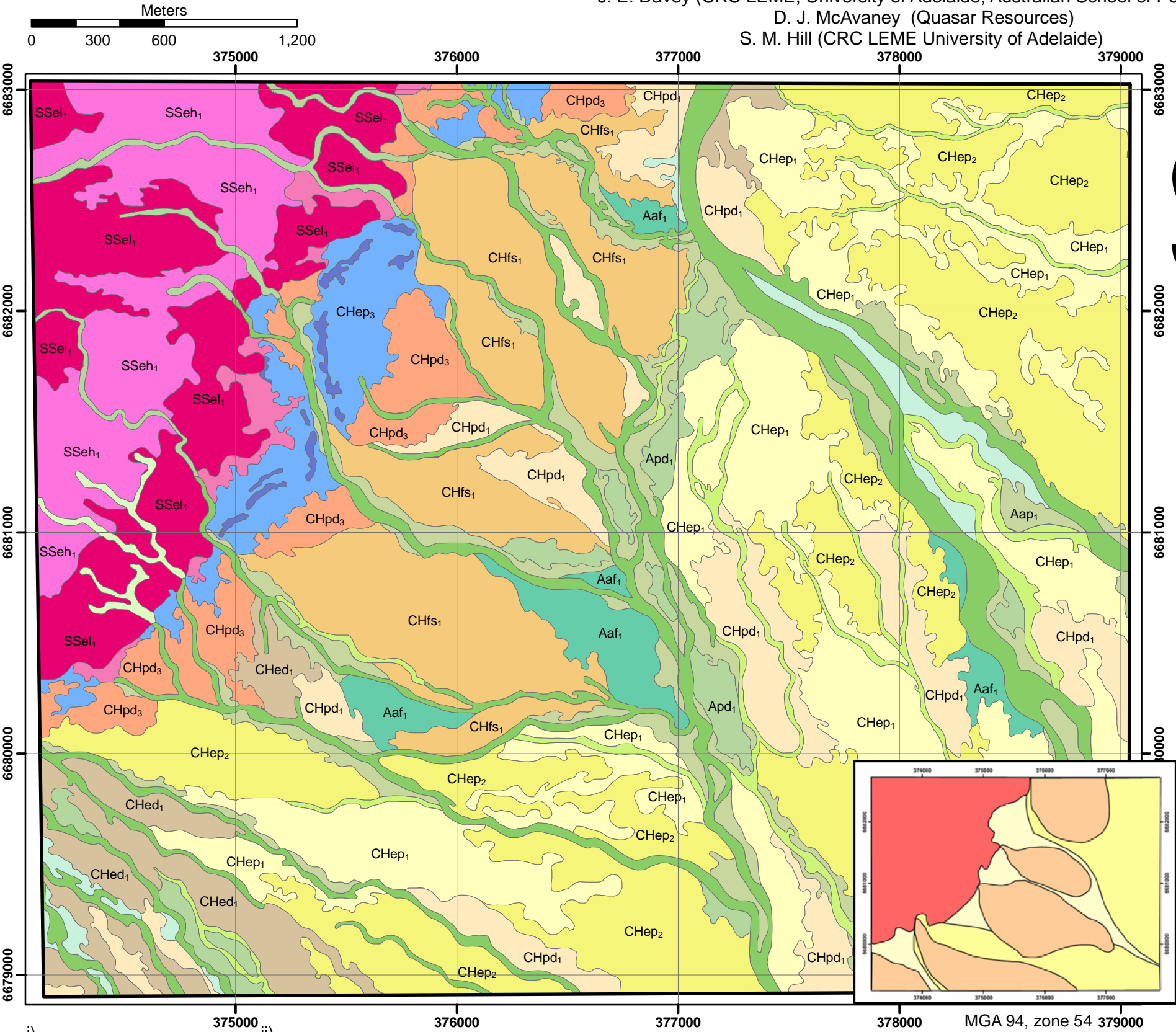


# Parabarana, Northern Flinders Ranges, Australia

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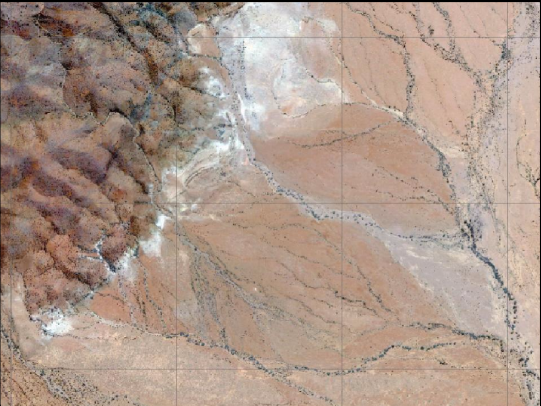
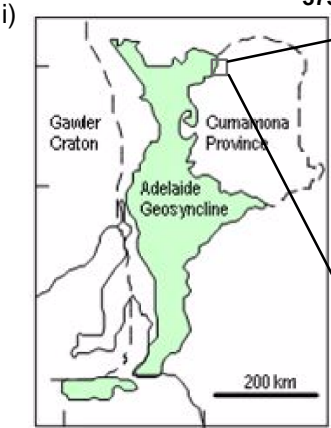
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## Regolith Landform Units

- Aap1 (alluvial sediments / alluvial plain): orange-brown, fine to coarse-grained sands & silts, sub-angular to rounded quartz, silcrete, granite & lithic clasts & pebbles on a low relief (0-9 m) landform. Incised streams and small channels throughout. Vegetation is sparse, dominated by forbs & some chenopods.
- Aap2 (alluvial sediments / alluvial plain): orange-brown, fine to coarse-grained sands & silts, sub-angular to rounded quartz, silcrete, granite & lithic clasts & pebbles on a low relief (0-9 m) landform. Ephemeral swamps & drainage depressions throughout. Vegetation is dense, dominated by woodland species.
- Apd (alluvial sediments/depositional plain): orange-brown, fine to coarse-grained sands & silts, sub-angular to rounded quartz, silcrete, granite & lithic clasts & pebbles, hosted on a low relief (0-9 m) depositional landform. Vegetation is sparse.
- Afa (alluvial sediments/alluvial fan): orange-brown, fine to coarse-grained sands & silts, on a low angle, elongated fan. Minor drainage depressions along the margins. Vegetation is dominated by chenopod shrubs & some woodland species.
- Aed1 (alluvial sediments / erosional drainage): orange-brown, fine to coarse-grained sands & silts, rounded quartz & lithic pebbles, mionr exposures of silicified sandstone in shallow, incised drainage. Vegetation is dominated by forbs & chenopod shrubs.
- Aed2 (alluvial sediments / erosional drainage): grey-brown, fine-grained sands, sub-angular to sub-rounded granite clasts in a shallow valley, erosional drainage. Vegetation is emu bush & some chenopod shrubs.
- ACah1 (active channel sediments / active channel): grey-brown, fine to coarse-grained sands & silts, sub-rounded quartz & lithic pebbles, in broad, anastomising, ephemeral channels. Vegetation is dominated by Eucalyptus camaldulensis.
- ACah2 (active channel sediments / active channel): grey-brown, fine to coarse-grained sands & silts, sub rounded quartz & lithic pebbles, sub-angular granite clasts, exposures of highly polished granite in a gorge like channel. Vegetation is emu bush.
- CHed (sheetflow sediments / erosional drainage): orange-brown, fine to coarse-grained sands & silts, sub-angular to rounded quartz, silcrete, granite & lithic clasts & pebbles, on an erosional landform with anastomising channels & streams. Vegetation is dominated by woodland species.
- CHpd1 (sheet flow sediments / depositional plain): orange-brown, fine to coarse-grained, quartzose sands & silts, sub-angular to rounded quartz, silcrete, granite & lithic clasts & pebbles. Vegetation is sparse, dominated by chenopod shrubs, forbs & grasses
- CHfs (sheetflow sediments / sheetflow fan): sub-angular to sub-rounded quartz, silcrete, sandstone & granite clasts, quartz & plagioclase pebbles, orange-brown sands & silts on a low angle broad fan. minor incised drainage throughout. Vegetaion is sparse dominated by chenopod shrublands.
- CHpd3 (sheetflow sediments / depositional plain): sub-angular, sandstone, silcrete & granite clasts, sub-rounded quartz & plagioclase pebbles banded with orange-brown, fine to coarse-grained sands & silts on a low releif (0-9 m) depositional landform. Minor incised drainage. vegetation is sparse, dominated by forbs & grasses.
- CHep1 (sheetflow sediments / erosional plain): orange-brown, fine-grained sands & silts banded with sub-rounded, quartz & lithic pebbles on a low relief (0-9 m) erosional landform. Vegetation is sparse, dominated by chenopod shrubs.
- CHep2 (sheetflow sediments / erosional plain): sub-angular to sub-rounded quartz, silcrete, sandstone & granite clasts, quartz & plagioclase pebbles, banded with orange-brown sands & silts on a low relief (0-9 m) erosional landform. Vegetaion is sparse dominated by chenopod shrublands.
- CHep3 (sheetflow sediments / erosional plain): sub-angular to sub-rounded quartz, silcrete, sandstone clasts& with minor granite clasts, banded with orange-brown sands & silts on a low angle broad fan. minor incised drainage throughout. Vegetaion is sparse dominated by chenopod shrublands.
- SMer (Moderately weathered saprolite / erosional rise): slight to moderately weathered coarse-grained to pebbly sandstone, clast supported conglomerates & moderate to highly weathered, carbonaceous shales. Landforms are low to moderate relief, often high angled, erosional rises, often surrounded by incised drainage. Vegetaion is sparse, typically chenopod shrubs & forbs.
- SSer (slightly weathered saprolite / erosional rise): slightly weathered, highly polished, granite, gneisses & quartz veins on steep, low to moderate (9-30 m) landforms. Vegetation is dominated by emu bush & chenopod shrubs.
- SSel (slightly weathered saprolite / low hill): slightly weathered, highly polished, granite, gneisses & quartz veins on steep, moderate relief (30-60 m) landforms. Vegetation is dominated by emu bush & chenopod shrubs.
- SSeh (slightly weathered saprolite / hill): slightly weathered, highly polished, granite, gneisses & quartz veins on steep, moderate to high relief (30-60 m) steep landforms. Vegetation is dominated by emu bush & chenopod shrubs.



i) Location of the study site, relative to South Australia

ii) Quickbird remotely sensed imagery used to compile the map (courtesy of Heathgate Resources)

iii) Parabarana field site