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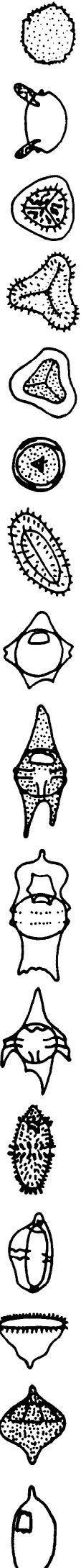
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AGAINST THE EXISTING FORMAL ZONATION.

I SUMMARY

New examination (including grain counts of 20 existing swc preparations plus 13 new cuttings preparations) has produced a high resolution breakdown. It is expressed below in formal zones, but is also discussed in the text in terms of fifteen major horizons and twenty three minor horizons. These produced a much tighter correlation web to nearby wells when plotted on logs. Likely maximum flooding surfaces and sequence boundaries can also be located using the dinoflagellate content and diversity as a index of marine influence.

1126m(sw) - 1233m(sw) : longus Zone (druggii dino Zone at 1126m) : Maastrichtian : nearshore to marginal marine

1271m(cutts) - 1295m(sw) (?1369m sw) : lillei Zone (korojonense dino Zone) : Campanian : nearshore to marginal marine

1387m(cutts) - ?1570(cutts) : upper to middle senectus Zone (upper australis dino Zone 1387-1428m, lower australis dino Zone 1460m, aceras dino Zone 1500-1722m) : Campanian : nearshore to marginal marine

1579m(sw) - ?1722(sw) : lower senectus Zone (aceras dino Zone 1579-1722m) : Campanian : offshore at the base, passing to marginal marine at the top

1734m(cutts) : upper apoxyexinus Zone (cretacea dino Zone) : Santonian : offshore marine

1748m(sw) : mawsonii Zone : Santonian to Turonian : nearshore to marginal marine

1765m(cutts) : mawsonii - distocarinatus Zones (infusorioides dino Zone) : Turonian to Cenomanian : nearshore to

marginal marine

1776m(swc) - 1789(cutts) : distocarinatus Zone (infusorioides
dino Zone) : Cenomanian : marginal marine

1804m(swc) : pannosus Zone : late Albian : non-marine

Thick Early Cretaceous occurs below this point but lies
beyond the scope of this study.

II INTRODUCTION

Paul Carroll and David Pickavance of BHP Petroleum initiated palynological review of several wells pertinent to their acreage. In Pecten-1a, they sought improved resolution throughout the late Cretaceous to facilitate sequence stratigraphic analysis. Restudy of the existing preparations to produce new data from a modern view point, including specimen counts, was clearly worthwhile. Some large sample gaps existed however, and new cuttings were selected to infill to around 30m spacing.

Extensive cuttings study has two main advantages but also two main disadvantages. The first advantage is that the data becomes semicontinuous and key horizons can be seen in the cavings and not missed because they occur between the point sampling of swcs or due to unfavourable facies at the swc depth. An example is the flood of X. australis (horizon 6 herein) which is quite thin but is clearly seen in cuttings and caves to the bottom of the hole. The second advantage is that a downhole or extinction based zonation can be developed which works in cuttings and therefore provides a powerful tool to monitor drilling and enable cost efficient drilling and engineering decisions especially early TD. Quite accurate predictions ahead of swcs, logs and the bit are possible.

The first major disadvantage is that potential caving renders all oldest occurrences (or inceptions in time) of doubtful value. Thus the established zonations which particularly in Australia are based on oldest occurrences from extensive swc suites, do not work well. Youngest occurrence or extinction events in close proximity to the established zone boundaries need to be established to continue to use the established zonation. Alternatively, the existing zonation can be abandoned and a new one erected based on extinction events.

I have tried to do both herein, working within the

established zonaton of Helby, Morgan and Partridge (1987), but initiating a set of 38 numbered horizons. The most obvious (and therefore most reliable) bear the whole numbers 1 to 15 from youngest to oldest and are all extinction or major acme events reliably identifiable from cuttings. The other twenty three horizons bear a number and a lower case letter to show their lower level of confidence and their usual stratigraphic location. For example, horizons 7a, 7b, 7c and 7d occur from youngest to oldest, between major horizons 7 and 8, but are less reliable and therefore may crosscut the major horizons. They comprise mostly oldest occurrences in cuttings or youngest occurrences of rare species. The relationship of the two schemes are shown in figure 1 and the discussions herein is within the existing zonal framework.

The second major disadvantage to extensive cuttings study is that heavy caving can obscure subtle events due to dilution. Inspection of a caliper log can indicate the extent of caving, but even small quantities of a richly fossiliferous rock can obscure subtle horizons in a sparsely fossiliferous rock beneath. In Mussel-1, heavy caving of the dinoflagellate rich Campanian and Santonian occurs into the dinoflagellate poor Cenomanian. Caving of this sort will clearly distort statistical counts. In Mussel-1, high dinoflagellate contents in the Cenomanian are plainly caved, so identification of marine maxima and maximum flooding surfaces must be tempered with caution.

The best of both alternatives can be achieved by a mix of swcs and cuttings. Downhole monitoring can be readily achieved by 50 to 100m cuttings, followed up by extensive swc suites to close sampling gaps to around 30m.

Detailed correlation is possible using the data herein and is the subject of a separate report. Raw data are presented in Appendix I.

SPORE-POLLEN ZONES	SPORE-POLLEN HORIZONS	DINOFLAGELLATE ZONES	DINOFLAGELLATE HORIZONS
LONGUS	upper T. confessus 1 T. sectilis G. rudata ● 1b N. senectus ● 1d	DRUGGII	M. conorata 1a M. conorata 1c M. druggii 1e I. pellucida 2
	lower T. sabulosus 2a T. longus 2b		
LILLEI	upper T. sectilis 3a	KOROJONENSE	I. korojonense 3 I. cretacea
	lower T. lillei 3b		I. korojonense 3c I. pellucida
SENECTUS	upper G. rudata 7a	AUSTRALIS	upper X. australis 4 X. ceratoides A. wisemaniae A. suggestium 4a N. aceras 5 N. semireticulata X. australis ● 6
	middle T. sabulosus 7e		lower N. tuberculata 7 X. australis 7b N. tuberculata 7c N. semireticulata O. obesa 7d
	lower N. senectus 9a	ACERAS	upper T. suspectum Heterosphaeridium 10%+ 8 Heterosphaeridium 20%+ 9 N. aceras 9b
APOXYEXINUS	upper A. cruciformis 1% A. cruciformis 1-4% 11	CRETACEA	upper I. belfastense 10 A. denticulata Heterosphaeridium 20%+ 10a I. belfastense A. denticulata 11a
	middle A. cruciformis 10%+ 12		lower I. cretacea 11b
	lower A. cruciformis 12a A. cruciformis 10%+ 12b	PORIFERA	O. porifera 12b
MAWSONII	A. distocarinatus 12c	STRIATOCONUS	
	consistent 13 A. distocarinatus P. mawsonii 15a		INFUSORIOIDES	C. edwardsii 14 C. edwardsii ● 15 C. edwardsii ● 15b
DISTOCARINATUS	common saccates A. cruciformis		dinoflagellates

FIGURE 1 ZONATION USED HEREIN SHOWING THE NUMBERED HORIZONS AGAINST THE EXISTING FORMAL ZONATION.

● = frequent (4-10%) ● = common (11-30%)

III PALYNOSTRATIGRAPHY

- A 1126m(swc) - 1233m(swc) : longus Zone (druggii dino Zone at 1126m only)

Assignment to the Tricolpites longus Zone of Maastrichtian age is indicated at the top by youngest T. longus, Tricolporites lillei and Tripoporollenites sectilis (horizon 1 at 1126m swc), and confirmed by youngest Manumiella conorata (horizon 1a at 1126m swc). The base is defined by oldest T. longus (horizon 2b at 1233m swc). Within the interval, 1126m swc is assigned to upper longus Zone as it contains common Gambierina rudata (horizon 1b) and the druggii dinoflagellate zone on oldest M. conorata (horizon 1c) and M. druggii. Proteacidites and G. rudata are common with Nothofagidites endurus frequent. At 1158m(swc), yields are very low, but G. rudata outnumber N. endurus, suggesting the upper longus Zone with horizon 1b at this point. At 1168m(swc) an extremely lean assemblage includes youngest Isabelidium pellucidum (horizon 2) and Canninginopsis bretonica and may therefore belong to the lower longus Zone, although the assemblage is really too lean to be definitive. Another lean assemblage at 1201m (Shell cuttings) contains more N. endurus than G. rudata and so is probably lower longus with horizon 1d at this point. At 1233m(swc) a good assemblage contains more N. senectus than G. rudata and youngest Tricolpites sabulosus (horizon 2a) and is clearly lower longus Zone. C. bretonica has its oldest occurrence here in swcs, but occurs in one cuttings sample beneath.

Overall, Proteacidites dominate all assemblages with G. rudata frequent at the top and N. endurus, Phyllocladidites mawsonii and Tricolpites confessus frequent. Dinoflagellates are very rare in all samples studied but with M. conorata frequent at the top and C.

bretonica at the base.

Environments are all nearshore to marginal marine with very low dinoflagellate content and diversity.

- B 1271m(cutts) - 1295m(swc) (?1369m swc) : lillei Zone
(korojonense dino Zone)

Assignment to the Tricolporites lillei Zone of Campanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger spore-pollen indicators but confirmed by dinoflagellate horizon 3 (youngest I. cretacea) and coincident here with youngest Odontochitina spp. At 1295m, oldest T. lillei in swc (horizon 3b) indicates the zone base and is confirmed by oldest I. pellucida herein (horizon 3c) indicating the base of the korojonense dino Zone. In the original Pecten-1A report, Dettmann recorded I. pellucida at 1369m but I cannot duplicate it in the existing slide set. I suspect the slide set is incomplete. If her identification is accepted, horizon 3c would lie at 1369m, placing this thicker interval in both the T. lillei spore-pollen zone and the I. korojonense dinoflagellate zone. Neither Dettmann nor I saw T. lillei below 1295m(swc). Since no older markers were seen, it seems likely that 1271-1369m should all be assigned. Oldest Triporopollenites sectilis (horizon 3a) occurs at 1271m(swc). Canninginopsis bretonica and Manumiella conorata occur at 1271m but are considered caved in these cuttings.

Within the interval, Proteacidites spp are common to abundant with frequent Cyathidites and intermittently frequent Camazonosporites ohaiensis, Dilwynites granulatus, Phyllocladidites mawsonii, Tricolpites confessus and Nothofagidites endurus.

Environments are nearshore to marginal marine, with

dinoflagellate content from <1% with very low diversity, to 12% with moderate diversity at 1271m (although this may be partly caved). The marine maximum at 1271m may be close to a maximum flooding surface.

- C 1387m(cutts) - ?1570m(cutts) : upper to middle senectus Zone (upper australis dino Zone 1387-1428m, lower australis Zone 1460m, aceras Zone 1500-1722m swc).

Assignment to the middle to upper Nothofagidites senectus Zone of Campanian age is indicated at the top by the absence of younger spore-pollen markers and confirmed by the dinoflagellate horizon 4 (youngest Xenikoon australis, here associated with youngest Xenescus ceratoides and Anthosphaeridium wisemaniae). The base is poorly defined on spore-pollen criteria with oldest Tricolpites sabulosus (horizon 7e) occurring in swc at 1533m but consistently in cuttings to 1570m. Considering other data, the cuttings base is probably more reliable. Oldest G. rudata (horizon 7a) occurs at 1428m in swc and only rarely in cuttings beneath but is so inconsistent that its true base may be slightly deeper. Amongst the dominant spore-pollen, Proteacidites spp, Falcisporites and P. mawsonii are common while Nothofagidites endurus, Stereisporites antiquasporites, Dilwynites granulatus, Tricolpites sabulosus and Gleicheniidites are intermittently frequent.

Amongst the dinoflagellates, youngest Areosphaeridium suggestium (horizon 4a), youngest Nelsoniella aceras and N. semireticulata (horizon 5) and the downhole acme of X. australis (horizon 6) all occur at 1460m(cutts). A single specimen of N. aceras at 1411m is anomalously high and is considered reworked. Beneath this, youngest Nelsoniella tuberculata (horizon 7) occurs at 1500m(cutts) and oldest N. tuberculata and N. semireticulata occur at 1570m(cutts) (horizon 7c).

Within the interval, dinoflagellates are never common with X. australis and Nelsoniella spp the most consistent towards the top and Heterosphaeridium spp the most frequent below 1533m.

Environments all appear to be nearshore to marginal marine, with dinoflagellate contents from <1% to 7%. Marine maxima appear to be at 1500m, 1536m and 1561m, but these are all cuttings and may be partly contaminated.

- D 1579m(swc)-?1722(swc) : lower senectus Zone (aceras dino Zone 1579-1722m)

This interval is not adequately defined on spore-pollen ranges but relies on the dinoflagellates for firm correlation. The top is taken in the sample beneath oldest T. sabulosus (horizon 7e) and the base in the sample above I. belfastense (horizon 10). Oldest N. senectus (horizon 9a) occurs at 1548m and is in swc. Oldest N. endurus (usually equivalent to 9a) occurs at 1579m(swc) but both species are very rare near their baseranges. Within the interval, spore-pollen are dominant at the top with Proteacidites common to abundant and Falcisporites, Cyathidites and P. mawsonii frequent. Towards the base, spore-pollen are subordinate with Falcisporites, Microcachrydites antarcticus and P. mawsonii frequent.

Amongst the dinoflagellates, important correlative datums include oldest X. australis in swcs (horizon 7b) at 1579m, oldest N. aceris (horizon 9b) in swc at 1645m although it occurs deeper in cuttings, youngest O. obesa (horizon 7d) and Heterosphaeridium 10%+ (horizon 8) at 1679m(cutts) and youngest Heterosphaeridium 20%+ (horizon 9) and youngest Trithyrodinium suspectum at 1722m(swc). Within the interval, Heterosphaeridium spp are the most

numerous throughout and become common to abundant at the base.

Environments grade rapidly from apparently offshore near the base (60% but moderate diversity at 1722m) through intermediate marine (27% at 1679m) and nearshore (12% at 1645m, 9% at 1615m) to marginal marine (<1% at 1579m), The marine maximum is clearly at the base in the sample at 1722m and probably represents a major maximum flooding surface.

E 1734(cutts) : upper apoxyexinus Zone (cretacea dino Zone)

Assignment to the Tricolporites apoxyexinus Zone is indicated at the top on the dinoflagellate horizon 10 youngest Isabelidinium belfastense and Amphidiadema denticulata and at the base on oldest rare A. cruciformis (here 2% and overlies horizon 11) and oldest I. belfastense and A. denticulata (horizon 11a). Heterosphaeridium at 29% suggests also horizon 10a but is equivocal as an older Heterosphaeridium flood occurs in the swc sample below. At this stage the two appear to be distinctive as the upper flood contains the heavier and larger H. solida while the lower flood does not.

In this sample the spore pollen contain frequent Cyathidites, Falcisporites and Osmundacidites while the dinoflagellates are totally dominated by common Heterosphaeridium spp with frequent Odontochitina operculata and many rare partly caved elements including Nelsoniella spp.

Offshore marine environments are indicated by the slight dominance (52%) of diverse microplankton. Clearly a major marine maximum lies nearby but as these are cuttings, it may lie slightly above this point possibly

near 1722m(swc) in the zone above. Environments therefore appear to be offshore marine but may be caved.

F 1748m(swc) : mawsonii Zone

Assignment to the Phyllocladidites mawsonii Zone (= former Clavifera triplex Zone) of Coniacian-Turonian age is indicated at the top by youngest Appendicisporites distocarinatus (horizon 12c or possibly 13) and at the base by oldest P. mawsonii in swc (horizon 15a). A single operculum of possible Cribroperidinium edwardsii suggests that horizon 14 has been penetrated, but this is only tentatively suggested in the absence of whole specimens.

Amongst the dominant spore pollen (79% of palynomorphs), Cyathidites are common and Dilwynites granulatus, Falcisporites and Microcachrydites antarcticus and A. distocarinatus are frequent. A rare component is Cyatheacidites tectifera. Of the dinoflagellates, Heterosphaeridium heteracanthum is common with other components rare.

Nearshore marine environments are indicated by the dinoflagellate content (21%) although the low diversity (6 species) suggests that a nearshore to marginal marine range may be more appropriate.

G 1765m(cutts) : mawsonii to distocarinatus Zone (infusoriodes dino zone)

Spore-pollen zonal assignment is uncertain in this cuttings sample. Both P. mawsonii and A. distocarinatus are present and in swc would indicate the mawsonii Zone. However, if the P. mawsonii is caved (as is likely given the Campanian caving seen), then the distocarinatus Zone

is indicated. Within the sample, Dilwynites granulatus is very common and Appendicisporites tricornitatus occurs, along with common Falcisporites and frequent A. cruciformis, Gleicheniidites and M. antarcticus.

Amongst the dinoflagellates, heavy Campanian and Santonian caving is seen, but new elements include youngest C. edwardsii (horizon 14 or possibly 15) youngest Aptea sp, Cleistosphaeridium huguonioti, Cyclonephelium membraniphorum, Microdinium sp and Xiphopheridium alatum. Several of these horizons may have correlative value but need to be tested first. C. edwardsii only occurs as 1% in the grain count but is heavily diluted by caving and may be frequent (4%+) in uncontaminated rock. If so, horizon 15 has been penetrated. In any case, youngest C. edwardsii indicates the Palaeohystrichophora infusorioides Zone of Cenomanian-Turonian age.

Environment appear to be intermediate marine (24% dinoflagellates) but are clearly heavily contaminated. Nearshore to marginal marine environments appear much more likely.

H 1776m(swc) - 1789m(cutts) : distocarinatus Zone
(infusorioides dino Zone)

Assignment to the A. distocarinatus Zone is indicated at the top by the absence of P. mawsonii and at the base by oldest A. cruciformis, coincident with oldest dinoflagellates and the base of saccate pollen dominated floras. Amongst the spore-pollen, Cyathidites, Falcisporites and M. antarcticus are common, with Araucariacites australis and Osmundacidites frequent. Amongst the dinoflagellates, C. membraniphorum and C. edwardsii are consistent, with the cuttings at 1789m hopelessly contaminated with caved Santonian and

Campanian. Youngest Palaeoperidinium cretaceum occurs at 1776m and an influx of Circulodinium deflandrei occurs at 1789m and these may have future correlative potential.

Environments are probably marginal marine, with low content (7%) and diversity (4 species) of dinoflagellates.

I 1804m(swc) : pannosus Zone

Assignment to the Phimopollenites pannosus Zone of latest Albian age is indicated by the downhole influx of spore dominated assemblages including frequent Cicatricosisporites australiensis and rare Aequitriradites spp, Crybelosporites striatus and Perotriletes jubatus. At the base, oldest P. pannosus indicates the assignment. Amongst the spore-pollen, Cyathidites are totally dominant (43%) with frequent C. australiensis, O. wellmannii, Retitriletes austroclavatidites and Stereisporites antiquasporites. The only frequent pollen is Falcisporites. Dinoflagellates are totally absent.

Slightly brackish environments are indicated by the totally dominant and diverse spore-pollen and only a single spiny acritarch (Micrhystridium sp).

J Beneath this point, a thick Early Cretaceous section exists but was beyond the scope of this project.

IV CONCLUSIONS

- A The new cuttings based palynostratigraphy has vastly increased resolution and confidence in this section, providing tighter correlation, and proving its potential as a fast turnaround downhole exploration tool.
- B Grain counts have helped locate likely sequence boundaries and maximum flooding surfaces. Although clearly interpretative, likely major sequence boundaries might be 68my at 1120m, 71my at 1195m, 75my at 1238m, 80my at 1360m, 85my and 87.5my at 1745m, 90my at 1752m, 94my at 1772m and 98my at 1792m. Maximum flooding surfaces might be 69.5my at 1183m, 73.5my at 1237, 79.5my at 1333m, 83.75my at 1725m, 89my at 1745m, and 97my at 1776m.
- C Deposition above base Campanian senectus Zone is rapid and even, while deposition in the Cenomanian to Santonian is extremely condensed. This change in depositional style may be related to Tasman Sea rifting as described by Lowry and Longley (1991).

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RANGE CHART OF OCCURRENCES BY HIGHEST APPEARANCE DINOS & S/P

Sample	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
HETEROSPHAERIDIUM HETEROCANTHUM																							
MANUMIELLA CORONATA																							
MANUMIELLA DRUGGII																							
CANNINGINOPSIS BRETONICA																							
ISABELIDIINIUM PELLUCIDIUM																							
CORDOSPHAERIDIUM INODES																							
CORDOSPHAERIDIUM MULTISPINOSUM																							
DEFLANDREA SPECIOSA																							
SENONIASPHAERA ABSCONDIATA																							
SPINIFERITES FURCATUS/RAMOSUS																							
NUMMUS																							
SPINIDIINIUM ECHINOIDEA																							
ALTERBIA ACUTULA																							
AREOLIGERA SENONENSIS																							
CRIBROPERIDIINIUM SP																							
ISABELIDIINIUM CRETACEUM																							
ODONTOCHITINA CF INDISTINCTA																							
ODONTOCHITINA STUBBY																							
SPINIDIINIUM SP																							
TRITHYRODINIUM																							
TRITHYRODINIUM THIN FINE RETICULATE																							
EXOCHOSPHAERIDIUM PHRAGMITES																							

1103 SWC
 1126 SWC

1460	CUTTS	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	X	2	X	X
1500	CUTTS	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	2	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1533	SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1536	CUTTS	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
1548	SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	R	.	.
1561	CUTTS	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	2	2	.	.	X	.	.	X	.	X	.	.	.	
1570	CUTTS	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	1	2	.	.	.	X	1	1	.	.	.	.	X	X
1579	SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1615	SWC	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	2	.
1645	SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.
1679	CUTTS	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	X	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
1722	SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1734	CUTTS	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	1	1	.	.	X	.	2	X
1748	SWC	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1765	CUTTS	1	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	X	2	.	.	X	.	.	.
1776	SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1789	CUTTS	1	.	.	.	3	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	X	.	.	.
1804	SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.

	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	
	MILLIODOIDIUM TENUITABULATUS																						
	NELSONIELLA SEMIRETICULATA																						
	NUMMUS MONOCULATUS																						
	ODONTOCHITINA OPERCULATA																						
	SENONIASPHAERA LORDII																						
	HETEROSPHAERIDIUM LATEROBRACHIUS																						
	HETEROSPHAERIDIUM SOLIDA																						
	ISABELIDIUM NUCULUM																						
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1460	CUTTS	X	X	3	X	X																	
1500	CUTTS		X			X	X	X	X	X	X												
533	SWC																						
536	CUTTS		X			X	4		X			X											
1548	SWC						2																
561	CUTTS		X			X	1		X	X					X	X							
570	CUTTS		X			X			X	X			1				X						
1579	SWC																						
615	SWC																						
645	SWC						5																
679	CUTTS				4	X	13		X	X	X	X						3		X	1	X	X

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1679 CUTTS																							
1722 SWC	9	4	13																				
1734 CUTTS		X	1	X	X	1	X	1	1	X													
1748 SWC																							
1765 CUTTS		X			X	X	X		X		1	X	X	1	1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
1776 SWC											1			1		1							
1789 CUTTS		X	X	X					X		X			1	1					X			
1804 SWC																						X	

CASSICULOSPHAERIDIA MEGARETICULATA
 CHATANGIELLA VICTORIENSIS
 TRITHYROIDINIUM SUSPECTUM
 AMPHIDIADEMA DENTICULATA
 CASSICULOSPHAERIDIA MEGAFINE
 ISABELIDINIUM BELFASTENSE
 ISABELIDINIUM BELFASTENSE ROTUNDA
 SUBTILISPHAERA FOLIACEA
 TRITHYROIDINIUM THICK PSILATA
 TRITHYROIDINIUM THICK VERRUCATE
 CRIBROPERIDINIUM EDWARDSII
 ALTERBIA ACUMINATUM
 APTEA SP
 CHLAMYDOPHORELLA NYEI
 CIRCULODINIUM DEFLANDREI
 CLEISTOSPHAERIDIUM HUGONIOTI
 CYCLONEPHELIUM MEMBRANIPHORUM
 DINOGYMNIUM ACUMINATUM
 MICRODINIUM SP
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103 SWC	X
1126 SWC	23	1	4	1	5	1	1
158 SWC	3	.	.	1	2	1	22
168 SWC	2	1
1201 CUTTS	1	.	.	.	3	5	3
1233 SWC	1	.	2	2	3	2	.	1	.	.	1	3	.	6	.	.	.	3
1271 CUTTS	1	1	8	2	7	4	2	3	.	6	.	.	.	40
1295 SWC	X	2	X	3	6	13	.	1	1	3	2	3	.	3	.	.	18	3
1342 SWC	2	.	.	4	.	.	1	1	1	2	2	1	9	.	.	27	4
1369 SWC	7	.	.	4	3	.	.	2	2	.	.	4	.
1387 CUTTS	X	2	X	2	5	4	.	.	.	4	2	6	1	4	.	.	29	2
1408 SWC	1	1	4	11	3	.	.	.	1	2	5	1	17	.	.	8	4
1411 CUTTS	5	1	1	1	3	.	.	.	1	3	4	1	8	.	.	33	4
1428 SWC	1	1	2	5	10	3	.	.	.	5	.	10	1	19	.	.	7	1
1460 CUTTS	1	1	2	7	3	4	3	5	5	X	.	14	7
1500 CUTTS	2	X	4	5	10	.	.	.	3	6	1	5	13	.	.	8	4
1533 SWC	1	X	4	6	9	.	.	.	7	4	1	.	12	.	.	20	3
1536 CUTTS	3	2	7	7	3	3	1	16	1	.	.	10	3
1548 SWC	2	.	3	5	10	.	.	.	2	3	1	1	8	2	.	21	1
1561 CUTTS	1	1	3	2	9	.	.	X	1	9	3	.	13	1	.	8	.
1570 CUTTS	1	6	1	4	6	5	.	.	.	3	2	3	3	8	.	.	14	3
1579 SWC	3	X	.	.	6	.	.	.	4	2	X	1	4	.	.	34	3
1615 SWC	1	.	3	9	10	1	.	.	3	6	.	1	8	.	.	22	5
1645 SWC	?	.	X	4	6	5	.	.	.	5	5	.	6	8	1	.	17	4
1679 CUTTS	3	.	1	4	6	.	.	.	1	3	.	10	9	.	.	4	2
1722 SWC	2	.	1	4	4	.	.	.	2	7	.	.	1	.	.	.	2
1734 CUTTS	4	7	2	.	.	.	3	3	.	6	X	.	.	1	1
1748 SWC	2	.	8	14	5	.	.	.	5	7	.	2	3	.	.	.	3
1765 CUTTS	X	2	4	19	.	.	.	5	7	.	1	2	.	.	X	.
1776 SWC	9	.	3	20	4	.	.	.	2	17	.	7	1
1789 CUTTS	1	X	2	3	.	3	1	3	4	13	.	.	.	6	6	.	4	4	1	.	3	.
1804 SWC	.	.	1	.	.	1	.	29	14	2	.	.	7	8

SPORITES ANTIQUASPORITES

SPORITES REGIUM

SPORITES LONGUS

SPORITES LILLIEI

SPOLLENITES SECTILIS

SPORITES MICROSACCATUS

SPORITES LARGE

SPORITES CONFESSUS

SPORITES CRUCIFORMIS

SPOLLIS OBSCURUS

SPORITES SIMILIS

SPOLLENITES POLYORATUS

SPORITES SMALL

SPORITES FOLLICULARIS

SPORITES ELLIOTTII

SPOLLENITES BALMEI

SPORITES SENECTUS

SPORITES JUBATUS/MORGANII

SPORITES RETICULOCONGAUVUS

SPORITES SABBULOSUS

SPORITES MAIPARAENSIS

SPORITES

	STEREIS	STEREIS	TRICOLF	TRICOLF	TRIPORO	PODOSPO	PROTEAC	TRICOLF	AMOSPO	AUSTRAL	FALCISF	PERIPOR	PROTEAC	CYCADOP	HERKOSP	LYGISTE	NOTHOFA	PEROTRI	PROTEAC	TRICOLF	TRICOLF	TRICOLF	
	111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	
1103 SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1126 SWC	4	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1158 SWC	1	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1168 SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1201 CUTTS	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	2	6	1	.	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1233 SWC	4	X	X	X	X	3	.	6	1	1	1	.	.	2	X	.	3	1	X	X	X	1	
1271 CUTTS	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	1	3	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
1295 SWC	3	.	.	1	.	1	.	7	4	2	4	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1342 SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1369 SWC	2	.	.	.	.	2	.	3	1	1	9	.	.	4	.	X	.	X	.	5	.	.	.
1387 CUTTS	X	X	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	15	1	.	1	.	X	.	1	.	2	.	.	.
1408 SWC	1	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	.	.	7	1	.	.	.	2	5	.	.	X	.	.	.
1411 CUTTS	1	2	.	.	X	3	1	X	1	.	14	X	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	3	.	.	.
1428 SWC	7	.	.	.	.	2	3	2	.	2	2	.	.	1	.	.	6	.	.	4	.	.	.
1460 CUTTS	2	.	.	.	.	1	2	.	X	2	19	X	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	7	.	.	.
1500 CUTTS	X	X	.	.	.	2	1	.	.	4	11	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.
1533 SWC	4	.	.	.	.	3	3	2	.	5	4	.	.	.	.	.	2	X	.	1	.	.	.
1536 CUTTS	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	6	18	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.
1548 SWC	5	.	.	.	.	4	2	4	X	3	10	.	.	2	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.
1561 CUTTS	.	.	.	.	.	2	1	.	1	2	21	.	.	.	.	X	.	1	.	5	.	.	.
1570 CUTTS	.	.	.	.	.	2	3	.	2	3	11	.	.	.	.	X	.	2	.	1	.	.	.
1579 SWC	12	.	.	.	.	13	2	1	.	1	7	1	.	3	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	1
1615 SWC	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	1	1	3	7	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1645 SWC	2	.	.	.	.	4	2	2	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1679 CUTTS	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	2	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1722 SWC	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1734 CUTTS	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1748 SWC	2	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	4	.	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1765 CUTTS	1	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	9	.	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1776 SWC	4	.	.	.	.	4	.	.	2	.	13	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1789 CUTTS	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	13	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.
1804 SWC	6	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.	.

103 SWC
126 SWC
158 SWC

133	CERATOSPORITES EQUALIS
134	CICATRICOSISPORITES AUSTRALIENSIS
135	CINGULILETES CLAVUS
136	CLAVIFERA TRIPLEX
137	DICTYOPHYLLIDITES
138	GEHRAPOLLENITES WAHOEENSIS
139	ISCHYOSPORITES PUNCTATUS
140	LYGISTEPOLLENITES FLORINII
141	ORNAMENTIFERA SENTOSA
142	TETRACOLPORITES OAMARUENSIS
143	TETRACOLPORITES RETICULATUS
144	TRICOLPORITES APOXYEXINUS
145	CICATRICOSISPORITES RADIATUS
146	LILIACIDITES PORORETICULATUS
147	TRICOLPITES GILLII
148	BALMEISPORITES HOLODICTYUS
149	NEORAISTRICKIA
150	CONTIGNISPORITES COOKSONIAE
151	FORAMINISPORIS DAILYI
152	AEQUITRIRADITES SPINULOSUS
153	CAMEROZONOSPORITES BULLATUS
154	LEPTOLEPIDITES VERRUCATUS

1180	SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1201	CUTTS	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1233	SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1271	CUTTS	2	1	1	2	2	X	1	2	X	1	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1295	SWC	2	X	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	1	1	.	.	.	.	.
1342	SWC	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1369	SWC	.	X	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	2	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
1387	CUTTS	3	.	X	X	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	1	.	.	.	.
1408	SWC	1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	.	X	1	.	.
1411	CUTTS	3	X	.	1	4	.	X	1	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	X	X	1
1428	SWC	2	1	X	1	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	X	.	2
1460	CUTTS	1	X	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.
1500	CUTTS	3	.	1	5	1	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	X	.	.	.
1533	SWC	4	X	.	X	1	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1536	CUTTS	3	X	.	2	.	.	.	X	.	.	X	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.
1548	SWC	2	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	X	.	.
1561	CUTTS	2	X	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	X	.
1570	CUTTS	4	1	.	1	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	X	X	X	X	.	X	X
1579	SWC	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.
1615	SWC	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	X	.	.	.	1	.
1645	SWC	.	.	.	1	.	.	2	.	.	.	1	.	2	.	.	X	.	.	X
1679	CUTTS	2	1	1	1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1722	SWC	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1734	CUTTS	1	X	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
1748	SWC	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1765	CUTTS	2	X	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1776	SWC	3	1	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
1789	CUTTS	1	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1
1804	SWC	3	4	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	3

1103 SWC
1126 SWC
1158 SWC
1168 SWC
1201 CUTTS
1233 SWC
1271 CUTTS
1295 SWC
1342 SWC
1369 SWC
1387 CUTTS
1408 SWC
1411 CUTTS
1428 SWC
1460 CUTTS

	155	RETRILETES FACETUS
	156	COROLLINA TOROSUS
	157	DICTYOSPORITES SPECIOSUS
	158	FALCISPORITES GRANDIS
	159	INTERLOBITES INTRAVERRUCATUS
	160	COPTOSPORA PILEOSA
	161	LYCOPODIACIDITES ASPERATUS
	162	PEROTRILETES MAJUS
	163	TRIPOROLETES SIMPLEX
	164	AEQUITRIRADITES TILCHAENSIS
	165	CAMEROZONOSPORITES
	166	KLUKISPORITES SCABERIS
	167	LAEVIGATOSPORITES OVATUS
	168	MUROSPORA FLORIDA
	169	POLYINGULATISPORITES CRENLATUS
	170	TRILOBOSPORITES TRIRETICULOSUS
	171	FOVEOGLEICHENIIDITES
	172	KUYLISPORITES ZIPPERI
	173	PHIMOPOLLENITES PANNOSUS
	174	CYATHEACIDITES TECTIFERA
	175	TRIPOROLETES RADIATUS
	176	VITREISPORITES PALLIDUS

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	BALMEIOPSIS LIMBATA	CRYBELOSPORITES STRIATUS	ISCHYOSPORITES MARBURGENSIS	TRIPOROLETES RETICULATUS	APPENDICISPORITES DISTOCARINATUS	APPENDICISPORITES TRICORNITATUS	LAEVIGATOSPORITES	CONVOLUTISPOIRA SOLIDA	PHYLLOCLADIDITES EUNUCHUS	DICTYOTOSPORITES COMPLEX	RETITRILETES NODOSUS	AEQUITRIRADITES VERRUCOSUS	ANNULISPORITES	ARAUCARIACITES FISSUS	CICATRICOSISPORITES LUDBROOKIAE
103															
126															
1158															
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233															
1271															
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1734	1	1	X	1

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1168	SWC
1201	CUTTS
1233	SWC
1271	CUTTS
1295	SWC
1342	SWC
1369	SWC
1387	CUTTS
1408	SWC
1411	CUTTS
1428	SWC
1460	CUTTS
1500	CUTTS
1533	SWC
1536	CUTTS
1548	SWC
1561	CUTTS
1570	CUTTS
1579	SWC
1615	SWC
1645	SWC
1679	CUTTS
1722	SWC
1734	CUTTS

1748 SWL	.	.	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1748 SWL
1765 CUTTS	.	.	.	X	?	X	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1765 CUTTS
1776 SWC	X	X	1776 SWC	
1789 CUTTS	.	1	.	X	X	X	X	.	.	.	1789 CUTTS	
1804 SWC	.	X	.	X	.	X	X	X	1	1	1	1804 SWC

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143 TETRACOLPORITES RETICULATUS
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118 TRICOLPITES CONFESSUS
147 TRICOLPITES GILLII
113 TRICOLPITES LONGUS
130 TRICOLPITES SABULOSUS
131 TRICOLPITES WAIPARAENSIS
132 TRICOLPORITES
144 TRICOLPORITES APOXYEXINUS
114 TRICOLPORITES LILLIEI
170 TRILOBOSPORITES TRIORETICULOSUS
175 TRIPOROLETES RADIATUS
180 TRIPOROLETES RETICULATUS
163 TRIPOROLETES SIMPLEX
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BASIN: OTWAY SPORE-POLLEN ZONES ELEVATION: _____ MD _____ GL: _____
 WELL NAME: PECTEN-1A TOTAL DEPTH: _____

AGE	PALYNOLOGICAL ZONES	HIGHEST DATA				LOWEST DATA			
		Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg	Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg
NEOGENE	Plei	T. pleistocenicus							
	Plio	M. lipsus							
	Mio	C. bifurcatus							
		T. bellus							
	Olig	P. tuberculatus							
PALEOGENE	L.Eb	upper N. asperus							
		mid N. asperus							
	Mid Eb	lower N. asperus							
		P. asperopolus							
	Earl Eb	upper M. diversus							
		mid M. diversus							
	Pale	lower M. diversus							
		upper L. balmei							
		lower L. balmei							
	LATE CRETACEOUS	Maas	upper T. longus $\Delta-\Delta\Delta$	1126	0		1126	1	1158	2
lower T. longus			1168	2		1233	0		
Camp		T. lillei $\Delta-\Delta/\Delta$	1271	2		1295	1	1369	?
		N. senectus $\Delta/\Delta-\Delta\Delta$	1387	3		1579	0	1722	?
Sant		up T. apoxyxinus $\Delta\Delta$	1734	3		1734	4		
		mid T. apoxyxinus							
On		low T. apoxyxinus							
EARLY CRETACEOUS	Ilx	P. mawsonii Δ	1748	2		1748	0		
	Baro	A. distocarinatus Δ	1776	2		1789	4		
		P. pannosus Δ	1804	1					
EARLY CRETACEOUS	Alb	upper C. paradoxa	Early Cretaceous present but						
		lower C. paradoxa	outscope the scope of this review.						
		C. striatus							
	Apt	upper C. hughesi							
		lower C. hughesi							
l.Ne	F. wonthaggiensis								
e.Ne	up C. australiensis								

Environments :

- lacustrine (algal acritarchs).
- ◊ non-marine (no or very few 5% algal acritarchs).
- * brackish (spiny acritarch, no or very few dinoflagellates 1%).
- */Δ marginal marine (1-5% very low diversity dinoflagellates).
- Δ nearshore marine (6-30% low to medium diversity dinoflagellates).
- Δ/Δ intermediate marine (31-60% medium diversity dinoflagellates).
- ΔΔ offshore marine (61%-80% medium to high diversity dinoflagellates).
- ⊙ far offshore marine/oceanic (81%-100% high diversity dinoflagellates and/or planktonic forams).

Confidence Ratings :

- 0 : good to excellent with numerous zone fossils in core/swc.
- 1 : fair with rare zone fossils in core/swc.
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 WELL NAME: PECTEN-1A TOTAL DEPTH: _____

AGE	PALYNOLOGICAL ZONES	HIGHEST DATA				LOWEST DATA			
		Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg	Preferred Depth	Rtg	Alternate Depth	Rtg
LATE CRETACEOUS	M. druggii */R-A	1126	0			1126	0		
	I. korojonense */A	1271	3			1295	0	1369	?
	upper X. australis *	1387	3			1428	4		
	lower X. australis A	1460	3			1460	4		
	N. aceras A-A	1500	3			1722	4		
	I. cretaceum A	1734	3			1734	4		
	O. porifera								
	C. striatoconus								
	P. infusorioides A	1765	3			1789	4		

Environments :

- O lacustrine (algal acritarchs).
- Ø non-marine (no or very few 5% algal acritarchs).
- * brackish (spiny acritarch, no or very few dinoflagellates 1%).
- */A marginal marine (1-5% very low diversity dinoflagellates).
- A nearshore marine (6-30% low to medium diversity dinoflagellates).
- A/A intermediate marine (31-60% medium diversity dinoflagellates).
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