

## INTRODUCTION

Land Use in the Northern Range is a very wide subject and in a project of this nature, where time is limited, it is only possible to attempt to give a broad overall picture of the problem.

Land Use and Land Use Planning are essentially a part of Soil Conservation and the conservation approach must be employed in order to review the subject in its entirety.

The conservation approach to a problem is really the same as the ecological approach, and necessitates taking the holistic or synoptic view of the situation; considering all the various aspects and ramifications and attempting to assess the whole.

Due to limited time available, and the difficulty in visiting the more inaccessible and remote parts of the area, the information obtained is very incomplete.

For this reason the project has been confined to the more salient points which can be brought out by the data collected and the observations made.

The method employed in collecting material was to make observations on the depth of soil, degree of slope, vegetation, erosion and other general features in different parts of the Northern Range. From conversation with people living in the area and with officials of the Forestry and Agricultural Departments and from students' reports and papers written concerning the area, information was obtained and used in conjunction with the writer's own observations.

The object being to give a general assessment of the present situation in the Northern Range, its trends, and to stress the urgent need for a Land Use Policy in the area.