



Soil and Land Suitability Assessment for Irrigated Agriculture

# **GENERAL LAND CAPABILITY** OF THE ALI CURUNG AREA

ALI CURUNG AREA - Map 2 of 9

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### LAND CAPABILITY CLASSES

rare flooding)

HIGH - Land with negligible limitations that is highly productive and requires only simple management practices. (0-1% slope; low wind erosion hazard; no surface rock; >1.0 m soil depth; rapid to well-drained soil; and

MODERATE - Land with minor to moderate limitations that is productive but requires more than the simple management practices of Class 1. (1-2% slope; and/or moderate wind erosion hazard; and/or 0-2% surface rock; and/or 0.5-1.0 m soil depth; and/or moderately drained soil; and/or extremely

MARGINAL - Land with severe limitations that is only marginally productive and requires major management practices. (2-3% slope; and/or high wind erosion hazard; and/or 2-10% surface rock; and/or 0.25-0.5 m soil depth; and/or imperfectly drained soil; and/or rare flooding)

NOT SUITABLE - Land with extreme limitations that is not suitable for agriculture. Limitations cannot be overcome with practical or cost effective management practices. (>3% slope; and/or very high to extreme wind erosion hazard; and/or >10% surface rock; and/or <0.25 m soil depth; and/or poor to very poorly drained soil; and/or regular to permanent flooding)

#### ALI CURUNG AREA MAP SERIES

Мар	Map Title	Crop Group	Individual Crops Assessed
1	Land resources of the Ali Curung Area	l N/A	N/A
2	   General land capability of   the Ali Curung Area	   N/A 	N/A
3	Land suitability for irrigated field crops	1	Chia, quinoa
4	Land suitability for irrigated hay and forage	2	Grass hay (Rhodes grass, panics, sorghum, oats, barley), forage legumes (lucerne, peanut)
5	Land suitability for irrigated evergreen tree crops	3	Citrus (lime, lemon, mandarin, orange, grapefruit, tangelo), mango, avocado, lychee
6	Land suitability for irrigated deciduous tree and vine crops	4	Fig, pomegranate, low chill stone fruit, table grape
7	Land suitability for irrigated annual row crops	5	Cucurbit species (watermelon, hami melon, honeydew melon, rockmelon, pumpkin, zucchini, squash) Salad vegetables (lettuce, baby spinach, rocket) Asian greens Summer vegetables (Solanaceae species - capsicum, chilli, eggplant, tomato) Sweet corn, beans, snow peas, Brassica species
8	Land suitability for irrigated perennial row crops	6	Asparagus
9	Land suitability for irrigated	   7	Garlic, onion, potato, sweet potato

Map unit boundaries were derived using satellite imagery in association with digital elevation model, geological and topographic data. Landform, soil and vegetation field assessments conform to national standards and support mapping at a scale of 1:25 000. Final mapping is presented at a scale of 1:100 000.

When assessing specific areas within the mapping it is recommended a site inspection be undertaken to establish unmapped variation and confirm mapping accuracy on the ground.

This map does not indicate, imply or ascertain the likelihood of groundwater availability or the granting of appropriate water extraction licensing needed to satisfy the irrigation requirements of the potential agricultural development options indicated.

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## MAP SECTIONS

