## The influence of land use and management on the behaviour and persistence of soil organic carbon in a subtropical Ferralsol

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Land Use	Time since last land use change (y)	Vegetation	Fertiliser
Remnant Vegetation	N/A	Native Vine Scrub	N/A
Plantation	21	Spotted gum (Corymbia citriodora spp. Variegata)	Nil
Cropped	72	Peanut (Arachis hypogaea) – maize (Zea mays)	1950–2010: Nil 2010–2017: 50 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> P ha <sup>-1</sup> as MOP and 12 kg as diammonium phosphate (DAP) plus Petrik micronutrients at planting for peanuts. 70 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> urea, 40 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> P ha <sup>-1</sup> as MOP and 9.4 kg as DAP, 4 kg ha <sup>-1</sup> Zn plus Petrik micronutrients at planting for maize.
Pasture	39	Wiregrass (Aristida ramose)/ Rhodes grass (Chloris gayana)	Nil

**Supplementary Table S1**: Background and land use history for the soils collected from Kingaroy adapted from Zhang et al. (2020).

**Supplementary Table S2:** The average concentration of C, N and C/N ratios of each soil fraction from four land uses, separated by density fractionation and elemental concentration determined by IRMS. fPOM is free particulate organic matter, oPOM is aggregate-occluded particulate organic matter, coarse fraction-MAOM is coarse grained (>53  $\mu$ m) mineral-associated organic matter, and fine fraction-MAOM is fine grained (>53  $\mu$ m) mineral-associated organic matter. Standard error is reported in parentheses (*n* = 5).

		Land Use					
		Remnant	Pasture	Plantation	Cropped		
		Vegetation					
fPOM	$C (mg g^{-1})$	254 (8.30)	224 (12.4)	225 (13.4)	242 (13.6)		
	$N (mg g^{-1})$	18.1 (0.66)	12.1 (0.71)	11.0 (0.34)	12.1 (1.10)		
	C/N ratio	14.1 (0.15)	18.6 (0.67)	20.4 (0.64)	20.5 (1.73)		
oPOM	$C (mg g^{-1})$	361 (13.9)	360 (3.39)	358 (4.77)	383 (7.60)		
	$N (mg g^{-1})$	24.2 (0.61)	23.1 (0.24)	17.9 (0.18)	19.1 (1.07)		
	C/N ratio	14.9 (0.25)	15.6 (0.27)	20.0 (0.348)	20.3 (1.33)		
Coarse	$C (mg g^{-1})$	15.6 (1.17)	8.38 (1.26)	8.43 (1.16)	2.95 (0.21)		
fraction-							
MAOM							
	$N (mg g^{-1})$	1.25 (0.09)	0.65 (0.09)	0.600 (0.09)	0.225 (0.03)		
	C/N ratio	12.5 (0.19)	12.8 (0.29)	14.2 (0.39)	13.3 (0.97)		
Fine fraction-	$C (mg g^{-1})$	57.5 (0.76)	39.5 (1.58)	47.6 (1.29)	18.3 (0.38)		
MAOM							
	$N (mg g^{-1})$	6.26 (0.11)	4.23 (0.14)	4.75 (0.21)	1.95 (0.03)		
	C/N ratio	9.23 (0.06)	9.34 (0.09)	10.0 (0.18)	9.36 (0.09)		



**Supplementary Figure S1**: A Summary of the land use change history of the four land uses sampled from the Kingaroy study site [updated from Zhang et al. (2020)].



**Supplementary Figure S2**: Density fractionation and size fractionation process used to separate the bulk soil into four fractions: free particulate organic matter (fPOM), aggregate-occluded organic matter (oPOM), coarse mineral-associated organic matter (coarse fraction-MAOM) and fine mineral-associated organic matter (fine fraction-MAOM).



**Supplementary Figure S3**: The nitrogen content for each soil fraction within the bulk soil from topsoils (0-10cm) collected from four land uses. fPON is free particulate organic nitrogen, oPON is aggregate-occluded particulate organic nitrogen, coarse fraction-MAON is coarse grained (> 53 $\mu$ m) mineral-associated organic nitrogen and coarse fraction-MAON is fine grained (> 53 $\mu$ m) mineral-associated organic nitrogen. Lower-case letters indicate least significant differences (95 % confidence level for each comparison) between the same fractions across land uses.

## **Supplementary References**

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