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QUESTION No. BI-120

- (a) Have there been any surveys done of arable land (ie land suitable for agriculture) across northern Australia?
- (b) Are details available?
- (c) If so, could I have the reference on where they may be found?

ANSWER

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Australian Soil Resource Information System (ASRIS) – www.asris.csiro.au provides online access to the best publicly available information on soil and land resources across Australia.