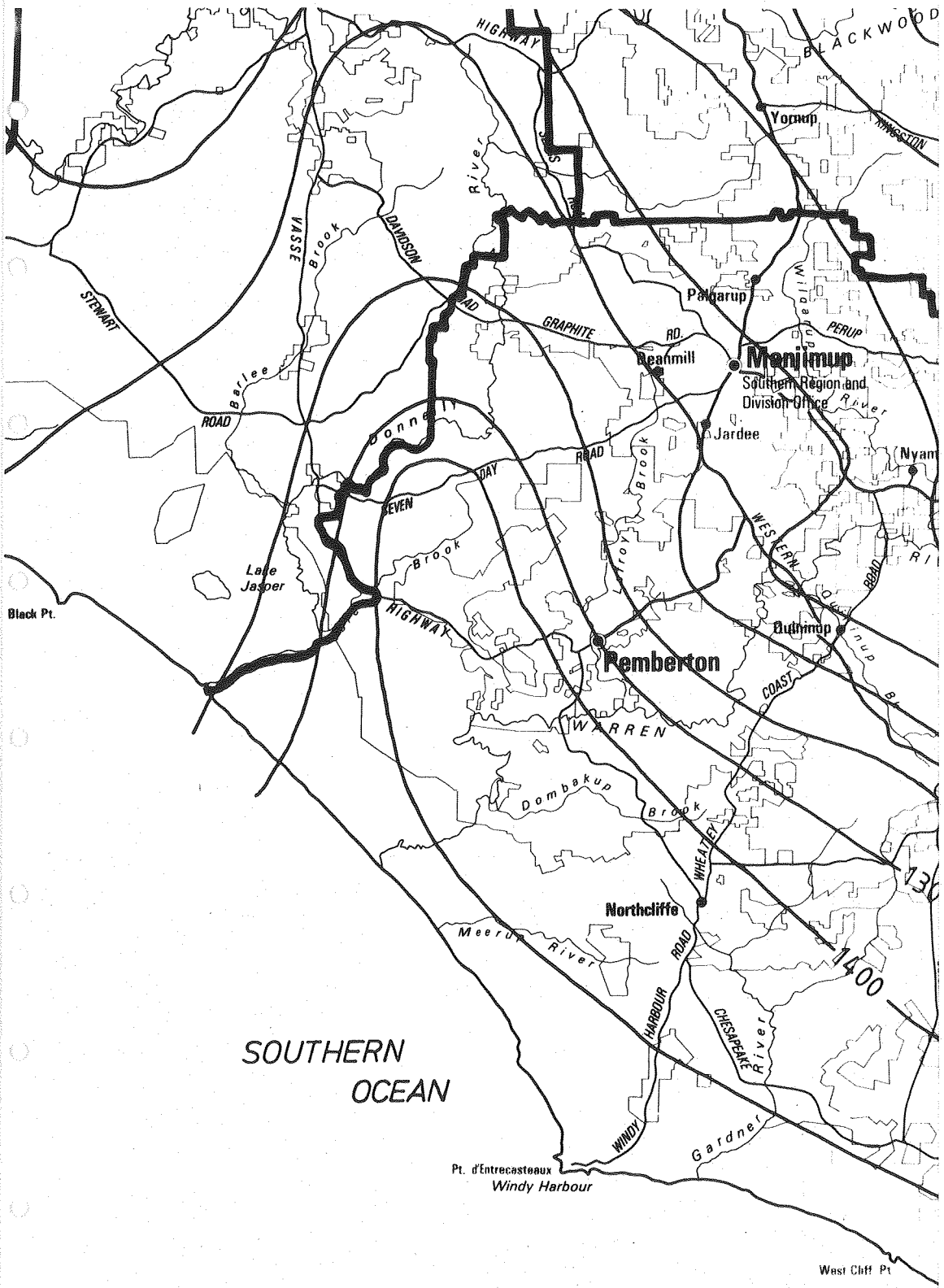


FIG. 1

MAP SHOWING MANJIMUP SHIRE  
 AND ISOHYETS  
 SCALE 1:500 000

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference adopted by the Study Group were

**TO INVESTIGATE AND REPORT ON THE SUITABILITY OF CROWN LAND  
IN THE MANJIMUP SHIRE FOR RELEASE TO AGRICULTURE OR  
CONVERSION TO PINE PLANTATION**

These terms were qualified by the following conditions

- (i) It was understood that further release for agriculture would be to maintain the current area of agricultural land within the Manjimup Shire in response to the conversion of existing agricultural land to pine plantations. The study was hence restricted to land within the Shire boundaries.
- (ii) Only non-forest or areas of dedicated forest land of marginal productivity would be considered for conversion to pines or agriculture.
- (iii) Crown land proposed for conservation purposes or National Parks, was exempt from the study.
- (iv) An answer within a reasonable time frame was required. Although most sites were inspected in the field, boundary, soil and economic surveys adequate to finalise evaluations for release were not conducted.

- (v) It was assumed that further action on the Group recommendations would be referred to the Environmental Protection Authority's Working Group on Land Release. Hence no special effort was made by the Group to evaluate the ecological significance of the release proposals.

## STUDY PROCEDURE

### Vacant Crown Land (VCL) Areas for Examination

The areas of the many land tenures involved in the Manjimup Shire were obtained from the Forest Management Information System (FMIS) as set out in Table 1. Of approximately 700 000 hectares total land area in the Shire, 419 000 hectares is reserved as State Forest and Forest Act Timber Reserves and 125 000 hectares is private property. The total area of VCL recorded for the Shire is 63 800 hectares.

It will be seen from Tables 2 and 3 however, that 47 400 hectares of this VCL is proposed for inclusion in the South Coast National Park and a further 8 700 hectares have been included in the proposed Shannon Basin National Park.

Thus there remained some 7 600 hectares of VCL to be considered by the Study Group.

Printouts from the FMIS system provided the location of the specific areas to be examined.

### State Forest Areas Requiring Examination

The FMIS System contains coded data referring to all non-forest and poor forest types (Appendix 1) on Crown land in the Manjimup

TABLE 1

LAND TENURES IN THE MANJIMUP SHIRE**Crown Tenures**

State Forest	414 891
Timber Reserve 25 (Forest Act)	4 105
Timber Reserve (Land Act)	12 286
Conservator of Forests	3 146
Vacant Crown Land	63 772
Temporary Timber Reserves	946
National Park	39 794
Flora and/or Fauna Reserves	17 190
Recreation and/or Camping Reserves	3 362
Water Reserves	3 008
Other Reserves	7 263
Commonwealth	118
Government Requirements	1 119
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**Private Property\*** 125 000

**Townsite Reserves** 2 380

\*Includes former Private Property now owned by the Minister for Water Resources.

TABLE 2

TENURES IN PROPOSED SOUTH COAST NATIONAL PARK IN MANJIMUP SHIRE

State Forest	3 337
Timber Reserve 25 (Forest Act)	110
Timber Reserve (Land Act)	11 309
Vacant Crown Land	47 358
Temporary Timber Reserves	410
Private Property	43
National Park	34 474
Flora and/or Fauna Reserves	5 005
Recreation and/or Camping Reserves	2 573
Water Reserves	69
Townsite Reserves	12
Other Reserves	6 053
Government Requirements	335
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Total	111 088
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TABLE 3

TENURES IN SHANNON BASIN OUTSIDE PROPOSED SOUTH COAST NATIONAL  
PARK (IN MANJIMUP SHIRE)

State Forest	42 790
Conservator of Forest	185
Vacant Crown Land	8 734
Temporary Timber Reserves	234
Private Property	847
National Park	356
Recreation and/or Camping Reserve	10
Townsite Reserve	221
Other Reserves	12
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Total	53 389
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TABLE 4

NON FOREST AREAS IN MANJIMUP SHIRE UNENCUMBERED\* WITHIN RAINFALL  
AND TENURE TYPES (HECTARES)

TENURE	ANNUAL RAINFALL			TOTAL
	<700 mm	700-1000 mm	> 1000mm	
State Forest and Timber Reserves (Forest Act)	146	6 244	17 405	23 795
Vacant Crown Land and Timber Reserve (Land Act)	Nil	532	3 713	4 245
	146	6 776	21 118	28 040

- \*Excluded (i) Proposed Shannon National Park.  
(ii) Proposed South Coast Park.  
(iii) Other National Parks and Flora and Fauna Reserves.  
(iv) Conservation and Recreation Management Priority Areas.



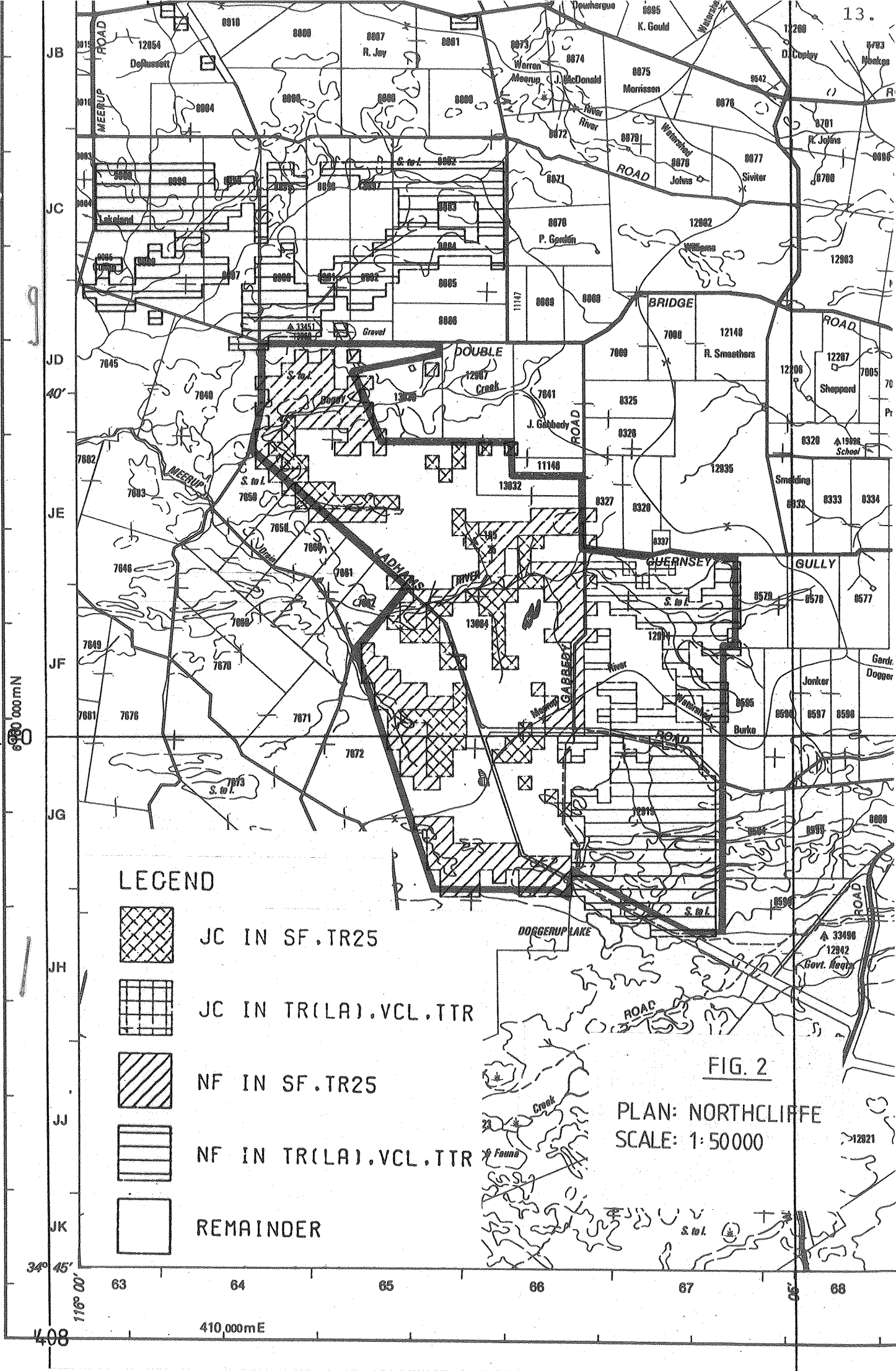
Shire. These are referred to further in this report as non-forest areas. Data is recorded on a 2 hectare cell basis and accuracy of printouts must be accepted within this limit. The areas of non-forest types on State Forest and VCL tenures were extracted and are shown as Table 4. This extraction excludes State Forest and VCL areas in

- (i) The Shannon Basin Park
- (ii) The proposed South Coast National Park
- (iii) All other National Park and Flora and Fauna Reserves in the Shire
- (iv) Conservation and Recreation management priority areas in State forest.

Some 23 795 hectares of dedicated forest land and 4 245 hectares of VCL were associated with this non forest category. Most of this area is not affected by clearing controls under the Country Areas Water Supplies Act (Table 5).

#### Specific Locations for Examination

To allow for the inspection of suitably concentrated areas of poor or non-forest country, a print-out of the distribution of the types was obtained. An example is attached as Figure 2. An interpreter experienced in the Manjimup area, delineated those aggregations of suitable size and location to warrant further consideration. A list of the initial target areas selected for inspection is attached as Appendix 2 of this report. These target areas (Figure 2) together with an air photo plan of the area which details the actual assessed forest types in the area (Figure 3) were forwarded to Manjimup for detailed local evaluation.



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


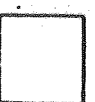
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FIG. 2

PLAN: NORTHCLIFFE  
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TABLE 5

NON FOREST AREAS UNENCUMBERED\* IN MANJIMUP SHIRE WITHIN PUBLIC  
WORKS DEPARTMENT CLEARING ZONES IN THE WARREN CATCHMENT  
(HECTARES)

TENURE	WARREN CATCHMENT ZONE			TOTAL
	PWD A	PWD B	PWD C	
State Forest and Timber Reserve (Forest Act)	784	1 625	152	2 561
Vacant Crown Land and Timber Reserves (Land Act)	Nil	Nil	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>784</b>	<b>1 625</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2 569</b>

- \*Excluded
- (i) Proposed Shannon National Park.
  - (ii) Proposed South Coast Park.
  - (iii) Other National Parks and Flora and Fauna Reserves.
  - (iv) Conservation and Recreation Management Priority Areas.

### Field Checking

At Manjimup soil, topography, tenure plans and local knowledge were used to assess the potential of each target area for agricultural use or pine plantation establishment.

Wherever possible all relevant areas were inspected in the field by both agricultural and forestry experts. The locations of areas inspected are shown in Figure 4. Field notes and area designations for the 24 areas inspected in the field are set out in Appendix 3.

It must be emphasized that the areas stated are approximate. The boundaries serve to delineate target areas with suitable concentrations of non forest types to warrant inspection. They do not represent practical farm or plantation boundaries which can only be obtained from detailed survey.

### EVALUATION FOR AGRICULTURE

Nine Vacant Crown Land areas (approximately 3 520 hectares) and twenty one State forest areas (approximately 19 400 hectares) were assessed for their agricultural potential.

The location of these areas ranged from the vicinity of the Donnelly River in the west to Walpole in the east. Most are on the south coastal strip, north of the D'Entrecasteaux National Park. Two sites in the Donnelly River area were subsequently found to be outside the Shire and are not included in the area totals.

When inspecting the sites a number of physical characteristics were considered. These were soil type, drainage, area, location in relation to other agricultural holdings and availability of facilities such as electricity, telephone and road access.

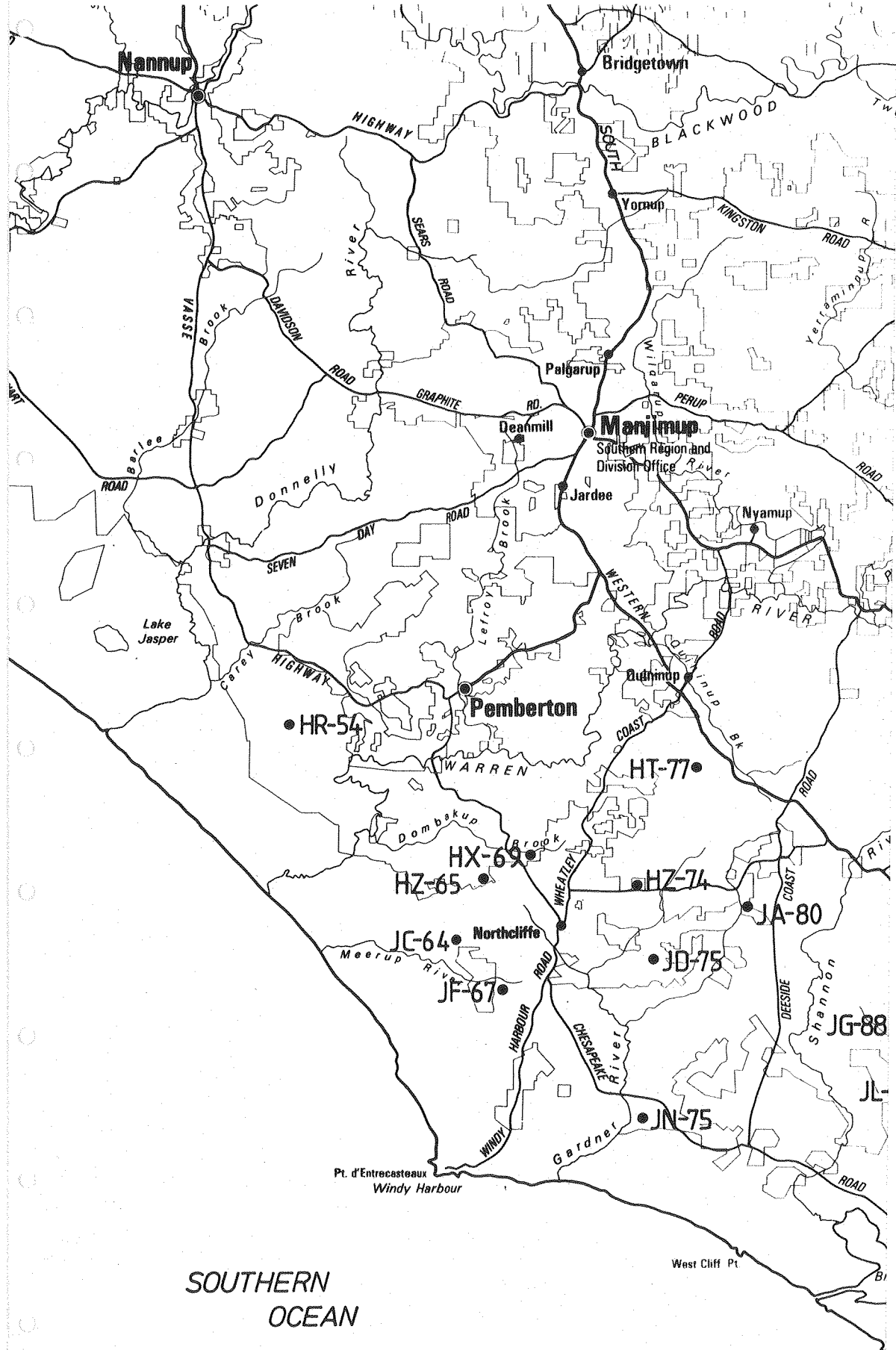


FIG 4  
 LOCATION OF AREAS INSPECTED  
 SCALE 1:500 000

Several budgets were constructed to assess the viability of agriculture on these areas.

Four areas were under Forests Department quarantine and due to seasonal conditions permits to visit the sites could not be obtained. For these, assessments were derived from aerial photographs and soil maps obtained from the Forests Department.

### Physical Characteristics

Soil type has a major impact on the assessed production potential. The most commonly occurring soils are:

- (a) Gravelly loams, usually in elevated situations, and
- (b) deep grey sands, usually acid and seasonally waterlogged - some of these areas can be improved by surface drainage schemes, others cannot.

Stocking rates on the loams are approximately twice those on the grey sands, with consequential effects on farm profitability as discussed in the following section.

Table 6 summarises the agricultural potential of the areas studied. All sites are identified by the grid references from Forests Department maps.

It can be seen that the majority of the land is described as unsuitable for agriculture because it cannot be drained, because it is isolated or because it is not a large enough block of suitable land.

Detailed reports and maps of each area are given in Appendix 3.

TABLE 6

SUITABILITY OF VACANT CROWN LAND AND NON FOREST AREAS FOR AGRICULTURE BASED ON PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

LOCATION	LAND TENURE	AREA HA	MAJOR SOIL TYPE	DRAINAGE	COMMENT FOR AGRICULTURE
<b>Northcliffe</b>					
JG 88 (1)	SF	1250	Loam/Acid Grey Sand	Require some work	Due to isolation is unsuitable
HT 77 (2)	SF	900	Acid Grey Sand/sandy gravel loam	Require some work	Suitable for viable farms could be extended
HX 69 (3)	SF	200	Acid Grey Sand/Gravelly Loam	Some work required	Suitable for run-off block
HZ 65 (4)	SF	300	Acid Grey Sand	Poor	Waterlogged, Unsuitable
HZ 74 (5)	SF	350	Acid Grey Sand	Requires work	Suitable for run-off block
HZ 74 (5)	VCL	150	Acid Grey Sand	Requires work	Suitable for run-off blocks
JA 80 (6)	VCL	300	Acid Grey Sand/Sandy Loam	Requires work	Can be drained, suitable for release to adjoining farms
JC 64 (7)	VCL	650	Acid Grey Sand	Poor	Waterlogged, unsuitable
JD 75 (8)	VCL	710	Gravelly loam	Good	Suitable for release as viable farms
JF 67 (9)	VCL	630	Acid Grey Sand	Poor	Waterlogged, unsuitable
<b>Broke Inlet</b>					
JN 75 (10)	SF	2400	Gravelly loam/acid grey sand	Requires work	Due to isolation is unsuitable
JL 90 (11)	VCL	500	Acid grey sand	Poor	Waterlogged, unsuitable



Walpole						
JN 94 (12)	SF	800	Acid grey sand	Poor		Waterlogged, unsuitable
JM 102 (13)	SF	2850	Acid grey sand	Poor		Waterlogged, unsuitable
JP 99 (14)	SF	300	Acid Grey Sand	Poor		Can be drained, suitable for grazing. Too small.
JR 99 (15)	SF	2450	Acid Grey Sand	Good		Suitable for grazing
JR 105 (16)	SF	250	Acid Grey Sand	Poor		Can be drained suitable for release to adjoining farms
JS 95 (17)	SF	440	Acid Grey Sand to sandy loam	Some work required		Suitable if extended
JU 98 (18)	SF	120	Acid Grey Sand	Poor		Waterlogged, unsuitable
JY 101 (19)	SF	160	Acid Grey Sand	Poor		Requires enlargement to make viable
JZ 103 (20)	SF	250	Gravelly Loam	Some work required		Suitable but needs enlargement
JV 97 (21)	SF	450	Acid Grey Sand	Some work required		Suitable if enlarged
JX 97 (22)	VCL	450	Acid Grey Sand	Poor		Waterlogged, unsuitable
Lake Jasper						
HR 54 (23)	SF	880	Acid Grey Sand/sandy loam	Poor		Waterlogged, not suitable.
Frankland						
JF 104 (24)	SF	1200	Grey Sand	Poor		Waterlogged, unsuitable
JH 108 (25)	SF	980	Grey Sand	Poor		Waterlogged, unsuitable
HV 104 (26)	SF	1540	Grey Sand	Poor		Waterlogged, unsuitable
HR 94 (27)	SF	1950	Grey Sand	Poor		Waterlogged, unsuitable

### Economic Characteristics

There are great differences in the profitability of agriculture on the different soil types, reflecting differences in productivity and land use options.

1. Karri-Jarrah loam: These soils are highly productive and able to support a number of agricultural enterprises including horticulture, sheep and cattle grazing and agro-forestry. Horticulture, involving such crops as potato, cauliflower and onion, is by far the most profitable agricultural use of this land.

The budget for potato farming (Appendix 4, Table 1) indicates the profitability of horticultural crops. Potato farming is highly profitable, providing a net return to capital and labour of over \$800/ha/year. If labour costs are imputed at average wage rates the net return to capital is \$230/ha/year, which provides an internal rate of return above 9%, a relatively high return for agriculture. Other horticultural enterprises, such as cauliflower and onion, are equally profitable.

By comparison the profitability of livestock is low, (Appendix 4, Table 2) generating a net return to the operator's labour and capital of \$12859/year for a 600 ha property (around \$20/ha/yr). Whether or not this is enough to support a viable farm depends on one's definition of viability. Using a literal interpretation of viability, a net return of \$12859/year could support a viable farm because it would be possible to continue farming. If viability is defined more broadly to include providing the operator with sufficient income for a reasonable standard of living, then \$12859/year is not enough for farm viability.

It could be argued that this net return is pessimistic because contract charges are assumed for clearing and development costs and by doing some of the work himself the farmer would save some of these expenses and therefore have to service less debt. Thus it is possible that the farm could generate a higher net income although it is unlikely to be a sufficient income for a reasonable standard of living unless the farmer has low expectations.

2. Well drained acid grey sands: These soils are not highly productive and have only one land use option - beef cattle grazing.

Clearing and development of beef is highly expensive in relation to the returns from beef on this soil type. The expense of clearing and development is shown in the development budget of Appendix 4, Table 3.

Development of an 800 ha beef farm over 5 years would lead to a total indebtedness exceeding half a million dollars. Even if it is possible to borrow the money to repay this debt, the large repayment to service the loan would make the farm unviable. This is illustrated in Appendix 4, Table 3, where it can be seen that annual loan repayment above \$90 000/year is a major cause of the year in year out loss of \$50 000/year. Expressed in terms of cost benefit analysis, conversion of this land to whole beef farms has a net present value of -\$200/ha.

It could be argued that this budget is pessimistic for some farmers because it allows contracting costs for clearing and development, whereas some farmers would save by carrying out

part of this work themselves. On the other hand assumptions that the farmer has \$100 000 to invest in the property and that he is not charged for the land, could be seen as optimistic assumptions, so that the budget is not overly pessimistic.

In spite of the unviability of whole beef farms on this soil type, it is possible that it could be developed as a viable part of an existing beef enterprise. It still could not be a highly profitable use of the land and conclusions on the viability of such 'run-off' blocks would have to be made on the basis of case by case assessments.

Reasons why this land may possibly be profitably used as run-off blocks, and yet could not sustain a viable whole farm, are that an established nearby farmer may be in a position to clear, develop and stock the farm more cheaply using machinery, labour and stock, from the established property. Furthermore, the established farmer may not need to purchase any additional machinery for the run-off block nor count on the block to generate any income for several years. Thus development and operation of a run-off block could be considerably less expensive, even to the extent of making the block a viable addition to existing farms. In view of the importance of proximity of run-off blocks to the main farm enterprises and the borderline viability of this land use, only blocks close to existing farms are worth considering.

3. Poorly drained acid grey sands: The productivity of this land is low, well below that of well drained acid grey sands, and beef cattle is the only land use option. It follows that this land could not be developed as viable farms.

Table 4, Appendix 4, indicates the losses involved in developing these soils for agriculture. Development of an 800 ha beef property results in indebtedness of over \$700,000 and a year in year out loss of more than \$100,000/year. Cost benefit analysis indicates a net present value of the order of -\$500/ha for agricultural development.

These results not only indicate that poorly drained sand is unable to support viable whole farms, but that it is extremely unlikely that it could sustain viable run-off blocks for farm build up.

### Recommendations

Based on the physical and economic characteristics, six areas are recommended for further consideration for agricultural release. These are divided into two categories.

1. Land which could certainly be used profitably in agriculture - either as viable farms or run-off blocks for farm build up. This land is predominantly loamy soil suitable for horticulture or beef.

Areas in this category are shown in Table 7. After removing from this category blocks inspected outside the Manjimup Shire and one block adjacent to a Tingle reserve, 1610 ha remain. Although further detailed investigation is required, initial examination suggests that the 1610 ha could be subdivided into 9 viable horticultural farms. At an average of almost 200 ha each these would be relatively large horticultural farms. The reasons why this might be appropriate are that the blocks are not wholly loamy soils and a larger block allows diversification into a livestock sideline.

TABLE 7

AREAS RECOMMENDED FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION FOR AGRICULTURAL  
RELEASE

**Category (i) - Areas suitable as viable farms or run-off blocks**

<u>Site*</u>	<u>Tenure</u>	<u>Area (ha)</u>	<u>Viable farms (No.)</u>	<u>OR</u>	<u>Run-off blocks (No.)</u>
JD75	(VCL)	710	4		4
HT77	(SF)	900	5		5
Total		1 610	9		9

**Category (ii) - Areas warranting further consideration as run-off blocks**

<u>Site</u>	<u>Tenure</u>	<u>Area (ha)</u>	<u>Viable farms (No.)</u>	<u>Run-off blocks (No.)</u>
JA80	(VCL)	300	-	1
HZ74	(SF, VCL)	500	-	2
HX69	(SF)	200	-	1
JR105	(SF)	250	-	1
Total		1 250	-	5

\*JZ103 would be in this category except that it is adjacent to a Tingle forest.

- NOTE
- (i) All the viable farms have a relatively large area of loam soils.
  - (ii) Run-off blocks are all adjoining existing farmland.
  - (iii) If any areas are to be considered for release a further more detailed study should be conducted on the areas recommended.

It is recommended that areas JD75 and HT77 be released to agriculture subject to:

- a) Detailed investigation confirming that the soil is predominantly loam suitable for horticulture.
- b) Release being in accord with environmental policy.

2. Land which could not sustain viable farms but which could possibly support viable run-off blocks. The areas selected in this category are all well drained acid sands situated close to existing farms.

Table 7 shows the blocks selected in this category. The total area of these blocks is 1250 ha. It is suggested that this 1250 ha could provide 5 run-off blocks, at most.

It is recommended that the areas JA80, HZ74, HX69 and JR105, or parts thereof, be released for agriculture subject to:

- a) Nearby farmers seeking the land for farm buildup.
- b) Case by case economic assessment indicating that buildup improves farm profitability.
- c) The release being consistent with environmental policy.

#### EVALUATION FOR PINE PLANTATION

Areas inspected were originally selected from FMIS printouts as indicative of reasonable aggregations of poor quality forest. Table 8 lists the results of inspections and has been based upon soil maps, aerial photos, Air Photo Interpretation plans, and field reconnaissance of the areas concerned.

TABLE 8

SUITABILITY OF VACANT CROWN LAND AND NON FOREST TYPES IN STATE FOREST AREAS WITHIN THE MANJIMUP SHIRE FOR P. RADIATA PRODUCTION

LOCATION	AREA TENURE	ADJACENT TENURE	ROAD DISTANCE FROM MANJIMUP (KM)	CATCHMENT AND ZONE	APPROXIMATE AREA OF SOIL TYPE	DISTRIBUTION OF SUITABLE SOILS	OTHER COMMENTS	OVERALL RATING FOR PINE
Northcliffe JG 88 (1)	1250 SF	SF/ Shannon Nat.Park	75	Weid/ Shannon Basin	1000 250 Marginal Unsuitable or for P. Better radiata for P. radiata	Continuous Tracts		Fair
HT 77 (2)	900 SF	SF/ South West Hwy.	36	Warren D	530 420	Wide Belts	High quality forest J,K over suitable soils	Fair
HX 69 (3)	200 SF	SF/PP	45	Warren D	240	Continuous	Could extend within SF	Good
HZ 65 (4)	300 SF	SF/PP	54	Warren D	50 250	Isolated Pockets	Within 8km of Dombakup Pltn.	Poor
HZ 74 (5)	350 SF	SF/PP	58	Gardiner	350	Continuous	Adjoins VCL block, also suitable for pine	Excellent
HZ 74 (5)	150 VCL	SF/PP	58	Gardiner	150	Continuous	Adjoins SF block also suitable for pine	Excellent



TABLE 8 Continued

JA 80 (6)	300	VCL part in Nat. Park	SF/PP/Shannon Nat. Park	56	$\frac{1}{2}$ Gardner $\frac{1}{2}$ Shannon	300	Continuous	Over 100 ha quality Karri forest	Good
JC 64 (7)	650	VCL	PP/South Coast Nat. Park	68	Meerup	200	Small pockets		Poor
JD 75 (8)	710	VCL	SF/PP	68	Gardner	710	Continuous	All high quality forest	Excellent
JF 67 (9)	630	VCL	PP/SF/South Coast Nat. Park	75	$\frac{1}{2}$ Meerup $\frac{1}{2}$ Doggerup	230	Continuous		Poor
<u>Broke Inlet</u>									
JN 75 (10)	2400	SF	SF/South Coast Nat. Park	75	Gardner	2000	Continuous	High quality karri over large tracts	Good
<u>Walpole</u>									
JL 90 (11)	500	VCL	SF/VCL/Shannon Nat. Park	78	Weld, Shannon Basin	280	Continuous		Good
JN 94 (12)	800	SF	SF	82	Weld/ Deep	290	Dispersed pockets	Extensive water-logged flats	Poor
JM 102 (13)	2850	SF	SF Quarantine	98	Deep	800	Dispersed pockets	Waterlogged flats with 'islands' of J,M,K	Poor

TABLE 8 Continued

Walpole										
JP 99 (14)	300	SF	SF	90	Deep	260	40	Continuous	Fair	
JR 99 (15)	2450	SF	SF	98	Deep	1670	780	Continuous	Over 1000 ha Continuous	Excellent
JR 105 (16)	250	SF FFL buffer	SF	105	Frankland	80	170	Small pockets	Depth to clay limiting	Poor
JS 95 (17)	400	SF	SF/VCL	93	Deep/ Broke Inlet	320	80	Continuous	Boundary could be 100 x ha into SF	Good
JU 98 (18)	120	SF	SF	100	Deep/ Broke	35	85	Narrow belts		Poor
JY 101 (19)	160	SF FFL Buffer	SF	108	Deep	160		Continuous	Boundary could be extended	Good
JZ 103 (20)	250	SF/ Silv & FFL Scient Buffer MPA	SF	112	Deep	190	60	Narrow belts		Fair
JV 97 (21)	450	VCL	SF/VCL	102	Broke Inlet	200	250	Continuous	Boundary could be extended 100 x ha into SF	Fair
JX 97 (22)	450	VCL	SF/VCL	102	Deep/ Broke Inlet	20	430	Pocket	Waterlogged Flats	Poor

TABLE 8 Continued

<u>Lake Jasper</u>										
HR 54 (23)	880	SF Quaran tine	SF/Quaran tine FFL Reserve	45	1/2 Donnelly 1/2 Warren D	370	510	Narrow belts	Waterlogged Flats	Fair
<u>JF 104 (24)</u>										
1200	SF Quaran tine	SF/Quaran tine	90	Deep/ Frankland	620	560	Narrow belts			Fair
<u>JH 108 (25)</u>										
980	SF Quaran tine	SF/Quaran tine	98	Frankland	340	640	Narrow belts			Poor
<u>HV 104 (26)</u>										
1540	SF Quaran tine	SF/VCL Quaran tine	67	Lake Muir Frankland	1040	500	Isolated Belts	Could extend boundary into SF by approx. 150 ha		Fair
<u>Frankland</u>										
Hr 94 (27)	1950	SF Quaran tine	SF/Quaran tine	54	Deep	700	1250	Scattered Pockets	Waterlogged flats dominant	Poor

The following conditions apply to Table 8.

1. All boundaries and associated area statements are approximate .
2. Soil classed as 'marginal or better' for P. radiata include red, brown, yellow to grey loamy, sandy, gravelly duplex soils. The area statement can only serve as a rough guide as detailed survey would be required to delineate areas of adequate soil depth (90 cm).
3. With minor exceptions, all areas listed would require appropriate fertiliser regimes due to limited natural fertility.
4. Soils categorised as 'unsuitable' for P. radiata include shallow gritty yellow duplex soils, leached sands and podzols, humus podzols, peaty swamps and coastal dunes. Rocky sites are also unsuitable.
5. The 'overall rating' for pine has been subjectively allocated as follows:
  - a) Poor - area does not warrant further consideration.
  - b) Fair - portions of the area could be worthy of further attention.
  - c) Good - area generally suitable, worthy of detailed examination.
  - d) Excellent - area deserves detailed examination.

A summary of the evaluation is contained in Table 9

TABLE 9

SUMMARY OF AREAS OF NON-FOREST TYPES AND VACANT CROWN LAND  
SUITABLE FOR PINE PLANTING

CLASS	BULK RATING AREA (HA)	SUITABILITY FOR P.RADIATA AREA (HA)
Poor	8 890	-
Fair	6 960	-
Good	4 250	3 140
Excellent	3 660	2 830
<b>Total</b>	<b>23 760</b>	<b>6 020</b>

### SUITABILITY OF AREAS FOR RELEASE

The purpose of the study was to determine the areas of VCL and State Forest that may be made available to assist the objective of establishing 15 000 ha of pine plantation in the Shire.

From Table 10 it will be seen that up to 2 860 ha could be suitable for agricultural development. This area is somewhat constrained, in that much of it is only suitable for run-off blocks, the demand for which depends on the viability of the adjacent farms. Of this area, the VCL portion is equally acceptable for pine forest development, while 1 100 ha (JR105, HT77) of the State Forest content is rated suitable for agriculture but not suited to pine plantation. Other than this 1100 ha, State forest areas considered suitable for agriculture are also suited to pine plantation development (Table 11).

Hence, generally the two land uses considered are not mutually exclusive and release to agriculture or conversion to pine would depend on political rather than physical or economic reasons. Several other specific points arising from this study are relevant to any further consideration for release or conversion to pine.

1. The area of VCL most suitable for agriculture, JD75, (approximately 710 ha) is good quality land currently held to supply timber for settlers requirements. This land is of a quality suitable for agriculture, hardwood forest management or pine plantation development. Size and location also favours any of these uses. Comparison of this site and its suitability with the other VCL and non forest types on State Forest examined, indicates that if any significant further release for agriculture is to be made within the Shire, it will have to be from better quality forest.

TABLE 10

AREAS WORTHY OF DETAILED CONSIDERATION FOR RELEASE

LAND USE	NUMBER OF UNITS	AREA (HECTARES)		
		V.C.L.	STATE FOREST	TOTAL
Viabie Farms	9	710	900	1 610
Run-off Blocks	5	450	800	1 250
Pine Plantation	-	1 760	4 260	6 020

This study can only confirm the obvious fact that good agricultural land is also good forest land; whether used for hardwood or pine management. The forest types involved are also often those considered to have the greatest conservation value by the public.

2. Economic analyses carried out for agricultural land (Appendix 4) and local knowledge of pine growth indicate that apart from the few good sites in 1 above, all other areas will be economically marginal, unless attached to adjacent areas of reasonable quality soil. Hence some sites can be considered for farm build up where established farms carry most of the capital burden of new development. For farms or effective pine plantations, additional areas of better soils may have to be added to create viable unit sizes and this consideration will have an influence on the selection of areas for further study.
3. The non forest types delineated are adequately represented in the Shannon Park, the South Coast National Park and the several conservation Management Priority Areas in the Shire. There is little risk that the release of the non forest areas considered in the study would influence the overall conservation reserves of these types. Individual areas may have local values as ecologic reserves as for JZ103 associated with the Tingle sites.
4. It is significant that the largest area of State forest considered suitable for agriculture (HH49 Appendix 2) located west of Pemberton adjacent to the Donnelly River was subsequently found to be outside the Shire and study limits. This area, equally suited to pine plantation, is representative of the Donnybrook Sunklands and reasonably similar to the soils and forest types previously planned for pine development in that region. It is clear that if a balance between agriculture and forestry is to be maintained in the region, options for both agriculture and pines exist beyond the boundaries of the Shire of Manjimup.



TABLE 11

SUITABILITY OF INSPECTED AREAS FOR BOTH AGRICULTURAL AND PINE  
PLANTATION PURPOSES

LOCATION	LAND TENURE	AREA HA	AGRICULTURAL SUITABILITY	PINE SUITABILITY
<b><u>Walpole</u></b>				
JS 95 (17)	SF/VCL	320	Yes	Yes
JR 99 (15)	SF	1 670	Yes	Yes
JY 101 (19)	SF	160	No	Yes
JR 105 (16)	SF	200	Yes	No
<b><u>Northcliffe</u></b>				
HX 69 (3)	SF	200	Yes	Yes
HZ 74 (5)	SF	350	Yes	Yes
HZ 74 (5)	VCL	150	Yes	Yes
JD 75 (8)	VCL	710	Yes	Yes
JA 80 (6)	VCL	300	Yes	Yes
HT 77 (2)	SF	900	Yes	No
<b><u>Broke</u></b>				
JN 75 (10)	SF	2 000	No	Yes
JL 90 (11)	VCL	280	No	Yes

NOTE: JZ 103 (20) omitted due to its association with a proposed Management Priority Area for Tingle conservation.

5. Critical size is a relevant factor in pine plantation practice and approximately 20 ha is the minimum plantation area that would be considered on good sites. The acceptable minimum is completely dependent on local factors such as distance to market, soil fertility, availability of cleared land, rainfall and fire hazard.
6. It is believed that if pines are to be successfully established on the 4 900 ha of sites inspected in State Forest (Table 10) extensive use of fertilisers and legumes will be required. The possibility of these areas being developed for agroforestry, is worthy of consideration. This is in accord with the Shires objective of maintaining a high level of agricultural production and may even permit purchase of further farmland for plantation purposes.

#### CONCLUSIONS

The study has revealed that a limited part of the remaining Vacant Crown Land and non-forest areas of State Forest in the Shire is suitable for agriculture or pine plantation purposes.

To contribute to the 15 000 ha of pine plantation projected for the Shire the following options are offered:

1. Release to agriculture of those areas of Vacant Crown Land which would support viable farms or profitable run-off blocks. This could be up to 1160 ha and would allow an equal area of pine plantation to be obtained by farm repurchase without a net reduction in the area of agricultural land.
2. Directly plant the Vacant Crown Land suited to pine plantation (1 760 ha) to provide approximately 3 years planting requirement.

3. Exchange for farming the 1 700 ha of non forest on State Forest suitable for agricultural development to allow the repurchase of suitably located farmland for approximately 3 to 4 years planting of pines.
4. Convert the remaining non forest suited only to pine plantation (3 460 ha) to pine to meet approximately 7 years planting requirements.
5. In lieu of 3 and 4 convert 4 260 ha of State Forest suited to pines to plantations to provide 8 years of the required planting quota.
6. Further requirements for farmland or pines in the Shire must come from better quality State Forest or agroforestry on existing farms.

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that conclusions 1, 3 and 4 be pursued to provide

1. Up to 2 860 ha to be released for agriculture enabling an equivalent area of suitable farmland to be purchased for pine plantation. This would provide for an immediate start to the pine programme.
2. A further 3 460 ha of non forest on State Forest to be converted to pine plantation. This would accommodate up to 7 years of the pine planting programme.

It is suggested that these recommendations provide for best land use in the region with respect to meeting both agricultural and pine plantation objectives.

APPENDIX 1

## FOREST VEGETATION TYPES DELINEATED

Non Forest = X = Non forest, flats, scrub, cedar, swamps, rocky outcrops.

Poor Forest = Jc = Jc types S 1/1, S 1/6, S 1/10, P 1/1, P 1/6, P 1/10.

Coding is standard for Forests Department Air Photo Interpretation (API) Plans.

APPENDIX 2**MANJIMUP SHIRE - NON PRODUCTIVE CROWN LAND**

Areas selected by Kelmscott I & P from FMIS Printouts as Indicative of Reasonable Aggregation of Poor Quality Forest

VACANT CROWN LAND		STATE FOREST	
Location	Area ha	Location	Area ha
<u>Northcliffe Map Sheet</u>			
JA 80	300	JG 88 (Dixie Road)	1 250
JC 64	650	HT 77 (Beggs Road)	900
JD 75	450	HX 69 (Orchard Road)	200
JF 67	630	HZ 65 (Rifle Range)	300
HZ 74	100	HZ 74 (Jane)	270
<u>Broke Map Sheet</u>			
JL 90 (Dixie Road)	300	JN 75 (Chesapeake Road)	1 600
<u>Walpole Map Sheet</u>			
JV 97 (T.R.14145)	440	JN 94 (Wye)	800
JX 97 (T.R.14145)	450	JM 102 (Sharpe MPA?)	2 850
		JP 99 (Bandicoot Road)	300
		JR 99 (Ordinance)	2 450
		JR 105 (Copeland Road)	200
		JS 95 (Burnett)	400
		JU 98 (Deep Road)	120
		JY 101 (Compass Road)	160
		JZ 103 (Angove Road)	250
<u>Jasper Map Sheet</u>			
HL 50 (Jasper Road)	200	HH 49 (Cleave-Starry Road)	800
		HR 54 (Charley)	880
<u>Frankland Map Sheet</u>			
		JF 104 (Roe Road)	1 200
		JH 108 (Claud Road)	980
		HV 104 (Porginup)	1 540
		HR 94 (Boydaminup)	1 950
Approximate Area	3 520		19 400

NOTE: Copies of the computer printout are held as roll plans in Forests Department Headquarters, Como.

**REPORTS ON INDIVIDUAL AREAS INSPECTED**Land Classifications Used for Reporting

1. Land suitable for intensive agriculture; suitable for horticulture; well drained; low erosion hazard.
2. Good arable land suitable for cropping and grazing. Not flood prone.
3. Arable land suitable for grazing; some limited inundation.
4. Not suitable for agriculture.

## 1. NORTHCLIFFE: JG 88

**AREA:** State forest.

**LAND TENURE:** Map: Northcliffe  
Map ref: JG 88  
44900 mE 6159000 mN

**GENERAL:** Access is gained off South West Highway by turning south west on Nelson Road.

Area is bounded by Null road to North, Bull, Link and Dixie Roads to west. Part of Nelson Road is southern boundary, then the boundary moves south along a creek to Weld River to a point east of 4.6 km down Dixie Road from Nelson Road.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:**

A mixture of soil types ranging from loams to grey sands.

Landforms would be Boorara.

**VEGETATION:** Mixture of Karri, Jarrah and Marri on higher areas.

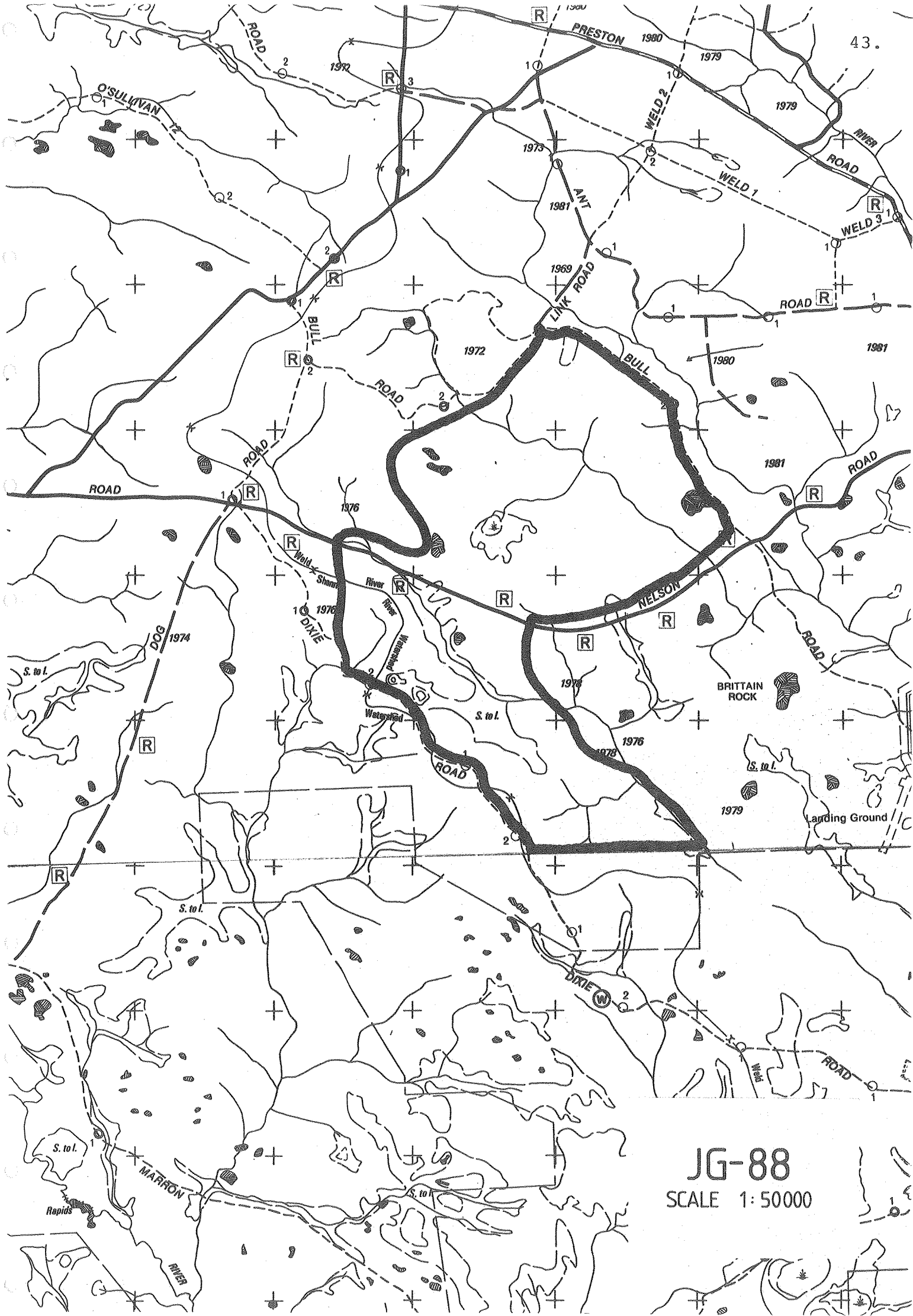
Ranging down to Ti-Tree scrub on the low lying wet area.

**LAND CLASSES:** Land can be classified as a class 2 in pockets with a land class of 3 for the majority of the area.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:**

Area is of a size and soil type which would be suitable for agricultural enterprises, ranging from cropping to grazing.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Though the area inspected is suitable for agricultural production, isolation would render it a non-viable proposition.



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## 2. NORTHCLIFFE: HT 77

**AREA:** 900 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State Forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Northcliffe  
Map ref: HT 77  
432000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton Run  
8. Photo nos. 5132; 5133.

**GENERAL:** Off the South West Highway bounded by Beggs Road and Nairn Road. Distance from Manjimup is 36 km.

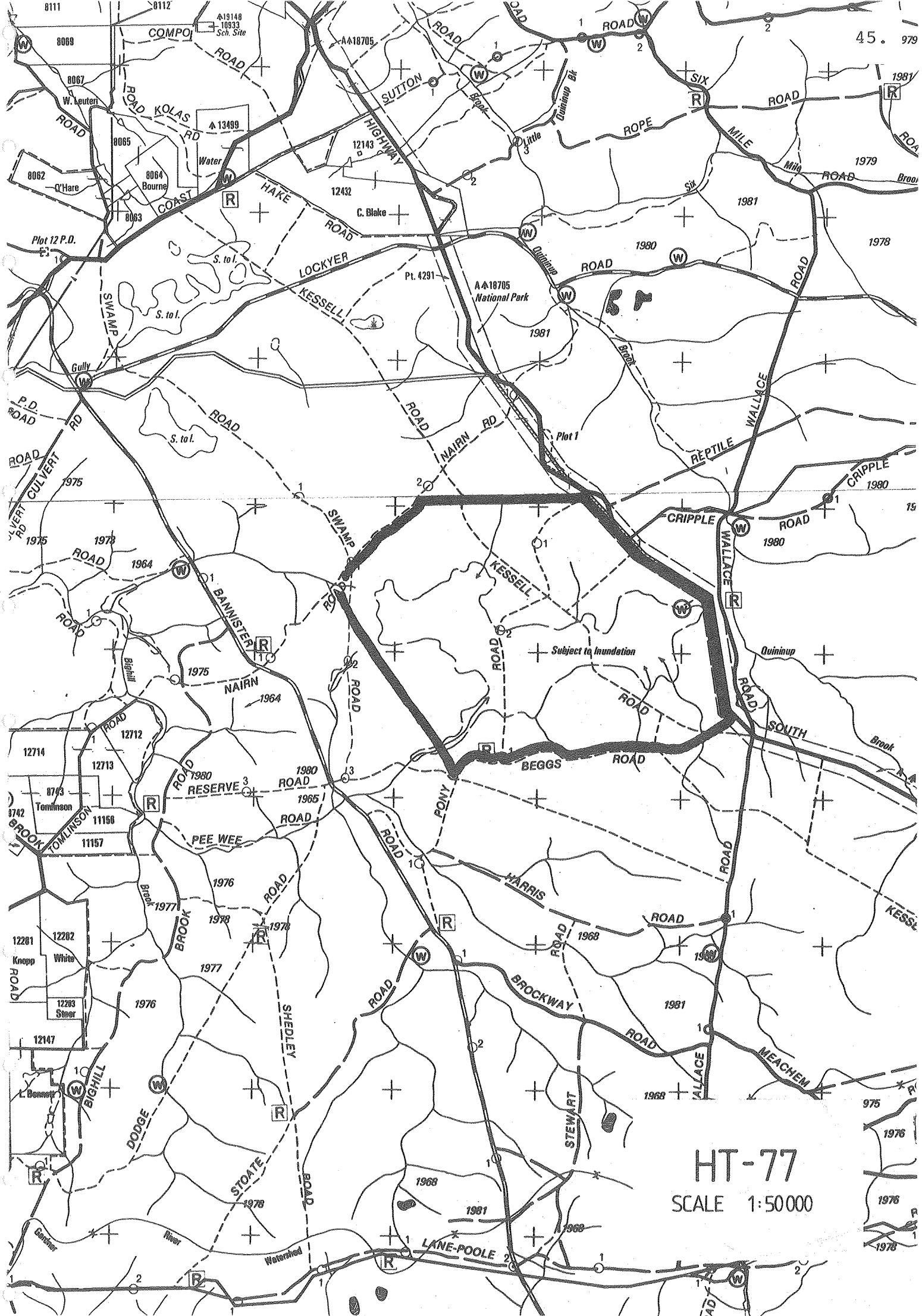
**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:** Mainly Pemberton with Quagging to the south and east of the block. Soils are mainly gravelly loam running down to acid grey sands through the centre of the blocks.

**VEGETATION:** Jarrah and Marri with Ti-Tree and associated scrub on the grey sandy flats.

**LAND CLASSES:** This block has land classes 1, 2 and 3.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:** This block is suited to a range of agricultural enterprises.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** This block could be divided into 2 units down Pony Road.



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## 3. NORTHCLIFFE: HX 69

**AREA:** 200 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State Forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Northcliffe  
Map ref: HNX 69  
417000 mE 6173000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton. Run  
9. Photo nos. 5170; 5171.

**GENERAL:** Entry is gained via Wheatley Coast Road along Crowea to Orchid Road, turn south. 1.5 km down Orchid Road area starts and is bounded to the east and south by Orchid Road.

Block is some 1 km wide, from Orchid Road in the east.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:**

Quagring land form dominates this area. Soil types are gravelly loam to the north and south of the area, with acid grey sand in the centre.

Some waterlogging occurs but can be overcome.

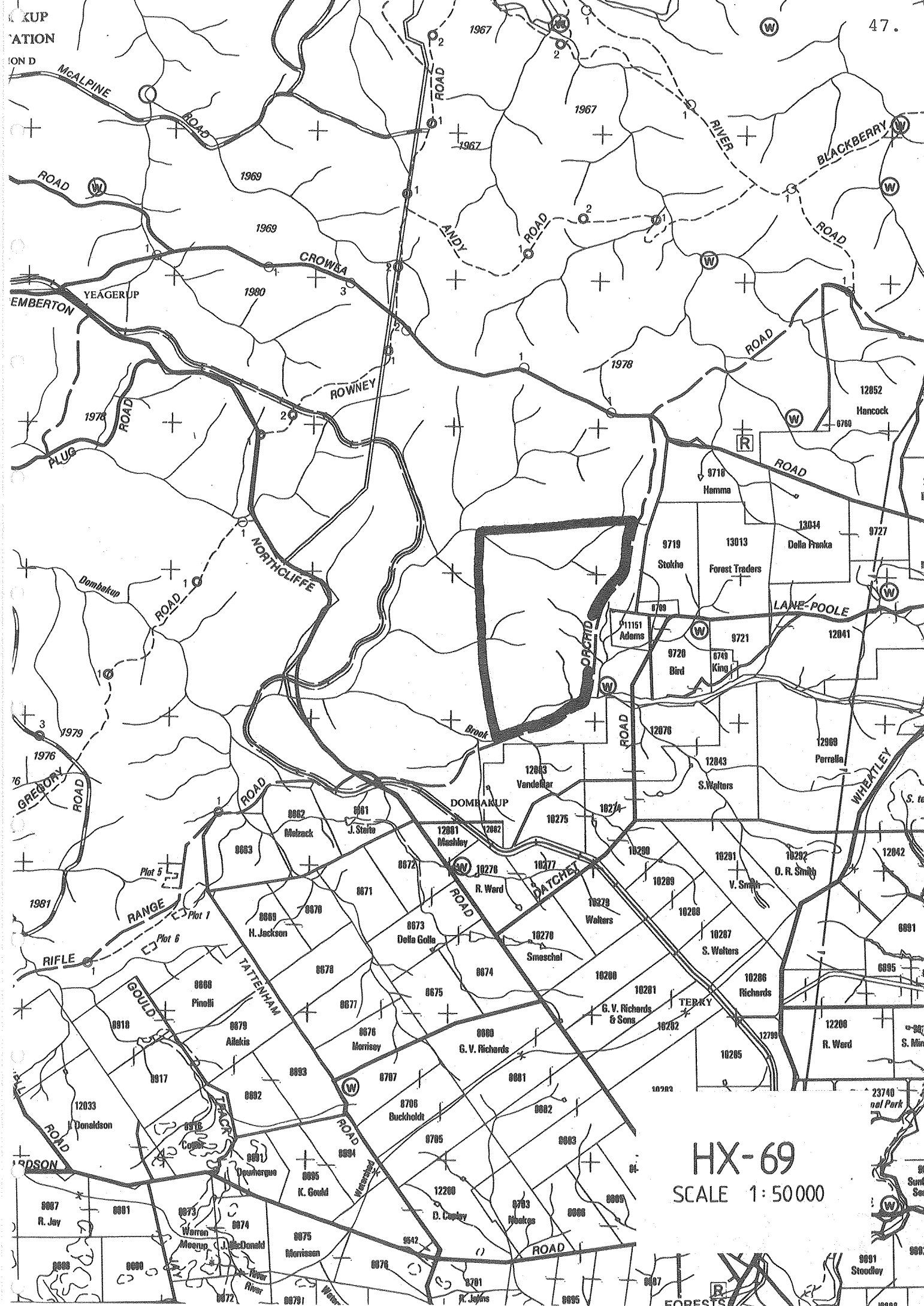
**VEGETATION:** This varies from Karri, Marri or Jarrah. Marri on the loam soils to Ti-tree scrub on the sand.

**LAND CLASSES:** This block falls in the land class 3 with some small areas of land class 2.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:**

Block size is the main problem for release of this area for viable farms. However it would be suitable for a run-off block as soil types are useful for agriculture, and it is adjoining existing farmland.

**RECOMMENDATION:** This block could be released to agriculture as one block to farmers with properties close by, as the size (200 ha) is too small for a separate farm. It is an ideal size for a run-off block.



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## 4. NORTHCLIFFE: HZ 65

**AREA:** 300 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State Forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Northcliffe  
Map ref: HZ 65  
412000 mE 6171000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref: - Pemberton, Run  
9. Photo nos. 5171; 5170

**GENERAL:** Access is gained from the main Pemberton-Northcliffe Road on to Rifle Range Road which passes through the block. Proximity to Northcliffe is about 8 km and the south side adjoins rural land.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:** Quagring landforms.

**VEGETATION:** Ti-Tree scrub and stunted Jarrah.

**LAND CLASSES:** Class 3.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:**

The land is suitable for grazing and would require some drainage for it to realize its full potential.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the block be increased to Gloucester Road on the west to provide adequate area to be a viable unit.



## 5. NORTHCLIFFE: HZ 74

**AREA** 500 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State Forest, 2 areas totalling 350 ha.  
Crown land 150 ha.

**LOCALITY:** Map: Northcliffe  
Map ref: HZ 74  
426000 mE 6170000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton -  
Run 9. Photo nos. 5168; 5167; 5166.

**GENERAL:** Access is gained across Middleton Road.  
The block is 7.5 km by road ENE of  
Northcliffe.

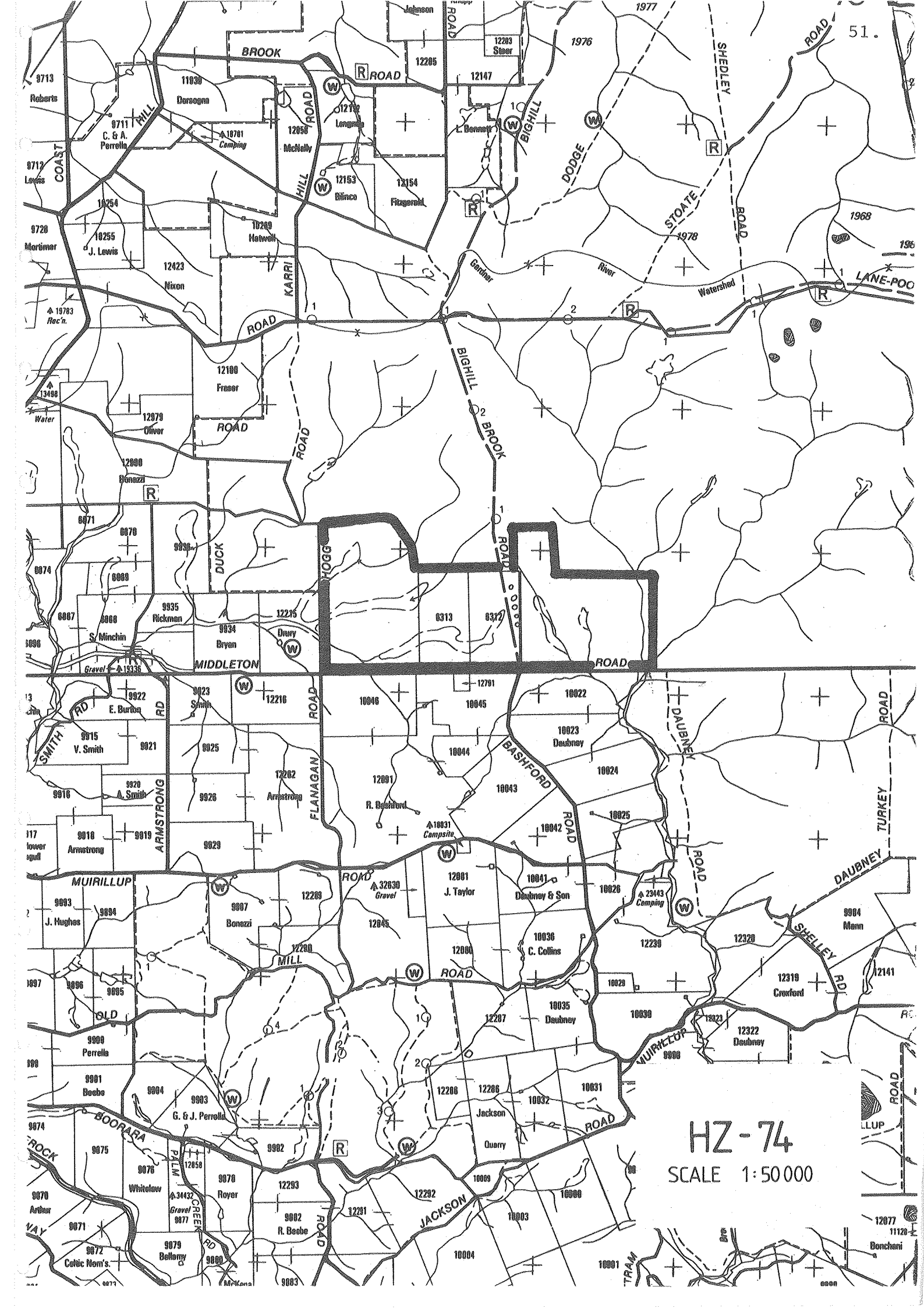
**LANDFORM  
AND SOILS:** The block is gently undulating with  
Quagering the dominant landform. Soils  
are mainly deep acid grey sands which  
have reasonable drainage.

**VEGETATION:** Mainly Ti-Tree scrub with small areas of  
Jarrah and Marri.

**LAND CLASSES:** Mainly Class 3 with small areas of 2.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:** Suitable for grazing.

**RECOMMENDATION:** To be allocated as one 500 ha property.



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6. **NORTHCLIFFE: JA 80**

**AREA:** 300 ha

**LAND TENURE:** Vacant Crown Land

**LOCALITY:** Map: Northcliffe  
Map ref: JA 80  
436000 mE 616800 mN

**GENERAL:** Access is from either Deeside Coast Road or Bannister Road.

Area is bounded by Preston Road (from Deeside Coast Road) in the south, and stretches for some 500 m north of Preston Road to farmland in the west.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:**

Major landform in this area is Boorara with some Quagering in the southern end.

**VEGETATION:**

The north western end is dominated by Karri Marri vegetation, and falls away to Jarrah in the centre and Ti-Tree scrub to the eastern half (some Jarrah outcrops).

**LAND CLASSES:**

The north western end could be classed as land class 1, however due to size this would be inappropriate as one farm.

When including all of the area, the land class would be 3 for most of the block, and 2 for the western end.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:**

Due to its size (300 ha) this block is only suitable for release as run-off blocks to farms in the area.

Soil types are a good mixture for agriculture.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The block be released as a run-off block to a farmer in the immediate vicinity.



## 7. NORTHCLIFFE: JC 64

**AREA:** 650 ha

**LAND TENURE:** Crown Land

**LOCALITY:** Map: Northcliffe  
Map ref: JC 64  
410000 mE 6165000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton. Run  
9. Photo nos. 5171; 5172

**GENERAL:** Access from Double Bridge Road.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:** The block is predominantly flat with  
undulating areas of land through the  
centre of the block.  
  
Mainly Chudalup - 450 ha of acid grey  
sands. North east corner gravelly sandy  
loam.

**VEGETATION:** Mainly Ti-Tree and associated scrub and  
brush on the flats with Jarrah and Marri  
on the better drained areas.

**LAND CLASSES:** Class 3 and 4.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:** Class 3 area (shown on plan) northern  
section of block. Remainder of block is  
too wet for easy development and would  
make grazing country only, (a land class  
4 area).

**RECOMMENDATION:** This block should not be released for  
agriculture.



## 8. NORTHCLIFFE: JD 75

**AREA:** 710 ha

**LAND TENURE:** Crown Land

**LOCALITY:** Map: Northcliffe  
Map ref: JD 75  
426000 mE 616200 mN  
Aerial. Photography ref. - Pemberton.  
Run 10. Photo nos. 5185; 5186.

**GENERAL:** From Northcliffe along Boorara Road and the block is bounded by Jackson and Mottram Roads. The block is 8 km by road SE of Northcliffe.

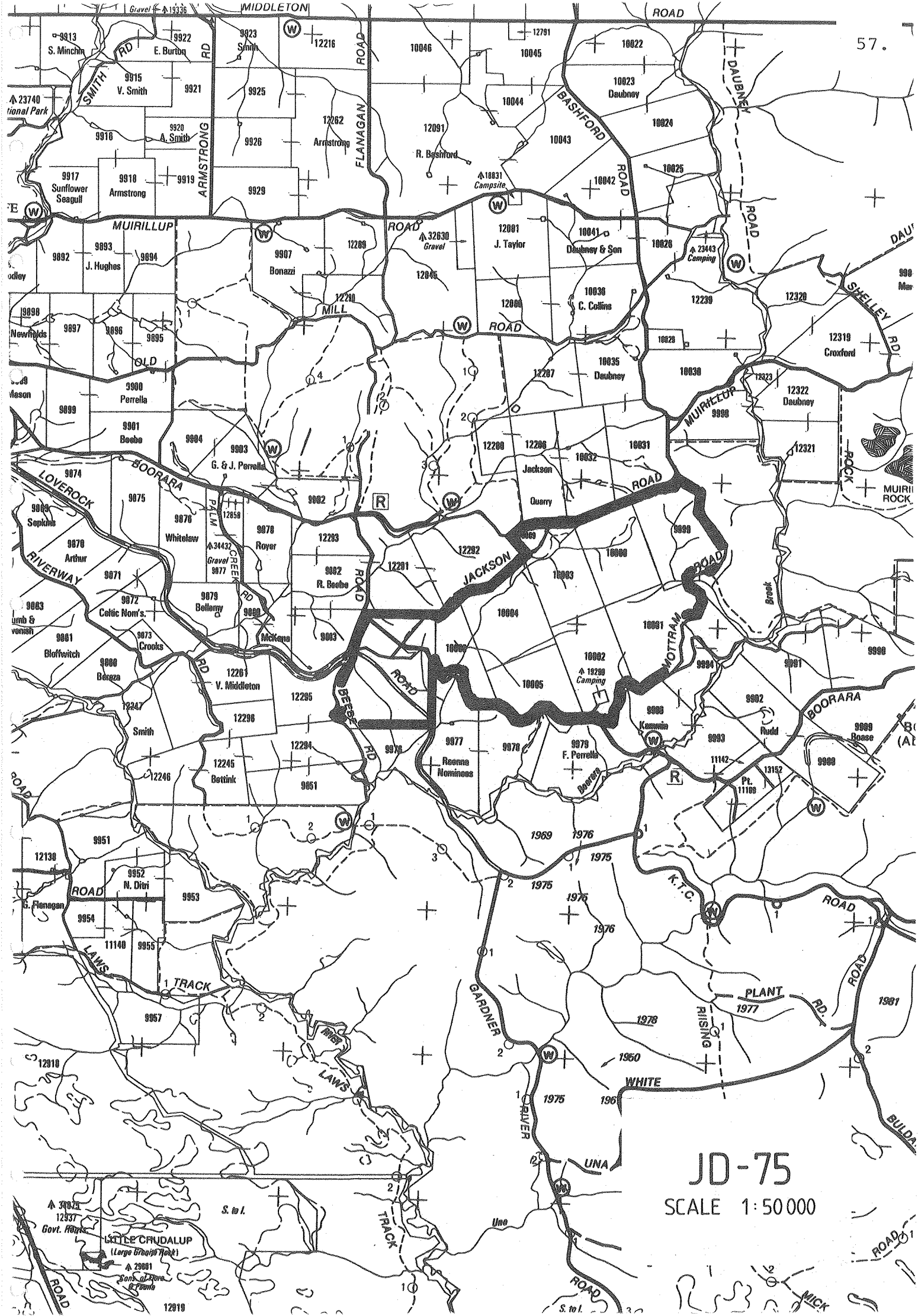
**LANDFORMS AND SOILS:** Mainly Pemberton, - the southern section of the block is gravelly loam, undulating and well drained. While the northern section falls away to flatter areas of acid grey sands.

**VEGETATION:** Mainly jarrah and marri.

**LAND CLASSES:** Land classes 1, 2 and 3.

**SUITABILITY TO AGRICULTURE:** The block is well suited to a range of agricultural enterprises. Some areas on the Mottram Road or southern side are suitable for intensive agriculture.

**RECOMMENDATION:** This block should be released for agriculture.



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## 9. NORTHCLIFFE: JF 67

**AREA:** 630 ha.

**LAND TENURE:** Vacant Crown Land

**LOCALITY:** Map: Northcliffe  
Map ref: JF 67  
415000 mE 616100 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton. Run  
10. Photo nos. 5182; 5183.

**GENERAL:** Access is obtained from Wheatley Coast Road (South of Northcliffe townsite) turning west down Guernsey Gully Road.

Area is bounded by Guernsey Gully Road to the north. Gabbedy Road in the west and south and farmland to the east.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:**

Landform is Chudalup with isolated islands of gravelly red earths and podzolic soils emerging from broad sandy plains of humus podzols.

Soil type is predominantly acid grey sand, which is mostly waterlogged.

**VEGETATION:** Stunted jarrah scattered throughout, with Ti-Tree areas in the lower waterlogged areas.

Some karri and marri and jarrah are the high loam islands, mainly to the central western portion.

**LAND CLASSES:** Mainly land class 4 due to waterlogging.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:**

Due to the extensive waterlogging of this area this area would be too difficult to develop for agriculture.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Due to waterlogging and the extensive areas of acid grey sand, this area should not be released for agriculture at present.





## 10. BROKE JN: 75

**AREA:** 1600 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Broke Inlet  
Map ref: JN 75  
427000 mE 6153000 mN

**GENERAL:** From the South West Highway south on the Deeside Road then west along the Chesapeake Road provides access to the southern end of the blocks.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:**

Boorara landform to south, changing to Quagering to centre, and changes to Pemberton landform to the northern half of area.

Soil types are mainly gravelly loams to acid grey sand in low lying area.

**VEGETATION:** Variable from karri, jarrah, marri on islands. to Ti-Tree scrub and stunted jarrah on sandy flats.

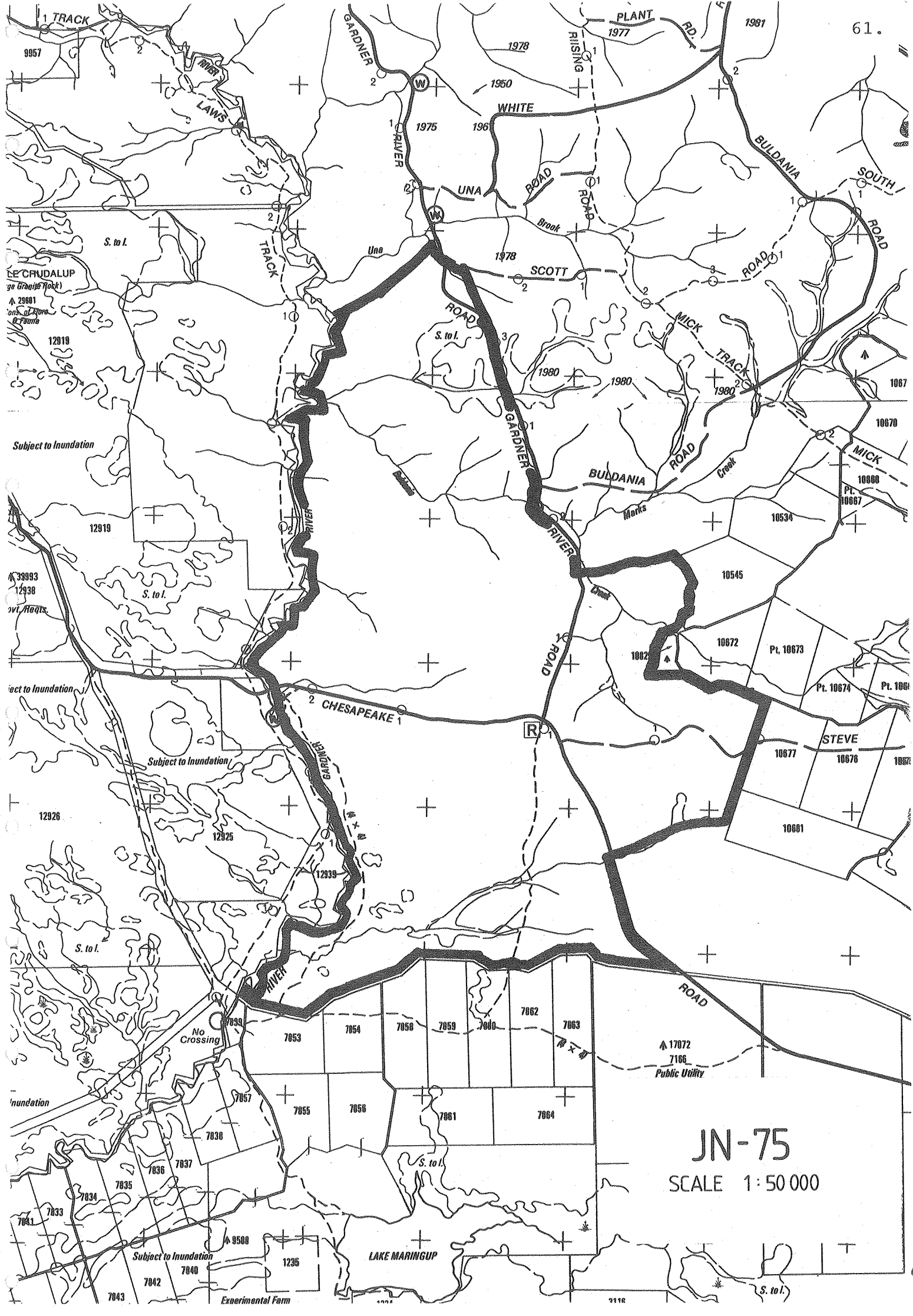
**LAND CLASSES:** Land classes 2 and 3 are predominant.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:**

This area would be a suitable size and soil types for agricultural use, being classified as land class 2 to 3.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Even though this block would be suited to agriculture, due to isolation, it cannot be recommended for release.



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## 11. BROKE: JL 90

**AREA:** 500 ha

**LAND TENURE:** Crown land

**LOCALITY:** Map: Broke Inlet  
Map ref: JL 90  
453000 mE 6153000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton Run  
12. Photo nos. 5313; 5314.

**GENERAL:** Adjacent to the South West Highway with Pungurup Road to the south of the block. Dixie Road roughly bisects the block.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:**

Extensive flats with numerous swamps. The northern section of the block drains to the Deep River. Soils on the flats are grey sands with better class of grey sandy loams to the south east of the block.

**VEGETATION:** Jarrah and marri along the eastern side of the block with non forested areas through the centre of the block being mainly scrub and associated brush common to sandy waterlogged areas.

**LAND CLASSES:** The block is mainly class 3 with the swampy areas class 4.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:**

This block could possibly be used for agriculture however further investigation is necessary.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Due to its proximity to the coast and isolation from other agricultural land this should not be released without first assessing the impact on the surrounding coastal land.



## 12. WALPOLE: JN 94

**AREA:** 800 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Walpole  
Map ref: JN 94  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton. Run  
11. Photo nos. 5217; 5216

**GENERAL:** Area is off the South Coast Highway with  
Beardmore Road passing through the  
centre of the area.

Area is approximately 1 km wide (500 m  
either side of Beardmore Road) and  
extends approximately 2.3 km down  
Beardmore Road.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:**

Landform is of the Chudalup group, with  
a predominance of acid grey sand soil  
type with islands of loam and gravelly  
loam, as well as some granite outcrops.

**LAND CLASSES:** Block would be classified as a land  
class 4.

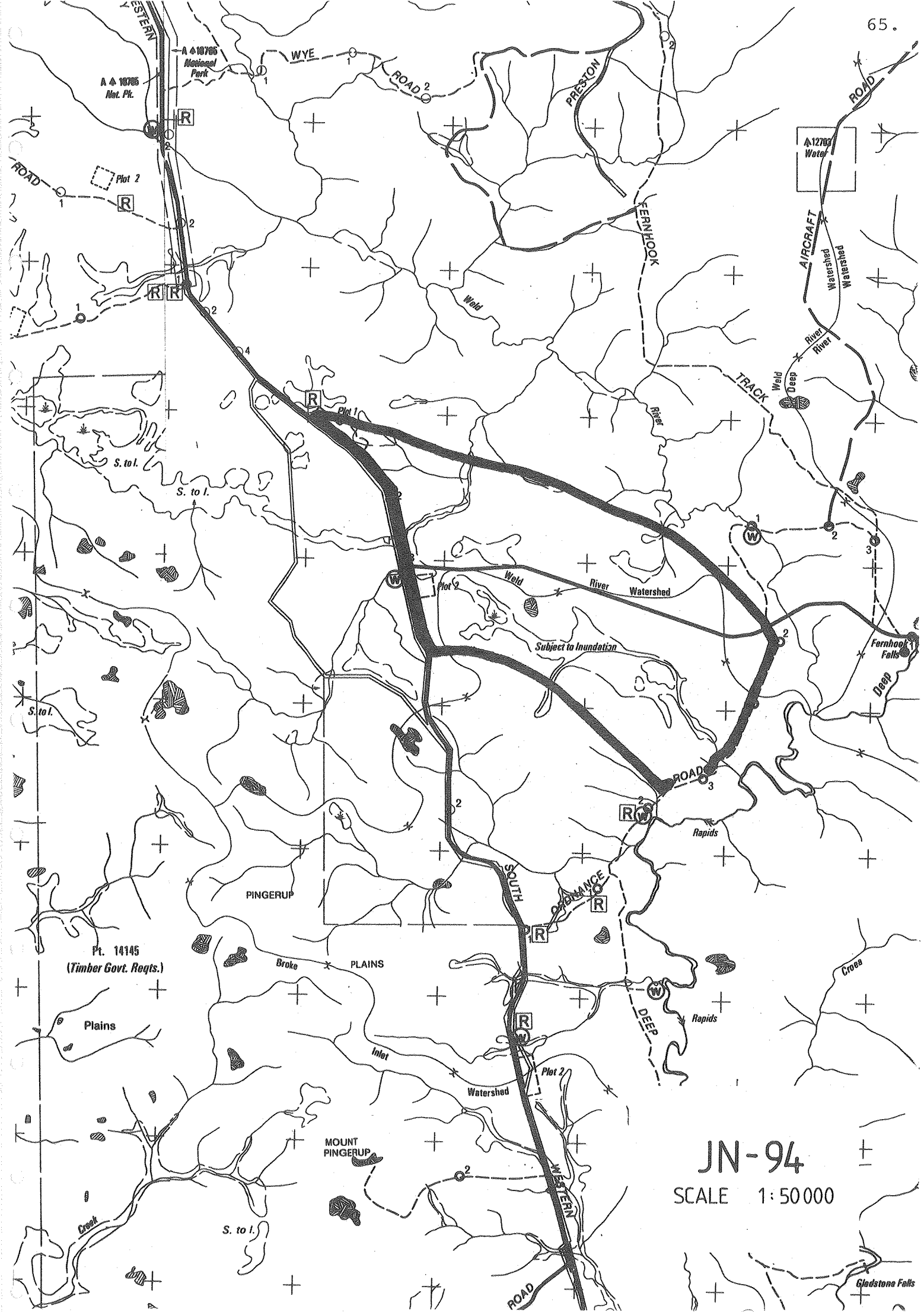
**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:**

This area is extensively waterlogged and  
would be difficult to drain.

Land would only be suited to grazing at  
very low stocking rates.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

Due to waterlogging and soil types this  
area is not suitable for agriculture  
under the present economic climate.



**JN-94**  
 SCALE 1:50000

13. **WALPOLE: JM 102**

**AREA:** 2850 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State forest (quarantine area)

**LOCALITY:** Map: Walpole  
Map ref: JM 102  
470000 nE 6150000 mN  
Aerial Photographny ref. - Pemberton Run  
12. Photo nos. 5317; 53418.

**GENERAL:** Access from Thompson Road and Beardmore  
Road from the South West Highway.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:** Mainly waterlogged acid grey sands with  
isolated areas of gravelly loams.

**LAND CLASSES:** 3 and 4.

**VEGETATION:** Marri and jarrah confined mainly to the  
south coast and north east areas of the  
block. The remainder of the block is  
Ti-Tree and associated scrub.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:** Would require extensive drainage before  
it is suitable to agriculture.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Should not be released for agriculture  
as it is waterlogged and has large areas  
of poor soils.





## 14. NORTHCLIFFE: JP 99

**AREA:** 300 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Walpole  
Map ref: JP 99  
467000 mE 6145000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton. Run  
12. Photo nos. 5315; 5316.

**GENERAL:** Access can be gained from the South West Highway along Beardmore Road.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:**

The area is flat to undulating. Drainage from most of the block is to the south to Cross Brook. The remainder drains to the west into other smaller brooks which are also tributaries of the Deep River.

Soils are mainly acid grey sands with some gravelly loams on the higher ground.

**VEGETATION:** Small isolated stands of stunted jarrah on the higher ground with extensive flats of Ti-Tree scrub and associated brush.

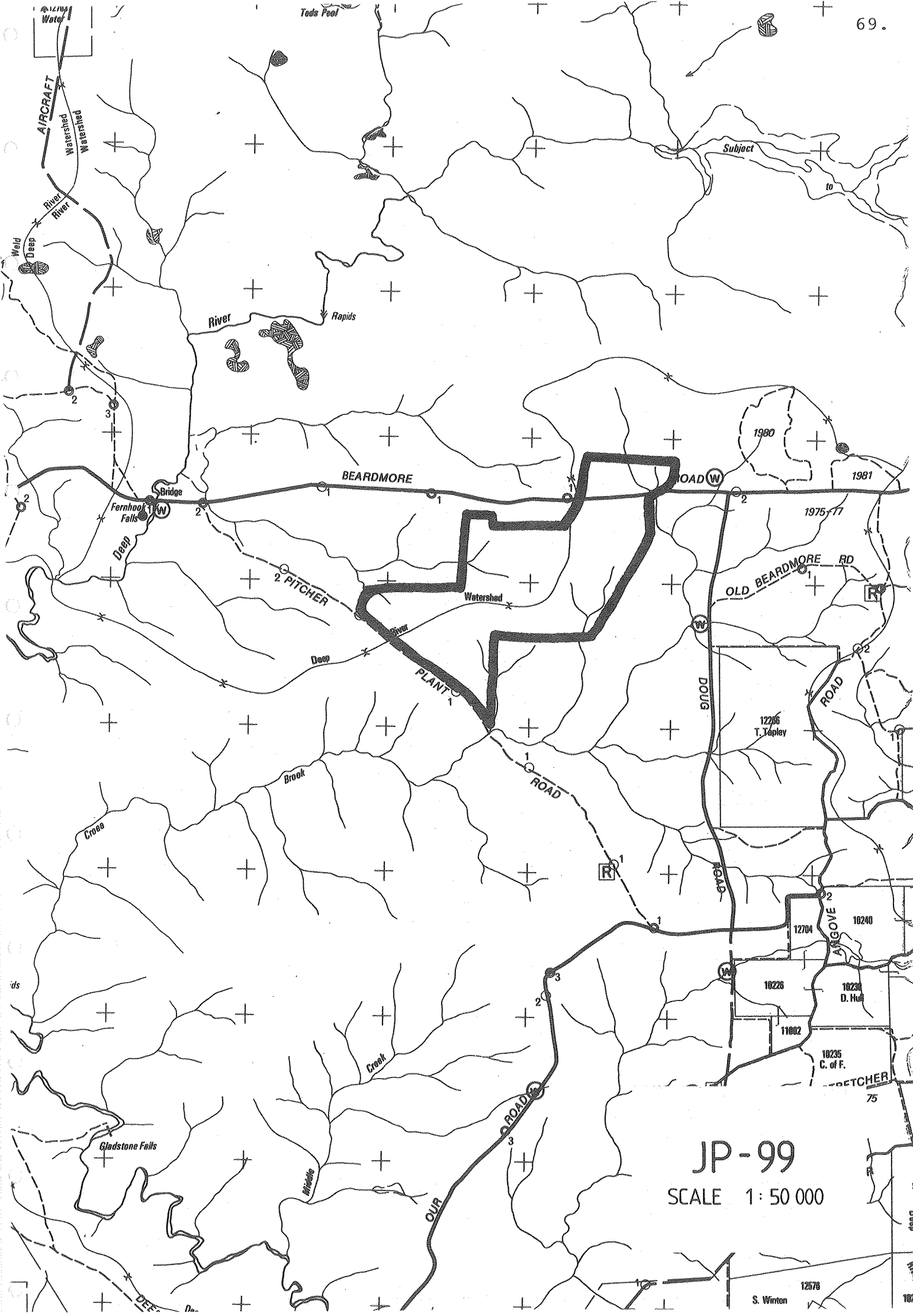
**LAND CLASSES:** Small areas of land class 2 the bulk of the block being land class 3 with some areas of class 4.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:**

With drainage the block could be suitable for grazing.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

On its own the block is too small and as the area would require extensive drainage to bring the flats into production, we would not recommend this block for release for agriculture.



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## 15. WALPOLE: JR 99

**AREA:** 2450 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Walpole  
Map ref: JR 99  
468000 mE 6142000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton. Run  
12. Photo nos. 5316; 5317.

**GENERAL:** Access from South West Highway along  
Centre Road to Our Road.

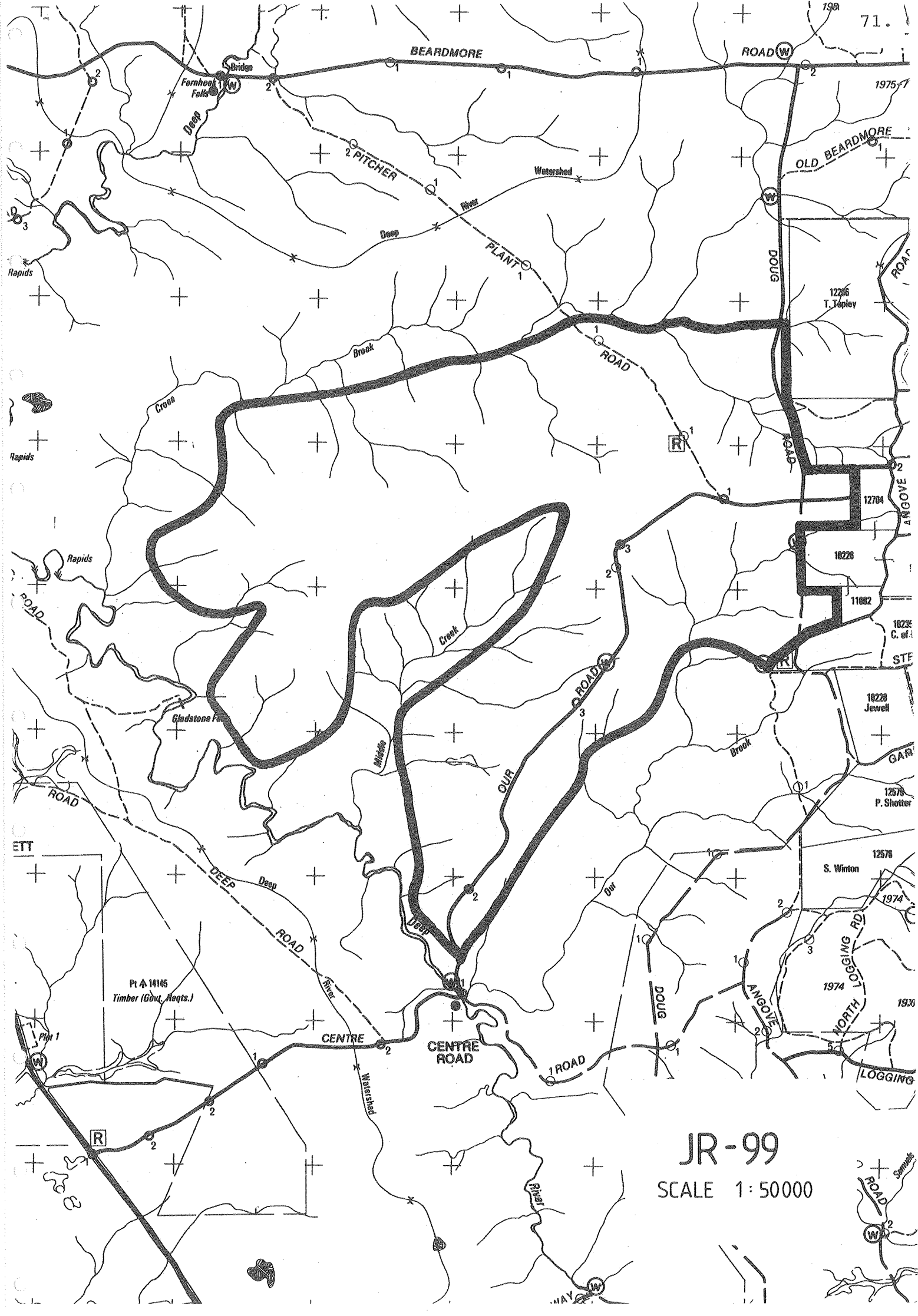
**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:** Flat to slightly undulating with quite  
large areas of well drained non forested  
flats. These flats are mainly acid grey  
sandy soils; on the higher ground are  
gravelly duplex soils.

**VEGETATION:** Jarrah and stunted jarrah with Ti-Tree  
and associated scrub on the flats.

**LAND CLASSES:** Mainly 2 and 3.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:** This large block would be suitable to  
agriculture. The class 3 area which is  
dominant means it is mainly suited to  
grazing.

**RECOMMENDATION:** JR 99 is large enough that it could be  
developed as 3 holdings each of 800 ha.



JR-99  
 SCALE 1:50000

## 16. WALPOLE: JR 105

**AREA:** 250 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Walpole  
Map ref: JR 105  
477000 mE 6142000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton Run  
13. Photo nos. 5332; 5331.

**GENERAL:** From the South West Highway north along  
the Walpole-North Road to Copeland Road.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:** Flats rising to undulating mainly to the  
south and east of the block. Acid grey  
sandy soils on the flats (pH 5.0) to  
grey the yellow brown loam on the  
perimeter of most of the block.

**LAND CLASSES:** Small areas of land class 2, most of the  
block land class 3 with small areas of  
4.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:** The land is suitable for grazing.

**RECOMMENDATION:** This block should only be released to  
landholders in the area if the total is  
greatly increased to provide a viable  
unit.



## 17. WALPOLE: JS 95

**AREA:** 400 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Walpole  
Map ref: JS 95  
460000 mE 6140000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton Run  
13. Photo nos. 5335; 5336.

**GENERAL:** Access - adjacent to the South West Highway.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:** Extensive areas of flats with grey sandy soils. Gravelly sandy loams on the better drained areas.

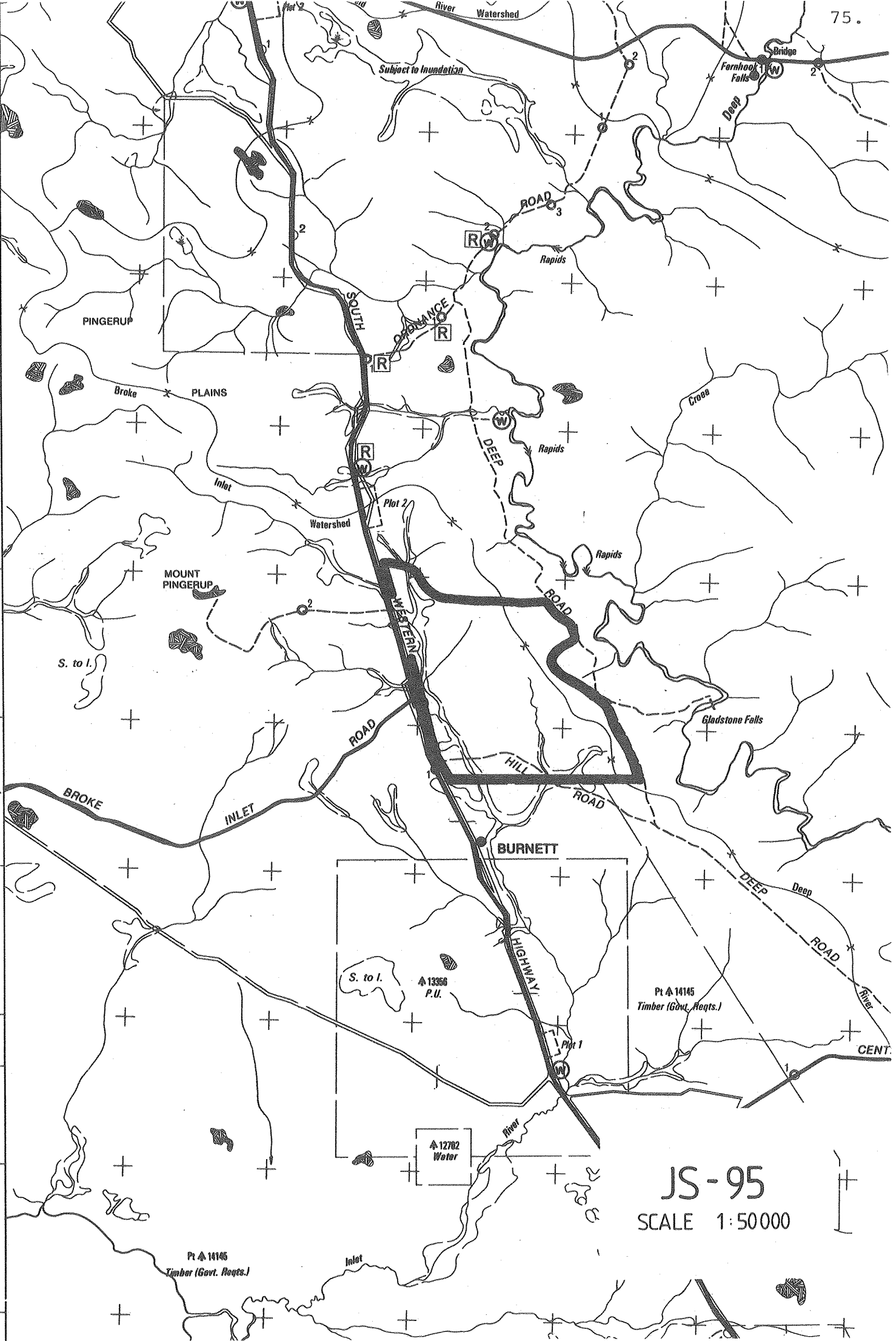
**VEGETATION:** Ti-Tree and scrub on the flats with stunted jarrah on the higher ground.

**LAND CLASSES:** 3 and 4.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:** This block would need extensive drainage to be suitable for agriculture.

**RECOMMENDATION:** This block should not be released for agriculture unless it is to include better drained country further along Hill Road and more area east of Deep Road.

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## 18. WALPOLE: JU 98

**AREA:** 120 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Walpole  
Map ref: JU 98  
465000 mE 6137000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton Run  
14. Photo nos. 5352; 5351,

**GENERAL:** Access is off South West Highway along Centre Road to Deep Road which runs through the blocks.

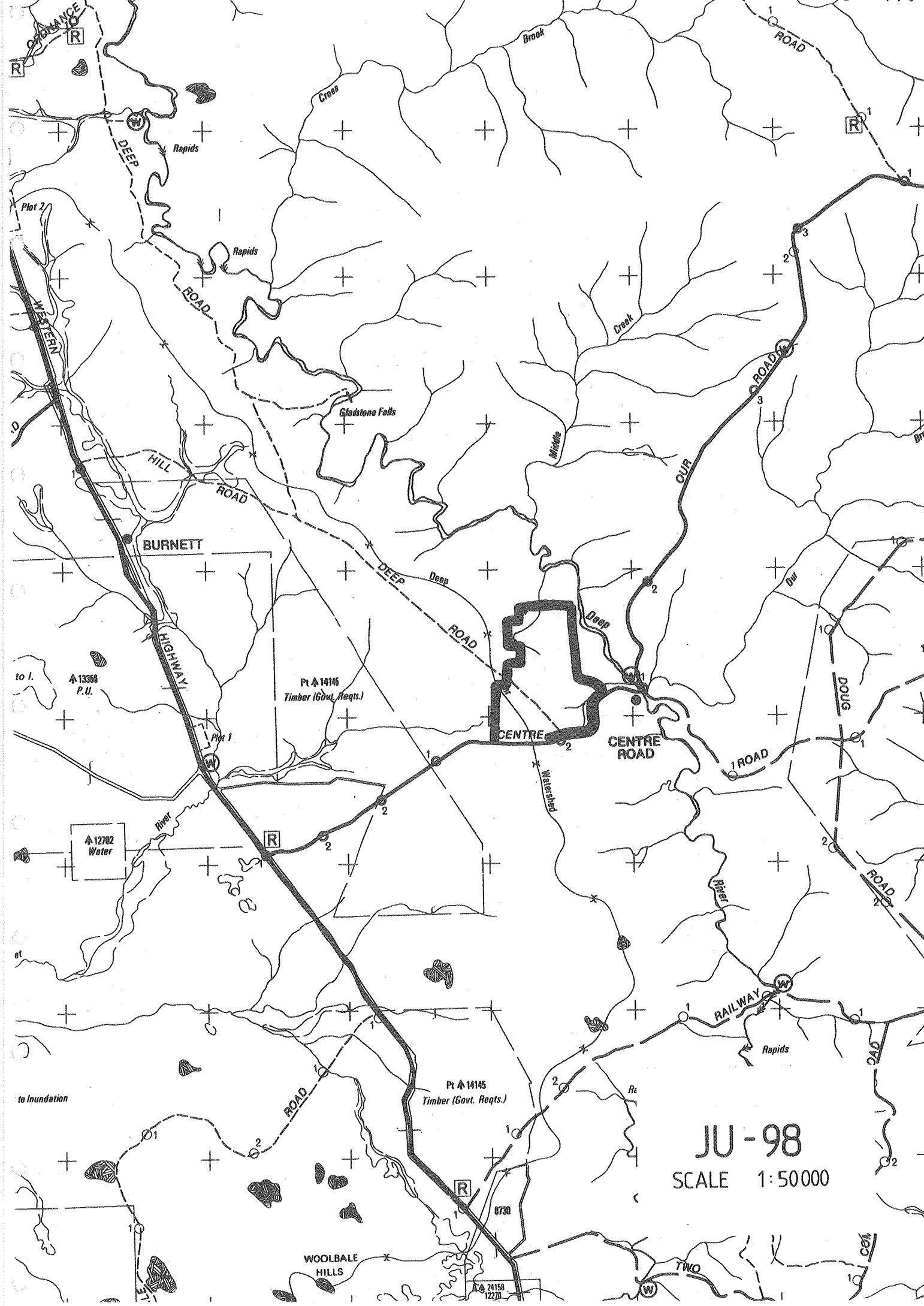
**LANDFORMS AND SOILS:** Flat, undulating with drainage to the east into the Deep River. Soils are mainly acid grey sands.

**VEGETATION:** Most of the block is non forested and supports brush and associated scrub which can handle the waterlogged conditions.

**LAND CLASSES:** Because of waterlogging the block is land class 4.

**SUITABILITY TO AGRICULTURE:** This block has insufficient area to be viable. Waterlogging makes it not suited to agriculture.

**RECOMMENDATION:** This block should not be released to agriculture.



JU - 98  
 SCALE 1:50000

## 19. WALPOLE: JY 101

**AREA:** 160 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Walpole  
Map ref: JY 101q  
468000 mE 6131000 mN  
Aerial photograph by ref. - Pemberton Run  
14. Photo nos. 5350; 5351.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:**

Flat to undulating with drainage to the Felix Brook to the east, and drainage to the Deep River on the west side. Soils are mainly grey sandy loam and grey sandy soil.

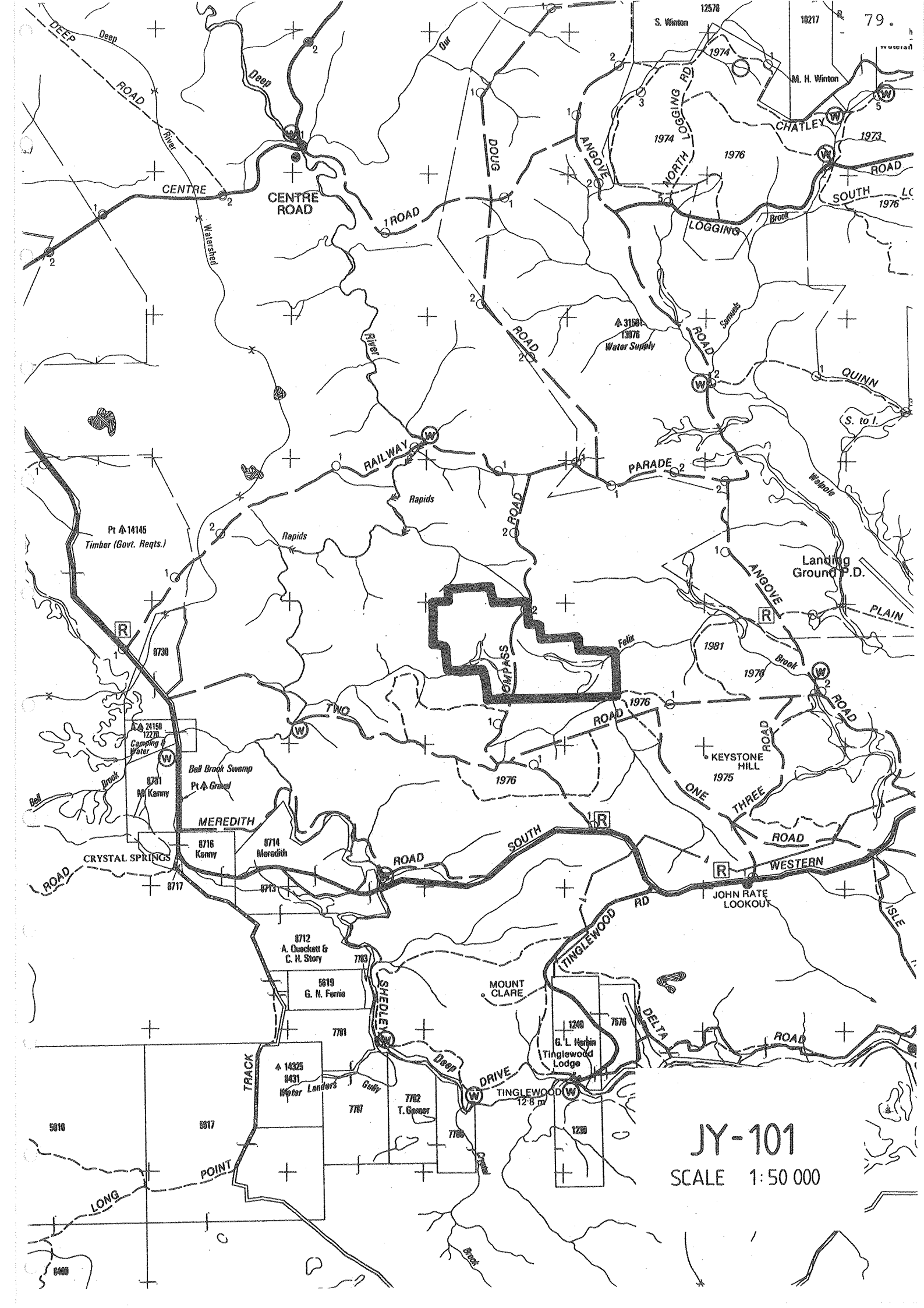
**VEGETATION:** The block is largely non forest area of Ti-Tree and associated brush and scrub, with small areas of stunted jarrah to the south side of the block.

**LAND CLASSES:** Predominantly land class 3.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:**

This block would be suitable to agriculture provided its size was increased to at least 400 ha. The block is close to the South West Highway and near to existing power grid.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** Provided the block can be enlarged, it is suitable for release.



JY-101  
SCALE 1:50 000

## 20. WALPOLE: JZ 103

**AREA:** 250 ha

**LAND TENURE:** State forest

**LOCALITY:** Map: Walpole  
Map Ref: JZ103  
472000 mE 6130000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton, Run  
14. Photo nos. 5350; 5351

**GENERAL:** Access is off the South West Highway  
along Angove Road.

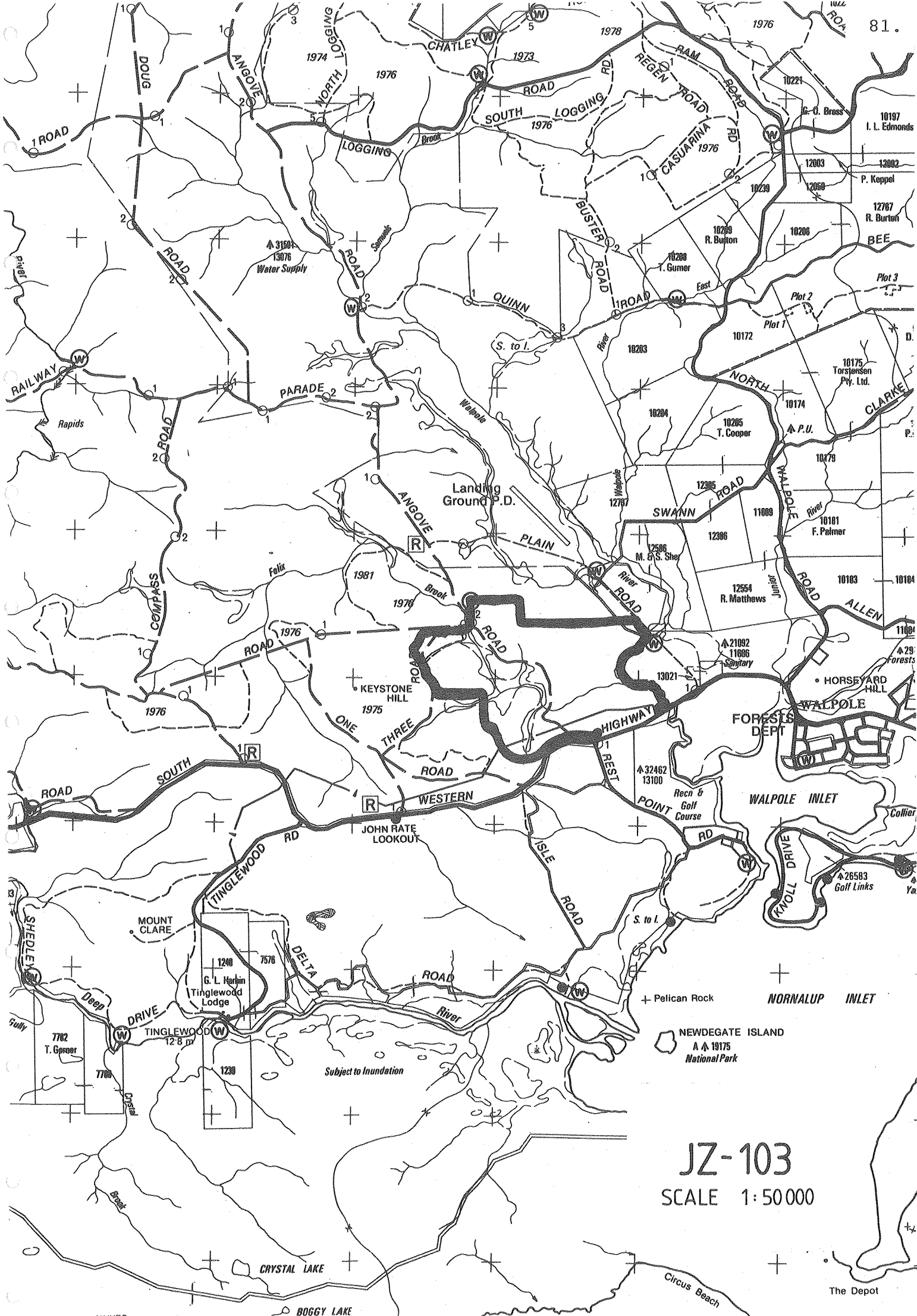
**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:** Undulating with quite steep rises to the  
west end of the block which run up to  
the Keystone Hill. Soils on the block  
are variable from red-brown gravelly  
loams to the south and west of the  
block.

**VEGETATION:** Areas of jarrah on the undulating and  
steeper areas of the block with scrub  
and associated brush on the flats.

**LAND CLASSES:** This block has land classes 1, 2 and 3.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:** This is an attractive block very well  
situated close to the Walpole townsite  
and should be suited to a range of  
agricultural pursuits.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:** This block should be released for  
agriculture. Amenities such as roads,  
power and proximity to Walpole are all  
in its favour.



JZ-103  
SCALE 1:50 000

## 21. WALPOLE: JV 97

**AREA:** 450 ha

**LAND TENURE:** Crown land

**LOCALITY:** Map: Walpole  
Map Ref: JV 97  
463000 mE 6136000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton. Run  
12. Photo nos. 5314; 5315.

**GENERAL:** Off South West Highway on Centre Road.

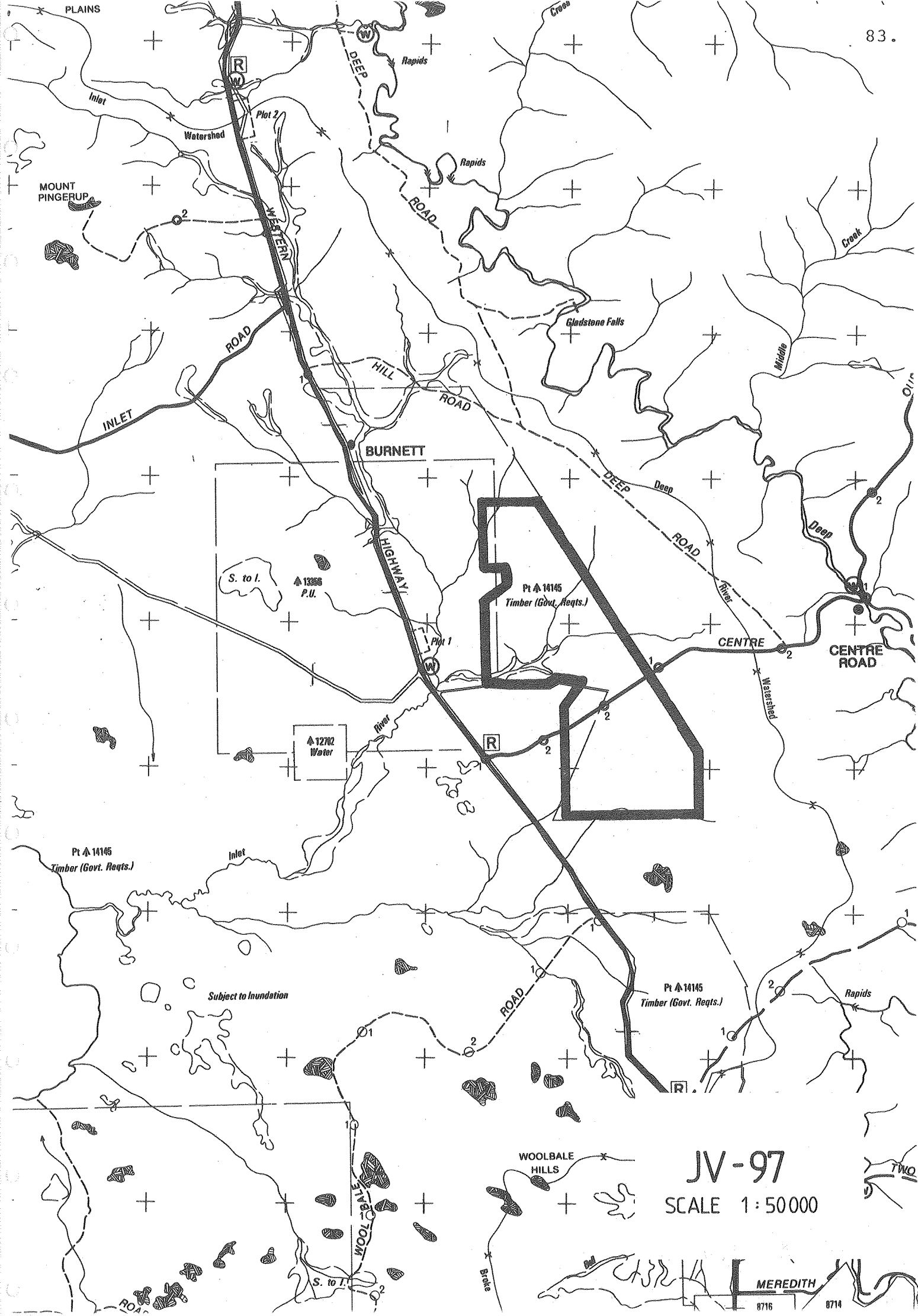
**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:** Flats with occasional granite outcrops  
on higher ground. Soils poorly drained  
acid grey sands. The area north of  
Centre Road has better drainage and  
soils than the area south of the road.

**VEGETATION:** The vegetation is predominantly Ti-Tree  
and associated scrub on the flats with  
some stunted jarrah on the higher  
ground.

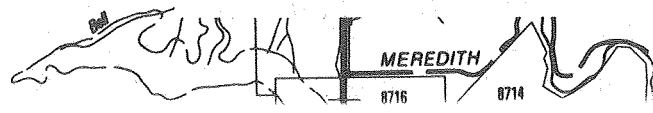
**LAND CLASSES:** 3 and 4.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:** This block would require extensive  
drainage to be suitable for agriculture.

**RECOMMENDATION:** This block should not be released for  
agriculture unless it was enlarged to  
include better drained land adjacent to  
the Deep River.



JV-97  
SCALE 1:50000





## 22. WALPOLE: JX 97

**AREA:** 450 ha

**LAND TENURE:** Crown land

**LOCALITY:** Map: Walpole  
Map ref: JX 97  
463000 mE 6132000 mN  
Aerial photography ref. - Pemberton. Run  
12. Photos nos. 5335; 5334.

**GENERAL:** Off South West Highway access can be  
gained from Twelve Road.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:** Large area of flat land with little or  
no relief. Soils are acid grey sands,  
much of which is waterlogged.

**VEGETATION:** Some small patches of stunted jarrah  
adjacent to the South West Highway. The  
predominant vegetation is brush and  
scrub capable of withstanding the  
waterlogged conditions.

**LAND CLASSES:** Land class 4.

**SUITABILITY TO  
AGRICULTURE:** This block is not suitable for  
agriculture.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Because of waterlogging and the small  
area involved this block should not be  
released for agriculture.



## 23. LAKE JASPER: HR 54

**AREA:** 880 ha

**LAND TENURE:** Forestry quarantine area.

**LOCALITY:** Map: Jasper and Warren  
Map ref: HR 54  
395000 mE 6184000 mN  
Aerial Photography ref. - Pemberton. Run  
7. Photo nos. 5112; 5113.

**GENERAL:** Access can be gained from Ralph Road to  
Ritter Road.

**LANDFORMS  
AND SOILS:** Flat to undulating with drainage into  
the Fly Brook. Landforms are a mixture  
of Chudalup and Cary with sandy soils  
predominantly.

**VEGETATION:** Jarrah, marri and occasional karri on  
the better drained soils. Scrub and  
brush on the flats.

**LAND CLASS:** Mainly land class 4.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Not to be released for agriculture as it  
is prone to flooding and isolated from  
other farmland.



**LOCATIONS 24 TO 27: FRANKLAND MAP**

**Map ref:** JF 104, JH 108, HV 104 and HR 94.

All these areas are subject to Forests Department Quarantine.

As permits are not given during wet weather, we could not inspect these areas on the ground.

Aerial photography and soil maps were used for assessment.

**Suitability to Agriculture**

These areas were subject to large areas of inundation during winter, and as such are not suitable for agriculture.

## APPENDIX 4

## AGRICULTURAL BUDGETS FOR ASSESSMENTS OF VIABILITY

The following budgets are indicative of the profitability of agriculture on the three soil types.

TABLE 1

## Horticultural Crops on Karri-Jarrah Loam

<u>Income</u>	\$/ha
Potato sales	2075.8
<u>Costs</u>	
Fertiliser	97.05
Crop costs	158.24
Fuel	174.51
Non-farm labour	207.66
Repairs	152.07
Cartage, contracting	191.36
Insurance	29.66
License, phone	36.27
Accounting	24.81
Plant replacement, maintenance	135.59
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Net return to capital and family labour	868.58
Net return to capital	230.41

Assuming an investment apart from plant of \$2500/ha, the return is 9.2%.

## APPENDIX 4

TABLE 2

**Beef Cattle on Karri-Jarrah Loan**

This is a year in year out budget for a hypothetical 600 ha farm. It is assumed that development of the block has been funded by \$100 000 of the farmer's own capital and by development loans which are accounted for in the loan repayment category of this budget. The assumed stocking rate is 15 DSE/ha for a herd comprising 573 beef cows, 114 heifers and 14 bulls.

<u>Income</u>	\$
105 cull cows @ \$300	31 500
273 baby beef @ \$250	68 250
158 baby beef @ \$220	34 760
3 bulls @ \$500	1 500
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 <u>Costs</u>	
Rates and licenses	1 000
SEC and phone	2 000
Seed and sprays	750
Fuel and oil	3 750
Insurance	600
Non family labour	13 000
Fertiliser	21 750
Drenching	1 051
Dipping, jetting, etc.	350
Vaccination	350
Machinery replacement	4 000
Repairs and maintenance	4 000
Sundries	2 000
Stock replacement and fodder	20 588
Loan repayments	47 261
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Net return to capital and labour	12 859

TABLE 3

**Farm Buildup and Year in Year Out Budgets for Well Drained  
Acid Soils**

This budget is for an 800 ha beef farm developed over 5 years. It is assumed that the farmer starts with \$100 000 of his own capital and that the land has no cost to him, two assumptions which are favourable to the profitability of the enterprise. The assumed stocking rate is 11.26 DSE/ha. Development loans are assumed to be repaid over 15 years and 15% interest.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year/ Year
<b>INCOME</b>						
CATTLE SALES	13650	27300	40950	79600	102790	104290
TOTAL INCOME	13650	27300	40950	79600	102790	136090
<b>Costs</b>						
Rates	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
SEC & Phone	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Seed & Spray	200	400	600	800	1000	1000
Fuel	800	1600	2400	3200	4000	4000
Insurance	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Labour	0	0	0	10400	13000	13000
Fertiliser	4640	9280	13920	18560	23200	23200
Stock Cost	491	981	1472	1962	2453	2453
Machinery						
Replacement	0	0	0	0	0	5000
Repairs	1500	3000	4500	6000	7500	7500
Sundry	400	800	1200	1600	2000	2000
Fodder	3218	6435	9653	12870	16088	16088
Development						
Cost	64000	64000	64000	64000	64000	0
Machinery						
Purchase	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	0
Stock Purchase	36440	38940	21720	4500	4500	4500
Living	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000
Taxation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loan						
Repayments	0	4282	26412	48971	69536	92021
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>138688</b>	<b>156718</b>	<b>172876</b>	<b>199864</b>	<b>234277</b>	<b>187761</b>
<b>Net Return to</b>						
Family Labour						
and Capital	-125038	-129418	-131926	-120264	-131487	-51671



TABLE 4

**Farm Buildup and Year in Year Out Budgets for Waterlogged Acid Sands**

The assumptions for these budgets are the same as those for the well-drained acid sands except that the stocking rate is assumed to be 7.5 DSE/ha.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year/ Year
<b>INCOME</b>						
CATTLE SALES	9100	18200	27300	53120	68600	69600
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9100</b>	<b>18200</b>	<b>27300</b>	<b>53120</b>	<b>68600</b>	<b>90600</b>
<b>Costs</b>						
Rates	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
SEC & Phone	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
Seed & Spray	200	400	600	800	1000	1000
Fuel	800	1600	2400	3200	4000	4000
Insurance	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Labour	0	0	0	10400	13000	13000
Fertilizer	4640	9280	13920	18560	23200	23200
Stock Cost	327	653	980	1306	1633	1633
Machinery						
Replaclement	0	0	0	0	0	5000
Repairs	1500	3000	4500	6000	7500	7500
Sundry	400	800	1200	1600	2000	2000
Fodder	2145	4290	6435	8580	10725	10725
Development						
Cost	86400	86400	86400	86400	86400	0
Machinery						
Purchase	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	0
Stock						
Purchase	23920	25920	14450	3000	3000	3000
Living	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000	13000
Taxation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loan						
Repayments	0	6538	31791	59559	89191	123399
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>147332</b>	<b>165881</b>	<b>189686</b>	<b>226405</b>	<b>268649</b>	<b>211457</b>
<b>Net Return to Family Labour and Capital</b>	<b>-138232</b>	<b>-147681</b>	<b>-162386</b>	<b>-173286</b>	<b>-200049</b>	<b>-120857</b>

## APPENDIX 5

LAND FORMATIONS OF THE PEMBERTON AREA FEATURED IN AREAS INSPECTED

- PEMBERTON: Dissected lateritic country with steep slopes; podzolic soils (Dy 3.6) on upper slopes and gravelly red earth (Gn 2.15) on lower slopes; associated are sandy colluvium (Uc 4.2) in gullies and alluvium (Um, 5.2) along major streams.
- BOORARA: A pattern of islands of gravelly red earths and podzolic soils separated by narrow sand-filled drainage lines: interfluves have sandy Dy s5.81 developed from quartzite.
- QUAGERING: Gently undulating drainage divides developed on quartzite; soils are podzolic (Dy 5.81) and podzols (Uc 2.3) often associated with deep deposits of water worn quartz sand and grit. Laterites (Ks - Uc 4.2) are also sometimes associated.
- CARY: Undulating and low hilly country on the seaward edge of the Pemberton Association. Chief soils are podzols (Uc 2.21) often overlying red earth; minor occurrences of gravelly podzolic soils (Dy 5.6) and laterites and very minor areas of red earths (Gn 2) on basalt. Water worn pebbles are common throughout the unit.
- CHUDALUP: Isolated islands of gravelly red earths (Gn 2.15) and podzolic soils (Dy 3.6, Dy 5.6) emerging from a broad sandy plain of humus podzols (Uc 2.3); also some hummocks of sand (Uc 1.2).
- BLACKWATER: Flat swampy country with peaty humus podzols (Uc 2.33) and a few small hummocks of grey sand (Uc 1.21).
- BALBARRUP: Block lateritic on tops of rises, colluvial pisolitic gravel (Is-Uc 4.2) on slopes merging with brown sands (Uc 5.2). Associated soils are the swampy heads of drainage lines (Dy 3.4, Dy 3.8) and sometimes minor areas of grey sands of the Quagering Association.