How to access soils information from the Queensland Globe

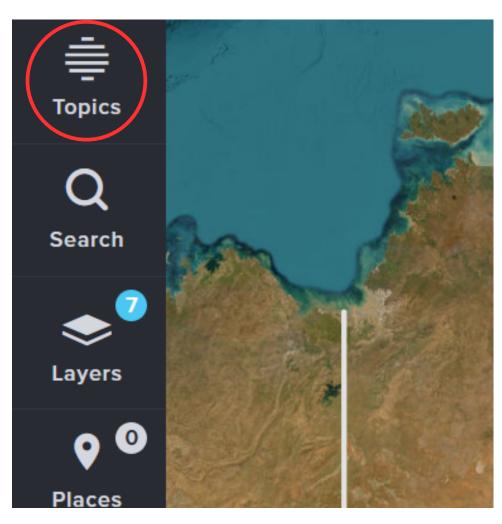
This information sheet describes the steps needed to access and download soils information from the Qld Globe. If you need help or have any questions, please email soils@qld.gov.au

- 1. Open Qld Globe: http://qldglobe.information.qld.gov.au/
- 2. Tick the acknowledgement box, then click the blue *Get Started* button (you have to sign in if you'd like to save and share maps)

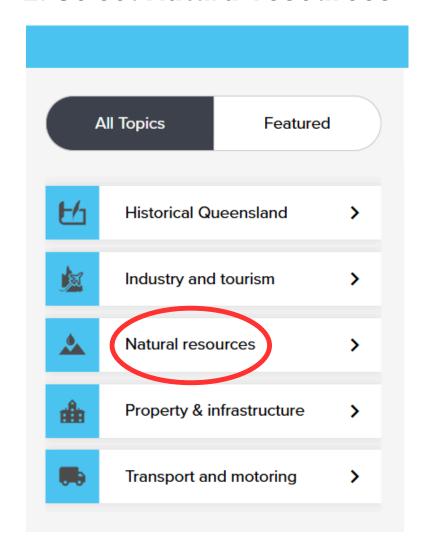
Note: Soils information can be added to your map by selecting a <u>Topic</u> (which adds multiple layers at once) or by manually selecting individual <u>Layers</u>. Once you've added the soils information you want to see, you can <u>access and query</u> the data.

Adding a Topic:

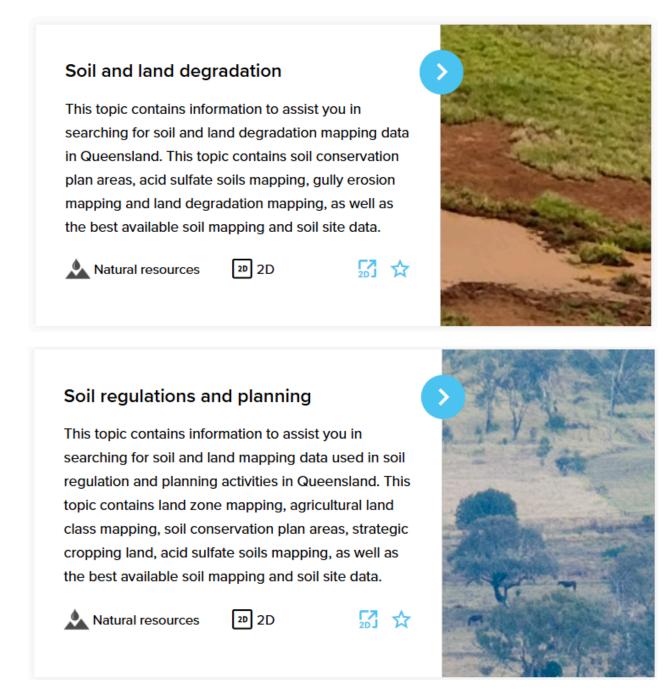
1. Select **Topics**

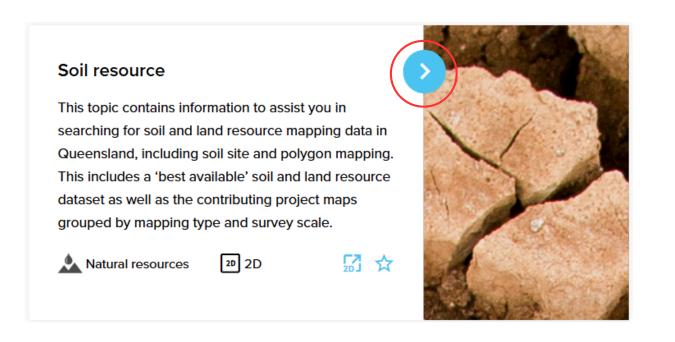


2. Select Natural resources



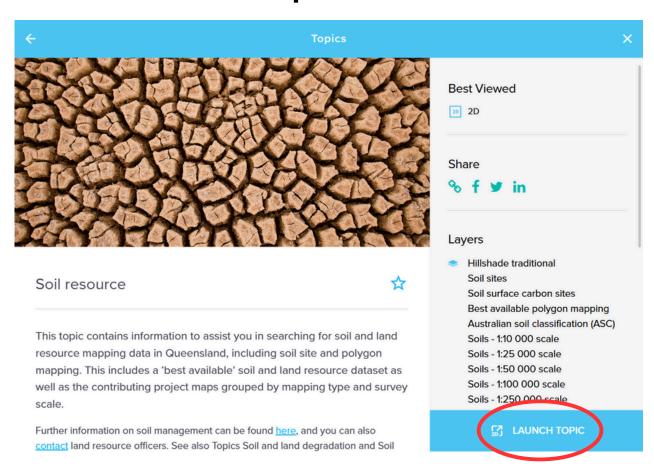
3. Scroll down and choose from three topics: *Soil and land degradation, Soil regulations and planning* or *Soil resource*. Once you've decided on the Topic you want, click on the blue arrow beside the Topic heading.



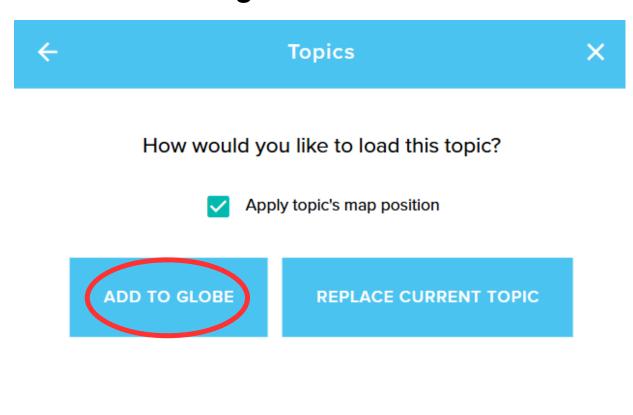




4. Select Launch Topic



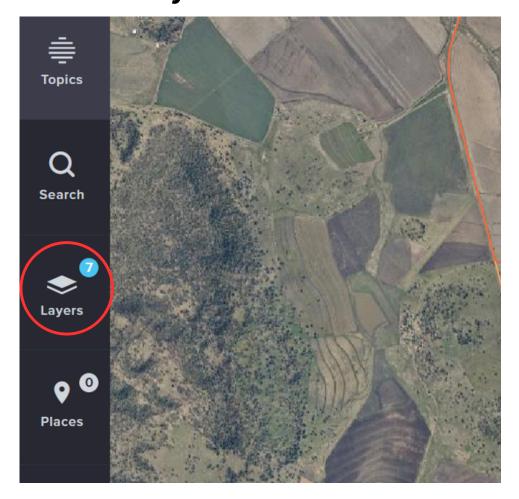
5. Select Add to globe



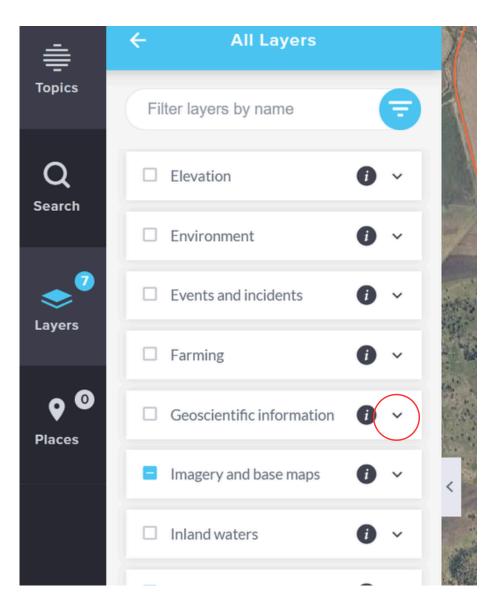
You've now turned on the Topic you've chosen. All three Topics include layers showing "Soil sites" and "Best available mapping". See **Accessing information** for how to access individual site data and how to query the soils mapping.

Adding Layers:

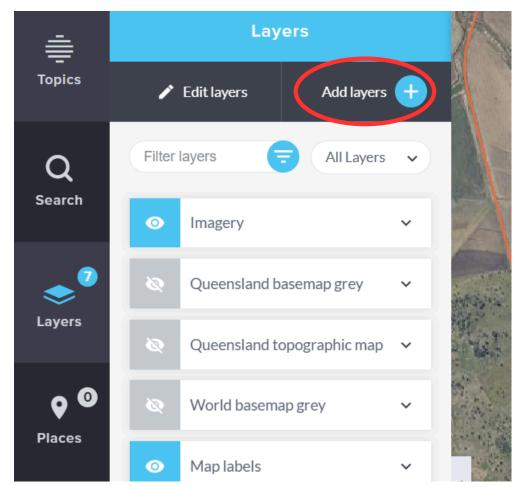
1. Select Layers



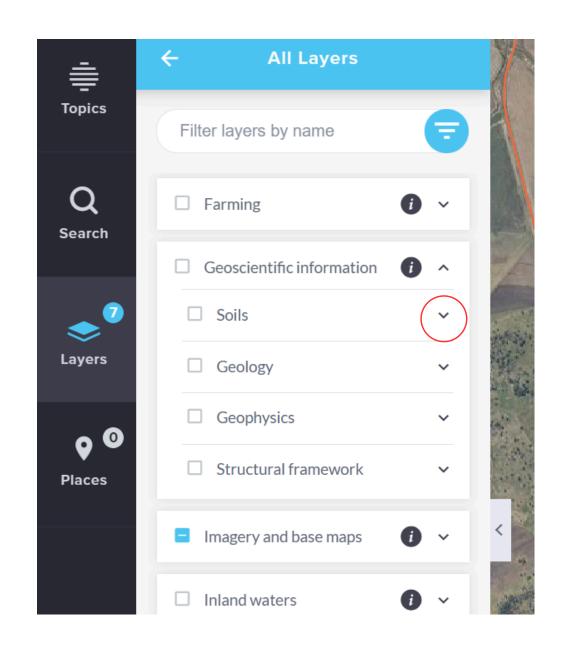
3. Scroll down to **Geoscientific information** and click on the down arrow beside it (don't check the box)



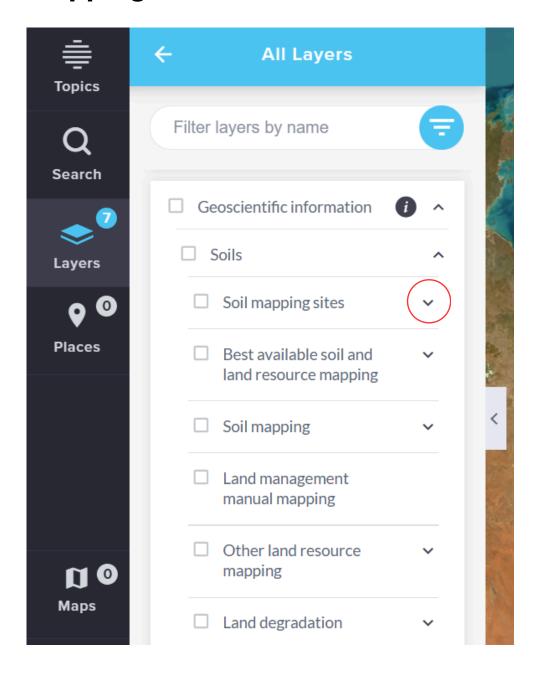
2. Select **Add Layers**



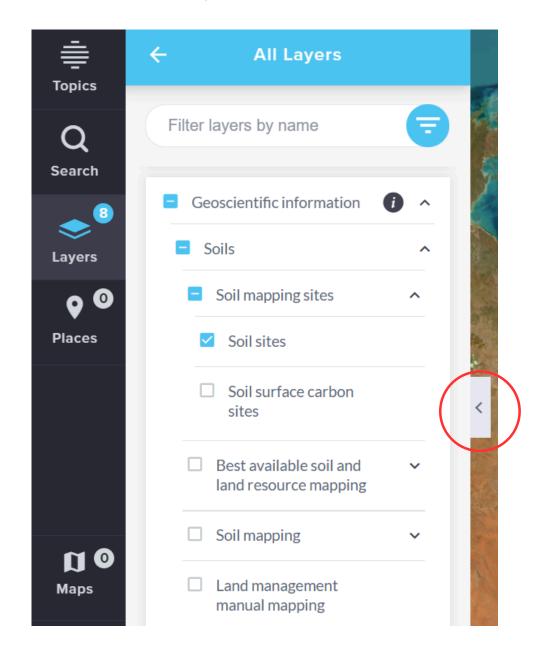
4. Click on the down arrow beside **Soils** (don't check the box)



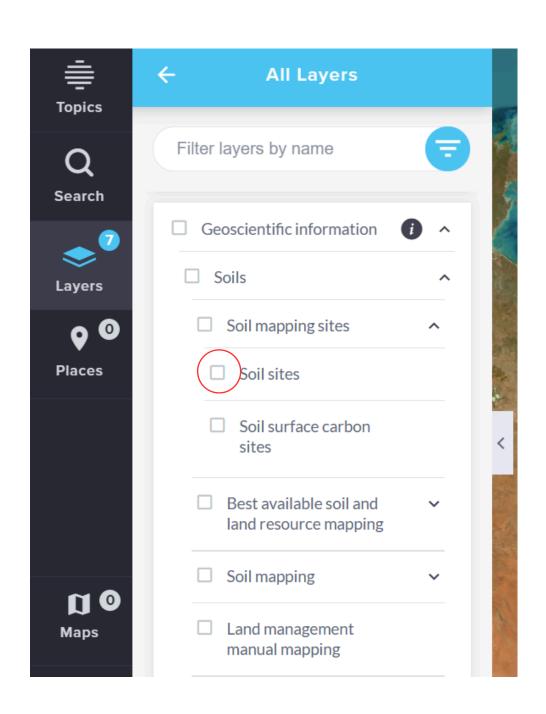
5. Click on the down arrow besides **Soil** mapping sites



7. Click on the arrow halfway down the right side of the layers box to minimise it.



6. Check the box to the left of **Soil sites**

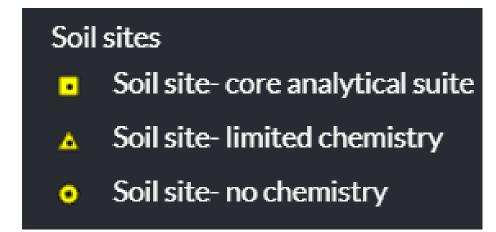


You've now turned on the layer that shows the locations of all soil sites in Queensland.

Note: The layer is only visible at a scale of 1:2 500 000 or smaller. If you are zoomed out beyond this scale, you will need to zoom in to see all the soil sites. You can zoom in one of three ways: use your mouse; use the controls in the bottom right corner of the Qld Globe; or manually type the scale in the scale box.

Once you've zoomed in, you will see lots of yellow dots—each dot represents a soil site where data is available. If you zoom in beyond 1:150 000 scale, you will see letters in front of the dots e.g. ALM, ASA, MISSQ etc. These letters are codes describing the various mapping projects in Queensland.

Note: The shape of the soil site icon indicates what laboratory data is available.

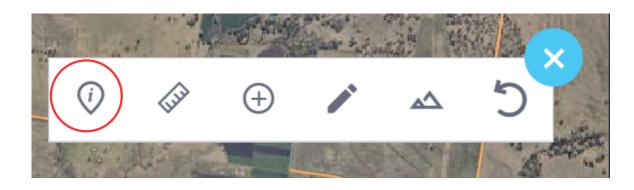


Accessing information about a soil site:

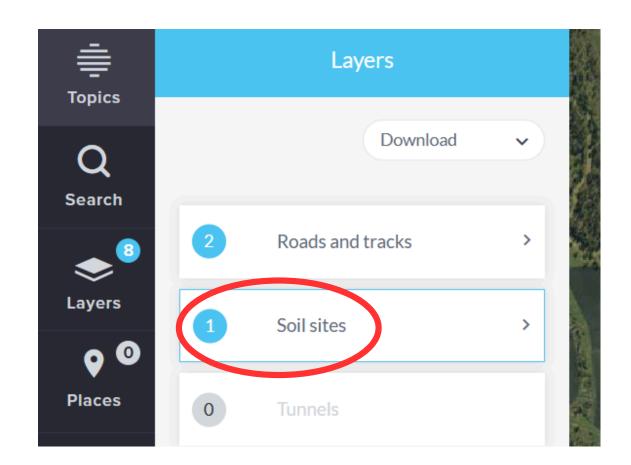
1. Click on the blue spanner in the top right corner of the screen



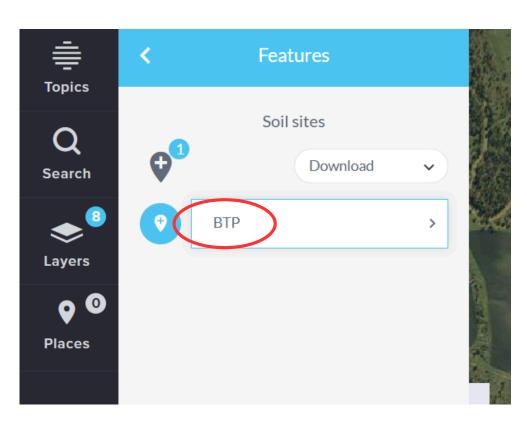
2. Click on the first icon which is "Identify" (this changes the cursor to a set of cross hairs)



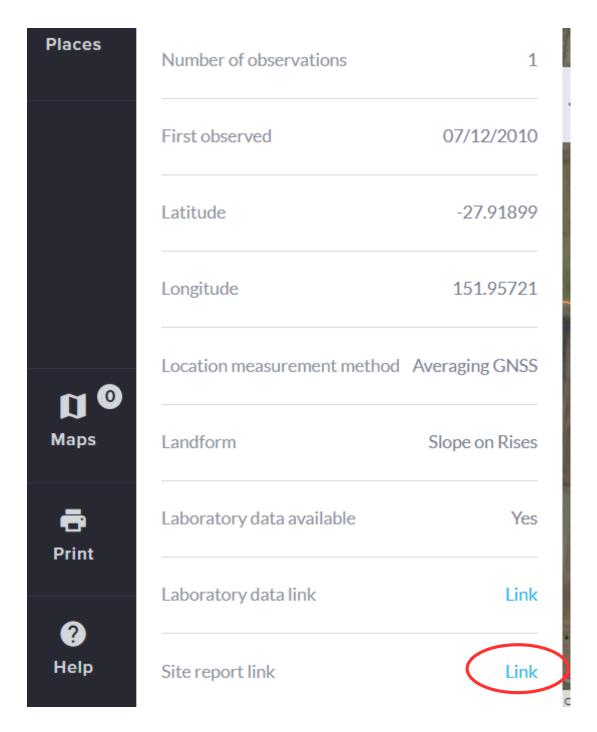
3. Click on the soil site (yellow dot) you're interested in. This will display a list of features it can identify at that point (e.g. soil site, roads, railways etc). Select **Soil sites**.



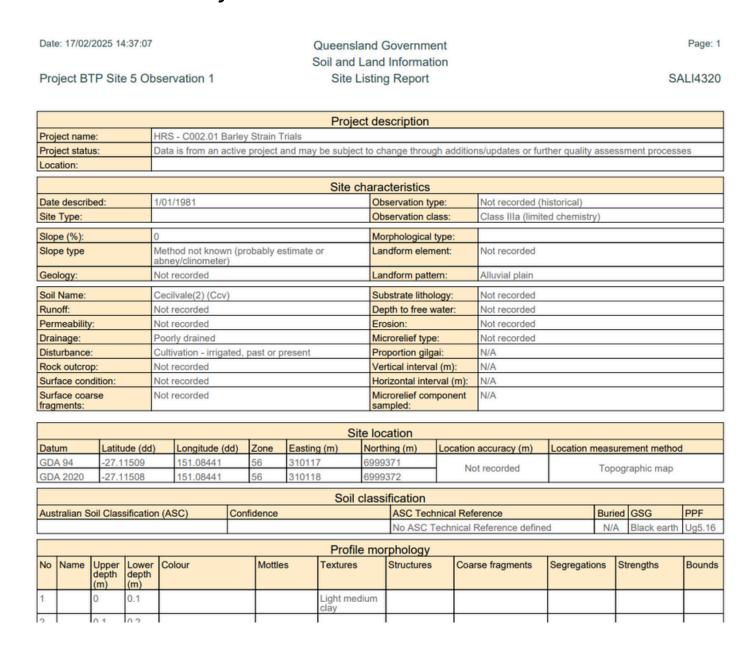
4. Click on the project code (in this example, BTP).



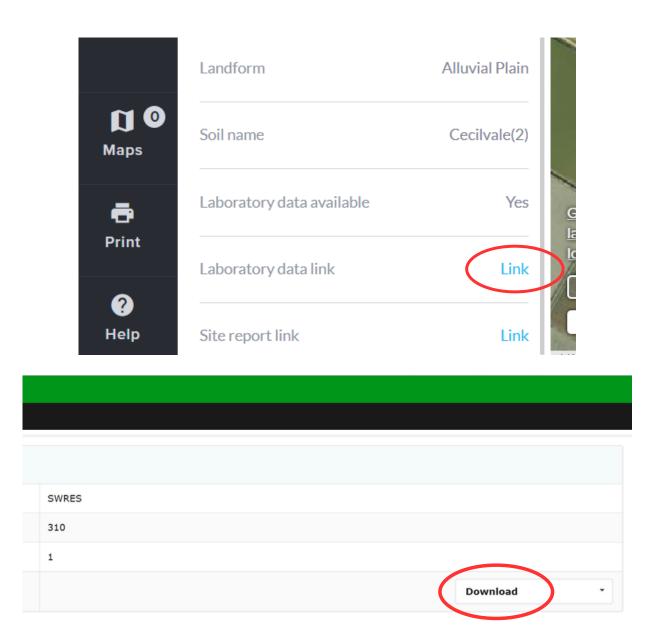
5. You are now at the information available for that particular soil site. You can read some of the information on screen (e.g. date it was sampled, soil type according to the Australian Soil Classification, soil name, landform). You can also download a pdf of all the site information by clicking on the blue link next to **Site report link**.



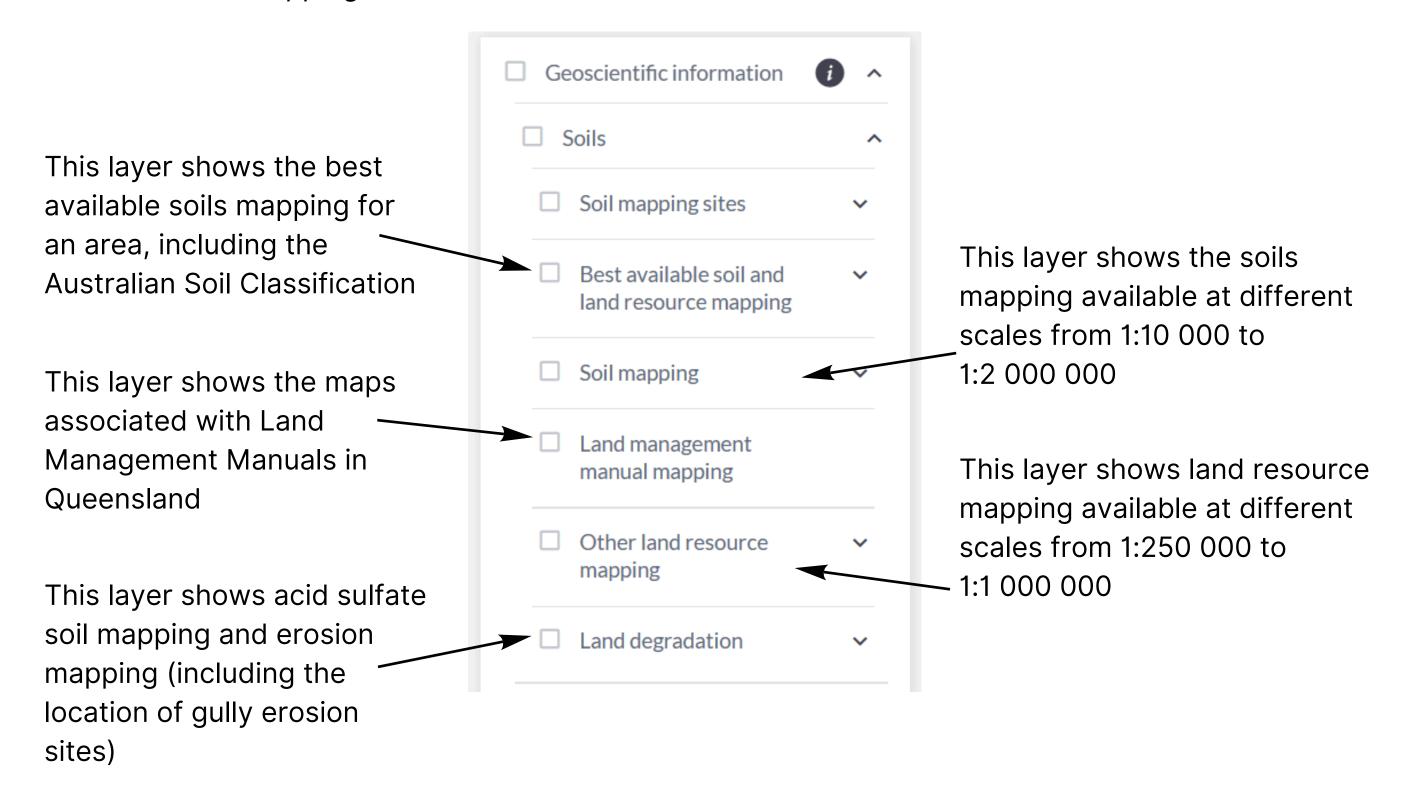
- 6. The pdf will automatically download, containing information about:
- location
- soil classification
- soil morphology e.g. texture, colour, structure
- field tests e.g. pH, dispersion
- soil chemistry



7. Some sites have soil chemistry data available which can be downloaded separately as a .csv file (in Excel). Click on the blue link next to Laboratory data link. Once you're on the soil chemistry page, click on **Download** (right hand side of page) and choose the format you'd like.



For soils mapping, there are several options to choose from within the **Soils** Layer. Queensland soils mapping is stored in different formats and scales.



You can check each box individually to see the type of mapping available, or you can check all types. When you click on an area with the Identify icon, it will identify the soil maps and map units that cover that area. If you have any questions, please email soils@qld.gov.au