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Phase II of a drilling program at Clare, South Australia was undertaken in June, 1997. A total of 6 bores were drilled, 4 of these at existing locations established during phase I drilling in January, 1996, and a further 2 bores were drilled open hole at Watervale Oval. It is anticipated that the 2 bores drilled at Watervale Oval will contribute to aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) investigations along with prospective bores to be drilled at the site at a later date. An additional component of the drilling program involved the collection of rock samples through diamond coring of discrete sections of the geological strata in the majority of holes drilled. A number of these samples were submitted for permeability /porosity analysis, and petrological examination. Follow-up work on phase II bores include monitoring and sampling for chemical parameters in addition to down-hole geophysical and sonde profiling.

INTRODUCTION

As part of the Department of Primary Industries and Resources of South Australia's (PIRSA), ongoing assessment of groundwater resources in the Clare Valley, Phase II of a drilling program was implemented at Clare in June, 1997. A total of six (6) bores (Table 1) were drilled using a departmental 'Portadrill' drilling rig utilising rotary hammer technique. In addition, specific sections of rock strata were cored using a diamond drill and core barrel.

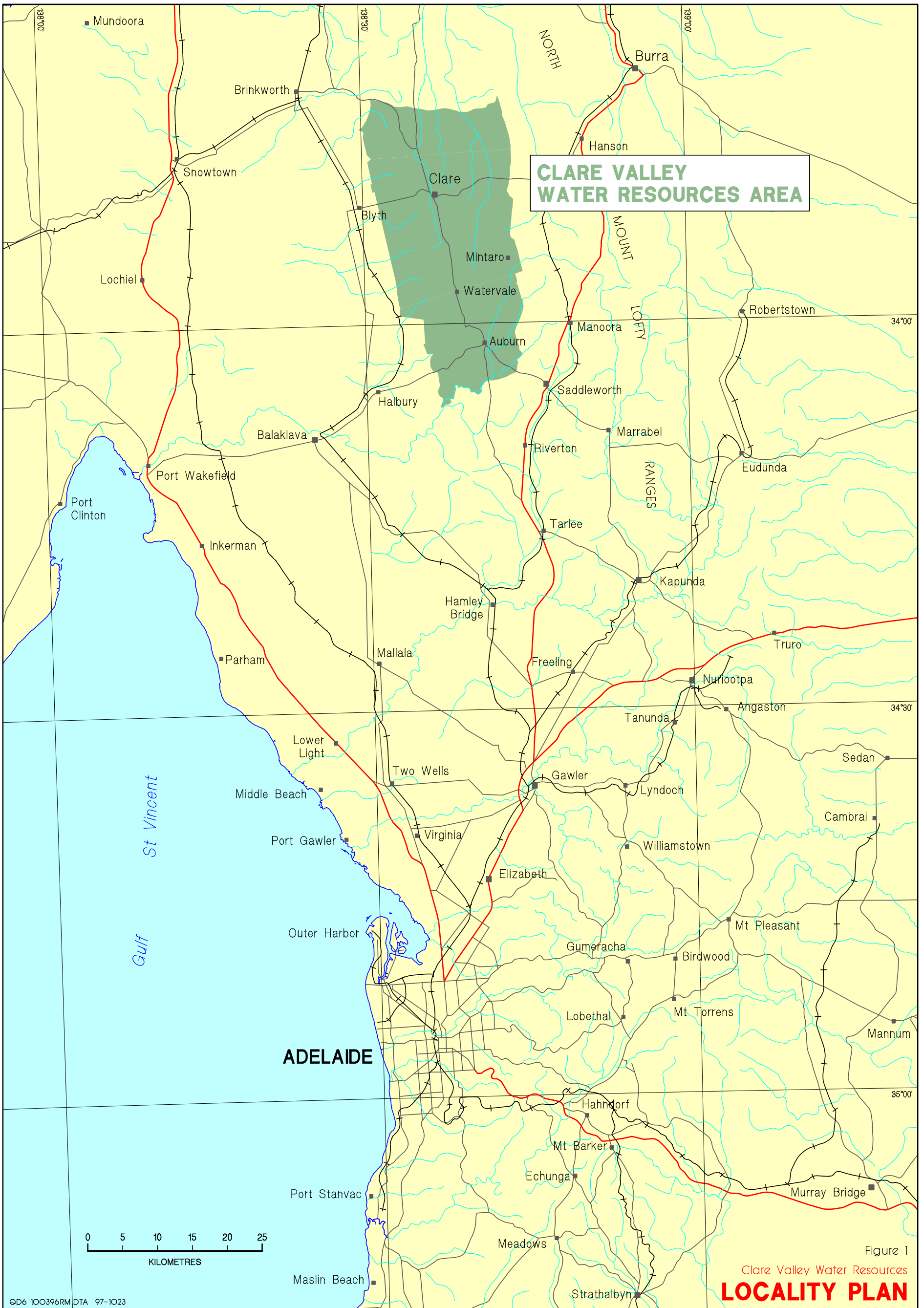
The location of the Clare Valley is presented in Figure 1 and the location of the Phase II groundwater bores drilled, is contained in Figure 2.

DRILLING PROGRAM

Four groundwater bores were installed under permit numbers 41496–41499 (Table 1) and drilled adjacent existing bores at monitoring sites established during Phase I drilling in November, 1995 (Morton et. al (1998)).

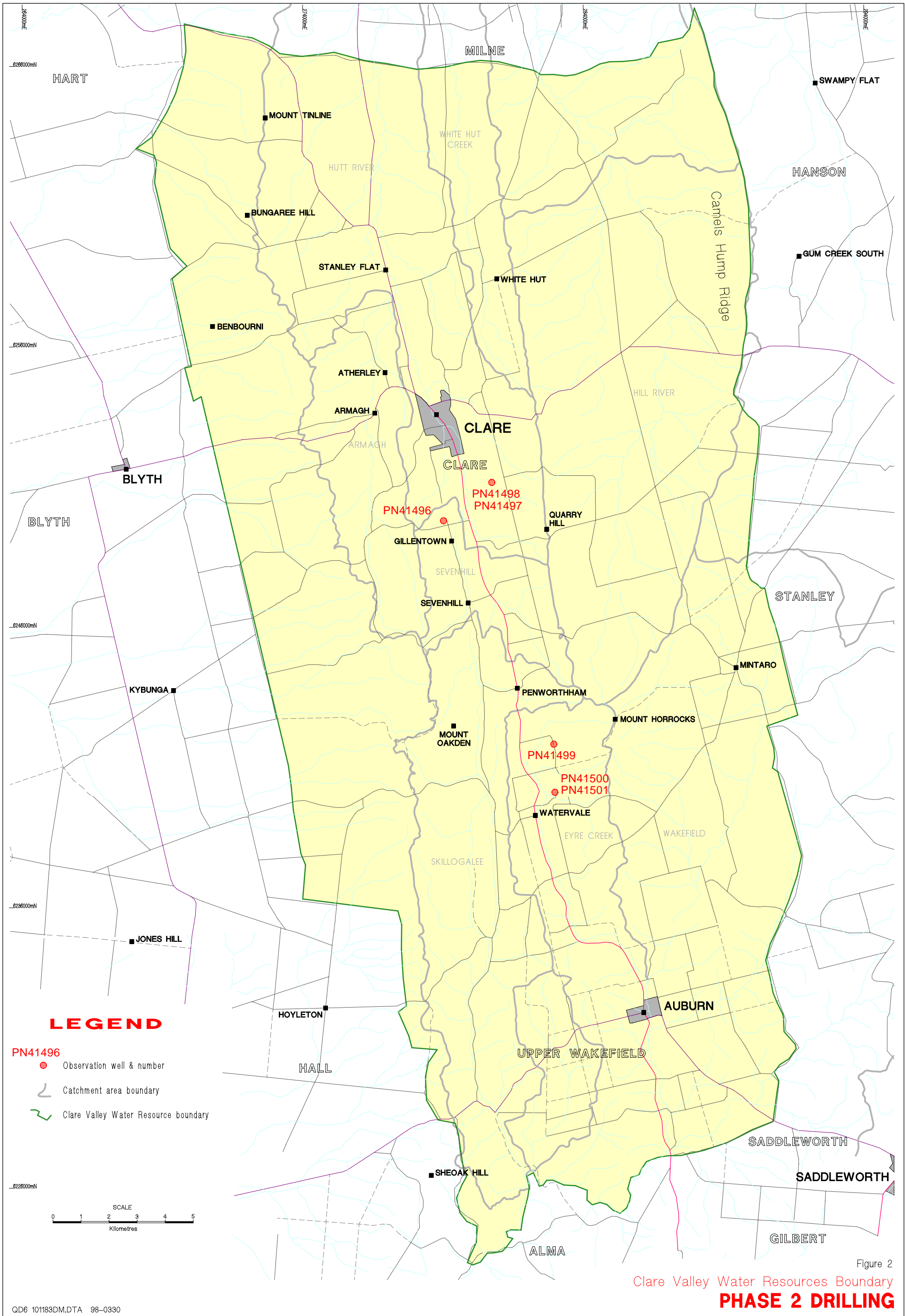
Table 1: *Phase II - Clare Drilling 1997*

Permit Number	Location	Depth	Diameter	Geological Unit
41496	Neagles Rock Road	130m	8"	Skillogalee Dolomite
41497	Wendouree	40m	10"	Saddleworth Formation
41498	Wendouree	100m	8"	Saddleworth Formation
41499	Pearce Road	100m	8"	Mintaro Shale
41500	Watervale Oval	100m	8"	Mintaro Shale
41501	Watervale Oval	100m	8"	Mintaro Shale



**CLARE VALLEY
WATER RESOURCES AREA**

Figure 1
Clare Valley Water Resources
LOCALITY PLAN



A tabulated summary of Phase II drilling is presented in Appendix A and geological logs are contained in Appendix B. All bores drilled were completed open hole with surface casing installed into the soft sediment until hard rock was encountered, generally at a depth between 4 to 9 meters. The aim of the phase II drilling exercise was to provide additional bores to further enhance investigations into the hard rock aquifer properties of Clare (an ongoing joint venture between PIRSA and CSIRO).

Bores drilled at the Neagles Rock Road and Pearce Road sites (PN 41496 & PN 41499) were situated approximately 15–20 meters hydraulically downgradient from established bores (drilled November, 1995). This distance was chosen primarily as a precautionary measure to minimise any possible groundwater impact on the established bores that may have resulted from drilling of the new bores. Each site now contains three monitoring bores.

Phase I bores drilled at the Neagles Rock and Pearce Road sites were completed with nested piezometers in January, 1996. Each of these sites now comprise a deep bore of 8" diameter which contains 4 nested piezometers; a shallower bore of 10" diameter which contains 6 nested piezometers; and a deep open hole bore (recently drilled).

The site at Wendouree, which only contained one bore as a result of Phase I drilling, has had a further two bores installed during Phase II drilling. It is envisaged that the pre-existing 8" and the recently drilled shallow 10" bore installed at the Wendouree site will each be completed with nested piezometers sometime in the near future.

Nested piezometers are a series of separated bore casings (piezometers) of various lengths inserted into a large diameter open bore. Each piezometer is slotted at its base so that groundwater may infiltrate the casing thus providing an isolated sample of groundwater from that particular depth. Between the piezometers and the annulus of the hole a gravel pack is inserted. The slotted sections of the piezometers (including gravel pack) are separated from each other by the use of cement plugs and bentonite, thus prevent mixing of waters from different depths within the wells. The purpose of nested piezometers are to provide discrete samples at specified depths as well as discrete interval aquifer testing for hydraulic

parameters. The piezometers will be monitored for temporal variations in salinity and water levels.

A further two wells (PN 41500 & PN 41501), were drilled at Watervale Oval, a site chosen for the purpose of aquifer storage and recovery investigations (ASR - whereby water is injected into the aquifer via the well to be retrieved at a later date). Permit number 41501 was drilled at a distance of 25 metres hydraulically downgradient of the newly installed injection well (PN 41500). It is planned that a further 4–5 wells be installed at this site sometime in the future, subject to budget and time constraints.

DIAMOND CORING

Cored sections of rock strata were obtained at each site with the aid of a diamond drill bit attached to a three metre hollow core barrel. Coring was undertaken at various depths; approximately 1 meter below the water table; approximately 20 meters below the water table; at a depth of approximately 70 meters; and/or at the discretion of the site geologist.

Approximately 3 cored sections measuring 2–3 meters in length were retrieved from each hole. A summary of core samples obtained can be found in Appendix C. Indurated core recovery was in the vicinity of 90–100% from all holes except at Neagles Rock Road (PN 41496), which due to intense fracturing and brecciation of the rock strata, the amount of intact core recovered was much less. Three to four samples of core measuring approximately 25 cm's in length were chosen from each of the cored sections to make an approximate total of 10 samples obtained per hole. The samples were subsequently wrapped in gladwrap followed by alfoil, and then stored below 4°C in order to prevent any interstitial pore water from escaping. A number of these samples were submitted to CSIRO Petroleum Resources in Melbourne for porosity and permeability analysis.

GEOLOGY

Appendix D contains a geological map of the Clare area. Inspection of drill hole core lengths by Wolfgang Preiss (a departmental expert on the geology of the Adelaide Geosyncline, currently undertaking the geological mapping of the Spalding area, north of Clare) provided confirmation of the geological units ascribed to each site.

Since the Clare region is a meta-sedimentary/metamorphic environment, many of the original rock types were altered through processes of heat and pressure (metamorphosed) to the rocks present today. Rock types at the Neagles Rock Road site, which form part of the Skillogalee Dolomite, originally comprised a carbonate sediment (of chemical origin) which was subsequently metamorphosed (and later weathered) to the present dolomite-marble. Affirmation of this is provided by petrological analysis (undertaken by Mason Geoscience Pty Ltd) of a number of thin sections obtained from the drill core (PN 41496), descriptions of which are contained in Appendix E. The low percentage of intact core recovery obtained from this particular hole can be attributed to fracturing contained within the rock strata, which is thought to result from the drill site being situated on a large Delamerian fault or fracture zone. Minor pyrite observed throughout the drill hole is a relatively young feature, its preservation indicating that it has yet to be subject to intense weathering.

Rock type at the Wendouree site (PN 41497 & PN 41498) comprised a fine grained silty dolomite (of the Saddleworth Formation) which was originally a chemical sediment (carbonate). Rock types found at the Pearce Road site (PN 41499) and Watervale Oval sites (PN 41500 & PN 41502) belong to the Mintaro Shale and are considered to have originally been siltstones which were later altered to dolomitic meta-siltstones.

Generally, rock types obtained from the Phase II drilling are considered to be low in porosity, which is confirmed by petrological analysis of drill core samples (App. E).

GEOPHYSICAL LOGGING

Geophysical logging was undertaken in all newly installed bores following Phase II drilling. The exercise consisted of running a suite of logs which included gamma, neutron, calliper, spontaneous potential, point resistance and density. Logs of this nature are run in attempt to identify areas of high porosity and/or high permeability which may relate to water bearing zones either in the form of large fractures or suitable aquifer material. In fractured rock, locations of potential water bearing fractures are identified mainly from the caliper log in conjunction with the neutron log. Results of the downhole geophysics are presented in Composite Well Logs contained in Appendix F. A blockage of bore PN 41496 (Neagles Rock Road) at approximately 78 metres is evident from the logs and may require removal of the obstruction or re-drilling of the bore at a later date.

CONCLUSION

Follow-up work after the second phase of drilling will be part of the progressive research into the groundwater resources of the Clare Valley and would include:

- Sampling for chemical parameters and isotopes;
- Pump testing of bores to provide information on the hydraulic properties of the hard rock aquifer;
- Obtaining regular and ongoing sonde profiles of holes; and
- Installation of nested piezometers into PN 41498 (Wendouree).

Bores situated at Watervale Oval will eventually constitute part of a trial Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) site. Subsequent bores drilled at this, and other locations are subject to Departmental budget approval.

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APPENDIX A
SUMMARY OF DRILLING

SUMMARY OF DRILLING — CLARE 1997

Permit No	Well No	Obs No	General Location	Latitude	Longitude	Depth (m)	Water Cut (m)	Cased to (m)	Depth to SWL (m)	Yield* (L/sec)	TDS (mg/L)	Rock unit
41496	6630-2792	CLR104	Neagles Rock Road (8'')	32°52.146'	138°38.885'	128	21 78 121	11	23	1.5	760	Skillogalee Dolomite
41497	6630-2793	CLR103	Wendouree (10'')	33°51.58.5'	138°37.785'	39.9	10 21	2.5	4	3	1289	Auburn Dolomite
41498	6630-2794	CLR105	Wendouree (8'')	33°51.58.5'	138°37.785'	116.8	5 15 51	5.5	4	4	1105	Auburn Dolomite
41499	6630-2795	UPW59	Pearce Road (8'')	33°56.284'	138°39.071'	100	9 34	7	5	3	628	Mintaro Shale
41500	6630-2796	UPW60	Watervale Oval (8'')	33°57.539'	138°38.750'	99.2	4 19 43	9.4	3.1	0.5	894	Mintaro Shale
41501	6630-2797	UPW61	Watervale Oval (8'')	33°57.555'	138°38.802'	99.5	51	7.5	5.2	1	683	Mintaro Shale

* Yield determined from airlifting; SWL- Approximate depth to static water level; +++ Obs well no to be assigned

APPENDIX B
GEOLOGICAL LOGS

PROJECT: Clare Valley Groundwater Assessment				DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY RESOURCES - SOUTH AUSTRALIA						PERMIT NO: 41496								
LOCATION OR COORDS: Wendouree				WATER WELL LOG GROUNDWATER DIVISION						UNIT NO: 6630-2792								
EL.Surface (m):				EL.Ref.Point (m):		Datum:		Hundred: CLARE Sec: 111										
AQUIFER SUMMARY:			DEPTH TO WATER CUT (m)		DEPTH TO STANDING WATER (m)		INTERVAL (m)		SUPPLY			TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS						
							From To		l/sec		Test length		Method		mg/ltr		Analysis No:	
			21				21		26		0.5				AIRLIFT			
			78		2.3		78		80		0.5						744	
		121		2.0		121		123		0.5						838		
DEPTH (m)		GRAPHIC LOG	ROCK/SEDIMENT NAME	GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION						FORMATION/AGE		DEPTH CORE SAMPLE	CASING					
From	To																	
0	0.1		Topsoil	Silty clay, grey, some sand, some organic material.						QUATERNARY			206	0	11			
0.1	9		Sandy silty CLAY	Pale orange-brown, some cream/off-white calcareous gravel to 2mm, some fine quartz gravel to 2mm, some qtz grains to 1mm, increase in sand content towards base.														
9	15		Weathered Dolomitic Marble	Pink and cream with some dark grey, sub-angular grains, poorly sorted, clay matrix slightly siliceous, weakly calcareous cement, minor quartz.						SKILLOGALEE DOLOMITE (Nms) Burra Group/Torrensian								
15	21		Weathered Dolomitic Marble	Red, yellow, orange, pink and white, sub-angular, fine-coarse grained, fairly siliceous looking matrix with some clay, weakly calcareous cement in parts, some recrystallised material, rare fine opaques, some Fe rich material with black surface staining, poorly sorted, some friable material, weak schistosity.														
REMARKS:										DRILL TYPE: ROTARY HAMMER		COMPLETED: 5/6/97						
										CIRCULATION: AIR		LOGGED BY: D.MORTON						
										DATE: 1/8/97		SHEET 1 of 3						

PROJECT: Clare Valley Groundwater Assessment						DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY RESOURCES - SOUTH AUSTRALIA WATER WELL LOG GROUNDWATER DIVISION CONTINUATION SHEET						PERMIT NO: 41496		
												UNIT NO: 6630-2792		
												DME		
DEPTH (m)		GRAPHIC LOG	ROCK / SEDIMENT NAME	GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	FORMATION / AGE	DEPTH CORE SAMPLE	CASING							
From	To						Dia (mm)	From (m)	To (m)					
21	27		Dolomite marble	Pale grey/pale pink and white. Fine to coarse grained, moderately sorted, granoblastic texture, minor recrystallised quartz, minor organic material (lignite or graphite), strong mineral lineation in parts with alignment of elongated grains and opaques in a preferred orientation, non-calcareous.	SKILLOGALEE DOLOMITE (Nms) Burra Group/Torrensian	23.1 -24.0								
27	39		Dolomite marble	Weathered in parts. Pale brown with minor white, yellow and pink. Predominantly medium grained, sub-angular, granoblastic texture, minor quartz and opaques, some ?feldspar, minor clay and some minor green discolouration (chloride??).		24.0 -25.6								
39	48		Dolomite marble	Weathered in parts. White, pale grey and pink (mostly white), some brown, sub-rounded grains, granoblastic texture, rare opaques, increase in brown material towards base.		39.8 -40.7								
48	102		Dolomite marble	Pale blue grey and white, fine to medium grained, mostly sutured, sub-rounded to sub-angular, granoblastic texture, rare opaques, weakly calcareous cement, some brown orange fragments <5% (may be fall in) rare fine to medium opaques, some dark grey quartz, some fines, silt and talc.										
102	108		Dolomite marble	As above but with minor pyrite (<1%) occurring as isolated crystals (1mm) occurring as isolated crystals, discrete massive clusters (3-4mm), some fine material (silt and minor talc).										
						SHEET 2 of 3								

PROJECT: Clare Valley Groundwater Assessment		DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY RESOURCES - SOUTH AUSTRALIA WATER WELL LOG GROUNDWATER DIVISION CONTINUATION SHEET					PERMIT NO: 41496		
							UNIT NO: 6630-2792		
							DME		
DEPTH (m)		GRAPHIC LOG	ROCK / SEDIMENT NAME	GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	FORMATION / AGE	DEPTH CORE SAMPLE	CASING		
From	To						Dia (mm)	From (m)	To (m)
108	128		Dolomite marble	Pale blue grey dolomite marble with sugary texture, mostly marble, rest as above but with minor pyrite and massive talc fragments to 15mm, rare opaques. EOH	SKILLOGALEE DOLOMITE (Nms) Burra Group/Torrensian				
						SHEET 3 of 3			

PROJECT: Clare Valley Groundwater Assessment		DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY RESOURCES - SOUTH AUSTRALIA WATER WELL LOG GROUNDWATER DIVISION						PERMIT NO: 41497										
LOCATION OR COORDS: Wendouree								UNIT NO: 6630-2793										
		EL Surface (m):		EL Ref Point (m):		Datum:		Hundred: 6630		Sec: 395								
AQUIFER SUMMARY:		DEPTH TO WATER CUT (m)		DEPTH TO STANDING WATER (m)		INTERVAL (m)		SUPPLY			TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS							
						From To		l/sec		Test length		Method		mg/ltr		Analysis No:		
		10 21		4		10 21 12 39		1 3				airlift airlift		1317 1311				
DEPTH (m)		GRAPHIC LOG		ROCK/SEDIMENT NAME		GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION						FORMATION/AGE		DEPTH CORE SAMPLE		CASING		
From To																Dia (mm) From (m) To (m)		
0 4				CLAY		Brown, plastic, firm to moderately stiff, some angular gravel to 20mm comprising grey and grey/black dolomite, slightly calcareous.						QUATERNARY				263 0 2.5		
4 6				SILTY DOLOMITE		Grey and grey/black, sub-fissile fragments and hard massive fragments exhibiting a slightly conchoidal fracture in parts, mostly grey dolomite (80%) lesser grey/black dolomite (20%), calcareous when scratched.						SADDLEWORTH FORMATION (Nbs) Burra Group/Torrensian						
6 9				SILTY DOLOMITE		Grey and grey/black, some massive fragments and some bedded fragments exhibiting micro laminae and a schistosity oblique to bedding observed in some fragments. Mostly grey/black dolomite (55-60%) with lesser grey dolomite, quite silty, some weathered fine grained brown slightly sandy fragments, calcareous when scratched.												
9 18				SILTY DOLOMITE		Grey/black dolomite with minor grey dolomite, sub-fissile, minor laminae with some fragments showing wavy laminae, some soft brown weathered dolomite, very silty, rare hard white irregular calcareous nodules (calcite) up to 2mm, calcareous when scratched.												
19 24				SILTY DOLOMITE		As above but more dark grey/black dolomite and more hard white calcareous clusters up to 10mm, rare white well rounded quartz (5mm in size) increasing in size with depth (up to 10mm), very silty, minor soft grey/brown and grey dolomite (5-10%), calcareous when scratched.												
REMARKS:										DRILL TYPE: ROTARY HAMMER				COMPLETED: 7/6/97				
										CIRCULATION: AIR				LOGGED BY: D.MORTON				
										DATE: 1/8/97				SHEET 1 of 2				

PROJECT: Clare Valley Groundwater Assessment		DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY RESOURCES - SOUTH AUSTRALIA WATER WELL LOG GROUNDWATER DIVISION CONTINUATION SHEET					PERMIT NO: 41497		
							UNIT NO: 6630-2793		
							DME		
DEPTH (m)		GRAPHIC LOG	ROCK / SEDIMENT NAME	GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	FORMATION / AGE	DEPTH CORE SAMPLE	CASING		
From	To						Dia (mm)	From (m)	To (m)
24	27		SILTY DOLOMITE	As above but with minute copper-brown pyrrhotite staining and fine grained weathered pyrite.	SADDLEWORTH FORMATION (Nbs) Burra Group/Torrensian				
27	39		SILTY DOLOMITE	As above but with abundant pyrite (10%) showing cubic crystal habit, mainly fine grained and disseminated throughout or in clusters up to 5mm in width, rare well rounded white quartz grains up to 3mm, rare pyrrhotite coating on cleavage planes at approx 30m. A decrease in amount of pyrite from 33-36m, some white highly calcareous nodules (calcite), minor pale grey dolomite. EOH					
						SHEET 2 of 2			

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									UNIT NO: 6630-2794			
									Hundred: 6630		Sec:395	
LOCATION OR COORDS: Wendouree		EL Surface (m):		EL Ref Point (m):		Datum:						
		AQUIFER		DEPTH TO WATER CUT (m)	DEPTH TO STANDING WATER (m)	INTERVAL (m)		SUPPLY			TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS	
						From	To	l/sec	Test length	Method	mg/ltr	Analysis No:
SUMMARY:			5	4.5	5	7	0.5		AIRLIFT			
			15	4	15	17	1			1200		
			51	4	51	52	2			1105		
DEPTH (m)		GRAPHIC LOG	ROCK/SEDIMENT NAME	GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION				FORMATION/AGE	DEPTH CORE SAMPLE	CASING		
From	To									Dia (mm)	From (m)	To (m)
0	5		CLAY	Brown with minor grey, plastic, soft to slightly firm, quite sandy, fine to medium sub- angular sand grains, sub-angular quartz gravel to 10mm, some calcareous gravel to 20mm.				Quaternary		206	0	
5	9		SILTY DOLOMITE	Grey (50%) and grey/black (50%) dolomite, sub-fissile to massive fragments, grey/black material is better indurated than grey dolomite, occasional hard white grains of calcite (up to 1mm) and nodules (up to 4mm), pale grey clay and silt throughout in minor quantities.				SADDLEWORTH FORMATION (Nbs) Burra Group/Torrensian	7.9 -8.7			5.5
9	12		SILTY DOLOMITE	Grey and grey/black dolomite, mainly sub-fissile, some dark grey laminae 1-2mm every 6mm, abundant clay, minor silt.								
12	21		SILTY DOLOMITE	Grey and grey/black dolomite with minor soft weathered pale brown dolomite, rare white calcareous nodules throughout. Fractures/cleavages appear to be lined with pale grey silt.								
21	27		SILTY DOLOMITE	Grey and grey/black dolomite, mostly grey/black, sub-fissile to fissile some minor laminae and wavy laminae, occasional massive fragments, some soft pale grey weathered cleavage planes, some soft grey-brown dolomite, minor coarse sub-rounded white quartz grains, some disseminated pyrite (<1%) exhibiting cubic crystal structure extremely fine to 1mm, possible fracture surfaces containing brown oxide staining.					24.0 -25.9			
REMARKS:								DRILL TYPE: HAMMER		COMPLETED: 12/6/97		
								CIRCULATION: AIR		LOGGED BY: D.MORTON		
								DATE: 1/8/97		SHEET 1 of 2		

PROJECT: Clare Valley Groundwater Assessment		DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY RESOURCES - SOUTH AUSTRALIA WATER WELL LOG CONTINUATION SHEET					PERMIT NO: 41498			
							UNIT NO: 6630-2794			
							DME			
DEPTH (m)		GRAPHIC LOG	ROCK / SEDIMENT NAME	GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	FORMATION / AGE	DEPTH CORE SAMPLE	CASING			
From	To						Dia (mm)	From (m)	To (m)	
27	60		SILTY DOLOMITE	Grey and grey/black dolomite, sub-fissile, occasional soft brown weathered dolomite (possible cavings?), rare to occasional pyrite crystal (1mm), occasional sub-rounded white quartz grains to 3mm (non-calcareous), some soft to firm pale grey dolomite and soft weathered brown-grey dolomite. The larger dolomite fragments are dark grey in colour and pale grey along the split or cleavage surface. Increase in brown dolomite to 10% from 48-51 metres.	SADDLEWORTH FORMATION (Nbs) Burra Group/Torrensian	70.0 -71.7				
60	72	SILTY DOLOMITE	Grey and Grey/black dolomite composed mainly of silt and mud held by a calcareous cement. Pale grey laminae defined by a change in colour, increase in pyrite crystals very fine to 1mm at various stages of formation although the majority showing some cubic crystal structure and occurring either concentrated along bedding planes and in short seams up to 10mm long concordant with bedding, or in short seams up to 15mm long cross-cutting bedding, pyrite appears mainly associated with the softer paler grey laminae (which may represent an infilled fracture along a cleavage plane?). Other fractures appear clean or covered in a white calcareous ‘crust’, some pyrite clusters on some surfaces.							
72	99	SILTY DOLOMITE	As previous but with more pyrite (3-5%) and organic carbon content, rare white calcareous nodule, quite silty throughout.							
99	102	SILTY DOLOMITE	Grey and grey/black dolomite, sub-fissile, minor disseminated pyrite, rare white/grey clay, less silt than previous.							
102	116.8	SILTY DOLOMITE	Grey and grey/black, sub-fissile, increase in grain size of pyrite (to 2mm), minor quartz (mostly associated with pyrite), silt throughout. EOH							
							SHEET 2 of 2			

PROJECT: Clare Valley Groundwater Assessment		DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY RESOURCES - SOUTH AUSTRALIA						PERMIT NO: 41499				
LOCATION OR COORDS: Pearce Road		WATER WELL LOG GROUNDWATER DIVISION						UNIT NO: 6630-2795				
EL Surface (m):		EL Ref Point (m):		Datum:		Hundred: 6630 Sec: 26						
AQUIFER SUMMARY:		DEPTH TO WATER CUT (m)	DEPTH TO STANDING WATER (m)	INTERVAL (m)		SUPPLY			TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS			
				From	To	l/sec	Test length	Method	mg/ltr	Analysis No:		
		4 34	9 5	4 34	10.2 37	2 1		AIRLIFT	561			
DEPTH (m)		GRAPHIC LOG	ROCK/SEDIMENT NAME	GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION				FORMATION/AGE	DEPTH CORE SAMPLE	CASING		
From	To									Dia (mm)	From (m)	To (m)
0	3		CLAY	Brown, soft, damp, some sand comprising fine to coarse sub-angular grains, some silt, some roots, some angular weakly calcareous gravel to 10mm.				QUATERNARY		206	0	
3	7		Gravelly CLAY	Grey-brown, soft to firm, wet, very sticky, some fine to coarse angular to sub-angular sand, generally non-calcareous, angular to sub-angular gravel to 15mm composed of siltstone weakly calcareous in parts.					7.7 -9.7			7
7	15		DOLOMITIC META-SILTSTONE	Grey laminated siltstone, fissile, weakly calcareous in parts, interbedded with minor grey/black sandstone layers composed of fine to very fine sub-rounded sand grains in a highly calcareous cement. Fractures occur either concordant with bedding and infilled with a soft pale grey silt or stained with a brown oxide, or discordant with bedding and exhibiting brown oxide staining on the fracture surface. Rare white calcareous nodules throughout. Large fracture struck at 10.2 metres.				MINTARO SHALE (Nbi) Burra Group/Torrensian				
15	26		DOLOMITIC META-SILTSTONE	As above but with massive pyrite up to 1mm sometimes in association with white recrystallised quartz, and sometimes showing striated crystal faces (octahedral in shape?), orange oxide staining on fragments from 21-24 metres								
26	36		DOLOMITIC META- SILTSTONE	Grey siltstone, fairly massive, no obvious bedding or laminae although fracturing tends to occur along a preferred plane of orientation, abundant sub-rounded to sub-angular fine to coarse sand grains and silt, the sand and silt are highly calcareous when scratched the siltstone varies from non-calcareous to weakly calcareous. Fracture surfaces are either clean or associated with a white calcareous powder, rare fine pyrite grains up to 2mm in size exhibiting a cubic crystal habit occur in fracture surfaces.					26.0 -28.8			
REMARKS:								DRILL TYPE: HAMMER		COMPLETED: 15/6/97		
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								DATE: 1/8/97		SHEET 1 of 2		

PROJECT: Clare Valley Groundwater Assessment		DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY RESOURCES - SOUTH AUSTRALIA						PERMIT NO: 41499			
WATER WELL LOG									UNIT NO: 6630-2795		
CONTINUATION SHEET									DME		
DEPTH (m)		GRAPHIC LOG	ROCK / SEDIMENT NAME	GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION	FORMATION / AGE	DEPTH CORE SAMPLE	CASING				
From	To						Dia (mm)	From (m)	To (m)		
36	54		DOLOMITIC META-SILTSTONE	As above but with abundant clear and white highly calcareous angular carbonate fragments and rare cubic pyrite crystals up to 4mm generally found in association with the calcite (probably vein material) or as massive inclusions up to 4mm, some grey green siltstone.	MINTARO SHALE (Nbi) Burra Group/Torrensian						
54	100		DOLOMITIC META-SILTSTONE	Grey siltstone, laminated in parts with laminae < 0.05mm wide and dark in colour, a preferred orientation of fracturing observed which appears parallel to bedding, some massive pyrite clusters associated with the laminae (parallel to bedding) Soft grey silt layers are possibly infilled zones of weakness along cleavage/fracture planes rather than a sediment layer?. Fractures appear to be coated with a white weakly calcareous material, rare bronzy pyrrhotite coating on some surfaces, some pyrite clusters 2-3mm wide throughout, some small yellow- brown soft to firm silt fragments, rare green siltstone fragments, rare hard yellow clay blobs (possibly derived from large fractures). EOH		70.0 -73.1					
						SHEET 2 of 2					

PROJECT: Clare Valley Groundwater Assessment					DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY RESOURCES - SOUTH AUSTRALIA					PERMIT NO: 41500									
					WATER WELL LOG														
					GROUNDWATER DIVISION														
LOCATION OR COORDS: Watervale Oval										UNIT NO: 6630-2796									
EL Surface (m):					EL Ref Point (m):					Datum:									
										Hundred: CLARE Sec: 144									
AQUIFER SUMMARY:			DEPTH TO WATER CUT (m)		DEPTH TO STANDING WATER (m)		INTERVAL (m)		SUPPLY			TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS							
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														830					
DEPTH (m)		GRAPHIC LOG	ROCK/SEDIMENT NAME	GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION						FORMATION/AGE		DEPTH CORE SAMPLE	CASING						
From	To															Dia (mm)	From (m)	To (m)	
0	4.5		CLAY	Brown, dry, stiff, calcareous, some calcareous gravel to 4mm, minor silt. Water cut at 4.5 m - gravel layer (smooth and fairly well rounded siltstone gravel).						QUATERNARY			206	0	9.4				
4.5	6	CLAY & GRAVEL BEDS	Brown, wet, good plastisity, calcareous in parts, some white calcareous gravel to 2mm.																
6	8	GRAVEL & CLAY	Red, yellow, green & white river bed gravel to 30mm, composed of smooth and fairly well rounded fragments of quartz, siltstone, shale, calcareous in parts, some brown, wet, plastic calcareous clay, some grey dolomitic siltstone fragments.																
8	27	DOLOMITIC META-SILTSTONE	Dark grey bedded dolomitic siltstone, fissile to sub-fissile (calcareous in parts), abundant silt some interbedded very fine grained calcareous sandstone containing sub-rounded quartz grains and minor opaques, set in a silt matrix with calcareous cement, rare pyrite grains approx 1mm exhibiting a cubic crystal habit, some fine black laminae <0.5mm thick occurring every 1-2mm over a 10mm thick interval, fracture surfaces are identified by a brown-orange oxide surface coating, abundant silt.																
27	51		DOLOMITIC META-SILTSTONE	Dark grey, thinly bedded dolomitic siltstone, fissile, flaky in appearance, as above but some highly calcareous white angular (calcite?) fragments to 10mm, more bedded than previous, pyrite and lesser pyrrhotite observed along laminae either in clusters or as discrete grains exhibiting 1 to 2 striated crystal faces and increasing in size with depth (up to 6mm), highly fractured zone from 48-51 exhibited by abundant white calcareous vein material in the sample.						MINTARO SHALE (Nbi) Burra Group/Torrensian									
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							UNIT NO: 6630-2796		
							DME		
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From	To						Dia (mm)	From (m)	To (m)
51	99.2		DOLOMITIC META- SILTSTONE	As previous but with occasional pyrite and rare pyrrhotite, decrease in pyrite and pyrrhotite content with depth. EOH	MINTARO SHALE (Nbi) Burra Group/Torrensian				
						SHEET 2 of 2			

PROJECT: Clare Valley Groundwater Assessment		DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND ENERGY RESOURCES - SOUTH AUSTRALIA WATER WELL LOG GROUNDWATER DIVISION						PERMIT NO: 41501				
LOCATION OR COORDS: Watervale Oval								UNIT NO: 6630-2797				
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AQUIFER SUMMARY:		DEPTH TO WATER CUT (m)	DEPTH TO STANDING WATER (m)	INTERVAL (m)		SUPPLY			TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS			
				From	To	l/sec	Test length	Method	mg/ltr	Analysis No:		
		51	5.2	51	53	1		AIRLIFT	683			
DEPTH (m)		GRAPHIC LOG	ROCK/SEDIMENT NAME	GEOLOGICAL DESCRIPTION				FORMATION/AGE	DEPTH CORE SAMPLE	CASING		
From	To											
0	3		CLAY & GRAVEL	Red-brown topsoil composed of a dry, stiff, generally non-calcareous clay, some white calcareous gravel to 3mm, over pale grey dry highly calcareous clay, over grey yellow-orange and white gravel, fine to coarse river gravel composed of grey weathered laminated and non-laminated siltstone, yellow-orange sandstone with a calcareous cement and clay matrix, calcrete, some sub-angular to sub-rounded sand grains.				QUATERNARY		206	0	
3	10		WEATHERED DOLOMITIC SILTSTONE	Pale grey and grey thinly bedded weathered dolomitic siltstone, fissile elongated aggregates, laminated in parts with laminae (~0.5-1mm thick) distinguished by a paler change in colour, some white calcrete nodules 1mm to 5mm, some brown-orange oxide stained fragments, weathered grey/brown dolomitic siltstone constitutes 10-15% of volume.				MINTARO SHALE (Nbi) Burra Group/Torrensian				7.5
10	18		DOLOMITIC META- SILTSTONE	Dark-grey dolomitic siltstone, fissile and hard, fine black laminae in parts, some fine-medium hard white calcareous nodules throughout, occasional brown oxide stained cleavage/bedding plane, dolomitic siltstone composed of silt with a calcareous cement although some very fine sandstone fragments observed, some small whitish blebs observed on some fragments indicating a varying carbonate composition throughout.								
18	48		DOLOMITIC META-SILTSTONE	As above but increase in amount of brown oxide staining on some surfaces in the 18-21 metre interval. some pyrite, occurring either disseminated or in massive lenses either forming along laminae or infilling cleavages, some finely disseminated pyrrhotite.					26.0 -28.4			
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								CIRCULATION: AIR		LOGGED BY: D.MORTON		
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							UNIT NO: 6630-2797		
							DME		
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From	To						Dia (mm)	From (m)	To (m)
48	57		DOLOMITIC META-SILTSTONE	As previous, slight increase in amount of pyritic surfaces, veins and white carbonate surfaces, increase in size of discrete pyrite grains up to 2mm, showing 1-2 crystal faces and striated surfaces.	MINTARO SHALE (Nbi) Burra Group/Torrensian	49.1 -51.8			
57	100		DOLOMITIC META-SILTSTONE	As previous but less pyrite EOH		53.6 -56.1 75.0 -78.0			
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APPENDIX C
LIST OF CORE SAMPLES

CORE SAMPLES

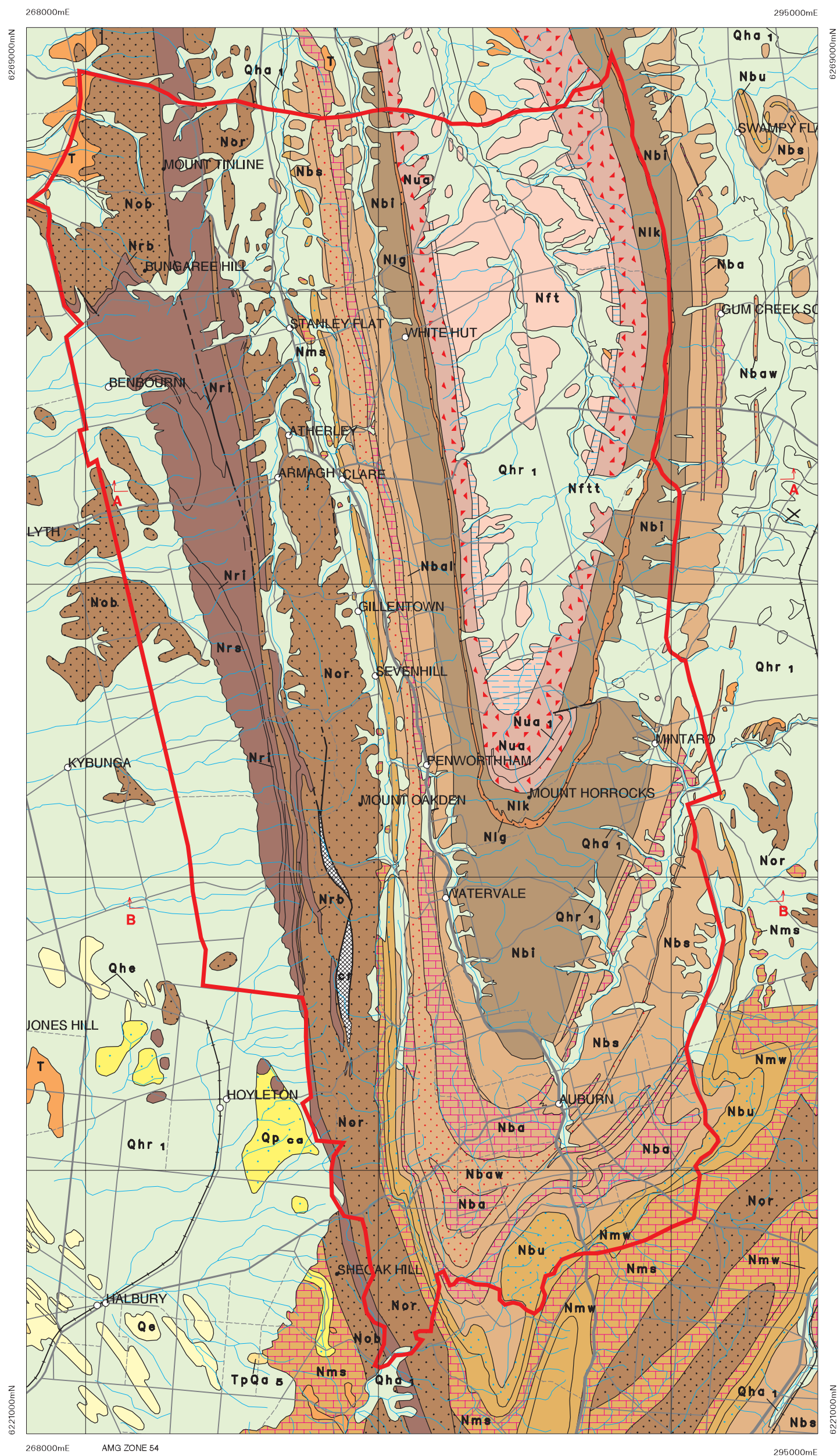
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		3/6/97	39.8 - 40.7	40.30 40.40* 40.60*
41497	Wendouree	6/6/97	-	-
41498	Wendouree	7/6/97	7.9 - 8.7 24.0 - 25.9 70.0 - 71.7	8.20 8.50* 24.10 - 24.62 25.00 - 25.25 25.45 - 25.75* 70.30 - 70.50 70.70 - 71.00* 71.15 - 71.27
41499	Pearce Road	10/6/97	7.7 - 9.7 26.0 - 28.8 70.0 - 73.10	7.70 - 8.00 8.20 - 8.45 8.70 - 8.95* 9.20 - 9.55 26.3 - 26.58* 26.7 - 27.10 27.73 - 28.0 70.7 - 71.0* 71.0 - 71.25 72.1 - 72.35
41500	Watervale Oval	16/6/97	-	-
41501	Watervale Oval	19/6/97	26.3 - 28.4 49.12 - 51.79 53.6 - 56.13 75.0 - 78.0	26.3 - 26.5* 26.9 - 27.2 27.45 - 27.8 49.5 - 49.7 50.4 - 50.6 50.6 - 50.8 50.8 - 51.04 53.7 - 53.8 55.1 - 55.3* 55.45 - 55.56 75.3 - 75.55 75.72 - 76.10 76.62 - 76.92* 77.25 - 77.65









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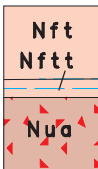
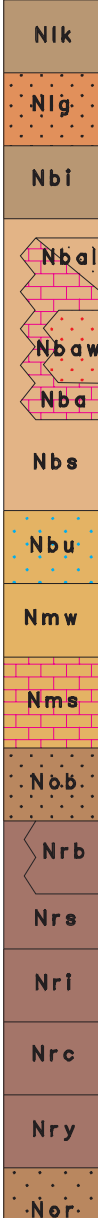
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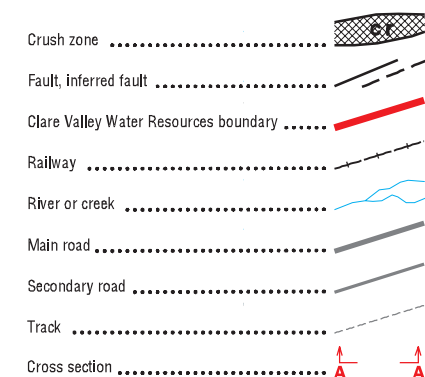
GEOLOGY MAP OF THE CLARE REGION

CLARE VALLEY WATER RESOURCES GEOLOGICAL MAP



REFERENCE	
	HOLOCENE Present day alluvium
	Undifferentiated aeolian sediments
	Talus and downwash sediments
	PLEISTOCENE-HOLOCENE Undifferentiated aeolian sediments
	PLEISTOCENE Undifferentiated calcrete
	Undifferentiated alluvial/fluvial sediments
	PLIOCENE-PLEISTOCENE Hindmarsh Clay, Carisbrooke Sand Ochre Cove Formation, Seaford Formation
	TERTIARY Undifferentiated

STURTIAN		TORRENSIAN	
	UMBERATANA GROUP TAPLEY HILL FORMATION Thinly laminated carbonaceous siltstone		DISCONFORMITY
	TINDEL PINA SHALE MEMBER		
	APILLA TILLITE Diamictite, siltstone, sandstone		
		BELAIR SUBGROUP	
		MUNDALLIO SUBGROUP	
		RIVER WAKEFIELD SUBGROUP	
		EMEROOD SUBGROUP	



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APPENDIX E
PETROLOGICAL DESCRIPTIONS

“Petrological Study of Five Drill Core Samples from the Clare Valley”

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Petrographic Study of Five Drill Core Samples from the Clare Valley

SUMMARY

1. Rock Samples

- * Five drill core rock samples from the Clare Valley have been studied using petrographic methods.

2. Brief Results

- * Rock names and mineralogy are summarised in TABLE 1.
- * Porosity
 - Comments on primary and secondary porosity are provided in the individual petrographic descriptions.
 - Primary porosity is considered to have been low in all samples owing to the fine-grained nature of the clastic and chemical sedimentary materials. It may have been slightly higher in some thin silt-rich layers.
 - Secondary porosity in most samples is low, owing to complete occlusion of all primary space during metamorphic recrystallisation. Moderate secondary porosity is evident in sample 41496-2, in which ragged solution cavities from millimetre to centimetre size are sparsely distributed through the rock, especially in association with quartz-rich veins and patches.

TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF ROCK NAMES AND MINERALOGY

SAMPLE	ROCK NAME	MINERALOGY*			
		Primary**	Metamorphic/alteration	Veins	Weathering
41496-1	Weakly weathered dolomitic marble	Qtz,	Dol,mus,opq(?py),chl	Dol	Goe
41496-2	Weakly weathered, quartz-veined talcose dolomitic marble	?Qtz	Dol,tlc,mus	Qtz	Goe
41498	Layered silty carbonaceous dolomite	Qtz,fld,mus	Dol,opq(grp),opq(?py)	-	-
41499	Layered dolomitic meta-siltstone	Qtz,mus,tou	Dol,bio,ser,opq(grp),opq(sulp,sph)	-	-
41501	Layered carbonaceous dolomitic meta-siltstone	Qtz,pla,mus,tou	Dol,bio,ser,opq(grp),opq(sulp,sph),sid	-	-

NOTES:

*: Minerals are listed in each paragenesis according to approximate decreasing abundance.

** : Only primary minerals currently present in the rock are listed. Others may have been present, but are altered.

Mineral abbreviations:

Bio = biotite; chl = chlorite; dol = dolomite; fld = undifferentiated feldspar minerals; goe = goethite; grp = graphitic carbonaceous material; mus = muscovite; opq = undifferentiated opaque minerals; pla = plagioclase; py = pyrite; qtz = quartz; ser = sericite; sid = siderite; sph = sphalerite; sulp = undifferentiated sulphide minerals; tlc = talc; tou = tourmaline; ? = uncertain paragenesis or mineral identification.

1. INTRODUCTION

Five drill core rock samples from the Clare Valley were collected from Ms Dawn Morton (Mines and Energy South Australia, Greenhill Road, Parkside, South Australia) on 8 December 1997.

The samples represent Skillogalee Dolomite and probable Saddleworth/Mintaro Shale. Particular requests were:

- i) To prepare a thin section and routine petrographic description (service PETRO 2) for each sample.
- ii) To include details of primary and secondary porosity and any mineral replacement.

This report contains the full results of this work.

2. METHODS

The drill core samples were examined in hand specimen and marked for section preparation. In all cases the section plane was oriented normal to bedding. Standard thin sections were obtained from an external commercial laboratory (Pontifex & Associates Pty Ltd, Rose Park, South Australia).

At Mason Geoscience Pty Ltd, conventional transmitted polarised light microscopy was used to prepare the routine petrographic descriptions.

3. PETROGRAPHIC DESCRIPTIONS

The petrographic descriptions are provided in the following pages.

SAMPLE : 41496-1 (24.1-24.19m)

SECTION NO. : 41496-1 (24.1-24.19m)

HAND SPECIMEN : The drill core sample represents a fine- to medium-grained, non-layered, pale grey crystalline rock with pervasive reddish brown tinge. Indistinct white veinlets or fracture fillings cut the rock.

The section offcut fails to react with dilute HCl, suggesting calcite is absent.

ROCK NAME : **Weakly weathered dolomitic marble**

PETROGRAPHY :

A visual estimate of the modal mineral abundances gives the following:

<u>Mineral</u>	<u>Vol. %</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Carbonate (dolomite)	92	Metamorphic / vein filling
Quartz	5	?Relict clastic particles
Muscovite	1	?Metamorphic
Opakes (?pyrite, incl. goethite)	<1	Metamorphic (incl. weathering)
Chlorite	<1	Metamorphic

In thin section, this sample displays a sutured granoblastic metamorphic texture, with possible relict arenaceous clastic texture, slightly modified by selective oxidation in response to weathering.

Carbonate (dolomite) dominates the rock, and occurs in two forms:

- i) Most occurs as anhedral grains ~0.1-0.2 mm in size that form a sutured granoblastic mosaic throughout the rock. Slightly larger grains up to ~0.4 mm in size occur locally. Many grains are equant in shape, but there is a tendency for slightly elongate grains to display a preferred orientation subparallel to aligned muscovite and quartz grains (presumably sedimentary layering).
- ii) A small amount of carbonate occurs as larger anhedral grains ~0.4 mm in size that fill uncommon, indistinct veins cutting the rock discordant to layering.

Quartz occurs in minor amount as subangular to subrounded grains ~0.2-0.4 mm in size. They are sparsely distributed throughout the rock. Their margins are sutured with adjacent dolomite, and some are slightly elongated in the trace of layering.

Muscovite occurs in minor amount as small flakes ~0.1-0.2 mm long, sparsely and irregularly distributed through the rock.

Opakes (probably pyrite) occur as tiny equant crystals with cubic morphologies, sparsely disseminated through the rock. Many display partial to complete replacement by cryptocrystalline dense dark reddish brown to opaque iron oxides (probably mainly goethite).

Chlorite is present in minor amount as very fine-grained small patches, sparsely distributed through the rock.

INTERPRETATION:

This sample represents a carbonate sediment. It is thought to have been composed originally of abundant carbonate accompanied by minor clastic particles (mainly quartz, but possibly with minor muscovite). Weak layering was defined by alignment of muscovite and some of the quartz grains.

Subsequent low-grade regional metamorphism (greenschist facies) resulted in recrystallisation of the carbonate to sutured granoblastic dolomite, accompanied by accessory small sulphide crystals (?pyrite) and small chloritic aggregates. The quartz grains and muscovite grains, of inferred clastic sedimentary origin, survived the event with only slight modification of the quartz grain shapes. It should be noted that there remains some uncertainty as to the origin of the muscovite: it is possible that it belongs to the metamorphic event rather than being of clastic origin.

Client query: *Comment on primary and secondary porosity.*

Response: Metamorphic recrystallisation was quite thorough, resulting in tightly sutured granoblastic textures and consequent low secondary porosity. The nature of any primary porosity has therefore been completely obscured, but it is considered to have been low or very low, as appropriate for a fine-grained chemical sediment.

SAMPLE : 41496-2 (40.3-40.37m)

SECTION NO. : 41496-2 (40.3-40.37m)

HAND SPECIMEN : The drill core sample represents a massive medium-grained crystalline rock of pale orange-cream colour, with ragged translucent grey quartz-rich veins that are characteristically harder than the enclosing host rock. Small to large ragged solution cavities are distributed throughout the rock; most are very small (mm-sized), but uncommon larger ones up to cm size are present within and near the quartz-rich veins.

The section offcut effervesces in reaction with dilute HCl, but only in or near small cavities. This suggests a small amount of calcite is present.

ROCK NAME : **Weakly weathered, quartz-veined talcose dolomitic marble**

PETROGRAPHY :

A visual estimate of the modal mineral abundances gives the following:

<u>Mineral</u>	<u>Vol. %</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Carbonate (dolomite, minor ?calcite)	81	Metamorphic
Talc	3	Metamorphic
Muscovite	1	?Metamorphic
Quartz	1	?Clastic particles / ?metamorphic
Quartz	8	Vein filling
Goethite	<1	Weathering
Voids	5	Solution cavities

In thin section, this sample displays a sutured granoblastic metamorphic texture, weakly modified by a weathering overprint.

Carbonate is abundant, occurring as equant anhedral grains ~0.2-1.0 mm in size (mostly ~0.6-1.0 mm). They form a massive medium-grained sutured granoblastic mosaic through the rock. Most of the carbonate is inferred to be dolomite from the lack of reaction in hand specimen; no calcite has been specifically identified optically, but a small amount of calcite is inferred to be present from local reaction in hand specimen.

Quartz occurs in two forms:

- i) Most occurs as small equant anhedral grains that fill large patches or veins.
- ii) A small amount occurs as equant anhedral grains ~0.4 mm in size, sparsely and irregularly distributed through the rock. These may represent relict sand-sized clastic particles, but this interpretation remains uncertain owing to grain shape modification.

Talc occurs in significant amount as very fine-grained dense mats concentrated in elongate patches or thin tortuous laminae. They are readily distinguished from muscovite (see below) by their fine grain size, higher birefringence, and tendency to be concentrated in the patches/laminae.

Muscovite occurs in trace amount as small well-crystallised flakes sparsely scattered through the rock. They appear to be in textural equilibrium with the carbonate grains, and therefore may be of metamorphic origin.

Goethite occurs in trace amount as small cryptocrystalline dense orange-brown patches, scattered sparsely and irregularly through the rock.

Voids of variable size and ragged shape are scattered through the rock. The lack of stain in the mounting medium makes them somewhat difficult to detect.

INTERPRETATION:

This sample is interpreted to represent a carbonate sediment, originally composed of abundant carbonate of chemical sedimentary origin, accompanied by minor clastic materials (mainly quartz and minor clays). Low-grade regional metamorphism affected the rock in particular ways:

- i) Most of the rock recrystallised to abundant dolomite, accompanied by minor talc and muscovite.
- ii) Quartz-rich veins developed locally in the rock.

Subsequent near-surface oxidation generated a trace amount of goethite as small patches scattered through the rock.

Client query: *Comment on the primary and secondary porosity.*

Response: Secondary porosity is moderate, as indicated by the small to large solution cavities scattered through the rock. Largest ones are associated with the quartz-rich veins and patches, but small ones occur throughout the rock. Primary porosity is inferred to have been low to very low, owing to the fine-grained nature of the primary carbonate chemical sediment.

SAMPLE : 41498 (71.15-71.33m)

SECTION NO. : 41498 (71.15-71.33m)

HAND SPECIMEN : The drill core sample represents a very dark grey rock in which thin lamination is evident.

The section offcut fails to react with dilute HCl, suggesting calcite is absent.

ROCK NAME : **Layered silty carbonaceous dolomite**

PETROGRAPHY :

A visual estimate of the modal mineral abundances gives the following:

<u>Mineral</u>	<u>Vol. %</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Quartz	3	Clastic particles
Feldspar	2	Clastic particles
Muscovite	2	Clastic particles
Tourmaline	Tr	Clastic particles
Carbonate (dolomite)	78	Recrystallised sedimentary matrix
Opaques (carbonaceous materials)	15	Recrystallised sedimentary matrix
Opaques (?pyrite)	Tr	Metamorphic

In thin section, this sample displays a fine-grained clastic sedimentary texture with particle layering, modified by low-grade metamorphic recrystallisation.

Clastic particles occur in minor amount, and vary in abundance from layer to layer. Small angular particles of quartz, feldspar and muscovite are distinguished. Rare small pleochroic green tourmaline grains also are observed.

The matrix is dominated by carbonate (dolomite), which occurs as tiny ragged grains of micron size (~2-20 m) which form a dense mosaic throughout the rock. Submicron-sized opaque material is diffusely distributed throughout the dolomitic matrix, and is inferred to be of carbonaceous origin. Sparsely disseminated through the matrix are tiny equant to ovoid opaque grains (probably pyrite): the presence of some ovoid shapes suggest they may be framboidal in nature.

INTERPRETATION:

This sample represents a fine-grained silty carbonate sedimentary rock, originally composed of abundant fine chemical sedimentary materials (mainly carbonate, with minor carbonaceous and possibly sulphidic components) and minor silty clastic crystal particles (quartz, feldspar, muscovite, tourmaline). Low-grade regional metamorphism, possibly in the lower greenschist facies, resulted in incipient recrystallisation of the matrix to carbonate (dolomite) + carbonaceous material + opaques (?pyrite). The clastic particles remained unaffected.

Client query: Comment on primary and secondary porosity.

Response: The secondary porosity is low, owing to the finely recrystallised texture of the matrix and the lack of effect on the silty particles. The primary porosity most likely also was low, consistent with the very fine-grained nature of the primary silty chemical sediment.

AMPLE : 41499 (71.0-71.25m)

SECTION NO. : 41499 (71.0-71.25m)

HAND SPECIMEN : The drill core sample represents a thinly layered sedimentary rock, in which layers are alternately dark brownish grey and paler greenish grey. Small lustrous sulphide aggregates are sparsely scattered through the rock, and tend to be oriented in the plane of layering.

The section offcut fails to react with dilute HCl, suggesting calcite is absent.

ROCK NAME : **Layered dolomitic meta-siltstone**

PETROGRAPHY :

A visual estimate of the modal mineral abundances gives the following:

<u>Mineral</u>	<u>Vol.%</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Quartz	30	Clastic particles
Muscovite	Tr	Clastic particles
Tourmaline	Tr	Clastic particles
Carbonate (dolomite)	36	Metamorphic matrix
Biotite	20	Metamorphic matrix
Sericite	10	Metamorphic matrix
Opaques (carbonaceous material)	2	Metamorphic matrix
Opaques (sulphides, incl. sphalerite)	<1	Metamorphic matrix

In thin section, this sample displays a fine-grained clastic sedimentary texture, with layering defined by abundance of clastic particles, and modified by low-grade metamorphic recrystallisation of the matrix.

Clastic particles are moderately abundant. Quartz occurs as small angular crystals fragments that range in size ~0.05-0.2 mm. Most lie in the range ~0.05-0.1 mm, and the larger particles ~0.2 mm are concentrated in thin laminae. Muscovite flakes range up to ~0.3 mm, and are aligned in the trace of layering. Tourmaline is rare, forming small crystal fragments pleochroic in drab greens.

Carbonate (dolomite) is moderately abundant, occurring as tiny ragged grains that are more abundant in the layers richer in silty crystal fragments.

Biotite occurs as small ragged flakes ~0.05-0.1 mm in size, pleochroic from tan brown to very pale yellow. They are randomly oriented, and therefore may have formed in the absence of a directed stress field. It is distributed throughout the rock, but is more abundant in the layers richer in silty fragments.

Sericite occurs as tiny flecks distributed through most of the rock, but more abundantly in those layers poorer in silty crystal fragments. The sericite is distinguishable by its small size from the larger clastic muscovite particles.

Opaques occur in two forms:

- i) Some occurs as submicron-sized materials sparsely distributed through the rock, and is more abundant in the particle-poor layers. It appears to be of carbonaceous origin.

- ii) Some occurs as tiny disseminated ragged grains, and larger crystalline aggregates elongated in the trace of layering. These opaques represent the lustrous sulphide aggregates observed in hand specimen, and may be mainly pyrrhotite or pyrite. A trace of sphalerite has been identified (deep red-brown colour, isotropic) as small ragged grains marginal to some opaque aggregates.

INTERPRETATION:

This sample represents a layered silty sedimentary rock. Layers were originally composed of variable proportions of crystal fragments (quartz, muscovite, tourmaline) in a fine matrix composed of clays, carbonate materials, and carbonaceous materials.

Recrystallisation of the matrix under low-grade regional metamorphic conditions in the middle greenschist facies (biotite-stable) generated the new assemblage of carbonate (dolomite) + biotite + sericite + carbonaceous material + opaques (sulphides, including sphalerite). The components of the sulphides (viz. S, Fe, Zn) are considered to have been derived locally from the sediment, and therefore formed part of the primary sedimentary layered materials.

Client query: *Comment on the primary and secondary porosity.*

Response: The secondary porosity is low, owing to the fine-grained nature of the recrystallised matrix. The primary porosity is also considered to have been low, according to the fine-grained nature of the primary clastic and chemical sedimentary components.

SAMPLE : 41501 (75.3-75.55m)

SECTION NO. : 41501 (75.3-75.55m)

HAND SPECIMEN : The drill core sample represents a layered sedimentary rock, in which thicker medium grey-green layers alternate with thin dark green-black laminae.

The section offcut fails to effervesce in reaction with dilute HCl, suggesting calcite is absent.

ROCK NAME : **Layered carbonaceous dolomitic meta-siltstone**

PETROGRAPHY :

A visual estimate of the modal mineral abundances gives the following:

<u>Mineral</u>	<u>Vol.%</u>	<u>Origin</u>
Quartz	20	Clastic particles
Plagioclase	Tr	Clastic particles
Muscovite	Tr	Clastic particles
Tourmaline	Tr	Clastic particles
Carbonate (dolomite)	47	Metamorphic (recrystallised matrix)
Carbonate (?siderite)	Tr	Metamorphic
Biotite	12	Metamorphic (recrystallised matrix)
Sericite	15	Metamorphic (recrystallised matrix)
Opakes (carbonaceous material)	5	Metamorphic (recrystallised matrix)
Opakes (?sulphides, incl. sphalerite)	<1	Metamorphic

In thin section, this sample displays a fine-grained clastic sedimentary texture with layering, modified by metamorphic recrystallisation.

Clastic particles occur in significant amount. Quartz forms small angular crystal fragments ~0.1 mm in size abundantly in coarser silty layers, and ~0.05 mm in size in minor amount in thicker dolomitic argillite layers. Plagioclase occurs as small angular crystal fragments with characteristic polysynthetic twinning, associated with abundant quartz in the particle-rich coarser silty layers. Muscovite flakes ~0.1 mm long are uncommon, and pleochroic green tourmaline grains are rare.

Carbonates of different types are identified:

- Most occurs as tiny ragged grains of dolomite that form a sutured microgranular mosaic in the thicker dolomitic argillite layers. Larger anhedral dolomite grains occur in the coarser silty layers.
- Larger anhedral dolomite grains are concentrated in uncommon ovoid patches that lie in the trace of the layering. These patches may contain finer-grained aggregates of higher-relief carbonate which has the appearance of an Fe-carbonate (siderite).

Biotite is moderately abundant, occurring as small ragged flakes pleochroic in orange-yellow colours. The flakes are randomly oriented, suggesting crystallisation in the absence of a directed stress field.

The biotite is most abundant in the coarser silty layers, and occurs in only minor amount in the thicker dolomitic argillite layers.

Sericite occurs as tiny flecks distributed through most layers, but most abundant in the dolomitic argillite layers.

Opaques occur in different forms:

- i) Some occurs as submicron-sized materials, concentrated in thin laminae and to a lesser extent in the thicker dolomitic argillite layers. This opaque material is likely to be of carbonaceous nature.
- ii) Some opaques occur as tiny grains disseminated through the rock, as fine-grained granular aggregates concentrated in feathery concordant to slightly discordant discontinuous veinlets, and as granular aggregates in uncommon coarser-grained lenses with dolomite. Most of these opaques are considered to be sulphide (pyrite or pyrrhotite), but some grains of reddish brown sphalerite occur in the coarser lenses.

INTERPRETATION:

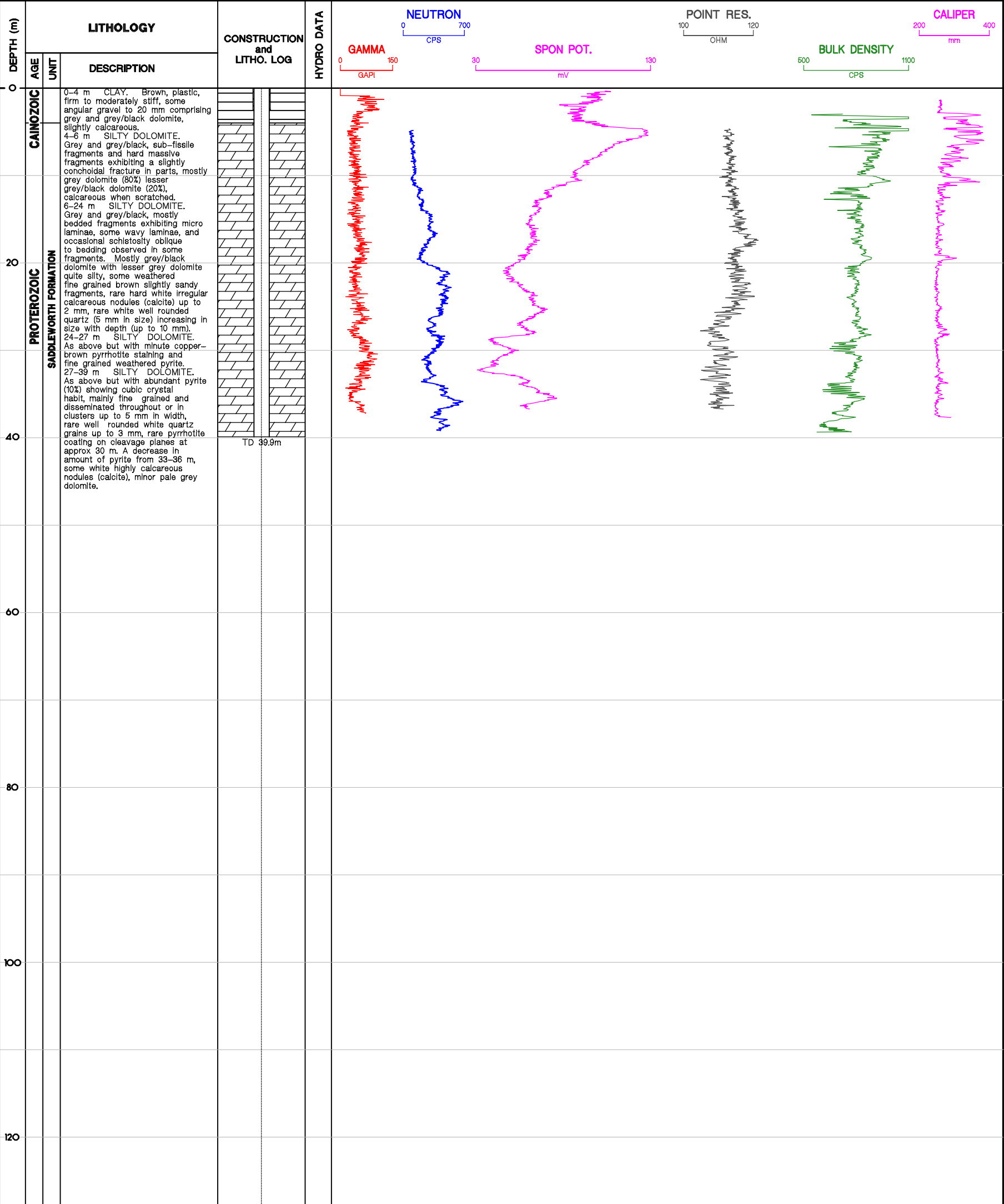
This sample represents a layered silty sedimentary rock, originally composed of small clastic particles (quartz, plagioclase, muscovite, tourmaline) in a very fine matrix of carbonate, clays, carbonaceous material and sulphidic components. Particle size layering defined silt-rich and silt-poor (dolomitic argillite) sedimentary layers. Thin carbonaceous laminae contributed to the primary sedimentary layering.

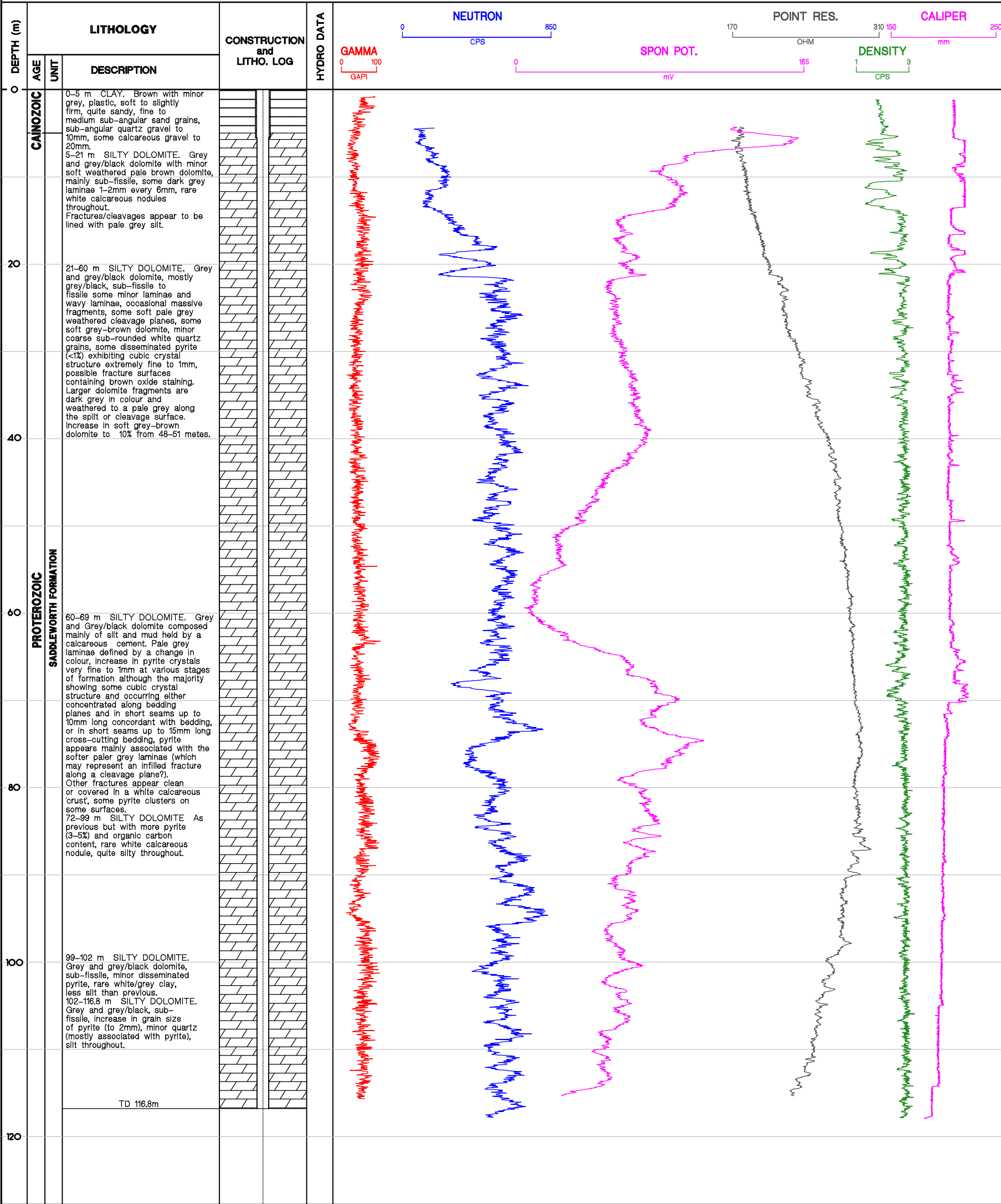
Low-grade regional metamorphism in the middle greenschist facies caused recrystallisation of the matrix materials, generating the new assemblage of dolomite + biotite + sericite + carbonaceous material + opaques (sulphides including sphalerite).

Client query: Comment on primary and secondary porosity.

Response: The primary porosity is considered to have been low, owing to the fine-grained nature of the clastic sedimentary materials. However, some of the coarser silt-rich layers may have had a higher porosity defined by open interparticle pores. The secondary porosity of the rock is low in all layers, owing to complete occlusion of all space during metamorphic recrystallisation of matrix components.

APPENDIX F
COMPOSITE WELL LOGS





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