

Appendix B: Land use suitability under current climate and atmospheric carbon dioxide (see supporting data page)

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Suitabilities are re-scaled with minimum value within land use to zero and maximum value to one hundred. Surfaces therefore show the range of values within a particular land use. They should not be used to make comparison of the relative value of a piece of land in between land uses.
- Aboriginal surfaces are derived from modelled data which describe the probability of finding resources needed or related to that land use somewhere within the mapping unit. In most instances Aboriginal use would not occupy the entire mapping unit. Also data for ceremonial uses are spatially biased by survey effort in the Cobar region.
- Mining and exploration surfaces describe the likelihood of those land uses taking place in the near to mid-term future. Due to the incomplete nature of data about deposit prospectivity in the Western Division surfaces have been derived from information on recent exploration activities, known mining operations and transport / power infrastructure. Data are current as published at June 1999. As survey technology and knowledge of deposits improve it is likely that these suitability surfaces will change.
- Conservation surfaces are derived based on land management guidelines for allocating land into IUCN derived conservation categories. It is not possible to allocate conservation land uses based on known occurrences of species as these data are incomplete for the Division.

