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## 1. Introduction

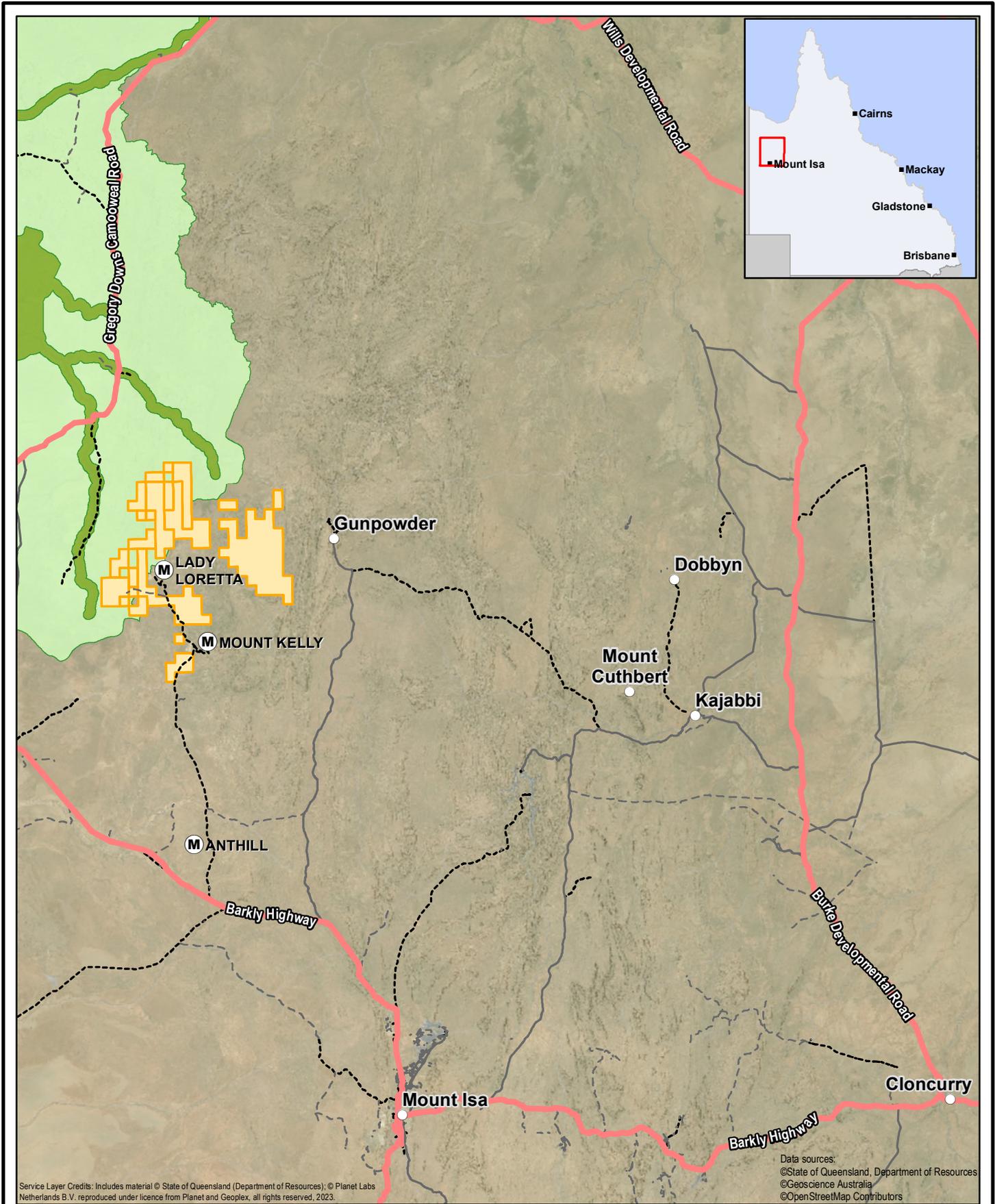
Austral Resources Operations Pty Ltd (Austral), a subsidiary of Austral Resources Australia Limited (ASX code: AR1), propose to undertake exploration activities on Exploration Permit for Minerals (EPM) 16243, EPM 17088, EPM 17422, EPM 17469, EPM 17789 and EPM 27979 located approximately 120km north-northwest of Mount Isa in northwest Queensland, near the Lady Annie and Lady Loretta mines (“the Project”).

The Project is situated within the Gulf Rivers Strategic Environmental Area (SEA) (**Figure 1**) and therefore Austral requires approval under Section 28 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act). Austral holds a granted Environmental Authority (EA) for each of the EPMs that are part of the Project located within the SEA (EPVX00756413, EPVX02677914, EPVX00162213, EPVX02682414, EPVX00719313 and P-EA-100122072), and is therefore an eligible person under section 28 of the RPI Act.

Pursuant to section 34(2) of the RPI Act and Section 13 of *Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014* (RPI Regulation), the assessment application is not notifiable as the proposed exploration activities will be carried out in a SEA and not a priority living area. However, in accordance with Section 34(4) of the RPI Act, the assessment application can become notifiable if the Chief Executive provides Austral with a notice requiring the application to be notifiable.

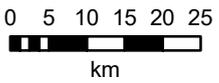
Pursuant to Section 12(2) of the RPI Regulation, the assessing agencies for a SEA are the Department of Environment and Science (DES) and the Department of Resources (DoR). The function of DES is to assess the expected impact of the activity on the ecological integrity of the environmental attributes for the area that relate to riparian processes, wildlife corridors or water quality. While the function of DoR is to assess the expected impact of the activity on the hydrodynamics of, and interactions with, the environmental attributes for the area that relate to hydrologic or geomorphic processes or beneficial flooding.

This report will outline the environment attributes and expected impacts of this proposed exploration project on the environmental attributes.



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	<b>Figure 1 - Regional Location</b>	EPM Boundary Major Road Regional Road Road (unclassified) Track Mine Location	Gulf Rivers - Strategic Environmental Area Gulf Rivers - Strategic Environmental Area, Designated Precinct
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## 1.1 The Applicant and Project Overview

Austral Resources Australia Limited is a copper producer, developer and explorer located in the Mount Isa District of northwest Queensland. Austral is actively developing its Anthill copper mine which achieved an average daily production rate of 33.5 tonnes of LME Grade-A copper cathode from its Mt Kelly heap leach and SXEW processing plant by the end of 2022. The project mine life of Anthill is four years.

Austral are actively exploring its highly prospective tenure package for new discoveries. Targets were generated by airborne surveys completed in 2021 with refinement using geology and geochemistry datasets. The purpose of this exploration work is the discovery of economic resources of copper, lead, and zinc, which are critical metals for the state economy and for development of renewable technologies.

## 1.2 Property and Tenure Details

There is a total of four land parcels within the SEA and across EPM 16243, EPM 17088, EPM 17422, EPM 17469, EPM 17789 and EPM 27979. Summary details of the properties located across these tenements and within the SEA are shown in **Table 1**. Title searches have been attached at **Appendix 1**.

Tenure details for the Project are summarised in **Table 2**. EAs EPVX00756413, EPVX02677914, EPVX00162213, EPVX02682414 and EPVX00719313 have been varied to include:

*“The holder of this environmental authority must not carry out activities in a category A or B Environmentally Sensitive Area. Activities involving machinery for the purpose of exploration may be carried out within 1km of a Category A ESA or within 500m of a Category B ESA providing the activities do not impact upon environmental values of the ESA. Prior to carrying out activities in a Category C ESA, consult with the relevant administering authority. If it is determined through the consultation that additional conditions are necessary, the holder must comply with those conditions”.*

**Table 1 Property Details**

Category	Land Parcel 1	Land Parcel 2	Land Parcel 3	Land Parcel 4
<b>Lot/Plan</b>	Lot 1 on UN6	Lot 1 on UN7	Lot 3 on UN803945	Lot 5 on CP865892
<b>Property Name</b>	Paradise Valley	Thorntonia	Koolamarra	Calton Hills
<b>Tenure</b>	Lands Lease – Term Lease	Lands Lease – Rolling Term Lease	Lands Lease – Rolling Term Lease	Land Lease – Term Lease
<b>Landholder</b>	Noranda Pacific Pty Ltd (ACN 006 864 802)	Bezuma Pastoral Co. Pty Ltd (ACN 010 553 474)	David Alfred Spreadborough	Calton Hills Pty Ltd (ACN 066 708 727)
<b>Postal Address</b>	Lady Loretta Mine PMB 6 Mount Isa QLD 4825	Lloyd and Wendy Hick Thorntonia Station C/- Post Office Camooweal QLD 4828	PO Box 99 Mount Isa QLD 4825	Calton Hills Station PO Box 2935 Mount Isa QLD 4825
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**Table 2 Tenure Details**

Specification	EPM 16243	EPM 17088	EPM 17422	EPM 17469	EPM 17789	EPM 27979
<b>Grant Date</b>	11/01/2010	09/02/2012	09/08/2012	09/02/2012	07/10/2011	16/05/2022
<b>Expiry Date</b>	10/01/2024	08/02/2024	08/08/2023 (renewal lodged)	08/02/2024	06/10/2025	15/05/2027
<b>Sub-blocks</b>	25	3	9	2	38	72
<b>EA Number</b>	EPVX00756413	EPVX02677914	EPVX00162213	EPVX02682414	EPVX00719313	P-EA-100122072
<b>EA Type</b>	Variation	Variation	Variation	Variation	Variation	Standard

## 2. Proposed Activities

Austral propose to undertake the following resource activities under EPM 16243, EPM 17088, EPM 17422, EPM 17469, EPM 17789 and EPM 27979, which will fall within the Gulf Rivers SEA:

- Ground-disturbing:
  - Construction of access tracks; and
  - Establishment of 58 drill pads.
- Non-ground-disturbing:
  - General traversing across EPMs;
  - Ground mapping;
  - Surface sampling;
  - Ground geophysical surveys; and
  - Cultural heritage surveys.

Non-ground disturbing exploration activities may be undertaken on all land parcels stated in **Table 1**, while ground-disturbing exploration activities will only be undertaken within Lot 1 on UN6 and Lot 1 on UN7.

Within the 58 drill pads, there will be a total of 58 drillholes, comprising 10 diamond drillholes and 45 reverse circulation (RC) drillholes.

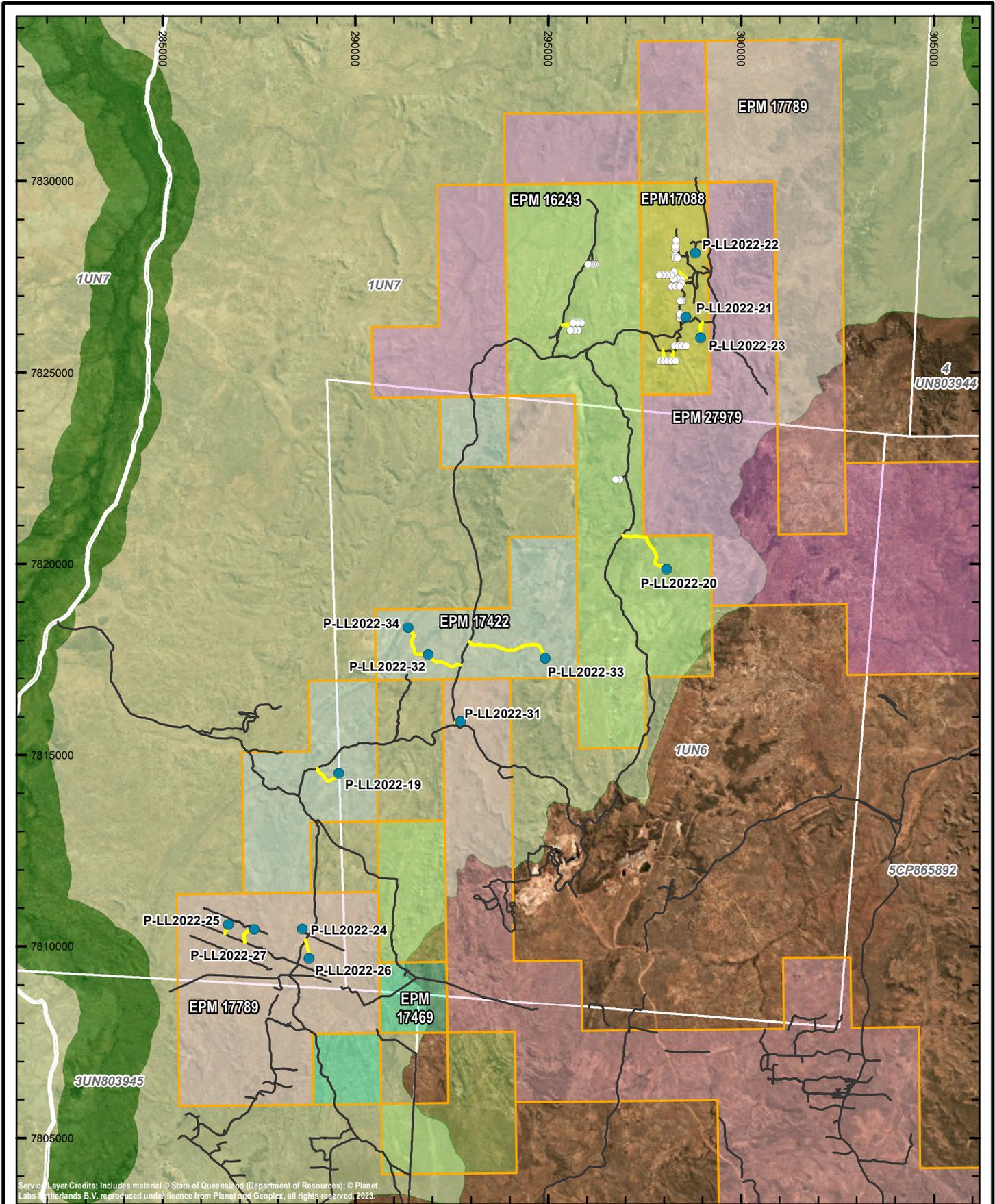
All Austral and contracted staff will be based at the Mt Kelly mine camp, while all (JV-partner) Mount Isa Mines Resource Development (MIMRD) and contracted staff will be billeted at Lady Loretta mine camp, as drill sites are within comfortable driving distance. Fuel and laydown areas are available at the Mt Kelly mine and Lady Loretta mine.

A summary of the proposed ground-disturbing activities, their locations and expected disturbance levels are summarised in **Table 3** and illustrated in **Figure 2**. Definitions of each ground-disturbing activity are described in **Table 4**. In addition, schematics of the proposed diamond and RC drillholes are illustrated in **Figure 3** and **Figure 4** respectively.

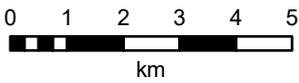
**Table 3 Summary of Proposed Ground-Disturbing Activities and their Estimated Disturbance**

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Coordinates are GDA94 MGA Zone 54						
<b>TOTAL DISTURBANCE FOR 58 TARGET SITES:</b>						<b>6.28ha</b>



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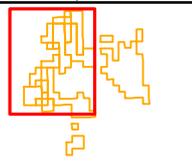


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**Figure 2 - Exploration Activities**

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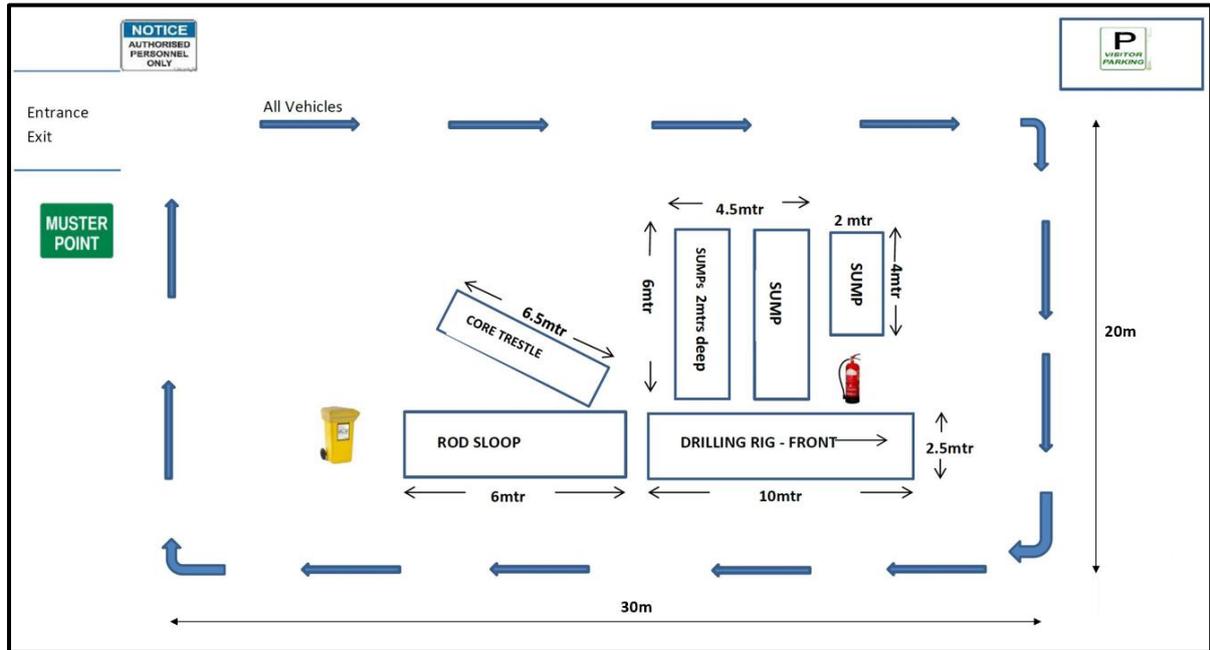
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- Property Boundary
- Gulf Rivers - Strategic Environmental Area
- Gulf Rivers - SEA, Designated Precinct
- Existing Track
- Proposed Track (3m width)
- Proposed Diamond Hole (20m x 30m pad)
- Proposed RC Hole (20m x 20m pad)



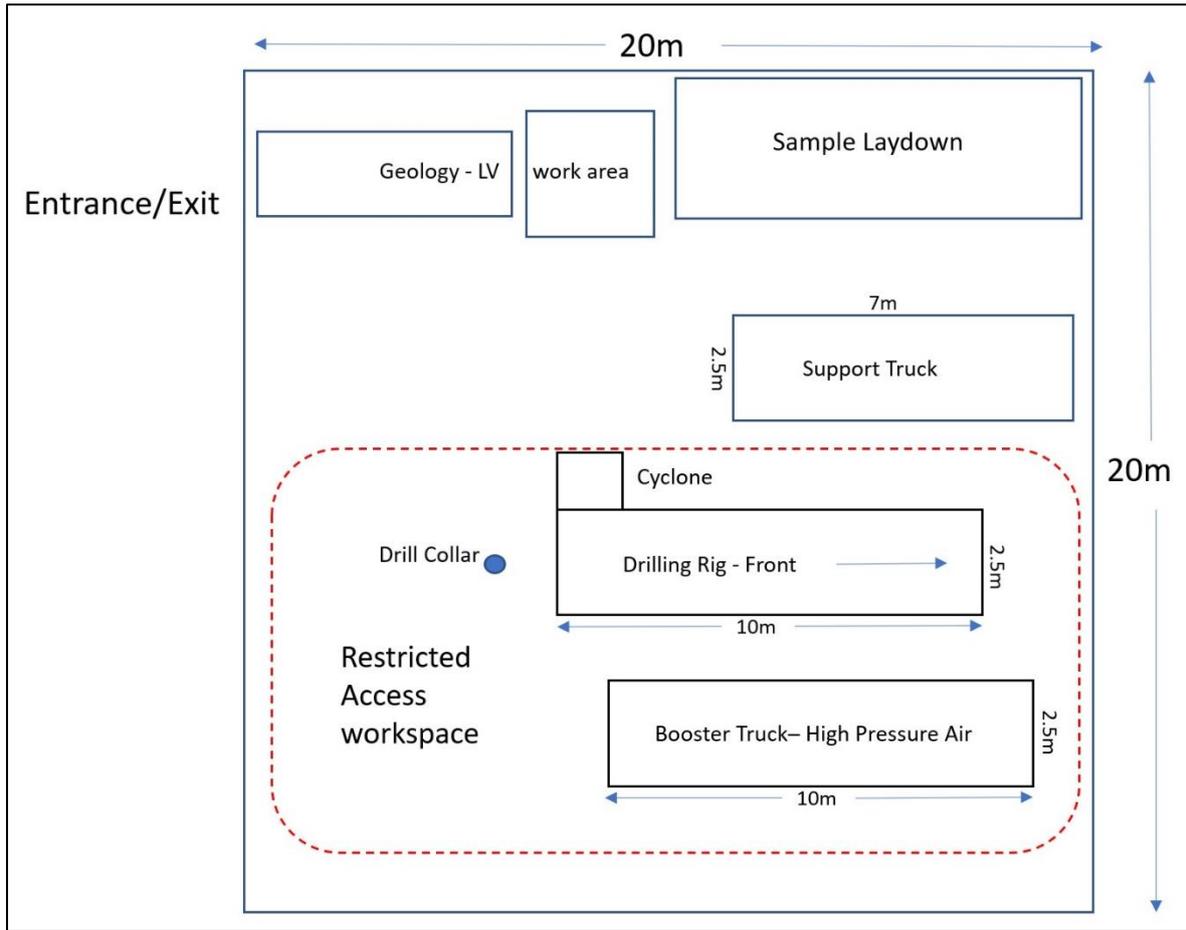
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**Table 4 Definitions of ground-disturbing resource activities**

Resource Activity	Definition
Access tracks	A cleared track approximately 3m wide to facilitate vehicular access of drilling equipment and personnel.
Drill pads	As shown in <b>Figure 3</b> , the drill pad for the diamond drilling is a 20m x 30m (0.06ha) area used to provide a stable platform for the mud rotary and diamond tail drilling procedure. While, the drill pad required for the RC drilling will be a smaller 20m x 20m (0.04ha) area.



**Figure 3 Schematic of the Proposed Diamond Drillhole Drill Pad**



**Figure 4 Schematic of the Proposed RC Drillhole Drill Pad**

## 2.1 Drilling Program

There will be two drill programmes conducted as part of the Project, a diamond drilling program (possibly requiring two drill rigs) of 13 drillholes with a total meterage of 9,200m (target depths ranging from 300m to 1,100m) and a RC drilling program of 45 drillholes with a planned meterage of 3,800m (10 drillholes with a target depth of 100m and 35 drillholes with a target depth of 80m). Actual hole depths may exceed predicted depths. The on-duty geologist will inform if the target has been reached. The diamond drilling will be 96mm (HQ) and 76mm (NQ) in diameter, while RC drilling is 5.5-inch diameter. PVC casing for the top 6m of both the diamond and RC drillholes will be 125mm in diameter.

No artesian water is likely to be intersected as drillholes are testing outcropping Proterozoic basement geology and no Palaeozoic cover sequences are present that host artesian water bearing stratigraphy.

Clearing and minor earthworks may be required to prepare drill pads at the proposed sites. The drill pad will contain the drill rig and associated vehicles in addition to the drill sumps to hold drilling waters.

Drill pads have been selected, based on both geological and environmental grounds. Austral has, where necessary, after determining the location of the geological anomaly also considered the corresponding environmental attribute(s) for that area. Geological anomalies are typically large

enough that drillhole locations can be moved, without losing confidence in the quality of the drilling results.

Clearing is likely to be undertaken with the following equipment:

- Grader/bulldozer; or
- Wheeled loader / backhoe.

The vegetation clearing will use the “blade up” method where possible, so that vegetation is cleared while minimising disturbance to roots and topsoil. The preparation of the drill sites may involve topsoil disturbance (to create a safe, level site) and in this case, cleared vegetation will be stockpiled separately from topsoil. The excavation of drill sumps is likely to use a wheeled loader/backhoe but may also involve a tracked bulldozer. Excavated subsoil soils will be stockpiled separately from topsoil.

Drilling equipment is likely to include the following equipment:

- Types of drill rigs supplied will be KWL, UDR or DE type truck mounted;
- Support vehicles (MR truck or light truck);
- Rod carrier truck;
- Water truck;
- Lighting towers (on trailer); and
- Mobile workshop/office caravan or shipping container.

**Appendix 2** shows the extent of the proposed drill pads. Each diamond drill pad will be no larger than 20m x 30m (0.06ha) and each RC drill pad will be no larger than 20m x 20m (0.04ha).

Site rehabilitation will be undertaken in accordance with the *Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects*. This includes, but not limited to:

- Condition 39: The holder of the environmental authority must backfill all excavations, drill holes or sampling sites as soon as practical following the completion of exploration activities.
- Condition 40: Condition 39 does not apply to any excavations, drill holes or sampling sites that are to remain after the completion of exploration activities, by agreement with the landowner.
- Condition 41: The holder of the environmental authority must rehabilitate areas disturbed by mining activities to a stable landform similar to that of surrounding undisturbed areas.
- Condition 42: The holder of the environmental authority must spread seeds or plant species that will promote vegetation of a similar species and density of cover to that of the surrounding undisturbed areas or vegetation that is appropriate for providing erosion control and stabilisation of the disturbed areas.

In regard to Condition 40, if the landholder requests that the drill hole be kept as a water bore, the appropriate approvals will be applied for in order to retain the drill hole as a water bore for the landholder.

## 2.2 Access Tracks

An access track will be required to allow access for all drilling equipment and personnel to each of the proposed drilling sites. Existing pastoral tracks have been used where possible to minimise the level of overall disturbance and disturbance to environmental attributes. The width of the proposed access tracks will be kept to a maximum of 3m wide to provide enough room for vehicular access. Access to the drill sites have been minimised as far as practicable using existing tracks. New tracks will be constructed by driving the grader (or bulldozer) along the route, with the blade up where possible, to minimise disturbance to topsoil.

Ground-disturbing exploration activities for the Austral project will require crossing 16 regulated vegetation (defined watercourse) corridors (**Appendix 3**). Criteria used to decide the location of access tracks and watercourse crossing points include:

- The distance from the nearest constructed property track or fence line to the crossing point;
- The nature of the vegetation between the start point and the crossing point – i.e. dense or open, Endangered, Of Concern, or Least Concern at Present Regional Ecosystems;
- The stream order at the crossing point – with reference to the amount or area of increased disturbance if the watercourse were crossed at a lower stream order;
- Vegetation at the crossing point – dense or open, woody or grassy, etc;
- The entry and exit from the proposed crossing point – incised or gradual, sandy or rocky etc;
- The nature of the watercourse at the crossing point – deep or shallow, incised channel or braided riffles;
- The position on the watercourse – on a bend or on a straight; and
- Evidence or likelihood of high use by fauna – footprints, hollow bearing trees, nest or den sites etc.

Applying these criteria to route selection for the 3m wide access tracks through the regulated vegetation (defined watercourse) corridors ensures that they will not interfere with the ecological function of the riparian vegetation communities. Access tracks will be constructed by driving the grader (or bulldozer) along the route, with the blade up where possible, to minimise disturbance to topsoil, retaining most grasses, herbs and small shrubs while avoiding woody vegetation as much as possible and practical.

The access tracks were selected to start at the nearest existing track to each of the proposed drill sites and were designed to reduce the extent of environmental disturbance by avoiding dense vegetation and regulated vegetation corridors. Each crossing of a regulated vegetation corridor is at the lowest stream order practical, and/or where vegetation disturbance can be minimised. Although 16 regulated vegetation corridors will be crossed, detailed desktop assessment has identified routes that will minimise environmental disturbance.

All proposed disturbance will occur in Res that have a sparse or very sparse structure category where mature trees may be avoided (**Table 5**). As track construction is usually 'blade up', the access track for ground-disturbing exploration activities will not affect the connectivity and functionality of vegetation in the area, and the area will continue to provide habitat for fauna and facilitate movement of fauna.

Satellite imagery shows the 16 regulated vegetation corridors are not in densely vegetated riparian corridors, but in a sparse or very sparse low open woodland. The 3m wide track through these corridors will not restrict fauna movement because the vegetation is sparse and mature trees in the low open woodland will be avoided. The unmodified structure of this vegetation association does not have canopy closure or a continuous or contiguous woody vegetation canopy cover. There is unlikely

to be any modification of the woody vegetation canopy and consequently the structure and function of the corridor will be unaltered.

All access tracks used for exploration purposes will be rehabilitated as soon as practical after the conclusion of drilling and within 6 months unless the area is needed for further exploration or the access track is needed by the landholder. Rehabilitation will be undertaken in accordance with the *Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects*.

### 2.3 Water Supply

Water will be trucked from either the Mt Kelly or Lady Loretta mine camp as required.

### 2.4 Timing

Exploration activities will occur in the dry season with activities concluding by mid-November to avoid conditions of high precipitation in the region. At this stage, depending on the approval timeframe, site activities will likely occur between July and mid-November. Following assessment of this application, Austral will immediately seek access to the site to commence the exploration programme.

Drillholes will be kept open until all analytical results are returned. The rehabilitation of all disturbance will commence as soon as practical after the conclusion of drilling and within 6 months unless the area is needed for further exploration or the access track is needed by the landholder.

### 3. Gulf Rivers Environmental Attributes

The relevant environmental attributes for the Gulf Rivers SEA are described in Section 9 of the RPI Regulation and are reproduced below.

- a) The natural hydrologic processes of the area characterised by –
  - i. Natural, unrestricted flows in and along watercourses and estuaries; and
  - ii. Overflow from watercourses onto the flood plains of the area, or the other way; and
  - iii. Natural flow paths of water across flood plains connecting waterholes, lakes and wetlands in the area; and
  - iv. Natural flow in and from groundwater and springs;
- b) The natural geomorphic processes of the area characterised by-
  - i. Natural erosion; and
  - ii. The transport and deposit of sediment by water throughout the catchments and along the watercourse systems and estuaries;
- c) The functioning riparian processes of the area characterised by native riparian vegetation associated with watercourses, estuaries, lakes and floodplains and wetlands;
- d) The functioning wildlife corridors of the area characterised by-
  - i. Natural habitat in the watercourse systems; and
  - ii. Permanent waterholes and springs;
- e) The natural water quality in the watercourse channels and aquifers and on flood plains in the area characterised by physical, chemical and biological attributes that support and maintain natural aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems.

Sub-sections 3.1 to 3.8 detail the existing environment, with potential impacts and mitigation strategies detailed in Section 4 of this Report. These sections focus on the ground-disturbing exploration activities, as non-ground disturbing exploration activities will not impact upon the Gulf Rivers SEA.

#### 3.1 Riparian Process

Proposed access tracks to the 58 target drill holes may involve minor clearing and crossing of riparian vegetation as 16 crossings of mapped regulated vegetation (defined watercourse) associated with minor drainage features will be encountered (**Appendix 3**). As detailed in Sections 2.1 and 2.2 of this Report, Austral has endeavoured to avoid areas of regulated vegetation and limit creek crossings during the desktop assessment process. This has meant:

- Reviewing drill pad locations to ensure that, wherever practicable, holes are drilled outside of areas that may have the potential to be wetlands or watercourses.
- Refining proposed access tracks to avoid creek crossings or areas of significant vegetation. Where this has not been possible, Austral has sought to mitigate any impact by crossing lower order streams, minimising the width of the access track and committing to comply with recognised soil and erosion control standards. Section 4.5 contains more detail on this latter initiative.

An Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) map indicates no mapped Category A, Category B or Category C ESAs will be impacted by ground-disturbing exploration activities (**Appendix 4**). The proposed drill pads and new access tracks are located in areas mapped as 'Category A or B area that is least concern regional ecosystems' under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999*. A summary of all regional

ecosystems (REs) which will be disturbed through proposed access tracks and/or drill pads are described in **Table 5** and illustrated in **Appendix 5**. The REs disturbed by ground-disturbing exploration activities are largely open woodlands with sparse or very sparse structure categories.

In addition, the proposed ground-disturbing exploration activities are not located in a high-risk area for protected plants (**Appendix 6**).

There are no known wetlands, estuaries or lakes that will be encountered as a result of the drill pads or access tracks.

**Table 5 Summary of Regional Ecosystems disturbed by Ground-Disturbing Exploration Activities**

RE	Summary Description	Biodiversity Status	Vegetation Management Act Class	Structure Category
1.5.3	<i>Eucalyptus leucophloia</i> low open woodland to woodland sometimes with shrubby understorey dominated by <i>Acacia</i> spp. Usually <i>Triodia</i> spp. Dominated ground cover. Includes areas of <i>Corymbia terminalis</i> woodland. Occurs on undulating plateau surfaces, valley infill and outwash plains (BVG1M: 19a)	No concern at present	Least concern	Very sparse
1.5.13	<i>Eucalyptus pruinosa</i> low open woodland often with <i>Corymbia terminalis</i> , <i>E. leucophylla</i> , <i>Acacia cambagei</i> or <i>Grevillea striata</i> and with a sparse mixed shrub layer and dense tussock grass ground layer dominated by <i>Aristida</i> spp. With <i>Triodia</i> spp. Often present. Occurs on older alluvial and residual soils. (BVG1M: 19c)	No concern at present	Least concern	Very sparse
1.7.1	Low open woodland of <i>Eucalyptus leucophloia</i> and/or <i>Corymbia aspera</i> and/or <i>E. normantonensis</i> over <i>Triodia</i> spp. Occurs on lateritic surfaces and on silcrete (BVG1M: 19a)	No concern at present	Least concern	Very sparse
1.7.5	<i>Acacia shirleyi</i> low woodland to low open forest. Occurs on lateritic scarps and hills. (BVG1M: 24a)	No concern at present	Least concern	Sparse
1.9.11	<i>Corymbia terminalis</i> and/or <i>Eucalyptus leucophylla</i> and/or <i>Lysiphillum cunninghamii</i> low open woodland. <i>Eucalyptus pruinosa</i> , <i>Ventilago viminalis</i> and <i>Eucalyptus leucophloia</i> occasionally occur. <i>Senna</i> spp. Shrub layer may be present. Mixed ground layer dominated by <i>Triodia pungens</i> and/or tussock grasses. Includes treeless areas. Occurs on skeletal and shallow soils on limestones; stepped hills; margins of clay plains. (BVG1M: 19b)	No concern at present	Least concern	Sparse
1.11.2	<i>Eucalyptus leucophloia</i> low open woodland or low woodland, sometimes with <i>Eucalyptus leucophylla</i> , <i>Corymbia terminalis</i> , <i>Corymbia aparrerinja</i> or <i>Eucalyptus normantonensis</i> usually with a <i>Acacia</i> spp. Dominated shrub layer and <i>Triodia</i> spp. And/or tussock grass understorey. Treeless areas common. Occurs on hills and ranges on strongly folded metamorphic pre-Cambrian rocks; soils skeletal, some red earths. (BVG1M: 19a)	No concern at present	Least concern	Very sparse

### 3.2 Wildlife Corridors

Vegetation communities along watercourses and drainage features not only function as habitat for fauna but also as a movement corridor. According to the Vegetation Management Watercourse and Drainage Feature Mapping for the area, the proposed access tracks will intersect 16 regulated vegetation (defined watercourse) corridors. The 16 sections of regulated vegetation that are to be crossed may be used as habitat and movement corridors for fauna.

There are no known Groundwater Dependent Ecosystems (GDE) mapped nearby to the proposed disturbance areas.

### 3.3 Water Quality, Hydrological and Geomorphic Processes

The ground-disturbing exploration activities will occur in the within the upper catchment of the Nicholson River sub-basin. The location is very remote with very little data on the water quality of watercourses within the upper catchment of the Nicholson River sub-basin. The nearest Water Act defined watercourse is the West Thornton Creek located approximately 7.5km northwest of the nearest proposed track. There will not be any dams, lakes or springs located near the proposed ground-disturbing exploration activities.

Drainage from the Austral ground-disturbing exploration activities will flow into the West Thornton Creek then shortly after merge into the Thornton River before it converges with O’Shannassy River which then flows into the Gregory River. The Gregory Rivers joins the Nicholson River which ultimately flows into the Gulf of Carpentaria. There are two open Department of Regional Development, Manufacturing and Water (DRDMW) gauging stations directly downstream of the Austral exploration sites. While these gauging stations will not display the exact water quality characteristics of the surrounding the exploration sites due to the substantial distance downstream from the exploration activities, the Gregory River at Riversleigh No.2 gauging station will provide some insight to the characteristics of the catchment.

Water quality characteristics and flow conditions can be observed in **Table 6** and **Table 7**. Water flow in the catchment is seasonal, exhibiting large flows throughout the wet season from December to March before flows decrease dramatically over the dry season.

**Table 6 Water Quality Characteristics at Site 912105A Gregory River at Riversleigh No.2**

Parameter	Count	Mean	Median
EC @ 25°C (µS/cm)	137	537.45	583
pH	137	8.03	8.04
Turbidity (NTU)	82	6.95	1.9

**Table 7 Water Flow Volume (ML) at Site 912105A Gregory River at Riversleigh No.2**

Month	Daily			Monthly
	Max	Min	Mean	Mean
<b>Jan</b>	233236	75	6801	210828
<b>Feb</b>	219709	85	6341	179177
<b>Mar</b>	285156	102	3677	113997
<b>Apr</b>	36635	98	789	23534
<b>May</b>	10632	115	454	13876
<b>Jun</b>	1861	137	401	12020
<b>Jul</b>	1618	137	393	12168
<b>Aug</b>	1076	137	369	11427
<b>Sep</b>	1699	126	350	10486
<b>Oct</b>	19261	137	386	11741
<b>Nov</b>	23013	110	716	21478
<b>Dec</b>	238188	75	2128	65959
<b>All months</b>	285156	75	1871	56785

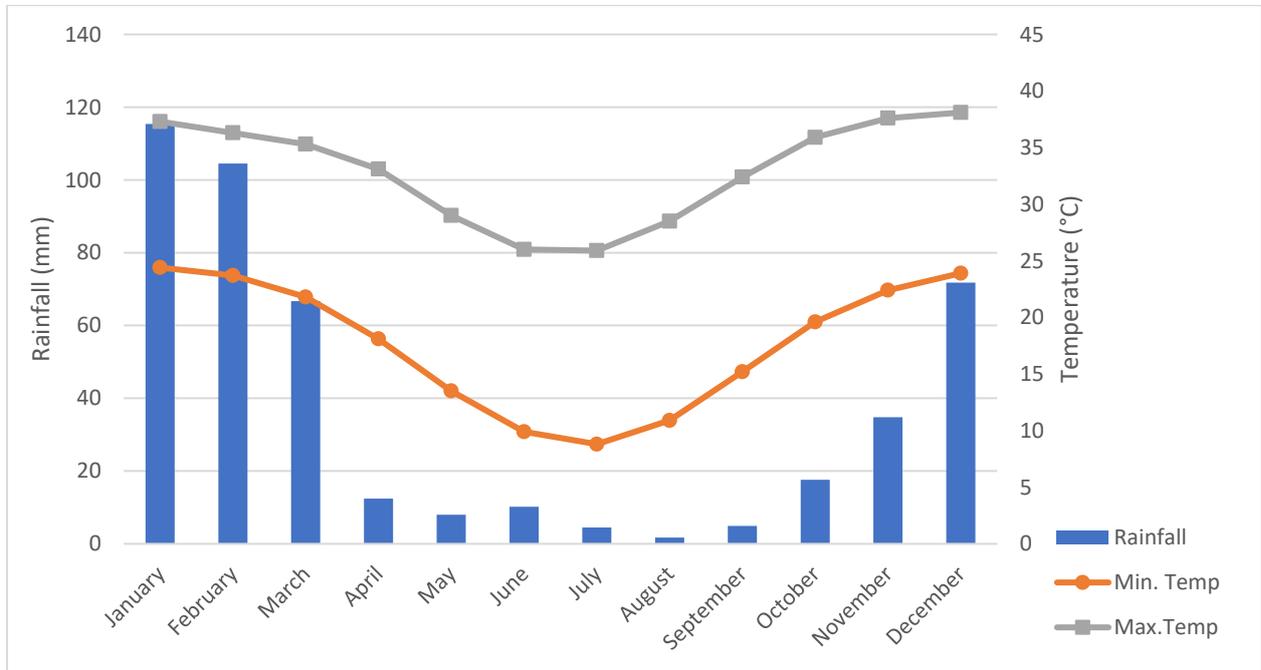
In terms of groundwater, ground-disturbing exploration activities are situated in the Gulf Water Plan area and does not lie within the Great Artesian Basin and Other Regional Aquifers Water Plan area. The nearest registered groundwater bores are RN32777 and RN51356, however no groundwater quality data has been collected at these bores. There are no known artesian springs located near the ground-disturbing exploration activities. Drillholes are testing outcropping Proterozoic basement geology. No significant aquifers are expected as no Palaeozoic cover sequences are present that host artesian water bearing stratigraphy.

### 3.4 Beneficial Flooding

The proposed areas of disturbance are not situated in the mapped rapid hazard assessment for floodplain areas which are those areas potentially at threat of inundation.

### 3.5 Climate

The region is characterised by having a distinct wet and dry season, the mean annual rainfall for the region is 447mm with the majority of the annual rainfall falling between November and March. Mean daily minimum temperatures range from between 8.8°C and 24.4°C, while mean maximum temperatures range from 25.9°C to 38.1°C (Figure 5).



Rainfall data is taken from BoM weather station at Undilla Station located approximately 42km west of the Project using daily rainfall data dating back to 1892. Temperature data is taken from BoM weather station at Camooweal Township located approximately 95km west of the Project using temperature data dating back to 1907.

**Figure 5 Monthly Mean Rainfall, Minimum and Maximum Temperatures for the Region**

### 3.6 Land Use

The land use of the surrounding area is largely classified as grazing native vegetation. Ground-disturbing exploration activities will be located on land mapped as 'grazing native vegetation' land use.

## 4. Potential Impacts on Environmental Attributes

To address Section 9 of the RPI Regulation (as shown in Section 3 of this Report), sub-sections 4.1 to 4.5 below detail the required outcomes in relation to:

- Riparian process;
- Wildlife corridors;
- Water quality;
- Hydrologic processes and beneficial flooding; and
- Geomorphic processes.

As aforementioned, the following sections focus on the ground-disturbing exploration activities, as non-ground disturbing exploration activities will not impact upon the Gulf Rivers SEA.

### 4.1 Riparian Process

The proposed ground-disturbing exploration activities will impact on riparian vegetation as there are 16 crossings of regulated vegetation (defined watercourse) associated with minor drainage features. The area of land disturbance caused to these areas of regulated vegetation is to be considered minor, as only 3m wide tracks will be created which will not cause widespread or irreversible damage to the riparian processes.

Desktop and preliminary investigations have considered riparian ecosystems and therefore, there is no current intention to have setback areas for this project. The proposed activities will not cause widespread or irreversible impacts to the riparian processes in the region as:

- Ground-disturbing exploration activities will be small-scale, of a temporary nature and conducted during the dry season;
- widespread areas of riparian vegetation will not be cleared;
- disturbance rehabilitation will occur immediately after works have been completed; and
- all activities and disturbance rehabilitation will be in accordance with the *Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects*.

### 4.2 Wildlife Corridors

The proposed routes for the access tracks will minimise isolation, fragmentation and edge effects as access tracks will only be 3m wide and have utilised existing pastoral tracks where possible. Wildlife corridors in the ground-disturbing exploration area will be limited to 16 crossings of regulated vegetation (defined watercourse) associated with minor drainage features. The disturbance to these corridors will only involve 3m wide sections of track and it is not considered that widespread irreversible disturbance of these corridors will occur.

Access tracks have been planned on desktop noting the limitations of this method. Actual clearing will endeavour to adhere to the planned routes wherever possible. Final routes will undergo refinement once on the ground, to minimise the amount of environmental harm or disturbance caused. Any such refinements will be restricted to the same regional ecosystem.

#### 4.2.1 Consideration of Rare and Threatened Fauna

**Appendix 7** is a copy of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (C'wlth) (EPBC Act) Protected Matters Report for the ground-disturbing site activities. This report lists threatened species or threatened species habitat that may, is likely to, or is known to occur, in the proposed track and drill disturbance area.

The EPBC Act Protected Matters report lists three threatened fauna species or their habitat as likely to occur in the Austral ground-disturbing exploration area, being the Carpentarian Grasswren (*Amytornis dorotheae*), Grey Falcon (*Falco hypoleucos*) and Plains Death Adder (*Acanthophis hawkei*). A Queensland Government Wildlife Online Extract was completed for the exploration disturbance area. Of these three species, the species list search displayed records for Carpentarian grasswren within the area (**Appendix 8**).

The Carpentarian Grasswren is listed as Endangered under both the EPBC Act and NC Act. The Carpentarian grasswren is confined to sandstone outcrops in mature spinifex (*Triodia* spp.) hummock grassland in the northern part of its range, while in the southern part of its range it occupies long-unburnt spinifex with stony areas between the hummocks on which grow a range of short grasses, forbs and patchy low trees and shrubs. The primary threat to Carpentarian grasswrens is increased fire frequency and intensity, as this causes changes to the vegetation communities in their sandstone habitats. Exploration activities undertaken in spinifex hummock grasslands will require minimal clearing, therefore it is considered unlikely that exploration activities will impact upon the Carpentarian grasswren.

The Grey Falcon is listed as Vulnerable under both the EPBC Act and NC Act. Grey Falcon breeding occurs from June to November with nests usually chosen are in the tallest trees along watercourses, particularly River Red Gum (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*) and Coolibah (*E. coolabah*). Exploration activities is unlikely to impact upon riparian vegetation and will avoid mature trees.

The Plains Death Adder is listed as Vulnerable under both the EPBC Act and NC Act. The main threat to the Plains Death Adder is the introduced cane toad. Suitable habitat for the Plains Death Adder consists of flat, treeless, cracking-soil riverine floodplains. Therefore, due to inhabiting treeless areas, it is considered unlikely that exploration activities will impact upon the Plains Death Adder.

#### 4.2.2 Significant Residual Impact Test

The proposed ground-disturbing exploration activities have been assessed against the significant residual impact test criteria for regulated vegetation (**Table 9**). Although the proposed clearing is 'within the defined distance of a watercourse', the proposed disturbance is considered to not have the potential for a significant residual impact. Although Criterion 3, 'clearing in a regional ecosystem within 5m of the defining bank' is met, Criterion 1 is not met, because the proposed clearing is not greater than 10m wide. Consequently, it is considered that disturbance to each of the regulated vegetation corridors proposed to be crossed will not have a significant residual impact.

Six drillholes are mapped within MSES regulated vegetation (essential habitat) and MSES wildlife habitat (endangered or vulnerable). A response to the significant residual impact test criteria for endangered and vulnerable wildlife habitat (including essential habitat) has been included in **Table 10**. Due to the small-scale and temporary nature of the exploration activities, it is considered that these drill pads and associated access tracks will not have a significant residual impact.

**Table 8 Significant Residual Impact Test Criteria for Regulated Vegetation as Reproduced from the Significant Residual Impact Guideline**

		Clearing in a regional ecosystem that is: <i>endangered, or of concern</i>	Clearing in the portion of a regional ecosystem that lies within a mapped wetland	Clearing in a regional ecosystem that is within the defined distance of a watercourse
1	<p><b>For clearing for linear infrastructure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- greater than 25m wide in a grassland (structural category) regional ecosystem; or</li> <li>- greater than 20m wide in a sparse (structural category) regional ecosystem; or</li> <li>- greater than 10m wide in a dense to mid-dense (structural category) regional ecosystem.</li> </ul> <p><b>For clearing other than clearing for linear infrastructure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- area greater than 5 ha where in a grassland (structural category) regional ecosystem; or</li> <li>- area greater than 2 ha where in a sparse (structural category) regional ecosystem; or</li> <li>- area greater than 0.5 ha where in a dense to mid-dense (structural category) regional ecosystem.</li> </ul>	✓	✓	✓
2	Clearing within 50m of the defining bank	N/A	✓	N/A
3	Clearing within 5m of the defining bank	N/A	N/A	✓

**Table 9 Significant Residual Impact Test for Proposed Activities to Regulated Vegetation Corridors Associated with the Austral Exploration Project**

		Clearing in a regional ecosystem that is: <i>endangered, or of concern</i>	Clearing in the portion of a regional ecosystem that lies within a mapped wetland	Clearing in a regional ecosystem that is within the defined distance of a watercourse
1	<p><b>For clearing for linear infrastructure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greater than 25m wide in a grassland (structural category) regional ecosystem; or</li> <li>• Greater than 20m wide in a sparse (structural category) regional ecosystem; or</li> <li>• Greater than 10m wide in a dense to mid-dense (structural category) regional ecosystem</li> </ul> <p><b>Not applicable because access tracks are only 3m wide.</b></p> <p><b>For clearing other than clearing for linear infrastructure:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area greater than 5 ha where in a grassland (structural category) regional ecosystem; or</li> <li>• Area greater than 2 ha where in a sparse (structural category) regional ecosystem; or</li> <li>• Area greater than 0.5ha where in a dense to mid-dense (structural category) regional ecosystem.</li> </ul> <p><b>Not applicable because clearing regulated vegetation corridors will be linear (access tracks)</b></p>	✗	✗	✗
2	Clearing within 50m of the defining bank <b>Not applicable because clearing is not within 50m of the defining bank within a mapped wetland</b>	N/A	✗	N/A
3	Clearing within 5m of the defining bank	N/A	N/A	✓

**Table 10 Significant Residual Impact Test for Proposed Activities to Endangered and Vulnerable Wildlife Habitat (including Essential Habitat)**

Part 5.1 of Significant Residual Impact Guideline	Response
<b>An action is likely to have a significant impact on endangered and vulnerable wildlife if the impact on the habitat is likely to:</b>	
<i>Lead to a long-term decrease in the size of a local population</i>	<p>The proposed ground-disturbing exploration activities are small-scale and temporary. There are only 6 of the 58 drill pads located within the mapped wildlife habitat (endangered or vulnerable wildlife) and regulated vegetation (essential habitat). These drill pads and associated access tracks will only generate 0.61ha of disturbance, which is not widespread or irreversible. Furthermore, it is considered that management strategies outlined below will ensure there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No long-term decrease in the size of local populations;</li> <li>• No reduction to the extent of occurrence;</li> <li>• No fragmentation of existing populations;</li> <li>• No habitat isolation resulting in genetically distinct populations;</li> <li>• No establishment of invasive species;</li> <li>• No disease introduction;</li> <li>• No interference with species recovery; and</li> <li>• No disruption to ecologically significant locations.</li> </ul>
<i>Reduce the extent of occurrence of the species</i>	
<i>Fragment an existing population</i>	
<i>Result in genetically distinct populations forming as a result of habitat isolation</i>	
<i>Result in invasive species that are harmful to an endangered or vulnerable species becoming established in the endangered or vulnerable species' habitat</i>	
<i>Introduce disease that may cause the population to decline</i>	
<i>Interfere with the recovery of the species</i>	
<i>Cause disruption to ecologically significant locations (breeding, feeding, nesting, migration or resting sites) of a species</i>	

#### 4.2.3 Management Strategies

A number of impact management strategies will be used during ground-disturbing exploration activities. Management measures include:

- Timing activities to take place in the dry season;
- Toolbox talks with exploration staff to raise the importance of protecting the natural environment;
- Minimise width of access tracks;
- Minimise vegetation clearing;
- Avoid areas of environmental significance;
- Retain mature trees;
- Retain rootstock where practical; and
- Rehabilitate crossing points at the completion of exploration activities at that site.

The impact constructing tracks and crossing points on each of the proposed regulated vegetation (defined watercourse) corridors will be minimal. The connectivity between native terrestrial vegetation along and across the watercourse systems will not be altered or disturbed and will continue to be sufficient for the migration, shelter and habitat of fauna.

The watercourses are not permanent and will have little, if any flow at the time of the proposed activity (in the dry season), it is unlikely that the watercourses will be functioning as passage for aquatic/marine fauna. Even if sufficient flow is present when exploration activities are occurring, it is not expected that vehicles crossing the drainage lines will inhibit flow in the watercourse.

The proposed exploration activities will not compromise the spatial extent and species diversity, structure and density of native terrestrial and aquatic vegetation. The habitat will continue to provide shelter and connectivity for fauna, including passage into and along watercourses. As the access tracks are only 3m wide, and are not formed and graded, minimal edge effects will be created. Consequently, it is unlikely that habitat, feeding, roosting or nesting of fauna in areas adjacent to the track will be compromised.

Drilling at each of the drill sites is expected to be completed within two to five days for RC and shallow diamond holes. The drilling of deeper diamond drillholes may take up to 20 days. Rehabilitation of disturbance will commence immediately after the completion of exploration activities in the area, in accordance with the rehabilitation conditions set out in the “*Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects*” document.

### 4.3 Water Quality

The proposed exploration activities will occur in the dry season with minimal if any precipitation falling resulting in reduced watercourse flows in the region. During exploration activities, the physical, chemical and biological water quality immediately downstream of the activities will remain consistent with water quality immediately upstream of the activity. Therefore, there will be negligible impacts on the physical, chemical and biological attributes that support and maintain natural aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems in the area.

In regard to drilling, each drillhole is expected to be completed in 2 to 5 days for RC and shallow diamond holes. The drilling of deeper diamond drillholes may take up to 20 days. There are no artesian aquifers expected to be encountered during drilling as drillholes are testing outcropping Proterozoic basement geology and no Palaeozoic cover sequences are present that host artesian water bearing stratigraphy. Suitably qualified and experienced drillers will supervise the drilling. Therefore, there should be no impact on groundwater quality from the drilling.

All drill sites and associated sumps will be rehabilitated in accordance with the *Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects*. Due to the high evaporation rates in the region, drill water remaining in the sumps will likely evaporate within two to three weeks. Temporary fencing of the sumps will occur to prevent cattle or wildlife access. Once dry, rehabilitation of the site will occur with the bentonite clay material remaining at the bottom of the sumps to be covered with the stockpiled subsoil and topsoil. Timing of all activities will aid in minimising surface water impacts.

#### 4.4 Hydrologic processes and Beneficial Flooding

The proposed access tracks will be constructed and used in the dry season and will have minimal influence on the gradient of the land to ensure the overflow or flow of surface water in or out of a watercourse will not be inhibited. Watercourse flows will be minimal if at all throughout the exploration area during the time of exploration activities. Crossings of minor drainage features should not impact any waterflow. The exploration activities will not alter the natural patterns and levels of runoff, stream flow and connectivity with other elements of the river and flood plain system to the extent of causing significant adverse outcomes.

The proposed ground-disturbing exploration activities will not be situated near any major watercourses or floodplains that have the potential of being inundated. In addition, the proposed activities will not compromise beneficial flooding where the activity will alter natural flow paths and the natural extent of flooding across the floodplain.

#### 4.5 Geomorphic Processes

The proposed exploration activities will not have widespread or irreversible impact on the natural erosion and transport and deposit of sediment by water throughout the catchment. As activities will occur in the dry season when negligible precipitation is expected, and water flow is heavily reduced, the transport and deposit of sediment by water throughout the catchment will be minimal reducing the possibility of any widespread or irreversible impacts. The exploration activities will not compromise the preservation of the natural erosion, transport and deposition of sediments by water throughout the catchment. Whereby, activities will not alter the delivery of sediment to the river system from adjacent lands and the erosion of the bed, banks and floodplains to the extent of causing significant adverse outcomes.

Erosion and sediment control may be required for the access tracks, drill pads and other disturbance areas. Measures will be undertaken in accordance with the *Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects* and in line with the guiding principles contained within the International Erosion Control Association (IECA) Best Practice Erosion and Sediment Control (BPESC) manual.

For watercourse crossings, it will be the intention to:

- Select appropriate crossing areas (for example: lower order streams, areas with less significant vegetation or with less vegetation requiring clearing and streams with sand/gravel/rocky streambeds);
- Minimise any significant bank damage during the construction of any required access ramps;
- Minimise the risk of sediment-laden runoff from the access ramps being allowed to discharge directly into the watercourse without passing through an appropriate sediment trap or vegetative filter; and
- Minimise harm (including sediment accumulation) to the streambed.

For the access tracks and drill pads, it will be the intention to:

- Select appropriate areas (for example: avoiding areas of environmental significance, retention of mature or habitat trees, minimise vegetation clearing, retain rootstock where practicable); and
- Ensure the effect of exploration activities are minimised on surrounding vegetation or watercourses.

To meet these key principles, following appropriate site selection, mitigation measures such as the following will be implemented as necessary:

- Generally:
  - Minimise all vegetation clearing;
  - Store topsoil and subsoil for use in rehabilitation;
  - Ensure all fuel is appropriately banded;
  - Store all exploration materials (drilling muds etc) on pallets;
  - Construct all drill pads on flat surfaces;
  - Stabilise access tracks wherever necessary and, if necessary, employ geotextile;
  - Repair any damage caused by traffic as soon as practicable;
  - Limit traffic along the access tracks;
  - Direct all drilling muds to appropriately sized sumps;
  - Conduct regular inspections for fuel discharge, and sedimentation and erosion, as a result of exploration activities; and
  - Commence rehabilitation as soon as practicable after final use.
- Watercourse crossings:
  - Construct the crossing perpendicular to the channel;
  - Install overland flow diversions to prevent run-off from the access road entering the watercourse directly;
  - Stabilise access ramps and, if necessary, employ geotextile;
  - Stabilise the streambed, if necessary, with a geogrid; and
  - Conduct regular inspections for erosion or channel scour.

## 5. Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 Assessment Criteria

Schedule 2, Part 5 of the RPI Regulation provide criteria for the assessment or decision of the RPI application. The required outcome and prescribed solutions are detailed below in **Table 11**. This table provides a summary of the details described in this project against the assessment criteria.

**Table 11 Criteria for assessment or decision in a SEA**

Schedule 2 Part 5 of the RPI Regulation	Response
<b>(14) Required Outcome</b>	
<i>The activity will not result in a widespread or irreversible impact on an environmental attribute of a strategic environmental area.</i>	The proposed activities will not result in widespread or irreversible damage to the environmental attributes listed in section 9 of the RPI Regulation for the Gulf Rivers SEA as described in Sections 4.1-4.5 of this report (and summarised in the response components of this table, below).
<b>(15) Prescribed Solution</b>	
<b>(1) The application demonstrates either –</b> <i>(a) the activity will not, and is not likely to, have a direct or indirect impact on an environmental attribute of the strategic environmental area; or</i>	<i>Note: this application addresses the requirement of section 15(1)(b).</i>
<b>(b) all of the following –</b> <i>(i) if the activity is being carried out in a designated precinct in the strategic environmental area – the activity is not an unacceptable use for the precinct;</i>	There are no proposed activities that will be carried out within a designated precinct. Furthermore, the proposed activities do not include any of the unacceptable uses listed in Schedule 2 Part 5 section 15(2).
<i>(ii) the construction and operation footprint of the activity on the environmental attribute is minimised to the greatest extent possible;</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desktop investigations have been conducted to refine the access tracks to the drill sites in order to minimise the operational footprint on environmental attributes.</li> <li>• Searches of Queensland (MSES, RE, ESA, Vegetation Management Watercourse and Drainage Features and Protected Plants Flora Survey Triggers) and Commonwealth (EPBC Act) databases have been undertaken.</li> <li>• Site access construction will be limited to a 3m wide track.</li> <li>• Drill pads are limited to 20m x 30m and 20m x 20m.</li> <li>• During on-site access road construction and drill pad location, all mature trees and areas of ecological significance will be avoided.</li> </ul>
<i>(iii) the activity does not compromise the preservation of the environmental attribute within the strategic environmental area;</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Desktop investigations have been conducted to refine the access tracks to the drill sites in order to minimise the operational footprint on environmental attributes.</li> <li>• The exploration activities will have minimal impacts on the natural hydrologic processes of the area with waterflows related to watercourses, floodplains and groundwater will be minimal due to activities being conducted in the dry season when precipitation and waterflow is very low.</li> </ul>

Schedule 2 Part 5 of the RPI Regulation	Response
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The activities will have minimal impacts on geomorphic processes of the area through limited impact to the natural erosion of the region, in addition to the movement of sediment by water throughout the catchment as waterflow will be minimal in the dry season.</li> <li>• Based upon a desktop assessment, it is considered that only minor disturbance to the wildlife corridors in the area will occur. Due to the small-scale and temporary nature of the exploration works, it is unlikely to create widespread or irreversible impact to the functioning of the wildlife corridors.</li> <li>• Although minor disturbance to the riparian area will occur, due to the small-scale and temporary nature of the exploration works and the fact that works will be conducted only during the dry season, it is considered unlikely that there will be widespread or irreversible impact to the functioning riparian processes. Mitigation measures will be employed as required.</li> <li>• Water quality in the region that supports and maintains natural aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems will not be impacted as no major watercourses will be disturbed. With only minor drainage features being crossed with no flow likely to be present at this proposed time of year.</li> <li>• All drill site and associated sumps will be rehabilitated in accordance with the <i>Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects</i>. Due to the high evaporation rates in the region, drill water remaining in the sumps will likely evaporate within two to three weeks. Temporary fencing of the sumps will occur to prevent cattle or wildlife access. Once dry, rehabilitation of the site will occur with the bentonite clay material remaining at the bottom of the sumps to be covered with the stockpiled subsoil and topsoil. Timing of all activities will aid in minimising surface water impacts.</li> </ul>
<p><i>(iv) if the activity is to be carried out in a strategic environmental area identified in a regional plan – the activity will contribute to the regional outcomes, and be consistent with the regional policies, stated in the regional plan.</i></p>	<p>The North West Regional Plan (August 2010) does not identify the Gulf River SEA.</p>

## 6. Conclusion

Austral intends to conduct exploration activities within EPM 16243, EPM 17088, EPM 17422, EPM 17469, EPM 17789 and EPM 27979. As part of this programme, 58 drill pads will be constructed. To access these sites, a 3m wide access track will be constructed as required.

Disturbance areas are detailed in **Table 3** of this Report and are summarised below:

- Drill pads – 2.58ha (13 x 20m x 30m and 45 x 20m x 20m); and
- Access tracks – 3.7ha (3m wide tracks).

Therefore, the total disturbance for drill sites is 6.28ha. The majority of this is created by the access track to the drill sites which has been minimised to a 3m wide corridor to limit broader disturbance. The largest area of disturbance in any one location is 0.06ha (20m x 30m), which is the size of the diamond drillhole drill pad.

In addition, non-ground disturbing exploration activities will be conducted within the above EPMs within the SEA, including ground mapping, surface sampling, ground geophysical surveys and cultural heritage surveys.

In line with Schedule 2 Section 15 (1)(b) of the RPI Regulation, it is not considered that the proposed activities will cause widespread or irreversible impacts to the SEA in the region, as:

- The activity is not being carried out in a designated precinct and has not been evaluated as an unacceptable use;
- exploration activities will be small-scale, of a temporary nature and conducted during the dry season;
- the majority of drilling is expected to be completed within two to five days;
- searches of appropriate State and Commonwealth databases have been undertaken and a desktop assessment has been included in the final selection of drill sites and preferred access routes;
- widespread areas of riparian vegetation will not be cleared;
- disturbance rehabilitation will occur as soon as possible after works have been completed; and
- all activities and disturbance rehabilitation will be in accordance with the *Code of Environmental Compliance for Exploration and Mineral Development Projects*.

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**Appendix 1 Title Searches**

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<b>Title Reference:</b> 40045124	<b>Search Date:</b> 24/05/2023 09:15
<b>Date State Tenure Created:</b> 04/10/2004	<b>Request No:</b> 44510792
<b>Previous Title:</b> 17555167	

**DESCRIPTION OF LAND**

Tenure Reference: TL 221301

Lease Type: TERM

LOT 1 CROWN PLAN UN6

Local Government: MOUNT ISA

Area: 22000.000000 Ha. (ABOUT)

No Land Description

No Forestry Entitlement Area

Purpose for which granted:

INDUSTRIAL

**REGISTERED LESSEE**

Dealing No: 713956519 13/07/2011

NORANDA PACIFIC PTY LTD A.C.N. 006 864 802

**TERM OF LEASE**

Term and day of beginning of lease

Term: 21 years commencing on 30/08/2004

Expiring on 29/08/2025

**CONDITIONS**

- A61 (1) The lessee must use the leased land for industrial purposes and grazing purposes .
- (2) This lease may be forfeited if not used for the purpose stated above.
- (3) The annual rent must be paid in accordance with the Land Act 1994.
- (4) The Parties acknowledge that GST may be payable in respect of a supply made under this lease. Where GST becomes payable in respect of a supply made under this lease, the State (lessor) may recover the GST from the lessee by increasing the consideration payable by the lessee to the State by an amount equal to that which the State is obliged to remit to the Commonwealth as GST on the supply and that amount may be recovered from the lessee as part of the money payable to the State under this lease. The State will upon request by the lessee, issue to the lessee a valid GST tax invoice in respect of any taxable supply made under this lease. (NOTE: For the purposes of this condition "GST" means the goods and services tax which results from the enactment of A New Tax System (Goods and Services Tax) Act 1999 and the related Acts which constitute the Commonwealth taxation reform (as amended from time to time)).
- (5) The lessee must pay the cost of any required survey or re-survey of the leased land.
- (6) The lessee must control pest plants and animals, on the leased

**CONDITIONS (Continued)**

- land, in accordance with the Land Protection (Pest and Stock Route Management) Act 2002 and the Local Laws and requirements of the Mount Isa City Council.
- (7) The lessee has the responsibility for a duty of care, to take all reasonable and practicable measures to sustainably manage the leased land by conserving the physical, biological, productive and cultural values, either on the leased land or in areas affected by the management of the leased land.
- (8) The lessee indemnifies and agrees to keep indemnified the State of Queensland, Crown Instrumentalities, local governments and other statutory bodies (the Indemnified) against all actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, costs, losses, damages and expenses (Claim) arising out of or in any way connected to or resulting from the State of Queensland granting this lease to the lessee and which is connected to or resulting from the lessees' use and occupation of the leased land (all referred to as the indemnified acts or omissions) save to the extent that the Claim arises as a result of any negligent act or omission of the State of Queensland. The lessee hereby releases and discharges the Indemnified from any Claim relating to the indemnified acts or omissions which may be made against the Indemnified.
- (9) The lessee must ensure that the use and development of the leased land conforms to the Planning Scheme, Local Laws and requirements of the Mount Isa City Council, binding on the lessee.
- (10) The lessee must give the Minister administering the Land Act 1994, information about the lease, when requested.
- (11) The lessee must not clear any vegetation on the leased land, unless in accordance with the Integrated Planning Act 1997.
- (12) No compensation for improvements or developmental work is payable by the State at the forfeiture, surrender or expiry of the lease, but the lessee has the right to remove the lessees moveable improvements within a period of three (3) months from the forfeiture, surrender or expiry of the lease, provided all money due by the lessee to the State on any account whatsoever has been paid, or be required to remove those improvements as specified in any further condition of lease.
- (13) This lease is subject to the Land Act 1994 and all other relevant State and Commonwealth Acts.
- A68 (1) The lessee must allow any person authorised under the Forestry Act 1959 access to the leased land for the purpose of cutting and removing timber or removing other forest products, or quarry material, or other material from the leased land.
- (2) Except as hereinafter provided the lessee must not interfere with any forest products or remove any quarry material (including any stone, gravel, sand, earth, soil, rock, guano or clay which is not a mineral within the meaning of the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other material upon the leased land without the permission of the Minister administering the Land Act 1994 except under the authority of and in compliance in every respect with the requirements or a permit, licence, agreement or contract granted or made under the Forestry Act 1959.
- C345 The Minister administering the Land Act 1994 may resume the whole or any part of the leased land, provided the said Minister gives the lessee six (6) months notice. Compensation to the lessee will be for lawful improvements only, as provided for under the Land Act 1994.
- F46 The lessee must within two (2) years from the commencement of the

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term of the lease and to the satisfaction of the Minister administering the Land Act, fence the leased land, with a good and substantial stock proof fence and must thereafter maintain.

- G61 The lessee of this lease is not allowed to make an application for conversion in terms of the Land Act 1994.
- H123 The provision of access, further access or services to the leased land will not be the responsibility of Mount Isa City Council or the State.
- U46 The lease is tied to and must be used in conjunction with any Mining Lease to issue and separate transfers are not allowed.

## ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS

- 1. Rights and interests reserved to the Crown by Lease No. 40045124

## ADMINISTRATIVE ADVICES

Dealing	Type	Lodgement Date	Status
719767646	EXEMPT CONS SEC 322AA LAND ACT 1994	02/12/2019 08:28	CURRENT
722401536	CON COM AGMT MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES (COMMON PROVISIONS) ACT 2014	11/04/2023 11:56	CURRENT

## UNREGISTERED DEALINGS

NIL

\*\* End of Current State Tenure Search \*\*

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<b>Title Reference:</b> 17664094	<b>Search Date:</b> 24/05/2023 09:15
<b>Date State Tenure Created:</b> 21/10/1995	<b>Request No:</b> 44510792
<b>Creating Dealing:</b>	

**DESCRIPTION OF LAND**

Tenure Reference: PH 8/2516  
Lease Type: ROLLING TERM LEASE  
LOT 1 CROWN PLAN UN7  
Local Government: MOUNT ISA  
Area: 237000.000000 Ha. (SURVEYED)  
No Land Description  
No Forestry Entitlement Area  
Purpose for which granted:  
NO PURPOSE DEFINED

**REGISTERED LESSEE**

BEZUMA PASTORAL CO PTY LTD A.C.N. 010 553 474

**TERM OF LEASE**

Term and day of beginning of lease  
Term: 30 years commencing on 01/10/1978  
Expiring on 30/09/2008  
Extended to 30/09/2058

**CONDITIONS**

A126 SPECIFIED CONDITIONS FOR: Term Lease  
PURPOSE: Rolling term lease - pastoral

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STATUTORY CONDITIONS:  
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Statutory conditions are the general mandatory conditions of a lease and binds the lessee in accordance with Part 2 Division 1 of the Land Act.

1. Permitted Use: The lessee must use the land only for the purpose for which the tenure was issued under the Land Act 1994.
2. Duty of Care: The lessee has the responsibility for a duty of care, for the land under the Land Act 1994.
3. Rent/Instalment: The lessee must pay the annual rent/instalment in accordance with the Land Act 1994 and the Land Regulation 2009.  
For further information on how annual rent is determined, refer to the department's website at [www.dnrm.qld.gov.au](http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au).
4. Noxious plants: The lessee must keep noxious plants on the land under control. If the lessee does not comply with this condition, the Minister may bring the noxious plants under control, the cost of which will be recovered from the lessee.
5. Information to Minister: The lessee must give the Minister administering the Land Act 1994, information the Minister asks for about the tenure.
6. Monies for Improvements: No money for improvements is payable by

**CONDITIONS (Continued)**

the State on the forfeiture, surrender or expiry of this lease but money may be payable if the State receives payment from an incoming lessee or buyer for the improvements on the land. However, the previous lessee may apply to the Minister to remove the improvements that belong to the lessee, within a period of 3 months from the date of the forfeiture, surrender, or expiry of this lease. The lessee may only undertake the removal of the improvements in the presence of an authorised representative of the department, if required by the Minister. The lessee may only remove those improvements if all monies due from the lessee to the department under this lease have been paid.

REGULATORY-CONDITIONS:-----  
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A regulatory condition relates to a lease, in accordance with the Land Regulation.

1. Indemnity: The lessee indemnifies and agrees to keep indemnified the Minister, and the State of Queensland and its Representatives, (the "Indemnified parties") against all liability, costs, loss and expenses including claims in negligence (including any claims, proceedings or demands brought by any third party, and any legal fees, costs and disbursements on a solicitor and client basis) ("Claim") arising from or incurred in connection with:
  - a. the granting of this lease to the lessee;
  - b. the lessee's use and occupation of the land; or
  - c. personal injury (including sickness and death) or property damage or loss in connection with the performance (or attempted purported performance or non-performance) of the lease or a breach of the lease by the lessee.

The lessee hereby releases and discharges to the full extent permitted by law, the Indemnified parties from all actions, claims, proceedings or demands and in respect of any loss, death, injury, illness or damage (whether personal or property and whether special, direct, indirect or consequential financial loss) arising out of the use and occupation of the lease. To the full extent permitted by law, the Minister, the State of Queensland and their Representatives will not be liable to the lessee for any special, indirect or consequential damages, including consequential financial loss arising out of the use and occupation of the lease.

2. Public Liability: The lessee must effect a public liability insurance policy with an insurer authorised under the Insurance Act 1973 (Commonwealth) or, if not so authorised then only with the Minister's approval, which can be given or withheld in the Minister's sole discretion, naming the lessee as the insured covering legal liability for any loss of, or damage to any property and for the injury (including death) to any person arising out of anything done or omitted on or about the land or any improvements thereon and against all claims, demands, proceedings, costs, charges, and expenses whatsoever (including claims in negligence) Such policy must:
  - a. be for an amount of not less than \$20,000,000.00 and have no per event sublimit or such higher amounts as the Minister may reasonably require.
  - b. be effected on a "claims occurring" basis; and
  - c. be maintained at all times during the currency of the lease, and upon receipt of any notice of cancellation, the lessee must immediately effect another public insurance policy in accordance with the terms of the lease.

The lessee must, as soon as practicable, inform the Minister, in

**CONDITIONS (Continued)**

writing, of the occurrence of any event that the lessee considers is likely to give rise to a claim under the policy of insurance effected and must ensure that the Minister is kept fully informed of subsequent actions and developments concerning the claim. The lessee must renew such policy, at the lessee's expense, each year during the currency of this lease.

The condition will be satisfied if the lessee is the State of Queensland or a statutory authority eligible for cover under the Queensland Government Insurance Fund and is insured and continues to be insured by the Queensland Government Insurance Fund.

This condition will be satisfied if the lessee is the Commonwealth of Australia or a statutory authority eligible for cover under the Comcover Insurance Fund and is insured and continues to be insured by Comcover.

3. Access: The provision of access, further access or services to the land will not be the responsibility of the State.
4. Survey Costs: If the land needs to be surveyed or re-surveyed the lessee must do this at their own cost under the Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003. This survey plan must be lodged in the land registry within the specified time.
5. Extension: The lease is subject to the extensions of rolling term leases provision of the Land Act 1994 and the Minister must grant an extension of the term of a rolling term lease if the lessee makes an application in the approved form. The extension will be for the original term of the lease and may be given subject to condition changes.
6. Jurisdiction: The lessee is subject to the Land Act 1994 and all other relevant Queensland and Commonwealth legislation.
7. Compliance with Laws - the lessee must comply with all lawful requirements of the -
  - a. Local Government; and
  - b. any department within the Queensland or Commonwealth governments (including the department administering the Land Act 1994), local authority or statutory instrumentality having jurisdiction over the land, or the development, use and occupation of the land, in regard to its use, occupation and development of the land.

SPECIAL-CONDITIONS:-----

These conditions relate to this lease.

Improvements or development on or to the land

1. The lessee must during the term of the lease and, to the satisfaction of the relevant authorities, maintain all improvements on the land in a good and substantial state of repair.

Quarry material

1. The lessee must allow any person authorised under the Forestry Act 1959 access to the leased land for the purpose of cutting and removing timber or removing other forest products, or quarry material, or other material from the leased land. Except as hereinafter provided the lessee must not interfere with any forest products or remove any quarry material (including any stone, gravel, sand, earth, soil, rock, guano or clay which is not a mineral within the meaning of the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other material upon the leased land without the permission of the Minister administering the Land Act 1994 except under the authority of and in compliance in every respect with the requirements or a permit, licence, agreement or contract granted or made under the Forestry Act 1959.

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<b>Title Reference:</b>	<b>17664094</b>
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**ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS**

1. Rights and interests reserved to the Crown by Lease No. 17664094
2. MORTGAGE No 602805218 (L319261C) 24/12/1992  
QUEENSLAND INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
3. RESUMPTION EASEMENT No 703693368 15/11/1999 at 10:09  
burdening the land  
NORTH QUEENSLAND ELECTRICITY CORPORATION LIMITED A.C.N. 078  
848 978  
over  
EASEMENT P AND R ON SP102696
4. AMENDMENT OF LEASE CONDITIONS No 715949584 13/08/2014 at 05:00  
THE CONDITIONS OF THE WITHIN TENURE ARE HEREBY AMENDED.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ADVICES**

Dealing	Type	Lodgement Date	Status
715775093	ADMIN NOTING SEE DEALING FOR RELEVANT LEGISLATION	16/05/2014 14:33	CURRENT
715967945	ADMIN NOTING SEE DEALING FOR RELEVANT LEGISLATION	22/08/2014 09:18	CURRENT
716870358	ADMIN NOTING SEE DEALING FOR RELEVANT LEGISLATION	06/11/2015 12:12	CURRENT
718168722	NT DETERM NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)	21/07/2017 15:40	CURRENT
718205111	NT DETERM NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)	10/08/2017 14:21	CURRENT
718590575	ADMIN NOTING SEE DEALING FOR RELEVANT LEGISLATION	21/02/2018 10:14	CURRENT
718590607	ADMIN NOTING SEE DEALING FOR RELEVANT LEGISLATION	21/02/2018 10:21	CURRENT
718590611	ADMIN NOTING SEE DEALING FOR RELEVANT LEGISLATION	21/02/2018 10:22	CURRENT
718689164	NT DETERM NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)	12/04/2018 14:59	CURRENT
719572499	CON COM AGMT MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES (COMMON PROVISIONS) ACT 2014	19/08/2019 14:59	CURRENT
719767646	EXEMPT CONS SEC 322AA LAND ACT 1994	02/12/2019 08:28	CURRENT
720337322	CON COM AGMT MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES (COMMON PROVISIONS) ACT 2014	20/10/2020 11:38	CURRENT

**UNREGISTERED DEALINGS**

NIL

Caution - Charges do not necessarily appear in order of priority

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<b>Title Reference:</b> 17669224	<b>Search Date:</b> 24/05/2023 09:15
<b>Date State Tenure Created:</b> 25/10/1995	<b>Request No:</b> 44510792
<b>Creating Dealing:</b>	

## DESCRIPTION OF LAND

Tenure Reference: PH 8/5552  
Lease Type: ROLLING TERM LEASE  
LOT 3 CROWN PLAN UN803945  
Local Government: MOUNT ISA  
Area: 42000.000000 Ha. (ABOUT)  
No Land Description  
No Forestry Entitlement Area  
Purpose for which granted:  
NO PURPOSE DEFINED

## REGISTERED LESSEE

Dealing No: 721036741 24/08/2021  
DAVID ALFRED SPREADBOROUGH

## TERM OF LEASE

Term and day of beginning of lease  
Term: 28 years 9 months commencing on 01/07/1989  
Expiring on 31/03/2018  
Extended to 31/12/2046

## CONDITIONS

A126 SPECIFIED CONDITIONS FOR: Term Lease  
PURPOSE: Rolling term lease - Pastoral

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STATUTORY CONDITIONS:  
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2. Duty of Care: The lessee has the responsibility for a duty of care, for the land under the Land Act 1994.
3. Rent/Instalment: The lessee must pay the annual rent/instalment in accordance with the Land Act 1994 and the Land Regulation 2009.  
For further information on how annual rent is determined, refer to the department's website at [www.dnrm.qld.gov.au](http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au).
4. Noxious plants: The lessee must keep noxious plants on the land under control. If the lessee does not comply with this condition, the Minister may bring the noxious plants under control, the cost of which will be recovered from the lessee.
5. Information to Minister: The lessee must give the Minister administering the Land Act 1994, information the Minister asks for about the tenure.

**CONDITIONS (Continued)**

6. Monies for Improvements: No money for improvements is payable by the State on the forfeiture, surrender or expiry of this lease but money may be payable if the State receives payment from an incoming lessee or buyer for the improvements on the land. However, the previous lessee may apply to the Minister to remove the improvements that belong to the lessee, within a period of 3 months from the date of the forfeiture, surrender, or expiry of this lease. The lessee may only undertake the removal of the improvements in the presence of an authorised representative of the department, if required by the Minister. The lessee may only remove those improvements if all monies due from the lessee to the department under this lease have been paid.

REGULATORY-CONDITIONS:-----

A regulatory condition relates to a lease , in accordance with the Land Regulation.

1. Indemnity: The lessee indemnifies and agrees to keep indemnified the Minister, and the State of Queensland and its Representatives, (the "Indemnified parties") against all liability, costs, loss and expenses including claims in negligence (including any claims, proceedings or demands brought by any third party, and any legal fees, costs and disbursements on a solicitor and client basis) ("Claim") arising from or incurred in connection with:

- a. the granting of this lease to the lessee;
- b. the lessee 's use and occupation of the land; or
- c. personal injury (including sickness and death) or property damage or loss in connection with the performance (or attempted purported performance or non-performance) of the lease or a breach of the lease by the lessee .

The lessee hereby releases and discharges to the full extent permitted by law, the Indemnified parties from all actions, claims, proceedings or demands and in respect of any loss, death, injury, illness or damage (whether personal or property and whether special, direct, indirect or consequential financial loss) arising out of the use and occupation of the lease. To the full extent permitted by law, the Minister, the State of Queensland and their Representatives will not be liable to the lessee for any special, indirect or consequential damages, including consequential financial loss arising out of the use and occupation of the lease.

2. Public Liability: The lessee must effect a public liability insurance policy with an insurer authorised under the Insurance Act 1973 (Commonwealth) or, if not so authorised then only with the Minister's approval, which can be given or withheld in the Minister's sole discretion, naming the lessee as the insured covering legal liability for any loss of, or damage to any property and for the injury (including death) to any person arising out of anything done or omitted on or about the land or any improvements thereon and against all claims, demands, proceedings, costs, charges, and expenses whatsoever (including claims in negligence) Such policy must:

- a. be for an amount of not less than \$20 million and have no per event sublimit or such higher amounts as the Minister may reasonably require.
- b. be effected on a "claims occurring" basis; and
- c. be maintained at all times during the currency of the lease, and upon receipt of any notice of cancellation, the lessee must immediately effect another public insurance policy in accordance with the terms of the lease .

**CONDITIONS (Continued)**

The lessee must, as soon as practicable, inform the Minister, in writing, of the occurrence of any event that the lessee considers is likely to give rise to a claim under the policy of insurance effected and must ensure that the Minister is kept fully informed of subsequent actions and developments concerning the claim. The lessee must renew such policy, at the lessee's expense, each year during the currency of this lease.

The condition will be satisfied if the lessee is the State of Queensland or a statutory authority eligible for cover under the Queensland Government Insurance Fund and is insured and continues to be insured by the Queensland Government Insurance Fund.

This condition will be satisfied if the lessee is the Commonwealth of Australia or a statutory authority eligible for cover under the Comcover Insurance Fund and is insured and continues to be insured by Comcover.

3. Access: The provision of access, further access or services to the land will not be the responsibility of the State.
4. Survey Costs: If the land needs to be surveyed or re-surveyed the lessee must do this at their own cost under the Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003. This survey plan must be lodged in the land registry within the specified time.
5. Extension: The lease is subject to the extensions of rolling term leases provision of the Land Act 1994 and the Minister must grant an extension of the term of a rolling term lease if the lessee makes an application in the approved form. The extension will be for the original term of the lease and may be given subject to condition changes.
6. Jurisdiction: The lessee is subject to the Land Act 1994 and all other relevant Queensland and Commonwealth legislation.
7. Compliance with Laws - the lessee must comply with all lawful requirements of the -
  - a. Local Government; and
  - b. any department within the Queensland or Commonwealth governments (including the department administering the Land Act 1994), local authority or statutory instrumentality having jurisdiction over the land, or the development, use and occupation of the land, in regard to its use, occupation and development of the land.

SPECIAL-CONDITIONS:-----

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These conditions relate to this lease.

Improvements or development on or to the land

1. The lessee must during the whole term of the lease, to the satisfaction of the relevant authorities, maintain all improvements and boundary fencing on the land in a good and substantial state of repair.

Quarry material

1. The lessee must allow any person authorised under the Forestry Act 1959 access to the leased land for the purpose of cutting and removing timber or removing other forest products, or quarry material, or other material from the leased land.

Except as hereinafter provided the lessee must not interfere with any forest products or remove any quarry material (including any stone, gravel, sand, earth, soil, rock, guano or clay which is not a mineral within the meaning of the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other material upon the leased land without the permission of the Minister administering the Land Act 1994 except under the authority of and in compliance in every respect with the requirements or a permit, licence, agreement or contract granted or made under the Forestry Act 1959.

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## CONDITIONS (Continued)

## ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS

1. Rights and interests reserved to the Crown by  
Lease No. 17669224
2. AMENDMENT OF LEASE CONDITIONS No 715942075 08/08/2014 at 05:00  
THE CONDITIONS OF THE WITHIN TENURE ARE HEREBY AMENDED.
3. MORTGAGE No 721358919 20/12/2021 at 11:23  
NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK LIMITED A.C.N. 004 044 937

## ADMINISTRATIVE ADVICES

Dealing	Type	Lodgement Date	Status
716870353	ADMIN NOTING SEE DEALING FOR RELEVANT LEGISLATION	06/11/2015 12:11	CURRENT
718689164	NT DETERM NATIVE TITLE ACT 1993 (CTH)	12/04/2018 14:59	CURRENT
719767646	EXEMPT CONS SEC 322AA LAND ACT 1994	02/12/2019 08:28	CURRENT

## UNREGISTERED DEALINGS

NIL

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<b>Title Reference:</b> 40070415	<b>Search Date:</b> 24/05/2023 09:15
<b>Date State Tenure Created:</b> 05/08/2015	<b>Request No:</b> 44510792
<b>Previous Title:</b> 17669155	

## DESCRIPTION OF LAND

Tenure Reference: TL 238531  
Lease Type: TERM  
LOT 5 CROWN PLAN 865892  
Local Government: MOUNT ISA  
Area: 297000.000000 Ha. (ABOUT)  
No Land Description  
No Forestry Entitlement Area  
Purpose for which granted:  
PASTORAL

## REGISTERED LESSEE

CALTON HILLS PTY LTD A.C.N. 066 708 727

## TERM OF LEASE

Term and day of beginning of lease  
Term: 40 years commencing on 13/07/2015  
Expiring on 12/07/2055

## CONDITIONS

A126 SPECIFIED CONDITIONS FOR: Term Lease  
PURPOSE: Rolling term lease - Pastoral

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STATUTORY CONDITIONS:  
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Statutory conditions are the general mandatory conditions of a lease and binds the lessee in accordance with Part 2 Division 1 of the Land Act.

1. Permitted Use: The lessee must use the land only for the purpose for which the tenure was issued under the Land Act 1994.
2. Duty of Care: The lessee has the responsibility for a duty of care, for the land under the Land Act 1994.
3. Rent/Instalment: The lessee must pay the annual rent/instalment in accordance with the Land Act 1994 and the Land Regulation 2009.  
For further information on how annual rent is determined, refer to the department's website at [www.dnrm.qld.gov.au](http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au).
4. Noxious plants: The lessee must keep noxious plants on the land under control. If the lessee does not comply with this condition, the Minister may bring the noxious plants under control, the cost of which will be recovered from the lessee.
5. Information to Minister: The lessee must give the Minister administering the Land Act 1994, information the Minister asks for about the tenure.
6. Improvements: The lessee must not make improvements or carry out development work on the land within 2 years of the expiry of the tenancy without the Minister's written approval.

**CONDITIONS (Continued)**

7. Monies for Improvements: No money for improvements is payable by the State on the forfeiture, cancellation, surrender or expiry of this lease but money may be payable if the State receives payment from an incoming lessee or buyer for the improvements on the land. However, the previous lessee may apply to the Minister to remove the improvements that belong to the lessee, within a period of 3 months from the date of the forfeiture, surrender, or expiry of this lease. The lessee may only undertake the removal of the improvements in the presence of an authorised representative of the department, if required by the Minister. The lessee may only remove those improvements if all monies due from the lessee to the department under this lease have been paid.

REGULATORY-CONDITIONS:-----  
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1. Indemnity: The lessee indemnifies and agrees to keep indemnified the Minister, and the State of Queensland and its Representatives, (the "Indemnified parties") against all liability, costs, loss and expenses including claims in negligence (including any claims, proceedings or demands brought by any third party, and any legal fees, costs and disbursements on a solicitor and client basis) ("Claim") arising from or incurred in connection with:

- a. the granting of this lease to the lessee;
- b. the lessee 's use and occupation of the land; or
- c. personal injury (including sickness and death) or property damage or loss in connection with the performance (or attempted purported performance or non-performance) of the lease or a breach of the lease by the lessee .

The lessee hereby releases and discharges to the full extent permitted by law, the Indemnified parties from all actions, claims, proceedings or demands and in respect of any loss, death, injury, illness or damage (whether personal or property and whether special, direct, indirect or consequential financial loss) arising out of the use and occupation of the lease. To the full extent permitted by law, the Minister, the State of Queensland and their Representatives will not be liable to the lessee for any special, indirect or consequential damages, including consequential financial loss arising out of the use and occupation of the lease.

2. Public Liability: The lessee must effect a public liability insurance policy with an insurer authorised under the Insurance Act 1973 (Commonwealth) or, if not so authorised then only with the Minister's approval, which can be given or withheld in the Minister's sole discretion, naming the lessee as the insured covering legal liability for any loss of, or damage to any property and for the injury (including death) to any person arising out of anything done or omitted on or about the land or any improvements thereon and against all claims, demands, proceedings, costs, charges, and expenses whatsoever (including claims in negligence) Such policy must:

- a. be for an amount of not less than twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000.00) and have no per event sublimit or such higher amounts as the Minister may reasonably require.
- b. be effected on a "claims occurring" basis; and
- c. be maintained at all times during the currency of the lease, and upon receipt of any notice of cancellation, the lessee must immediately effect another public insurance

**CONDITIONS (Continued)**

- policy in accordance with the terms of the lease .  
 The lessee must, as soon as practicable, inform the Minister, in writing, of the occurrence of any event that the lessee considers is likely to give rise to a claim under the policy of insurance effected and must ensure that the Minister is kept fully informed of subsequent actions and developments concerning the claim. The lessee must renew such policy, at the lessee's expense, each year during the currency of this lease.  
 The condition will be satisfied if the lessee is the State of Queensland or a statutory authority eligible for cover under the Queensland Government Insurance Fund and is insured and continues to be insured by the Queensland Government Insurance Fund. This condition will be satisfied if the lessee is the Commonwealth of Australia or a statutory authority eligible for cover under the Comcover Insurance Fund and is insured and continues to be insured by Comcover.
3. Access: The provision of access, further access or services to the land will not be the responsibility of the State.
  4. Survey Costs: If the land needs to be surveyed or re-surveyed the lessee must do this at their own cost under the Survey and Mapping Infrastructure Act 2003. This survey plan must be lodged in the land registry within the specified time.
  5. Extension: The lease is subject to the extensions of rolling term leases provision of the Land Act 1994 and the Minister must grant an extension of the term of a rolling term lease if the lessee makes an application in the approved form. The extension will be for the original term of the lease and may be given subject to condition changes.
  6. Jurisdiction: The lessee is subject to the Land Act 1994 and all other relevant Queensland and Commonwealth legislation.
  7. Compliance with Laws - the lessee must comply with all lawful requirements of the -
    - a. Local Government; and
    - b. any department within the Queensland or Commonwealth governments (including the department administering the Land Act 1994), local authority or statutory instrumentality having jurisdiction over the land, or the development, use and occupation of the land, in regard to its use, occupation and development of the land.

SPECIAL-CONDITIONS:-----  
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- These conditions relate to this lease.  
 Improvements or development on or to the land
1. The lessee must ensure that the development and use of the land meets with the Planning Scheme, Local Laws and requirements of the [www.dnrm.qld.gov.au](http://www.dnrm.qld.gov.au), binding the lessee.
  2. The lessee must , to the satisfaction of the relevant authorities, maintain all improvements on the land in a good and substantial state of repair.
  3. The lessee must within three (3) months from the commencement of the tenure and to the satisfaction of Minister / Chief Executive administering the Land Act 1994 construct and maintain a good and substantial stockproof fence .
  4. The lessee must remove the improvements and rehabilitate the area to the satisfaction of the Minister / Chief Executive of the Land Act 1994 within six (6) months , from the date of termination of the tenure.
  5. If the lessee fails to remove the improvements and rehabilitate the area as above, the Minister / Chief Executive administering the Land Act 1994 , can remove the improvements and is hereby

**CONDITIONS (Continued)**

authorised to do whatever is necessary to effect the said removal. The department may recover from the lessee the total cost incurred in the said removal.

**Quarry Material and Forest Products**

1. The lessee must allow any person authorised under the Forestry Act 1959 access to the land for the purpose of cutting and removing timber or removing other forest products, or quarry material, or other material from the land.

The lessee must not interfere with any forest products or remove any quarry material (including any stone, gravel, sand, earth, soil, rock, guano or clay which is not a mineral within the meaning of the Mineral Resources Act 1989) or other material upon the land without the permission of the Minister administering the Land Act 1994 except under the authority of and in compliance in every respect with the requirements or a permit, licence, agreement or contract granted or made under the Forestry Act 1959.

Provision of reasonable services, roads and infrastructure external to but servicing the land

1. The provision of access to the land will not be the responsibility of Mount Isa City Council and the State.

Other conditions the Minister considers appropriate

1. The lessee must, at all times during the currency of the lease, allow free and unrestricted access to bonafide travelling stock.

**ENCUMBRANCES AND INTERESTS**

1. Rights and interests reserved to the Crown by Lease No. 40070415
2. EASEMENT No 602805745 (A1005) 31/03/1977  
EASEMENT IN PURSUANCE OF AN AGREEMENT DATED THE 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1 975, BETWEEN THE LESSEE OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED HOLDING AND  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA  
FOR PURPOSES AS DEFINED IN SUCH AGREEMENT.
3. RESUMPTION EASEMENT No 703693352 15/11/1999 at 10:06  
burdening the land  
NORTH QUEENSLAND ELECTRICITY CORPORATION LIMITED A.C.N. 078  
848 978  
over  
EASEMENT J ON SP102693
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burdening the land  
NORTH QUEENSLAND ELECTRICITY CORPORATION LIMITED  
over  
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717923957	CON COM AGMT MINERAL AND ENERGY RESOURCES (COMMON PROVISIONS) ACT 2014	27/03/2017 13:48	CURRENT
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**UNREGISTERED DEALINGS**

NIL

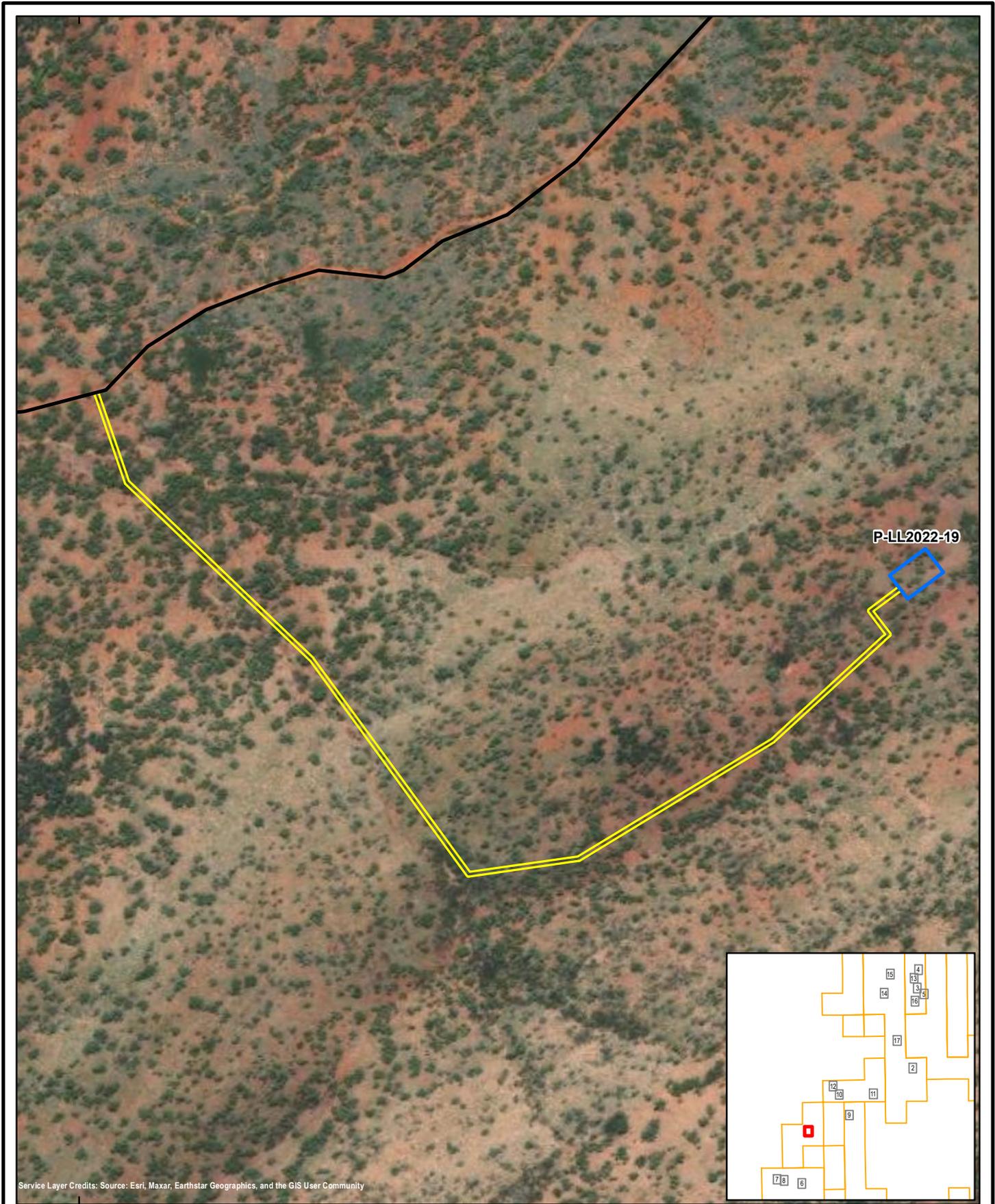
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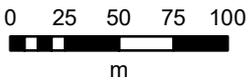
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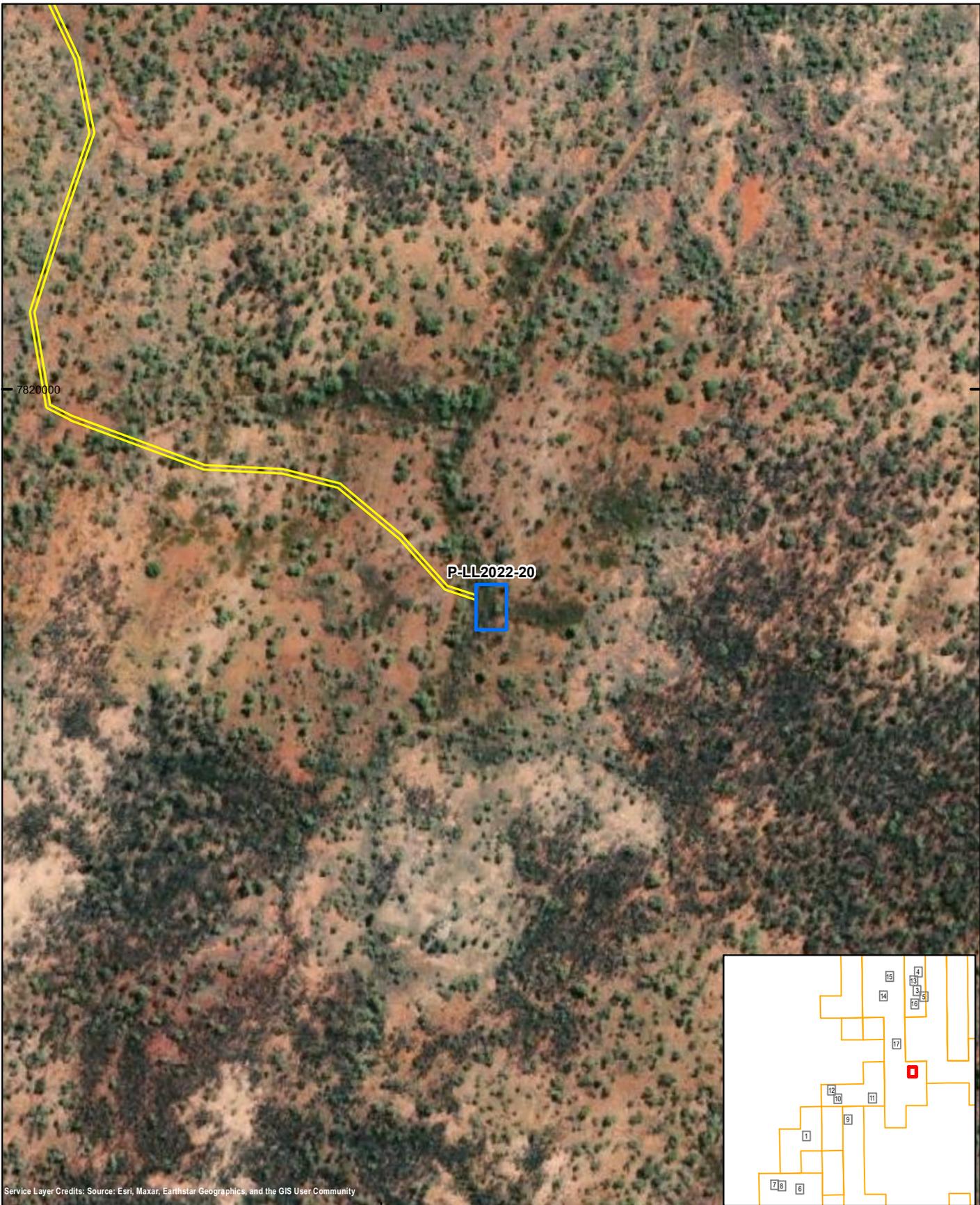
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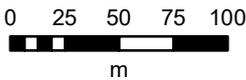
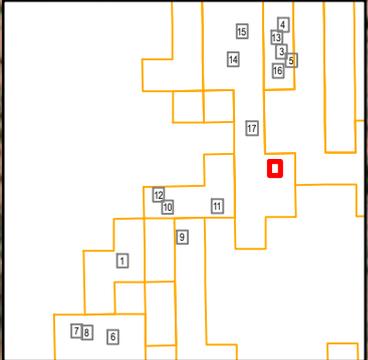
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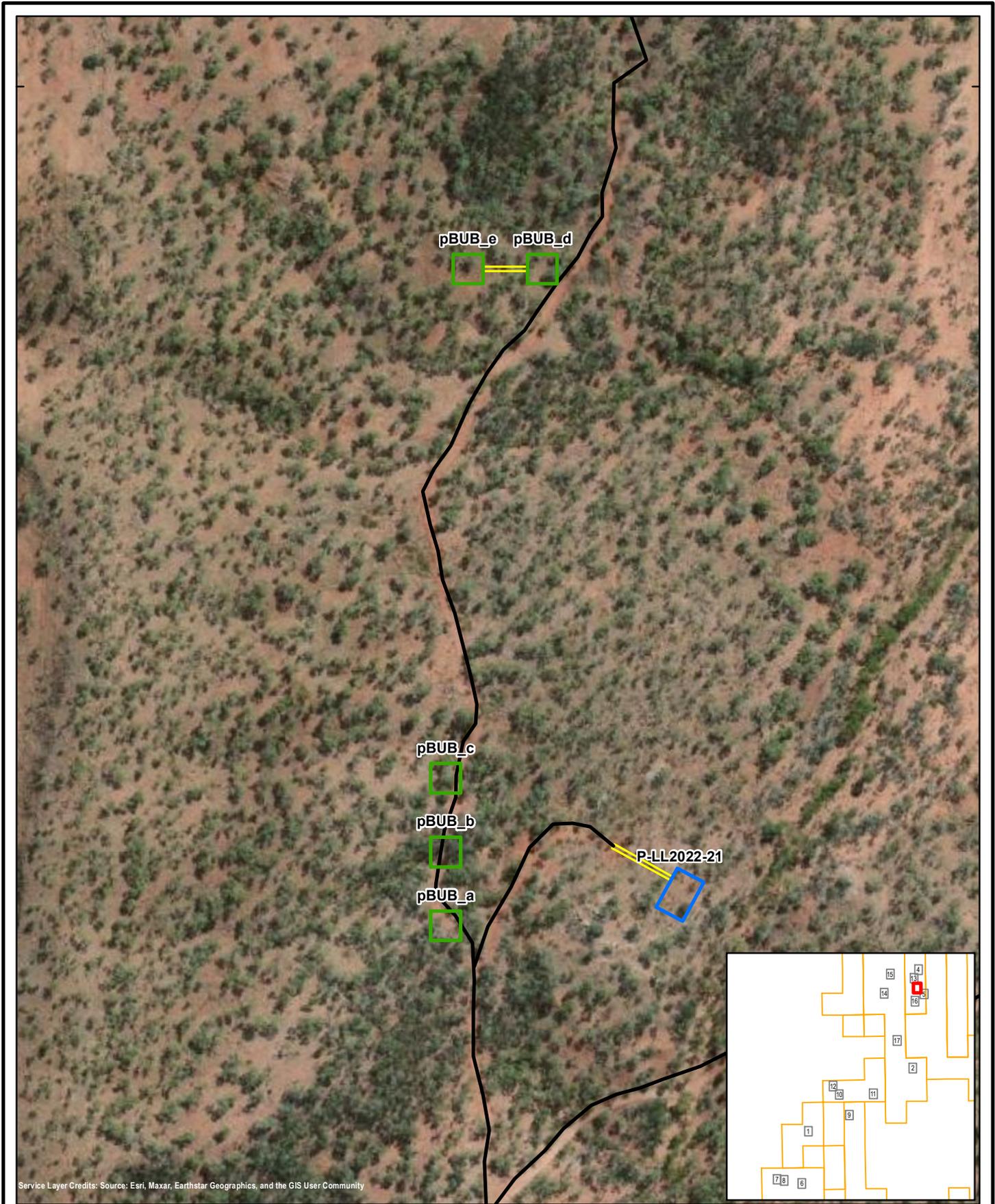
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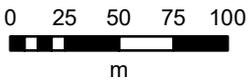
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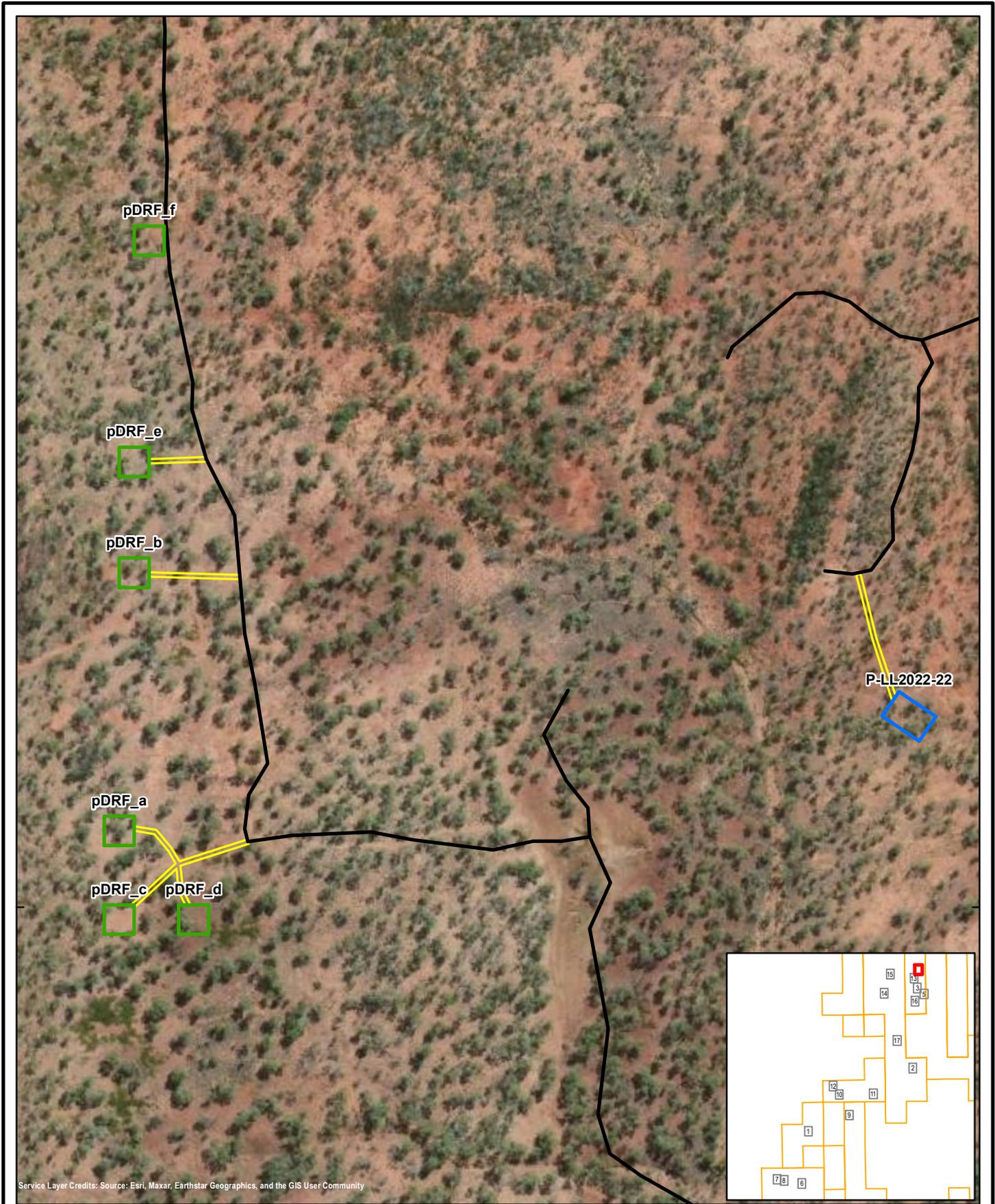
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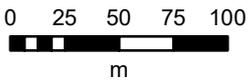
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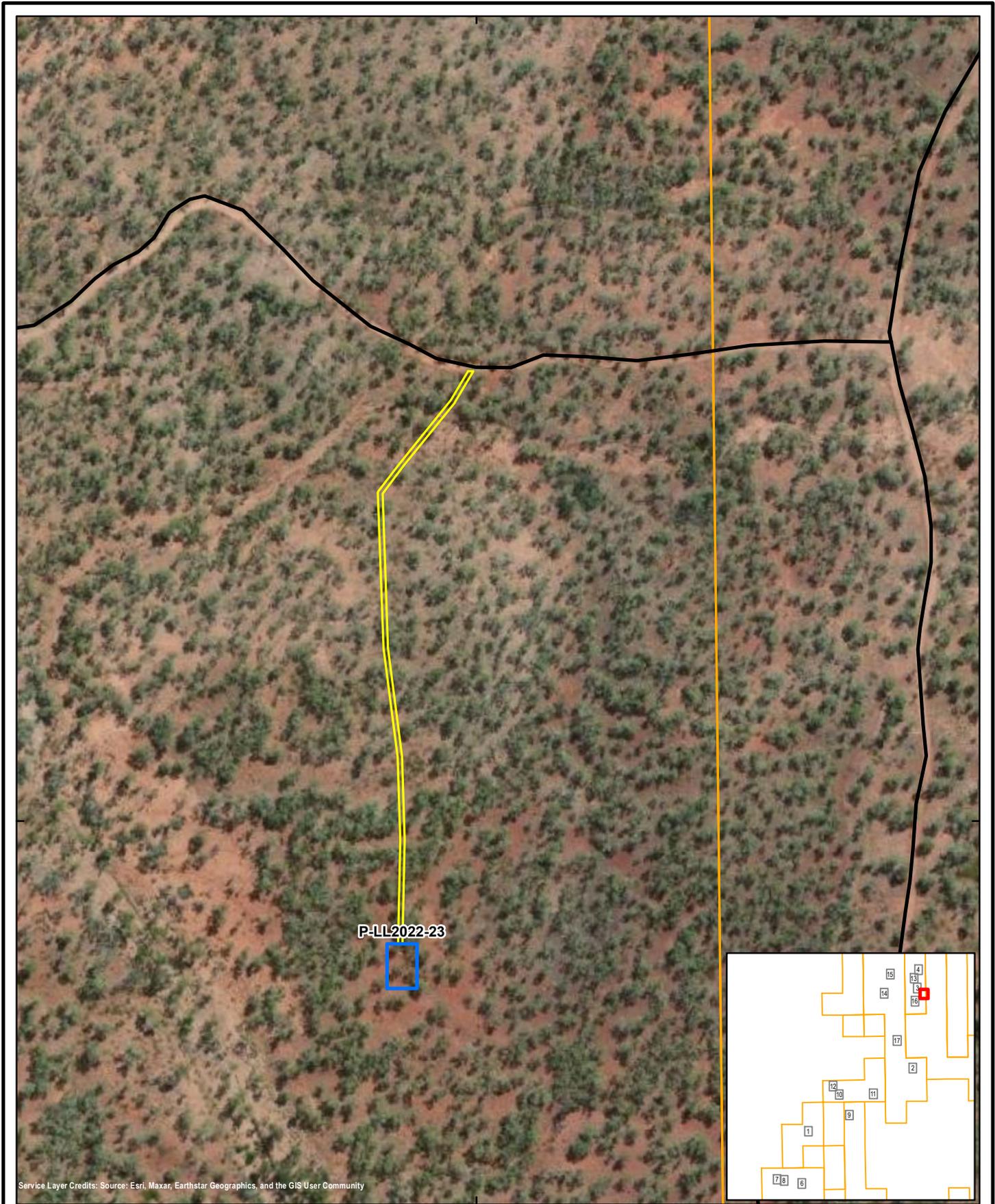
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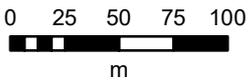
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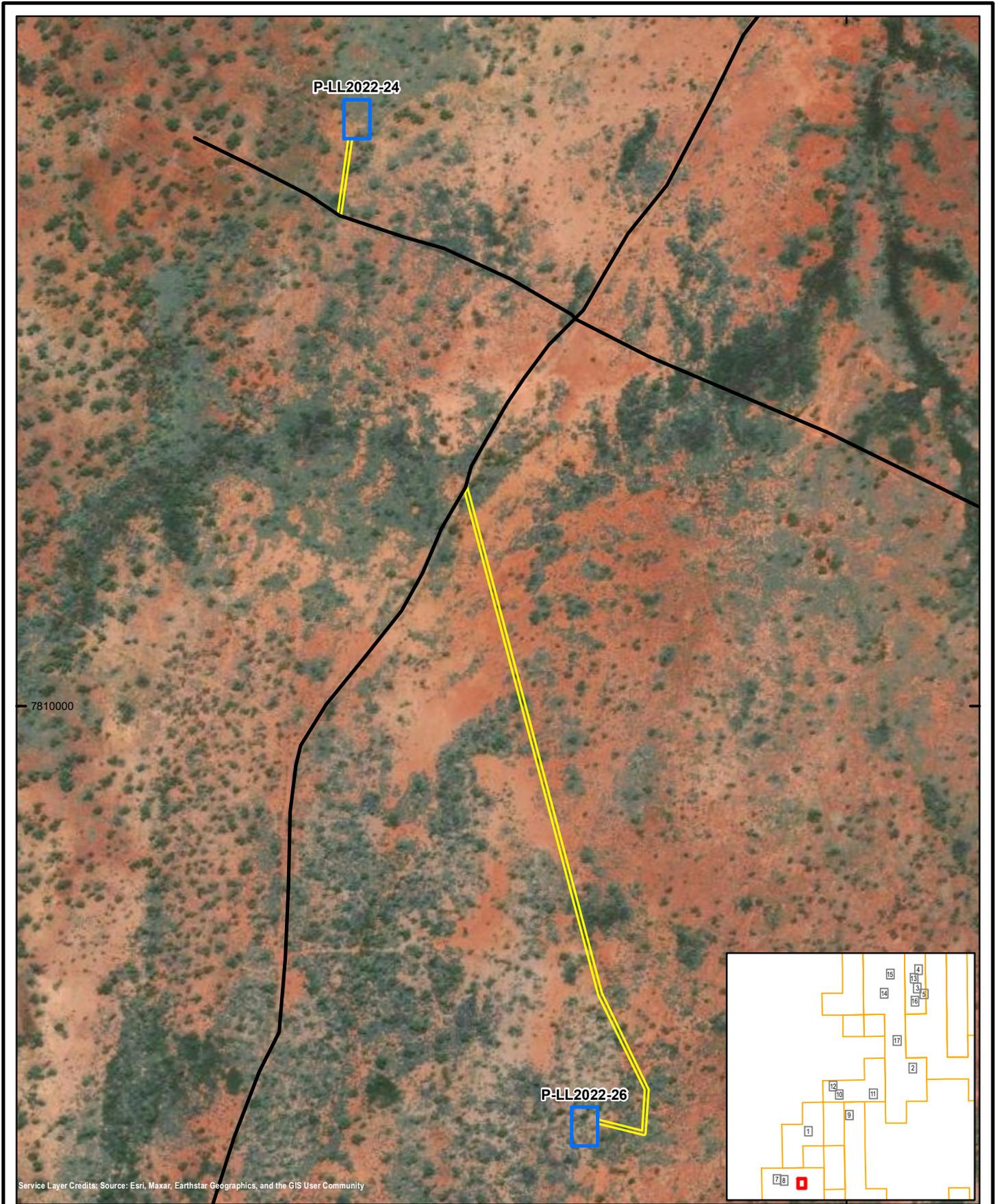
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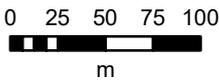
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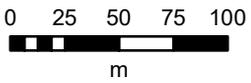
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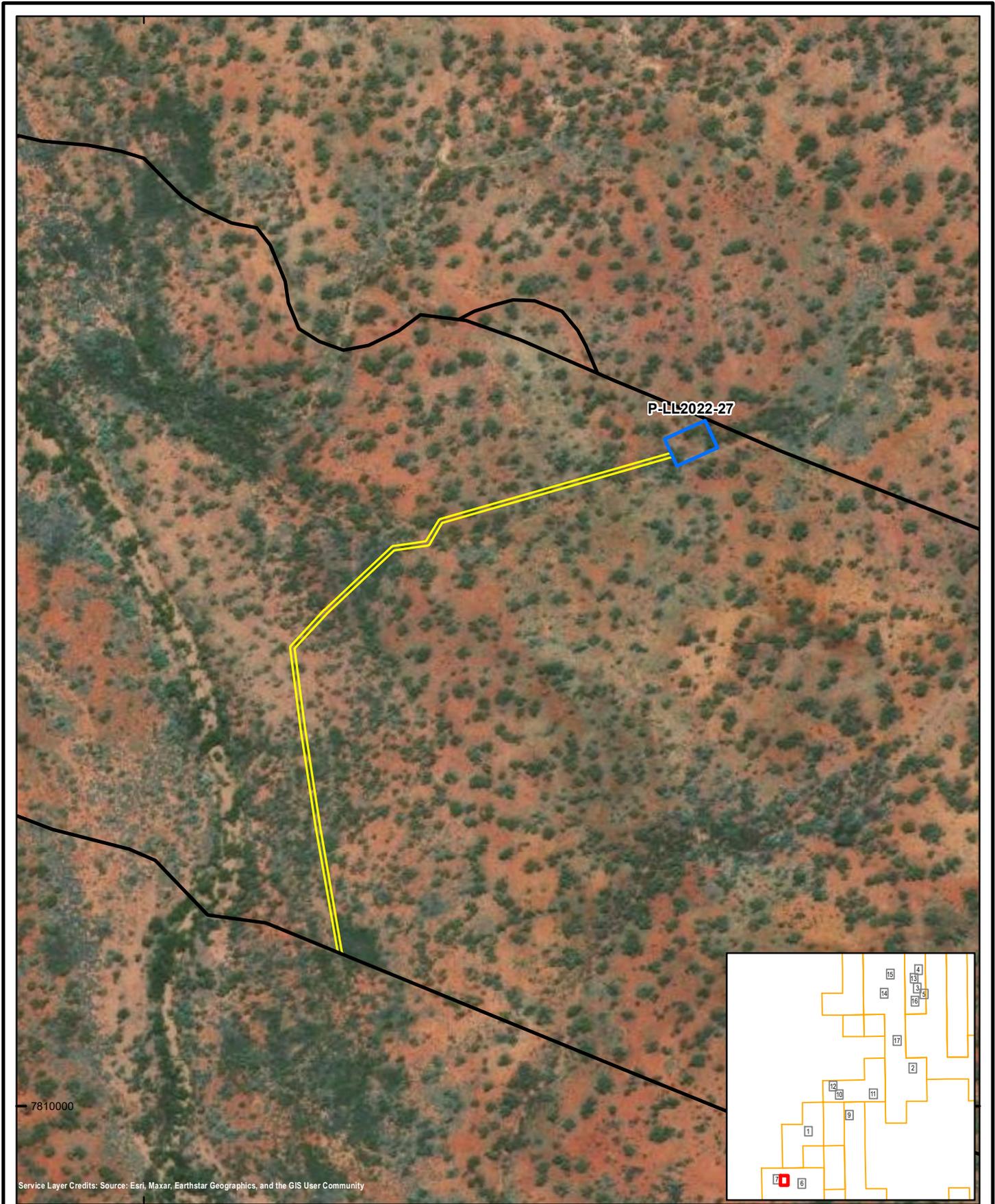
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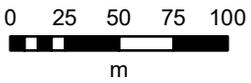


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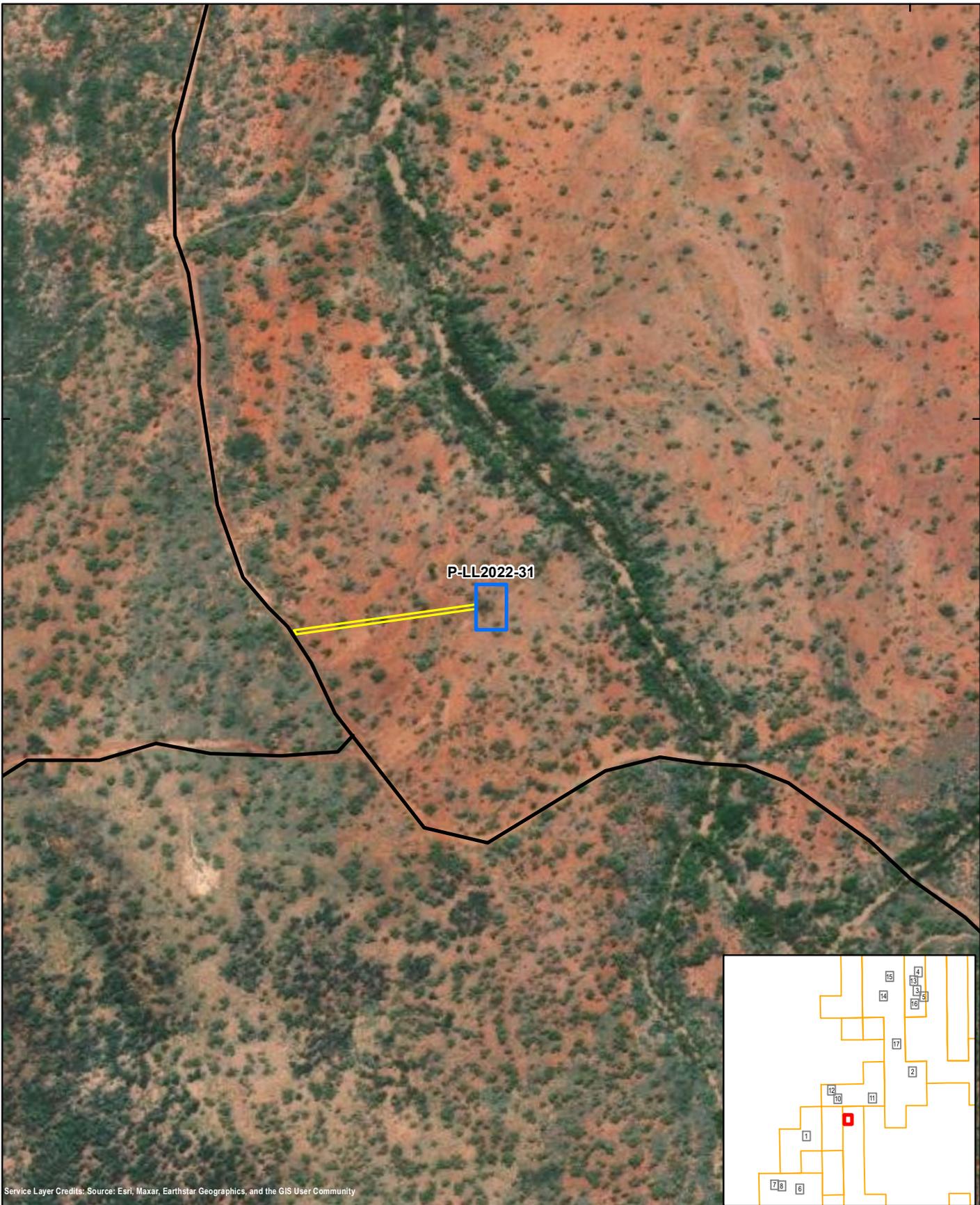
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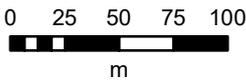
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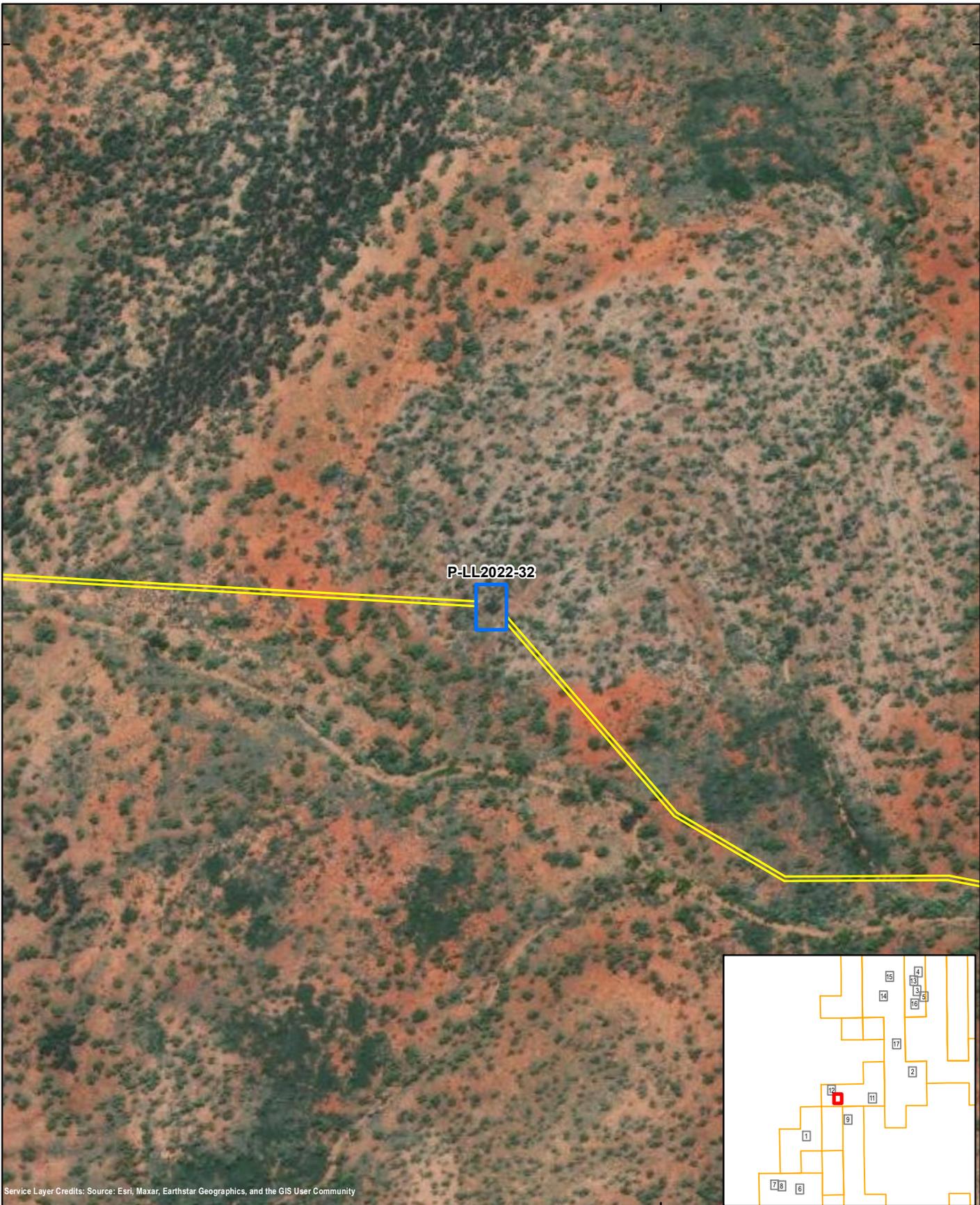
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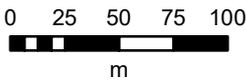
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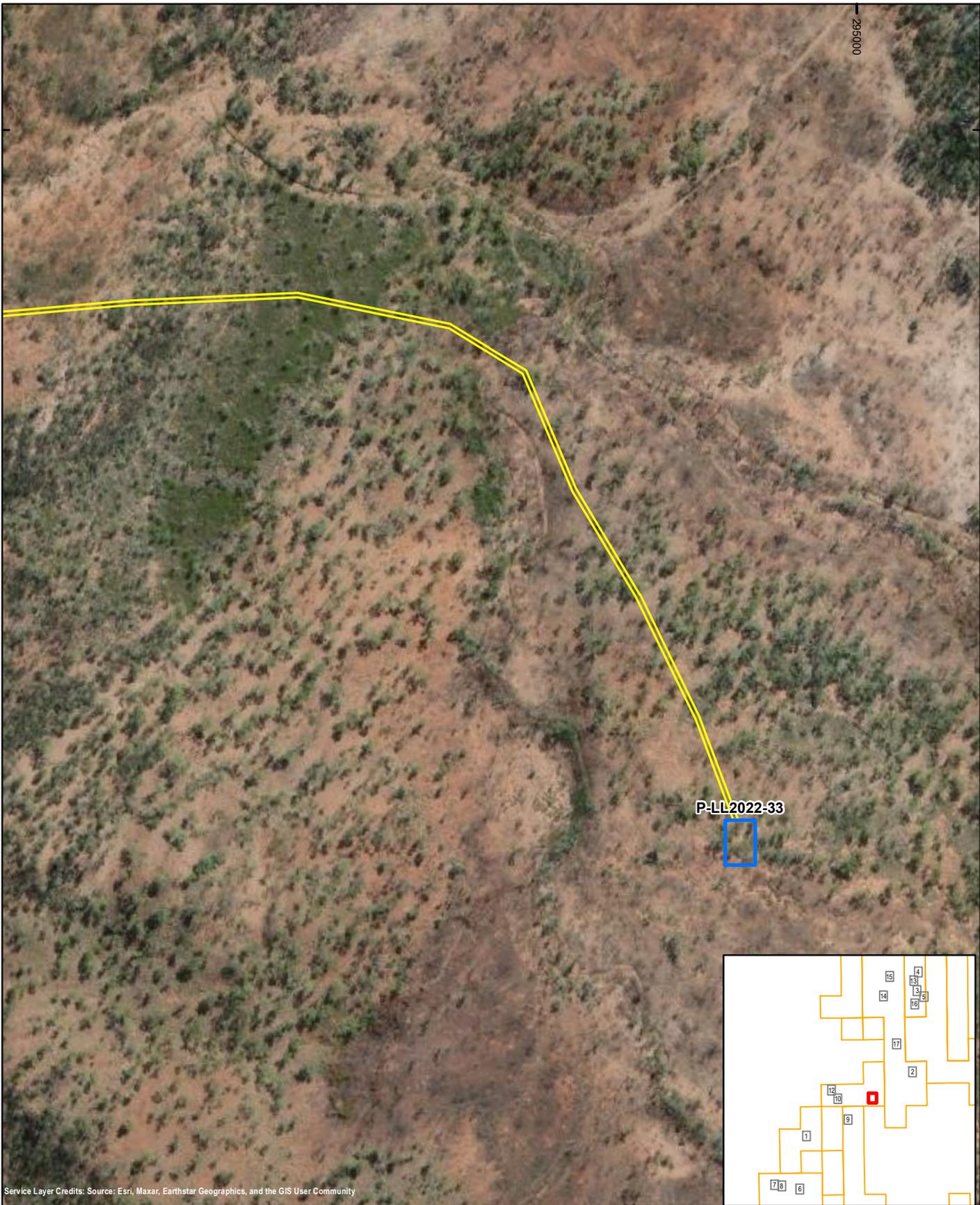
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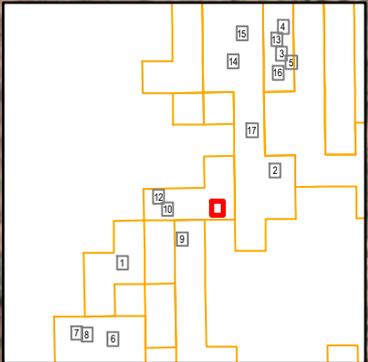
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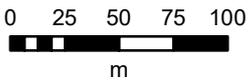
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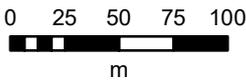
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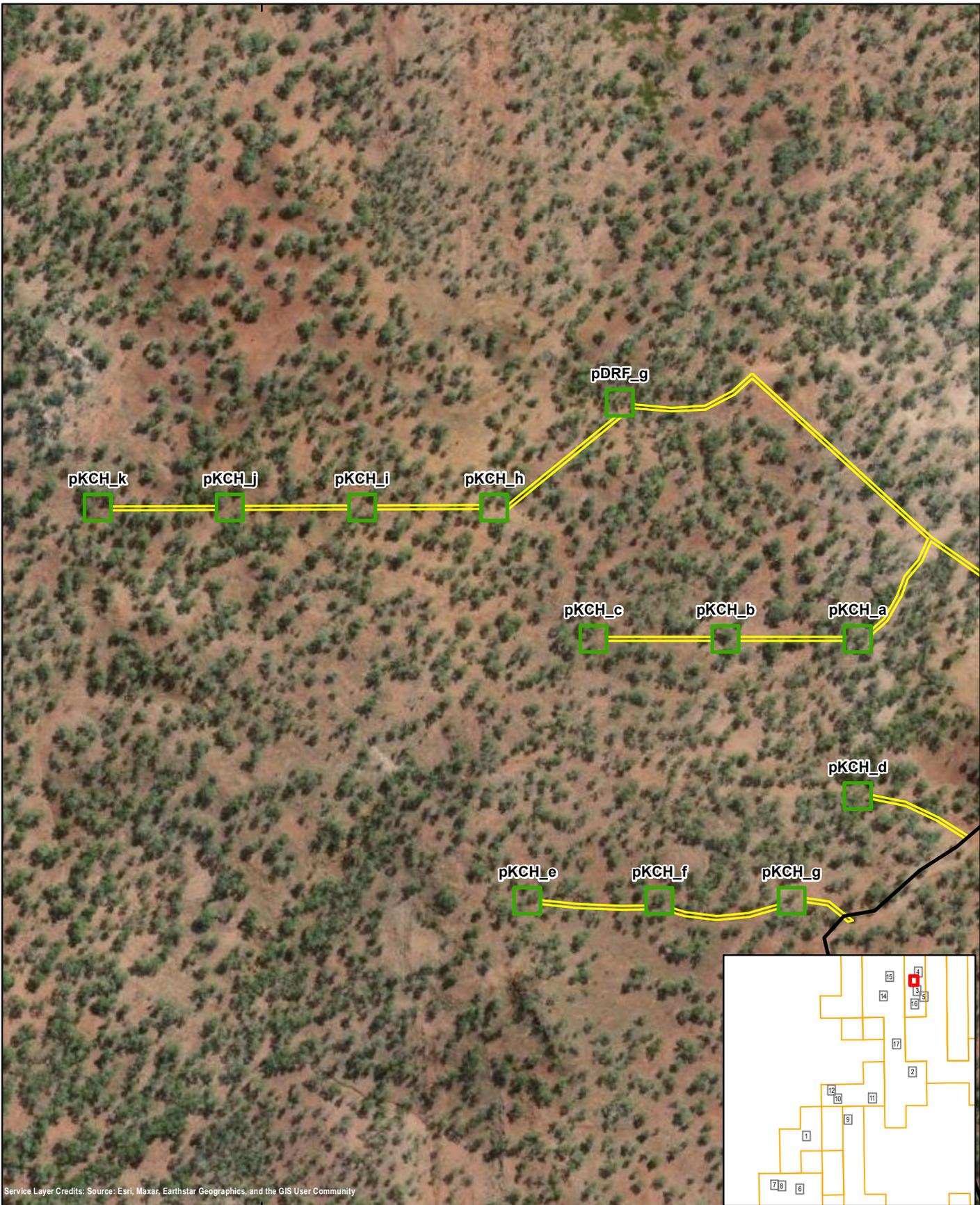
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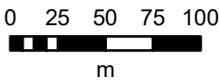
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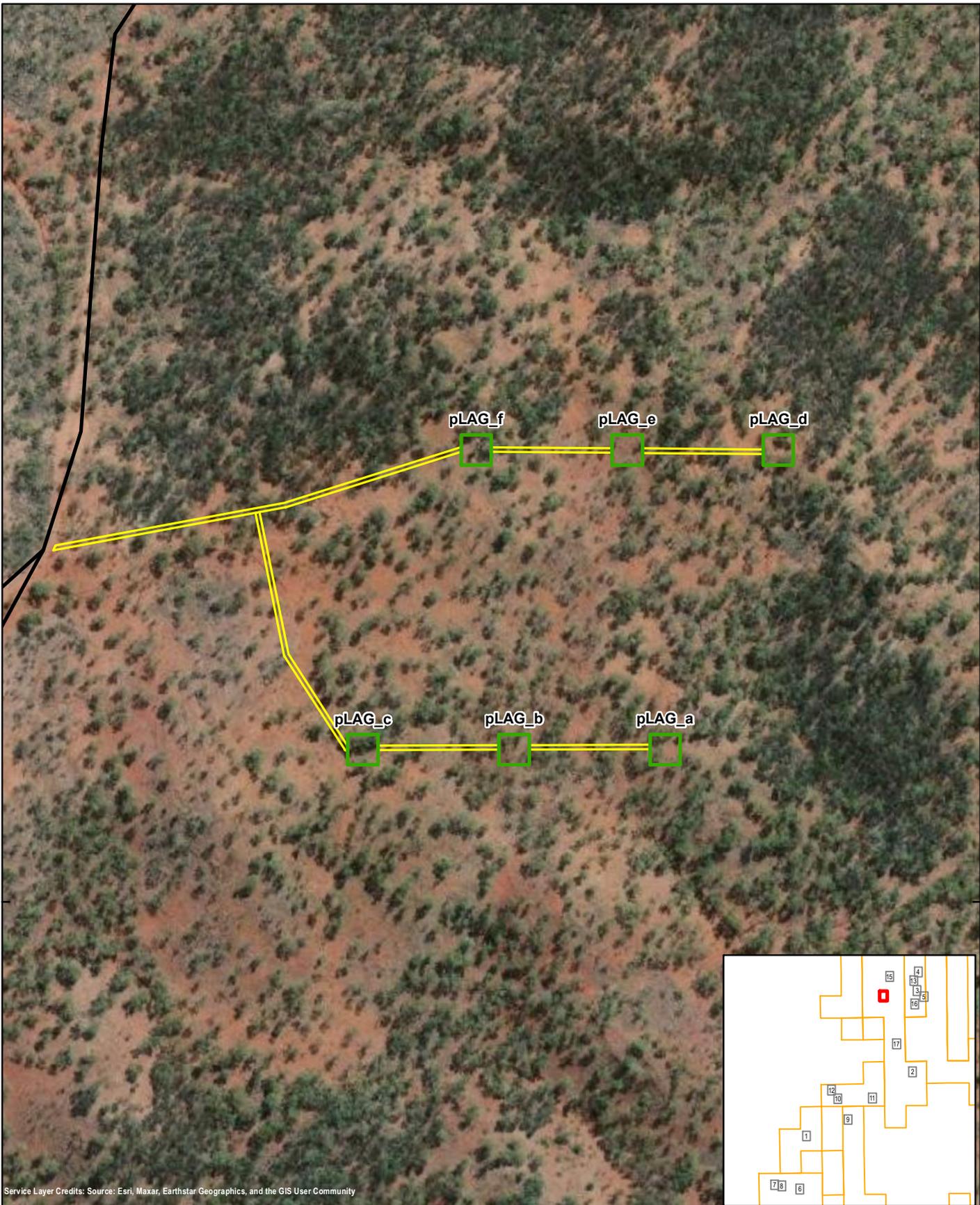
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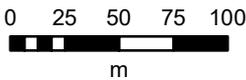
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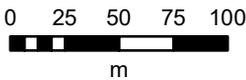
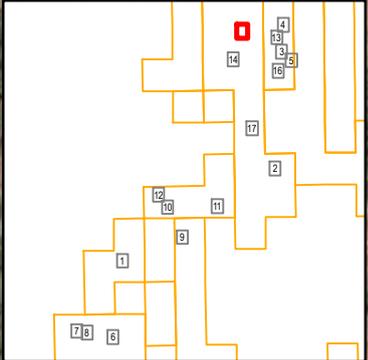
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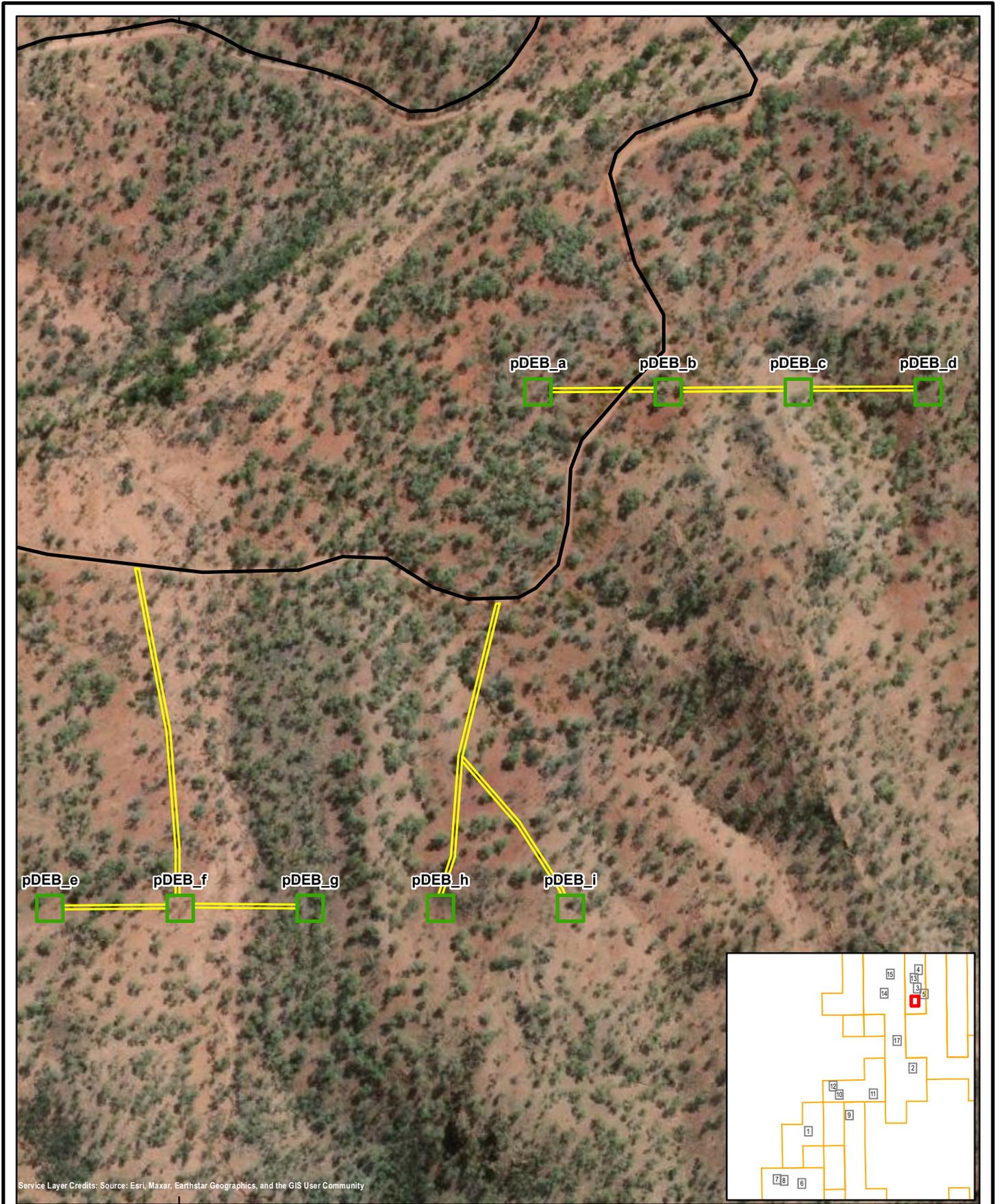
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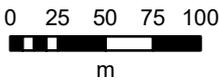
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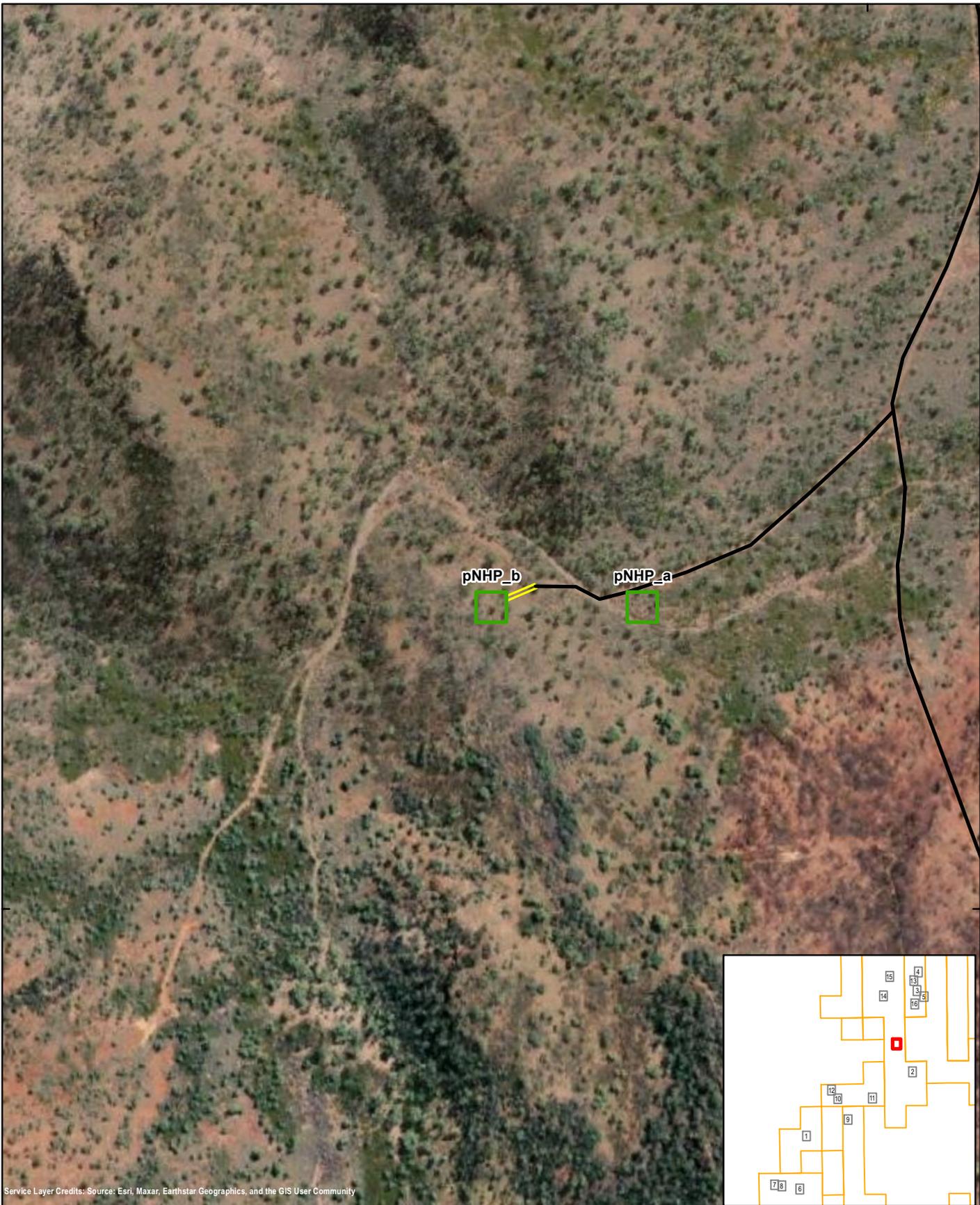
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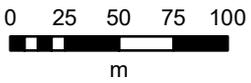
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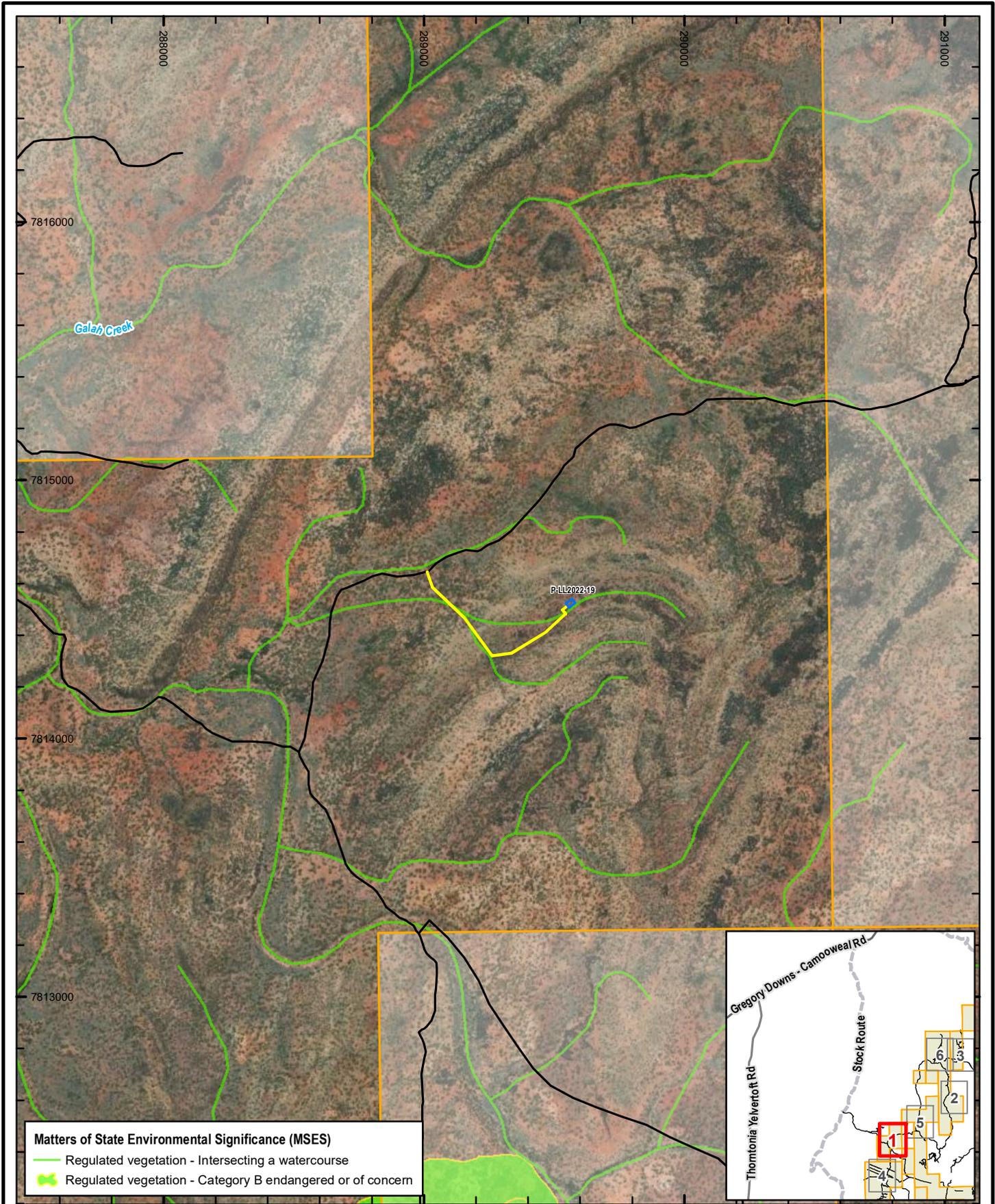
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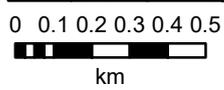
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**Appendix 3 Exploration Disturbance and Matters of State Environmental Significance**



**Matters of State Environmental Significance (MSES)**

- Regulated vegetation - Intersecting a watercourse
- + Regulated vegetation - Category B endangered or of concern

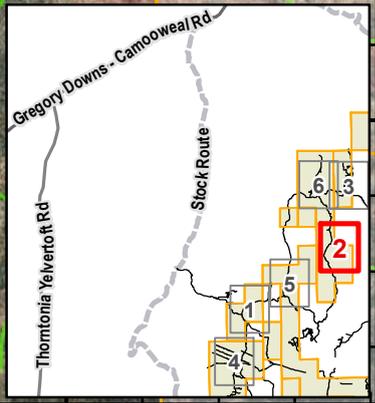
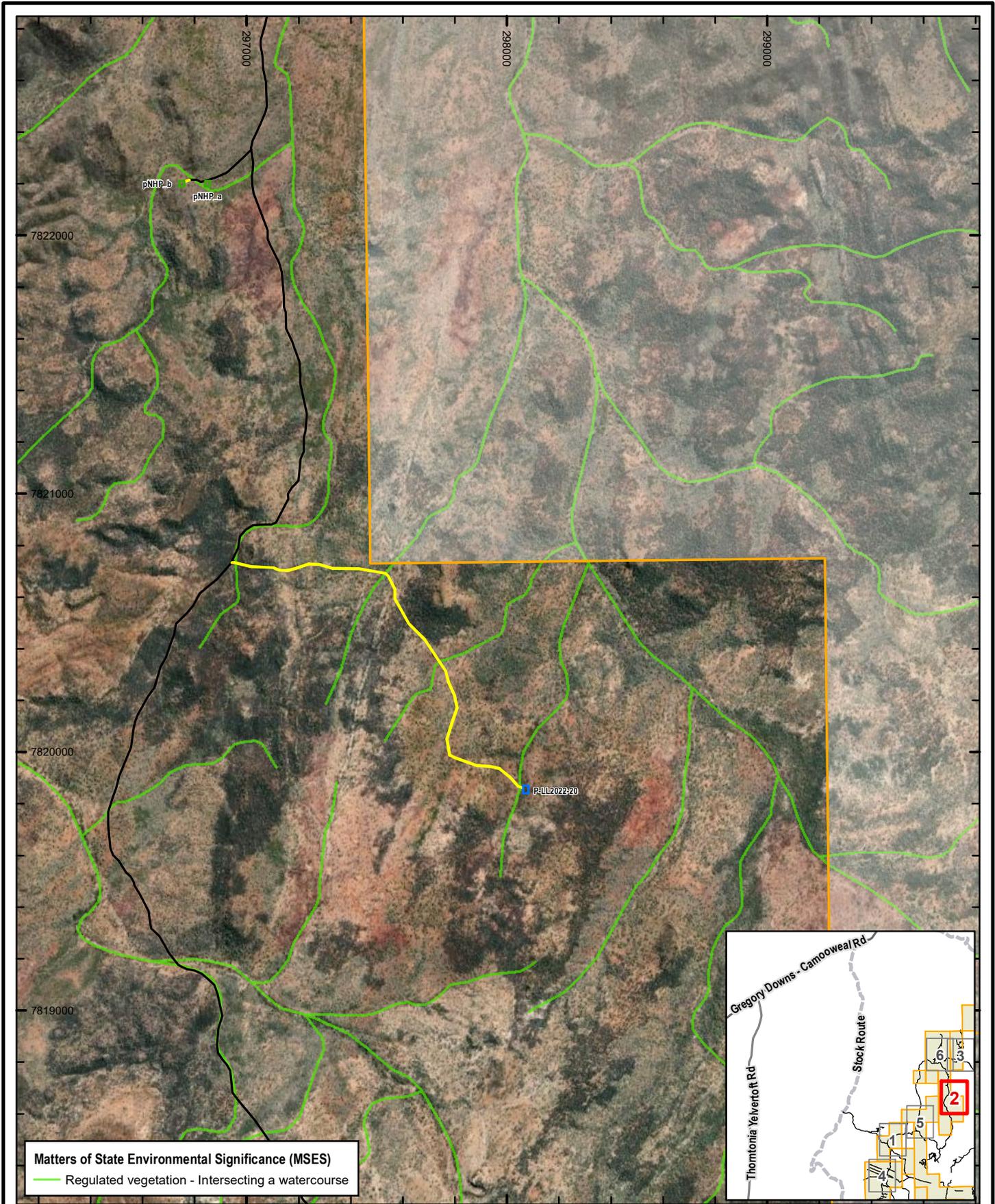


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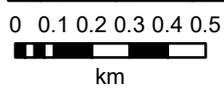


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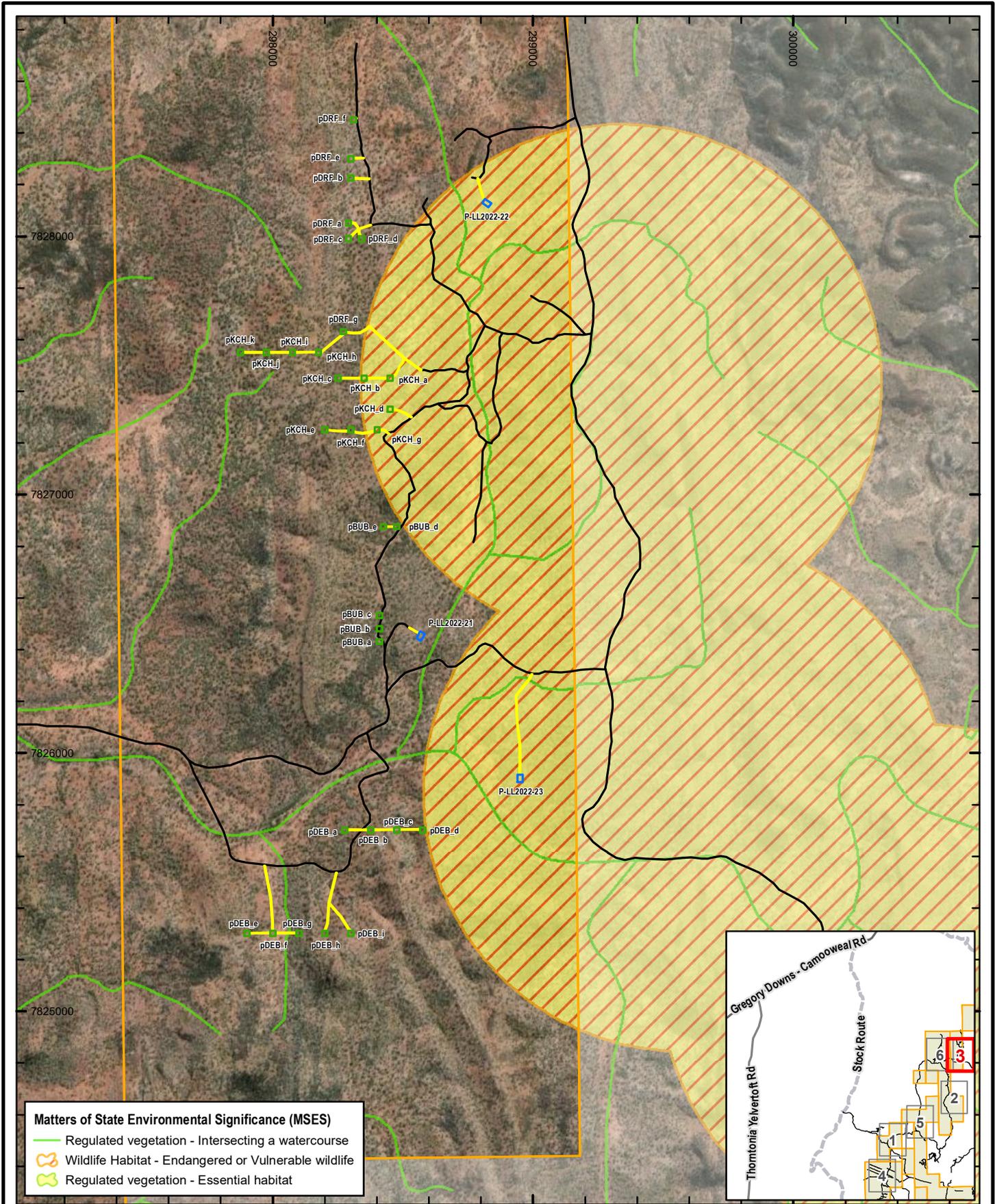
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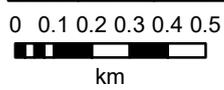
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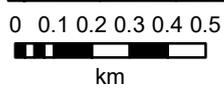
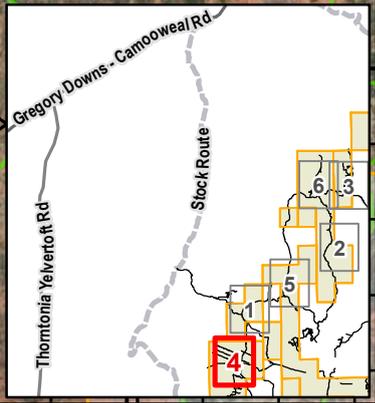
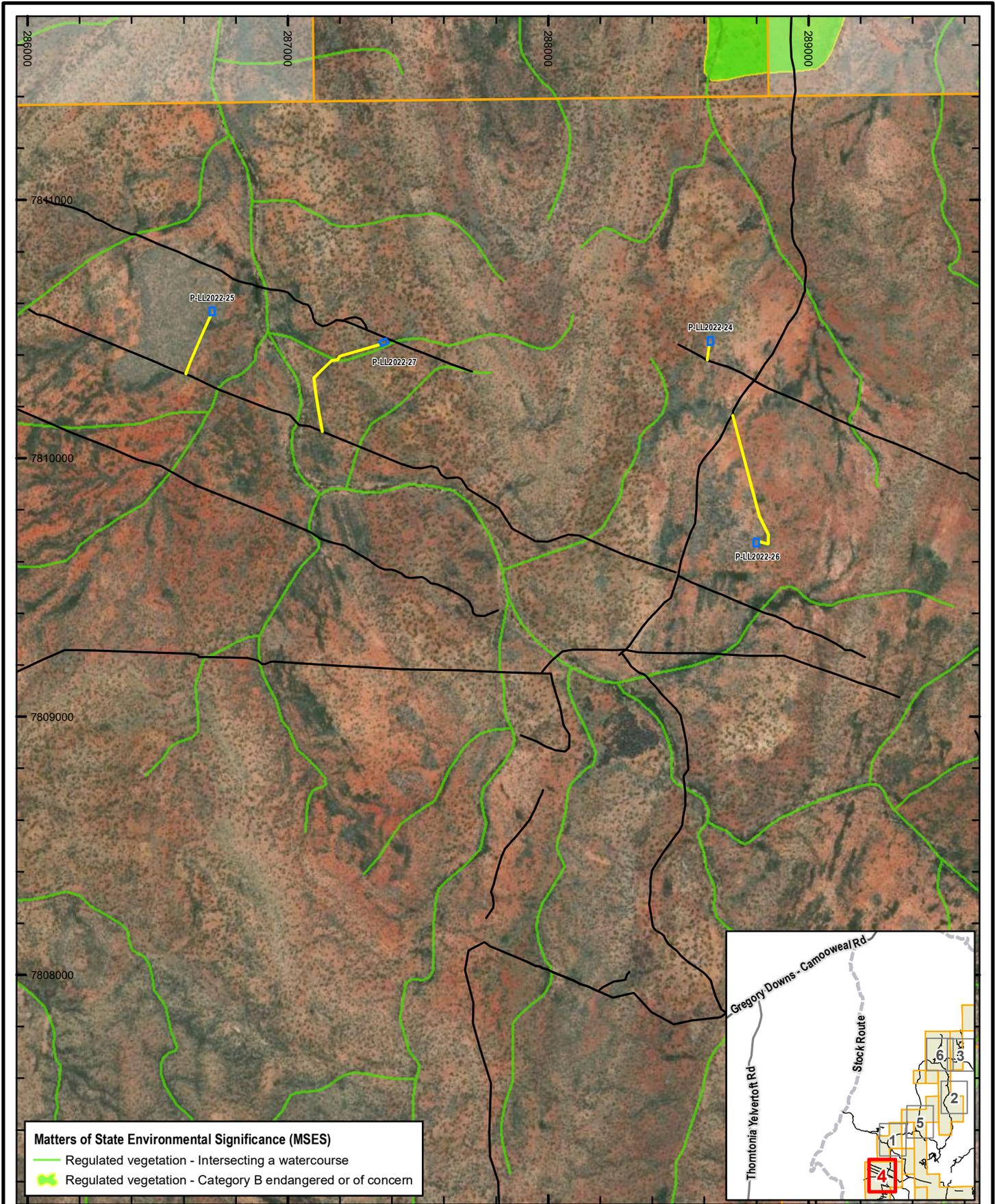
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- Regulated vegetation - Intersecting a watercourse
  - Wildlife Habitat - Endangered or Vulnerable wildlife
  - Regulated vegetation - Essential habitat



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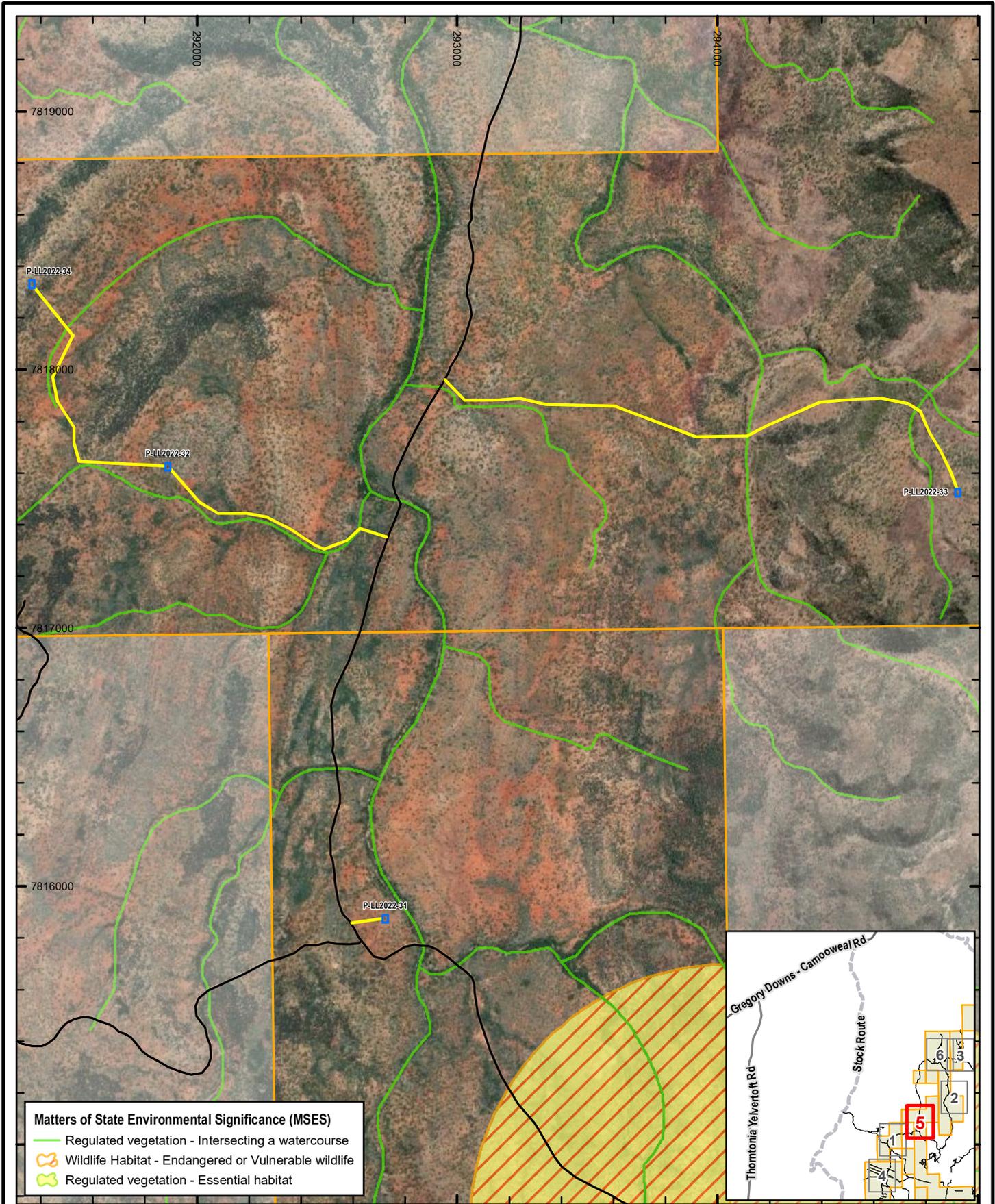
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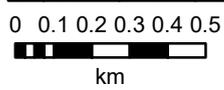
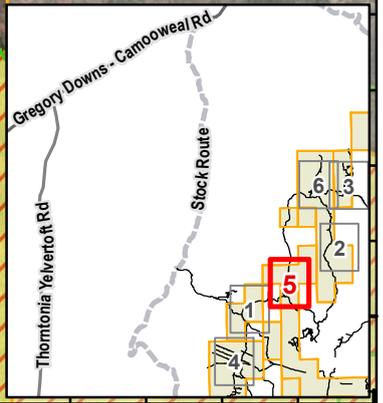
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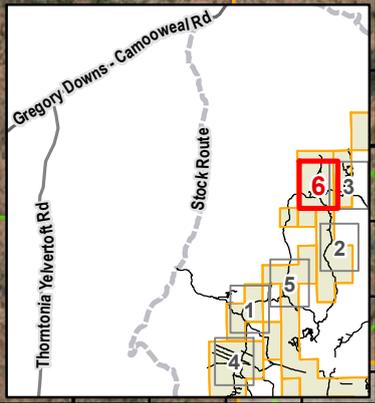
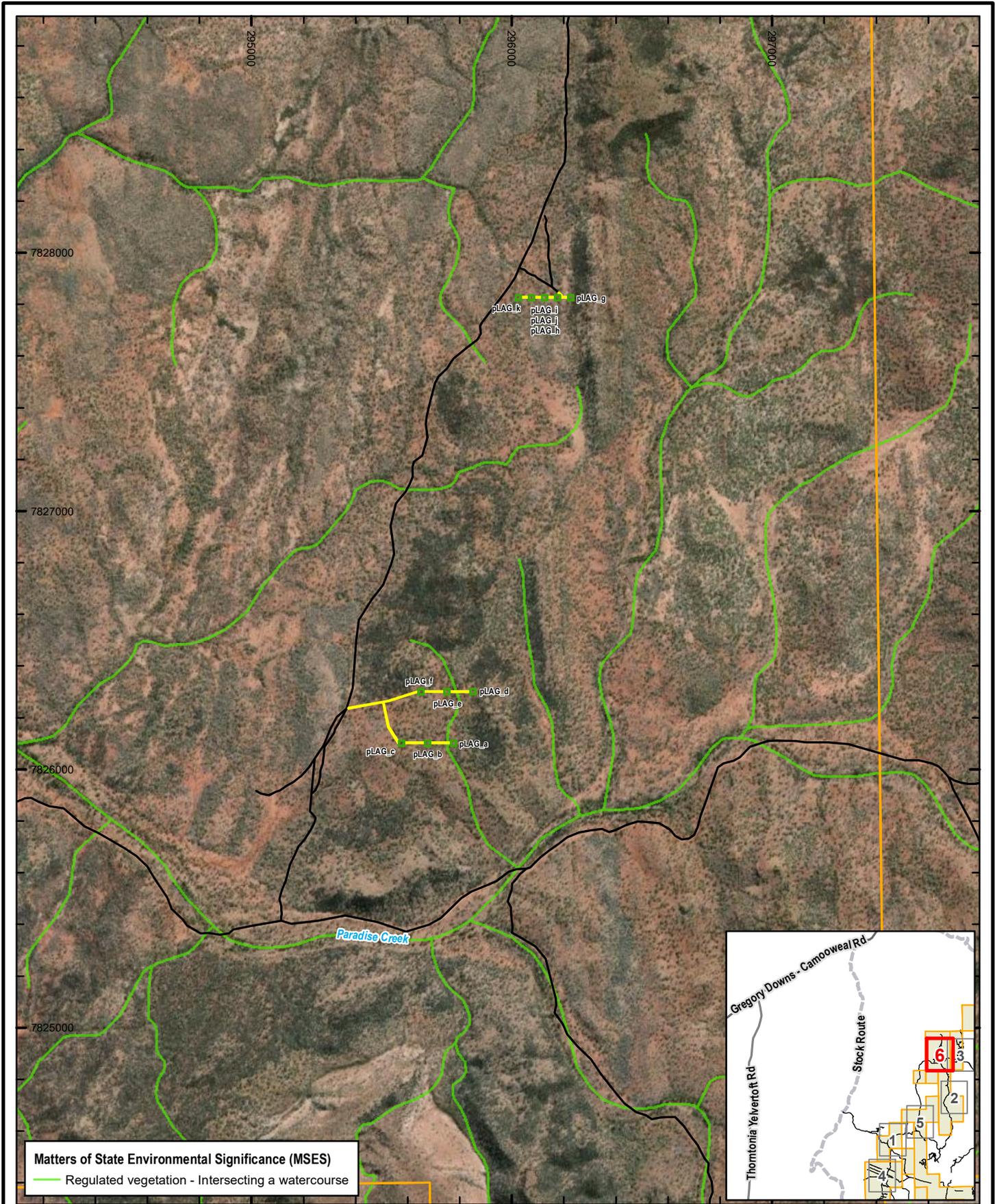
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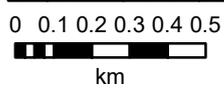
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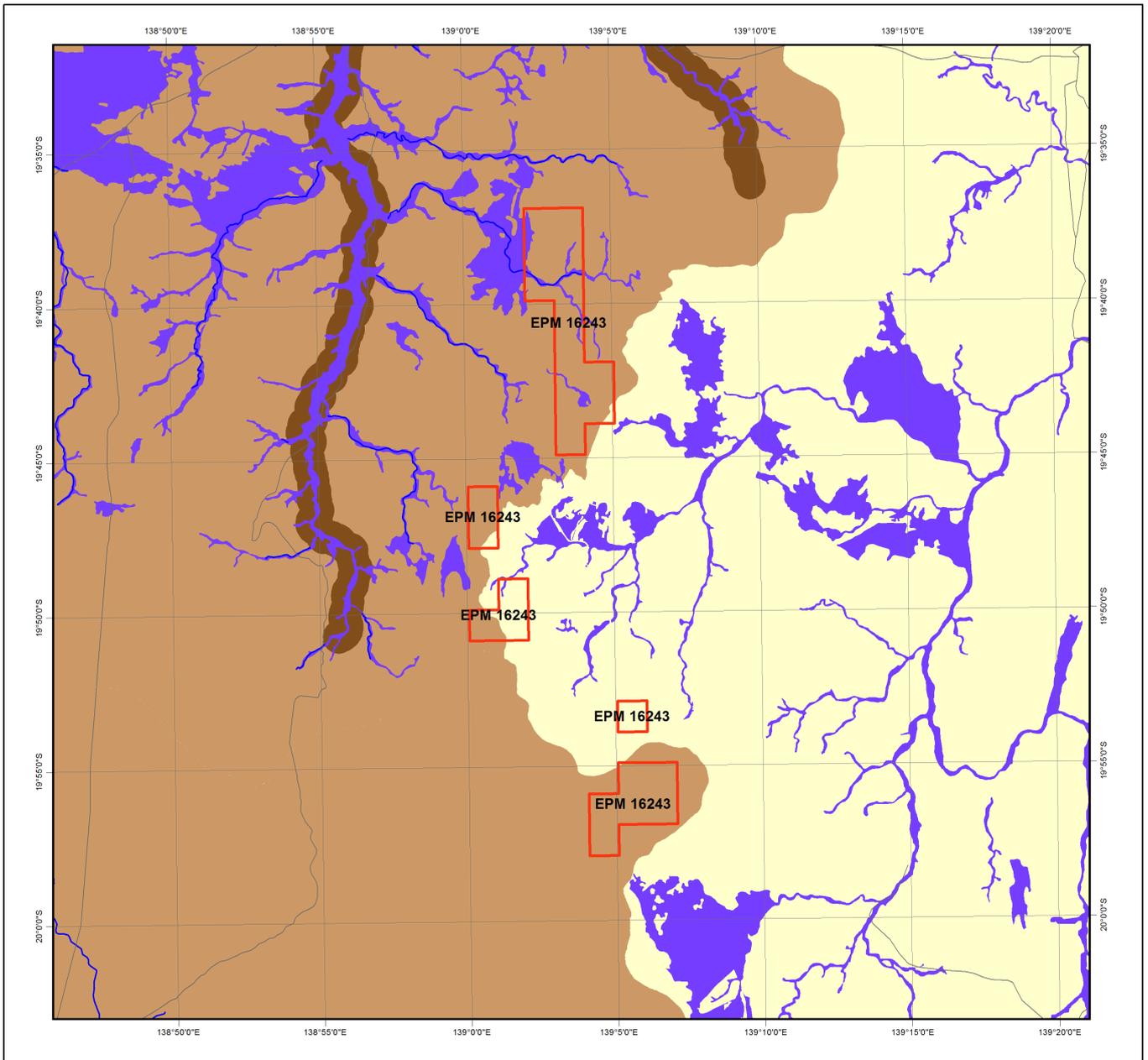
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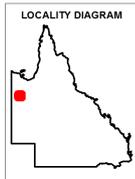
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**Appendix 4 ESA Maps**



### ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS - Mining Activities

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|---|---|
| Selected Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)                                   | <b>CATEGORY C</b>                           |
| <b>CATEGORY A</b>   | Nature Refuges                              |
| National Parks  | Resources Reserve                           |
| Conservation Parks  | State Forests                               |
| Forest Reserves   | Timber Reserves                             |
| Special Wildlife Reserve  | River Improvement Areas                     |
| Wet Tropics World Heritage Area   | Stanbroke DLA                               |
| Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Area   | Coastal Management District                 |
| Marine Parks other than General Use Zones                                   | Dams and Weirs                              |
| <b>CATEGORY B</b>   | <b>OTHERS</b>                               |
| Queensland Heritage Register Places   | Towns                                       |
| Ramsar Sites  | Roads                                       |
| Cultural Heritage Registered Areas and DLA's other than Stanbroke           | Repealed Wild River Nominated Waterways     |
| Special Forestry Areas  | Repealed Wild River Preservation Areas      |
| Seaward Side of Highest Astronomical Tide                                   | Repealed Wild River High Preservation Areas |
| Fish Habitat Areas  | Mahogany Glider Habitat                     |
| Coordinated Conservation Areas  | Directory of Important Wetlands             |
| Endangered Regional Ecosystems - regrowth and remnant (Biodiversity Status) | Queensland                                  |
| General Use Zones of Marine Parks   |   |
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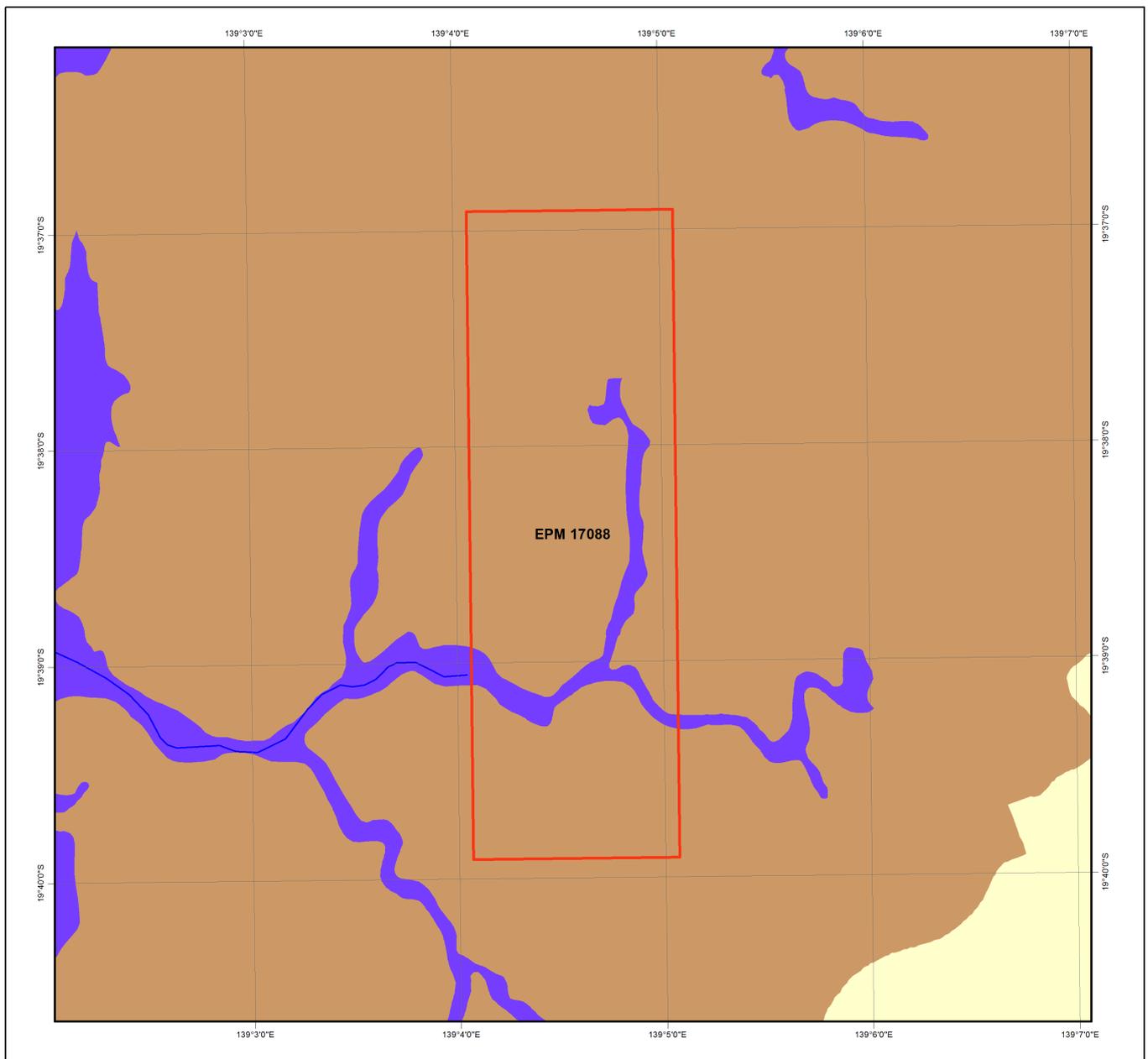
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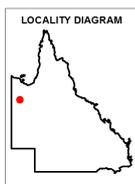
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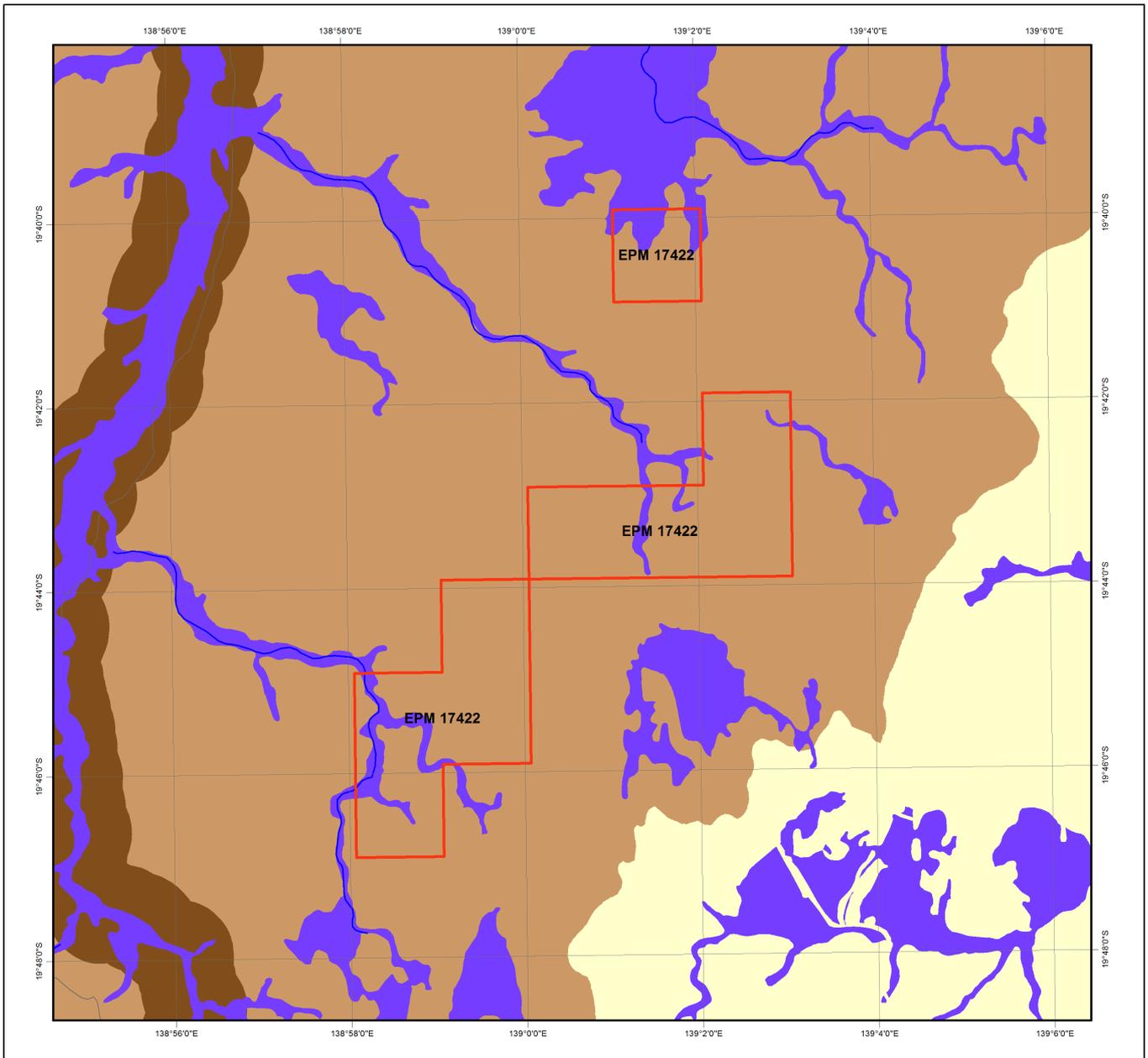
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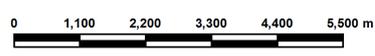
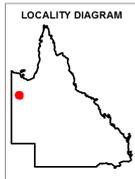
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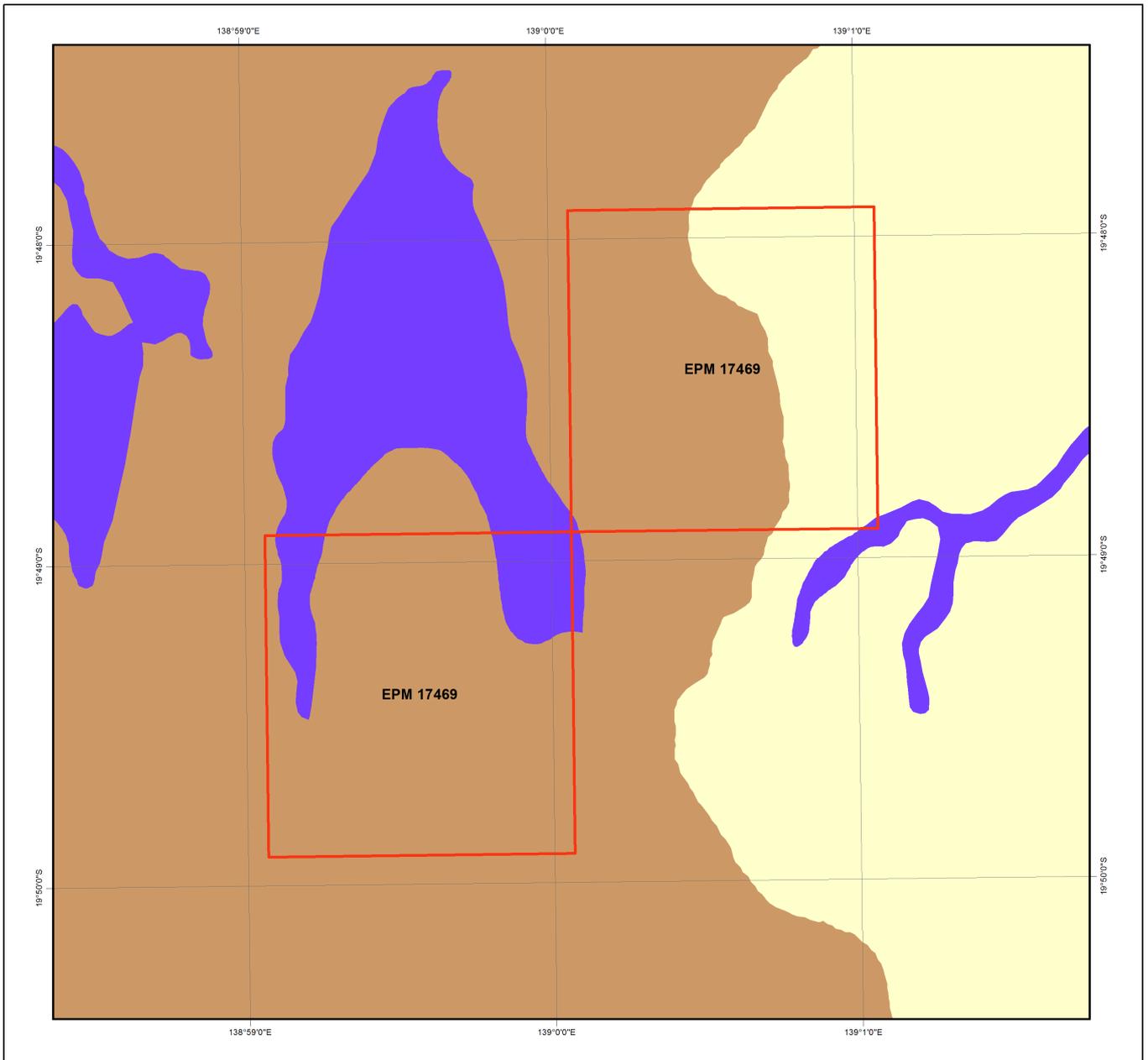
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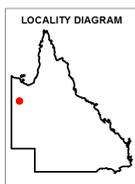
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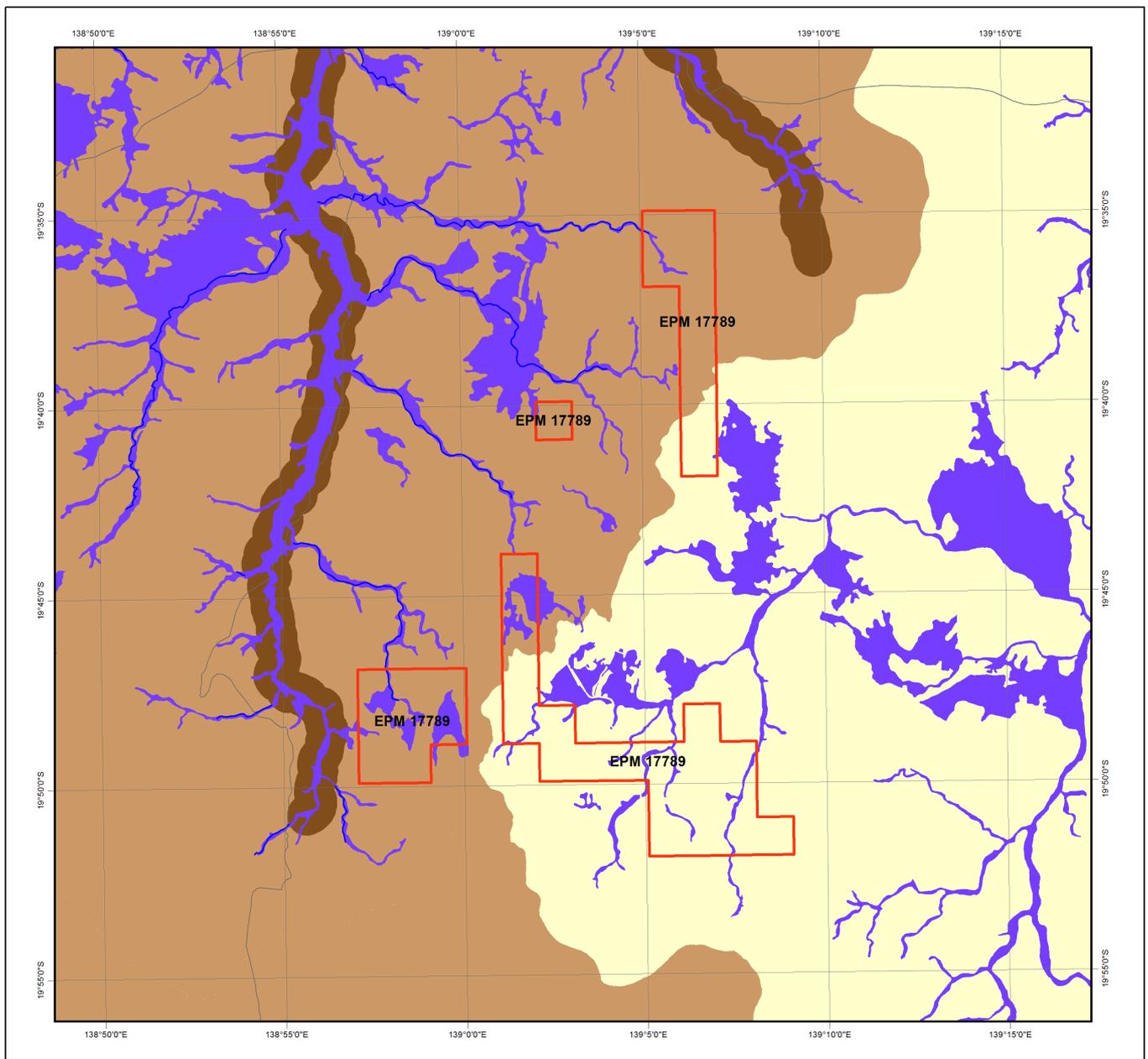
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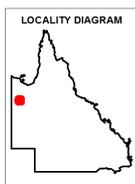
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### ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS - Mining Activities

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| Selected Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)                                   | <b>CATEGORY C</b>                           |
| <b>CATEGORY A</b>   | Nature Refuges                              |
| National Parks  | Resources Reserve                           |
| Conservation Parks  | State Forests                               |
| Forest Reserves   | Timber Reserves                             |
| Special Wildlife Reserve  | River Improvement Areas                     |
| Wet Tropics World Heritage Area   | Stanbroke DLA                               |
| Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Area   | Coastal Management District                 |
| Marine Parks other than General Use Zones                                   | Dams and Weirs                              |
| <b>CATEGORY B</b>   | <b>OTHERS</b>                               |
| Queensland Heritage Register Places   | Towns                                       |
| Ramsar Sites  | Roads                                       |
| Cultural Heritage Registered Areas and DLA's other than Stanbroke           | Repealed Wild River Nominated Waterways     |
| Special Forestry Areas  | Repealed Wild River Preservation Areas      |
| Seaward Side of Highest Astronomical Tide                                   | Repealed Wild River High Preservation Areas |
| Fish Habitat Areas  | Mahogany Glider Habitat                     |
| Coordinated Conservation Areas  | Directory of Important Wetlands             |
| Endangered Regional Ecosystems - regrowth and remnant (Biodiversity Status) | Queensland                                  |
| General Use Zones of Marine Parks   |   |
| Marine Plants   |   |



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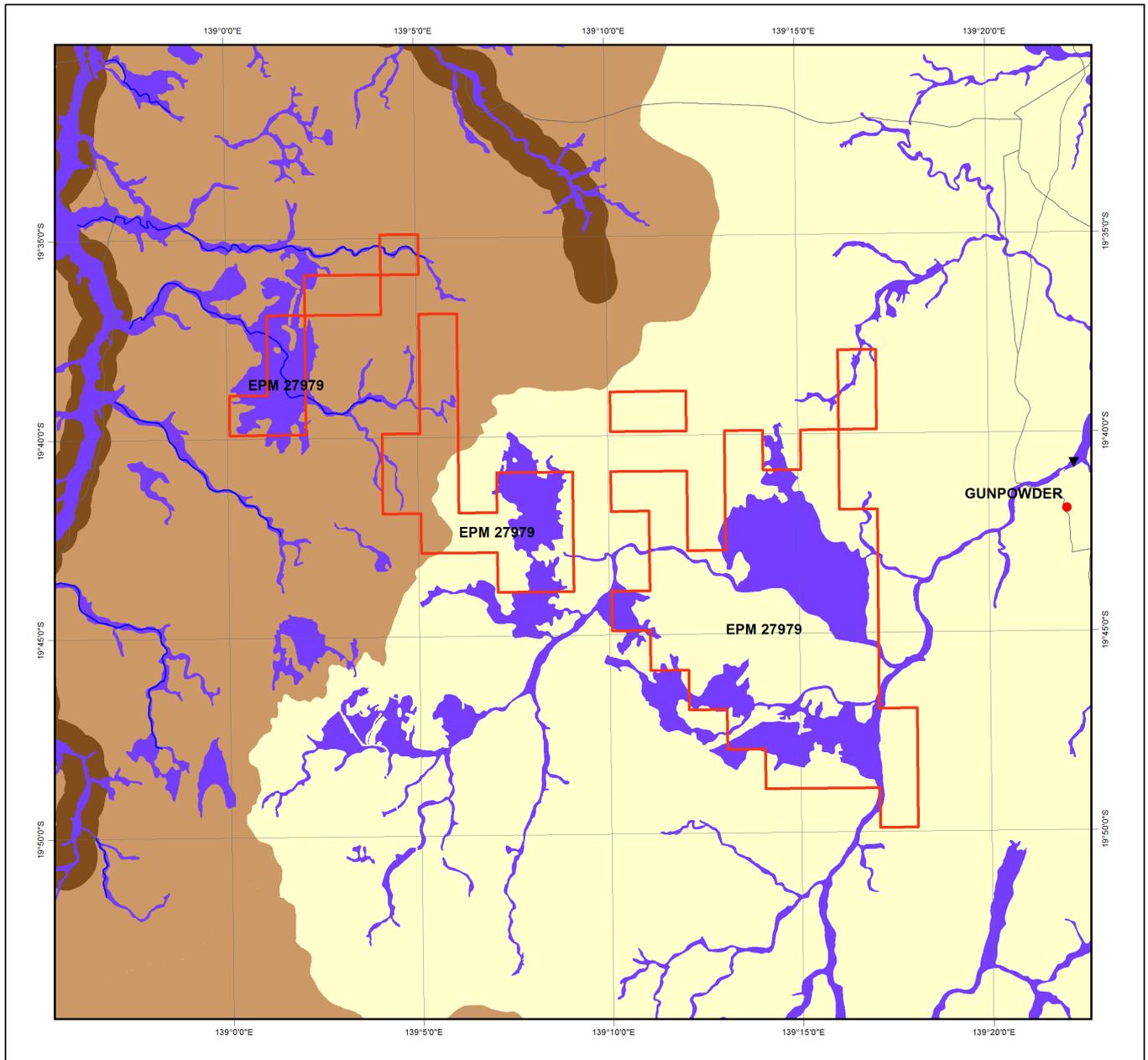
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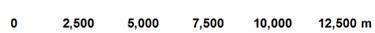
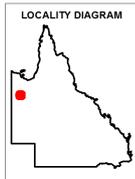
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### ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS - Mining Activities

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- CATEGORY A**
- National Parks
- Conservation Parks
- Forest Reserves
- Special Wildlife Reserve
- Wet Tropics World Heritage Area
- Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Area
- Marine Parks other than General Use Zones
- CATEGORY B**
- Queensland Heritage Register Places
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- CATEGORY C**
- Nature Refuges
- Resources Reserve
- State Forests
- Timber Reserves
- River Improvement Areas
- Stanbroke DLA
- Coastal Management District
- Dams and Weirs
- OTHERS**
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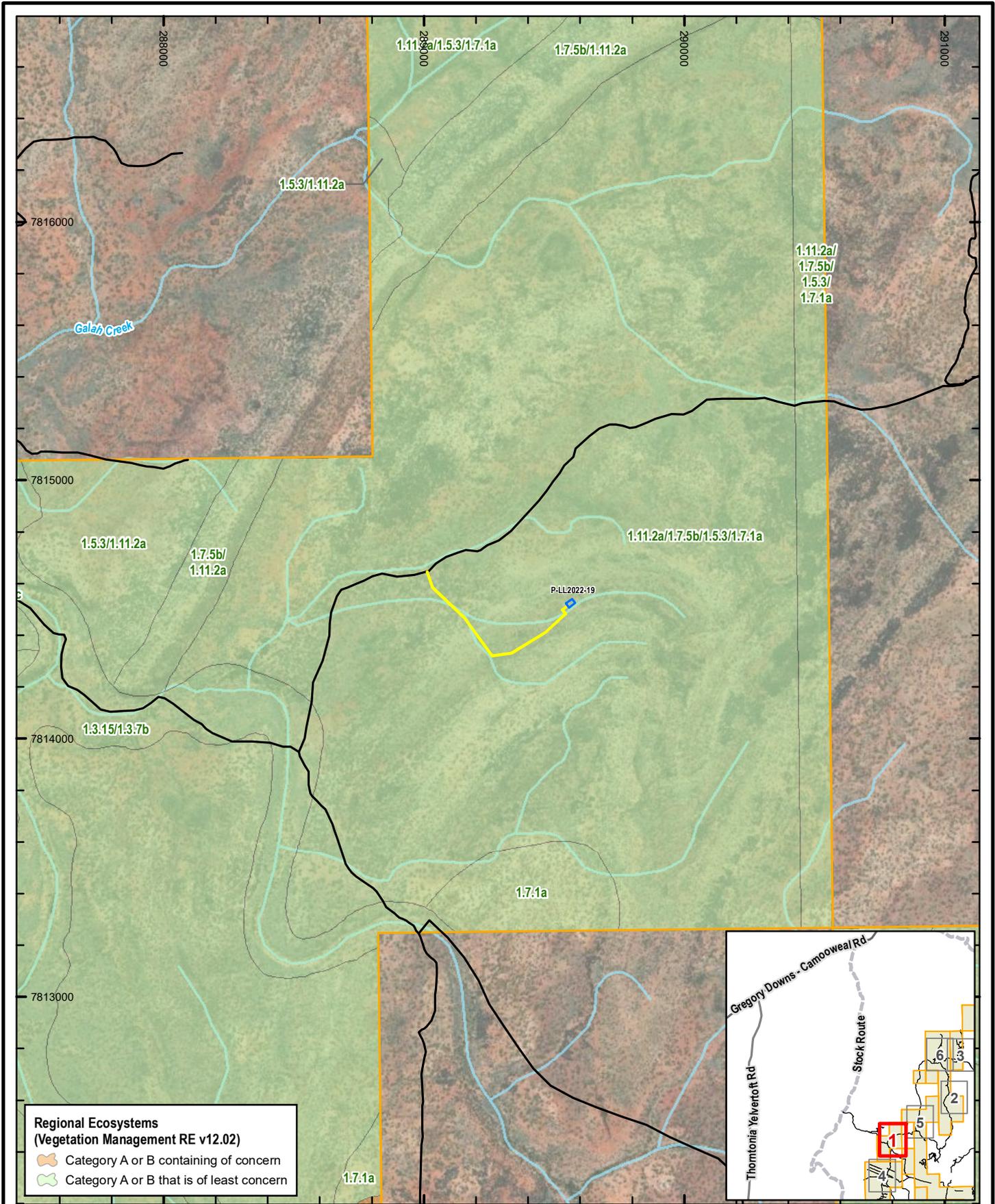
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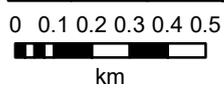
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**Appendix 5 Exploration Activities and Regional Ecosystems**



**Regional Ecosystems  
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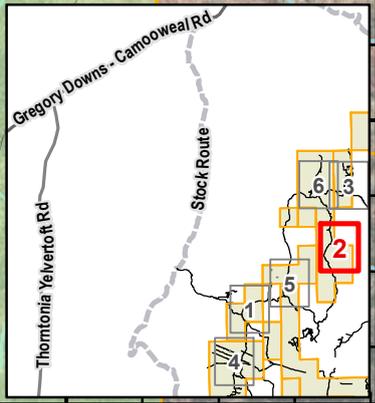
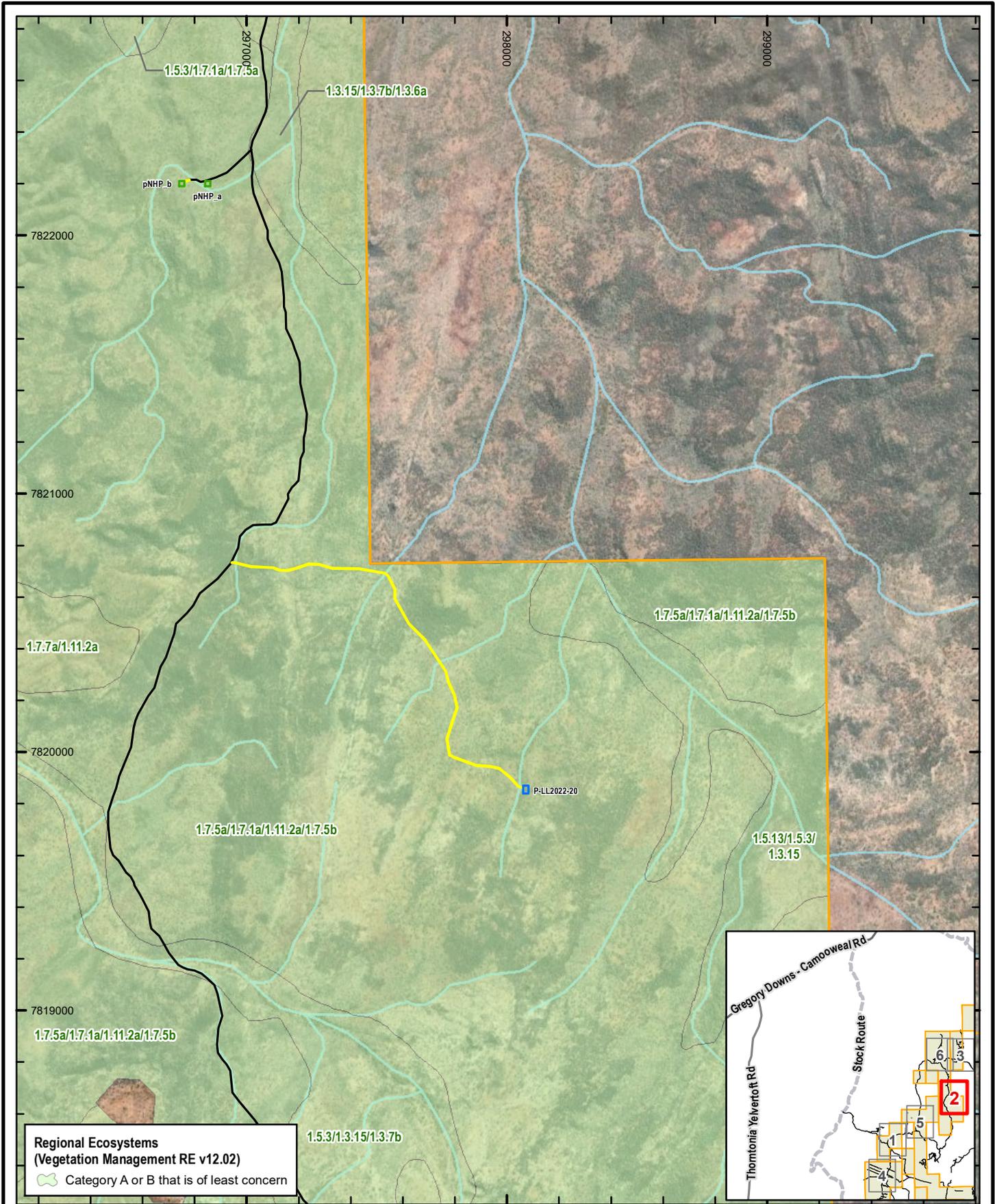
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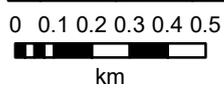


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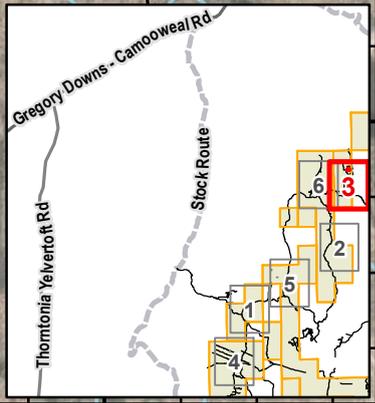
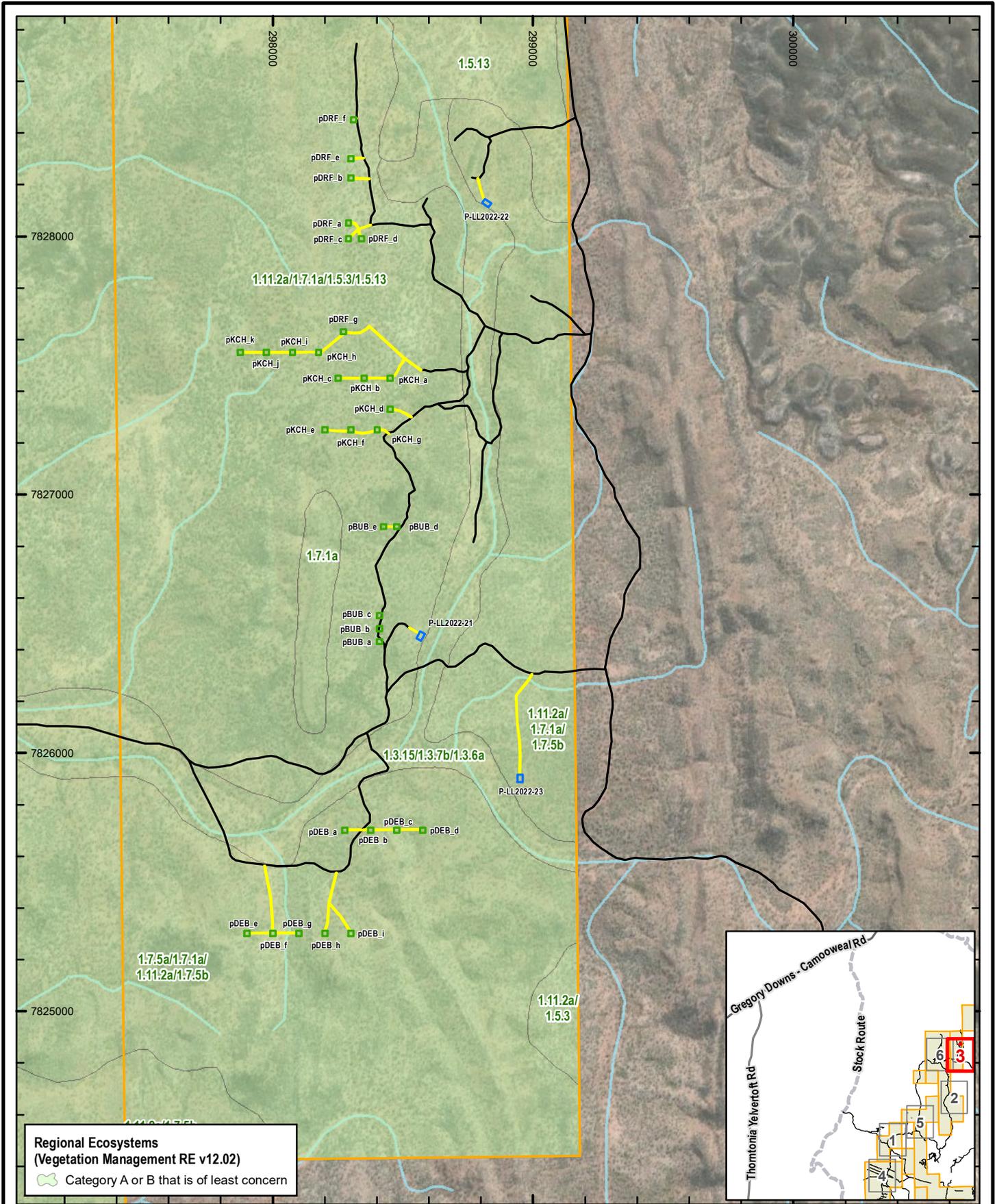
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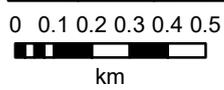


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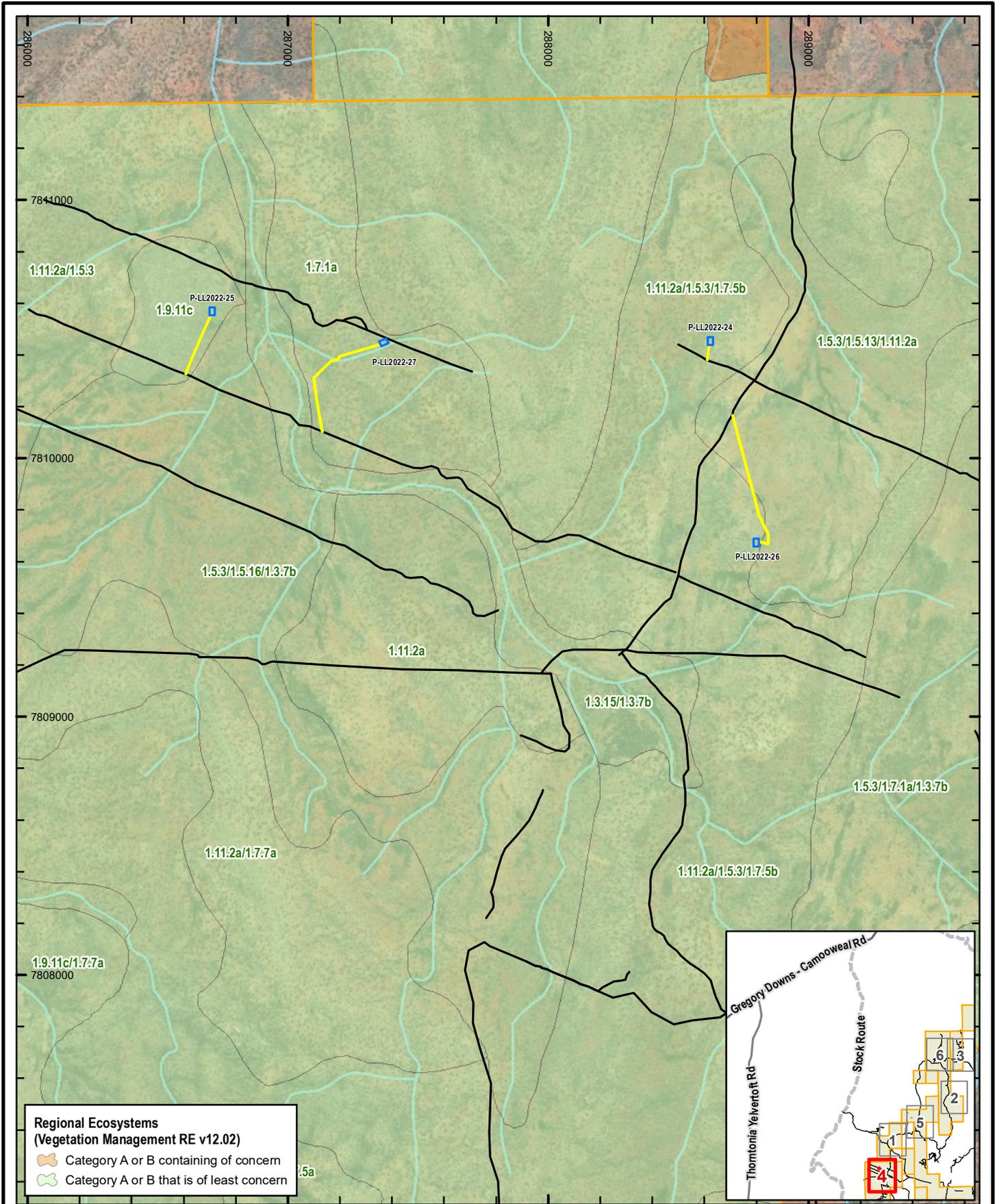
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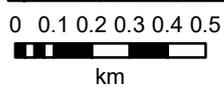


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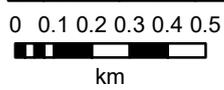
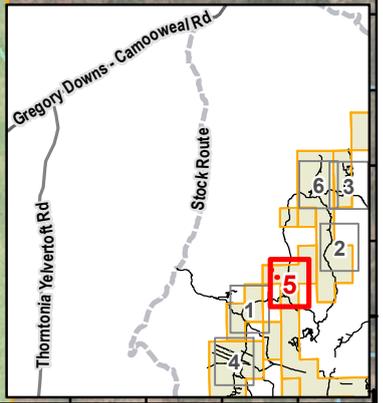
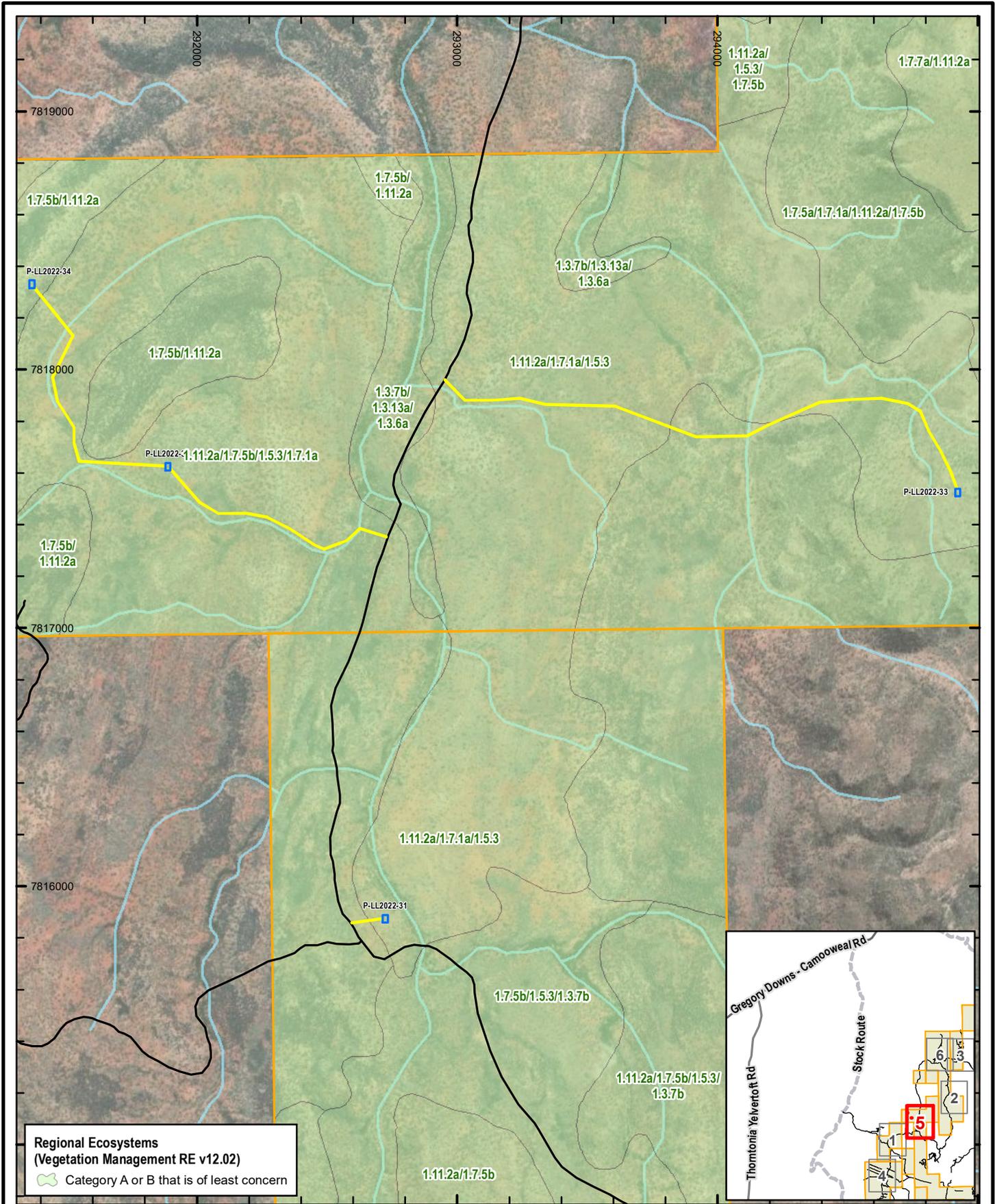
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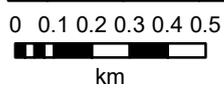
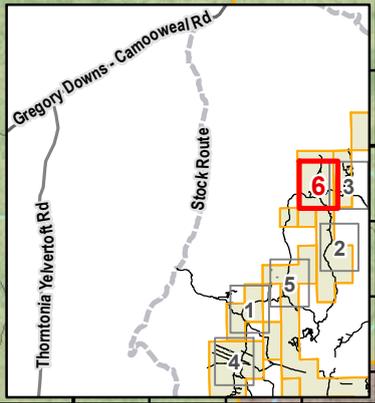
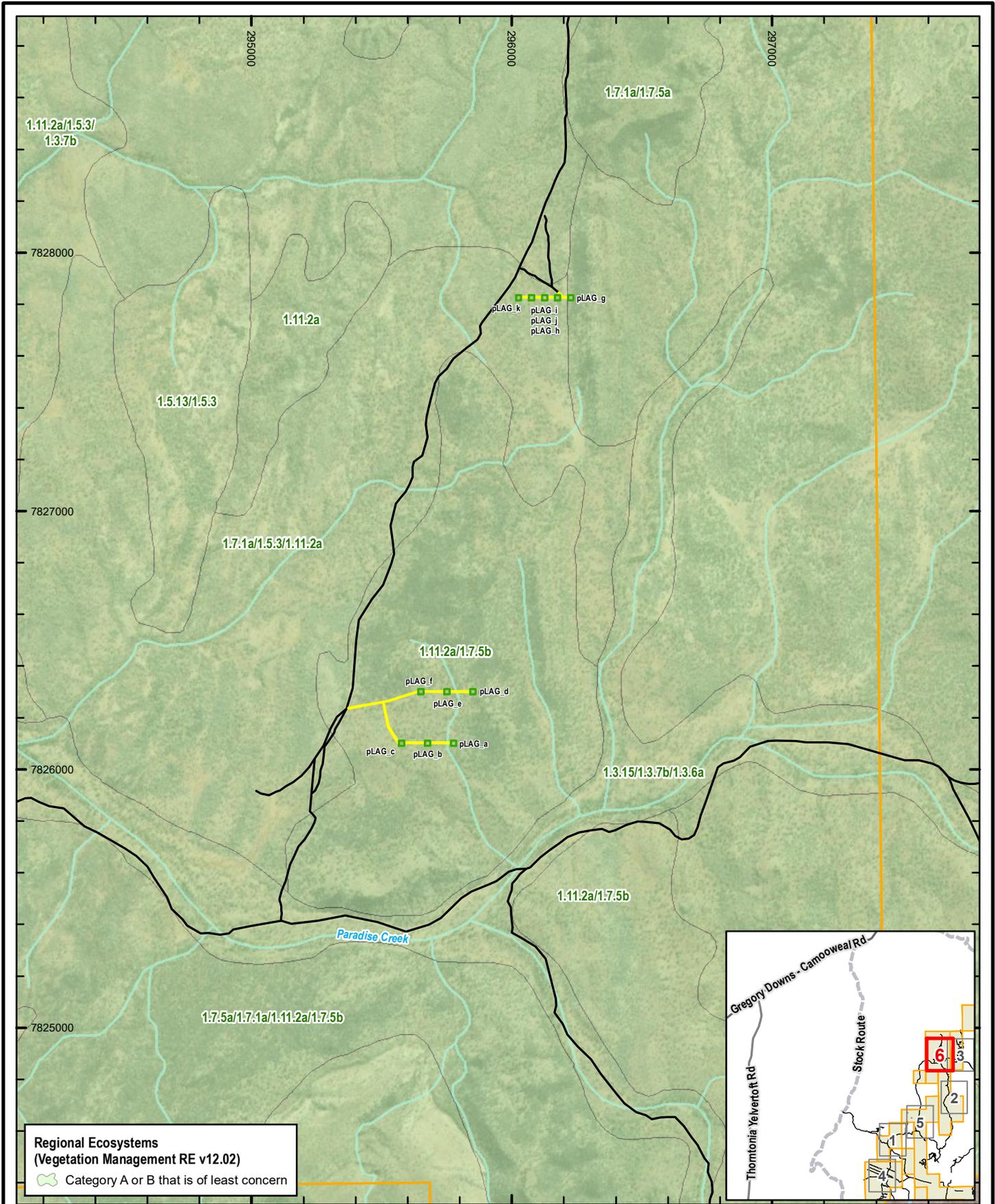
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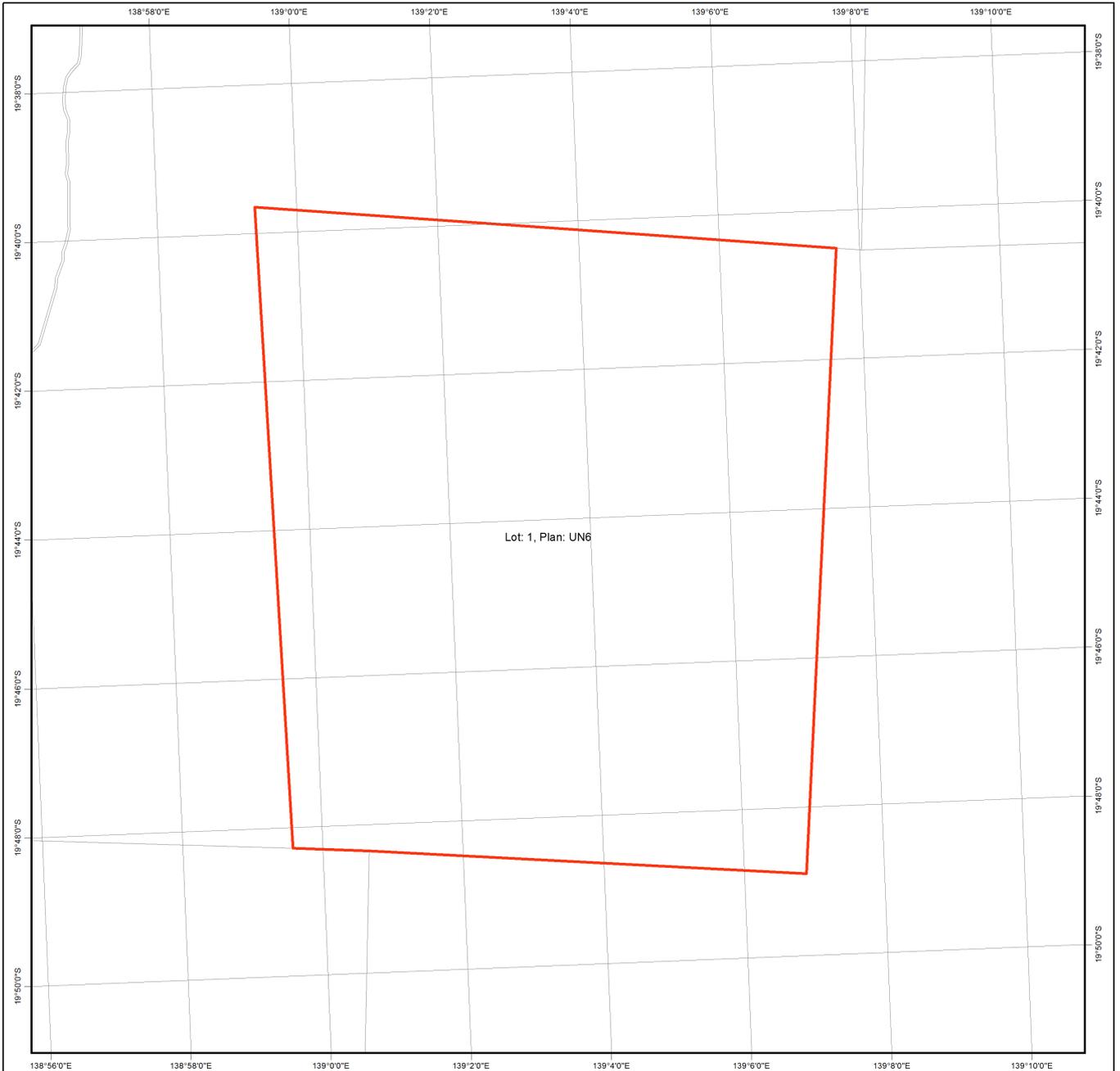
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**Appendix 6 Protected Plants**



### Protected Plants Flora Survey Trigger Map

#### Legend

- Selected Lot and Plan
- High risk area
- Other land parcel boundaries
- Freeways / motorways / highways
- Secondary roads / streets



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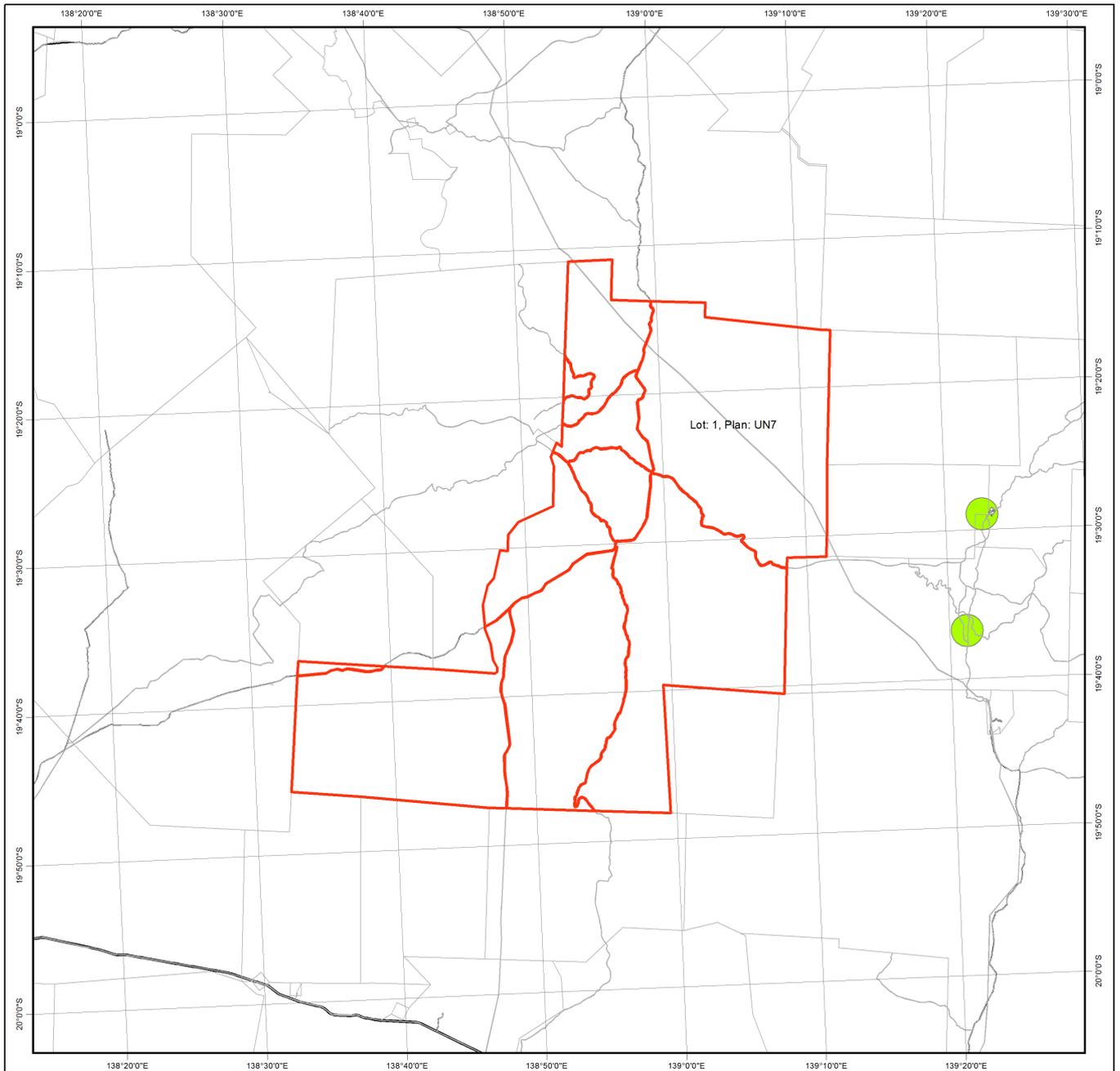
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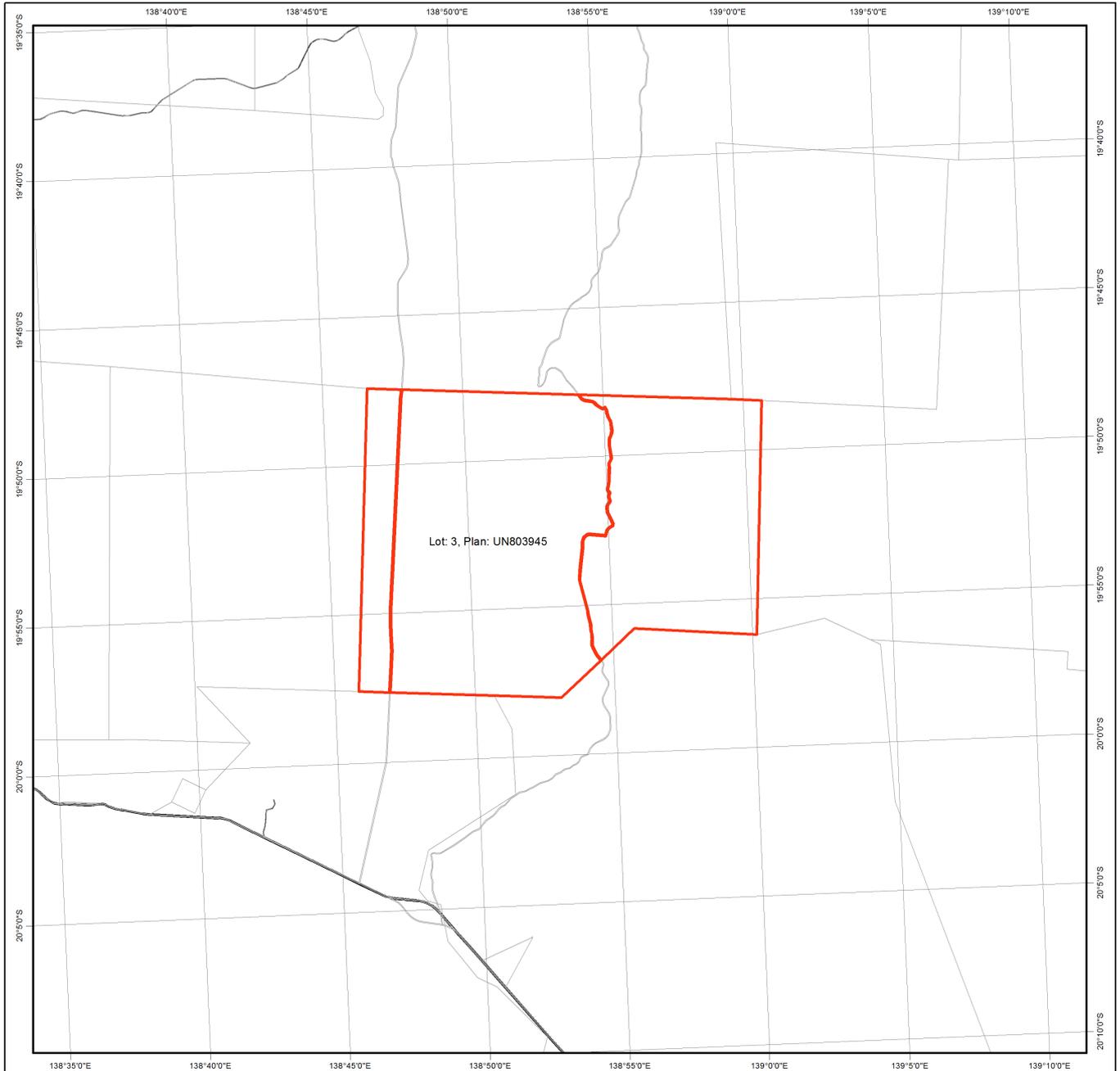
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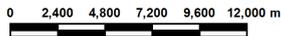
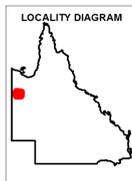
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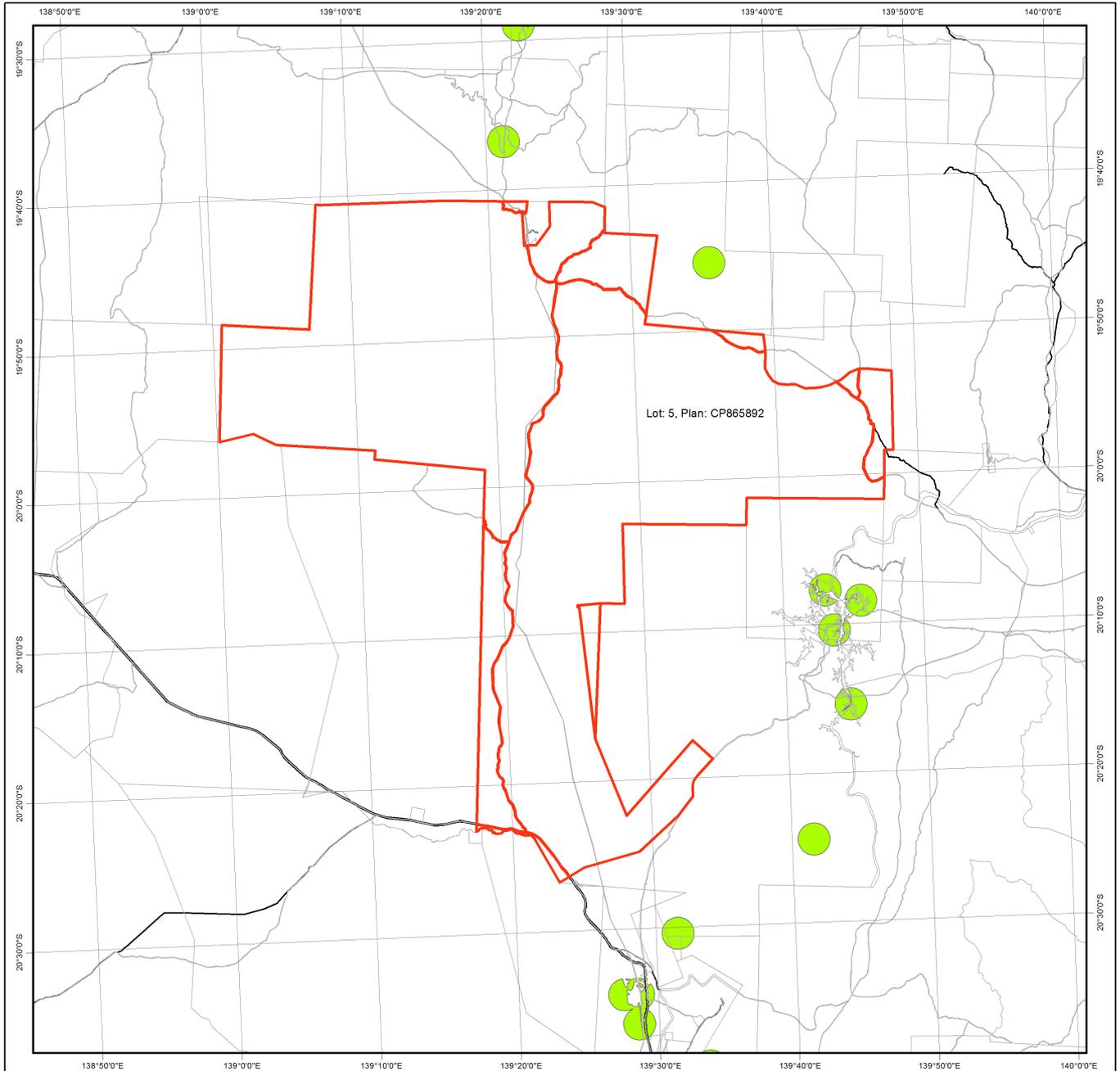
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# Protected plants flora survey trigger map

The protected plants flora survey trigger map identifies 'high risk areas' where threatened and near threatened plants are known to exist or are likely to exist. Under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* (the Act) it is an offence to clear protected plants that are 'in the wild' unless you are authorised or the clearing is exempt, for more information see [section 89](#) of the Act.

Please see the Department of Environment and Science webpage on the [clearing of protected plants](#) for information on what exemptions may apply in your circumstances, whether you may need to undertake a flora survey, and whether you may need a protected plants clearing permit.

## Updates to the data informing the flora survey trigger map

The flora survey trigger map will be reviewed, and updated if necessary, at least every 12 months to ensure the map reflects the most up-to-date and accurate data available.

## Species information

Please note that flora survey trigger maps do not identify species associated with 'high risk areas'. While some species information may be publicly available, for example via the [Queensland Spatial Catalogue](#), the Department of Environment and Science does not provide species information on request. Regardless of whether species information is available for a particular high risk area, clearing plants in a high risk area may require a flora survey and/or clearing permit. Please see the Department of Environment and Science webpage on the [clearing of protected plants](#) for more information.

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**Appendix 7 EPBC Act Protected Matters Search Report**



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# EPBC Act Protected Matters Report

This report provides general guidance on matters of national environmental significance and other matters protected by the EPBC Act in the area you have selected. Please see the caveat for interpretation of information provided here.

Report created: 26-Apr-2023

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# Summary

## Matters of National Environment Significance

This part of the report summarises the matters of national environmental significance that may occur in, or may relate to, the area you nominated. Further information is available in the detail part of the report, which can be accessed by scrolling or following the links below. If you are proposing to undertake an activity that may have a significant impact on one or more matters of national environmental significance then you should consider the [Administrative Guidelines on Significance](#).

<a href="#">World Heritage Properties:</a>	None
<a href="#">National Heritage Places:</a>	None
<a href="#">Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar)</a>	None
<a href="#">Great Barrier Reef Marine Park:</a>	None
<a href="#">Commonwealth Marine Area:</a>	None
<a href="#">Listed Threatened Ecological Communities:</a>	None
<a href="#">Listed Threatened Species:</a>	12
<a href="#">Listed Migratory Species:</a>	12

## Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

This part of the report summarises other matters protected under the Act that may relate to the area you nominated. Approval may be required for a proposed activity that significantly affects the environment on Commonwealth land, when the action is outside the Commonwealth land, or the environment anywhere when the action is taken on Commonwealth land. Approval may also be required for the Commonwealth or Commonwealth agencies proposing to take an action that is likely to have a significant impact on the environment anywhere.

The EPBC Act protects the environment on Commonwealth land, the environment from the actions taken on Commonwealth land, and the environment from actions taken by Commonwealth agencies. As heritage values of a place are part of the 'environment', these aspects of the EPBC Act protect the Commonwealth Heritage values of a Commonwealth Heritage place. Information on the new heritage laws can be found at <https://www.dcceew.gov.au/parks-heritage/heritage>

A [permit](#) may be required for activities in or on a Commonwealth area that may affect a member of a listed threatened species or ecological community, a member of a listed migratory species, whales and other cetaceans, or a member of a listed marine species.

<a href="#">Commonwealth Lands:</a>	None
<a href="#">Commonwealth Heritage Places:</a>	None
<a href="#">Listed Marine Species:</a>	17
<a href="#">Whales and Other Cetaceans:</a>	None
<a href="#">Critical Habitats:</a>	None
<a href="#">Commonwealth Reserves Terrestrial:</a>	None
<a href="#">Australian Marine Parks:</a>	None
<a href="#">Habitat Critical to the Survival of Marine Turtles:</a>	None

## Extra Information

This part of the report provides information that may also be relevant to the area you have

<a href="#">State and Territory Reserves:</a>	None
<a href="#">Regional Forest Agreements:</a>	None
<a href="#">Nationally Important Wetlands:</a>	None
<a href="#">EPBC Act Referrals:</a>	1
<a href="#">Key Ecological Features (Marine):</a>	None
<a href="#">Biologically Important Areas:</a>	None
<a href="#">Bioregional Assessments:</a>	None
<a href="#">Geological and Bioregional Assessments:</a>	None

# Details

## Matters of National Environmental Significance

### Listed Threatened Species

[\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Status of Conservation Dependent and Extinct are not MNES under the EPBC Act.  
Number is the current name ID.

Scientific Name

Threatened Category

Presence Text

#### BIRD

[Amytornis dorotheae](#)

Carpentarian Grasswren [558]

Endangered

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

[Calidris ferruginea](#)

Curlew Sandpiper [856]

Critically Endangered

Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Erythrorchis radiatus](#)

Red Goshawk [942]

Endangered

Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Erythrura gouldiae](#)

Gouldian Finch [413]

Endangered

Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Falco hypoleucos](#)

Grey Falcon [929]

Vulnerable

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

[Grantiella picta](#)

Painted Honeyeater [470]

Vulnerable

Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Numenius madagascariensis](#)

Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]

Critically Endangered

Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Rostratula australis](#)

Australian Painted Snipe [77037]

Endangered

Species or species habitat may occur within area

#### MAMMAL

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
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[Macroderma gigas](#)

Ghost Bat [174]

Vulnerable

Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Macrotis lagotis](#)

Greater Bilby [282]

Vulnerable

Species or species habitat may occur within area

## REPTILE

[Acanthopis hawkei](#)

Plains Death Adder [83821]

Vulnerable

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

## SHARK

[Pristis pristis](#)

Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]

Vulnerable

Species or species habitat may occur within area

## Listed Migratory Species

[\[ Resource Information \]](#)

Scientific Name

Threatened Category

Presence Text

### Migratory Marine Birds

[Apus pacificus](#)

Fork-tailed Swift [678]

Species or species habitat likely to occur within area

### Migratory Marine Species

[Pristis pristis](#)

Freshwater Sawfish, Largetooth Sawfish, River Sawfish, Leichhardt's Sawfish, Northern Sawfish [60756]

Vulnerable

Species or species habitat may occur within area

### Migratory Terrestrial Species

[Hirundo rustica](#)

Barn Swallow [662]

Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Motacilla cinerea](#)

Grey Wagtail [642]

Species or species habitat may occur within area

[Motacilla flava](#)

Yellow Wagtail [644]

Species or species habitat may occur within area

### Migratory Wetlands Species

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
<a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a> Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris acuminata</a> Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris ferruginea</a> Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris melanotos</a> Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Charadrius veredus</a> Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Glareola maldivarum</a> Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a> Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area

## Other Matters Protected by the EPBC Act

Listed Marine Species		[ Resource Information ]
Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
Bird		
<a href="#">Actitis hypoleucos</a> Common Sandpiper [59309]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Apus pacificus</a> Fork-tailed Swift [678]		Species or species habitat likely to occur within area overfly marine area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
<a href="#">Bubulcus ibis as Ardea ibis</a> Cattle Egret [66521]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
<a href="#">Calidris acuminata</a> Sharp-tailed Sandpiper [874]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Calidris ferruginea</a> Curlew Sandpiper [856]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
<a href="#">Calidris melanotos</a> Pectoral Sandpiper [858]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
<a href="#">Chalcites osculans as Chrysococcyx osculans</a> Black-eared Cuckoo [83425]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
<a href="#">Charadrius veredus</a> Oriental Plover, Oriental Dotterel [882]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
<a href="#">Glareola maldivarum</a> Oriental Pratincole [840]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
<a href="#">Haliaeetus leucogaster</a> White-bellied Sea-Eagle [943]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Hirundo rustica</a> Barn Swallow [662]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
<a href="#">Merops ornatus</a> Rainbow Bee-eater [670]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area

Scientific Name	Threatened Category	Presence Text
<a href="#">Motacilla cinerea</a> Grey Wagtail [642]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
<a href="#">Motacilla flava</a> Yellow Wagtail [644]		Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area
<a href="#">Numenius madagascariensis</a> Eastern Curlew, Far Eastern Curlew [847]	Critically Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area
<a href="#">Rostratula australis as Rostratula benghalensis (sensu lato)</a> Australian Painted Snipe [77037]	Endangered	Species or species habitat may occur within area overfly marine area

## Reptile

<a href="#">Crocodylus johnstoni</a> Freshwater Crocodile, Johnston's Crocodile, Johnstone's Crocodile [1773]		Species or species habitat may occur within area
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## Extra Information

EPBC Act Referrals			[ Resource Information ]
Title of referral	Reference	Referral Outcome	Assessment Status
<a href="#">Controlled action</a>			
<a href="#">CopperString Project</a>	2010/5581	Controlled Action	Completed

# Caveat

## 1 PURPOSE

This report is designed to assist in identifying the location of matters of national environmental significance (MNES) and other matters protected by the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cth) (EPBC Act) which may be relevant in determining obligations and requirements under the EPBC Act.

The report contains the mapped locations of:

- World and National Heritage properties;
- Wetlands of International and National Importance;
- Commonwealth and State/Territory reserves;
- distribution of listed threatened, migratory and marine species;
- listed threatened ecological communities; and
- other information that may be useful as an indicator of potential habitat value.

## 2 DISCLAIMER

This report is not intended to be exhaustive and should only be relied upon as a general guide as mapped data is not available for all species or ecological communities listed under the EPBC Act (see below). Persons seeking to use the information contained in this report to inform the referral of a proposed action under the EPBC Act should consider the limitations noted below and whether additional information is required to determine the existence and location of MNES and other protected matters.

Where data are available to inform the mapping of protected species, the presence type (e.g. known, likely or may occur) that can be determined from the data is indicated in general terms. It is the responsibility of any person using or relying on the information in this report to ensure that it is suitable for the circumstances of any proposed use. The Commonwealth cannot accept responsibility for the consequences of any use of the report or any part thereof. To the maximum extent allowed under governing law, the Commonwealth will not be liable for any loss or damage that may be occasioned directly or indirectly through the use of, or reliance

## 3 DATA SOURCES

Threatened ecological communities

For threatened ecological communities where the distribution is well known, maps are generated based on information contained in recovery plans, State vegetation maps and remote sensing imagery and other sources. Where threatened ecological community distributions are less well known, existing vegetation maps and point location data are used to produce indicative distribution maps.

Threatened, migratory and marine species

Threatened, migratory and marine species distributions have been discerned through a variety of methods. Where distributions are well known and if time permits, distributions are inferred from either thematic spatial data (i.e. vegetation, soils, geology, elevation, aspect, terrain, etc.) together with point locations and described habitat; or modelled (MAXENT or BIOCLIM habitat modelling) using

Where little information is available for a species or large number of maps are required in a short time-frame, maps are derived either from 0.04 or 0.02 decimal degree cells; by an automated process using polygon capture techniques (static two kilometre grid cells, alpha-hull and convex hull); or captured manually or by using topographic features (national park boundaries, islands, etc.).

In the early stages of the distribution mapping process (1999-early 2000s) distributions were defined by degree blocks, 100K or 250K map sheets to rapidly create distribution maps. More detailed distribution mapping methods are used to update these distributions

## 4 LIMITATIONS

The following species and ecological communities have not been mapped and do not appear in this report:

- threatened species listed as extinct or considered vagrants;
- some recently listed species and ecological communities;
- some listed migratory and listed marine species, which are not listed as threatened species; and
- migratory species that are very widespread, vagrant, or only occur in Australia in small numbers.

The following groups have been mapped, but may not cover the complete distribution of the species:

- listed migratory and/or listed marine seabirds, which are not listed as threatened, have only been mapped for recorded
- seals which have only been mapped for breeding sites near the Australian continent

The breeding sites may be important for the protection of the Commonwealth Marine environment.

Refer to the metadata for the feature group (using the Resource Information link) for the currency of the information.

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- [-State Herbarium of South Australia](#)
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- Other groups and individuals

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**Appendix 8 Wildlife Online Extract**



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## WildNet species list

Search Criteria: Species List for a Defined Area  
Species: All  
Type: All  
Queensland status: All  
Records: All  
Date: All  
Latitude: 19.6242 to 19.8018  
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Kingdom	Class	Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	I	Q	A	Records
animals	amphibians	Bufo	<i>Rhinella marina</i>	cane toad	Y			4
animals	amphibians	Hylidae	<i>Litoria caerulea</i>	common green treefrog		C		2
animals	amphibians	Hylidae	<i>Litoria rubella</i>	ruddy treefrog		C		4
animals	birds	Acanthizidae	<i>Smicromis brevirostris</i>	weebill		C		5
animals	birds	Accipitridae	<i>Accipiter cirrocephalus</i>	collared sparrowhawk		C		1
animals	birds	Accipitridae	<i>Accipiter fasciatus</i>	brown goshawk		C		1
animals	birds	Accipitridae	<i>Aquila audax</i>	wedge-tailed eagle		C		2
animals	birds	Accipitridae	<i>Circus assimilis</i>	spotted harrier		C		1
animals	birds	Accipitridae	<i>Haliastur sphenurus</i>	whistling kite		C		4
animals	birds	Accipitridae	<i>Hamirostra melanosternon</i>	black-breasted buzzard		C		5
animals	birds	Accipitridae	<i>Milvus migrans</i>	black kite		C		2
animals	birds	Aegothelidae	<i>Aegotheles cristatus</i>	Australian owl-nightjar		C		4
animals	birds	Anhingidae	<i>Anhinga novaehollandiae</i>	Australasian darter		C		1
animals	birds	Ardeidae	<i>Ardea pacifica</i>	white-necked heron		C		1
animals	birds	Artamidae	<i>Artamus cinereus</i>	black-faced woodswallow		C		5
animals	birds	Artamidae	<i>Artamus leucorhynchus</i>	white-breasted woodswallow		C		3
animals	birds	Artamidae	<i>Artamus minor</i>	little woodswallow		C		2
animals	birds	Artamidae	<i>Cracticus nigrogularis</i>	piebald butcherbird		C		3
animals	birds	Cacatuidae	<i>Cacatua galerita</i>	sulphur-crested cockatoo		C		2
animals	birds	Cacatuidae	<i>Cacatua sanguinea</i>	little corella		C		2
animals	birds	Campephagidae	<i>Coracina novaehollandiae</i>	black-faced cuckoo-shrike		C		1
animals	birds	Campephagidae	<i>Coracina papuensis</i>	white-bellied cuckoo-shrike		C		1
animals	birds	Climacteridae	<i>Climacteris melanurus</i>	black-tailed treecreeper		C		3
animals	birds	Columbidae	<i>Geopelia placida</i>	peaceful dove		C		4
animals	birds	Columbidae	<i>Geophaps plumifera</i>	spinifex pigeon		C		7
animals	birds	Columbidae	<i>Ocyphaps lophotes</i>	crested pigeon		C		2
animals	birds	Columbidae	<i>Phaps chalcoptera</i>	common bronzewing		C		4
animals	birds	Corvidae	<i>Corvus coronoides</i>	Australian raven		C		5
animals	birds	Estrildidae	<i>Emblema pictum</i>	painted finch		C		3
animals	birds	Estrildidae	<i>Heteromunia pectoralis</i>	pictorella mannikin		C		1
animals	birds	Estrildidae	<i>Poephila acuticauda</i>	long-tailed finch		C		1
animals	birds	Estrildidae	<i>Taeniopygia guttata</i>	zebra finch		C		2
animals	birds	Eurostopodidae	<i>Eurostopodus argus</i>	spotted nightjar		C		1
animals	birds	Falconidae	<i>Falco cenchroides</i>	nankeen kestrel		C		1
animals	birds	Falconidae	<i>Falco longipennis</i>	Australian hobby		C		3
animals	birds	Hirundinidae	<i>Hirundo neoxena</i>	welcome swallow		C		2
animals	birds	Hirundinidae	<i>Petrochelidon nigricans</i>	tree martin		C		2
animals	birds	Locustellidae	<i>Poodytes carteri</i>	spinifexbird		C		3
animals	birds	Maluridae	<i>Amytornis ballarae</i>	Kalkadoon grasswren		C		1
animals	birds	Maluridae	<i>Amytornis dorotheae</i>	Carpentarian grasswren		E	E	18
animals	birds	Maluridae	<i>Malurus assimilis</i>	purple-backed fairy-wren		C		1
animals	birds	Meliphagidae	<i>Conopophila rufogularis</i>	rufous-throated honeyeater		C		1
animals	birds	Meliphagidae	<i>Gavicalis virescens</i>	singing honeyeater		C		2
animals	birds	Meliphagidae	<i>Lichmera indistincta</i>	brown honeyeater		C		1
animals	birds	Meliphagidae	<i>Manorina flavigula</i>	yellow-throated miner		C		2
animals	birds	Meliphagidae	<i>Melithreptus gularis</i>	black-chinned honeyeater		C		1

Kingdom	Class	Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	I	Q	A	Records
animals	birds	Meliphagidae	<i>Philemon citreogularis</i>	little friarbird		C		3
animals	birds	Meliphagidae	<i>Ptilotula flavescens</i>	yellow-tinted honeyeater		C		1
animals	birds	Meliphagidae	<i>Ptilotula keartlandi</i>	grey-headed honeyeater		C		9
animals	birds	Meliphagidae	<i>Ptilotula plumula</i>	grey-fronted honeyeater		C		10
animals	birds	Meropidae	<i>Merops ornatus</i>	rainbow bee-eater		C		3
animals	birds	Monarchidae	<i>Grallina cyanoleuca</i>	maggie-lark		C		6
animals	birds	Monarchidae	<i>Myiagra inquieta</i>	restless flycatcher		C		2
animals	birds	Neosittidae	<i>Daphoenositta chrysoptera</i>	varied sittella		C		1
animals	birds	Oreoicidae	<i>Oreoica gutturalis</i>	crested bellbird		C		5
animals	birds	Pachycephalidae	<i>Colluricincla harmonica</i>	grey shrike-thrush		C		7
animals	birds	Pachycephalidae	<i>Pachycephala rufiventris</i>	rufous whistler		C		3
animals	birds	Pardalotidae	<i>Pardalotus rubricatus</i>	red-browed pardalote		C		3
animals	birds	Pardalotidae	<i>Pardalotus striatus</i>	striated pardalote		C		1
animals	birds	Passeridae	<i>Passer domesticus</i>	house sparrow	Y			2
animals	birds	Petroicidae	<i>Melanodryas cucullata</i>	hooded robin		C		3
animals	birds	Petroicidae	<i>Microeca fascinans</i>	jacky winter		C		1
animals	birds	Phasianidae	<i>Synoicus ypsilophorus</i>	brown quail		C		3
animals	birds	Pomatostomidae	<i>Pomatostomus temporalis</i>	grey-crowned babbler		C		2
animals	birds	Psittaculidae	<i>Aprosmictus erythropterus</i>	red-winged parrot		C		2
animals	birds	Psittaculidae	<i>Melopsittacus undulatus</i>	budgerigar		C		1
animals	birds	Ptilonorhynchidae	<i>Chlamydera nuchalis</i>	great bowerbird		C		4
animals	birds	Rhipiduridae	<i>Rhipidura albiscapa</i>	grey fantail		C		2
animals	birds	Rhipiduridae	<i>Rhipidura leucophrys</i>	willie wagtail		C		4
animals	birds	Strigidae	<i>Ninox boobook</i>	southern boobook		C		2
animals	birds	Threskiornithidae	<i>Plegadis falcinellus</i>	glossy ibis		SL		1
animals	mammals	Canidae	<i>Canis familiaris (dingo)</i>	dingo				1
animals	mammals	Emballonuridae	<i>Taphozous sp.</i>			C		1
animals	mammals	Macropodidae	<i>Osphranter robustus</i>	common wallaroo		C		2
animals	mammals	Macropodidae	<i>Osphranter rufus</i>	red kangaroo		C		1
animals	mammals	Macropodidae	<i>Petrogale purpureicollis</i>	purple-necked rock-wallaby		V		4
animals	mammals	Pteropodidae	<i>Pteropus scapulatus</i>	little red flying-fox		C		1
animals	mammals	Tachyglossidae	<i>Tachyglossus aculeatus</i>	short-beaked echidna		SL		1
animals	mammals	Vespertilionidae	<i>Vespadelus caurinus</i>	northern cave bat		C		1
animals	mammals	Vespertilionidae	<i>Vespadelus finlaysoni</i>	Finlayson's cave bat		C		1
animals	reptiles	Agamidae	<i>Amphibolurus centralis</i>	centralian lashtail dragon		C		1
animals	reptiles	Agamidae	<i>Ctenophorus slateri</i>	Slater's ring-tailed dragon		C		1
animals	reptiles	Agamidae	<i>Lophognathus horneri</i>			C		3
animals	reptiles	Gekkonidae	<i>Heteronotia binoei</i>	Bynoe's gecko		C		2
animals	reptiles	Scincidae	<i>Ctenotus pantherinus</i>	leopard ctenotus		C		1
animals	reptiles	Scincidae	<i>Ctenotus striaticeps</i>	stripe-headed finesnout ctenotus		C		1
plants	land plants	Amaranthaceae	<i>Gomphrena lanata</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Amaranthaceae	<i>Ptilotus schwartzii</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Boraginaceae	<i>Heliotropium ballii</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Cucurbitaceae	<i>Cucumis melo</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Cyperaceae	<i>Cyperus fulvus</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Cyperaceae	<i>Cyperus iria</i>			C		1/1

Kingdom	Class	Family	Scientific Name	Common Name	I	Q	A	Records
plants	land plants	Cyperaceae	<i>Cyperus microcephalus subsp. microcephalus</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Cyperaceae	<i>Fimbristylis dichotoma</i>	common fringe-rush		C		1/1
plants	land plants	Cyperaceae	<i>Fimbristylis littoralis</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Euphorbiaceae	<i>Euphorbia trigonosperma</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Goodeniaceae	<i>Scaevola ovalifolia</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Leguminosae	<i>Acacia elachantha</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Leguminosae	<i>Acacia hammondii</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Leguminosae	<i>Acacia monticola</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Leguminosae	<i>Petalostylis cassioides</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Leguminosae	<i>Tephrosia sp. (Magazine Hill P.Jones 365)</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Loganiaceae	<i>Mitrasacme nudicaulis var. nudicaulis</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Malvaceae	<i>Sida sp. (Jericho E.J.Thompson+ JER117)</i>			C		1/1
plants	land plants	Orobanchaceae	<i>Buchnera linearis</i>			C		1/1

#### CODES

I - Y indicates that the taxon is introduced to Queensland and has naturalised.

Q - Indicates the Queensland conservation status of each taxon under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992*.

The codes are Extinct (EX), Extinct in the Wild (PE), Critically Endangered (CR), Endangered (E), Vulnerable (V), Near Threatened (NT), Special Least Concern (SL) and Least Concern (C).

A - Indicates the Australian conservation status of each taxon under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*.

The values of EPBC are Extinct (EX), Extinct in the Wild (XW), Critically Endangered (CE), Endangered (E), Vulnerable (V) and Conservation Dependent (CD).

Records - The first number indicates the total number of records of the taxon (wildlife records and species listings for selected areas).

This number is output as 99999 if it equals or exceeds this value. A second number located after a / indicates the number of specimen records for the taxon.

This number is output as 999 if it equals or exceeds this value.

