

(based on the capability of land for long-term sustainable agricultural production)

- 1** CLASS 1
Land well suited to a wide range of intensive cropping and grazing activities. It occurs on flat land with deep, well drained soils, and in a climate that favours a wide variety of crops. While there are virtually no limitations* to agricultural usage, reasonable management inputs need to be maintained to prevent degradation of the resource. In many cases more than two crops in a single growing season are possible.
 - 2** CLASS 2
Land well suited to a wide range of intensive cropping and grazing activities. It occurs on flat to gently inclined land with deep, well drained soils, and in a climate that favours all but the most frost sensitive crops. Limitations to use are slight, and these can be readily overcome by good management and minor conservation practices. However, the level of inputs is greater, and the variety and/or number of crops that can be grown is marginally more restricted, than for Class 1 land.
 - 3** CLASS 3
Land suited to cropping and intensive grazing. Moderate levels of limitation restrict the choice of crops or reduce productivity in relation to Class 1 or Class 2 land. Soil conservation practices and sound management are needed to overcome the moderate limitations to cropping use.
 - 4** CLASS 4
Land well suited to grazing but which is limited to occasional cropping or to a very restricted range of crops. The length of cropping phase and/or range of crops are constrained by severe limitations of erosion, wetness, soils or climate. Major conservation treatments and/or careful management is required to minimise degradation.
 - 5** CLASS 5
Land with slight to moderate limitations to pastoral use but which is unsuitable for cropping, although some areas on easier slopes may be cultivated for pasture establishment or renewal and occasional fodder crops may be possible. The effects of limitations on the grazing potential may be reduced by applying appropriate soil conservation measures and land management practices.
 - 6** CLASS 6
Land only marginally suited to grazing activities due to severe limitations. This land has low productivity, high risk of erosion, low natural fertility or other limitations that severely restrict agricultural use. This land should be retained under its natural vegetation cover.
 - 7** CLASS 7
Land with very severe to extreme limitations which make it unsuitable for agricultural use.
- 4-5** COMPLEXES
For example, Classes 4+5, where Class 4 land is more dominant than Class 5 land. Due to the complexity at this scale of mapping the two classes have not been separately mapped.
- E** EXCLUSION AREAS
Land other than Private Freehold and Leased Crown Land, eg. State Forests, State Reserves and Conservation Areas, major urban areas, major water bodies, National Parks and other Conservation Areas.

* LIMITATIONS

In the above descriptions, limitations refer to physical factors or constraints which affect the versatility of the land and determine its capability for long-term sustainable agricultural production. Limitations include erosion hazard, slope, climate, flooding, poor drainage, stoniness, salinity, topographic fragmentation and poor soil structure.

Information on the dominant limitations within each map unit may be obtained from DPIWE's Land and Water Assessment Branch, Prospect Offices, Launceston.

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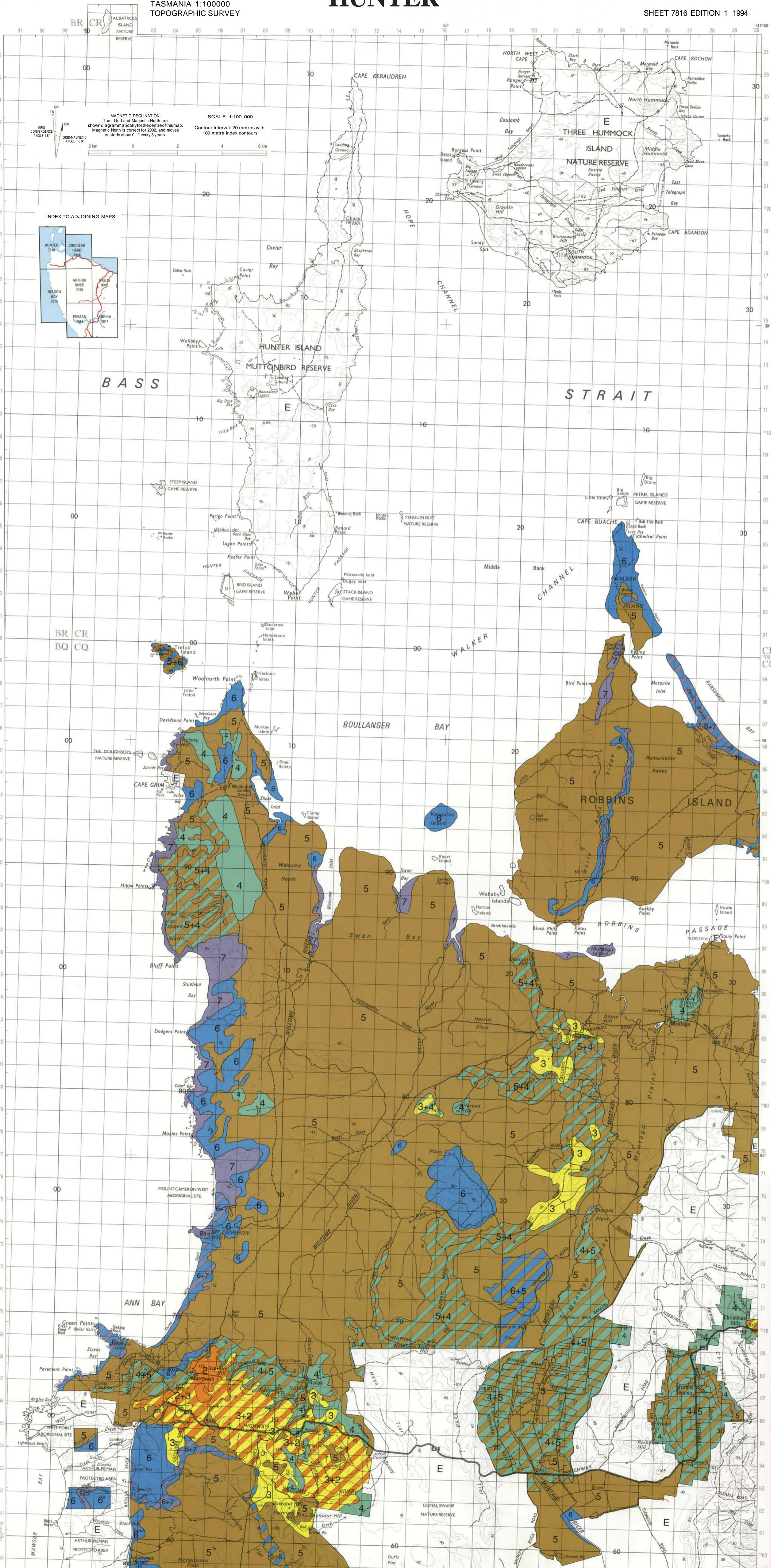
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**LAND CAPABILITY SURVEY
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ABOUT THIS MAP

This map depicts an assessment of land capability at a scale of 1:100 000. It is part of a series of Land Capability Maps covering all the Private Freehold and Leased Crown land in Tasmania. The land capability information is shown over a topographic base. The classification system used to generate this map consists of seven classes based on the capability of the land for long-term sustainable agricultural production.



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