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				Preservation	Yield	Diversity	
	Top Eumeralla Formation ???M						
SWC 95 805.0m P17912	APK52 "Ruffordiaspora - Cyathidites" Palynofacies  [P. grandis, P. notensis, P. parvispinosus, C. striatus, F. asymmetricus, F. wonthaggiensis "wonthaggiensis" S. microverrucatus "nevesi"]	upper Eumeralla Formation  (Eumeralla Formation)	Fluvial ?paralic	Pristine	High	High	Araucanian pollen together with Cyathidites & Osmundacidites & Bryophyte spores dominant; few leiospheres; isolated spinose acritarchs.
	Top Crayfish Group 1227.5m Top Laira Formation 1227.5m						The section between 805m and 1228m is sparsely sampled and all of these sample gave poor palynomorph recoveries; see Species Diversity Plot Enclosure XXX
SWC 90 1228.0m P17907	APK21 possibly Lower APK21 "Osmundacidites" Palynofacies  [F. wonthaggiensis "gracilis", Cyclo hughesii, D. speciosus, M. florida, A. spinulosus, C. levidensis, P. linearis, C. "quasilinearis", Januasporites spp.]	lower Laira Formation  (lower Laira Formation)	Fluvial ?paralic	Fair  thin, some fragmented, over oxidised	High	High	Cryptogam dominated palynoflora. Fern spores prominent; mostly Osmundacidites and Cyathidites, Lycopodiaceous forms conspicuous; mostly Retitriteles and Leptolepidites. Conifer pollen prominent; mostly inaperturate pollen and bisaccate pollen. Few leiospheres (including Sigmopollis) & spinose acritarchs.
1228.0m	Base F. wonthaggiensis "gracilis"						
SWC 86 1259.0m P17903	APK122 - APK21 "Osmundacidites - Retitriteles" Palynofacies  [D. speciosus, Cyclo. hughesii, ?R. purbeckensis, M. florida, C. stylosus]	Crayfish Group  (lower Laira Formation)	Fluvial ?paralic	Very poor  thin corroded fragmented, slightly stained	Moderate	Moderate	Cryptogam dominated palynoflora. Fern spores prominent mostly Cyathidites. Lycopod conspicuous; Retitriteles and Neoraistrickia notable. Conifer pollen conspicuous but mostly fragmented and corroded remnants often difficult to distinguish from cuticle fragments. Few spinose acritarchs.
SWC 84 1292.5m P17901	Upper APK122 - APK21 possibly Upper APK122 "Conifer- Osmundacidites" Palynofacies  [D. speciosus, R. "mega-australiensis", Cyclo. hughesii, A. spinulosus, C. stylosus, C. variabilis, K. douglasii]	basal Laira Formation or upper Pretty Hill Formation (above "Sawpit Sandstone" member)  (lower Laira Formation)	Fluvial	Fair - Poor  thin, some fragmented, over oxidised	High	High	Palynoflora dominated by Conifer pollen (Inaperturate pollen and bisaccate pollen). Fern spores prominent; mostly Osmundacidites; isolated large Ruffordiaspora. Lycopod spores conspicuous; Retitriteles conspicuous.
	Top Pretty Hill Formation 1380M						



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SWC 80 1511.0m P17897	Upper APK122 - Lower APK21 possibly Upper APK122 "Osmundacidites - Retitriteles" Palynofacies  [ <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>R. ludbrookiae</i> "parallelus", <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>Aequitriletes</i> sp, <i>Cooksonites</i> sp]	basal Laira Formation or upper Pretty Hill Formation (above "Sawpit Sandstone" member)  (upper Pretty Hill Formation)	Fluvial	Poor  corroded, some fragmented, stained	Moderate	Moderate	Palynoflora dominated by Conifer pollen (Inaperturate pollen and bisaccate pollen). Fern spores prominent; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> ; isolated large <i>Ruffordiaspora</i> . Lycopod spores conspicuous; <i>Retitriteles</i> conspicuous.
SWC 78 1564.0m P17895	Upper APK122 - Lower APK21 possibly Upper APK122 "Osmundacidites - Retitriteles" Palynofacies  [ <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>Cyclo hughesii</i> , <i>A. spinulosus</i> , <i>Murospora florida</i> , <i>D. speciosus</i> , <i>C. tabulatus</i> , ]	basal Laira Formation or upper Pretty Hill Formation (above "Sawpit Sandstone" member)  (upper Pretty Hill Formation)	Fluvial ?paralic	Poor  corroded, some fragmented, stained	Moderate	Moderate	Fern spores dominant; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> ; <i>C. stylosus</i> notable. Conifer pollen prominent (Inaperturate pollen and bisaccate pollen). Lycopod spores conspicuous; <i>Retitriteles</i> diverse. Isolated spinose acritarchs and microforaminifera. Price 1992, recorded <i>Dictyosporites filisus</i> ; the specimen could not be relocated; it is probable that <i>D. "cloisonne"</i> is represented as the concept of the morphologically similar <i>D. "cloisonne"</i> was not established at the time of the initial examination
SWC 76 1612.0m P17893	Middle APK122 - Lower APK21 possibly Upper APK122 "Conifer- Osmundacidites" Palynofacies  [ <i>D. speciosus</i> , <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>F. dailyi</i> , <i>M. florida</i> , <i>S. "killanoolensis"</i> ]	basal Laira Formation or upper Pretty Hill Formation (above "Sawpit Sandstone" member)  (upper Pretty Hill Formation)	Fluvial ?paralic	Poor  thin corroded, fragmented, stained	High	High	Palynoflora dominated by Conifer pollen (bisaccate pollen and inaperturate pollen) remnants. Cryptogam spore associations prominent. Fern spores conspicuous; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> . Lycopod spores conspicuous; mostly <i>Retitriteles</i> . Bryophyte spores scarce. Aquatic forms scarce; Isolated spinose acritarchs.
SWC 72 1743.0m P17889	Upper APK122 - Lower APK21 probably Upper APK122 "Conifer- Osmundacidites" Palynofacies  [ <i>D. speciosus</i> , <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>Januasporites</i> spp, <i>Couperisporites</i> spp, <i>P. extremus</i> , <i>M. evansii</i> ]	basal Laira Formation or upper Pretty Hill Formation (above "Sawpit Sandstone" member)  (upper Pretty Hill Formation)	Fluvial ?paralic	Fair  most entire, stained	High	High	Conifer pollen (bisaccate pollen and inaperturate pollen) remnants subdominant. Cryptogam spores prominent and diverse. Fern spores conspicuous; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> . Lycopodiaceous forms conspicuous. Bryophyte spores scarce but modestly diverse. Few aquatic forms; few <i>M. evansii</i> ; isolated spinose acritarchs.
1743.0m	Base consistent & modestly diverse liverworts						
1751.5	probably Middle APP122						Diverse association but not re examined



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SWC 62 1831.0m P17879	Middle APK122- Upper APK122 probably Middle APK122 "Osmundacidites - Retitriteles" Palynofacies  [ <i>R. ludbrookiae</i> "parallelus", <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>S. "killanoolensis"</i> ]	lower Pretty Hill Formation (including "Sawpit Sandstone" Member)  (Upper Pretty Hill Formation)	Fluvial ?paralic	Poor  thin corroded fragmented stained	High	Mod.	Cryptogam spores prominent. Fern spores conspicuous and moderately diverse; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> and <i>Cyathidites</i> ; isolated large <i>Ruffordiaspora</i> . Lycopodiaceous forms conspicuous; mostly <i>Retitriteles</i> . Conifer pollen prominent but mostly unidentifiable remnants. <i>Corollina</i> common. Few spinose acritarchs.
SWC 60 1860.0m P17877	Middle APK122 - Upper APK122 probably Middle APK122 "Osmundacidites - Retitriteles" Palynofacies  [ <i>D. speciosus</i> , <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>C. equalis</i> "rotundus", <i>C. "quasilinearis"</i> <i>M. florida</i> , <i>S. "killanoolensis"</i> , <i>C. stylosus</i> ,]	lower Pretty Hill Formation (including "Sawpit Sandstone" Member)  (Upper Pretty Hill Formation)	Fluvial ?paralic	Fair  some thin corroded	High	High	Cryptogam spores diverse and dominant. Fern spores prominent; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> and <i>Cyathidites</i> . Conifer pollen prominent but mostly unidentifiable remnants. Lycopod spores conspicuous; <i>Retitriteles</i> modestly diverse. Bryophyte spores scarce. Aquatic forms scarce; few spinose acritarchs.
	Top "Sawpit Sandstone" member 1875m						
SWC 53 1990.0m P17870	APK122 possibly Middle APK122 "Osmundacidites - Retitriteles" Palynofacies  [ <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>D. speciosus</i> , <i>M. florida</i> , <i>C. equalis</i> "rotundus"]	lower Pretty Hill Formation (including "Sawpit Sandstone" Member)  (Pretty Hill Formation; "Sawpit Sandstone" member)	Fluvial ?paralic	Poor  most thin corroded, stained	High	High	Cryptogam spores diverse and subdominant. Fern spores prominent; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> . Conifer pollen subdominant but mostly unidentifiable remnants. Lycopod spores conspicuous; <i>Retitriteles</i> modestly diverse. Bryophyte spores scarce. Aquatic forms scarce; few spinose acritarchs.
	Top "Sawpit basal Shale" member (subunit C) 1875m						
SWC 50 2028.0m P17867	Middle APK122 - Upper APK122 probably Middle APK122 "Conifer - Osmundacidites" Palynofacies  [ <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>D. speciosus</i> , <i>A. verrucatus</i> , <i>C. equalis</i> "rotundus", <i>C. "quasilinearis"</i> , <i>S. "killanoolensis"</i> , <i>M. florida</i> , <i>R. ludbrookiae</i> "parallelus"]	lower Pretty Hill Formation (including "Sawpit Sandstone" Member)  (lower Pretty Hill Formation; "basal shale" member (subunit C))	Fluvial ?paralic	Poor  thin, corroded, some fragmented	High	Mod.	Conifer pollen dominant but with a high proportion of unidentifiable remnants. Spores moderately diverse. Fern spores prominent; mostly <i>Cyathidites</i> & <i>Osmundacidites</i> . Lycopod spores notable. Bryophyte spores scarce and restricted in diversity. Aquatic forms scarce; few spinose acritarchs.



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SWC 48 2071.0m P17865	APK122 possibly Middle APK122 "Conifer - <i>Osmundacidites</i> " Palynofacies  [ <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>D. speciosus</i> , <i>C. equalis</i> "tenuispinosus"]	lower Pretty Hill Formation (including "Sawpit Sandstone" Member)  (lower Pretty Hill Formation; "basal shale" member (subunit C))	Fluvial ?paralic	Poor - very poor  thin, corroded, fragmented	Mod.	Low	Pollen remnants dominant. High proportion of unidentifiable remnants. Spores restricted; <i>Osmundacidites</i> conspicuous. Few spinose acritarchs.
SWC 44 2181.0m P17861	Middle APK122 - Upper APK122 probably Middle APK122 " <i>Osmundacidites</i> - <i>Retitriteles</i> " Palynofacies  [ <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>R. "mega-australiensis"</i> , <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>P. linearis</i> , <i>C. "quasilinearis"</i> , <i>F. undatus</i> , <i>S. "killanoolensis"</i> ]	lower Pretty Hill Formation (including "Sawpit Sandstone" Member)  (lower Pretty Hill Formation; "basal shale" member (subunit C))	Fluvial	Poor  thin, corroded some fragmented	Mod.	Mod.	Cryptogam spores subdominant and moderately diverse. Fern spores prominent; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> . Conifer pollen prominent but mostly unidentifiable remnants. Lycopodiaceous forms conspicuous. Bryophyte spores scarce and restricted in diversity. Few aquatic forms
2181m	Base <i>P. linearis</i> , <i>C. "quasilinearis"</i> , <i>R. "mega-australiensis"</i> , <i>S. "killanoolensis"</i>						
SWC 43 2203.0m P17860	APK122 probably Lower APK122 "Conifer" Palynofacies  [ <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>C. equalis</i> "rotundus", <i>P. "extremus"</i> , <i>M. evansii</i> ]	basal Pretty Hill Formation ("basal shale" Member)  (lower Pretty Hill Formation; "basal shale" member (subunit C))	Fluvial ?paralic	Poor - Fair  thin, most entire	Mod.	Mod.	Conifer pollen remnants dominant. Spores conspicuous moderately diverse. Fern spores conspicuous; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> and <i>Cyathidites</i> . Lycopodiaceous forms conspicuous and moderately diverse. Few spinose acritarchs; isolated <i>Microfista evansii</i> .
2203.0m	Base <i>P. "extremus"</i>						
SWC 41 2257.0m P17858	APK122 probably Lower APK122 " <i>Osmundacidites</i> - <i>Retitriteles</i> " Palynofacies  [ <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>C. equalis</i> "rotundus", <i>D. speciosus</i> , <i>M. florida</i> ]	basal Pretty Hill Formation ("basal shale" Member)  (lower Pretty Hill Formation; "basal shale" member (subunit C))	Fluvial ?paralic	Poor  thin, corroded, stained. many fragmented	High	Mod.	Spore dominated association. Conifer pollen prominent but few identifiable. Spores moderately diverse. Fern spores conspicuous; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> and <i>Cyathidites</i> . Lycopodiaceous forms conspicuous; mostly <i>Retitriteles</i> . High proportion of unidentifiable remnants. Few spinose acritarchs.



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SWC 38 2313.5m P17855	APK122 probably Lower APK122 "Conifer - <i>Osmundacidites</i> " Palynofacies  [ <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>D. speciosus</i> , <i>C. equalis</i> "rotundus"]	basal Pretty Hill Formation ("basal shale" Member)  (lower Pretty Hill Formation; "basal shale" member (subunit C))	Fluvial ?paralic	Poor - very poor  thin stained corroded many fragmented	High	Mod.	Mostly unidentifiable remnants. Conifer pollen dominated association; few identifiable. Spores moderately diverse. Fern spores conspicuous; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> and <i>Cyathidites</i> . Lycopodiaceous forms conspicuous but somewhat restricted in diversity; mostly <i>Retitriteles</i> . High proportion of unidentifiable remnants. Few spinose acritarchs.
	Top "Sawpit basal Shale" member (subunit B) 1315m						
SWC 37 2320.5m P17854	APK122 probably Lower APK122 "Conifer - <i>Osmundacidites</i> " Palynofacies  [ <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>C. berberoides</i> , <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> , <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>M. florida</i> , <i>D. speciosus</i> <i>C. equalis</i> "rotundus"]	basal Pretty Hill Formation ("basal shale" Member)  (lower Pretty Hill Formation; "basal shale" member (subunit B))	Fluvial	Poor  thin, some fragmented	Mod.	Mod.	Mostly unidentifiable remnants. Conifer pollen dominated association; few identifiable. Spores moderately diverse. Fern spores conspicuous; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> and <i>Cyathidites</i> . Lycopodiaceous forms conspicuous but somewhat restricted in diversity; mostly <i>Retitriteles</i> . High proportion of unidentifiable remnants. Few aquatic forms.
2320.5m	Base <i>C. equalis</i> "rotundus"; <i>D. speciosus</i> "speciosus" & consistent <i>D. speciosus</i> "strigosus"						An isolated specimen of <i>D. speciosus</i> "strigosus" recovered at 2498m
SWC 32 2385.0m P17849	APK1 possibly APK121 "Conifer - <i>Osmundacidites</i> " Palynofacies  [ <i>C. equalis</i> "tenuispinosus", <i>K. douglasii</i> 1372, <i>C. "quasihughesii"</i> , <i>C. berberoides</i> , <i>Cry. "burgeri"</i> , <i>M. evansii</i> ]	basal Pretty Hill Formation (lower "basal shale" Member) or upper Casterton Formation  (lower Pretty Hill Formation; "basal shale" member (subunit B))	Fluvial ?paralic	Poor  thin, some fragmented	High	Mod.	Mostly unidentifiable remnants. Conifer pollen dominated association; few identifiable. Spores moderately diverse. Fern spores conspicuous; mostly <i>Cyathidites</i> . Lycopodiaceous forms notable but somewhat restricted in diversity; mostly <i>Retitriteles</i> . High proportion of unidentifiable remnants. Few spinose acritarchs.
2385	Deepest <i>M. evansii</i>						A doubtful fragment of <i>M. evansii</i> recovered at 2455m
	Below 2385.0m palynomorph recoveries and preservation generally limit reliable palynostratigraphic resolution to 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> order units						
SWC 31 2391.0m P17848	APK1 possibly APK121 "Conifer" Palynofacies  [ <i>Cyclo. hughesii</i> ]	basal Pretty Hill Formation (lower "basal shale" Member) or upper Casterton Formation  (lower Pretty Hill Formation; "basal shale" member (subunit B))	Fluvial ?paralic	Poor  thin, corroded, some fragmented	Low	Low	Conifer pollen dominated association; mostly saccate pollen remnants. Cryptogam spores restricted. Lycopodiaceous forms conspicuous. High proportion of unidentifiable remnants. Few spinose acritarchs.



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SWC 28 2413.0m P17845	APK1 tentatively APK121 "Osmundacidites - Retitritiles" Palynofacies  [ <i>Cyclo "quasihughesii"</i> , <i>C. equalis</i> , <i>D. "robusta"</i> ]	basal Pretty Hill Formation (lower "basal shale" Member) or upper Casterton Formation  (lower Pretty Hill Formation; "basal shale" member (subunit B))	Fluvial Lacustrine ?paralic	Poor - very poor  thin, corroded, fragmented, stained	Moderate	Low	Mostly unidentifiable remnants. Cryptogam spores dominant and moderately diverse; Fern spores prominent; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> and <i>Cyathidites</i> . Lycopodiaceous forms conspicuous. Bryophyte forms scarce. Aquatic forms notable; few spinose acritarchs.
	Top Casterton Formation s/(includes Sawpit "basal shale" subunit A) 2450m						
SWC 23 2455.0m P17840	APK1 possibly APK121 "Conifer - Osmundacidites" Palynofacies  [ <i>C. stylosus</i> , <i>D. "cloisone"</i> , <i>C. equalis</i> , <i>F. dailyi</i> , <i>M. evansi</i> ]	basal Pretty Hill Formation (lower "basal shale" Member) or upper Casterton Formation  (upper Casterton Formation; includes "basal shale" member (subunit A))	Fluvial Lacustrine	Poor  diffuse corroded, stained	Low	Mod.	Mostly corroded, thin remnants. Conifer pollen dominated association; mostly saccate and inaperturate pollen remnants. Cryptogam spores somewhat restricted in diversity but prominent. Fern spores conspicuous; mostly <i>Osmundacidites</i> and <i>Cyathidites</i> . Lycopodiaceous forms notable but restricted in diversity. Aquatic forms notable; mostly leiospheres; isolated <i>Microfaster evansi</i> .
SWC 21 2461.5m P17838	APK121 - lower APK122 probably APK121 Conifer Palynofacies  [ <i>Cyclo hughesii</i> , <i>C. equalis</i> , <i>M. florida</i> ]	basal Pretty Hill Formation (lower "basal shale" Member) or upper Casterton Formation  (upper Casterton Formation; includes "basal shale" member (subunit A))	Fluvial Lacustrine ?paralic	Very Poor  thin, strongly corroded, fragmented, stained	Mod.	Low	Conifer pollen remnants dominant; few identifiable. Cryptogam spores conspicuous but restricted in diversity. High proportion of unidentifiable remnants. Aquatic forms conspicuous; mostly leiospheres; few spinose acritarchs.
2461.5m	Base <i>Cyclosporites hughesii</i>						
	Top Casterton Formation of Morton et al/1995 (= lower unit of present usage) 2466m						The low species diversity of the "Casterton aquatic" palynofacies reflects a specialised flora; reliable palynostratigraphic resolution limited to primary palynostratigraphic units
SWC 18 2482.2m P17835	APK11 - lower APK122 possibly APK11 Casterton aquatic Palynofacies  [ <i>C. equalis "tenuispinosus"</i> , <i>C. "quasihughesii"</i> ]	Casterton Formation  (Casterton Formation)	Lacustrine	Poor (Unoxidised Res)  very thin, diffuse & corroded but many entire; over oxidised.	High	Low	Residue over oxidised; sieved unoxidised residue mostly entire but thin diffuse corroded Conifer pollen (saccate and inaperturate pollen) and aquatic forms (leiospheres and <i>Granodiscus</i> ). Cryptogam spores sparse and restricted in diversity; <i>Osmundacidites</i> , <i>Cyathidites</i> and <i>C. equalis</i> notable.



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