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Acknowledgment of Awabakal and Worimi Peoples

City of Newcastle (CN) acknowledges the traditional country of the Awabakal and Worimi peoples. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and continuing relationship with the land, and that they are the proud survivors of more than two hundred years of dispossession. CN reiterates its commitment to addressing disadvantages and attaining justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of this community.

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A. General



1.0 Introduction

The City of Newcastle is located approximately 160 kilometres north of Sydney. The city is predominantly urban, with an estimated population of around 165,571 recorded in 2019. Newcastle sits in the regionally recognised blue-green corridor that includes the Internationally and State significant, Lower Hunter Wetlands.

The Awabakal and Worimi Aboriginal people are acknowledged as the traditional custodians of the land and the waters of Newcastle. Novocastrians are a proud community and our culture is shaped collectively by our history as a penal settlement and the birthplace of the Australian coal industry. European settlement introduced a range of activities from farming to coal mining and industry. While the industrial sector continues to play an important employment role, a substantial and growing portion of our economy is now based around the service sectors.

City of Newcastle (CN) is responsible for managing a range of parkland and recreation facilities, including recreation parks, sportsgrounds, swimming pools, ocean baths, beaches, bicycle and shared pathways, netball, tennis and basketball courts, skate parks, playgrounds, dog exercise areas and community gardens. Our culture and lifestyle are inextricably linked to and revolve around these community assets. CN's Parkland and Recreation Strategy has been developed to guide the provision of parkland and recreation facilities for current and future communities.

1.1 Background

City of Newcastle (CN) currently has five separate Generic Plans of Management's (PoMs) that govern community land. They are:

Sportslands PoM

Neighbourhood Parks PoM

General Community Use PoM

Playground PoM

Bushland PoM

These PoMs were originally developed and adopted by CN in December 2000, with minor amendments occurring since that time. A draft Community Land PoM was endorsed and exhibited by Council in 2017, but due to the foreseen introduction of the *Crown Land Management Act (CLMA) 2016*, this Plan was placed on hold.

The *CLMA 2016* authorises local councils appointed to manage dedicated or reserved Crown land, to manage that land as if it were public land under the *Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act)*. CN manages this land as if it were community land.

For this reason, a review of the PoMs has been undertaken to ensure they remain consistent with the current and future needs of CN and the community and in line with the new *CLMA* legislation. The five Generic PoMs will be superseded by this Plan.

CN also has nine adopted Site Specific PoMs. These sites have their own PoM due to the significance of the sites and the large number and variety of users of these spaces. Some will remain in place and others will be superseded by this PoM.

The Site Specific PoMs are:

Blackbutt Reserve Plan of Management 2012 (Community Land) – remain in place;

National Park Plan of Management 2012 (Community Land) – remain in place;

Newcastle Coastal Plan of Management 2015 (both Community and Crown Land) – superseded by this PoM. A Management action is in the PoM to prepare a new Coastal PoM;

Foreshore Plan of Management 2015 (both Community and Crown Land) – remain in place and be reviewed prior to June 2021;

Fort Scratchley Plan of Management 2013 (Community Land) – remain in place;

Heritage Places – Strategic Plan and Plans of Management 2000 (both Community and Crown Land) – remain in place for community land parcels only;

Glendore Community Facility Plan of Management 2003 (Community Land) – superseded by the PoM;

Wallsend Brickworks Park Plan of Management 2001 (Community and Operational Land) – superseded by this PoM; and

Beresfield Golf Course Plan of Management 2007 (Community and Operational Land) – superseded by this PoM.

1.2 Corporate Objectives

CN's corporate strategic direction and community objectives are outlined in the City of Newcastle 2030 Community Strategic Plan. The items that apply to this Community Land Plan of Management include the Sustainable Development Goals 13,14 and 15 and the following:

Strategic direction for City of Newcastle	CSP Strategic objectives that apply to this PoM
<p>Integrated and Accessible Transport Transport networks and services will be well connected and convenient. Walking, cycling and public transport will be viable options for the majority of our trips.</p>	<p>1.2 Linked networks of cycle and pedestrian paths</p>
<p>Protected and Enhanced Environment Our unique environment will be understood, maintained and protected.</p>	<p>2.2 Our unique natural environment is maintained, enhanced and connected</p>
<p>Vibrant and Activated Public Places A city of great public places and neighbourhoods promoting people's health, happiness and wellbeing.</p>	<p>3.1 Public places that provide for diverse activity and strengthen our social connections 3.2 Cultural, heritage and place are valued, shared and celebrated</p>
<p>A caring and Inclusive Community A thriving community where diversity is embraced, everyone is valued and has the opportunity to contribute and belong.</p>	<p>4.2 Active and healthy communities with physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing</p>
<p>Liveable and Distinctive Built Environment An attractive city that is built around people and reflects our sense of identity.</p>	<p>5.1 A built environment that maintains and enhances our sense of identity 5.2 Mixed-use urban villages supported by integrated transport networks</p>
<p>Smart and Innovative City A leader in smart innovations with a healthy, diverse and resilient economy.</p>	<p>5.4 Sustainable infrastructure to support a liveable environment 6.3 A thriving city that attracts people to live, work, invest and visit</p>
<p>Open and Collaborative Leadership A strong local democracy with an actively engaged community and effective partnerships.</p>	<p>7.3 Active citizen engagement in local planning and decision-making processes and a shared responsibility for achieving our goals</p>

1.3 Land to which this plan applies

The *Local Government Act 1993 (LG Act)* requires that Plans of Management must be prepared for Council owned community land. The *CLMA 2016* requires councils to undertake Plans of Management for Crown reserves where council is Crown Land Manager (CLM) as per the requirement of the *LG Act*.

Unless specified otherwise, where this document refers to community land, this reference will also apply to the crown reserves where CN is the CLM.

This PoM is a single resource that includes 964 parcels of community land in the Newcastle Local Government Area.

There are a number of operational land parcels which are managed by CN similar to the Natural Areas categorisation. These parcels will be reviewed and be subject to a separate report to Council to propose re-classification from operational land to community land. Once this has occurred, the parcels will be included in this PoM. A Management action is placed in the PoM in relation to this.

For the purpose of this PoM, 'Devolved Land' parcels will not be included as they are not *public land* for the purposes of the *LG Act*. Crown reserves for public recreation or public cemetery "devolve" on Council where there is no appointed CLM and they are not held under a lease from the Crown. The devolved land parcels not included in this PoM are:

Hillview Playground, North Lambton

Allowah Street Playground, Waratah West

General Cemetery, Wallsend

100C Creek Road, Maryland

51 Maitland Road, Sandgate

General Cemetery, Stockton

Four drainage reserves located in the Adamstown, Lambton and New Lambton area

If care, control and management of a Crown reserve devolves on CN under the *LG Act*, and the use complies with the purpose of the reserve, Council can seek approval from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environmental – Crown lands.

This PoM also includes a small number of land parcels not owned by Council, which CN holds leases (e.g. with Hunter Water Corporation, NSW Roads and Maritime) or has other arrangements (e.g. with telecommunication providers).

1.4 Structure of Plan of Management

The components of this PoM comprise:

this main document with separate chapters for each category of land;

a schedule of community land (**Appendix 1**);

a set of maps identifying each parcel of land, its category and also indicating if land is CN owned land or crown land where CN is the CLM (**Appendix 11 Maps - Land Categorisation and Native Title and Appendix 12 Maps - Natural Areas - sub categorisation**); and

other appendices

2.0 Relevant legislation, policies and procedures

When Councils use and manage public land, they are required to comply with legislative, policy, and procedural requirements.

2.1 Local Government Act 1993

The *LG Act* (as amended), requires councils to prepare PoMs for all public land classified as Community Land. Public land is any land (including a public reserve) vested in or under the control of the council, but does not include –

- a) a public road, or
- b) land to which the *Crown Land Management Act 2016* applies, or
- c) a common, or
- d) a regional park under the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

All public land is required to be classified as either ‘community land’ or ‘operational land’ by a resolution of Council or a Local Environmental Plan.

Community land is land, which is kept for use by the general public (community) whereas operational land is land which need not be kept. Community land would ordinarily comprise land such as a public park whereas operational land would ordinarily comprise land held as a temporary asset or as an investment, land which facilitates the carrying out by a council of its functions or land which may not be open to the general public such as a works depot or council garage.

The *LG Act* requires that community land also be categorised into one or more of the following categories:

Natural Area

Sportsground

Park

General Community Use

Area of Cultural Significance

Natural areas are further categorised as:

Bushland

Wetland

Escarpment

Watercourse

Foreshore

a category prescribed by the regulation

An individual land parcel may comprise two or more categories (e.g. Natural Area and Sportsground).

Schedule of Land

This PoM has been prepared in accordance with the *LG Act*, using the land categories mentioned.

To identify the location and the categories of specific community land parcels refer to **Appendix 1 – Schedule of Land**, and the maps accompanying this document (**Appendix 11 Maps – Land Categorisation and Native Title and Appendix 12 Maps – Natural Areas – sub categorisation**). For each parcel, each area is to be managed under the relevant provisions of the category assigned to that area.

2.1.1 Requirements under the Local Government Act 1993

The *LG Act* specifies the core objectives for the management of each category of community land. The PoM outlines the use and management of the land according to its categorisation. PoMs do not replace other existing legislation, policies or procedures relating to the approval of activities or development on the land.

2.2 Crown Land Management Act 2016

In NSW Crown land is managed under the *CLM Act 2016*.

As some of the lands in this PoM are Crown land where Council is CLM, the requirements of the *CLM Act* have been considered in preparing this PoM.

Section 1.3 provides that:

- a) To provide for the ownership, use and management of the Crown land of New South Wales,
- b) To provide clarity concerning the law applicable to Crown land,
- c) To require environmental, social, cultural heritage and economic considerations to be considered in decision-making about Crown land,
- d) To provide for the consistent, efficient, fair and transparent management of Crown land for the benefit of the people of New South Wales,
- e) To facilitate the use of Crown land by the Aboriginal people of New South Wales because of the spiritual, social, cultural and economic importance of land to Aboriginal people and, where appropriate, to enable the co-management of dedicated or reserved Crown land, and
- f) To provide for the management of Crown land having regard to the principles of Crown land management.

Section 3.21 of the *CLM Act* provides that a council manager (a Council Crown land manager) is authorised to classify and manage its dedicated or reserved Crown land as if it were public land within the meaning of the *LG Act* (but subject to the Division 3.4 of the *CLM Act*)

This PoM is consistent with the requirements of the *CLM Act 2016*, as amended.

2.2.1 Classification, Categorisation and Management

Section 3.21 of the *CLM Act* states that dedicated or reserved Crown land may be classified and managed as if it were public (community or operational) land within the meaning of the *LG Act*.

Section 3.22 requires a council manager to manage the land as if it were community land under the *LG Act* unless it has the written consent of the Minister to manage the land as operational land under the *LG Act*.

Section 3.23(2) of the *CLM Act* requires that Crown land managed by a Council manager as community land is to be categorised consistent with the *LG Act*. The categorisation of Crown land where CN is Crown Land Manager (CLM) is set out in **Appendix 1 - Schedule of Land**.

2.2.2 Authorised Uses of Crown Reserves

Under Division 2.4 of the *CLM Act*, future development and use of dedicated or reserved Crown Land is restricted to:

the purposes for which is dedicated or reserved
 purposes incidental or ancillary to a purpose for which is dedicated or reserved
 other purposes authorised by the *CLM Act* or another Act.

Section 3.38 of the *CLM Act* authorises dedicated or reserved Crown land to be used for a purpose additional to the purposes for which the land is dedicated or reserved, as specified in a plan of management for the land – such as this PoM.

Section 2.19 of the *CLM Act* authorises Council to grant a secondary interest over dedicated or reserved Crown land where Council is satisfied it would be in the public interest to do so and would not be likely to materially harm its use for the purposes for which it has been dedicated or reserved.

Under Section 2.20 of the *CLM Act* and Section 31 of the *Crown Lands Regulation 2018*, Council as the Crown Land Manager, can grant temporary licenses for up to one year for any of the following purposes:

access through a reserve
advertising
camping using a tent, caravan or otherwise
catering
community, training or education
emergency occupation
entertainments
environmental protection, conservation or restoration or environmental studies
equestrian events
exhibitions
filming (<i>as defined in the LG Act</i>)
functions
grazing
hiring of equipment
holiday accommodation
markets
meetings
military exercises
mooring of boats to wharves or other structures
sales
shows
site investigations
sporting and organised recreational activities
stabling of horses
storage

2.2.3 Native Title

Native title describes the communal, group or individual bundle of rights and interests held by Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander peoples. Matters relating to native title fall within the Commonwealth jurisdiction of the *Commonwealth Native Title Act 1993 (CNT Act)*.

The *CNT Act* sets out how native title rights are to be recognised and protected, making provisions for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders establishing the existence of native title, lodging native title claims, determining and validating the extinguishment of native title, and dealing with land and waters where native title may not have been extinguished.

On Crown land native title rights and interests must be considered unless native title has been extinguished, surrendered, or determined by a court to no longer exist.

Dealings in land or water that affect (impair or extinguish) native title are referred to as 'future acts' and these acts must be done in compliance with the *CNT Act*. The *CNT Act* specifies procedures that must be followed before future acts can be done legally.

Some examples of acts which may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves managed by Council include:

- the construction of new buildings and other facilities such as toilet blocks, walking tracks, tennis courts, grandstands and barbecues,
- the construction of extensions to existing buildings,
- the construction of new roads or tracks,
- installation of infrastructure such as powerlines, sewerage pipes, etc.,
- the creation of an easement,
- the issue of a lease or licence,
- the undertaking of major earthworks.

On Crown land, a future act undertaken by Council, which is not covered by one of the Future Act subdivisions of the *CNT Act* will be invalid.

2.3 Other Legislation and Statutory Controls

This PoM is subject to other legislation that also applies to the management of community land. Other legislation and policies to be considered in the management process include, but are not limited to the:

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

Coastal Management Act 2016

Water Management Act 2000

Marine Estate Management Act 2014

Fisheries Management Act 1994

Biosecurity Act 2015

Public Works Act 1912, as amended

Roads Act 1993

Companion Animals Act 1998

Rural Fires Act 1997

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

Pesticides Act 1999

State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPP)

- SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007
- SEPP (Coastal Management) 2018
- SEPP (Three Ports)

A full list of legislation and policies to be considered in the management process can be found in

Appendix 8 – Legislation and Statutory Controls.

2.3.1 SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007

Section 65 of the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007* (ISEPP) provides that:

Development for any purpose may be carried out without consent on Crown managed land, by or on behalf of a Crown land manager of the land if the development is for the purposes of implementing a plan of management adopted for the land in accordance with the LGA

Development may be carried out by or on behalf of a council for various purposes listed in subsection (3)

Section 66 of the ISEPP provides the circumstances where some recreational facilities are exempt from development consent on a public reserve or Crown managed land.

2.3.2 Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012

The Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012 (Newcastle LEP), as amended, aims to encourage the proper management, development and conservation of natural and man-made resources, to promote the social and economic welfare of the community and to provide a better environment.

Activities that are considered permissible under the Newcastle LEP, as amended, may be permissible on community land depending upon the categorisation of the land. Land categorised as natural area has more restrictive objectives for management than land categorised as park, sportsground or general community use.

2.3.3 Council Plans, Strategies, Policies and Procedures

This PoM is to be used in conjunction with the appropriate Council plans, policies and procedures that govern the use and management of community land and any facilities located on such land. A full list of these supporting documents (Council plans, policies, masterplans) can be found in **Appendix 9– References and Supporting Documents.**

2.4 Land comprising habitat of threatened or endangered species

CN has land parcels that comprise habitat of significant species. Many of these land parcels are captured in a Specific PoM i.e. Blackbutt Reserve PoM or a specific CN Vegetation Management Plan.

A full list of threatened or endangered species for the LGA can be sourced through the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Threatened Species website.

2.5 Heritage Significance

Aboriginal archaeological record today is a fragment of the original evidence. The recorded sites and the Newcastle coastline landscape are important to the Awabakal and Worimi communities and provide an opportunity to educate the general public regarding Aboriginal culture and history in the area.

Australia's First Peoples require access to Crown land in order to exercise their native title rights and also more broadly to care for Country and undertaken cultural practices.

Any development must comply with the scheme contained in the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974* for the protection of Aboriginal cultural heritage.

CN is rich in Indigenous and European heritage. Prior to the arrival of the first European settlers, the area had a significant Aboriginal population whose presence is evident in archaeological sites as well as present day Aboriginal communities.

There is a strong local interest and pride in the heritage of the city and conservation and enhancement of the city's environment is essential.

Schedule 5 of the Newcastle LEP 2012 lists sites in Newcastle containing items of non-indigenous and potential items of indigenous heritage. Whilst most of the entries relate to privately owned items, a number are located on community land and crown reserves where CN is the CLM.

The objectives of Heritage conservation (clause 5.10 Newcastle LEP 2012) include:

To conserve the environmental heritage of the CN,

To conserve the heritage significance of heritage items and heritage conservation areas, including associated fabric, settings and views,

To conserve archaeological sites,

To conserve Aboriginal objects and Aboriginal Places of heritage significance.

CN strives to make economic and cultural planning and development decisions based on the principle that heritage places are integral to the city's identity and contribute a rich resource with which to shape the future.

Some reserves have already been categorised as areas of Cultural Significance in the Heritage Places Strategic Plan and Plan of Management (Heritage PoM) 2000. These reserves are located on community land and have their own site specific Plan of Management adopted by CN.

The community land sites included in the Heritage PoM are:

Cathedral Park, Newcastle

Centennial Park, Cooks Hill

Civic Precinct, Newcastle

Convict Lumberyard, Newcastle

Gregson Park, Hamilton

Wallsend Tramway Park, Wallsend

The following Crown reserves are of State significance (or state nominated) under the *Heritage Act 1977* and have potential to be categorised as areas of cultural significance. This will require further review and a report to Council prior to them being declared by Council as areas of Cultural Significance under the *LG Act*.

These reserves include:

King Edward Park (Nominated)

Shepherds Hill Defence Group Military Installations

Coal River Precinct

A management action will be placed in this PoM in relation to this.

2.5.1 Conservation Management Plans

Conservation Management Plans (CMP) are the main guiding document for the conservation and management of State listed heritage places under the *Heritage Act 1977*. It is a document which sets out what is significant about a place and consequently what polices are appropriate which enable that significance to be retained in its future use and development. For most places it deals with the management of change, and if endorsed by the Heritage Council of NSW, provides additional site-specific exemptions from *Heritage Act* approval.

Current State listed heritage places within the Newcastle LGA that have CMPs in place and subject to this PoM include:

Shepherds Hill Defence Site Military Installations

Cathedral Park

Newcastle City Hall (including Christie Place)

2.5.2 Heritage Conservation Areas

Our city has a rich portfolio of dedicated heritage conservation areas that are recognised for their character and heritage significance. We manage them to reinforce our Novocastrian cultural identity and our sense of pride in our heritage places. The Heritage Conservation Areas can be found in the Newcastle LEP 2012.

2.6 Reclassification

The *LG Act* allows for the reclassification of land that has been dedicated under the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, where the council is satisfied that the land is unsuitable for the provision, extension or augmentation of public amenities and public services by reason of its size, shape, topography, location or difficulty in providing public access. A council resolution must specify the grounds on which the land is unsuitable. Land that cannot be reclassified in this way, but is still considered surplus to the city's needs, can be reclassified through the making of a LEP to re-classify the land.

CN would need to:

Justify that the land is surplus to need

Re-classify the land to operational land (which involves a public hearing)

Rezone the land commensurate with its future identified use

Dispose of the land through a transparent process

Account for the income derived from its disposal

Any proposal to re-classify community land to operational land shall be initiated by resolution of Council, and include a public notice including the terms of the proposed resolution and must specify a period of 28 days during which submissions may be made. CN can re-classify operational land to community land, by a resolution of Council.

Reclassification of Crown land can only be undertaken with the written consent of the Minister administering the *CLM Act*.

2.7 Further Acquisition of Community Land Parcels

CN will continue to add land to its community land stock. The parcels may come as developers dedicating land, purchased in accordance with the Newcastle LEP, or by a specific Council resolution to acquire the land. Before Council acquires land, or within three months after it acquires land, a Council may resolve that the land be classified as community land or operational land. At the end of the three-month period, if the land is not classified then it is taken to be classified as community land.

Council is required to categorise community land parcels and to conduct a public hearing to inform the public of the land categories. This PoM proposes that a public hearing be held at least once during each term of Council to consider the proposed categorisation of community land parcels acquired during each 4-year term of Council and to review the PoM accordingly.

Until new land is categorised, it must not be used for any purpose other than that for which it was being used immediately before it was acquired.

Permitted works to protect the asset and maintain the land would include:

weed removal

maintenance of an Asset Protection Zone (APZ)

or works to protect assets or ensure public safety

2.8 Community Consultation

The draft PoM will be advertised and publicly exhibited for the statutory periods required under the *LG Act*. During the exhibition period a public hearing may be required if any new categorisations of land are proposed.

Submissions will be accepted until the advertised date. Appropriate amendments arising from the submissions will be incorporated into the draft final plan. The submissions and draft final plan will be presented to Council for consideration and adoption.

2.9 Implementation and Review of this Plan

This PoM provides the overarching guidelines for use and management of community land and crown land where CN is the CLM over the next 10 years. Whilst these guidelines are suitable at present, the PoM will be reviewed periodically to confirm its continuing relevance. The review will take place within 4-5 years of the adoption of the PoM.

Requirements relating to reporting and plans of management, including for Crown land, will be as provided by the *LG Act*.

The Implementation of this PoM will commence when adopted with a resolution of Council under Section 40 of the *LG Act*.

3.0 Development and Maintenance

3.1 Maintenance of Open Space

The service levels for maintenance of open space across the Newcastle LGA are aligned with CN's annual budget. Service levels are regularly reviewed considering asset hierarchies, community expectations and budget allocations.

Maintenance programs for natural assets are based on principles of environmental sustainability, particularly in relation to improving estuarine quality. Riparian zones directly along watercourses are important, as vegetation provides an effective natural stormwater filtration medium. Such areas will be considered for replanting with appropriate native vegetation to enhance the filtration effect.

Maintenance schedules are also developed and delivered for built assets on community land, based on asset management requirements aligned to budget allocations.

3.2 Development and Maintenance of Community Facilities and Infrastructure

CN is committed to a program of asset renewal and enhancement of facilities and infrastructure to appropriate standards aligned to financial resources. The implementation of actions identified in this PoM will be reviewed and considered as part of CN's Integrated Planning & Reporting framework (10 Year Community Strategic Plan, 4 Year Delivery Program, and Annual Operational Plan and Budget).

CN funds new works on community land from a number of sources including rates, revenue, loans, federal and state government grants, and for some locations from developer contributions. Commercial sponsorship also contributes to the funding of some projects.

CN may construct or approve construction by others of a variety of facilities on community land. The purpose of any facilities provided shall be to support activities and uses that are consistent with the core objectives for the land category. Facilities that may be approved on Community Land are listed in **Appendix 5 – Facilities that may be approved on Community Land**.

Projects proposed by sporting and other community groups must be in line with CN strategic plans and/or facility specific plans. Works must be approved by CN taking into consideration full lifecycle costings and with CN supervision and management.

Dependant on the scope of works, the project may require approval through either a Development Consent or a State Environmental Planning Policy (SEPP).

CN will continue to seek opportunities to obtain grant funding towards the development of new facilities and upgrade of existing facilities.

The development of community land may include the improvement of the land; drainage, irrigation, and plantings; or the improvement of existing facilities or provision of new facilities located on the land.

For Crown land parcels covered by this PoM, Native title rights and interests must be considered unless:

Native title has been extinguished; or

Native title has been surrendered; or

Determined by a court to no longer exist

Where it is proposed to construct or establish a public work¹ on reserved or dedicated Crown land, where Native title is not extinguished, prior to approval, Council will notify and give an opportunity for comment from any representative Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander bodies, registered Native title bodies corporate and registered Native title claimants in relation to the land or waters covered by the reservation or lease as required under the *Native Title Act 1993*.

Where a proposed update of an existing masterplan, capital works program, facilities asset management plan or any other plan is the approving documentation for a public work on Crown land, that approval will not be given unless the requirements of the *Native Title Act 1993* have been addressed including the notification and opportunity to comment noted above

No development of public works are permitted on the following parcels of land unless the public works satisfy the requirements of Section 24KA of the *Native Title Act 1993* or the land becomes *excluded land* as defined in Section 8.1 of the *CLM Act*:

Lot 7343 in DP 755247 being part of The Foreshore (R.170017)

Lot 3285 in DP 1049501 and Lot 1 in DP 1151421 being part of the Helicopter Site (R.170178)

Lot 541 in DP 1176076 being part of Fullerton Street Reserve (R.52223)

Lot 100 in DP 1130581 being in Jefferson Park – Surf House (R.56681)

Lot 3182 in DP257283 being part of Islington Park (D.570020).

Lot 1 DP178933, Lot 7315 DP1165287, Lot 1 Section 41 DP758929, Lot 1 Section 42 DP758929 & unidentified closed roads being part of Lynn Oval and Caravan Park (R.79066).

The above sites are identified in **Appendix 11 Maps - Land Categorisation and Restricted Use**.

¹ A public work is defined as:

- (a) Any of the following that is constructed or established by or on behalf of the Crown, or a local government body or other statutory authority of the Crown, in any of its capacities:
 - (i) a building, or other structure (including a memorial), that is a fixture; or
 - (ii) a road, railway or bridge; or
 - (iii) where the expression is used in or for the purposes of Division 2 or 2A of Part 2—a stock-route; or
 - (iv) a well, or bore, for obtaining water; or
 - (v) any major earthworks; or
- (b) A building that is constructed with the authority of the Crown, other than on a lease.

Major earthworks are defined as: *Earthworks (other than in the course of mining) whose construction causes major disturbance to the land, or to the bed or subsoil under waters.*

4.0 Basis for Management

4.1 Service Asset Plans

A Service Asset Plan is a tool to form rational and coordinated decision making about levels of services where resources, funding, people and assets are used through clear links to long term financial planning. A Service Asset Plan has been developed for each of the asset based services CN provides.

Each Plan:

Identifies the needs of the community and is clear about the services provided by CN to its present and future customers;

Recognises that the management of the asset is directed at providing services to the community;

Defines measurable levels of service;

Promotes good quality decision making on service provision;

Details the financial impacts of the services provided now and in the future;

Promotes and demonstrates financial sustainability and good management practice;

Applies full lifecycle analysis and costing;

Captures the condition and extent of asset providing these services;

Ensures appropriate asset use and functionality of assets within the plan;

Optimises service potential (and potential decline in service);

Defines clear responsibilities for all elements of the assets within the plan including accountability and reporting; and

Outlines an improvement program.

The Service Asset Plans contribute to Capital Works Programs and the delivery of Operational Plans. They integrate with other CN Plans and Strategies and meet the requirements of Integrated Planning and Reporting.

4.2 Development on adjoining land

Land adjoining community land may have a variety of zonings. CN's development control practices recognise and endeavour to minimise the impacts upon adjoining land parcels. Equally, CN will consider the impacts that activities carried out on adjoining land has and how that may impact community land.

4.3 Road Dedications on Community Land

CN has identified a large number of constructed roads across the LGA which pass through or partially over Crown or Community Land parcels reserved for public recreation.

Constructed roads referred to here are currently used by the public for through vehicle access and generally contain, kerb and gutter, footpaths, streetlighting, utilities and operate as a road. Historical roadworks or reserve allocations have not formally accounted for this use or encroachment which can be significant or small such as a corner of a reserve.

CN has previously completed a Road Dedication Project across Wards 1 to 4 between 2007 and 2012 which identified some roads which passed through Crown or Community Land Reserves and resolved by Council Resolution to seek dedications as public road. These will be included as part of the management actions for this plan and involve some key road connections for example, Memorial Drive Bar Beach through Empire Park, Reserve Road, The Hill through the King Edward Park and Obelisk Reserve. An example of a significant road dedication that has been completed through reserve is Shortland Esplanade Newcastle and Newcastle East.

Within natural areas, there are multiple unconstructed roads that may require a formal process of extinguishing the road reserve to allow for reclassification as community land to ensure the sustainable functioning of bushland, wetland and watercourse assets.

Road dedication is not intended for the purpose of internal park roads contained with reserves for which the function is park access and do not provide through public access as would be conveyed by a formally constructed road.

Dedication of road and lanes allows CN to:

Meet its statutory function as a Road Authority;

Improve the management of assets;

Simplify public liability issues;

Confirm powers of enforcement and regulation including parking;

Streamline and reduce resources required in addressing road/lane status request; and

Minimise the cost of dedication that is increasing over time as the process becomes more onerous.

4.4 Temporary Access over Community Land

In specific circumstances CN will permit access over community land to allow residents or contractors to gain temporary entry to a residential or commercial property where access cannot be gained through other entry points, e.g., from the front street access. The purpose of this access can include upgrades to essential infrastructure, the installation of swimming pools, construction of extensions, sheds, retaining walls, fences or other developments. This access is strictly for a limited period of time dependent upon the works being undertaken. An application form, insurances and relevant fees and charges and bonds are required before final approval will be given. Permanent access over community land for private benefit, i.e. rear or side vehicle access to private property, is not be permitted.

Access for utility works, including Ausgrid, Roads and Maritime NSW Rail and Hunter Water, also requires an application to be completed for information purposes and insurances provided.

A permit will be issued if access is permitted and the permit must be held on site and produced upon request by a CN Officer.

The *Community Land – Temporary Access Over Community Land* form can be found on CN's website.

4.5 Leases and Licences and Other Estates

Under the *LG Act*, a lease, licence, other estate or easement (use agreement) may be granted over all or part of community land. Leases and licences are a way of formalising the use of community land.

Leases and licences may be held by groups such as sporting clubs and schools, or by private/commercial organisations or people providing facilities and/or services for public use.

A lease will be typically required where exclusive use or control of all or part of community land is desirable for effective management. A lease may also be required due to the scale of investment in facilities, the necessity for security measures, or where the relationship between a major user and facilities on community land justifies such security of tenure.

A licence allows multiple and non-exclusive use of an area. A licence may be required where intermittent or short-term use or control of all or part of the community land is proposed. A number of licences for different users can apply to the same area at the same time, provided there is no conflict of interest.

Section 46 (1)(b) of the *LG Act* provides that a lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land may be granted, in accordance with an express authorisation in the plan of management and such provisions of the plan of management as apply to the granting of the lease, licence or other estate:

for a purpose prescribed by subsection (4)*, or for a purpose prescribed by any of sections 36E to 36N as a core objective of the categorisation of the land concerned, or

for a purpose prescribed by the regulations, if the plan of management applies to several areas of community land, or

for a short-term, casual purpose prescribed by the regulations, or

for a residential purpose in relation to housing owned by the council.

*Subsection (4) prescribes the following purposes: The provision of goods, services and facilities, and the carrying out of activities, appropriate to the current and future needs within the local community and of the wider public in relation to any of the following:

- public recreation,
- the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of persons, or

The provision of public roads.

CN may consider the granting of leases or licences over community land in accordance with Section 46, 46A, 47, 47A, 47AA, 47B & 47C of the *LG Act*.

A use agreement on Crown land may impact native title rights and interests. A use agreement issued on Crown land must be issued in accordance with future act provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993*, and in accordance with Part 8 of the *CLM Act* unless native title is extinguished. For Crown land, which is not excluded land, this will require written advice from Council's Native Title Manager that it complies with any applicable provisions of the Native Title legislation.

No lease, licence or other estate is permitted on the following parcels of land unless the lease, licence or other estate satisfy the requirements of Section 24H(2), Section 24IC or Section 24LA² of the *Native Title Act 1993* or the land becomes excluded land as defined in Section 8.1 of the *CLM Act*:

Lot 7343 in DP 755247 being part of The Foreshore (R.170017)

Lot 3285 in DP 1049501 and Lot 1 in DP 1151421 being part of the Helicopter Site (R.120178)

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The above sites are mapped in **Appendix 11 Maps – Land Categorisation and Restricted Use.**

Any future act authorised under Section 24LA of the Native Title Act 1993 will terminate after, an approved determination of native title is made in relation to the land or waters, if the determination is that native title exists.

All existing leases, licences and other estates remain valid until renewal and they will not be terminated or become invalid because of the adoption of this new PoM. They will all be reassessed as part of any renewal, to comply with the current PoM at that time.

Existing leases and licences expressly authorised in this PoM can be found in **Appendix 2 – Existing Leases, Licences.**

Purposes for which additional leases or licences which are expressly authorised by this PoM and which may be granted by CN are set out in **Appendix 3 – Authorised Purposes for Leases and Licences.**

2 Any future act authorised under Section 24LA of the Native Title Act 1993 will terminate after, an approved determination of native title is made in relation to the land or waters, if the determination is that native title exists.

Any estate issued under this section will not involve:

- (i) the grant of a freehold estate in any of the land or water; or
- (ii) the grant of a lease over any of the land or waters; or
- (iii) the conferral of a right of exclusive possession over any of the land or waters; or
- (iv) the excavation or clearing of any of the land or waters; or
- (v) mining (other than fossicking by using hand-held implements); or
- (vi) the construction or placing on the land, or in the waters, of any building, structure, or other thing (other than fencing or a gate), that is a fixture; or
- (vii) the disposal or storing, on the land or in the waters, or any garbage or any poisonous, toxic or hazardous substance.

4.6 Fees and Charges/ Conditions of Use

CN sets annual fees and charges for the seasonal and casual use and hire of CN facilities on community land. Fees and charges are reviewed annually and incorporated and exhibited through Council's Operational Plan and Budget.

Fees and charges are set to ensure fairness and equity in allocation, maximise opportunities for use and contribute to cost recovery. The fees and charges are applied by CN to all users of CN facilities.

CN manages the allocation and approval processes for facilities on community land. Failure to comply with user conditions may result in a club or user forfeiting the opportunity for future use of CN facilities.

In the instance of a group or organisation being approved for an exclusive lease of a CN facility, then these fees and charges may not be applied, and in place a separate negotiated, and CN approved rental will be charged.

Annual fees and charges are available on CN's website.

4.7 Volunteers

CN defines volunteering as time willingly given for the common good and without financial gain. CN requires that our volunteers have a primary relationship with the Council and participate in recognised volunteer roles. Volunteers are required to be fully compliant with CN's Volunteer Management Framework.

Community working bees such as clean-ups, the care and maintenance of newly planted trees by Landcare (including regular weeding of those areas) and the construction of community gardens give the community a sense of pride and common ownership of community land. A Full list of Landcare groups and project sites is found in

Appendix 4 – Landcare Sites in CN.

4.8 Grants

Clubs, associations and other groups wishing to apply for a grant from an external source for the improvement of community land or existing or new infrastructure; or for funding for a special event, is required to gain approval from CN prior to lodging an application. CN will assess these applications and determine if support and approval will be provided, as owner or CLM of the land, to the applying organisation and the grant provider.

4.9 Events and Group Activities

An event is an organised group activity of a temporary nature. Events may be open to the public such as a market or festival or be a private function such as a wedding ceremony or family reunion. Events can vary in scale and purpose, and range from a small private engagement, to a local community gathering, to multi-day major events that attract a national and/or international audience.

Public or private events may be approved on community land if they are a permitted activity of the category of land and obtain the required licence approvals from CN as the authorising body for public gatherings. CN will consider all applications on a case by case basis, dependent upon the type of event, compliance with licence conditions, level of impact, proposed location, and impact on public safety and amenity. Some events may require a Development Application and/or will require approval from other public stakeholders such as NSW Police, SafeWork NSW, NSW Fire Brigade, and NSW Health. CN will consider all applications for use and will coordinate with all required stakeholders to determine the suitability and compliance with all applicable legislation and statutory requirements.

All approved licences will be accompanied by conditions, fee, and a bond may apply to ensure any necessary restoration works are undertaken.

Events and activities hosted on Community Land (parks, beaches and sportsgrounds) by a business, organisation or other entity require approval regardless of the number of people attending. Events and activities may be commercial, community-based or private and will be classified as either low, medium or high impact dependent on the nature and requirements of the event. CN will give due consideration to applications for the use of specific areas of parks for special events or uses. Special uses include and are not limited to activities such as community or commercial classes (e.g. exercise, tai-chi, boot camps), carnivals, concerts or sideshows. For some events a Development Application may be required. Any approvals may be accompanied by conditions. A fee or bond may apply to ensure any necessary restoration works are undertaken.

4.9.1 Commercial Operators - Personal Training

CN supports a range of activities across the city's parks, sportsgrounds and beaches. This includes personal training, group fitness and boot camp classes. CN regulates these activities by issuing a license permitting this use.

Consent to undertake these activities is required and is managed through Personal Training Licence Agreements. Agreements are allocated on a quarterly basis. Trainers must ensure activities are conducted in approved areas. The suitable areas for licensing of personal training, group fitness and boot camp classes are managed in consideration of high activity areas and/or areas of cultural, environmental or natural significance.

4.9.2 Commercial Operators - Stand Up Paddle/Learn to Surf

CN recognises the important role that access to foreshore public open space plays in enhancing the health and lifestyle of our community. CN acknowledges that there is demand for commercial surf school activities to improve surf related knowledge and skills to visitors and residents.

Consent to undertake these activities is required and licensing of these activities is managed through advertisement applications for Stand-Up Paddle / Learn to Surf Agreements. Agreements are allocated on an annual basis.

4.9.3 Markets

Markets occur at several sites throughout the city. The establishment of ongoing markets is done through a tender process and applications are invited from established and new operators and advertised for through CN's website and the Newcastle Herald.

4.9.4 Filming and Photography

Screen Hunter is the first point of connection between film makers and the Hunter region. Free support and advice on all aspects of filming in the Hunter is provided and they hold the delegated authority to approve filming permits.

4.10 Specific Use Areas

Conflicts may arise between recreational activities on community land. These conflicts can be resolved by designating specific areas for certain recreational pursuits. Other activities that may not be compatible in these areas may also be prohibited. CN may resolve to designate any area on a parcel of community land for a specific use in order to protect the users and/or the public space.

4.11 Alcohol Free Areas and Sale of Alcohol

CN has several areas that are Alcohol Free Zones (AFZ) or Alcohol Prohibited Areas (APA). AFZ can be declared on public roads, car parks and adjoining footpaths and nature strips, while APA can be declared on parks and reserves. AFZ can be declared for a period of up to 4 years, while APA can be time unlimited. Both AFZ and APA can only be established in locations where antisocial behaviour or crime can be linked to the consumption of alcohol. The majority of APA are time restricted from 8pm – 8am, however there are several locations that are prohibited 24 hours a day.

The sale and consumption of alcohol on any community land requires a limited license to be obtained from Liquor and Gaming NSW. Written notification must be provided to CN advising that a limited licence application has been made or granted for community land, in accord with current statutory processes.

Sale of alcohol is not encouraged within areas of community land however there may be special events (e.g. at food and wine events) in which sale of alcohol may be considered for the duration of the event.

Sale of alcohol requires approval of NSW Police Department through issue of a Functions Licence. When making application for use of an area where sale of alcohol is intended, a function licence must be produced for CN in each instance. Applicants are required to comply with any conditions of Licensing Board or Court of NSW and CN.

CN may also prohibit the consumption of alcohol for the duration of an event in a park or reserve at the request of the organiser.

4.12 Signage

Signage applies to signage erected on the community land included within this PoM. Permissible signage includes those erected by CN to provide information, e.g. naming and directional signage and regulatory signage. Signs are erected according to Section 632 of the *LG Act*. All other signage requires CN approval.

The erection of outdoor advertising and signage on community land is regulated by Section 7.09 of Council's Development Control Plan (DCP). The relevant sections of the DCP provide objectives and controls for outdoor advertising signage generally, with more specific controls for those in recreation zones and for signs on heritage items or in heritage conservation areas. Approval of outdoor signage for both permanent and temporary signage on community land will only be granted if the controls in relevant sections of the DCP are met.

Temporary signs would include items such as banners used by sporting clubs. This plan authorises the erection of temporary signs directly relating to the recreational use of the reserve that are in place for no more than two weeks prior to an event, that are erected wholly within the reserve, that do not restrict pedestrian access and do not restrict vehicle sight distance around corners or along streets. Temporary signs must be removed immediately following the event. Some large temporary signs may still require CN approval.

4.13 Dogs

Open spaces for dogs are a priority in the Newcastle LGA with 44,309 dogs registered across 31,904 households (as of 2016).

The *NSW Companion Animal Act 1998* prohibits dogs in some public spaces which must be adhered to including:

Playgrounds and play spaces (within 10 metres)

Food preparation areas for humans (within 10 metres)

Recreation and sport areas defined as prohibited by the local authority

Places used for bathing (including beaches) defined as prohibited by the local authority

Places set aside by the local authority for the protection of wildlife.

Formalised dog off leash areas enable people to take their dogs to a place where dogs can legally run free, exert energy and socialise with or dogs. Off leash areas also provide people with a meeting place and an opportunity to connect with others in community.

CN currently has seventeen (17) dog off leash areas, with provision of further opportunities in central, southern and far western areas. There is one fenced off leash area and there is a strong desire from the community for further fenced facilities. CN's *Dog in Open Space Plan* provides information and analysis of areas appropriate for future provision of fenced off leash areas.

The Plan recommends that dogs remain on leash at sportsgrounds. Dogs have the potential to impact on the quality of field surfaces, there are safety issues associated with dogs around people playing sport and some dog owners do not pick up after their dog, which raises health concerns. This has been highlighted through community engagement as well as in industry information.

A full list of existing Dog Off Leash Areas can be found in **Appendix 7 – Dog Exercise Areas**.

Further information about Dogs on Community Land can be found in the *Dogs in Open Space Plan* on CN's website.

4.14 Smoking

Smoking and using e-cigarettes are banned in all enclosed public areas and certain outdoor public areas, under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 and the Smoke-free Environment Regulations 2016. These bans protect people from harmful second-hand tobacco smoke. There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke.

This includes all of CN's buildings and places as well as shopping centres, cinemas and public transport.

In outdoor public areas smoking and using e-cigarettes are banned in the following public areas:

Within 10 metres of children's play equipment in outdoor public places;

Public swimming pools;

Spectator areas at sports grounds or other recreational areas used for organised sporting events;

Public transport stops and platforms, including ferry wharves and taxi ranks;

Within 4 metres of a pedestrian access point to a public building; and

Commercial outdoor dining areas.

Further information is available on the NSW Department of Health website.

4.15 Parking

CN facilities provide car parking to assist in catering for needs of visitors. Generally, car parking areas should not occupy valuable parkland, but be positioned to minimise the impact on the area they serve. Carparks should be located a reasonable distance from children's play areas due to potential safety issues.

Parking on any CN reserve, apart from in designated parking areas is not permitted.

Emergency and maintenance vehicles and vehicles involved in the delivery of goods for an event are generally the only vehicles permitted access into parks, however CN can approve parking on grassed areas that are not a designated carparking area for special events and other needs.

The requirements for parking near or on community land can vary dependant on the level of use, the connections surrounding the site (shared pathways, footpaths, public transport), and the location (inner suburb or a more isolated site). Parking can include on street parking and off-street parking in designated car parks.

4.16 Camping

Camping on community land is not generally permitted. Exceptions may be made with associated with an approved event on Council owned or managed public land and a strong case can be made on the need for camping. All requests for camping will be assessed on individual merit and include an impact assessment.

4.17 Naming of Community Land after a Person

Requests are received on occasion by the community to name or rename a parcel of community land after a person. In line with the Geographical Naming Board's *Placename and Commemorative Naming* requirements, the naming of features or places such as sportsgrounds, and parks after a person will normally only be considered posthumously. The person put forward will have made a contribution of outstanding benefit to the local community, over their lifetime. Normally only the surname of the person will be considered for naming.

Where a name already exists for a sportsground or park, then CN would generally not consider renaming. Where the original name is of Aboriginal origin, or of historical importance, then CN would consider either renaming or dual naming.

Naming a park or sportsground after a living person will not be considered by CN. Naming a facility within the park or sportsground, such as a building, may be considered only in exceptional circumstances where there is significant support from the surrounding community and a direct relationship and history between the person and the facility can be demonstrated.

Any public proposal for the naming or dual naming of a sportsground or park as described above requires a resolution of Council following a public exhibition period and consideration of public submissions regarding the proposal.

5.0 Management Framework for the Community Land Categories

The Management Framework presents a range of management considerations and related actions/means of assessment, that will be pursued over the next 5 to 10 years.

A management action table is included for each category of land and includes the following items:



Consideration: the broad area or aspect of community land management around which strategies and actions have been grouped.



Objectives and Performance Targets: the means by which CN proposes to achieve the key management objectives of the PoM.



Means of Achievement: how the related performance targets, or strategies will be achieved. The management actions described include both specific on-ground or tangible actions as well as directions of a policy, guideline or procedural nature. Each action has its own unique number for ease of reference.



Manner of Assessment: outlines the means by which CN will evaluate or gauge the effectiveness of the actions in achieving their performance targets.



Priority: gives an indication of the relative importance and preferred timing of each action defined as follows.

High – essential to achievement of the management objectives and warranting funding consideration until achieved. Ideally the action will be undertaken within 1 to 3 years of the Plan's adoption.

Medium – desirable to enhance achievement of the management objectives and should be undertaken within 3 to 5 years (and ideally implemented within the life of this Plan).

Low – useful for the overall management of the area or address issues that have longer-term impacts and should commence within 5 to 10 years although completion may take longer than this timeframe.

Ongoing – actions that will be carried out on a regular basis, or as required, for the duration of this Plan.

6.0 Management Framework – Plan Administration and Management

The Management Framework presents a range of management considerations and their Actions/Means of Assessment, that will be pursued over the next 10 years.

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Plan Administration and Review	Review of Plan of Management (PoM)	PoM will be reviewed at least every 4-5 years to ensure that it continues to satisfy legislative, administrative, environmental and community needs	PoM reviewed, exhibited, public hearing held, PoM revised as necessary, and adopted by Council	Ongoing
	Update the Newcastle Foreshore PoM	Review the document to ensure it satisfies <i>CLM Act</i> requirements, whilst addressing administrative, environmental and community needs	PoM reviewed, exhibited and endorsed by CN and Minister	High
	Implement the Heritage Strategy 2020	Implementation of the Heritage Strategy Review (2020)	Heritage Strategy implemented and actions addressed	Medium
		Investigate State significant items for categorisation as Cultural Significant	State significant items assessed for categorisation of Cultural Significance	High
	Ensure that all Licences and Leases over community land are current and agreements are in place	Continue to review all licences and leases of activities on Community Land	All licences and leases are current	Ongoing
	Ensure fees and charges are reviewed annually	Undertake annual review of fees and charges	Fees and charges reviewed annually and adopted by Council	Ongoing

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority	
Community Land Classification, Categorisation, Zoning and Native Title	Ensure that land classifications and categorisations are current, and all community land information is captured in GIS mapping layers	Review of current mapping layers is undertaken. Information including cycleways, road dedications is captured	Information around ownership and care and management are reviewed and amended on mapping layers as required	Ongoing	
		Public hearing/s are conducted in accordance with the <i>LG Act</i> to propose categorisation of newly acquired community land parcels at least once during each term of Council	Public hearings completed, outcomes reported to Council, and land parcels incorporated into PoMs	High	
		Review and identify operational land parcels currently managed similar to Natural Areas for reclassification to community land	Operational land parcels managed similar to community land Natural Areas reclassified to community land	High	
		Ensure that Native Title Assessment is undertaken prior to any development of Public Works or Lease, Licence or Other Estate on Crown Land where CN is designated CLM	Ensure Native Title assessments in place	High	
		Ensure appropriate land zoning is applied to community land	Review land zoning and change to RE1 Public Recreation where appropriate	Appropriate Land zoning applied for community land	Medium
		Identify all roads which would be intended for dedication within Crown or Community Land parcels	Review the current proposed dedications and check with the Schedule of Land for further identified	Road dedications identified	Medium
Levels of Service for Community Land	Service Asset Plans are implemented to guide levels of service for long-term financial planning of people and assets	Community Land is being managed as per the Service Asset Plans that have been developed	Service Asset Plans are utilised	High	
Funding Opportunities	Seek additional funding for development of community land	Identify grants, sponsorship, and other funding opportunities to enhance the development of community land	Additional funding obtained and projects completed over the life of the Plan	Ongoing	

B. Natural Areas



1.0 Introduction

This chapter provides specific detail including values, key issues and objectives, management direction and action tables for land parcels categorised as 'Natural Areas' under S36E of the *LG Act*.

These parcels are then further categorised as one or more of the following:

Bushland

Wetland

Escarpment

Watercourse

Foreshore

Refer to **Appendix 1 – Schedule of Land** for the categorisation of land parcels classified as Community Land. Refer to **Appendix 11 – Maps Land Categorisation and Restricted Use** and **Appendix 12 – Maps – Natural Areas – Sub Categorisation**.

1.1 Guidelines and Core Objectives

Community land is required to be categorised according to Part 4 of the *Local Government (General) Regulations 2005* and managed in accordance with the core objectives applying to relevant land category as prescribed by the *LG Act* and outlined in the table below.

Category	Guidelines	Core Objectives
Natural Areas	<p>Land should be categorised as a natural area if the land:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. whether or not in an undisturbed state, possesses a significant geological feature, geomorphological feature, landform, representative system or other natural feature or attribute that would be sufficient to further categorise the land as bushland, wetland, escarpment, watercourse or foreshore. ii. has been declared a critical habitat, iii. which is directly affected by a recovery plan or threat abatement plan under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or the Fisheries Management Act 1994. iv. is the site of a known natural, geological, geomorphological, scenic or other feature that is considered by the Council to warrant protection or special management considerations, or that is the site of a wildlife corridor, must be categorised as a natural area. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to conserve biodiversity and maintain ecosystem function in respect of the land, or the feature or habitat in respect of which the land is categorised as natural area, and • to maintain the land, or that feature or habitat, in its natural state and setting, and • to provide for the restoration and regeneration of the land, and • to provide for community use of and access to the land in such a manner as will minimise and mitigate any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and • to assist in and facilitate the implementation of any provisions restricting the use and management of the land that are set out in a recovery plan or threat abatement plan prepared under the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or the Fisheries Management Act 1994.
Natural Areas - Bushland	<p>Land should be further categorised as a bushland if the land contains primarily native vegetation and that vegetation:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) is the natural vegetation or a remainder of the natural vegetation of the land, or (b) although not the natural vegetation of the land, is still representative of the structure or floristics, or structure and floristics, of the natural vegetation in the locality. <p>Such land includes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) bushland that is mostly undisturbed with a good mix of tree ages, and natural regeneration, where the understorey is comprised of native grasses and herbs or native shrubs, and that contains a range of habitats for native fauna (such as logs, shrubs, tree hollows and leaf litter), or (b) moderately disturbed bushland with some regeneration of trees and shrubs, where there may be a regrowth area with trees of even age, where native shrubs and grasses are present in the understorey even though there may be some weed invasion, or (c) highly disturbed bushland where the native understorey has been removed, where there may be significant weed invasion and where dead and dying trees are present, where there is no natural regeneration of trees or shrubs, but where the land is still capable of being rehabilitated. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to ensure the on-going ecological viability of the land by protecting the ecological biodiversity and habitat values of the land, the flora and fauna (including invertebrates, fungi and micro-organisms) of the land and other ecological values of the land, and • to protect the aesthetic, heritage, recreational, educational and scientific values of the land, and • to promote the management of the land in a manner that protects and enhances the values and quality of the land and facilitates public enjoyment of the land, and to implement measures directed to minimising or mitigating any disturbance caused by human intrusion, and • to restore degraded bushland, and • to protect existing landforms such as natural drainage lines, watercourses and foreshores, and • to retain bushland in parcels of a size and configuration that will enable the existing plant and animal communities to survive in the long term, and • to protect bushland as a natural stabiliser of the soil surface.

Category	Guidelines	Core Objectives
Natural Areas - Wetland	Land should be further categorised as wetland if the land includes: marshes, mangroves, backwaters, billabongs, swamps, sedgeland, wet meadows or wet heathlands that form a waterbody that is inundated cyclically, intermittently or permanently with fresh, brackish or salt water, whether slow moving or stationary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of wetlands, with particular reference to their hydrological environment (including water quality and water flow), and to the flora, fauna and habitat values of the wetlands, and to restore and regenerate degraded wetlands, and to facilitate community education in relation to wetlands, and the community use of wetlands, without compromising the ecological values of wetlands.
Natural Areas - Escarpment	Land should be further categorised as bushland if the land includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) such features as a long cliff-like ridge or rock, and (b) significant or unusual geological, geomorphological or scenic qualities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to protect any important geological, geomorphological or scenic features of the escarpment, and to facilitate safe community use and enjoyment of the escarpment.
Natural Areas - Watercourse	Land should be further categorised as watercourse if the land includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) any stream of water, whether perennial or intermittent, flowing in a natural channel, or in a natural channel that has been artificially improved, or in an artificial channel that has changed the course of the stream of water, and any other stream of water into or from which the stream of water flows, and (b) associated riparian land or vegetation, including land that is protected land for the purposes of the Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act 1948⁴ or State protected land identified in an order under section 7 of the Native Vegetation Conservation Act 1997⁵. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to manage watercourses so as to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the instream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows, and to manage watercourses so as to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and bank stability, and to restore degraded watercourses, and to promote community education, and community access to and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category.
Natural Areas - Foreshore	Land should be further categorised as foreshore if the land is situated on the water's edge and forms a transition zone between the aquatic and terrestrial environment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> to maintain the foreshore as a transition area between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment, and to protect and enhance all functions associated with the foreshore's role as a transition area, and to facilitate the ecologically sustainable use of the foreshore, and to mitigate impact on the foreshore by community use.

³ The *Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995* was repealed, and the relevant provisions are now in the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*

⁴ The *Rivers and Foreshores Improvement Act 1948* was repealed, and the relevant provisions are now in the *Water Management Act 2000*

⁵ The *Native Vegetation Conservation Act 1997* was repealed, and the relevant provisions are now in the *Local Land Services Act 2016*

1.2 Significance of Natural Areas

Assessing the significance or conservation status of an area is a complex process, as not every natural area has the same significance. The significance of an area can depend on the size of that ecosystem, or how common that ecosystem is in the CN area. For example, an ecosystem or species at the geographical edge of its normal distribution can be quite significant.

Natural areas may be significant because of their strategic location rather than the ecosystem. A small parcel of natural area may be a critical link between larger natural areas, or on a ridgeline, or enhance the visual significance of the area by maintaining a dominant presence in a suburban setting, especially in an area dominated by such a large natural feature. The specific species composition and habitat also influences significance. If rare (threatened and endangered) species are present or the area supports habitat for rare species, it assumes greater significance.

Some reserves are smaller and narrower and often require more active and sustained management/intervention to improve and maintain their condition and structure, however they serve to sustain flora biodiversity and more mobile species such as birds and bats, and in some instance's smaller arboreal mammals such as gliders. The linking of reserves by natural corridors can assist by facilitating movement of wildlife and plant distribution between reserves. The contribution that natural infrastructure in the context of a changing climate provides, cannot be understated. Natural infrastructure provides a valuable role in carbon sequestration, temperature to counter urban heat island effect and assists in air and water quality.

1.3 Legislation

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act)* provides the overarching control of planning and development in NSW. The *EP&A Act* creates three levels of Environmental Planning Instruments being:

State Environmental Planning Policies

Local Environmental Plans

Development Control Plans

There are a number of legislation requirements that are required to be considered as outlined in **A – General 2.3 Legislation and Statutory Controls** and **Appendix 8** of this report.

1.4 Leases, Licences and Other Estates

CN may consider the granting of a lease, licence or other estate over community land categorised as a natural area in accordance with Section 46, 46A, 47, 47A & 47B of the *LG Act*. However, in accordance with Section 47B of the *LG Act*, CN may only grant a lease or licence in respect of a natural area authorising the erection or use of a structure or/ building of a kind or purpose prescribed by Section 47B(4) and (5) of the *LG Act* or the regulations.

In addition to those purposes identified in the *LG Act*, CN is expressly authorised by this plan of management to grant a lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land categorised as natural area for those purposes set out in **Appendix 3 – Authorised Purposes for Leases and Licences**.

1.4.1 Establishment of Biodiversity Stewardship sites

CN will continue to collaborate with state government departments (e.g. DPIE, LLS) neighbouring Councils and the Biodiversity Conservation Trust to investigate reserves eligible for priority investment under conservation and grant funding agreements.

As well as a licence fee, a bond may be required as a condition of any licence.

For crown reserves, where CN is the appointed Crown land manager, and the use is authorised under this PoM, Council can consider granting of a lease or licence under the *LG Act*.

A biodiversity agreement issued on Crown land must be issued in accordance with future act provisions of the *Native Title Act 1993*, and in accordance with Part 8 of the *CLM Act* unless native title is extinguished. For Crown land, which is not excluded land, this will require written advice from Council's Native Title Manager that it complies with any applicable provisions of the Native Title legislation.

2.0 Physical Environment

Across our LGA, CN is responsible for effectively managing the following environmental assets to meet community service levels:

89 bushland parcels covering 570 hectares

Over 60 kilometres of natural creeks

89 kilometres of concrete channels

64 wetlands covering 210 hectares

Over 200 water quality improvement devices

130 recreational parks

8 kilometres of river walls

11 kilometres of beach, Stockton in the north to Merewether in the south.

4.5 kilometres of dune and dune sand fencing.

105,000 individual street and park public trees.

Flat areas of Stockton Peninsula formed by levelling coastal sand dunes;

Flat low-lying alluvial deposits forming Hexham Swamp; and

Undulating landform on sedimentary rocks along the western sector of the LGA.

The rate of soil loss through erosion is related to the soil type and vegetation cover in addition to slope gradient and incursions e.g. tracks and trails

2.1 Topography

The landform and natural drainage patterns of the city result from two major influences. Firstly, the Hunter River and associated flat, poorly drained alluvial and estuarine deposits and secondly, the outcrop of sedimentary rocks forming a series of ridges and spurs primarily along the southern sector of the LGA boundary.

Notable features include:

A series of steep-sided ridges and spurs with well-defined drainage lines along the southern sector;

Undulating landform generally in the central sector, extending from Jesmond to Shortland and Waratah with defined natural drainage lines generally modified;

Isolated hills formed by sedimentary outcrops immediately south of Newcastle Central Business District (CBD), these include Obelisk Hill and Shepherd's Hill;

Flat low-lying landforms, including reclaimed swamp areas and estuarine deposits to the west and south-west of Newcastle CBD, with extensive man-made drainage channels;

2.2 Geology

The geographical and geological nature of the Newcastle LGA changes dramatically from sea to the ridge lines. Underlying geology and associated soil landscapes directly influence vegetation type, species and composition and landform, as well as being predictive for erosion, waterlogging and flooding risks. The geology of the Newcastle LGA consists of Permian Coal Measures on the southern and western hills, alluvial flats in the lower Hunter and the coastal sand deposits of Stockton, Nobbys and the southern beaches.

Species adapted to one type of environment tend to group together and gradually the species change to the environment. To ensure levels of service for the community are maintained in the long-term, CN's activity needs to preserve the largest number of species, for the longest time. Considering climate change projections and the fact that Newcastle LGA is highly modified, conservation planning will be required along the whole environmental gradient i.e. from sea to ridgeline.

2.3 Hydrology

The dominant hydrological feature of the area is the Hunter River. The Hunter River is the most important estuary in NSW for shorebirds and is internationally recognised as a home to a range of threatened and migratory species and wetlands. The Hunter Estuary is a "internationally significant wetland listed under the Ramsar Convention. The Hunter Estuary is the most important estuary along the NSW coast for bird species.

CN has seven key catchment areas, namely Ironbark Creek, Throsby Creek, Cottage Creek, Purgatory Creek, Greenway Creek, the lower Hunter Estuary and a number of small Coastal catchments. Stormwater pollution has impacted the natural environment and the community in many ways. Extensive areas of habitat and native species of flora and fauna have been lost to current generations. Creek systems such as Throsby Creek have become choked in the lower reaches with contaminated sediments that have poisoned marine species and impacted the economic viability of recreational and commercial fishing. Plastics, styrene and other rubbish litter the mangrove forests of the Hunter estuaries detracting from the natural and spiritual values of these places for the community. In addition to pollutants, natural creek lines throughout the city experience erosion and sedimentation impact as a consequence of increased frequency of erosive flows due to roof, roads, paths etc. built in our city.

The natural processes that shaped the estuary morphology and hydrology over the millennia have also been altered by a range of human activities implemented over the past 200 years of European settlement. These activities include the clearing of the fertile river flats and catchment areas for timber, primarily Red Cedar; agriculture use;

grazing of the riparian zone; construction of the entrance groynes for navigation; construction of levees for flood mitigation; dredging of sand and gravel from the upper estuary and river for building materials; dredging of the lower estuary for port infrastructure; construction of floodgates and drainage channels to convert low-lying waterlogged lands to agricultural use; construction of bank stabilisation works to protect assets, reduce bank erosion and maintain a constant channel alignment; and urban development.

Changes to the Newcastle landscape over this time, through natural and human activities, has seen the estuary filled, creating Kooragang and Ash Islands, Stockton and Carrington, and drained to manage the low-lying environment on which most of Newcastle is built. Natural creeks were formalised into large concrete channels and bushland and native grasslands were removed to develop housing and industry. There is current recognition that the historic management of natural areas and landscapes has left a legacy that will require many years to repair. Climate change now compounds the issue with projected increases in frequency and severity of storm events and temperature change, while increased urbanisation continues to put pressure on Newcastle's natural assets from coastal and estuarine habitats to urban waterways and bushland areas.

2.4 Ecology

The vegetation of the Newcastle coastline consists of two broad units; coastal and terrestrial vegetation. Coastal is able to adapt and grow in exposed sites and poor sandy soils. It is important as it acts as a beach stabiliser, a protection barrier for vegetation/structures inland, it provides a habitat for native fauna and has substantial scenic and educational values. Where conditions are more favourable for plant growth, such as where protection is offered by landforms or surrounding coastal vegetation, less hardy terrestrial vegetation including eucalypt and wetland species are able to grow.

2.4.1 Coastal Vegetation

The ecological integrity of the Newcastle coastline is greatly reduced due to the increasing pressure on the coastline from urbanisation and the dominance of the introduced species Bitou Bush (*Crysanthemoides monilifera*). Bitou Bush has displaced natural vegetation communities and reduced the terrestrial fauna habitat of the Newcastle coastline. Bitou Bush also, through its growth form, results in modified dune erosion patterns further reducing the potential for native communities to re-establish.

Beach Spinifex (*Spinifex sericeus*) dominates the strandline zone in front of the foredune, in all Newcastle beaches, with American Sea Rocket (*Cakile edentula*) and American Pennywort (*Hydrocotyl bonariensis*) occurring in some areas. The foredune vegetation is dominated almost exclusively by Bitou Bush (*Crysanthemoides monilifera*), with *Acacia sophorae* occurring in regeneration areas at Stockton Beach and the Merewether Beach to Dixon Park stretch. Other species commonly found on the foredune include the sedge *Isolepis nodosa* and Beach Primrose (*Oenothera drummondii*) with the endemic species' *Banksia integrifolia*, *Casuarina eqisitifolia*, *Leptospermum laevigatum*, *Wetringia fruticose* and *Lomandra longifolia* occurring in rehabilitated areas at Bar Beach.

Hind dune vegetation is lacking on all Newcastle beaches due primarily to urban development and associated infrastructure. Hind dune vegetation at Stockton Bight includes Coastal Tea Tree (*Leptospermum laevigatum*) and Coastal Banksia (*Banksia integrifolia*) with some *Acacia longifolia*. *Themeda Australia* grasslands are visible at Shepherds Hill and within the Glenrock State Recreation Area, whilst sheltered areas display coastal shrubland associations dominated by *Acacia longifolia*, *Leptospermum levigatum* and *Lomandra longifolia*. This grassland community is considered significant as it has not been devastated by Bitou invasion and is considered representative of headland associations existing prior to the introduction of Bitou Bush and other invasive species.

2.4.2 Habitat Trees

For many fauna species, a component of their life cycle is associated with the use of hollows in trees for nesting or refuge sites. The physical characteristics of each tree hollow will influence the usage by particular fauna species. To accommodate the various sizes of fauna species, hollows must range in size from very small (tree frogs, arboreal skinks, microchiroptean bats) through to large bodied vertebrates such as reptiles (lace Monitor) and birds (large forest owls, cockatoos).

Currently, CN manages a number of habitat trees throughout the city within bushland reserves, neighbourhood parks and street scapes. These trees represent a very significant resource for tree hollow dependent fauna species, ranging from threatened large forest owls (Powerful Owl and Masked Owl), Squirrel Glider, to the very small microchiropteran bats. Tree hollows are also important habitat for plant species such as arboreal orchids.

The habitat tree network extends across city's green corridors, within natural areas, sports grounds, and neighbourhood parks as well as within the road network, providing essential connectivity options for many native fauna. Habitat tree attributes including species, hollow number and type are audited and mapped by CN to monitor the city's capacity to provide effective shelter for our wildlife. Our habitat trees are predominantly Eucalyptus spp, however there are also extensive numbers of Spotted Gums (*Corymbia maculata*) as well as Phoenix Palms and Ficus Hilli, with the latter two mainly street trees.

The loss of hollow bearing trees has been identified as a key threatening process due to such losses adversely affecting threatened species, populations and ecological communities, as well as the potential of such losses to cause species, populations or ecological communities that are not threatened to become threatened.

Conservation of our existing hollow bearing trees through appropriate land use planning and development assessment processes, on-ground works and maintenance, is essential. Ecological assessments should be undertaken ahead of any maintenance or other activity to assess potential faunal impacts.

CN is committed to the retention of our hollow bearing trees and proactively planting species to ensure habitat into the future by targeting specific reserves within local biodiversity corridors. Given the time scale required for hollow formation, CN continues to explore and implement options to meet habitat requirements, be it methodologies that expediate hollow formation in appropriate settings or the installation of artificial nest boxes to supplement natural hollows.

A full list of 'vulnerable' species or potentially threatened flora species in the LGA can be located through the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Threatened Species website.

2.5 Fauna

Fragmentation of numerous CN natural areas and the small size of the remnants have meant the decline of abundance and spatial distribution of many species. Fragmentation of habitat has been identified as a Key Threatening Process under the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and measures have been outlined in Priority Action Statements (PAS) to prevent further fragmentation of habitat, and also provide opportunities for restoration of corridor linkages. For particular groups such as microchiropteran bats, the PAS identifies a number of broad strategies to help threatened bats recover in New South Wales, actions and strategies that need to inform our management of our natural areas.

The impacts of clearing native vegetation has accounted for significant and sometimes complete loss of some species from the city. Feral and domestic animals have also had a detrimental effect upon native species in natural areas.

Supplementary habitat provision to compliment bush regeneration and habitat restoration across the city's blue/green corridors re-establishment as faunal corridors, includes the installation of nest boxes. Nest boxes have been installed as compensatory habitat, as a requirement of major infrastructure projects and western division subdivision development approval in approximately 300 park and street trees. The squirrel glider is one of several different species recorded utilising nest boxes throughout the LGA. Other species recorded utilising our nesting boxes include sugar gliders, brown antechinus, feathertail gliders, common ringtail and brushtail possums and *Tetragonula carbonaria* (native beehives).

A full list of 'vulnerable' species or potentially threatened flora species in the LGA can be located through the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Threatened Species website.

2.6 Bushfire

The CN is a member of the Newcastle Bush Fire Management Committee which is overseen by NSW Fire and Rescue. The Committee comprises a number of key agencies and organisations responsible for management of public and private lands throughout the Newcastle LGA.

Given the Newcastle LGA is potentially affected by bush fires, the Bush Fire Management Committee is required to prepare a Bush Fire Risk Management Plan. A Bush Fire Risk Management Plan is a strategic document which identifies community assets at risk from bush fire and sets out a five year program of coordinated multi-agency treatments to reduce the risk from bush fire. Treatments may include asset protection zones, hazard reduction burning, community education and fire trail maintenance.

The Newcastle Bush Fire Risk Management Plan identifies key bushland reserves and land where CN implements identified treatments. Many of the larger bushland reserves throughout the Newcastle LGA have asset protection zones identified around the interface with developed areas. The larger areas also include prescribed burns and fire trails as treatments including for Blackbutt Reserve and Jesmond Complex.

Due to their value as strategic assets, site specific bush fire management plans have been prepared for Blackbutt Reserve and Summerhill Waste Management Facility. These site specific plans contain more detail regarding bush fire control treatments and mitigation for each site.

2.7 Climate

In the LGA, there is a clear difference between the coastal fringe and that of the western suburbs. The coastal fringe generally experiences cool and humid conditions whilst there is an obvious shift to the hotter and drier environment to the north-west at Beresfield and west at Minmi. The western areas towards Maitland and Cessnock also experience significantly lower annual rainfall, lower minimum temperatures and higher maximum temperatures than in Newcastle. Climatic limitations to plant growth are minimal in the south-east with moisture deficiencies being the main limiting factor experienced during some summers. On the western edge of the LGA, the moisture-deficient periods during some summers are longer and more severe and there is a significant incidence of frost in the winters. In terms of asset management, rainfall variation between years and within years is of importance for potential fire and erosion risk.

2.8 Flooding

CN has a long history of flooding, given that much of the city has been developed on old swamp lands and floodplains. Of the 58,000 developed properties within the CN, approximately 22,000 properties, or about 1 in 3 lots, are potentially affected by flooding. The low-lying suburbs of Maryville, Wickham, Carrington and parts of Islington and Stockton are particularly vulnerable to flooding, as it is difficult for these areas to drain freely to the harbour. The area around Hexham are also of concern, as this area becomes a very deep floodway during large Hunter River floods.

Flooding can occur as a result of (and combinations thereof):

- a) Flash flooding as a result of intense rainfall within the local catchments;
- b) River flooding as a result of backwater inundation from the adjacent Hunter River, and Oceanic inundation, as a result of high ocean tides, storm surge etc. (e.g. King tides)
Channelisation and the filling of adjacent low-lying areas to maximise developable land, has further exacerbated the problem. The construction and the subsequent one-way operation of floodgates over time at the confluence of Ironbark Creek and the Hunter River has resulted in major environmental and land use change. The floodgates at Ironbark Creek and the Hunter River have been of benefit in reducing the likelihood of Hunter River floods inundating Hexham Swamp, but unfortunately due to the severely limited tidal exchange it has created, and the fact that they have remained lowered even when the Hunter River is not in flood, has caused the estuarine ecosystem associated with the Creek to be degraded. A freshwater system with reduced areas of inundation has largely replaced the previous extensive mangrove and saltmarsh plant communities. This has also reduced the nursery areas of fish, prawns and other marine organisms.

The nature and extent of flooding has also been altered by the process of urbanisation. Flooding from local run-off has become worse as urbanisation increases the extent of 'hard surfaces' (concrete, roads, roofs, paved areas) in upland areas, creating much greater and faster downhill flows. In more recent years many developments have been required to control their runoff to arrest this process. Previous planning practice did not allow the full consideration of the flood environment, resulting in the development of areas that today would be considered inappropriate. Many flooding problems have now been 'locked in' to the catchment, which has made the management of these problems very difficult.

The City-wide Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plans describes ways to manage and live with the various flooding types that may unexpectedly arise at any time and place.

3.0 Values of Natural Areas

3.1 Landscape Amenity

Our natural landscape is distinctive and recognisable as part of our natural and cultural heritage. CN is unique not only in the amount of bushland retained in its urban area, but also in the spatial relationship between ridgetops and estuarine environments. An extensive coastline with a predominantly natural foreshore, escarpment, wetlands waterways and bushland forms a landscape of high aesthetic appeal for both residents and visitors to the City. The aesthetic benefits associated with these areas are evident and form a landscape of high scenic quality.

3.2 Natural Resources

Natural areas assist in the preservation of habitat for local flora and fauna. A network of Natural areas often inter-weaves residential areas, offering residents vegetated habitat within close proximity to their neighbourhood. While the size of most urban reserves precludes the survival of larger animals, many species of birds and small animals are able to survive in urban areas by utilising the food and shelter provided by native vegetation.

Escarpments form pockets of remnant vegetation, or natural vegetation fragments, with relatively few impacts from development. Due to the nature of escarpments and associated areas with steep slopes, these remnant vegetation pockets are examples of rare ecosystems, often forming rainforest environments. These areas also offer a refuge for wildlife, as they are often inaccessible to humans.

CN contains an endangered ecological community called 'Themeda' grassland. The Themeda EEC is only found in small patches at Strzelecki Headland, King Edward Park and The Obelisk within the Newcastle LGA. CN also manages another coastal Endangered Ecological Community of 'littoral rainforest' within Lloyd Street Reserve, Merewether.

Wetland areas form a large source of the biodiversity of the CN region due to the variation in wetland composition. Wetlands sustain a set of species and ecological processes that do not occur in other land units. Wetlands within CN LGA consist of the following vegetation communities:

Brackish and Freshwater swamps

Saltmarsh

Saltwater and Freshwater Wetlands

Mangrove

Swamp Oak

Coastal floodplains

Rivers/estuaries

Freshwater reed swamps

The Hunter Estuary, which is RAMSAR listed wetlands adjacent to the Newcastle coastline. RAMSAR wetlands are wetlands of international importance. The Hunter Estuary has the largest area of mangroves in NSW, covering 19,217km² and the fourth largest area of saltmarsh in NSW, covering 5,204km². Both mangroves and saltmarsh provide valuable food and habitat for a range of animals, especially fish and birds (including migratory shorebirds).

3.3 Environmental/Scientific Education

Natural Areas offers an area of scientific research through the range of habitats and impacts. The Australian landscape is ancient and complex. In the rich mosaic of communities found in the lower Hunter region, the system of remnant bushland reserves represent the original sclerophyll plant associations common to the south-eastern seaboard. Many of the ecological aspects of natural areas and species that occur within them, are poorly studied and understood. Natural areas offer the opportunity to view the natural interaction between terrestrial and aquatic systems, habitats and human impacts.

Environmental education through programs such as 'Creeks Alive', 'Roof to Creeks' and 'Natural Connection' have played a role in influencing environmental knowledge and behaviour and continues to be an important tool to stop pollution at its source, protect and enhance the condition and develop a greater understanding and appreciation for CN natural areas.

3.4 Cultural/Historical Resources

Remnant native flora and fauna can exemplify the natural history of an urban area. Habitats are the result of thousands of years of evolution and adaptation to the characteristics and conditions particular to an area.

The land was originally inhabited by the Awabakal and Worimi Clans who used the Hunter River foreshore and coastline as a source of food and shelter. Campsites and shell middens would have extended along the banks of the Hunter River and sections of the coast, but very few remnants of Aboriginal occupation remain today. By far the greatest influence on the landscape came with European settlement of the area 200 years ago. Collectively, natural areas constitute a repository for artefacts and relics illustrating occupation over many centuries. Some reserves may have heritage values, which are either linked to indigenous occupation, early development in Newcastle or are landscaped or built features of the parks. Some of the significant Aboriginal site types include open camp sites, middens, axe grinding grooves, scarred or carved trees, quarries, ceremonial sites, post-contact sites and burials.

3.5 Economic Lifestyle

The lifestyle of CN and its status as an attractive city can be directly related to the natural areas. CN extracts a financial and non-financial benefit through endless business and recreational opportunities, provided by these areas.

Natural areas form a backdrop and buffer zone between the developed and undeveloped environments of the city. Without a high-quality natural environment, the attractiveness of the city would decline and so would economic investment, and property values.

The Hunter River provides for a lucrative commercial fishing industry for area, containing in excess of 15 species of commercially important fish, crustacea and molluscs, including mullet, jewfish, prawn and oyster. Although this is a lucrative industry that injects considerable monies into the economy, the industry has struggled over the past with stock poisoning from runoff and disease.

3.6 Recreation

The recreational opportunities offered by natural areas are being increasingly recognised. Activities include passive and more active recreation including fishing, walking, picnicking, meditation, photography, jogging, walking, or cycling, bird/animal watching, rowing and canoeing, abseiling and hand gliding. This is also serving the growing ecotourism market and compliments other facilities that are associated with various ecosystems throughout CN and the Hunter Region.

The range of recreational opportunities and the qualities of such experiences are dependent upon the condition of natural area. Recreational activities also impact upon the ecological values of area therefore, the use must be balanced with the type or impact of the recreation use.

4.0 Key Issues

A range of threatening processes challenges will continue to impact our natural areas on natural area land. These issues influence how the land should be managed to meet the core objectives for each land category, as well as increasing community needs and expectations.

The key community land management issues have been identified as follows:

4.1 Biodiversity Conservation

A variety of ecosystems, containing a diverse range of native flora and faunas are found in natural areas. Vegetation clearing for human settlement has caused native vegetation and wildlife to be concentrated within Council managed land. This has resulted in relatively small and/or isolated populations and a decreased diversity of species. Climate change, conflicting land uses, removal of habitat structures such as bushrock, logs and dead trees with hollows, and changes in fire regimes (frequency, intensity and seasonality) are exacerbating impacts on local biodiversity.

Many of the ecosystems and species found here either permanently or episodically, are considered endangered or threatened under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*, *Fisheries Management Act 1994* and the *Commonwealth Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*. The majority are highly mobile such as birds and bats, but other groups are also represented including frogs, marine reptiles and mammals, terrestrial mammals, several threatened flora species and endangered ecological communities. Many of the migratory bird species are protected under the Japan–Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (JAMBA) and the China–Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (CAMBA).

The expansion of habitat and corridor links, and provision of appropriate habitat, breeding sites and food sources for native wildlife is essential for the conservation and protection of local biodiversity.

4.2 Climate Change and Adaptation

Climate Change is a significant issue for Australian communities. Even with international action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, the global climate is projected to undergo significant change, creating both risks to communities and the environment as well as opportunities to improve our processes, behaviours and technologies.

Key changes in climate likely to influence the Hunter region and potential impacts associated with these include:

Sea Level Rise – flooding and inundation of low-lying coastal areas, coastal recession and erosion, asset damage, loss of coastal and estuarine ecosystems;

Increases in average and extreme temperatures – human and livestock health, changes to bushfire behaviour and seasonality, increased building operational costs and asset deterioration;

Extreme rainfall, flooding and storms – flash floods and catchment flooding, increased need for emergency response and recovery, damage to infrastructure, buildings and facilities, community anxiety, damage to natural assets;

Rainfall and water availability – fluctuations in water supply for drinking, irrigation and industrial use, as well as more pronounced flooding and drying cycles; and

Affecting biodiversity by changing the size of populations and the distribution of species, modifying species composition and altering the geographical extent of habitats and ecosystems.

4.3 Cultural Heritage

A diversity of both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal heritage sites and relics are located within community land. The abundance of these cultural places and items is due to the relatively minor level of disturbance of community land in comparison to other land following settlement and urbanisation. A strong connection and importance is placed on cultural heritage by the community and accordingly they are protected by both Commonwealth and State legislation.

The management and maintenance of community land needs to ensure the preservation, protection and interpretation (where appropriate) of identified cultural heritage. This will ensure their continued survival as a reminder to future generations of our history.

4.4 Biosecurity

Weeds are one of the major threats to Australia's natural environment. Major weed invasions change the natural diversity and balance of ecological communities. These changes threaten the survival of many plants and animals because the weeds compete with native plants for space, nutrients and sunlight.

The Department of Primary Industry has determined a list of both terrestrial and aquatic weed species that are considered a 'priority' in terms of eradication or control in NSW. Of this list, there are a significant number of these that CN has identified as being a priority for the Newcastle local government area.

Domestic pets such as cats and dogs have the potential to significantly impact upon the use of community land and the native fauna for which it provides important habitat. Both domestic and feral introduced animals are highly effective predators that can devastate populations of native wildlife and destroy the vegetation which provide their natural habitat.

Feral animals such as foxes, rabbits, and other introduced animals are particularly destructive to native wildlife populations and cause significant negative impacts through vegetation destruction, soil disturbance, competition for food and native fauna predation. Council is responsible for implementing actions in relevant adopted Threat Abatement Plans such as fox control and monitoring.

4.5 Erosion and Stormwater

Stormwater flows from urban development running into waterways often results in increased water nutrient levels and also facilitates erosion, increased sediment levels, nutrient and chemical pollution, as well as high peak flows and increased water velocities which scour watercourses and aquatic organism mortality rates. This reduced water quality and erosion is being exacerbated by increased urban densities which are accumulating the extent of impervious surfaces and water usage.

Protection of riparian vegetation is essential to maintain suitable water quality, reduce erosion and sedimentation. This vegetation increases soil infiltration and stabilises soil to prevent erosion through slowing water velocities allowing for the even deposit of sediments along the length of watercourses versus at the point of entry into a larger water body.

4.6 Fire Management

As the traditional custodians of community land, Aboriginal people managed and maintained the health of native vegetation with fire for thousands of years. However, the ecological benefits of a regular fire regime very depending upon the vegetation community, season, intensity and frequency of fires. Too frequent fires may result in native flora not having had the time required to reproduce and replenish the seedbank, and this can alter the vegetation communities as well as localised extinction of species. Contrastingly the infrequency or exclusion of an appropriate fire regime can have a detrimental effect to the essential regeneration of particular species and allows fuel loads to accumulate thereby potentially creating a hazard to adjoining properties.

4.7 Recreational Uses and Conflicting land uses

Natural Areas land should be accessible to all of the community without impacting the ecological values of the area. Uncontrolled and unrestricted vehicular access by cars, motor and other bikes into and through natural areas, results in erosion, wildlife disturbance and damage to both surfaces and vegetation. Lack of formal and defined trails results in visitors creating their own paths.

An important core function of Council is the maintenance of community land, which is undertaken by both Council staff and professional contractors. The frequency and intensity of required maintenance required varies significantly depending on the category of the land and its level of use. Service standards have been developed for all areas of community land to ensure the safety of all users of community land. Maintenance of community land generally consists of mowing, weed removal, rubbish collection and the repair of amenities and facilities. Development and maintenance of community land needs to consider vegetation and habitat protection and conservation to avoid potentially adverse impacts.

Natural areas are particularly susceptible to littering and dumping of rubbish and materials. These illegal activities are often due to poor passive surveillance through their isolated location and / or dense vegetation. It creates significant visual impacts and can result in soil and water pollution as well as impacts on local fauna and the growth and invasion of both aquatic and terrestrial weeds.

4.8 Community Education and Participation

Members of the community provide a significant contribution towards the ongoing management and maintenance of community land. Volunteer groups provide opportunities for community involvement in caring for land through undertaking activities such as planting, weeding, surveillance and monitoring. These groups facilitate a sense of community ownership and strengthen relationships between the community and Council.

Community education promoting the benefits of natural areas is also important ensuring the managing and conservation of these area.

5.0 Development and Use

5.1 Infrastructure and Facilities

The use and development of natural areas must be in accordance with the provisions of applicable legislation, environmental planning instruments and core objectives of the respective land category. The scale and intensity of development and activities must be appropriate for the land category and capacity of the land.

Subject to the site and budgetary constraints, Council may construct or approve construction by others of a variety of facilities on this land. Any facilities provided will be consistent with the objectives for managing land categorised as bushland and be designed and constructed to avoid negative ecological impact and key natural values of the site. Approved facilities are listed **Appendix 5 – Facilities that may be approved on Community Land.**

5.2 Permitted and Prohibited Activities

For this land category, this PoM identifies activities that are permitted without approval, activities that may be permitted with approval, and activities that are prohibited on this land.

Individuals and community organisations wishing to undertake activities on community land must obtain specific Council approval before commencing that activity. Some approvals/refusals will be straightforward, however, other activities, such as special events, may require Council approval of an event management plan and traffic management plan.

Activities that may be considered are listed in **Appendix 6 – Permitted and Prohibited Activities on Community Land.**

5.3 Appropriate Land Classification

The maturity of our natural asset management system means that we now have a complete picture of the natural areas under CN care and control regardless of whether the land is community, operational or other. All natural areas will be reviewed for community and subsequent natural areas classification as outlined in Section B – Natural Area of this PoM.

It should be noted a review of public land reserves need to consider that operational land including road reserves are identified as providing natural value and benefit to the community for existing and future needs. These parcels of land are proposed for investigation with a view of re-classification to community land and subsequent natural areas sub categorisation.

6.0 Management Framework

Building environmental resilience is increasingly seen as the approach to protecting biodiversity against climate change.

The implementation of adaptation measures, such as actions that reduce the vulnerability of species and ecosystems to the impacts of climate change through strengthening resilience and reducing other pressures such as the impact of invasive species and habitat fragmentation, is essential to maintaining biodiversity values.

Some local shoreline ecosystems are particularly vulnerable to sea level rise as adjoining development prevents succession retreat. If sea levels rise, coastal erosion and other climate change events such as increased storm frequency, continue, we may see a direct impact on the life cycle, maintenance and function of urban watercourses and stormwater system.

As the city continues to grow and transform, plans to implement new or upgrade existing infrastructure by agencies such as NSW Roads and Maritime Services (RMS) and/or Transport for NSW, will have significant impacts on our public natural areas and assets. This will require significant further public investment to maintain natural asset resilience and sustainability. An example includes anticipated impacts of the inner-city bypass on the Jesmond Bushland and Kaiyutibbin, Blue Wren and Ironbark Creek catchments and their associated bushland contexts. To address these impacts and deliver anticipated service levels CN will be required to invest in additional works in the future compared with current lower operational / Landcare investment currently required.

Community expectations for levels of service in access and safety for recreation pursuits, across CN's coast and estuarine assets, is likely to increase as population dynamics continue to concentrate in inner city and suburban hubs. Providing for our natural coastal areas and assets requires a sustained effort in planning, and responsive actions to meet the accelerating timeframes of predicted climate change impacts. The increase in weather event severity and frequency may result in cliff line instability, shoreline retreat, infrastructure damage, inundation, increased risk in access and utilisation of areas, as well as associated increased maintenance cost and demands for asset renewal and upgrade. Rock platform natural assets that

currently provide the first line of defence against coastal erosion will also be of reduced efficacy with projected sea level rises. These scenarios would point to retreat and / or infrastructure solutions being required to replace the historic rock platform function.

Significant Ecological Communities such as Themeda grassland on coastal headlands and roosting habitats will require more active protection and intervention within community lands to support ongoing levels of service for the environment and community. Endangered Ecological Communities such as salt marsh, wetland and casuarina forests will need more active protection and intervention within community lands, as well as collaboration with environment agency and industry partners.

A greater focus is required on actively managing changes to estuary vegetation with predicted changes in tidal levels. Invasive species of flora and fauna are also projected to increase with increasing ocean temperatures and reduced water quality. As tidal heights associated with sea level rise and storm surges are predicted to increase, many of our current freshwater wetland complexes will shift to saline conditions. Hence our community freshwater wetlands in areas such as Sandgate and Wallsend will form essential estuary fringing habitat. Working agency, public and private partnerships will be essential in sustaining a healthy, working harbour and fully functioning Hunter Estuary, to provide the economic benefits that support the suite of estuary services to the community.

B1. Bushland



1.0 Introduction

This Section applies to Community Land categorised as Natural Area – Bushland under S.36 (5) of *LG Act*, and to certain parcels of crown reserved land managed by Council and other Council owned land that comprise similar qualities.

Refer to **Appendix 1 – Schedule of land** for categorisation details of individual land parcels. This section must be read in conjunction with Section B – Natural Areas.

1.1 Statutory Planning

Environmental planning instruments regulate the use and development of land in accordance with the relevant legislation, State Environmental Planning Policies and Local Environmental Plans.

There are a number of legislation requirements that are required to be considered as outlined in **A – General 2.3 Legislation and Statutory Controls**, and **Appendix 8** of this report.

1.2 Purpose of Bushland

Bushland forms an integral part of the quality lifestyle of CN. Bushland supports a variety of habitats, assists in maintaining biodiversity, water, soil health and air quality, climate change mitigation and microclimate control, provides aesthetic relief from urban areas, and provides recreational opportunities for the community. In doing so, it is an important component of community well-being, as well as adding value to other land in the city.

1.3 Status of Bushland in CN

There are 89 defined bushland reserves in the LGA of which only 26 have been formally classified as Bushland according to the *LG Act*, with Jesmond Bushland complex, Wallsend Brickworks Park, Lilly Pilly Dr Reserve and some of Blackbutt Reserve's catchments being amongst the top 15 most significant conservation value parcels in the city.

Whilst all urban forest has a valuable contribution to achieving a sustainable, liveable city, several reserves have been identified as particularly important for the protection of our city's native flora and fauna. There are also a handful of our public land holdings that currently support stands of remnant native vegetation with habitat trees containing a range of tree hollow sizes from small to very large. These reserves are also located in close proximity to larger forest remnants (or patches). This enables movement of fauna species between the reserves. These parcels have been identified as:

Blackbutt Reserve (separate PoM)

Jesmond Bushland Complex (and its associated landholdings)

Dangerfield Drive Reserve, Elermore Vale

Sheridan Avenue Reserve, Adamstown Heights

Kullaiba Reserve, Kotara South

Claremont Avenue Park, Adamstown

several small reserves in Fletcher Western division – including Area 22 and Wentworth Creek riparian corridor singularly important corridor of the western division

Landholding off New England Highway, John Renshaw Drive and F3 Freeway, and CN has ownership of riparian zone of Viney Creek and the associated riparian zones over some of the creek reaches

Summerhill Waste Management landholdings and connections to Blue Gum Hills Regional Park.

The remaining bushland reserves throughout the LGA are typically small reserves or comprise native vegetation fringing our sport and parklands, or as riparian zones e.g. Aries Way Reserve. Although fragmented from adjoining bushland reserves, many of these reserves are important 'stepping stones' contributing to connectivity corridors, providing roosting, refuge and foraging resources for fauna across the city, as well as supporting flora diversity for the region.

One such corridor connects two key habitat localities, stretching from Blackbutt Reserve across the urbanised landscape to Glenrock State Conservation Area located in the south eastern corner, with a presence in both CN and Lake Macquarie LGA's. The Glenrock State Conservation Area is recognised as a significant bushland parcel for the area, containing important remnant vegetation communities, a number of heritage sites and is used by a wide variety of user groups.

There are two identified high-risk bushland assets that would have a greater impact on the level of service of Bushland assets if they were to degrade, due to their visitation rates, size and biological complexity: Blackbutt Reserve and Jesmond Bushland complex. These bushland extents hold some of the highest quality vegetation communities in the city. (*Newcastle Bushland Audit 2013*)

RMS construction of the inner-city bypass through a significant portion of the Jesmond Bushland complex presents many significant management challenges. CN continues to work with RMS and all adjoining land holders (including Hunter New England Health) to minimise the disturbance footprint of this significant development and advocate to ensure the long-term viability of the impacted ecological communities.

Note, the Blackbutt Reserve (including Richley Reserve) has a specific PoM thus does not require addressing in this generic PoM.

2.0 Key Issues

The key issues facing Bushland in the Newcastle LGA includes:

Land clearing and erosion,
 Edge effects from urban development,
 Fragmentation (existing condition & proposed)
 Urban runoff and increased nutrient levels
 Weed invasion
 Changes to bushfire regime
 Predation of native fauna by domestic animals
 Unsustainable levels of recreation use
 Inappropriate use of bushland (vandalism)
 Removal/displacement of habitat
 Changing climate

The result of these disturbances is the destruction of habitat, decrease in biodiversity, an undermining of the viability of ecosystems and the subsequent loss of our bushland. These disturbances are typical of the problems facing urban bushland. CN as a land manager, must tackle these disturbances in a structured and equitable way, applying skills and resources which are appropriate to the conservation value of the land being managed.

The Management Framework detailed in Section 4.0 will address:

Biodiversity conservation
 Bushfire
 Weeds and Pests
 Restoration, rehabilitation and adaptation
 Recreation and Access
 Cultural Heritage
 Community participation and education

This Management Framework is built by addressing the objectives of the *LG Act* core objectives.

3.0 Development and Use

Facilities that may be approved on Community Land are listed **Appendix 5 – Facilities that may be approved on Community Land.**

Activities that may be considered on Community Land are listed in **Appendix 6 – Permitted and Prohibited Activities on Community Land.**

4.0 Management Framework for Natural Areas categorised as Bushland

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Biodiversity Conservation	Protect the biodiversity and ecological values of bushland.	Manage CNs bushland parcels such that the ecological values of the lands are preserved in line with relevant legislation.	Area of remnant vegetation retained	Ongoing
			Area of remnant vegetation restored/revegetated.	Ongoing
		Undertake vegetation surveys.	Surveys show no loss and/or improved biodiversity and integrity of the bushland reserves.	Ongoing
		Identify and map all remnant native vegetation and threatened species habitat.	Native vegetation and threatened species habitat mapped	Ongoing
		Maintain an indigenous seedbank through local seed collections and propagation	Number of locally indigenous flora propagated	Ongoing
		Utilise locally indigenous species when undertaking planting or re-vegetation	Area of locally indigenous revegetation planted and reported annually.	Ongoing
	Develop, implement and review masterplans and site specific plans of managements for significant community land.	Identify high priority areas requiring specific Plan of management including, a broader Jesmond Bushland Complex as identified in Jesmond Bushland Complex Vegetation Management Plan.	Site Specific Masterplans and Plans of Management prepared and adopted as required.	Ongoing

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority	
Biodiversity Conservation (continued)	Retain and increase bushland in parcels of a size and configuration improve biodiversity and connectivity.	During the mapping of the Blue Green Grid, identify potential land parcels for acquisition. Take advantage of any land acquisition opportunity that becomes available and proactively seek land to augment the Blue Green Grid and CN's natural asset portfolio.	Review of asset register and reporting in Service Asset Plans	Ongoing	
		Maintain and expand vegetation planting in riparian corridors to provide a buffer zone to improve stream health and increase fauna habitat and movement	Area of riparian vegetation planted – reported annually	Ongoing	
		Undertake city-wide identification of biodiversity corridors for protection and enhancement of biodiversity. Corridors will be incorporated into Blue Green Grid.	Biodiversity corridor mapping is updated regularly to ensure protection and enhancement of biodiversity.	High	
		Continue to program and implement annual program of works at prioritised bushland reserves and lands supporting structure and function of biodiversity corridors. Public bushland assets are categorised as bushland and managed in accordance with this PoM.	Complete identified priority bushland projects in Environment Program Annual Delivery Plan.	Ongoing	
			CN Bushland Asset register identifies all relevant parcels appropriately.	High	
		Ensure bushland is protected by appropriate zoning and categorisation	Re-classify operational/road reserve to Community category all public bushland assets and categorise as "bushland" under the LG Act.	Review of CN Bushland asset register annually to assess target.	High
			Rezone bushland as environmental zone where appropriate.	CN Bushland Asset register identifies all parcels appropriately zoned and reporting in Service Asset Plans.	High
Protect, manage and enhance littoral rainforest.	Undertake environmental protection works on land identified as littoral rainforest under the Coastal Management SEPP. The works should be undertaken in accordance with relevant legislation, management studies, and/or plans.	Littoral rainforests are protected and enhanced.	Ongoing		
Bushfire	Minimise the threat of fire to life, property and bushland areas.	Bushfire management is carried out in accordance with Newcastle Bushfire Risk Management Plan and Committee.	Consider ecological processes when implementing fire management.	Medium	
		Implement fire regimes in accordance with a CN Bushfire Implementation Plan, bushfire management standards and ecological requirements to maximise health and diversity in line with cultural connections.	Training and appropriate fire regimes conducted for CN staff.	High	

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority	
Weeds and Pests	Manage weeds and pests to protect the ecological value of the bushland.	Identify and respond to the occurrence of weed species which pose a threat to bushland areas in accordance with relevant Vegetation Management Plans and legislation.	Reduction in the frequency and spread of declared priority weeds.	Ongoing	
		Undertake pest management in accordance with CN Pest and Weed Action Plan.	Reported annually.	Ongoing	
		Ensuring hygiene practices are implemented throughout our reserves (contractors etc) &/or adopted process for monitoring and responding to outbreaks (myrtle rust etc) is established.	All relevant CN staff trained in biosecurity techniques as per the Natural Areas Technical Manual.	Medium	
		Liaise with the community and adjoining properties to undertake coordinated weed control and mitigation.	Area of priority weeds removed.	Ongoing	
Restoration and Rehabilitation and Adaptation	Ensure bushland reserves resilient to ongoing pressures associated with fragmentation, urban encroachment, population growth & changes in climate	Undertake regular maintenance, condition audit, research and environmental protection works as identified in Environmental Program, Bushland Services Operational Plan and the relevant Service Asset Plans.	Improvement in the quality of bushland areas. Assessment via bushland condition audit and reported annually.	Ongoing	
		Minimise the environmental impacts of development adjoining.	Development and maintenance of adjoining areas including parks and sportsgrounds are consistent with objective to protect and enhance biodiversity.	Reduction in encroachments and modification of bushland at reserve boundaries. Adjoining development to be conditioned to minimise negative impact upon ecological values for bushlands.	Medium
			Encourage the use of Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) in adjoining development to improve the quality and reduce the quantity of stormwater entering and moving through any bushland asset.	Application of standard drawings and regulatory framework.	Ongoing
			Ensure that developments adjoining community land are carried out in accordance with the water and soil management provisions of CNs environmental planning controls.	Number of development issues referred to asset services for review.	High

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Restoration and Rehabilitation and Adaptation (continued)	Delineate bushland areas and recreation and urban areas to restrict incompatible uses and regenerate areas where appropriate.	Provide buffer zones between other uses and bushland using appropriate techniques such as leaf mulch and intensive planting	Mowing operators provided with a copy of the category boundaries	Ongoing
	Address Urban Heat Impacts implications for the city.	Implement Urban Forest planting program within targeted priority bushland sites	Extent of urban forest planted per annum	Ongoing
		Integrate tree planting in adjoining areas which reflect habitat vegetation and join blue/green grid.	Increased Urban Forest canopy cover on Public Land. Reported annually.	Ongoing
Recreation and Access	Promote the use and access of the land in a manner that protects ecological values, while facilitating public enjoyment of the land.	Ensure all maintenance on community land complies with applicable Australian Standards, legislation and best practice techniques	Reduction in impacts to bushland from inappropriate uses.	High
		Manage community use to detect and stop any damaging uses or overuse.	Reduction in impacts to bushland from inappropriate uses.	Ongoing
		Identify, maintain and enhance links between areas of community land through tree planting, signage, tracks, pedestrian/cycle pathways.	Number of links between areas of community land.	Medium
Community Participation and Education	Increase community understanding of bushland values and management	Continue to develop and provide educational material and resources for the community and educational establishments including workshops, information sessions, citizen science programs, signage and brochures.	Provision of information material to a range of community groups.	Ongoing
	Bushland is managed in partnership with the community	Promote and support community involvement in bushcare and volunteer activities.	Increase in the number of volunteers and community participation in engagement activities.	Ongoing
		Citizen science programs developed and supported (eg promotion of activities like Backyard bird counts etc)	High satisfaction levels of volunteers and participants.	Ongoing
	Encourage the sustainable use of bushland areas for scientific research.	Encourage and promote research projects and grant funding that contribute to the future of bushland areas.	Increase in up to date ecosystem information from research that can be utilised by CN to better understand and manage bushland	Ongoing
CN to liaise with educational and research institutions to assist with addressing information gaps identified in CN strategic documents and action plans.		Increase in up to date ecosystem information from research that can be utilised by CN to better understand and manage bushland	Ongoing	

B2. Wetland



1.0 Introduction

This Section applies to Community Land categorised as Natural Area – Wetland under S.36 (5) of the *LG Act*, and to certain parcels of crown reserved land managed by Council that comprise similar qualities.

Refer to **Appendix 1 –Schedule of Land** for categorisation details of individual land parcels. This section must be read in conjunction with **Section C – Natural Areas**.

1.1 Statutory Planning

Environmental planning instruments regulate the use and development of land in accordance with the relevant legislation, State Environmental Planning Policies and Local Environmental Plans.

There are a number of legislation requirements that are required to be considered as outlined in A – General 2.3 Legislation and Statutory Controls, and **Appendix 8** of this report.

1.2 Purpose of Wetland

CN is responsible for maintaining 65 wetlands throughout the LGA. Wetlands form an integral part of water quality for the Hunter Estuary and comprise a unique vegetative composition and structure, forming a transition zone linking terrestrial and aquatic environments. Wetlands are habitat for a diverse range of animals and plants and are important breeding and nurse areas. Wetlands mitigate flood impacts, are important for recharging ground water and they maintain water quality of both surface and ground water. Wetlands also have social and cultural values providing opportunities for scientific research, education and recreation.

1.3 Status of Newcastle's Wetlands

Newcastle is home to a number of both saltwater and freshwater wetlands that expand a significant area of floodplain. One of the most significant saltwater wetlands in the area is the Hunter Wetlands National Park. The park lies in the lower estuarine reaches of the Hunter River, bordering CN to the south, Hexham in the west and Stockton/Fern Bay in the east. The park includes 29 kilometres of estuarine foreshore, including the intertidal zone down to the mean low water mark and the bed of Fullerton Cove. The park also includes approximately 27 hectares of the Tomago Sandbeds Special Area and 204 hectares of unreserved lands, which are vested in the Minister administering the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

The wetland system in the park is of international significance and is listed under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands. It is of exceptional conservation value, containing the second largest area of mangroves in New South Wales and extensive areas of coastal saltmarsh. The park provides habitat for a diversity of wildlife including 41 threatened species such as the Australasian bittern (*Botaurus poiciloptilus*), green and golden bell frog (*Litoria aurea*) and breeding habitat for the eastern freetail-bat (*Mormopterus norfolkensis*). The park provides important habitat for migratory bird species listed under international agreements, including the curlew sandpiper (*Calidris ferruginea*), sharp-tailed sandpiper (*C. acuminata*) and the red knot (*C. canutus*). The park is a site on the East Asian Australasian Flyway and is part of the Hunter Estuary Important Bird Area (*BirdLife International 2017*).

While wetlands are common in the local area, open freshwater wetlands are not, consequently, certain freshwater wetlands like Hexham Swamp, Ironbark Creek and Minmi Road Wetland, are of high value due to the rarity of this type of wetland in the area. For this reason, these freshwater wetlands have the scope to be more of an asset for the community in the way of bird watching and appreciation. Salinity increases are being recorded in some freshwater wetlands in the region and while Ironbark Creek and Minmi Road also has water samples showing low salinity, it is overall fresh water, the vegetation and

the composition of fish species and their numbers present, is indicative of this. Refer to the Ironbark Creek TCM strategy for further information.

Freshwater wetlands are essential for fauna including water birds, turtles, frogs and a variety of dragonflies and damselflies. Minmi provides a good freshwater reserve steppingstone to link up wildlife corridors and provide a stable open water environment for aquatic and migratory birds. Minmi Road Wetland biodiversity provides a range of habitats which facilitates more diversity of plants and animals. The site is also important for the local community for flood water retention and buffering for local residents when storm events occur. Minmi Road Wetland's potential water holding capacity is approximately 40,000m². It also provides a buffer for aquatic species that use it in freshwater environments. Although the wetland's current condition is relatively poor, its inherent value and its potential to be rehabilitated is high.

The Hunter Estuary Coastal Zone Management Study and Plan (BMT, 2009) was revised in 2017. The Plan guides future planning and management of the Hunter Estuary. The Study and Plan were prepared in partnership with the State Government, CN, Port Stephens and Maitland Councils. This is currently being reviewed and as per Coastal Management Act 2016 guidelines, to be prepared as the Hunter Estuary Coastal Management Program, due June 2021.

CN delivers an annual works program investing in its natural areas including priority wetland sites. Audits of CN managed wetland have highlighted a number of wetlands requiring priority management owing to their size, connectivity to natural areas and provision of important habitat to native common and threatened species e.g. our larger wetlands provide deeper open water sources important for wading birds. Our priority focuses on protecting the size and connectivity of our wetland systems and improving their condition and supporting their unique biodiversity now and into the future.

2.0 Key Issues

The key issues facing wetlands in the Newcastle LGA includes: Urban and industrial development – run-off from developed areas, changed hydrology, pollution, encroachment into wetland areas

Weeds and pest species – including some noxious weeds and other invasive weeds.

Land and vegetation clearing

Filling – directly or indirectly through sedimentation

Drains – flowing into or out of wetlands

Control structures, such as drainage culverts, levees and floodgates

Effluent discharge – stormwater, wastewater, sewage

Access including Vehicles – off-road and on-road vehicles

Fire regime – generally high when wetland close to developed areas

Agricultural activities including clearing and filling, grazing, changed hydrology

Lack of appreciation of wetland values

Illegal dumping/rubbish dumping

Climate change – increased coastal flooding

Pollution events, such as oil spills and groundwater contamination by per-fluoroalkyl and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), sourced from Williamstown Air Force Base

Acid sulphate soil runoff impacting water quality and estuarine ecosystems

Channel dredging being linked to increased tidal range. (significant ecological change through saltmarsh loss and mangrove expansion)

Habitat loss and fragmentation – impacted by development and clearing

CN delivers an annual works program investing its natural areas including priority wetland sites. Audits of CN managed wetland have highlighted a number of wetlands requiring priority management owing to their size, connectivity to natural areas and provision of important habitat to native common and threatened species, for example our larger wetlands provide deeper open water sources important for wading birds. Our priority focuses on protecting the size and connectivity of our wetland systems and improving their condition and supporting our unique biodiversity now and into the future.

The Management Framework detailed in Section 4.0 will address Wetlands:

Several issues should be addressed which are detailed in the Management Framework in Section 4, and include:

- Biodiversity Conservation
- Management of Wetlands
- Restoration and Rehabilitation
- Community engagement and access

This Management Framework is built by addressing the objectives of the *LG Act* core objectives.

3.0 Development and Use

Facilities that may be approved on Community Land are listed in **Appendix 5 – Facilities that may be approved on Community Land.**

Activities that may be considered on Community Land are listed in **Appendix 6– Permitted and Prohibited Activities on Community Land.**

4.0 Management Framework for Natural Areas categorised as Wetland

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Biodiversity Conservation	Protect the biodiversity and ecological values of wetlands, with particular reference to their hydrological environment and hydroperiod (including water quality and water flow), and to the flora, fauna and habitat values of the wetlands.	Establish a riparian buffer zone of native vegetation around identified CN wetland assets in accordance with the draft CN Natural Areas Technical Manual.	A buffer zone consisting of endemic native terrestrial and wetland species is established.	Medium
		Control the point source discharges and non-point sources. Identify urban runoff entry points and prioritise rehabilitation works.	Control mechanisms are situated to mitigate adverse impacts of water quality upon wetland systems.	High
		Treatment of nutrient-laden runoff/effluent or removal of nutrient from runoff/effluent before it enters wetlands, in accordance with the CN DCP Stormwater WSUD above wetlands element.	Inclusion of control mechanisms that are situated to mitigate adverse impacts of water quality upon wetland systems, within the stormwater Asset register.	High
	Coastal wetlands are protected in line with the relevant planning framework	Undertake environmental protection works on land identified as coastal wetlands under the Coastal Management SEPP. The works should be undertaken in accordance with relevant legislation, management studies, and/or plans.	Coastal wetlands are protected and enhanced.	Ongoing
		Introduce wetland site specific controls to minimise impacts on key wetland habitats and biodiversity.	Planning controls implemented to minimise impacts of development on wetlands.	High
		LEP environmental management / conservation and waterway zonings including permissible uses appropriate to protect identified CN wetland assets.	CN wetlands are appropriately zoned to provide adequate protection.	Medium
			CN wetland asset register is accurate, comprehensive and current.	Medium
	Ensure all endangered ecological communities (EEC) and /or threatened species (TS) are effectively identified and protected	Provide schedule in wetland asset register that identifies all such EEC and/or TS asset attributes required to inform management approaches to protect wetland values eg Astra Street, Market Swamp, EEC Maitland Road Saltmarsh/SOFF	CN wetland asset register review	Ongoing

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Management of Wetland	Minimise the impact of urban development upon wetland	Developments within the catchment and upon adjoining parcels are to consider conservation/ protection measures associated with wetlands.	Wetland ecosystem and vegetative buffer are considered as part of development activities.	Ongoing
		Implementation of Stormwater DCP – WSUD above Wetlands element.	Reporting on rate WSUD applications received.	High
	Increase sustainability and health of wetland water plants.	All CN projects include revegetation component for water plants.	Report increase vegetation and reduction weed infestation in CN wetlands assets annually.	Ongoing
	Best practice Wetland Maintenance implemented.	Implementation of the Wetland improvement actions identified in the Service Asset Plan and in accordance with relevant legislative framework including CN estuary management plans and programs.	Annual reporting of Wetland actions.	Ongoing
	Coastal protections wetland work are guided by SEPP Coastal Management 2018.	All CN works program guided and incorporate relevant planning provisions	Annual reporting of Wetland actions	Ongoing
	Add any new wetlands as they are acquired to the CN wetland asset register with all required asset attributes and ensure distribution of designated wetland mapping under Coastal SEPP	CN asset registers updated regularly, and GIS mapping contexts are included in updates.	CN wetland asset register reporting annually identifying new assets, similarly with Service Asset Plans with wetland assets appropriately identified and incorporated in assessment documentation. Corporate mapping updated.	High High
Restoration and Rehabilitation	Deliver conservation, restoration and environmental protection works in accordance with estuary and coastal management framework.	Re-establish compliant native aquatic and fringing native riparian vegetation.	Annual reporting of Wetland actions	Ongoing
		Implement WSUD Above Wetlands considerations within Stormwater DCP element and monitor annual application rate outcomes	Vegetation drainage channels are retained, and additional wetlands are constructed as appropriate	Medium
		Adopt a Water Sensitive Urban Design and Riparian Policies.		
		Restore or control the water regime, hydroperiods.	Where appropriate, the water regime is manipulated to enhance the establishment of wetland plants and manage such fauna as introduced fish species.	High
	Prepare a weed control plan for significant wetland areas with weed infestation.	Prioritisation for remediation of weed infested areas incorporated into the ongoing management of wetlands.	High	

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority	
Restoration and Rehabilitation (continued)	Improve water quality and habitat by increasing cover and changing configuration of riparian and aquatic plantings. These will have direct impact of wetland condition, health and function attributes.	Establish a wetland management plan for priority CN wetlands assets. These plans are informed by survey and monitoring data and include detailed 4 year work programs covering a range of activities including: environmental restoration, protection and maintenance works e.g. staged removal of environmental and noxious weed species, restoration of habitat features (altered foreshore / bank grades, installation of artificial rafts on open water for key species, aquatic and fringe plantings.	Annual reporting on CN projects and within Service Asset Plan.	High	
	Minimise the spread of diseases that will impact on the conservation of wetlands	Delivery of annual aquatic weed management actions.	Quantitative and spatial mapping of annual pest and weed works delivery.	High	
	Improve environmental, heritage and aesthetic outcomes for the edge contact zones with recreation and urban areas	Delineate 'natural' areas and 'recreation' and urban areas to restrict incompatible uses and regenerate natural riparian areas where appropriate.		Annual reporting of Wetland actions.	Ongoing
		Surplus grassed areas may be reclaimed by planting of indigenous vegetation to increase buffer zones and promote ecological sustainability and biodiversity.		Annual reporting of Wetland actions.	Ongoing
Improve and sustain wetland form and functioning.	Manage erosion and sediment transfer upstream of all wetlands through appropriate surface treatments, revegetation, environmental works and/or enforcement actions, as required, to protect sensitive wetland assets from impacts.		Annual reporting of Wetland actions.	Ongoing	

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Community Engagement and Access	Facilitate community engagement in relation to wetlands, and the community use of wetlands, without compromising the ecological values of wetlands.	Encourage the development of Landcare and other community interest groups to develop 'community ownership' in the stewardship of wetland areas.	Community participation and satisfaction rates in engagement initiatives.	Ongoing
		Use demonstrated excellence in techniques such as collaborative naming processes.	CN Wetland assets named and gazetted, through community Natural Connections consultation.	Ongoing
		Provide low impact access to wetland areas, where appropriate.	Public access and interpretation opportunities provided with minimal impact on wetland ecosystems and reported in Service Asset Plan.	Ongoing
		Diverse range of interpretive educational material created and promoted targeting the protection of the integrity of the wetland ecosystems	Interpretative collateral prepared.	Ongoing
	Addressing UHI implications for the city that incorporates wetland riparian vegetation and water bodies where appropriate as part of priority Blue Gum Hills precinct in the Blue Green Grid/ Corridors.	Implement Wetland riparian planting projects for targeted priority sites.	Increased canopy cover associated within wetland riparian works on Public Land as part of Service Asset Plan.	Ongoing
	Deliver community engagement programs that will increase knowledge, awareness and understanding of the value and benefits of wetlands of the lower Hunter estuary.	Community engagement program using low key interpretative collateral, collaborative naming of various targeted wetland assets and on-site walks and talks as appropriate. Wetland Connections Project 2020-22.	Community participation and satisfaction rates in CN education programs.	Ongoing
	Deliver wetland recreational and educational outcomes			

B3. Escarpment



1.0 Introduction

This section has been prepared in accordance with the *LG Act*. The land covered by this plan consists of parcels or part parcels of Community Land categorised as 'Natural Area – Escarpment'.

Refer to **Appendix 1 – Schedule of Land** for categorisation details of individual land parcels. This section must be read in conjunction with **Section C – Natural Areas**.

1.1 Statutory Planning

Environmental planning instruments regulate the use and development of land in accordance with the relevant legislation, State Environmental Planning Policies and Local Environmental Plans.

There are a number of legislation requirements that are required to be considered as outlined in **A – General 2.3 Legislation and Statutory Controls, Appendix 8** of this report.

1.2 Purpose of Escarpment

Escarpments enhance the aesthetic value of the city in two ways, by offering vegetated ridgelines as contrast to the coastal zone and viewpoints for scenic appreciation opportunities and for recreation pursuits such as abseiling, rock climbing and hang-gliding.

1.3 Status of Newcastle's Escarpments

CN displays a significant number of both coastal and inland escarpments with most of these being located on land within community land, National Park Recreation Areas or road reserves. Areas of escarpment are mostly vegetated and indicative of the general characteristics of the surrounding bushland. Some escarpments are prone to erosion. Informal pathways often impact upon the existing vegetation and increased soil erosion, due to the high erosion potential associated with escarpments.

The coastal escarpment is extensive stretching from the northern end of Glenrock Lagoon north to Nobbys Beach Pavilion. These escarpments are in varying condition and overtime, there has been a number of stabilisation programs put into place to

address landslide and instability. The most significant of these escarpments is between Bar Beach and Newcastle Beach. Their presence wears the signs of coastal elements but provides a beautiful backdrop and place for the community to recreate i.e. hang-gliding, coastal walks, viewing areas for whale migration and dolphin watching, swimming in the Bogey Hole.

CN currently manages 42 inland cliff lines totalling 20,444m² (2013) with 50% of them (23 sites) being in good to very good condition with established good quality vegetation providing stability. 31% (12 sites) are in in poor to very poor condition, requiring renewal works. Escarpment protection is essential in ensuring visual amenity and fauna passive and active permeability across the city's catchments.

CN have undertaken geotechnical assessments of coastal escarpments and slope instability and will continue these moving forward and implement priority works (subject to funding and resource availability). Such works include environmental protection and restoration activities, cliff stabilisation, as well as maintenance activities. Vegetation cover will be encouraged on coastal soil slopes, whilst vegetation causing root jacking of rock faces will be removed (as funding/resources allow). CNs Development Control Plan will be reviewed to ensure that properties in the landslide risk area consider the potential hazard when preparing a development application.

Locations of potential coastal cliff-line instability hazards are detailed in our Newcastle Coastal Zone Management Plan – Part B – Coastline South of the Harbour. The Newcastle Coastal Zone Management Plan was adopted in 2018 and aims to guide future planning and management of the Newcastle Coastline. This is currently being reviewed and as per Coastal Management Act 2016 guidelines, to be prepared as the Newcastle Coastal Management Program, due December 2021.

2.0 Key Issues

The key issues facing escarpments within the Newcastle LGA:

Instability hazards and potential landslides

Informal pathways often impact upon the existing vegetation and increased soil erosion

Protection of vegetation particularly Themeda EEC found at Strzelecki Lookout and Littoral Rainforest ECC's

Regeneration and rehabilitation of native species

Formalisation of access and pathways

To manage CNs escarpments, several issues should be addressed which are detailed in the Management Framework, and include:

Biodiversity Conservation

Protection of escarpment values

Restoration and rehabilitation

Community Access and Education

This Management Framework is built by addressing the objectives of the *LG Act* core objectives.

3.0 Development and Use

Facilities that may be approved on community land are listed in **Appendix 5 – Facilities that may be approved on Community Land.**

Activities that may be considered on community land are listed in **Appendix 6 – Permitted and Prohibited Activities on Community Land.**

4.0 Management Framework for Natural Areas categorised as Escarpment

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Biodiversity Conservation	Protect the biodiversity and ecological values associated with coastal and inland escarpments.	Investigate the establishment of a buffer zone around significant escarpments to reduce the impact upon these unique ecosystems.	Review buffer zones around escarpment areas on lands under CN care and control within the escarpment (cliffline) asset registers.	Medium
Protection of Escarpment Values	Protect any important geological, geomorphological or scenic features of the escarpment.	Protect habitat and vegetation linkages through appropriate protective zoning in the Newcastle LEP and/or DCP.	The natural vegetation associated with the escarpment is zoned appropriately to offer greater protection.	Ongoing
		Include effective landslide risk assessments in all project development.	Risk assessments completed and incorporated in the design process of all projects.	Medium
		Developments upon adjoining parcels are to consider the conservation/protection measures associated with escarpments	Conservation/protection of escarpments are considered in the development process for adjoining areas.	High
		CN projects within escarpment areas are consider the conservation / protection measures and cultural heritage values associated with escarpments.	CN projects consider the recognition and inclusion of aboriginal cultural heritage protection and the conservation and protection of environmental and natural values of the escarpment.	High
		Actively engage with Aboriginal community in identifying, protecting and managing aboriginal cultural heritage.		

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Restoration and Rehabilitation	Restore and regenerate degraded escarpment areas.	Rehabilitate areas that have been damaged e.g. by informal paths or the removal of natural vegetation.	Improvement in condition of the escarpment features captured in CN natural asset register for inland and coastal clifflines eg expansion of good quality vegetation coverage.	Ongoing
		Undertake slope stability/ hazard assessment and provide condition rating to inform scope of rehabilitation works.	Stabilisation works undertaken. Works are prioritised in accordance with asset condition assessments and risk rating and appropriate planning frameworks.	Ongoing
		Ensure monitoring program undertaken on regular basis.		
		Increase appropriate vegetation cover to improve slope stability.	CN asset register incorporates vegetation coverage and is reported in Service Asset Plans.	
	Reduce potential for erosion and associated escarpment instability.	Design and construct tracks and roads, stormwater and all other infrastructure within the escarpment zones to minimise any adverse impacts.	Reports of escarpment instability is reduced.	Ongoing
		Conduct regular site inspections and load data capture to natural asset register.	Asset register updated.	High
Community Access and Education	Facilitate safe community use and enjoyment of the escarpment.	Provision of controlled and safe walking trails to access escarpment areas where appropriate. Utilise existing guidelines for track and other facility construction e.g. NPWS guidelines.	Formal walking trails are established and utilised by the public that add value to the escarpment assets. Guidelines are considered when constructing new tracks. Community participation rates monitored and reported.	Ongoing
		Assist in development and promotion of community engagement activities such as NSW Geoscience -Newcastle Geotrail.		
		Installation of handrails and interpretative initiatives that effectively engage community in raising awareness and knowledge of escarpment ecology, geology and cultural heritage.		
		Utilise existing viewing platforms and tracks to promote conservation and protection of escarpment areas and the benefits and values they represent.		
	Facilitate the knowledge, understanding and values of the escarpment natural assets in inland and coastal settings.	Deliver community engagement programs that will increase knowledge, awareness and understanding of the value and benefits of inland and coastal escarpment areas.	Community engagement activities involving escarpments are included in Annual Operational plan – Environment program.	Medium

B4. Watercourse



1.0 Introduction

This PoM has been prepared in accordance with the *LG Act*. The land covered by this plan consists of parcels of Community Land and crown reserves categorised as 'Natural Area – watercourse'.

Refer to **Appendix 1 – Schedule of Land** for categorisation details of individual land parcels. This Section must be read in conjunction with **Section B – Natural Areas**.

1.1 Statutory Planning

There are a number of legislation requirements that are required to be considered as outlined in **A – General 2.3 Legislation and Statutory Controls**, and **Appendix 8** of this report.

1.2 Purpose of Watercourse

The primary role of a watercourse category within the Newcastle LGA is to enhance the quantity and quality of water entering the Hunter River Estuary. A watercourse category also offers a habitat refuge for flora and fauna, provides for recreational opportunities and adds to the aesthetic qualities of the Hunter Estuary.

Given the role our natural watercourses play in the conveyance of urban stormwater, provision of amenity and the structure of biodiversity corridors, there is a community expectation that this network will be managed over time to reflect expected natural and conveyance service levels. This asset group represents the largest requirement for current renewal investment within this plan.

1.3 Status of Newcastle's Watercourses

CN is responsible for maintaining 8km of river wall and 79 kilometres of creek. Key watercourses include Ironbark Creek, Throsby Creek/Styx and Cottage Creeks.

Given the role our natural watercourses play in the conveyance of urban stormwater, provision of amenity and the structure of biodiversity corridors, there is a community expectation that this network will be managed over time to reflect expected natural and conveyance service levels. To achieve this, CN recognises and is committed to undertaking significant investment in watercourse protection and renewal activities across the city's catchments and is actively partnering with key stakeholders like Hunter Water to enhance our health of our waterways essential to a liveable, sustainable, connected city.

As CN continues to transform and undergo extensive urban renewal, there are significant opportunities to both protect and enhance our waterway network to deliver a 'blue grid' for the city that provides high quality, accessible public open space, improved active transport connections, urban cooling and enhanced environmental outcomes (resilient ecosystems with protected and enhanced biodiversity and water quality). Sustainable management of our waterways and associated riparian lands is central to the liveability of our city, and all planning required to accommodate increasing population densities and a climate.

Central to establishing a sustainable blue grid across the city, is the development and implementation of riparian protection and planning across both public and private lands.

Works are being undertaken across the city, with creek and floodplain restoration projects programmed throughout Ironbark Creek Catchment successfully reintroducing natural landscape values, enhanced recreational spaces and asset protection for the community. Works to restore modified urban waterways and channels have included works to reinstate natural features, changing the shape and width of channelised waterways, removal of concrete, introduction of rock and vegetation elements and designing spaces facilitating multi-use opportunities along these linear corridors. Works have also been ongoing within the Throsby Creek Catchment. Throsby Creek Catchment management is currently being progressed through the Throsby Creek Catchment Interagency Committee of which CN is a committed participant/member.

Hunter Water owns and maintains approximately 80kms of concrete lined channels throughout the LGA which were predominantly constructed between 1920 and 1950. Hunter Water is currently investigating opportunities for re-naturalisation of its stormwater drainage assets to identify locations for improvements to the environmental and social outcomes of waterways can be achieved. A number of these sites will be located within public land CN manages. CN will continue to work with Hunter Water to assist the realisation of these naturalisation projects as a critical component of establishing a liveable, connected community and sustainable environment.

CN has adopted urban water cycle policies, guidelines and catchment action plans, in partnership with relevant agencies, stakeholders and the community to ensure continued delivery of community expectations and levels of service. Overall, quality, functionality, capacity/utilisation, presentation and creek flow quality were all assessed to be poor. The common attributers to this poor condition are the unsightly pollutants and water quality, due to most urban watercourses carrying untreated stormwater as their base flows. The increased turbidity, nutrient and gross pollutants can lead to decreased amenity. Sedimentation and

associated weed infestations are also amenity issues but more challenging as they can lead to inundation of adjacent properties, increase erosion of bed and bank material, adjacent to private properties and smother and or destroy habitat. (CN Service Asset Plans – Watercourses)

The watercourses that flow through the city in their lower reaches are predominantly formed concrete channels, with little if any ecological integrity or value. Proposals to de-formalise some sections of the concrete drainage channels, to reinstate vegetation and landforms of similar structure to natural riparian habitats, has been a source of discussion within the Catchment Management Committees, community groups and other public authorities.

Many of the watercourses that are in a natural condition within the LGA, often suffer from exotic weed infestation and streambed and bank erosion. Successful re-introduction of native species within the riparian zones will greatly enhance the opportunities for increased 'urban biodiversity'.

The Hunter Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan was revised in 2017 and addresses a number of the major waterways including Hunter River (North Arm), Hunter River (South Arm), Throsby Creek and Ironbark Creek. The Plan guides future planning and management of the Hunter River Estuary. This is currently being reviewed and as per Coastal Management Act 2016 guidelines, to be prepared as the Hunter Estuary Coastal Management Program, due June 2021.

2.0 Key Issues

The key issues facing watercourses within the Newcastle LGA, includes:

- Habitat loss
- Bank erosion and sedimentation
- Impacts on native flora and fauna
- Lack of riparian vegetation
- Industrial inputs
- Estuary Management coordination
- Water extraction
- Port operations
- Coastal inundation
- Sealed watercourses
- Water quality
- Development pressure and land management
- Dredging and commercial sand and gravel extraction
- Heritage
- Scenic quality
- Changes to estuarine hydraulics
- Fishing
- Climate change
- Sedimentation
- Pollution – waste, point source, diffuse

- Flood mitigation works
- Protecting estuary significance
- Mangroves and noxious weeds invasion
- Agricultural inputs
- Urban inputs
- Need for formalised foreshore reserves
- Estuary users and environmental conflicts
- Condition of sea walls
- Weed infestation
- To manage CNs watercourses, several issues should be addressed which are detailed in the Management Framework, and include:
- Biodiversity conservation
- Protection of watercourse values
- Management of Watercourse
- Restoration and rehabilitation
- Community engagement and access

This Management Framework is built by addressing the objectives of the LG Act core objectives.

3.0 Development and Use

Facilities that may be approved on Community Land are listed in **Appendix 5 – Facilities that may be approved on Community Land.**

Activities that may be considered on community land are listed in **Appendix 6 – Permitted and Prohibited Activities on Community Land.**

4.0 Management Framework for Natural Areas categorised as Watercourse

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Biodiversity Conservation	Manage watercourses to protect the biodiversity and ecological values of the instream environment, particularly in relation to water quality and water flows.	Install sediment traps and stormwater quality control devices on stormwater drains and tributaries entering major creeks, wetlands and Hunter River.	Control mechanisms are situated to mitigate adverse impacts of water quality upon aquatic systems.	High
		Promote natural watercourse features, such as geomorphic and vegetation diversity, to encourage different environments, promoting biodiversity.	Prioritise natural creek features such as pool-riffle sequences to promote both biodiversity and improved discharge water quality. Prioritise native riparian vegetation for water filtration and creek stability where possible.	Ongoing
		Ensure best practice is applied through the adoption of a Water Sensitive City Policy.	Vegetated drainage channels and constructed wetlands are set aside within future development areas where possible. The management and utilisation of vegetated natural creeks are prioritised over civil channelisation.	Ongoing
		Establish and deliver a creek monitoring program to effectively monitor environmental and biodiversity health.	Implement natural watercourse monitoring framework that includes all criteria assessment eg flora, fauna, fluvial geomorphic features etc necessary as a means of categorising waterway health and prioritising schedule of works.	Ongoing
		Continue to program and implement annual program of works at prioritised watercourse areas and assets.	CN Watercourse (Urban Creek) Asset register identifies all relevant reaches appropriately.	Ongoing

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Management of Watercourse	Manage watercourses to protect the riparian environment, particularly in relation to riparian vegetation and habitats and fluvial geomorphic and bank stability.	Ensure the effective management of Newcastle's watercourses including defining the relevant riparian zones, acquisition and enhancement of open space linkages in areas along watercourses where they are inadequate.	The effective management of Newcastle's watercourses is included within the Greening Newcastle Strategy.	High
			Where possible riparian zones are acquired and incorporated into open space linkages, enhancing the riparian zone and extending existing corridors.	Ongoing
		Identify areas of soil erosion, scarring and streambank degradation within the riparian zone for re-establishment of native vegetation. Prioritise these areas and consider funding opportunities.	Where funding is secured, riparian zone is restored with appropriate endemic native species to address areas of high streambank erosion and reported annually.	Ongoing
		Utilise asset info contained in the CN watercourse asset register to inform the scope of works relevant for the creek reach type and its associated management contained in the CN Natural Areas Technical Manual. Vegetation defined by reach.		
		Standard drawings to be developed for various waterway reach types to allow for landscaping and vegetation management requirements to be consistent within various waterway land parcels.		
	Regular maintenance includes weed control within creeks and adjacent riparian zone as a matter of priority.	Regular monitoring and removal of weeds using environmentally appropriate methods (minimise use of chemicals). Weeds should be completely removed from water courses where possible.	Ongoing	
	Opportunities to involve the community in weed identification and management undertaken.			

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Restoration and Rehabilitation	Restore degraded watercourses in accordance with CN Creek Asset prioritisation process.	Expand the riparian vegetation alongside the major tributaries where buffers are inadequate to increase the riparian filtering and buffering capacity for range of activities.	Water quality is enhanced due to the increased buffering and filtering capacity of the riparian zone.	Ongoing
	Investigation and rehabilitation activity at stormwater drainage and other infrastructure interface with watercourses.	Vegetation assemblages and species to be informed by condition assessment and asset register species lists, to ensure water quality, habitat and bank stability are appropriately captured, and opportunities to improve environmental conditions are maximised.	Native vegetation species within water course and adjacent environments, as a percentage of total vegetation within the zone, should be to an appropriate level consistent with CN environmental plans.	Ongoing
		Development within Newcastle's urban catchment have adequate buffers for riparian protection.	Prioritisation of watercourse reaches for the rehabilitation schedule to be Newcastle Creek Assessment Process (CAP).	Ongoing
		Remove exotic weed species and allow regeneration to occur, ensure any revegetation includes native understorey species to provide a complete habitat.	Native tree canopy, understorey and groundcover species are established through restoration projects.	Ongoing
		Undertake stabilisation and rehabilitation of creek bed and banks on a priority basis in accordance with CN Creek assessment and prioritisation processes.	Watercourse condition and functionality is restored or improved, measured by creek monitoring program and flood event monitoring.	Ongoing
Restoration works should promote naturalisation and prioritise meandering, diverse environments. Pool-riffle sequences and bank slope, for e.g. variation should be utilised within available lands to promote biodiversity and water quality.				
Community Engagement and Access	Promote community engagement activities to improve positive watercourse behaviours, responsible access and use of the watercourse, without compromising the other core objectives of the category.	Encourage the formation of community stewardship groups to care for and maintain the riparian vegetation and restore degraded sites.	Landcare participation rates in CN watercourse initiatives.	Ongoing
		Bridges and pathways are constructed to control access in a manner that does not compromise the integrity of the riparian ecosystem and does not cause erosion.	New bridges and pathways constructed in appropriate locations and utilise best practice technology.	High
		Engage community through events and innovative online approaches as part of the Natural Connections Program.	Participation rates and community feedback for events/activities.	Ongoing
		Utilise Citizen Science as a means for community education and data capture for monitoring.	Updating water course datasets.	Ongoing

B5. Foreshore



1.0 Introduction

This section has been prepared in accordance with the *LG Act*. The land covered by this section is comprised of those parcels or part parcels of land categorised as 'Natural Area – foreshore'.

Refer to **Appendix 1 – Schedule of Land** for categorisation details of individual land parcels. This section must be read in conjunction with **Section B – Natural Areas**.

1.1 Statutory Planning

There are a number of legislation requirements that are required to be considered as outlined in **A – General 2.3 Legislation and Statutory Controls**, and **Appendix 8** of this report.

1.2 Purpose of Foreshores

Foreshores provide valuable habitat and ecosystem services to a variety of flora and fauna within the Newcastle LGA. Foreshores serve as a transition zone between the aquatic environment and the adjacent foreshore areas. Foreshores can occur naturally, in a modified state but allowing access to the water's edge, or in a highly modified state as a recreational resource. Developed foreshore areas such as these are categorised as park. Foreshores also provide significant amenity and recreational values within the Newcastle LGA.

1.3 Status of Foreshores

Newcastle's coastline has a great diversity of coastal environments including sandy beaches, high coastal cliffs and rock platforms. Native vegetation found along the coastline is quite limited due to pressures from urbanisation and the spread of the highly invasive coastal weed called Bitou Bush. Whilst our coastline is subject to significant pressures, there is still a small, but significant vegetation corridor that exists along most of the coast. Council, Landcare, and others undertake ongoing revegetation works along our coastline to maintain this vital corridor.

The coastal public lands span 11 kilometres from Stockton Beach in the north to Merewether Beach in the south. We have been appointed as Crown Land Manager responsible for the care, control and management of public land along the coast under the Newcastle Coastal and Estuary Reserve Trust. The Newcastle Coastal Plan of Management (2015) applies to this land.

CN foreshores can be dissected into open coast and river/estuary. The beaches south of the harbour are generally backed by seawalls/promenades that limit the extent of erosion. While Bar Beach doesn't have a seawall, bedrock does exist at height behind the beach and would limit erosion. Stockton that is located north of the harbour has been heavily modified by historical activities and construction of infrastructure and dwellings. Overtime, a significant volume of sand has moved off Stockton Beach, impacting infrastructure and creating significant coastal recession and areas of significant erosion. Management of this area is being addressed as part of the Coastal Management Program process. A vast majority of the coastline/foreshore lacks native coastal vegetation communities and natural environment.

The river/estuary foreshores are particularly along the Hunter River and Newcastle Harbour precinct. The river is home to one of the largest ports in Australia, various heavy industry and recreational

open space. Much of these foreshores are hard structure accommodating this heavy industry and much recreational open space is armoured with breakwalls and revetments to protect from flooding events. Over the last decade, there has been significant remediation works undertaken to clean up sites with the goal of improving water quality. The most significant site is the old BHP site that accommodated in excess of 150 hectares when in operation.

The foreshores throughout CN display a number of built assets that are implemented for safety, access or rehabilitation purposes. These include revetment walls, breakwalls, public jetties, wharves, public boat launching ramps, boat moorings, all of which facilitate activities such as boating, sailing, swimming and fishing. These foreshores also have extensive cycleways/walkway network both along the coast, harbour precinct and the estuarine areas.

The open coast is addressed in the Newcastle Coastal Zone Management Plan 2018 whilst the estuary (Throsby, Ironbark, Harbour precinct and Hunter River) are addressed in the Hunter Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan 2017. Both plans guide future planning and management of both the Newcastle coastline and estuaries respectively. Both these Coastal Zone Management Plans are currently being reviewed and as per Coastal Management Act 2016 guidelines. They will be prepared as Coastal Management Programs, due June 2021.

CN is currently delivering a range of access and amenity improvements as part of the Coastal Revitalisation Program. The Coastal Revitalisation Program has seen significant CN investment in improving coastal public assets. Public domain plans have been prepared for Merewether Beach and the Bathers Way.

2.0 Key Issues

Foreshore areas are affected by several issues within the Newcastle LGA including:

Increasing severity of coastal erosion. Stockton Beach has been identified as one of NSW's coastal erosion hotspots

Coastal inundation as a result of tidal events and storm surges

Protection of threatened species and ecologically endangered communities within the Newcastle foreshore areas

Modification to the Hunter River delta and Newcastle Harbour has had a direct impact on the foreshore in particular Stockton

Impact of litter e.g. Discarded fishing tackle on local wildlife

Pests and weeds (e.g. Bitou Bush management)

Management of stormwater discharges onto beaches and into river system

The impact of litter on local beaches (including marine debris)

Urban pressures on native vegetation (e.g. trampling) and rock platforms (e.g. species harvesting)

Climate change (e.g. impacts on sea level rise and increasing temperatures on vegetation)

The removal of riparian vegetation by adjoining landowners to gain a more expansive view of the coast or estuary system

Mowing of foreshore park areas to the water edge, resulting in the transmission of grass clippings into the waterways, increasing nutrient loadings

Protect environmentally sensitive foreshore areas

Appropriate buffer zones to be determined and maintained along foreshore areas

Water quality relies on the filtering capacity of natural ecosystems

Protect the recreational amenity of the foreshore whilst regulating access along the foreshore at key locations

To manage CN's foreshores, several issues must be addressed within this PoM. The Management Framework will address:

Protection of Foreshore Values

Management of foreshores

Protection of Endangered Ecological Communities

Restoration and Rehabilitation

Community Engagement and Access

This Management Framework is built by addressing objectives of LG Act core objectives.

3.0 Development and Use

Facilities that may be approved on community land are listed in **Appendix 5 – Facilities that may be approved on Community Land.**

Activities that may be considered on community land are listed in **Appendix 6 – Permitted and Prohibited Activities on Community Land.**

4.0 Management Framework for Natural Areas categorised as Foreshore

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Protection of Foreshore Values	Maintain the foreshore as a transition area between the aquatic and the terrestrial environment and to protect and enhance all functions associated with the foreshore's role as a transitional area.	Identification of community service levels and asset condition and function within the CN Coast, Estuary and Wetland Service Asset Plan (SAP).	Regular update of CN Coast, Estuary and Wetland Service Asset Plan (SAP) – currently 2019.	Ongoing
		Consider extending the coverage of native foreshore vegetation in certain low-use areas to increase filtering and buffering capacity. Include foreshore vegetation in CN asset management system.	Review the increase in foreshore vegetation following the works included in the Annual Operational plan.	Ongoing
		Ensure weed removal is undertaken in accordance with Draft Natural Areas Technical Manual established regeneration techniques.	Annual reporting on the extent of weed removal	Ongoing
		All CN works produce positive outcomes for foreshore environments	Adoption of objectives for project delivery in accordance with CN coastal management programs and plans	The production of closure reports for all CN works within the foreshore.
Management of Foreshores	Management of all works and activities within the foreshore extent will be in accordance with CN coast and estuary planning and program framework.	All definition and delivery of coastal and estuarine works are in accordance with the objectives of CN's coast and estuary management plans and programs.	Annual reporting on CN strategic framework for coast and estuary extents.	Ongoing
Protection of Endangered Ecological Communities	Protect and enhance identified habitat of threatened species and ecologically endangered communities (EEC) within the foreshore zone. eg Littoral Rainforest.	CN Monitoring and coastal protection works program delivered annually.	The production of closure reports for all CN works within the foreshore.	Ongoing

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Restoration and Rehabilitation	Restore and regenerate degraded foreshore areas in accordance with the priorities in CN Coastal Management Programs and Plans.	Identify areas of serious erosion and re-establish native aquatic and fringing vegetation using regeneration techniques, mulch areas for tree regeneration.	Annual reporting on the extent of foreshore rehabilitation.	Ongoing
		Facilitate community involvement in the rehabilitation and weed removal of selected sites.	Landcare participation rates in the rehabilitation and management of selected foreshore areas.	Ongoing
		Complete all coastal protection works in accordance with the CN adopted applicable coastal management programs and plans.	Annual reporting of the Coastal Management Program and Plans.	High
Community Engagement and Access	Facilitate the ecologically sustainable use of the foreshore and to mitigate negative impacts on the foreshore by community use.	Undertake community engagement program, which raises the level of awareness of foreshore issues.	Utilise existing community surveys to provide an annual report on levels of awareness.	Ongoing
		Bridges and pathways are used to control access in a manner that does not compromise the integrity of the foreshore ecosystem and does not cause erosion.	Access to certain foreshore areas are effectively managed.	High

C. Sportsground



1.0 Introduction

This Section has been prepared in accordance with the *LG Act* and *CLM Act*. The land covered by this section includes land either owned by CN and classified as Community Land or is Crown reserve land with CN the authorised as CLM.

Refer to **Appendix 1- Schedule of Land** for categorisation details of individual land parcels.

1.1 Categorisation of the Land

This section applies to community land categorised as Sportsground under S.36 (F) of the *LG Act*.

1.2 Core Objectives

The *LG Act* core objects for the Sportsground category are:

- a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games, and
- b) to ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.

The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* guideline (103) states that community land should be categorised as sportsground if the land is used or proposed to be used primarily for active recreation involving organised sports or the playing of outdoor games.

1.3 Purpose of Sportsgrounds

Sportsgrounds are an integral part of CN's open space network by providing recreation and sporting opportunities. This includes the provision of administration, planning, management and the coordination of sporting facilities. These are delivered in the form of multi-functional areas providing formal and informal sporting, recreational and social experiences that are accessible to the community across a wide range of interests, age groups, competition level and abilities. The benefits of sportsgrounds include:

Improving the physical and mental health of residents

Strengthening our communities and social connection

Economic benefits associated with events

Makes Newcastle a more attractive place to live, work, visit and play

1.4 Values associated with Sportsgrounds

CN has adopted a value-based approach to preparing and reviewing PoMs for community land. Values are what make a place important and they are identified so that they can be protected and enhanced. A number of values have been identified for sportsgrounds. They are:

Sport and Organised Recreation: diversity in sporting and recreation options; cater for varying skill levels; multi-purpose sportsgrounds; opportunity for social interaction and inclusive community; helps maintain healthy lifestyle; and opportunity for school use.

Unstructured Recreation: large open space for informal and unstructured leisure and recreation, community cohesion and connectivity.

Landscape and Access: provision of shade for spectators; visual relief in urban settings; connectivity to other leisure opportunities within the same park area; opportunities for all abilities; access to services, toilets, changerooms, floodlights, canteen, and water.

Structured Recreation and Special Events: opportunities for special events provide for wider cross section of community to enjoy sportsgrounds; economic benefits for the community through expenditure on local services such as accommodation and food; diversity of use and promotion.

Environmental: Sportsgrounds support pockets of remnant native vegetation and significant trees, providing habitat, connectivity and improving local biodiversity outcomes.

Heritage: achieving balance by maintaining heritage significance, whilst still focusing on the importance of public leisure and sport activity.

1.5 Status of Sportsgrounds

The CN's Service Asset Plan for Sport, states that across 66 sporting complexes, CN provides and/or maintains 147 playing fields, 31 tennis courts, 48 netball courts and a range of facilities for other codes. Sporting facilities, in particular Regional and District level complexes, perform an important role in facilitating higher level participation in sport, sports tourism and local spectator sports opportunities. The service supports informal recreation, exercise, relaxation, sports competition and training, commercial activities such as fitness training, social gatherings, community and commercial events - both large and small scale. Sporting facilities are heavily utilised by the local community and visitors to the region. As an example, sportsgrounds support a variety of sporting codes including AFL, Cricket, Rugby League, Rugby Union, Tennis, Football, Touch, Austag and Netball. In 2016 a review of sportsgrounds bookings indicated that over 170,000 sports participants utilised facilities in the Newcastle area.

CN has adopted a Parkland and Recreation Strategy to guide the provision of parkland and recreation facilities for current and future communities. A draft Strategic Sports Plan is currently under development which will guide the provision of sporting assets over the next ten years. The draft Strategic Sports Plan will also inform future facility hierarchy and use, levels of service, new assets, and asset renewal and upgrades.

There is a wide spectrum of recreational and sporting interests within the community. The type and distribution of facilities should be provided to ensure that the needs of the whole community are met. Facilities have been classified as Regional, District or Local in accordance with the CN Parkland and Recreation Strategy 2014.

Regional - Regional facilities attract visitors from across the LGA and beyond. They tend to cater for large numbers of people or elite sporting teams due to their uniqueness, opportunity offered or the scale of events that may be staged. They are of a high standard and receive the highest levels of service.

District - District facilities are well developed spaces that support the higher grades of competition. They are built and maintained to a high standard however they do not have the level of infrastructure that a regional facility has. These spaces receive the second highest level of service.

Local - Local facilities are defined spaces which primarily serve a local population. They provide a limited range of facilities to support recreational pursuits and receive the lowest level of service.

2.0 Key Issues

Key considerations have been identified through the PoM preparation process and through community and staff feedback received over recent years.

They have been grouped under the following broad themes:

Location and Regional Setting

Type and Distribution of Facilities

Regional and district sporting facilities also provide an important role in facilitating sports tourism and spectator sports opportunities that local facilities are not able to provide. The functional hierarchy influences levels of service in relation to provision, development, operation and maintenance.

Although facilities should be provided to ensure that the needs of the whole community are met, it is also important that:

there is equitable allocation of use for games and training

recognition of club involvement in development of sportsground, while still maintaining equitable access to other user groups

encouraging shared/multiple use of facilities

ensuring that sporting clubs/users are licenced to use the facility

Impact on Local Residents

Reserves which provide sporting facilities, have both positive and negative impacts on local residents. Positive impacts are living in close proximity to a large open space area providing greenery and enhanced amenity of the otherwise urban environment. Other positive impacts include the planned development of facilities close to home, the opportunities for children to become players and the opportunities for parents to become involved in the management of a particular facility through the operating committee or incorporated club. Potential negative impacts may include large numbers of users on the reserve at particular times, increased noise, increased rubbish, parking problems, loss of privacy, glare from floodlighting and a potential increased level of vandalism directed at sporting facilities.

Use of land categorised as Sportsground for Community Facilities

The provision of community facilities within sporting areas may restrict the potential expansion of the existing sporting areas and every attempt should be made to accommodate community facilities on operational land or other community land.

In a sporting area, the allocation of a portion of the land for the exclusive use of a community group should only be permitted in special circumstances. For instance, if the activity enhances or promotes the provision of sporting and recreational opportunities or is ancillary to the use and enjoyment of the area as a park for public recreation.

Infrastructure

Our sports facilities contain a significant amount of infrastructure. Sports facilities and amenities require capital improvements over time with changes in demand and depreciation of these assets.

Service Standards and maintenance

Sports facilities require an agreed level of maintenance standards to ensure they can be safely and appropriately used by the community. Issues which need to be addressed as part of maintenance of facilities include drainage, irrigation, waste management, drought and water restrictions, security and vandalism, after hours service, lighting, playing surface conditions, and risk and safety management.

Administration

The administration of our sports facilities can be complex. CN manages leases, licences, permanent and casual facility hire, bookings and management. CN also administers fees and charges, unbooked and unpaid usage, facility operating hours and any disruption of use.

Finance

Managing and maintaining CNs sports facilities can be costly. A balance needs to be struck to ameliorate this financial impact on Council, without reducing community access and maintaining the facilities at an acceptable condition through the impact of higher fees and charges.

3.0 Development and Use

3.1 Infrastructure and Facilities

Subject to the site and budgetary constraints, CN may construct or approve construction by others of a variety of facilities on this land. The purpose of any facilities provided, shall be to support activities and uses that are consistent with the core objectives for this land category. Facilities that may be approved on community land are listed in **Appendix 5 – Facilities that may be approved on Community Land.**

Projects proposed by sporting/community groups must be in line with CN and/or facility strategic plans. Depending on the scope of the project, CN will request that a written proposal be submitted outlining a description of the project and proposed location, estimated costs, scaled plans, justification for the proposed works, future maintenance requirements and other elements relevant to the project.

Approval for works on community land will be in writing by CN on every occasion. The built infrastructure/asset will become the ownership of CN.

3.2 Permitted and Prohibited Activities

This PoM identifies activities that are permitted without approval, activities that may be permitted with approval, and activities that are prohibited on this land.

Individuals and organisations wishing to undertake activities that require approval must obtain written CN approval before commencing that activity. Some approvals/refusals will be straightforward. Other large-scale activities, such as exhibitions, concerts, circuses, markets, car boot sales, may require submission of extensive event management plans.

These activities are listed in **Appendix 6 – Permitted and Prohibited Activities on Community Land.**

3.3 Buildings

3.3.1 Multiple Use

A number of clubs or sporting codes use CN sporting facilities (except where leased). Over time, use arrangements may change. Increasing female participation in a number of traditional male sports may necessitate changes in use patterns. Amenity buildings should be designed to facilitate multiple use e.g. change rooms are suitable for both males and females and canteens that have secure storage for more than one user group.

3.3.2 Temporary Storage

Sporting groups or community organisations may obtain CN approval to locate a temporary structure on the land for a short-term period. The period will be determined in the consent, and the purpose for storage of sporting or maintenance equipment will only be permitted on the assumption that an approved permanent structure will be forthcoming. The temporary storage structure must be painted in a colour to blend with either the reserve, or the adjacent amenity building.

4.0 Management

4.1 Management of Playing Fields or Courts

CN takes full responsibility of all sporting facilities in the LGA. A seasonal Sportsground Information Booklet is available to access on the CN Website. The purpose of this booklet is to provide the procedures and conditions for the use of CN sportsgrounds for sporting clubs and associations. Additionally, it helps provide answers to many of the frequently asked questions raised throughout the season.

CN tennis court facilities are under licence with an associated Tennis Club. Enquiries on availability and bookings for tennis courts are available on the CN Website.

4.2 Allocation of Playing Fields

The allocation of sportsgrounds to sporting codes and then to clubs can be a difficult and much debated issue. Many sporting organisations are seeking CN commitments to provide additional fields and upgrade existing facilities.

The current allocations are largely historic in nature, having evolved from local clubs largely developing the facilities with voluntary labour and fund raising, supplemented to varying degrees with Council, developer contribution funds and grant funds.

The CN Strategic Sports Plan will identify the changing participation trends and facilities in the city and assist CN to assign priorities for future works.

4.3 Booking of Facilities

All seasonal and casual bookings are to be made on CN's official application forms and the appropriate fees and charges applied. Users will be issued a Sporting Licence Agreement to associations and clubs which will detail the sportsground booked including a map of the defined area of use, financials, days and times of use and schedule of conditions for the use of the sportsground.

4.4 Maintenance

In order to maintain sporting areas efficiently and within budget, CN will review maintenance standards and priorities on an ongoing basis in conjunction with the relevant Operating Committee.

Sporting and community groups allocated management of a facility will assume responsibility for works such as line marking, cleaning, litter, grounds and minor building maintenance. To optimise the use of water, fertilisers, pesticides and herbicides, fees and charges set by CN and collected by the Operating Committees may be utilised to undertake maintenance and minor improvements approved by CN and in accordance with this PoM.

4.5 Sportsground Closure

CN reserves the right to prohibit the use of any sportsground in the event of heavy rain, times of drought, or where damage is likely to be caused. Wet weather refers to a rainfall event which may affect the characteristics of a sportsground and subsequent use of the sportsground is likely to cause damage to the playing surface and/or player injury.

Sportsground closures, as a result of wet weather are determined by CN from Monday to Friday 6am – midnight inclusive for local, district and regional sportsgrounds. On Saturday, Sunday and Public Holidays, sportsground closures are the responsibility of the Licensee with sportsgrounds to be assessed by the Licensee against the Ground Information App.

Should wet weather conditions develop, inspections should be carried out throughout the licenced period to ascertain if there is any deterioration to the condition of the sportsground. If excessive damage is noticed, it is the responsibility of the Licensee to cancel further games and/or training with the Licensee to update our Ground Information App.

For further information refer to the CN Website.

4.6 Leases, Licences and Other Estates

In addition to those purposes identified in the *LG Act*, CN is expressly authorised by this plan of management to grant a lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land categorised as Sportsground for those purposes set out in **Appendix 3 – Authorised Purposes for Leases and Licences.**

5.0 Management Framework for land categorised as a Sportsground

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Recreational Use of Sportsgrounds	Encourage, promote and facilitate recreational pursuits in the community involving organised and informal sporting activities and games.	CN will encourage close liaison with sporting groups wishing to undertake improvements and development work to ensure work undertaken is in accordance with Council's overall plan for the area.	A close relationship is developed between community groups and Council.	Ongoing
		CN to act as mediator to resolve user group conflicts.	Resolution of conflict relating to the successful shared use of the sporting facility.	Ongoing
		Ensure all new and modified facilities incorporate access for people with disabilities.	"Access for all" incorporated into site design, plans and construction drawings.	High
	Implement the recommendations of Council's Strategic Sports Plan.	Funding allocated in Council's 4-Year Delivery Program.	Individual projects completed in a timely manner.	Ongoing
	Implement the recommendations from the Parkland and Recreation Strategy.	Review the relevant actions in the Parkland and Recreation for sportsgrounds and implement.	Actions implemented.	Ongoing
	Identify formal sportsgrounds that can be utilised as passive park areas as per the Strategic Sports Plan.	Consider redesignating areas to recreation space based on low usage and low functionality for sport.	The areas are identified and reclassified to recreational use.	Medium
Connectivity and Access	Provide facilities to encourage alternative modes of transportation to sportsgrounds, to ease the reliance on cars.	Provide end of trip facilities where appropriate including bicycle racks, water stations.	Installation of end of trip facilities on various sites.	Low
Landscape	Provide shade for spectators where appropriate.	Plant shade trees in grassed spectator areas where the use of the sportsground is not impacted.	Increase of shade provision.	Ongoing
	Develop and implement a Signage Strategy for sportsgrounds.	Review current signage in line with CN's City wide signage strategy.	New signage provided with a consistent branding and a variety of methods.	Low

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Management of Sportsgrounds	Investigate smart city access options to sporting amenities.	Review existing access and provide recommendation for a smart access options for sportsgrounds.	Improved access for both security and provision.	Medium
	Ensure that such activities are managed having regard to any adverse impact on nearby residences.	Development and upgrading of sporting facilities must consider the impacts, i.e. Visual, noise, lighting and the impact of additional usage, on the neighbouring properties.	Impacts on neighbouring residents are considered in any development proposal and Service Asset Plan.	High
	Review and Implement leases/licences on sportsgrounds where required.	Review and update all licences/ leases on community land.	Leases updated.	High
	Provide equitable access and use of Council sportsgrounds.	Develop criteria for the seasonal allocation of sportsgrounds.	Criteria developed and use for seasonal allocations.	High
		Standardise licences for the use of community land.	Standardised licence finalised.	High
		Develop a procedure for managing commercial fitness operators.	Commercial fitness operator procedure completed and implemented.	Medium
Environment	Protect and enhance remnant vegetation including significant trees	Public Tree Management needs to be in accordance with CN procedures including the Urban Forest Technical Manual.	Significant trees and remnant vegetation protected and managed.	Ongoing

D. Parks



1.0 Introduction

This Section has been prepared in accordance with the *LG Act* and the *CLM Act*. The land covered by this section includes land either owned by CN and classified as Community Land or is Crown reserve land with CN the Crown Land Manager.

Refer to **Appendix 1 – Schedule of Land** for categorisation details of individual land parcels.

1.1 Categorisation of the Land

This section applies to community land categorised as park under S.36 (G) of the *LG Act*.

1.2 Core Objectives

The *LG Act* core objects of the **park** category are:

- a) to encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities,
- b) to provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games, and
- c) to improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.

The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* guideline (104) states that community land should be categorised as park if the land is, or is proposed to be, improved by landscaping, gardens or the provision of non-sporting equipment and facilities, for use mainly for passive or active recreational, social, educational and cultural pursuits that do not unduly intrude on the peaceful enjoyment of the land by others.

1.3 Purpose of Parks

Parks are an integral part of CN's open space network. They provide opportunities for families, friends, larger groups and the general community to come together for recreation, relaxation and the celebration of special events. They help build social capital and a sense of place and assist in improving the health and wellbeing of the community. The benefits of park provisions include:

Improving the physical and mental health of residents

Strengthening our communities and social connection

Providing economic benefits associated with events

Providing a cooling effect and a contrast to the built environment

Improving the liveability of Newcastle as an attractive place to live, work, visit and play

1.4 Values Associated with Parks

Parks are generally highly valued areas, enjoyed by people of all ages and demographics. The visual amenity of the park may be enjoyed without even entering the park. Parks have an intrinsic appeal and provide an atmosphere of peace and tranquillity. Their open nature, usually feathered by shades of green and blue, provide a distinct contrast to the urban communities of the residential areas. They provide a haven where people can escape from the hectic routine of everyday life. Parks also contribute the fabric of the community by providing opportunities for social interaction and casual recreation. CN has adopted a value-based approach to preparing and reviewing PoMs for community land. Values are what make a place important and they are identified so that they can be protected and enhanced. A number of values have been identified for parks.

They are:

Scenic: Provide green space in an urban environment; trees and landscaped gardens provide shade and visual amenity.

Recreation: Open space and grassed areas for social interaction, picnic, playground visits, relaxation and exercise; pathways to walk, cycle, jog and access surrounding areas.

Accessibility: Connections within and to surrounding areas; all abilities access; access to services including toilets and water.

Community Use and Events: Local community access, occasional markets, and smaller scale community events; larger community events including Christmas Carols.

Environmental: Parks support pockets of remnant native vegetation and significant trees, providing habitat, connectivity and improving local biodiversity outcomes.

Heritage: achieving balance by maintaining heritage significance, whilst still focusing on the importance of public leisure and informal recreation.

1.5 Status of Parks in CN

The Service Asset Plans for Parks, identifies approximately 240 local parks in the LGA.

These parks are located in a variety of spaces including:

dedicated public reserves

the periphery of sports fields

road reserves

drainage reserves.

Our culture and lifestyle are inextricably linked to and revolve around these community assets. CN has adopted the Parkland and Recreation Strategy 2014 to guide the provision of parkland and recreation facilities for current and future communities. Parks supports informal recreation, exercise, relaxation, commercial activities such as fitness training, social gatherings, community and commercial events – both large and small scale.

Parks are heavily utilised by the community and visitors to the region and a functional hierarchy has been developed to guide the delivery of Newcastle parks. Parks have been classified as Regional, District or Local in accordance with the CN's Parkland and Recreation Strategy.

Regional facilities/parks attract visitors from across the LGA and beyond. They tend to cater for large numbers of people due to their uniqueness, opportunity offered or the scale of events that may be staged. They are of a high standard and receive the highest levels of service. They are generally long-stay places due to the variety and complexity of opportunities available. The Regional Parks are: Foreshore Park and Blackbutt Reserve.

District facilities/parks are well developed spaces of substantial size that offer a broad range of quality recreation opportunities. They attract visitors from across a number of suburbs, however they do not have the level of infrastructure that a regional facility has. These spaces receive the second highest level of service. The District parks are: Centennial Park, Civic Park, Gregson Park, Islington Park, Jesmond Park, Lambton Park, King Edward Park and Empire Park.

Local park are defined spaces which primarily serve a local population. They provide a limited range of facilities to support recreational pursuits and receive the lowest level of service. These spaces are generally designed and managed for shorter visitor stays.

2.0 Key Issues

Key issues have been identified through the PoM preparation process and through community and staff feedback received over recent years.

They have been grouped under the following broad themes:

Park Distribution

An examination of the existing parks and their population catchments, in relation to the population densities, will determine any inequities in the existing level of provision throughout the city. An equitable distribution of local, neighbourhood and district parks would be the optimum. In many cases, this is not possible, due to topographical and environmental constraints, availability of suitable land and future acquisition and development costs. Where there is an identified under-provision within a population catchment and land is available without constraints, its change of use to a parkland area may be warranted.

Park Development

Urban parks have varying degrees of development from semi-natural parkland areas that may be just mown grassed areas, to the more formal developed parks that provide a range of facilities.

Equity in Access

Physical Access

Access in parks by the elderly or by the differently abled is an issue that needs due consideration. It involves a range of measures that when considered in combination, makes access to a park manageable.

Some items to be considered in future park design are:

Designated parking close to the park which also provides for mini-bus parking

A path leading from the carpark into the park to appropriate seating and to the toilet

Ramps where possible to replace steps

Handrails where appropriate

Braille incorporated into interpretive signage

Accessible toilet facilities in close proximity to seating and carpark

Picnic tables to accommodate wheelchairs

Some park benches to include arm rests

The provision of shade or shelter over accessible picnic area

Accessible picnic area should take advantage of any an outlook, vista or tranquil setting

A unisex accessible public toilet in large park areas

Fencing

Many parks have a variety of these facilities, but other necessary components may be missing. By providing access for wheelchairs, CN also provides access for people pushing strollers and prams. The combination of these two user groups comprises a significant percentage of the total users of parks.

Equity of Use

It is essential that parks ensure equity through:

limiting facilities including shade shelters being booked and not available for general community use, particularly in coastal locations;

regulating unlicensed events and unauthorised users of the parks; and

increasing provision for sites to undertake markets

Linkages

The key characteristics of Parks means that the parks are accessible, easy to get to “you don’t have to cross busy roads, you can cycle there” and they are perceived to be safe because they are generally visible.

Parks are often located adjacent to or in close proximity to natural areas, sportsgrounds and other community land however, linkages between such areas are not always satisfactory. In recent years there has been a greater emphasis placed on the linkage between open space areas. These open space linkages provide greater movement-oriented recreation as more and more people are now cycling or walking for pleasure. Cycleways and walkways can be provided on existing public reserves, wildlife corridors, drainage reserves, transmission line easements, road reserves and disused railway corridors may be utilised. Linkages and cycleways may also be used to connect parks, areas of interest such as heritage items, commercial centres and schools.

The *Newcastle Cycling Strategy and Action Plan 2012* (under review) sets out the future direction of the cycle network in the city. Refer to CN’s website for future plans and provisions.

3.0 Development and Use

3.1 Infrastructure and Facilities

Subject to the site and budgetary constraints, CN may construct or approve construction by others of a variety of facilities on this land. The purpose of any facilities provided, shall be to support activities and uses that are consistent with the core objectives for this land category. Approved facilities are listed in **Appendix 5 – Facilities that may be approved on Community Land**.

Committees that wish to explore infrastructure improvements should ensure that prior to the sourcing of funding approval from CN is obtained. It is also important to note that infrastructure that is built becomes the property of CN.

3.2 Permitted and Prohibited Activities

This PoM identifies activities that are permitted without approval, activities that may be permitted with approval, and activities that are prohibited on this land.

Individuals and organisations wishing to undertake activities that require approval must obtain written CN approval before commencing that activity. Some approvals/refusals will be straightforward. Other large-scale activities, such as exhibitions, concerts, circuses, markets, car boot sales, will require the submission of an extensive event management plan, insurances and depending on the size, may require a traffic management plan and development approval.

These activities are listed in **Appendix 6 – Permitted and Prohibited Activities on Community Land**.

3.3 Planting in Parks

Any community organisation seeking to plant or revegetate an area of community land categorised as park and currently a mown grassed area, must obtain written consent of CN prior to undertaking the work. The request should be in writing and accompanied by a plan drawn to scale indicating the proposed planting area, the species list and the weeding program.

Any proposed plantings in parks are to consider safety by design principles and to provide adequate sight lines into and through the park area.

The continued and ongoing maintenance is to be considered in any planting proposal. A planned weeding program is required, including how the weeding will be undertaken, the frequency per year and a commitment to continue weeding the area/bed for 3 to 5 years. This planned program is essential as it will assist in addressing the concerns of nearby neighbours that planted areas become weed infested, are planted and then left unmaintained and can be regarded as visually obtrusive.

3.3.1 Community Gardens

Community gardens are places where people come together to grow food, foster good health and green urban environments, support life-long learning and cultivate vibrant communities. A full list of Community Gardens is found on the CN Website.

Any new community garden proposals require written approval by CN. Any proposal should be discussed with the appropriate CN Officer in the early stages of the project to understand the CNs requirements and the possible time taken for approval.

4.0 Management

4.1 Booking a Park

A variety of parks and reserves are available for the community to use. Dependent on the use, a booking may be required. A list of available parks and reserves, the criteria of where a booking is required, and the applicable booking process are found on the CN Website.

4.2 Maintenance

A major management issue is the on-going maintenance of parks and the task facing CN in maintaining appropriate standards whilst facing ever-increasing workloads. Current management practices are largely concerned with maintaining the existing parks as clean and attractive facilities within the budget allocation. When planning future parks, emphasis should be placed on low maintenance facilities.

On some occasions, parks may not be mown for some time. This may be due to a number of factors including, plant equipment may be unable to access some areas due to prolonged periods of wet weather due to soil consistency and poor drainage. Maintenance of the facilities is an essential consideration when designing parks. Poor access for maintenance purposes could prove costly in the long run. The frequency of inspection of facilities like play and BBQ equipment is dependent upon the budget allocation which will vary from year to year.

4.3 Leases, Licences and Other Estates

In addition to those purposes identified in the *LG Act*, CN is expressly authorised by this plan of management to grant a lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land categorised as Park for those purposes set out in **Appendix 3 – Authorised Purposes for Leases and Licences**.

5.0 Management Framework for land categorised as a Park

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Recreational Use of Parks	Encourage, promote and facilitate recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities.	Identify catchments and the number and types of parks required to serve those catchments.	Local catchment recreation plans prepared, identifying surpluses or deficiencies and land purchased to identify deficiencies.	High
		Events arranged in parks which promote recreation and social activities.	Number of events organised.	Ongoing
		Review and maintain where required, relevant policies for the management of CN parks.	Policies reviewed and adopted incl. Parks Booking Policy.	Ongoing
Passive Recreational Use	Provide for passive recreational activities or pastimes and for the casual playing of games.	Investigate opportunities to redevelop selected parks to increase the range of facilities they provide.	Increase level of use and user satisfaction with redeveloped area and new facilities.	Ongoing
		Provide a range of play areas, including all ability friendly equipment for young people and inclusive playspaces. Skate parks and cycle tracks, and tracks and fitness equipment.	Higher levels of use by all children including those with disabilities. CN receives unsolicited positive feedback from the community.	High
Connectivity and Access	Provide facilities to encourage alternative modes of transportation to parks, to ease the reliance on cars.	Provide end of trip facilities where appropriate including bicycle racks, water stations.	Installation of end of trip facilities on various sites	Low
		Improve access to parks for all abilities.	Furniture and amenity accessible for all abilities.	Ongoing
		Provide equitable use of CN parks.	Limiting facilities and standardising licences for the use of community land by ensuring that shade and formalised seating is available for general community use, particularly in coastal locations.	Standardised licence finalised and reviews of appropriate facilities for park bookings.

Improve Parks	Improve the land in such a way as to promote and facilitate its use to achieve the other core objectives for its management.	Implement the recommendations and review the relevant actions from the Parkland and Recreation Strategy	Actions implemented.	Ongoing
		Prepare Masterplans for CN District level parks to guide their future management i.e. Centennial Park, Civic Park, Gregson Park, Islington Park, Jesmond Park, Lambton Park, King Edward Park and Empire Park.	Masterplans for all CN District level parks are developed and adopted by CN for implementation.	Medium-High
		The installation of public toilets, paths, lighting, seats, picnic tables, BBQ's, bins, shade structures, pathways/cycleways, landscaping, rotundas, according to works schedule and budget allocation.	Increased public use of and acceptance of a variety of activities in parks.	Ongoing
		Plants are selected according to suitability, life span, aesthetic appeal, maintenance, safety by design and consider incorporating edible plants in parks.	Landscaping undertaken when funding becomes available to enhance specific park areas.	Ongoing
		Support community garden groups to establish and maintain community gardens in parkland areas.	Community groups area developed and are managed in accordance with CN requirements.	Low
		Identify parks that lack shade and lighting provisions. Plant shade trees near seating and in other suitable locations.	Shade trees planted. Landscape Masterplans adopted by CN.	Ongoing
		Undertake Playground Audits as per specified schedule.	Playground Audit undertaken by consultant to ensure safety of users.	High
		Consider signage, memorials and public art and update CNs policies to reflect this.	Landscape Masterplans adopted by Council. CN Policies updated.	Low
Identify potential and manage dog off leash areas and fenced facilities.	Implement the Dogs in Open Space Plan (2019)	Review against the actions of the Dogs in Open Space Plan (2019)	Ongoing	
Management of Parks	Investigate smart city access options to sporting amenities.	Review existing access and provide recommendation for a smart access options for sportsgrounds.	Improve access for both security and provision.	Medium
	Review and implement leases/licences on parks where required.	Review and update all licences/ leases on community land.	Updated licences/leases.	Ongoing
	Provide equitable access and use of CN Parks.	Standardise licences for the use of community land.	Standardise licence finalised.	Medium
Environment	Protect and enhance remnant vegetation including significant trees.	Public Tree Management needs to be in accordance with CN procedures including the Urban Forest Technical Manual.	Significant trees and remnant vegetation protected and managed.	Ongoing

E. General Community Use Areas



1.0 Introduction

This Section has been prepared in accordance with the *LG Act* and the *CLM Act*. The land covered by this section includes land either owned by CN (CN) and classified as Community Land or is Crown reserve land with CN the authorised CLM.

Refer to **Appendix 1 Schedule of Land** for categorisation details of individual land parcels.

1.1 Categorisation of the Land

This section applies to community land categorised as General Community Use under S.36 (l) of the *LG Act*.

1.2 Core Objectives

The *LG Act* core objects of the general community use category are to promote, encourage and provide for the use of the land, and to provide facilities on the land, to meet the current and future needs of the local community and of the wider public:

- a) in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public; and
- b) in relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).

The *Local Government (General) Regulation 2005* guideline (106) states that community land should be categorised as general community use if the land:

- a) may be made available for use for any purpose for which community land may be used, whether by the public at large or by specific sections of the public; and
- b) is not required to be categorised as a natural area under section 36A, 36B or 36C of the Act and does not satisfy the guidelines under clauses 102–105 for categorisation as a natural area, a sportsground, a park or an area of cultural significance.

1.3 Purpose of General Community Use Areas

General Community Use (GCU) land provides opportunities for people to access recreation, sporting and various community facilities and services on land that, for various reasons, is not suitable to be categorised as another category. Typically, GCU land can include senior citizen centres, community halls, child-care centres, kiosks/cafes, caravan parks, surf clubs, neighbourhood centres, bowling clubs, girl guide and scout halls, swimming centres or land used as drainage reserves, containing transmission lines, or small parcels of land not suitable as park. These land parcels tend to be alongside roads or parts of larger road medians or is residual land previously associated with road or parts of larger road medians or space and cannot have the uses or facilities generally associated with parks. However, it is likely to be grassed and have tree planting and it often performs the function of a roadside buffer and/or walking area as well as providing visual amenity.

Similar to parks, GCU land can provide opportunities for families, friends, larger groups and the general community to come together for recreation and assist in improving the health and wellbeing of the community.

1.4 Value of General Community Use Areas

CN has adopted a value-based approach to preparing and reviewing PoMs for community land. Values are what make a place important and they are identified so that they can be protected and enhanced. A number of values have been identified for general community use areas. They are:

Recreation: Facilities for community use and enjoyment; a place that people can enjoy activities together and share experiences; multi-purpose facilities that appeal to a variety of community members.

Accessibility: Connections to surrounding areas; all abilities access to facilities; access to services including toilets.

Community Use: Local community access; provision of community services; volunteers that contribute time and skills in the management of community facilities; a place to belong.

Life-long learning: Playgroups, before and after school care, independent living, small business and career courses, workplace training, arts and craft and support services.

Heritage: The ocean baths are listed as heritage items of local significance in Schedule 5 of the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012.

1.5 Status of General Community Use Areas

For the purpose of this Plan, Community Halls, Surf Life Saving Club facilities (including kiosks) and Swimming Pools (including Ocean Baths) are categorised as GCU.

The city provides a number of swimming complexes and halls/community centres that are able to be utilised by the community. These include:

Five swimming centres

Stockton

Wallsend

Mayfield

Beresfield

Lambton

CN swimming centres provide opportunities for recreational swimming, coaching/training, swimming lessons and school carnivals/competitions. Four of the five CN swimming centres are managed under leasing arrangements with a specialist aquatic centre management company. CN has retained direct management of Beresfield Swimming Centre. Management arrangements are reviewed regularly in line with conditions of contract and service reviews.

Two Ocean Baths

Merewether

Newcastle

The Newcastle Ocean Baths were opened in 1922 and Merewether Ocean Baths in 1935. Merewether Ocean Baths are the largest in the Southern hemisphere. The ocean baths are listed as heritage items of local significance in Schedule 5 of the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012. These baths are patrolled facilities that contribute to local and regional tourism, coastal amenity and the promotion of healthy lifestyles.

Six Surf Lifesaving Club Facilities (SLSC)

Stockton SLSC

Cooks Hill SLSC

Nobbys SLSC

Dixon Park SLSC

Newcastle SLSC

Merewether SLSC

CN provides surf lifesaving club facilities from Merewether in the south to Stockton in the north. These facilities provide clubs a venue to operate from in providing valuable volunteer patrols and education to the general community.

Five Community Halls located on Community Land

Elmore Vale Community Hall

Henry Park Hall

Henderson Park Hall

Minmi Progress Hall

Wallsend Pioneer Memorial Hall

* Note: Tarro Community Hall and the Wallsend Railways Goods Shed are located on operational land.

Four Community Centres located on Community Land

Fletcher Community Centre

Jesmond Neighbourhood Centre

Carrington Community Centre

Warabrook Community Centre

* Note: Alice Ferguson Community Centre, Elmore Vale Community Centre, Maryland Neighbourhood Centre and the New Lambton Community Centre are located on Operational Land.

One Senior Centre located on Community Land

Of the four Senior Centres, Beresfield Seniors Centre is the only one to be located on community land. Adamstown Senior Centre, Mayfield Seniors Centre are all located on operational land.

CN Community Centres and Halls are either managed by community organisations or directly by CN. The venues are available for casual hire (functions, meetings and workshops) or for regular hire (dance or exercise classes, senior's activities or playgroups).

2.0 Key Issues

Major issues identified for users of facilities located within this category of Community Land include:

User Safety

Public safety is the utmost importance in the management and maintenance of GCU areas. Human misuse (especially vandalism) or overuse of these areas is another factor in user management that costs CN money in repairs and maintenance each year.

Urban development (usually residential) borders a large number of GCU areas. The impact of the use on neighbours is an important ongoing issue.

Land Management

Nutrient loading and sedimentation associated with urban run-off requires attention, preferably at the source.

Sensitive land use that is required where GCU areas border on natural areas or form part of a natural area linkage, to manage edge effects.

The visual quality and amenity of the GCU area must be managed. Special conditions may be required where the area is the subject of a lease.

Aging infrastructure

Facilities categorised as General Community Use vary in age, construction and condition.

They range from modern multi-purpose buildings to older style halls.

There have been extensive upgrades made to some facilities, e.g. Merewether Ocean Baths, that have addressed safety concerns and re-invigorated a space that is valuable to the general community.

There are a number of facilities that are being addressed for upgrades including a number of surf clubs and Newcastle Ocean Baths.

3.0 Development and Use

Activities that are considered permissible under the Newcastle LEP 2012 and Newcastle DCP's may be permissible on GCU areas under this PoM, subject to any exclusions identified in this Section. Some of those activities may be permissible without development consent, but other activities may require consent.

3.1 Infrastructure and Facilities

Subject to the site and budgetary constraints, CN may construct or approve construction by others of a variety of facilities on this land. The purpose of any facilities provided shall be to support activities and uses that are consistent with the core objectives for this land category. Facilities that may be approved on community land are listed in **Appendix 5 – Facilities that may be approved on Community Land.**

3.2 Permitted and Prohibited Activities

For this land category, this PoM identifies activities that are permitted without approval, activities that may be permitted with approval and activities that are prohibited on this land.

Individuals and organisations wishing to undertake activities that require approval must obtain specific CN approval before commencing that activity. Some approvals/refusals will be straightforward. These activities are listed in **Appendix 6- Permitted and Prohibited Activities on Community Land.**

4.0 Management

4.1 Maintenance

GCU areas require different levels of maintenance, risk management and resources due to their diversity in land use. Their status ranges from poorly maintained to highly maintained facilities. Those areas that are leased exclusively to a group or organisation may be required to be maintained by the lessee.

4.2 Leases, Licences and Other Estates

In addition to those purposes identified in the *LG Act*, CN is expressly authorised by this plan of management to grant a lease, licence or other estate in respect of community land categorised as General Community Use for those purposes set out in **Appendix 3 – Authorised Purposes for Leases and Licences**.

CN uses casual or seasonal licences to formalise the use of Community Land by some groups such as sporting clubs, community organisations, schools or individuals who provide facilities or services for public use.

5.0 Management Framework for land categorised as a General Community Use

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Provide Facilities to meet Community Needs	Provide a framework for improving community based facilities based on the outcomes of the Social Infrastructure Strategy in relation to public recreation and the physical, cultural, social and intellectual welfare or development of individual members of the public.	Develop asset maintenance and renewal plans to identify uses, needs, feasibility and priorities for each facility and to be used as internal asset management tool.	Asset maintenance and renewal plans are developed and endorsed by stakeholders.	Medium
		Identify sites that may be suitable to accommodate compatible community of commercial facilities, either CN operated or leased, that could benefit the local and broader communities.	Sites identified for future development.	Medium
	Ensure any proposed developments are sensitive to the environment, provide for commercial and tourism opportunities and key views from public spaces are retained and enhanced.	Identify and allow flexibility of community facilities to be utilised as hireable spaces i.e. Surf Clubs.	Lease/Licence agreements are addressed, and Landscape Masterplans and Public Domain Plans are adopted.	Ongoing
	Provide facilities using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles.	Include CPTED design principles in the design brief and use CPTED principles in the public domain planning process. Undertake CPTED review of all CN infrastructure.	CPTED assessment undertaken and improvements to safety in all areas.	Ongoing Ongoing
Connectivity and Access	Provide facilities to encourage alternative modes of transportation to facilities, to ease the reliance on cars	Provide end of trip facilities where appropriate including bicycle racks, water stations.	Installation of end of trip facilities on various sites	Low
	Improve access to facilities for all abilities	Review all abilities access to facilities and program works required.	All abilities access included	Ongoing

Consideration	Objectives & Performance Targets	Means of Achievement	Manner of Assessment	Priority
Purposes for Lease, Licence and Other Estates	Review subdivision of swimming centres on Crown Land for the purpose of offering long-term lease arrangements and capital investment.	Resume conversations with Crown land for the subdivision of Lambton and Mayfield swimming centres.	Subdivision certificates are issued to CN and long-term leases are in place.	High
	In relation to purposes for which a lease, licence or other estate may be granted in respect of the land (other than the provision of public utilities and works associated with or ancillary to public utilities).	New leases/licences to be entered into for purposes authorised by this PoM and subject to CN approval.	Lease/licence agreements receive CN approval.	High
	The future use of Shepherds Hill Cottage is established.	Future use of the Shepherds Hill Cottage be in accordance with the following uses identified in the endorsed Conservation Management Plan a) Low key café/kiosk in association with community rooms/local artists b) Community organisation c) Museum and Art Space	Works are undertaken as per the Shepherds Hill Cottage Conservation Management Plan and a lease/licence agreement is addressed and approved by Council.	Ongoing
Classification and Categorisation of Reserves	Formally establish Merewether Ocean Baths within a notified Crown Reserve.	Add Merewether Ocean Baths to the nearby Reserve R56681 for Public Recreation, categorisation.	Merewether Ocean Baths transferred to Reserve.	High
	Review the classification of land where community facilities have dual classifications of operational and community land.	Unify classifications to Community Land where facilities are stretched over both operational and community land i.e. Elernmore Vale Community Hall.	Land parcels affected are classified as community land.	High
Management of GCU	Provide equitable access and use of Council facilities	Standardise licences for the use of community land	Standardised licence finalised	Medium
Environment	Protect and enhance remnant vegetation including significant trees	Public Tree Management needs to be in accordance with CN procedures including the Urban Forest Technical Manual.	Significant trees and remnant vegetation protected and managed	Ongoing

F. Appendices



Appendix 1 – Schedule of Land

*Native Title – No Development of Public Works or Licence, lease or other estate permitted. Crown owned

Reserve/Park Name	Class. No	Address	Suburb	Lot	Section	DP	Owner	Crown Reserve No.	Crown Reserve Purpose	CL Category	Natural Areas Category
Adamstown Long Day Care Centre	CR3	210 Gosford Street	Adamstown	3262		DP822183	Crown	170151	Community Purposes	GCU	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	391		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1779		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1780		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1781		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1782		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1969		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1970		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1971		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1972		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1973		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1974		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1975		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1976		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	

Reserve/Park Name	Class. No	Address	Suburb	Lot	Section	DP	Owner	Crown Reserve No.	Crown Reserve Purpose	CL Category	Natural Areas Category
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	1977		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	3156		DP755247	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Adamstown Park	CR1	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	7029		DP1052825	Crown	570017	Public Recreation	Sportsground/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Fletcher Street Reserve	C2	31A Fletcher Street	Adamstown	B		DP164888	Council			Park	
O'Connell Park	C1	91 Bryant Street	Adamstown	100		DP20087	Council			Park	
Teralba Road Reserve	C3	169 Teralba Road	Adamstown	1625		DP755247	Council			Park	
Teralba Road Reserve	C3	169 Teralba Road	Adamstown	1634		DP755247	Council			Park	
West Park	CR2	1 Dora Street	Adamstown	7312		DP1144999	Crown	52096	Public Recreation	Park	
West Park	C77	1 Dora Street	Adamstown	1		DP1156106	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Banksia Close Reserve	C11	5 Banksia Close	Adamstown Heights	51		DP255476	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Claremont Avenue Park	C12	31 Randall Parade	Adamstown Heights	62		DP30888	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse/ Escarpment
Faul Street Reserve	C4	45 Faul Street	Adamstown Heights	3		DP589266	Council			Natural Area	Escarpment
Faul Street Reserve	C4	45 Faul Street	Adamstown Heights	2		DP589266	Council			Park	
Faul Street Reserve	C4	45 Faul Street	Adamstown Heights	5		DP589266	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Faul Street Reserve	C4	45 Faul Street	Adamstown Heights	14		DP203250	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Fernleigh Loop Reserve	C5	1 Fernleigh Loop	Adamstown Heights	57		DP255476	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Hudson Park	C6	62 Lexington Parade	Adamstown Heights	111		DP220435	Council			Sportsground	
Hudson Park	C6	62 Lexington Parade	Adamstown Heights	92A		DP27878	Council			Sportsground	

Reserve/Park Name	Class. No	Address	Suburb	Lot	Section	DP	Owner	Crown Reserve No.	Crown Reserve Purpose	CL Category	Natural Areas Category
Kullaiba Reserve	C7	Princeton Avenue	Adamstown Heights	134		DP241072	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Marconi Close Reserve	C8	11 Marconi Close	Adamstown Heights	6		DP258029	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Marconi Close Reserve	C8	11 Marconi Close	Adamstown Heights	67		DP 26188	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Sheridan Avenue Reserve	C9	4 Sheridan Avenue	Adamstown Heights	94		DP223284	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Sheridan Avenue Playground	C10	27A Sheridan Avenue	Adamstown Heights	61		DP27397	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Bar Beach	-	111 Memorial Drive	Bar Beach	7013		DP1052618	Crown	45343	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Foreshore
Bar Beach	CR5	1 Bar Beach Avenue	Bar Beach	7057		DP1077026	Crown	570018	Public Baths	Park	
Bar Beach	CR5	1 Bar Beach Avenue	Bar Beach	7058		DP1077026	Crown	570018	Public Baths	Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment/ Foreshore
Bar Beach		107 Memorial Drive	Bar Beach	Pt Lot 258		DP755247	Crown	83849	Public Recreation	GCU/ natural area	Foreshore
Bar Beach	CR4	109 Memorial Drive	Bar Beach	Pt Lot 258		DP755247	Crown	83849	Public Recreation	GCU/ natural area	Escarpment/ Foreshore
Empire Park	CR4	1 Kilgour Avenue	Bar Beach	258		DP755247	Crown	83849	Public Recreation	Park	
Strzelecki Lookout	C13	101 Memorial Drive	Bar Beach	2		DP1145960	Council			Natural Area	Escarpment/ Foreshore
Strzelecki Lookout	C13	101 Memorial Drive	Bar Beach	78		DP154075	Council			Natural Area	Escarpment
Apex Park	C14	41 Lawson Avenue	Beresfield	255	B	DP12628	Council			Park	
Apex Park	C14	41 Lawson Avenue	Beresfield	256	B	DP12628	Council			Park	
Drainage Reserve	C305	15 Enterprise Drive	Beresfield	22		DP862390	Council			GCU- drainage Reserve/ Natural Area	Wetland/ Watercourse
Drainage Reserve	C338	6 Balook Drive	Beresfield	250		DP876364	Council			GCU- drainage Reserve/ Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse

Reserve/Park Name	Class. No	Address	Suburb	Lot	Section	DP	Owner	Crown Reserve No.	Crown Reserve Purpose	CL Category	Natural Areas Category
Drainage Reserve	C338	9 Balook Drive	Beresfield	249		DP876364	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse
Drainage Reserve	C355	46B Enterprise Drive	Beresfield	5		DP1027236	Council			GCU- drainage Reserve/Park/ Natural Area	Wetland
Drainage Reserve	C356	14 Renshaw Drive	Beresfield	12		DP1027236	Council			GCU- Drainage Reserve	
Drainage Reserve	C358	8A Enterprise Drive	Beresfield	1109		DP1038003	Council			GCU- drainage Reserve/Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Drainage Reserve	C361	33 Kinta Drive	Beresfield	512		DP1038004	Council			GCU- drainage Reserve/Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Drainage Reserve	C366	21 Balbu Close	Beresfield	226		DP1054242	Council			GCU- drainage Reserve/Park/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Wetland
Drainage Reserve	C366	34 Lawson Avenue	Beresfield	92		DP12628	Council			GCU- Drainage Reserve	
Drainage Reserve	C366	34 Lawson Avenue	Beresfield	93		DP12628	Council			GCU- Drainage Reserve	
Drainage Reserve	C1586	100A Weakleys Drive	Beresfield	128		DP1180585	Council			GCU- Drainage Reserve	
Beresfield Golf Course	C15	260 Anderson Drive	Beresfield	1		DP112196	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Wetland/ Watercourse
Kyrie Park (Milton Street Reserve)	C20	2 Milton Street	Beresfield	21	A	DP1154449	Council			Park	
Kyrie Park (Milton Street Reserve)	C20	2 Milton Street	Beresfield	21	A	DP1154449	Council			GCU	

Reserve/Park Name	Class. No	Address	Suburb	Lot	Section	DP	Owner	Crown Reserve No.	Crown Reserve Purpose	CL Category	Natural Areas Category
Kyrie Park (Milton Street Reserve)	C20	2 Milton Street	Beresfield	379		DP12628	Council			Park	
Kyrie Park (Milton Street Reserve)	C20	2 Milton Street	Beresfield	380		DP12628	Council			Park	
Leo Park	C16	257 Anderson Drive	Beresfield	1	B	DP12628	Council			Park	
Leo Park	C16	257 Anderson Drive	Beresfield	2	B	DP12628	Council			Park	
Leo Park	C16	257 Anderson Drive	Beresfield	3	B	DP12628	Council			Park	
Lindsay Memorial Park	C22	2 Allendale Street	Beresfield	90		DP29481	Council			GCU	
Lindsay Memorial Park	C21	230 Anderson Drive	Beresfield	1601		DP1157426	Council			Sportsground	
Lindsay Memorial Park	C21	230 Anderson Drive	Beresfield	1602		DP1157426	Council			Sportsground	
Lindsay Memorial Park	C21	230 Anderson Drive	Beresfield	1602		DP1157426	Council			GCU	
Lindsay Memorial Park	C21	230 Anderson Drive	Beresfield	205		DP500525	Council			Sportsground	
Lions Park Beresfield	C17	4 Beresford Avenue	Beresfield	250	B	DP12628	Council			Park	
Pasadena Crescent Park	C19	95 Pasadena Crescent	Beresfield	12		DP553141	Council			Sportsground	
Pasadena Crescent Park	C19	95 Pasadena Crescent	Beresfield	13		DP553141	Council			Sportsground	
Vera Wilson Park	C18	39 Beresford Avenue	Beresfield	1283		DP833970	Council			Park/ GCU	
Birmingham Lookout	C24	34 Moore Street	Birmingham Gardens	1		DP1125901	Council			Park	
Harold Myers Park	C23	93 Sandgate Road	Birmingham Gardens	814		DP12691	Council			Sportsground	
Arthur Park	C25	93A Brunner Road	Broadmeadow	1807		DP755247	Council			Park	
Coorumbung Road Reserve	C27	43A Lambton Road	Broadmeadow	1		DP1150591	Council			Park	
Coorumbung Road Reserve	C27	43A Lambton Road	Broadmeadow	1		DP171829	Council			Park	
Coorumbung Road Reserve	C27	43A Lambton Road	Broadmeadow	2		DP171829	Council			Park	
District Park	CR7	50 Denney Street	Broadmeadow	3286		DP1049501	Crown	68749	Public Recreation	Sportsground	

Reserve/Park Name	Class. No	Address	Suburb	Lot	Section	DP	Owner	Crown Reserve No.	Crown Reserve Purpose	CL Category	Natural Areas Category
District Park	CR7	50 Denney Street	Broadmeadow	7026		DP1065197	Crown	68749	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
District Park	CR7	50 Denney Street	Broadmeadow	7024		DP1070096	Crown	68749	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
District Park	CR7	50 Denney Street	Broadmeadow	7318		DP1147086	Crown	68749	Public Recreation	Sportsground/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Gosford Road Reserve	C26	61 Gosford Road	Broadmeadow	1806		DP755247	Council			GCU	
Helicopter Site	CR61	10 Bavin Road	Broadmeadow	2692		DP755247	Crown	170178	Community Purposes	GCU	
Helicopter Site *	CR61	10 Bavin Road	Broadmeadow	3285		DP1049501	Crown	170178	Community Purposes	GCU	
Helicopter Site *	CR61	10 Bavin Road	Broadmeadow	1		DP1151421	Crown	170178	Community Purposes	GCU	
Rotary Park	C28	9A Belford Street	Broadmeadow	17		DP95326	Council			Park	
University Drive Reserve North	C30	12 University Drive	Callaghan	35		DP216171	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Carrington Community Centre	CR59	1A Hargrave Street	Carrington	1	51	DP755247	Crown	97363	Community Centre	GCU	
Carrington Foreshore	C344	6 Elizabeth Street	Carrington	101		DP1072442	Council			Park	
Carrington Foreshore	C344	6 Elizabeth Street	Carrington	100		DP884270	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Coe Park	C31	84 Denison Street	Carrington	8	23	DP758233	Council			Park	
Coe Park	C31	84 Denison Street	Carrington	11	23	DP758233	Council			Park	
Connolly Park	C32	1B Cowper Street Nth	Carrington	1		DP1155432	Council			Sportsground	
Connolly Park	C32	1B Cowper Street Nth	Carrington	1		DP317644	Council			Sportsground	
Connolly Park	C32	1B Cowper Street Nth	Carrington	2		DP317644	Council			Sportsground	
Cowper Street Reserve	C137	16A Cowper Street Nth	Carrington	1		DP1150772	Council			GCU	
Grahame Park	C34	37A Robertson Street	Carrington	9	43	DP758233	Council			Park	
Grahame Park	C34	37A Robertson Street	Carrington	10	43	DP758233	Council			Park	

Reserve/Park Name	Class. No	Address	Suburb	Lot	Section	DP	Owner	Crown Reserve No.	Crown Reserve Purpose	CL Category	Natural Areas Category
Hollingsford Reserve	C316	16A Hollingsford Crescent	Carrington	31		DP858125	Council			Park	
Jubilee Park	C33	23 Victoria Street	Carrington	1		DP65272	Council			Park	
Pat Jordan Oval	CR9	1 Cowper Street Nth	Carrington	55		DP1127940	Crown	85125	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Parker Street Reserve	CR10	7 Parker Street	Carrington	3251		DP821174	Crown	170140	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Young Street Reserve	CR1549	1A Young Street	Carrington	2	51	DP758233	Crown	570080	Public Recreation	Park	
Bruce Street Plantation Reserve	C301	148 Bruce Street	Cooks Hill	151		DP150423	Council			GCU	
Corlette Street Reserve	C300	90A Corlette Street	Cooks Hill	1		DP1139365	Council			Park	
Aries Way Reserve	C36	40A Aries Way	Elmore Vale	3		DP594908	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Aries Way Reserve	C36	40A Aries Way	Elmore Vale	89		DP258370	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Cambridge Drive Reserve	C37	3 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	64		DP713019	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Cambridge Drive Reserve	C37	3 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	65		DP713019	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Cambridge Drive Reserve	C37	3 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	343		DP786552	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Cambridge Drive Reserve	C37	3 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	252		DP739442	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Cambridge Drive Reserve	C37	Sygna Close	Elmore Vale	344		DP786552	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Cambridge Drive Reserve	C37	Sygna Close	Elmore Vale	345		DP786552	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Cambronne Parade Reserve	C38	30 Cambronne Parade	Elmore Vale	324		DP248204	Council			Park	
Cambronne Parade Reserve	C38	30 Cambronne Parade	Elmore Vale	415		DP258508	Council			Park	

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Ceres Close Reserve	C39	6A Ceres Close	Elmore Vale	253		DP739442	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Ceres Close Reserve	C39	6A Ceres Close	Elmore Vale	63		DP713019	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Ceres Close Reserve	C39	3/6A Ceres Close	Elmore Vale	428		DP789096	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Croudace Road Reserve	C40	73 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	40		DP8479	Council			GCU	Watercourse
Croudace Road Reserve	C41	60 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	1		DP544882	Council			GCU/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Croudace Road Reserve	C41	62 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	2		DP544882	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse
Croudace Road Reserve	C41	64A Croudace Road	Elmore Vale			AST: 243296	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse
Croudace Road Reserve	C41	64 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	3		DP544882	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse
Croudace Road Reserve	C41	66 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	B		DP397172	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse
Croudace Road Reserve	C41	64A Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	43		DP243296	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse
Dangerfield Drive	C42	79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	345		DP786552	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Dangerfield Drive	C42	79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	3032		DP833672	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Dangerfield Drive	C42	79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	4062		DP837912	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Dangerfield Drive	C42	79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	6020		DP837912	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Dangerfield Drive	C42	79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	1037		DP835247	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Dangerfield Drive	C42	79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	8007		DP826535	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Dangerfield Drive	C42	79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	8008		DP839205	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Dangerfield Drive	C50	79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	109		DP789693	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Dangerfield Drive	C57	79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	325		DP248204	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Dangerfield Drive		79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	377		DP258508	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Dangerfield Drive	C61	79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	429		DP789096	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Dangerfield Drive	C260	79 Dangerfield Drive	Elmore Vale	131		DP239822	Council			Natural Area	Bushland

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Dianne Street Reserve	C43	14 Dianne Street	Elmore Vale	85		DP800322	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Drainage Reserve	C367	2A Robinia Close	Elmore Vale	127		DP1060444	Council			GCU- drainage Reserve/park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Drainage Reserve	C368	3A Robinia Close	Elmore Vale	126		DP1060444	Council			GCU- drainage Reserve/park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Elmore Vale Park	C45	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	2		DP1200598	Council			Sportsground/ GCU/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Elmore Vale Park	C45	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	64		DP523381	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Elmore Vale Park	C45	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	5		DP561875	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Elmore Vale Park	C45	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	5		DP837329	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse
Elmore Vale Park	C45	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	3		DP546740	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Elmore Vale Park	C44	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	13		DP222966	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Elmore Vale Park	C44	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	11		DP242609	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Elmore Vale Park	C44	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	38		DP245011	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Elmore Vale Park	C44	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	A		DP327185	Council			Sportsground	
Elmore Vale Park	C45	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	2		DP546740	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Elmore Vale Park	C45	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	272		DP554412	Council			Sportsground/ Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Elmore Vale Park	C45	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	1		DP656788	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Watercourse

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Elmore Vale Park	C45	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	480		DP713791	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Jenny Close Reserve	C46	8 Jenny Close	Elmore Vale	25		DP801564	Council			Park	
Jenny Close Reserve	C46	8 Jenny Close	Elmore Vale	1		DP844719	Council			Park	
Justin Parade Reserve	C47	19 Justin Parade	Elmore Vale	24		DP739662	Council			Park	
Kerry Avenue Reserve	C48	39A Kerry Avenue	Elmore Vale	25		DP260024	Council			GCU	
Max Street Reserve	C49	25 Max Street	Elmore Vale	40		DP242562	Council			Park	
Reserve off Cardiff Road	C51	132B Cardiff Road	Elmore Vale	43		DP711005	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Reserve off Cardiff Road	C51	132B Cardiff Road	Elmore Vale	12		DP632927	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Reserve off Jarvis Close	C52	16 Jarvis Close	Elmore Vale	136		DP554458	Council			GCU/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Rialto Close Reserve	C57	Rialto Close	Elmore Vale	325		DP248204	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Rialto Close Reserve	C57	Rialto Close	Elmore Vale	377		DP258508	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
South Wallsend Park	C1619	122 Cardiff Road	Elmore Vale	2		DP1197128	Council			GCU/ natural area	Bushland
South Wallsend Park	C53	122 Cardiff Road	Elmore Vale	2		DP1197128	Council			GCU	
South Wallsend Park	C53	122 Cardiff Road	Elmore Vale	21A		DP17677	Council			Park	
South Wallsend Park	C303	124A Cardiff Road	Elmore Vale	22		DP235930	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
South Wallsend Park	C304	64A Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	420		DP1065260	Council			GCU/ natural area	Watercourse
Stewart Park	C54	36 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	11		DP23203	Council			Park	
Taurus Street Reserve	C55	9 Taurus Street	Elmore Vale	297		DP258620	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Taurus Street Reserve	C55	9 Taurus Street	Elmore Vale	8713		DP617910	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Willow Close Reserve	C56	16 Willow Close	Elmore Vale	15		DP258936	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Willow Close Reserve	C56	16 Willow Close	Elmore Vale	2		DP1045339	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse

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Willow Close Reserve	C56	16 Willow Close	Elmore Vale	6		DP842408	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Willow Close Reserve	C56	16 Willow Close	Elmore Vale	41		DP711005	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Bellbird Close Reserve	C369	17 Bellbird Close	Fletcher	79		DP1062021	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Wetland/ Watercourse
Bellbird Close Reserve	C369	17 Bellbird Close	Fletcher	28		DP1062020	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Wetland
Churnwood Drive Reserve	C1707	59 Churnwood Drive	Fletcher	1023		DP1226400	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Coolabah Close Reserve	C1563	9A Coolabah Close	Fletcher	423		DP1176665	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Discovery Drive Reserve	C360	21 Hebrides Road	Fletcher	2415		DP1008132	Council			GCU	
Discovery Drive Reserve	C1602	73 Discovery Drive	Fletcher	260		DP270578	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Discovery Drive Reserve	C382	51 Kingfisher Drive	Fletcher	118		DP270578	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Discovery Drive Reserve	C1701	111 Awabakal Drive	Fletcher	1257		DP1211278	Council			Park	
Discovery Drive Reserve	C1609	18 Adeline Crescent	Fletcher	843		DP1192169	Council			GCU	
Discovery Drive Reserve	C1612	55 Kurraka Drive	Fletcher	224		DP1170959	Council			GCU	
Discovery Drive Reserve	C1701	77 Bulbul Crescent	Fletcher	1258		DP1211278	Council			Park	
Featherwood Way Reserve	C362	10 Featherwood Way	Fletcher	525		DP1046285	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Featherwood Way Reserve	C362	10 Featherwood Way	Fletcher	629		DP1097732	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Featherwood Way Reserve	C362	10 Featherwood Way	Fletcher	1009		DP1043290	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Wetland
Kauma Park	C1713	29 Threlkeld Crescent	Fletcher	1536		DP1225352	Council			Park	
Kauma Park	C1709	15 Threlkeld Crescent	Fletcher	1535		DP1225352	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Kauma Park	C1710	41 Threlkeld Crescent	Fletcher	1537		DP1225352	Council			Natural Area	Wetland

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Kurraka Reserve	C1573	45 Kurraka Drive	Fletcher	223		DP1170959	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Wetland
Oak Close Reserve	C319	13 Oak Close	Fletcher	132		DP858388	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Oak Close Reserve	C319	2 Poplar Close	Fletcher	377		DP868047	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Public Reserve	C1595	50 Kural Crescent	Fletcher	324		DP1175558	Council			Park	
Public Reserve	C1595	14 Kural Crescent	Fletcher	438		DP1178187	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Public Reserve	C1717	6 Kurrabung Drive	Fletcher	103		DP1229878	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Wetland/ Watercourse
Public Reserve	C1611	7C Hideaway Circuit	Fletcher	285		DP270578	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Public Reserve	C1708	25 Awabakal Drive & 288 Minmi Road	Fletcher	844		DP1192169	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Wetland
Public Reserve	C1702	11 Bulbul Crescent	Fletcher	1139		DP1206083	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Public Reserve	C1703	37 Bubul Crescent	Fletcher	1336		DP1214393	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Public Reserve	C1626	6a Katal Street	Fletcher	1059		DP1199833	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Public Reserve	C1714	30 Tulkaba Street	Fletcher	1645		DP1226077	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Public Reserve	C1715	20 Tulkaba Street	Fletcher	1727		DP1226075	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Public Reserve	C1711	40 Tulkaba Street	Fletcher	1538		DP1225352	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Public Reserve	C1597	18 Kekul Street	Fletcher	439		DP1178187	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Public Reserve	C1725	100 Waterside Drive	Fletcher	291		DP270578	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Public Reserve	C165	100 Cottonwood Chase	Fletcher	903		DP1022872	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Wetland
Tartan Place Reserve	C359	12 Tartan Place	Fletcher	241		DP1041266	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Tartan Place Reserve	C359	13A Plattsburg Parade	Fletcher	341		DP1123519	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Tartan Place Reserve	C378	2 Kingfisher Drive	Fletcher	80		DP270578	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse

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Tartan Place Reserve	C378	25A Jetty Parade	Fletcher	147		DP270578	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Tartan Place Reserve	C378	25A Jetty Parade	Fletcher	190		DP270578	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Tartan Place Reserve	C378	1 Kingfisher Drive	Fletcher	39		DP270578	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Tartan Place Reserve	C378	2 Kingfisher Drive	Fletcher	116		DP270578	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Teak Close Reserve	C1507	3 Teak Close	Fletcher	1104		DP1170247	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Yutilliko Park	C1608	25 Konara Crescent	Fletcher	174		DP1113792	Council			Park	
Donald Street Reserve	C62	30 Donald Street	Hamilton	4		DP258906	Council			Park	
Donald Street Reserve	C62	30 Donald Street	Hamilton	223		DP711826	Council			Park	
Donald Street Reserve	C62	30a Donald Street	Hamilton	3		DP258906	Council			GCU	
Donald Street Reserve	C62	7A Donald Street	Hamilton	1		DP258050	Council			GCU	
Railway Reserve	C63	6 Donald Street	Hamilton	1		DP1187903	Council			GCU/Park	
Railway Reserve	C63	6 Donald Street	Hamilton	1		DP1187903	Council			GCU	
Railway Reserve	C63	6 Donald Street	Hamilton	9		DP258906	Council			Park	
Railway Reserve	C63	6 Donald Street	Hamilton	10		DP258906	Council			Park	
Corona Place Reserve	C65	33A Hebburn Street	Hamilton East	66		DP37253	Council			GCU	
Richardson Park	C66	16 Chatham Road	Hamilton North	1836		DP1086890	Council			Sportsground/ Park	
Smith Park	C67	31 Boreas Road	Hamilton North	2508		DP1086873	Council			Sportsground/ Park	
Smith Park	C67	33 Boreas Road	Hamilton North	2523		DP755247	Council			GCU	
Smith Park	C67	33 Boreas Road	Hamilton North	2624		DP755247	Council			GCU	
Darling Street Oval	C68	73 Darling Street	Hamilton South	11		DP559759	Council			Sportsground	
Darling Street Oval	C68	73 Darling Street	Hamilton South	12		DP559759	Council			Sportsground	
Darling Street Reserve	C69	36 Darling Street	Hamilton South	55		DP20093	Council			GCU	

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Henry Park	C71	275 Beaumont Street	Hamilton South	124		DP37402	Council			Park/ GCU	
Learmonth Park	C72	80A Gordon Avenue	Hamilton South	211		DP1168568	Council			Sportsground	
Plantation Park	C73	202C Lawson Street	Hamilton South	10		DP1168400	Council			GCU	
Turnbull Street Reserve	C74	109A Gordon Avenue	Hamilton South	9		DP150352	Council			GCU	
Hexham Park	C75	294 Maitland Road	Hexham	291		DP1034841	Council			Sportsground	
Old Maitland Road Reserve	C76	18 Old Maitland Road	Hexham	8		DP38596	Council			GCU	
Open Space	C78	53A Maitland Road	Hexham	2		DP213973	Council			GCU	
Islington Park	C313	151A Maitland Road	Islington	1		DP337010	Council			Park	
Islington Park	C313	151A Maitland Road	Islington	A		DP37022	Council			Park	
Islington Park	C313	151A Maitland Road	Islington	B		DP37022	Council			Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Islington Park *	CR11	151A Maitland Road	Islington	3182		DP257283	Crown	570020	Public Recreation	Park	
Islington Park	CR11	151A Maitland Road	Islington	7067		DP1077048	Crown	570020	Public Recreation	Park	
Islington Park	CR11	151A Maitland Road	Islington	7068		DP1077048	Crown	570020	Public Recreation	Park	
Islington Park	CR11	151A Maitland Road	Islington	7304		DP1144460	Crown	570020	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Islington Park	CR11	151A Maitland Road	Islington	7305		DP1144460	Crown	570020	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Mary Street Reserve	C351	111 Maitland Road	Islington	1	B	DP2331	Council			Park	
Mary Street Reserve	C351	111 Maitland Road	Islington	32	B	DP2331	Council			Park	
Blue Gum Road Reserve	C363	63 Blue Gum Road	Jesmond	103		DP608413	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Car Parking	C376	180A Newcastle	Jesmond	60		DP1128305	Council			GCU	

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Cycleway (L.v. Includes O 293) - See Also O 293	C86	215 Newcastle Road	Jesmond	1		DP627240	Council			Park	
Heaton Park	C81	48 Mordue Parade	Jesmond	1		DP1082079	Council			GCU	
Heaton Park	C81	48 Mordue Parade	Jesmond	2		DP225805	Council			GCU	
Heaton Park	C81	56 Blue Gum Road	Jesmond	2		DP1082079	Council			GCU/ natural area	Watercourse
Heaton Park	C81	56 Blue Gum Road	Jesmond	2		DP1082079	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Jesmond Park	C82	4 Robinson Avenue	Jesmond	1		DP238564	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Jesmond Park	C82	4 Robinson Avenue	Jesmond	1		DP396221	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Jesmond Park	C82	4 Robinson Avenue	Jesmond	1		DP396221	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Bushland
Jesmond Park	C82	4 Robinson Avenue	Jesmond	1		DP627240	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Maclure Reserve	C83	4 Mayo Street	Jesmond	3		DP1075635	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Maclure Reserve	C83	4 Mayo Street	Jesmond	20		DP230341	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Maclure Reserve	C83	4 Mayo Street	Jesmond	22		DP230341	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Michael Street Reserve	C84	75 Michael Street	Jesmond	51		DP568578	Council			Park	
Open Space	C85	1 Blue Gum Road	Jesmond	6		DP1040350	Council			GCU	
Bromley Park	C87	60A Joslin Street	Kotara	90	B	DP13333	Council			Park	
Bromley Park	C87	60A Joslin Street	Kotara	122		DP21023	Council			GCU	
Cycleway (Fee Simple)	C180	21 Bradford Close	Kotara	182		DP850168	Council			GCU	
Glover Park	C88	217A Park Avenue	Kotara	91	B	DP13333	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Glover Park	C88	217A Park Avenue	Kotara	91	B	DP13333	Council			GCU/ natural area	Bushland
Gregory Parade Reserve	C89	35 Gregory Parade	Kotara	20		DP21402	Council			Park	
Grinsell Street Reserve	C90	102A Grinsell Street	Kotara	103	A	DP13333	Council			GCU	

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Kimbarra Close Reserve	C354	15 Kimbarra Close	Kotara	8		DP234085	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Kotara Park	C91	190 Park Avenue	Kotara	2		DP1046123	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Kotara Park	C91	190 Park Avenue	Kotara	PT92	B	DP13333	Council			Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Kotara Park	C91	2 Howell Street	Kotara	1		DP1046123	Council			GCU/ Natural Area	Bushland
Kullaiba Reserve	C92	153 Park Avenue	Kotara	4		DP223307	Council			GCU/ Natural Area	Bushland
Kullaiba Reserve	C92	153 Park Avenue	Kotara	5		DP223307	Council			GCU	
Kullaiba Reserve	C92	153 Park Avenue	Kotara	41		DP240273	Council			Park	
Kullaiba Reserve	C92	153 Park Avenue	Kotara	132		DP262057	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Kullaiba Reserve	C92	153 Park Avenue	Kotara	133		DP262057	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Kullaiba Reserve	C92	153 Park Avenue	Kotara	134		DP262057	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Kullaiba Reserve	C92	153 Park Avenue	Kotara	135		DP262057	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Lugar Street Reserve	C93	35 Moruya Parade	Kotara	2		DP225992	Council			Sportsground	
Marshall Street Reserve	C94	6 Peatties Road	Kotara	1		DP330006	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Marshall Street Reserve	C94	6 Peatties Road	Kotara	1		DP312513	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse/ Escarpment
Marshall Street Reserve	C94	6 Peatties Road	Kotara	30		DP734569	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Escarpment
Marshall Street Reserve	C94	6 Peatties Road	Kotara	31-33		DP734569	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Nereida Close	C95	21 Johnson Street	Kotara	14		DP210082	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Nereida Close	C95	Nereida Close	Kotara	62		DP526774	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Nesbitt Park	C96	1 Casey Avenue	Kotara	1		DP412974	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Rodway Parade Reserve	C98	48 Rodway Parade	Kotara	103		DP29153	Council			Natural Area	Bushland

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Rodway Parade Reserve	C98	48 Rodway Parade	Kotara	141		DP30720	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Springfield Avenue Reserve	C99	95 Springfield Avenue	Kotara	71		DP28893	Council			GCU	
Springfield Avenue Reserve	C99	95 Springfield Avenue	Kotara	68A		DP28893	Council			GCU	
Vista Parade Reserve	C100	30A Vista Parade	Kotara	1000		DP598240	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Armstrong Park	C101	46 Armstrong Street	Lambton	203		DP36398	Council			Park	
Cycleway	C350	28 Croudace Street	Lambton	61		DP618857	Council			GCU	
Cycleway (L.v. Includes O 293) - See Also O 293	C86	221 Newcastle Road	Lambton	1		DP627240	Council			Park	
Drainage Reserve	CR20	9a Collaroy Road	Lambton	321		DP755247	Crown			GCU- Drainage Reserve	
Jesmond Bushland	C103	221 Newcastle Road	Lambton	1		DP774078	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Wetland/ Watercourse
Jesmond Park	C82	221 Newcastle Road	Lambton	1		DP627240	Council			Park	
Johnson Park	C104	10 Bindera Road	Lambton	2284		DP1152652	Council			Sportsground	
Johnson Park	C104	10 Bindera Road	Lambton	2285		DP1152652	Council			Sportsground	
Johnson Park	C104	10 Bindera Road	Lambton	2282		DP755247	Council			Sportsground	
Johnson Park	C104	10 Bindera Road	Lambton	2283		DP755247	Council			Sportsground	
Kilpanie Road Reserve	C333	15A Kilpanie Road	Lambton	1060		DP836214	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Watercourse
Lambton Park	CR13	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7050		DP1115474	Crown	570039	Public Recreation	Park	
Lambton Park	CR13	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7051		DP1115474	Crown	570039	Public Recreation	Park	
Lambton Park	CR13	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7052		DP1120463	Crown	570039	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Lambton Park	CR13	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7077		DP1120464	Crown	570039	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse

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Lambton Park	CR13	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7049		DP1122321	Crown	570039	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Lambton Park	CR13	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7075		DP1122324	Crown	570039	Public Recreation	Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Lambton Park	CR13	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7076		DP1122324	Crown	570039	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Lambton Park	CR13	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7079		DP1123383	Crown	570039	Public Recreation	Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Lambton Park	CR13	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7053		DP1109607	Crown	570039	Public Recreation	Park	
Lambton Park	-	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7077		DP1120463	Crown	570039	Public Recreation	Park/ GCU	
Lewis Oval	C173	27 Grainger Street	Lambton	179		DP205742	Council			Sportsground	
Lewis Oval	C173	27 Grainger Street	Lambton	180		DP205742	Council			Sportsground	
Lewis Oval	C173	27 Grainger Street	Lambton	181		DP205742	Council			Sportsground	
Lewis Oval	C173	27 Grainger Street	Lambton	182		DP205742	Council			Sportsground	
Lewis Oval	C173	27 Grainger Street	Lambton	183		DP205742	Council			Sportsground	
Lewis Oval	C173	27 Grainger Street	Lambton	184		DP205742	Council			Sportsground	
Lewis Oval	C173	27 Grainger Street	Lambton	273		DP235002	Council			Sportsground	
Pride Avenue Reserve	C332	50 Pride Avenue	Lambton	1059		DP836214	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Pride Avenue Reserve	C332	50 Pride Avenue	Lambton	373		DP872339	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Pride Avenue Reserve	C332	50 Pride Avenue	Lambton	238		DP880801	Council			Park	
Pride Avenue Reserve	C332	50 Pride Avenue	Lambton	239		DP880801	Council			Park	
Public Reserve	C107	2 Streeton Place	Lambton	6		DP840351	Council			Park	
Robinson Avenue Reserve	C318	40 Robinson Avenue	Lambton	87		DP845224	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Rudd Park	C106	27A Armstrong Street	Lambton	3		DP238564	Council			GCU	
Rudd Park	C106	27A Armstrong Street	Lambton	4		DP238564	Council			GCU	
Rudd Park	C106	27A Armstrong Street	Lambton	5		DP238564	Council			GCU/ Natural Area	Escarpment

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Rudd Park	C106	27A Armstrong Street	Lambton	206		DP36398	Council			Park	
Rudd Park	C106	27A Armstrong Street	Lambton	122		DP801608	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Angala Close Reserve	C108	9 Angala Close	Maryland	3030		DP811356	Council			Park	
Balarang Street Reserve	C326	51 Balarang Street	Maryland	12		DP730116	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Wetland
Balarang Street Reserve	C326	51 Balarang Street	Maryland	101		DP832197	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Wetland
Balarang Street Reserve	C326	51 Balarang Street	Maryland	1109		DP850381	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Wetland
Beauford Avenue Reserve	C110	38 Beauford Avenue	Maryland	215		DP258190	Council			Park	
Beauford Avenue Reserve	C109	38 Beauford Avenue	Maryland	9		DP260804	Council			Park	
Beauford Avenue Reserve	C110	38 Beauford Avenue	Maryland	232		DP602843	Council			Park	
Bernborough Avenue Park	C111	14 Bernborough Avenue	Maryland	105		DP253833	Council			Park	
Berwick Crescent Reserve	C112	40A Berwick Crescent	Maryland	191		DP260715	Council			Park	
Berwick Crescent Reserve	C112	40A Berwick Crescent	Maryland	386		DP263933	Council			Park	
Bill Elliott Oval	C113	115 Maryland Drive	Maryland	42		DP634909	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Wetland
Bill Elliott Oval	C113	115 Maryland Drive	Maryland	33		DP1035950	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Wetland
Bindowan Crescent Reserve	C114	1/15 Bindowan Crescent	Maryland	2		DP847632	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Bindowan Crescent Reserve	C114	2/15 Bindowan Crescent	Maryland	1093		DP713055	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Bindowan Crescent Reserve	C114	3/15 Bindowan Crescent	Maryland	2098		DP707597	Council			Natural Area	Bushland

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Delray Court Reserve	C116	8 Delray Court	Maryland	8		DP805266	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Wetland
Fletcher Park	C115	8 Creek Road	Maryland	124		DP1155435	Council			Sportsground/ GCU	
Glendore Child Care Centre	C346	6 Glendore Parade	Maryland	1		DP1011899	Council			GCU	
Glendore Parade Reserve	C327	242 Minmi Road	Maryland	11		DP1041687	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Glendore Parade Reserve	C327	242 Minmi Road	Maryland	111		DP1206473	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Grange Avenue Reserve	C117	8 Grange Avenue	Maryland	134		DP253956	Council			Sportsground	
Grange Avenue Reserve	C117	8 Grange Avenue	Maryland	513		DP717019	Council			Sportsground	
Gunsynd Close Reserve	C118	29B Gunsynd Close	Maryland	39		DP259329	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Wetland
Jacana Way Reserve	C329	1/23 Jacana Way	Maryland	220		DP1055366	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Jirra Way Reserve	C312	19 Jirra Way	Maryland	2117		DP807968	Council			Park	
Lillypilly Drive Reserve	C348	330 Maryland Drive	Maryland	1415		DP1018235	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Wetland
Maryland Drive Reserve	C119	58 Minmi Road	Maryland	68		DP251420	Council			GCU	
Maryland Drive Reserve	C119	58 Minmi Road	Maryland	2		DP574320	Council			GCU	
Maryland Drive Reserve	C119	58 Minmi Road	Maryland	692		DP1108322	Council			Park	
Maryland Drive Reserve	C119	58 Minmi Road	Maryland	41		DP252642	Council			Park	
Mcnaughton Avenue Reserve	C120	38 Beauford Avenue	Maryland	2311		DP700069	Council			Park	
Naranghi Circuit Reserve (Part)	C324	14A Naranghi Circuit	Maryland	9080		DP835514	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Public Reserve	C278	201 Gundaroo Circuit	Maryland	1110		DP850381	Council			Park	
Public Reserve	C325	4/51 Balarang Street	Maryland	5		DP863117	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Public Reserve	C357	288 Maryland Drive	Maryland	1528		DP1037425	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland

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Public Reserve	C357	288 Maryland Drive	Maryland	1131		DP1045762	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Public Reserve	C1712	29c Gunsynd Close	Maryland	7		DP1192782	Council			Park	
Rosamond Street Reserve	C302	66A Rosamond Street	Maryland	135		DP841044	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Rosamond Street Reserve	C302	66A Rosamond Street	Maryland	918		DP1027165				Natural Area	Bushland
Rosamond Street Reserve	C302	66A Rosamond Street	Maryland	731		DP881252				Natural Area	Bushland
Shortland Close Reserve	C121	14 Shortland Close	Maryland	21		DP255643	Council			Sportsground	
Tumpoaba Reserve	C328	79 Callan Avenue	Maryland	52		DP1181868	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Wetland
Tumpoaba Reserve	C323	28A Naranghi Circuit	Maryland	9079		DP835514	Council			Park	
Underbank Close Reserve	C122	9 Underbank Close	Maryland	136		DP841044				Natural Area	Bushland
Underbank Close Reserve	C122	9 Underbank Close	Maryland	555		DP853148				Natural Area	Bushland
Vacant Land For Community Facility	C335	2 Glendore Parade	Maryland	1101		DP869985	Council			Park	
Whistler Parade Reserve	C365	55A Whistler Parade	Maryland	516		DP1061513	Council			Park	
Hannell Street Reserve	C345	259 Hannell Street	Maryville	40		DP1001171	Council			Natural Area	Foreshore
Hannell Street Reserve	C345	259 Hannell Street	Maryville	10		DP1028578	Council			Park	
Hogue Park	C123	6 Hogue Street	Maryville	8	G	DP1295	Council			Park	
Hogue Park	C123	6 Hogue Street	Maryville	9	G	DP1295	Council			Park	
Hogue Park	C123	6 Hogue Street	Maryville	22	G	DP1295	Council			Park	
Hogue Park	C123	6 Hogue Street	Maryville	23	G	DP1295	Council			Park	
Hogue Park	C123	6 Hogue Street	Maryville	24	G	DP1295	Council			Park	
Hunter Water Corporation	C384	20 Ohara Street	Maryville	1		DP1150529	Council			Natural Area	Foreshore
Open Space	C383	84 Harrison Street	Maryville	2		DP1150476	Council			GCU	

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Alexandra Park	C124	3A Newcastle Street	Mayfield	1310		DP1134057	Council			Park	
Avon Street Drainage Reserve	C322	28 Avon Street	Mayfield	1		DP37376	Council			GCU	
Avon Street Reserve	C125	3B Avon Street	Mayfield	59	B	DP16844	Council			Park	
Bull & Tourle Sts Reserve	C126	93 Bull Street	Mayfield	7		DP108250	Council			Park	
Corona Street Park	C127	2B Corona Street	Mayfield	4		DP534318	Council			GCU	
Cowie And Usk Street Reserve	C128	6 Cowie Street	Mayfield	9	A	DP16844	Council			Park	
Cowie And Usk Street Reserve	C128	6 Cowie Street	Mayfield	10	A	DP16844	Council			Park	
Cowie And Usk Street Reserve	C128	6 Cowie Street	Mayfield	11	A	DP16844	Council			Park	
Cowie And Usk Street Reserve	C128	6 Cowie Street	Mayfield	13	A	DP16844	Council			Park	
Cowie And Usk Street Reserve	C128	6 Cowie Street	Mayfield	15	A	DP16844	Council			Park	
Cowie And Usk Street Reserve	C128	6 Cowie Street	Mayfield	17	A	DP16844	Council			Park	
Dangar Park	CR15	21A Maitland Road	Mayfield	1		DP1162089	Crown	570093	Public Recreation	Park/ GCU	
Drainage Reserve	C371	31 Simpson Court	Mayfield	16		DP840466	Council			GCU	
Litchfield Park	C129	27 Myola Street	Mayfield	C		DP151839	Council			Sportsground	
Litchfield Park	C129	27 Myola Street	Mayfield	22		DP95384	Council			Sportsground	
Litchfield Park	C129	27 Myola Street	Mayfield	28		DP95384	Council			Sportsground	
Mayfield Park	C130	136A Crebert Street	Mayfield	117		DP1152648	Council			Sportsground	
Monastery Park	C131	15 Liguori Court	Mayfield	21		DP235405	Council			Park	
Nile Street Reserve	CR16	21a Nile Street	Mayfield	7064		DP93979	Crown	570094	Public Recreation	Park	
Nile Street Reserve	CR16	21a Nile Street	Mayfield	1		DP518208	Crown	570094	Public Recreation	Park	

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Purdue Park	C133	50 Scholey Street	Mayfield	A		DP369189	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Purdue Park	C133	50 Scholey Street	Mayfield	2		DP663788	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Silsoe Street Reserve	C134	58 Silsoe Street	Mayfield	472		DP95385	Council			Park	
Webb Park	C135	86A Hanbury Street	Mayfield	1		DP185977	Council			Park	
Webb Park	C135	86A Hanbury Street	Mayfield	2		DP185977	Council			Park	
Webb Park	C135	86A Hanbury Street	Mayfield	3		DP185977	Council			Park	
Winn Park	C136	23 Victoria Street	Mayfield	4		DP1099089	Council			GCU	
Ingall Park	C138	7 Butler Street	Mayfield East	10		DP203341	Council			Park	
Gregson Avenue Reserve	C139	34A Gregson Avenue	Mayfield West	40		DP96010	Council			Park	
Stevenson Park	C140	559 Maitland Road	Mayfield West	2		DP221557	Council			Sportsground	
Stevenson Park	C140	559 Maitland Road	Mayfield West	3		DP221557	Council			GCU/Park	
Stevenson Park	C140	559 Maitland Road	Mayfield West	175		DP552911	Council			Sportsground	
Terry Park	C141	341 Maitland Road	Mayfield West	6		DP115443	Council			GCU	
Terry Park	C141	341 Maitland Road	Mayfield West	7		DP115443	Council			GCU	
Terry Park	C141	341 Maitland Road	Mayfield West	8		DP115443	Council			GCU	
Terry Park	C141	341 Maitland Road	Mayfield West	9		DP115443	Council			GCU	
Campbell Park	C142	23 Caldwell Street	Merewether	2		DP1103114	Council			GCU	
Campbell Park	C142	25 Caldwell Street	Merewether	1		DP1103114	Council			Park/ GCU	
Charlotte Street Reserve	C143	Charlotte Street	Merewether	136		DP231107	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Escarpment
Dixon Park	C144	15 Ocean Street	Merewether	3		DP227107	Council			Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Dixon Park	C144	15 Ocean Street	Merewether	26		DP1140755	Council			Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Escarpment/ Foreshore
Gibbs Brothers Park	C145	67 Rowan Crescent	Merewether	50		DP238487	Council			Sportsground	
Golf Course Reserve	C146	102A Henry Street	Merewether	1		DP555163	Council			Park/ GCU	
Henderson Park	C147	42 Lockyer Street	Merewether	1		DP1132741	Council			Park/ GCU	

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Henry Street Reserve	C148	132 Henry Street	Merewether	11		DP237615	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Jefferson Park	C157	80 Watkins Street	Merewether	268		DP1102663	Council			GCU/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Jefferson Park	C157	80 Watkins Street	Merewether	2		DP1118903	Council			GCU/ Natural Area	Escarpment/ Foreshore
Jefferson Park	C157	80 Watkins Street	Merewether	3		DP1118903	Council			Park	
Jefferson Park	CR18	80 Watkins Street	Merewether	10		DP1129519	Crown	56681	Public Recreation	GCU/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Jefferson Park	CR18	80 Watkins Street	Merewether	12		DP1129519	Crown	56681	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Foreshore
Jefferson Park *	CR18	80 Watkins Street	Merewether	100		DP1130581	Crown	56681	Public Recreation	GCU	
Jefferson Park	CR18	80 Watkins Street	Merewether	101		DP1130581	Crown	56681	Public Recreation	Park	
Lloyd Street Reserve	C150	66 Hickson Street	Merewether	21		DP774338	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Escarpment
Merewether Beach	CR1543	3A Ocean Street	Merewether	Pt Lot 7021		DP1128695	Crown	570089	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Escarpment
Merewether Beach	CR1543	3A Ocean Street	Merewether	7021		DP1128695	Crown	570089	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Foreshore
Mitchell Park	CR17	24 Mitchell Street	Merewether	7022		DP914672	Crown	1000348	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Mitchell Park	CR17	24 Mitchell Street	Merewether	7023		DP914673	Crown	570091	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Morgan Street Reserve	C151	107 Morgan Street	Merewether	96		DP39230	Council			Park	
Myamblah Crescent Reserve	C153	21 Myamblah Crescent	Merewether	124		DP229530	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Bushland
Robinson Place Reserve	C152	174A Glebe Road	Merewether	107		DP95313	Council			GCU	
Robinson Reserve	C149	41 Lloyd Street	Merewether	2		DP514500	Council			Natural Area	Escarpment
Robinson Reserve	C149	41 Lloyd Street	Merewether	3		DP153433	Council			Natural Area	Escarpment
Scenic Drive Park	C154	15 Scenic Drive	Merewether	33		DP38649	Council			Natural Area	Bushland

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West Park Reserve	C155	171A City Road	Merewether	1		DP153975	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
West Park Reserve	C155	171A City Road	Merewether	3		DP234816	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Woodward Street Reserve	C156	29 Woodward Street	Merewether	95		DP39230	Council			Park	
Bell Street Reserve	C161	24 Bell Street	Minmi	145		DP840897	Council			Park	
Minmi Reserve	C160	31 Mcinnes Street	Minmi	20	C	DP30399	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Minmi Sportsground	C159	96 Woodford Street	Minmi	1		DP157344	Council			GCU	
Minmi Sportsground	C159	96 Woodford Street	Minmi	1		DP157344	Council			Sportsground	
Minmi Sportsground	C159	96 Woodford Street	Minmi	2		DP157344	Council			Sportsground	
Minmi Sportsground	C159	96 Woodford Street	Minmi	71		DP734434	Council			Sportsground	
Minmi Sportsground	C159	96 Woodford Street	Minmi	722		DP776831	Council			Sportsground	
Alder Park	C162	128 Bridges Road	New Lambton	1		DP1006509	Council			Sportsground	
Alder Park	C162	128 Bridges Road	New Lambton	10		DP1065641	Council			GCU	
Alder Park	C162	128 Bridges Road	New Lambton	11		DP1065641	Council			Sportsground	
Alder Park	C162	128 Bridges Road	New Lambton	C		DP344171	Council			Park	
Aldyth Street East Side Park	C163	70 Aldyth Street	New Lambton	97		DP19869	Council			Park	
Aldyth Street West Side Park	C164	81A Aldyth Street	New Lambton	96		DP19869	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Coronation Park	C168	22 Fay Avenue	New Lambton	48		DP20269	Council			Park	
Drainage Reserve	CR22	59a Westcourt Road	New Lambton	323		DP755247	Council			GCU	
Drainage Reserve & Pathway	C364	52A Addison Road	New Lambton	17		DP15207	Council			GCU	
Drainage Reserve N.c.c.	C80	116A St James Road	New Lambton	1		DP936766	Council			GCU	
Gwydir Park	C169	1A Gwydir Road	New Lambton	1138		DP755247	Council			Park	
Hobart Road Reserve	C170	26A Hobart Road	New Lambton	1		DP1146670	Council			GCU	
Jean Street Park	C171	36 Jean Street	New Lambton	33		DP19501	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Lambton Road Reserve	C172	167A Lambton Road	New Lambton	1		DP14003	Council			GCU	
Lambton Road Reserve	C172	167A Lambton Road	New Lambton	2		DP14003	Council			GCU	

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Lambton Road Reserve	C172	167A Lambton Road	New Lambton	3		DP14003	Council			GCU	
Lambton Road Reserve	C172	167A Lambton Road	New Lambton	6		DP14003	Council			GCU	
Mackie Avenue Reserve	C174	1 Mackie Avenue	New Lambton	321		DP705716	Council			Park	
New Lambton Park, Harker, Kentish & Richard Ford Ovals	C175	41 Wallarah Road	New Lambton	21		DP1224050	Council			Sportsground	
New Lambton Park, Harker, Kentish & Richard Ford Ovals	C175	41 Wallarah Road	New Lambton	3		DP219868	Council			Sportsground	
New Lambton Park, Harker, Kentish & Richard Ford Ovals	C175	41 Wallarah Road	New Lambton	3185		DP40064	Council			Sportsground	
Newcastle City Council	C29	2 Jellicoe Parade	New Lambton	32		DP808253	Council			GCU	
Novocastrian Womens' Sports Centre	C176	22 Orchardtown Road	New Lambton	1		DP311239	Council			GCU	
Novocastrian Womens' Sports Centre	C176	24 Orchardtown Road	New Lambton	3		DP1006387	Council			Sportsground	
Novocastrian Womens' Sports Centre	C176	24 Orchardtown Road	New Lambton	4		DP3365	Council			Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	3	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	4	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	5	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	6	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	7	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	8	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	9	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	

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Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	10	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	18	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	19	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	20	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	21	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	22	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	23	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	24	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Park	C306	8A Regent Street	New Lambton	25	U	DP1949	Crown	570082	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Regent Street Park	C177	149 Regent Street	New Lambton	1289		DP755247	Council			Park	
Rosann Close Reserve	C179	16 Rosann Close	New Lambton	1		DP242636	Council			Park	
St James Road Reserve	C315	23A St James Road	New Lambton	2003		DP622762	Council			GCU	
Tauranga Road Reserve	C181	246 Lambton Road	New Lambton	1		DP1146672	Council			Park	
Wallarah Park	C59	24 Wallarah Road	New Lambton	41		DP1107504	Council			Park	
Wallarah Park	C1706	39B Mackie Avenue	New Lambton	64		DP1178158	Council			GCU	
Wallarah Park	C1706	39C Mackie Avenue	New Lambton	65	2	DP8570	Council			GCU	
Wallarah Park	CR19	24 Wallarah Road	New Lambton	3255		DP821022	Crown	72941	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Wallarah Park	CR19	24 Wallarah Road	New Lambton	2379		DP755247	Crown	72941	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Wallarah Park	CR19	24 Wallarah Road	New Lambton	2380		DP755247	Crown	72941	Public Recreation	Sportsground	

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Wallarah Park	CR19	24 Wallarah Road	New Lambton	2378		DP755247	Crown	72941	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Wallarah Park	CR19	2 Monash Road	New Lambton	2377		DP755247	Crown	72941	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Hollywood Parade Park	C184	3A Hollywood Parade	New Lambton Heights	91		DP23385	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Jesmond Bushland	ML12	158 Croudace Street	New Lambton Heights	1		DP839929	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Jesmond Bushland	ML12; ML 13	158 Croudace Street	New Lambton Heights	202		DP1176551	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Jesmond Bushland	ML13	158 Croudace Street	New Lambton Heights	2		DP839929	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Jesmond Bushland	ML14	Lookout Road	New Lambton Heights	4		DP839929	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Lookout Road Park South	C182	45 Lookout Road	New Lambton Heights	40		DP19631	Council			Park	
Lookout Road Park North	C183	7 Lookout Road	New Lambton Heights	39		DP19631	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Church Walk Park	C186	203 King Street	Newcastle	27		DP150538	Council			Park	
Civic Park	C187	201 King Street	Newcastle	2		DP1237349	Council			Park	
Civic Park	C187	201 King Street	Newcastle	3		DP1237349	Council			Park	
Civic Park	C187	201 King Street	Newcastle	4		DP1237349	Council			Park	
Civic Park	C187	201 King Street	Newcastle	8		DP150031	Council			Park	
Civic Park	C187	201 King Street	Newcastle	91		DP521033	Council			Park	
Civic Park	C187	201 King Street	Newcastle	300		DP604071	Council			Park	
Enterprise Park	CR28	104 Scott Street	Newcastle	1		DP706760	Crown	97943	Public Recreation	Park	
Fletcher Park - NCC adjoining	C308	62A Shortland Esplanade	Newcastle	1		DP121124	Council			Park	
Fletcher Park - NCC adjoining	C308	62A Shortland Esplanade	Newcastle	52		DP1224754	Council			Park	

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Fletcher Park	CR25	75 Watt Street	Newcastle	7059		DP1116454	Crown	570019	Public Baths; Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Former Earp Gillam Bond Store Precinct	C193	7 Bond Street	Newcastle	2		DP729028	Council			Park	
Former Earp Gillam Bond Store Precinct	C193	11 Bond Street	Newcastle	1		DP619238	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	2		DP1085738	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	1		DP1111835	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	1		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	2		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	3		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	4		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	5		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	6		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	12		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	15		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	16		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	17		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	18		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	19		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	20		DP2056	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	1		DP253151	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	1		DP349424	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	2		DP349424	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	1		DP358259	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	12A		DP3732	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	6A		DP3732	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	1		DP431331	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	1		DP595010	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	2		DP595010	Council			Park	

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Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	1		DP91985	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	3		DP17499	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	4		DP17499	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	1		DP17499	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	2		DP17499	Council			Park	
Pacific Park	C190	1 Pacific Street	Newcastle	5		DP17499	Council			Park	
Honeysuckle Drive Reserve	C343	101 Honeysuckle Drive	Newcastle	26		DP1162435	Council			Park	
Honeysuckle Drive Reserve	C343	101 Honeysuckle Drive	Newcastle	27		DP1162440	Council			Park	
	C1580	233 Wharf Road	Newcastle	1		DP1158422	Council			GCU	
Shepherds Hill Cottage	CR56	41 The Terrace	Newcastle	3116		DP 755247	Crown	170100	Community Purposes; Public Recreation	Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Enterprise Park	CR28	104 Scott Street	Newcastle East	1		DP706760	Crown	97943	Public Recreation	Park	
Newcastle Ocean Baths	CR26	30-50 Shortland Esplanade	Newcastle East	7061		DP1118737	Crown	570019	Public Baths; Public Recreation	GCU	
Newcastle Esplanade	CR26	30-50 Shortland Esplanade	Newcastle East	7061		DP1118737	Crown	570019	Public Baths; Public Recreation	Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Escarpment/ Foreshore
Newcastle Esplanade	CR33	35 Nobbys Road	Newcastle East	7060		DP1118739	Crown	570019	Public Baths; Public Recreation	Natural Area	Foreshore
Newcastle Esplanade	CR60	25 Shortland Esplanade	Newcastle East	7061		DP1053970	Crown	570019	Public Baths; Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Newcastle Esplanade	C308	62a Shortland Esplanade	Newcastle East	1		DP1200042	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Newcastle Esplanade	C308	62a Shortland Esplanade	Newcastle East	52		DP1224754	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment

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Nobbys Beach/Pavilion	CR33	35 Nobbys Road	Newcastle East	7005		DP1057119	Crown	88721	Public Recreation	GCU/Park	
Nobbys Beach/Pavilion	CR33	35 Nobbys Road	Newcastle East	7006		DP1057119	Crown	88721	Public Recreation	Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Parnell Park	C191	2A Scott Street	Newcastle East	137		DP1158165	Council			Park	
Tramway Reserve	C192	27 Shortland Esplanade	Newcastle East	1		DP1155511	Council			Park/ GCU	
Birdwood Park	C194	502 King Street	Newcastle West	1		DP1158072	Council			Park/ GCU	
King Street Reserve	C195	487A King Street	Newcastle West	14		DP95177	Council			GCU	
King Street Reserve	C1704	666 Hunter Street	Newcastle West	123		DP1008605	Council			GCU	
Acacia Avenue Reserve	C198	68 Acacia Avenue	North Lambton	95		DP223109	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Alnwick Road Park	C199	125 Alnwick Road	North Lambton	85		DP22290	Council			Park	
Alnwick Road Reserve	C295	31 Bernice Crescent	North Lambton	222		DP218736	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Arthur Street Reserve	C200	12 Arthur Street	North Lambton	52		DP21408	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Canara Place Reserve	C201	157 University Drive	North Lambton	7		DP804088	Council			GCU/ Natural Area	Bushland
Compton Street Park	C202	6 Compton Street	North Lambton	84		DP22290	Council			Park	
Dent Street Reserve	C203	31A Dent Street	North Lambton	41		DP20308	Council			GCU	
Faulkner Crescent	C204	1 Faulkner Crescent	North Lambton	39		DP825947	Council			Park	
First Avenue Reserve	C205	8 First Avenue	North Lambton	53		DP21408	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
George Street Reserve	C206	43 George Street	North Lambton	20		DP806430	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
George Street Reserve	C206	43 George Street	North Lambton	6		DP237879	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
George Street Reserve	C206	43 George Street	North Lambton	4		DP237879	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
George Street Reserve	C206	43 George Street	North Lambton	3		DP237879	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
George Street Reserve	C206	43 George Street	North Lambton	2		DP237879	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
George Street Reserve	C206	43 George Street	North Lambton	104		DP541356	Council			Natural Area	Bushland

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Hill Street Park	C207	45 Hill Street	North Lambton	12		DP23208	Council			Park	
Hillview Playground	C208	66 Morehead Street	North Lambton	15		DP257371	Council			Park	
Hillview Playground	C208	10 Spruce Street	North Lambton	3167		DP755247	Council			Park	
Pilkington Street Reserve / Russell Quarry Oval Cliffline	C209	61 Fifth Street	North Lambton	7	N	DP1580	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Pilkington Street Reserve / Russell Quarry Oval Cliffline	C209	61 Fifth Street	North Lambton	8	N	DP1580	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Pilkington Street Reserve / Russell Quarry Oval Cliffline	C209	61 Fifth Street	North Lambton	9	N	DP1580	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Pilkington Street Reserve / Russell Quarry Oval Cliffline	C209	61 Fifth Street	North Lambton	10	N	DP1580	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Pilkington Street Reserve / Russell Quarry Oval Cliffline	C209	61 Fifth Street	North Lambton	9	E	DP40	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Pilkington Street Reserve / Russell Quarry Oval Cliffline	C209	61 Fifth Street	North Lambton	10	E	DP40	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Pilkington Street Reserve / Russell Quarry Oval Cliffline	C209	61 Fifth Street	North Lambton	11	E	DP40	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Pilkington Street Reserve / Russell Quarry Oval Cliffline	C209	61 Fifth Street	North Lambton	12	E	DP40	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Escarpment
Sunset Boulevarde Reserve	C211	24 Sunset Boulevarde	North Lambton	110		DP31082	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Coldstream Crescent Reserve	C212	10A Coldstream Crescent	Rankin Park	15		DP231261	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Coldstream Crescent Reserve	C212	10A Coldstream Crescent	Rankin Park	24		DP242203	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland

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Cranbrook Parade Reserve	C213	2 Cranbrook Parade	Rankin Park	14		DP25513	Council			Park	
George McGregor Park	C214	298 McCaffrey Drive	Rankin Park	5		DP826092	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
George McGregor Park	C214	298 McCaffrey Drive	Rankin Park	8		DP826092	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
George McGregor Park	C214	298 McCaffrey Drive	Rankin Park	12		DP826092	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Hutcheson Avenue Reserve	C215	11A Hutcheson Avenue	Rankin Park	36		DP211288	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Hutcheson Avenue Reserve	C215	11A Hutcheson Avenue	Rankin Park	301		DP503114	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Hutcheson Avenue Reserve	C218	3Duval Street	Rankin Park	79		DP211288	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Murabarnbah Park	C216	10 Rosedale Crescent	Rankin Park	47		DP239947	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Murabarnbah Park	C216	10 Rosedale Crescent	Rankin Park	3021		DP583061	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Spencer Street Reserve	C217	10 Spencer Street	Rankin Park	122		DP603200	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Maitland Road Open Space	C224	90 Maitland Road	Sandgate	1		DP737831	Council			GCU	
Maitland Road Open Space	C58	92 Maitland Road	Sandgate	2		DP456272	Council			GCU	
Maitland Road Open Space	C58	92 Maitland Road	Sandgate	3		DP456272	Council			GCU	
Maitland Road Reserve	C347	101 Maitland Road	Sandgate	2		DP1102022	Council			GCU/ Natural Area	Wetland
Pacific Highway Reserve	C221	46 Maitland Road	Sandgate	85		DP261911	Council			GCU	
Public Reserve	C222	13 Jersey Avenue	Sandgate	114		DP829798	Council			GCU	
Public Reserve	CR36	51a Maitland Road	Sandgate	45		DP1173411	Crown	88975	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Public Reserve	CR36	51a Maitland Road	Sandgate	7326		DP1159307	Crown	88975	Public Recreation	GCU/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Foreshore
Public Reserve	CR36	51a Maitland Road	Sandgate	1		DP 233804	Crown	88975	Public Recreation	GCU/ natural area	Bushland/ Foreshore

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Public Reserve	CR36	51a Maitland Road	Sandgate	2		DP 233804	Crown	88975	Public Recreation	GCU/ natural area	Bushland/ Foreshore
Alister Street Reserve	C225	39 Alister Street	Shortland	28		DP253998	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Cook Park	C226	19 Macarthur Street	Shortland	A		DP36553	Council			Sportsground	
Coral Sea Avenue Reserve	C227	18 Coral Sea Avenue	Shortland	12		DP246123	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Coral Sea Avenue Reserve	C227	18 Coral Sea Avenue	Shortland	45		DP218633	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Ironbark Creek Reserve	C228	156A Marsden Street	Shortland	107		DP593379	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Wetland
Lyll Reserve	C229	42 Long Crescent	Shortland	171		DP206758	Council			Park	
Milne Park	C231	18A Milne Street	Shortland	46		DP218633	Council			Park	
Milne Park	C231	18A Milne Street	Shortland	58		DP27228	Council			Park	
Northcott Park	C230	10 Cobby Street	Shortland	21		DP1115548	Council			GCU	
Northcott Park	C230	10 Cobby Street	Shortland	22		DP1115548	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Northcott Park	C230	10 Cobby Street	Shortland	1		DP225234	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Northcott Park	C230	10 Cobby Street	Shortland	1		DP521114	Council			Park	
Open Space - see also C233, O251 &257	C79	2 Astra Street	Shortland	54		DP755232	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Tuxford Park	C232	10 King Street	Shortland	102		DP1134395	Council			Sportsground	
Tuxford Park	C232	10 King Street	Shortland	1		DP12700	Council			Sportsground	
Tuxford Park	C232	10 King Street	Shortland	2		DP12700	Council			Sportsground	
Tuxford Park	C232	10 King Street	Shortland	3		DP12700	Council			Sportsground	
Tuxford Park	C232	10 King Street	Shortland	4		DP230124	Council			Sportsground	
Tuxford Park	C232	10 King Street	Shortland	143		DP523766	Council			Sportsground	
Tuxford Park	C232	10 King Street	Shortland	43		DP554433	Council			Sportsground	
Tuxford Park	C232	10 King Street	Shortland	44		DP554433	Council			Sportsground	
Tuxford Park	C232	10 King Street	Shortland	11		DP554577	Council			Sportsground	
Former Astra Street Tip Site	C233	2 Astra Street	Shortland	16		DP1149782	Council			Sportsground/ GCU/ Natural Area	Wetland

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Former Astra Street Tip Site	C233	28 Astra Street	Shortland	33		DP1118647	Council			Sportsground/ GCU/ Natural Area	Wetland
Ballast Ground	C1531	72 Clyde Street	Stockton	5	33	DP758929	Council			Park	
Ballast Ground	C1531	72 Clyde Street	Stockton	1		DP129592	Council			Park	
Ballast Ground	C1531	72 Clyde Street	Stockton	6	33	DP758929	Council			Park	
Ballast Ground	C1531	72 Clyde Street	Stockton	10		DP456347	Council			Park	
Ballast Ground	C1531	72 Clyde Street	Stockton	8		DP456347	Council			Park	
Ballast Ground	C1531	72 Clyde Street	Stockton	7	33	DP758929	Council			Park	
Ballast Ground	C1531	72 Clyde Street	Stockton	11		DP456347	Council			Park	
Ballast Ground	C1531	72 Clyde Street	Stockton	9		DP456347	Council			Park	
Breen Park	C381	79 Dunbar Street	Stockton	1		DP310599	Council			Park	
Breen Park	C381	79 Dunbar Street	Stockton	2		DP310599	Council			Park	
Breen Park	C381	79 Dunbar Street	Stockton	20	19	DP758929	Council			Park	
Breen Park	C381	79 Dunbar Street	Stockton	2		DP919526	Council			Park	
Corroba Park	C235	2 Meredith Street	Stockton	1		DP1153876	Council			Sportsground	
Corroba Park	C235	2 Meredith Street	Stockton	2		DP178933	Council			Sportsground	
Corroba Park		308 Fullerton Street	Stockton	201		DP1150470	Council			Sportsground	
Fullerton Street Reserve	CR40	197 Fullerton Street	Stockton	22		DP753191	Crown	52223	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Fullerton Street Reserve	CR40	197 Fullerton Street	Stockton	23		DP753191	Crown	52223	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Fullerton Street Reserve	CR40	197 Fullerton Street	Stockton	24		DP753191	Crown	52223	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Fullerton Street Reserve	CR40	197 Fullerton Street	Stockton	36		DP753191	Crown	52223	Public Recreation	Park	
Fullerton Street Reserve	CR40	197 Fullerton Street	Stockton	7307		DP1157637	Crown	52223	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Fullerton Street Reserve	CR40	197 Fullerton Street	Stockton	7309		DP1157637	Crown	52223	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore

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Fullerton Street Reserve	CR40	197 Fullerton Street	Stockton	7310		DP1157637	Crown	52223	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Fullerton Street Reserve*	CR40	197 Fullerton Street	Stockton	541		DP1176076	Crown	52223	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37	5A Hunter Street	Stockton	106		DP720719	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37	5A Hunter Street	Stockton	1		DP753191	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37	5A Hunter Street	Stockton	39		DP753191	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37	5 Hunter Street	Stockton	64		DP753191	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37	5 Hunter Street	Stockton	67		DP753191	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37	5A Hunter Street	Stockton	68		DP753191	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37	5A Hunter Street	Stockton	69		DP753191	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37	5A Hunter Street	Stockton	70		DP753191	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR40	5A Hunter Street	Stockton	74		DP753191	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park/ GCU	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR39	5A Hunter Street	Stockton	7017		DP1117480	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR39	5 Hunter Street	Stockton	7033		DP1117482	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR39	5 Hunter Street	Stockton	7303		DP1167630	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37	5 Hunter Street	Stockton	7320		DP1164949	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Foreshore
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37, CR41	3C Hunter Street	Stockton	7304		DP1167630	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR41	3c Hunter Street	Stockton	7305		DP1167630	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park/GCU	

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Griffith Park + Ballast Park	C386	3b Hunter Street	Stockton	71		DP753191	Council			Park	
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37	71 Clyde Street	Stockton	7318		DP1164949	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Griffith Park + Ballast Park	CR37	5 Hunter Street	Stockton	1		DP1164949	Crown	63408	Public Recreation	Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Lynn Oval*	CR51	31 Eames Avenue	Stockton	1		DP178933	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	Park/Natural Area	Foreshore
Lynn Oval	CR51	21 Pitt Street	Stockton	43		DP753191	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	Park	
Lynn Oval	CR51	21 Pitt Street	Stockton	7319		DP753191	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	Park	
Lynn Oval*	CR38	31 Eames Avenue	Stockton	1	41	DP758929	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Foreshore
Lynn Oval*	CR38	31 Eames Avenue	Stockton	1	42	DP758929	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Foreshore
Lynn Oval	CR38	31 Eames Avenue	Stockton	1		DP914681	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	Park	
Lynn Oval	CR38	21 Pitt Street	Stockton	7009		DP1057467	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Lynn Oval	CR38	290A Mitchell Street	Stockton	7020		DP1121042	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Foreshore
Lynn Oval	CR38	260A Mitchell Street	Stockton	7300		DP1146198	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Foreshore
Lynn Oval *	CR38	298A Mitchell Street	Stockton	7315		DP1165287	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Foreshore
Lynn Oval/ Caravan Park	CR31	3 Pitt Street	Stockton	1		DP1249904	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	GCU/Park	
Lynn Oval/ Caravan Park	CR31	3 Pitt Street	Stockton	2		DP1249904	Crown	79066	Public Recreation	Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	4 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	1	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	4 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	3	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore

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North Stockton Beach Reserve	C235	4 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	4	40	DP758929	Council			Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	4 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	5	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	4 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	6	40	DP758929	Council			Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	2 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	7	40	DP758929	Council			Park	
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	2 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	8	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	2 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	9	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	2 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	10	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	2 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	11	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	2 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	12	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	2 Barrie Crescent	Stockton	13	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	2A Barrie Crescent	Stockton	14	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	2A Barrie Crescent	Stockton	15	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C235	2A Barrie Crescent	Stockton	16	40	DP758929	Council			Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	2A Barrie Crescent	Stockton	17	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
North Stockton Beach Reserve	C234	2A Barrie Crescent	Stockton	18	40	DP758929	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Pitt Street Reserve	C1539	21 Pitt Street	Stockton	3		DP89698	Council			Park	
Stockton Cemetery	C340	344 Fullerton Street	Stockton	100		DP1165989	Council			GCU	
	C386	3A Hunter Street	Stockton	57		DP753191	Council			Park	

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Stockton Ferry Parking	CR39	3A Hunter Street	Stockton	1		DP566199	Crown	95526	Parking	Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Foreshore
Fiona John Park	C237	11 Beverley Close	Tarro	14		DP253991	Council			Park	
Former Tarro Cemetery	C1504	30 Western Avenue	Tarro	1		DP1174408	Council			GCU	
Mccauley Park	C238	108 Anderson Drive	Tarro	26		DP220700	Council			Park	
Weingartner Park - Tarro Recreational Area	C239	81 Anderson Drive	Tarro	2		DP233622	Council			Sportsground/ GCU/ Natural Area	Wetland
Weingartner Park - Tarro Recreational Area	C239	81 Anderson Drive	Tarro	7		DP38624	Council			Sportsground	
Weingartner Park - Tarro Recreational Area	C239	81 Anderson Drive	Tarro	8		DP38624	Council			Sportsground	
King Edward Park/ Arcadia Park	CR27	3 Ordnance Street	The Hill	7003		DP1077043	Crown	570075	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
King Edward Park/ Arcadia Park	CR27, CR29	3 Ordnance Street	The Hill	7004		DP1077043	Crown	570075	Public Recreation	Park/ GCU/ Natural Area	Bushland
The Obelisk	C380	5A Ordnance Street	The Hill	1238		DP1096744	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Mosbri Crescent Park	C242	14 Mosbri Crescent	The Hill	20		DP216346	Council			Park	
Nesca Park	C243	2 Nesca Parade	The Hill	18		DP1102367	Council			Park	
Nesca Park	C243	2 Nesca Parade	The Hill	1		DP152697	Council			Sportsground/ Park	
Nesca Park	C243	2 Nesca Parade	The Hill	2		DP222421	Council			Park	
Nesca Park	C243	2 Nesca Parade	The Hill	4		DP222421	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Nesca Park	C243	2 Nesca Parade	The Hill	1		DP35833	Council			Park	
Nesca Park	C243	2 Nesca Parade	The Hill	18		DP507033	Council			Park	
Rowland Park	C244	77A Glebe Road	The Junction	108		DP95290	Council			Park	
Elizabeth Street Reserve	C352	55 Elizabeth Street	Tighes Hill	1		DP1109238	Council			Park/ GCU	
Elizabeth Street Reserve	C352	55 Elizabeth Street	Tighes Hill	4	I	DP454	Council			Park/ GCU	

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Gross Street Reserve	C245	57 William Street	Tighes Hill	13	O	DP1794	Council			Park	
Gross Street Reserve	C245	57 William Street	Tighes Hill	14	O	DP1794	Council			Park	
Gross Street Reserve	C245	57 William Street	Tighes Hill	15	O	DP1794	Council			Park	
Gross Street Reserve	C245	57 William Street	Tighes Hill	16	O	DP1794	Council			Park	
Gross Street Reserve	C245	57 William Street	Tighes Hill	17	O	DP1794	Council			Park	
Gross Street Reserve	C245	57 William Street	Tighes Hill	18	O	DP1794	Council			Park	
Gross Street Reserve	C245	57 William Street	Tighes Hill	21		DP853092	Council			Park	
Gross Street Reserve	C245	57 William Street	Tighes Hill	B		DP333288	Council			Park	
Gross Street Reserve	C245	57 William Street	Tighes Hill	1		DP529203	Council			Sportsground/ Park/Natural Area	Bushland
Gross Street Reserve	C245	59 William Street	Tighes Hill	A		DP333288	Council			Park	
Newcastle City Council	C385	1A Union Street	Tighes Hill	2		DP1154183	Council			Natural Area	Foreshore
Abel Lane Reserve	C277	90 Hope Street	Wallsend	11		DP742386	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Wetland
Abel Lane Reserve	C277	90 Hope Street	Wallsend	12		DP742386	Council			Park	
Abel Lane Reserve	C277	90 Hope Street	Wallsend	13		DP742386	Council			Park	
Anna Place Reserve	C246	22 Anna Place	Wallsend	330		DP833961	Council			Park/ Natural Area	
Anna Place Reserve	C246	22 Anna Place	Wallsend	129		DP806709	Council			Park/ Natural Area	
Birchgrove Drive Reserve	C330	140 Birchgrove Drive	Wallsend	9051		DP872329	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Wetland
Booth Park	C247	6 Bent Street	Wallsend	4		DP35225	Council			Park	
Booth Park	C247	6 Bent Street	Wallsend	88		DP35225	Council			GCU	
Bunn Street Reserve	C248	30 Bunn Street	Wallsend	200		DP1103845	Council			GCU	
Carrington Street Reserve	C249	6 Carrington Street	Wallsend	59		DP221157	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Collier Street Park	C250	1A Collier Street	Wallsend	1		DP24382	Council			Park	
Cowper Street Reserve	C275	78 Cowper Street	Wallsend	104		DP813129	Council			Park/ GCU	
Cowper Street Reserve	C275	80 Cowper Street	Wallsend	107		DP813129	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse

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Cressington Way Reserve	C251	36 Cressington Way	Wallsend	106		DP238161	Council			Park	
Cycleway (L.v. Included in C 86)	C349	5A Illoura Street	Wallsend	2		DP627240	Council			GCU	
Dangar Street Reserve	C252	60 Close Street	Wallsend	65		DP29899	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Drainage Reserve	C276	15 Brooks Street	Wallsend	11		DP1180846	Council			GCU- Drainage Reserve	
Drainage Reserve	C317	37 Rundle Avenue	Wallsend	11		DP7764	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse
Federal Park	C189	6 Frances Street	Wallsend	1241		DP1128937	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Federal Park	CR46	2 Boscawen Street	Wallsend	7010		DP1053001	Crown	570062	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Garfield Street Reserve	C253	7 Garfield Street	Wallsend	78		DP35225	Council			Park	
Gretley Colliery	C372	10A Gunambi Street	Wallsend	121		DP1107688	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Gunambi Street Reserve	C255	9 Gunambi Street	Wallsend	91		DP13403	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Hanley Street Reserve	C256	21 Hanley Street	Wallsend	11		DP31809	Council			Park	
Hope Street Park	C257	55 Hope Street	Wallsend	63		DP221157	Council			Park	
Hope Street Reserve	C258	70 Hope Street	Wallsend	1		DP220555	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Bushland
Hugo Reserve	C259	59 Victory Parade	Wallsend	41		DP13663	Council			Park	
Invermore Close Reserve	C260	Invermore Close	Wallsend	131		DP239822	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
James Park	C261	39 Diana Street	Wallsend	28		DP35225	Council			Park	
Kadina Close Reserve	C50	Kadina Close	Wallsend	109		DP789693	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Lewis Street Reserve	C337	60 Lewis Street	Wallsend	27		DP869807	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse
Mcilvenie Park	C263	25 Douglas Street	Wallsend	152		DP35087	Council			Park/ GCU	
McLeod Street Reserve	C264	4A McLeod Street	Wallsend	65		DP214838	Council			Park	
Mcquirk Park	C265	32A Peters Avenue	Wallsend	154		DP35087	Council			Park	
Miller Park	C266	81 Macquarie Street	Wallsend	1		DP1081350	Council			Park	

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Miller Park	C266	81 Macquarie Street	Wallsend	9		DP544155	Council			Park	
Neals Park	C267	58 Stapleton Street	Wallsend	34		DP16456	Council			GCU- drainage Reserve/park/ natural area	Watercourse
Nelson Street Reserve	C320	62 Nelson Street	Wallsend	1		DP91959	Council			GCU- drainage Reserve/ natural area	Watercourse
Newcastle Road Reserve	C268	162A Newcastle Road	Wallsend	110		DP9755	Council			GCU	
Old Wallsend Cemetery Park	C1579	25 Newcastle Road	Wallsend	17		DP1193938	Council			Park	
Old Wallsend Cemetery Park	C1579	25 Newcastle Road	Wallsend	18		DP1193938	Council			Park	
Old Wallsend Cemetery Park	C1579	25 Newcastle Road	Wallsend	29		DP1193938	Council			GCU	
Old Wallsend Cemetery Park	C1579	25 Newcastle Road	Wallsend	30		DP1193938	Council			Park	
Open Space - See Also O7 & O272	C262	1C Minmi Road	Wallsend	14		DP585292	Council			Sportsground/ GCU/ Natural area	Wetland
Proposed Cycleway	C377	5A Ganney Road	Wallsend	48		DP1141402	Council			GCU	
Proposed Cycleway	C377	5A Ganney Road	Wallsend	32		DP816114	Council			GCU	
Public Reserve	C299	1C Minmi Road	Wallsend	2		DP1246599	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Public Reserve	C299	6 Frances Street	Wallsend	2		DP1181207	Council			Sportsground	
Public Reserve	C278	201 Gundaroo Circuit	Wallsend	110		DP850381	Council			Park	
Rotunda Park	CR62	8 Regent Street	Wallsend	56		DP1138843	Crown	570061	Public Recreation	Park	
Rotunda Park	CR62	8 Regent Street	Wallsend	7303		DP1144098	Crown	570061	Public Recreation	Park	
Rundle Avenue Reserve	C270	32 Rundle Avenue	Wallsend	22		DP733180	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse
Rushton Park	C271	22 Rushton Street	Wallsend	69		DP23642	Council			Park/ GCU	

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Shelsea Park	C272	1 Maitland Street	Wallsend	14		DP15779	Council			Park	
Shelsea Park	C272	1 Maitland Street	Wallsend	15		DP15779	Council			Park	
Silver Ridge Community Hall	C310	13 Iranda Grove	Wallsend	531		DP852318	Council			GCU	
Upper Reserve Wallsend	C188	47 Lake Road	Wallsend	22		DP252073	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Watercourse
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C280	40 Victory Parade	Wallsend	99		DP9755	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C280	40 Victory Parade	Wallsend	105		DP9755	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Escarpment
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C280	40 Victory Parade	Wallsend	101		DP9755	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C280	40 Victory Parade	Wallsend	103		DP9755	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Escarpment
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C280	40 Victory Parade	Wallsend	108		DP9755	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C280	40 Victory Parade	Wallsend	104		DP9755	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Escarpment
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C280	40 Victory Parade	Wallsend	109		DP9755	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C280	40 Victory Parade	Wallsend	100		DP9755	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C280	40 Victory Parade	Wallsend	102		DP9755	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Escarpment
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C280	40 Victory Parade	Wallsend	106		DP9755	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Escarpment
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C280	40 Victory Parade	Wallsend	107		DP9755	Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Escarpment
Wallsend Brickworks Park	C314	37 Birchgrove Drive	Wallsend	51		DP845009	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland/ Wetland
Wallsend Park	CR44	99 Cowper Street	Wallsend	1		DP714075	Crown	570033	Public Recreation	Park	

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Wallsend Park	CR57	99 Cowper Street	Wallsend	1		DP714075	Crown	570033	Public Recreation	Park	
Wallsend Swimming Pool	C273	54 Cowper Street	Wallsend	2		DP228826	Council			GCU	
Wallsend Swimming Pool	C299	1C Minmi Road	Wallsend	2		DP1246599	Council			GCU/ Natural Area	Wetland
Wallsend Swimming Pool	C299	6 Frances Street	Wallsend	1241		DP1128937	Council			Sportsground	
Wallsend Swimming Pool	C299	6 Frances Street	Wallsend	2		DP1181207	Council			Sportsground/ GCU	
Wallsend Swimming Pool	C299	6 Frances Street	Wallsend	1		DP225566	Council			GCU	
Wallsend Swimming Pool	C299	6 Frances Street	Wallsend	2		DP225566	Council			GCU	
Wallsend Swimming Pool	C299	6 Frances Street	Wallsend	3		DP225566	Council			GCU	
Wallsend Swimming Pool	C299	6 Frances Street	Wallsend	1		DP254014	Council			GCU	
Wallsend Swimming Pool	C299	6 Frances Street	Wallsend	12		DP596183	Council			GCU	
Whitegates Reserve	C274	19 Davis Avenue	Wallsend	19		DP20506	Council			Park	
Whitegates Reserve	C274	19 Davis Avenue	Wallsend	B		DP35164	Council			Park	
Callistemon Close Reserve	C281	1 Callistemon Close	Warabrook	282		DP719631	Council			GCU	
Casuarina Circuit Reserve	C287	42 Casuarina Circuit	Warabrook	79		DP264659	Council			Park/ GCU	
Casuarina Circuit Reserve	C287	42 Casuarina Circuit	Warabrook	31		DP807361	Council			GCU	
Casuarina Circuit Reserve No 2	C282	64 Casuarina Circuit	Warabrook	68		DP264659	Council			Park	
Cedrella Crescent Reserve	C283	11 Cedrella Crescent	Warabrook	237		DP700272	Council			Park/ GCU	

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Cedrella Crescent Reserve	C283	11 Cedrella Crescent	Warabrook	281		DP719631	Council			GCU	
Cedrella Crescent Reserve	C283	11 Cedrella Crescent	Warabrook	340		DP732251	Council			Park	
Drainage Reserve	C321	19 Rosegum Road	Warabrook	14		DP858186	Council			Natural Area	Watercourse
Melaleuca Place Reserve	C285	18 Melaleuca Place	Warabrook	95		DP264659	Council			GCU	
Public Reserve	C331	20 Rosegum Road	Warabrook	25		DP861234	Council			Natural Area	Wetland
Warabrook Community Centre	C311	6 Angophora Drive	Warabrook	1		DP855902	Council			GCU	
Warabrook Wetlands Reserve	C288	1/500 Maitland Road	Warabrook	36		DP815709	Council			Park	
Warabrook Wetlands Reserve	C288	1/500 Maitland Road	Warabrook	38		DP815709	Council			Park	
Warabrook Wetlands Reserve	C286	1/500 Maitland Road	Warabrook	89		DP826444	Council			GCU	
Warabrook Wetlands Reserve	C309	1/500 Maitland Road	Warabrook	49		DP845614	Council			GCU/Park	
Warabrook Wetlands Reserve	C284	2/500 Maitland Road	Warabrook	37		DP815709	Council			Park	
Warabrook Wetlands Reserve	C309	50A Eucalyptus Circuit	Warabrook	132		DP1006441	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Wetland
Warabrook Wetlands Reserve	C341	50A Eucalyptus Circuit	Warabrook	58		DP881025	Council			Park	
Braye Park	CR47	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	505		DP755247	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park	CR47	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	7324		DP755247	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park	CR47	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	47		DP755247	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park	CR47	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	Pt Lot 387		DP755247	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland

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Braye Park	CR47	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	Pt Lot 2600		DP755247	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park	CR47	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	7314		DP1149773	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland/ Escarpment
Braye Park	CR47	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	7315		DP1149773	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Park/Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park	CR47	13A Eldon Street	Waratah	7317		DP1149773	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park	CR47	67A Allowah Street	Waratah	7318		DP1149773	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park	CR47	67A Allowah Street	Waratah	7319		DP1149773	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park	CR47	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	7320		DP1149773	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park	CR47	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	7321		DP1149773	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park	CR47	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	7322		DP1149773	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park	CR47	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	7323		DP1149773	Crown	63080	Public Recreation	Natural Area	Bushland
Braye Park		68 Clarence Road	Waratah	7316			Council			Natural Area	Bushland/ Escarpment
Braye Park	C1550	68 Clarence Road	Waratah	1260		DP1106283	Council			Sportsground/ Natural Area	Bushland
Cameron Park	C289	148 Christo Road	Waratah	1481		DP1085857	Council			Park	
Cameron Park	C289	148 Christo Road	Waratah	1482		DP1085857	Council			Park	
Cameron Park	C289	148 Christo Road	Waratah	1483		DP1085857	Council			Park	
Cameron Park	C289	148 Christo Road	Waratah	1484		DP1085857	Council			Park	
Coolamin Road Reserve	C290	33 Coolamin Road	Waratah	516		DP755247	Council			Park	
Schroder Avenue Reserve	C291	36A Schroder Avenue	Waratah	61		DP19516	Council			Park	

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Schroder Avenue Reserve	C291	36A Schroder Avenue	Waratah	29		DP19884	Council			Park	
Turton Road Reserve	C292	187 Turton Road	Waratah	1722		DP1091914	Council			GCU	
Turton Road Reserve	C292	187 Turton Road	Waratah	1723		DP1091914	Council			GCU	
Turton Road Reserve	C292	187 Turton Road	Waratah	1724		DP1091914	Council			GCU	
Turton Road Reserve	C292	187 Turton Road	Waratah	1725		DP1091914	Council			GCU	
Turton Road Reserve	C292	187 Turton Road	Waratah	1726		DP1091914	Council			GCU	
Waratah Park	CR1544	2A Young Street	Waratah	3189		DP44990	Crown	1022068	Public Recreation	Park	
Waratah Park	CR1544	2A Young Street	Waratah	3190		DP44990	Crown	570072	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Waratah Park	CR1544	2A Young Street	Waratah	3191		DP44990	Crown	570072	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Wrightson Reserve	C293	26 Edith Street	Waratah	374		DP755247	Council			Park	
Alnwick Road Reserve	C295	31 Bernice Crescent	Waratah West	222		DP218736	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Allowah Street Reserve	C294	26 Allowah Street	Waratah West	220		DP218736	Council			Natural Area	Bushland
Allowah Street Reserve	C294	26 Allowah Street	Waratah West	39		DP216171	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Angus Avenue Park	C296	23A Angus Avenue	Waratah West	177		DP21085	Council			Park	
Morpeth Road Reserve	C298	44 Morpeth Road	Waratah West	1		DP1156295	Council			Park	
Morpeth Road Reserve	C298	44 Morpeth Road	Waratah West	1		DP120539	Council			Park	
Morpeth Road Reserve	C298	44 Morpeth Road	Waratah West	13		DP233493	Council			Park/ Natural Area	Bushland
Morpeth Road Reserve	C298	44 Morpeth Road	Waratah West	433		DP755247	Council			Park	
Morpeth Road Reserve	C298	44 Morpeth Road	Waratah West	434		DP755247	Council			Park	
Thomas Percy Oval	C297	36 Allowah Street	Waratah West	221		DP218736	Council			Sportsground	
University Cycleway	C342	131 Lorna Street	Waratah West	18		DP234891	Council			GCU	
University Cycleway	C342	131 Lorna Street	Waratah West	19		DP234891	Council			GCU/ Natural Area	Bushland

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Passmore Oval	CR50	22 Albert Street	Wickham	7048		DP93012	Crown	570026	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Passmore Oval	CR50	22 Albert Street	Wickham	7313		DP1145640	Crown	570026	Public Recreation	Sportsground	
Tree of Knowledge Park	C1705	79 Hannell Street	Wickham	2		DP1225922	Council			Park	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	152		DP1148251	Council			Sportsground	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	153		DP1148251	Council			Sportsground	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	1		DP170510	Council			Sportsground	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	3	C	DP19149	Council			Park	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	4	C	DP19149	Council			Park	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	7	C	DP19149	Council			Park	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	1		DP339570	Council			Park	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	2		DP339570	Council			Park	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	A		DP343652	Council			Park	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	B		DP343652	Council			Park	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	1		DP391920	Council			Park	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	1		DP435285	Council			Sportsground	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	3		DP435285	Council			Sportsground	
Wickham Park	C132	22 Albert Street	Wickham	2		DP456093	Council			Park	

Appendix 2 – Existing Leases and Licences

■ Crown owned

Facility	Address	Suburb	Lot	Section	DP	Licence/ Lease	Authorised Term of Lease/ Licence	Authorised Purpose	Owner
Adamstown Tennis Courts - Adamstown Park	506 Glebe Road	Adamstown	3156		DP755247	Licence	1yr	Tennis	Crown/ CN trust manager
Adamstown Childcare Centre	210 Gosford Road	Adamstown	3262		DP822183	Lease	5yr	Child Care	Crown/CN trust manager
Bar Beach Kiosk	107 Memorial Drive	Bar Beach	258		DP755247	Lease	5yr	Kiosk/Café	Crown/ CN trust manager
Bar Beach Surf Club	109 Memorial Drive	Bar Beach	258		DP755247	Lease	2yr	Aquatics	Crown/ CN trust manager
Empire Park Tennis Courts	1 Kilgour Avenue	Bar Beach	258		DP755247	Licence	1yr	Tennis	Crown/ CN trust manager
Beresfield Swimming Centre - Kiosk and Turnstiles	230 Anderson Drive	Beresfield	1		DP1239165	Lease	1yr+1yr option	Aquatics	Council
Lindsay Memorial Park	230 Anderson Drive	Beresfield	90		DP29481	Lease	5yr	Girl Guide Halls	Council
	2 Allendale Street	Beresfield	90		DP29481	Lease	5yr	Scout Halls	Council
	230 Anderson Drive	Beresfield	90		DP29481	Lease		Bowling Club	Council
Vera Wilson Park	39 Beresford Avenue	Beresfield	1283		DP833970	Licence		Seniors Centre	Council
District Park - Helicopter Site	10 Bavin Road	Broadmeadow	2692		DP755247	Lease	20yr	Emergency Services	Crown/ CN trust manager
	10 Bavin Road	Broadmeadow	3285		DP1049501	Lease	20yr		
	10 Bavin Road	Broadmeadow	1		DP1151421	Lease	20yr		
Wanderers Oval Enclosed	50 Denney Street	Broadmeadow	3286		DP1049501	Licence	1yr	Sport	Crown/ CN trust manager
Connolly Park - Tennis Courts	1B Cowper Street	Carrington	1		DP317644	Licence	1yr	Tennis	Council
			1		DP1155432	Licence			
Connolly Park	1B Cowper Street	Carrington	1		DP1155432	Licence		Bowling Club	Council
Carrington Community Centre	1A Hargrave Street	Carrington	1	51	DP758233	Licence	20yr	Community Centre	Crown/CN trust manager
Elmore Vale Community Centre	127 Croudace Road	Elmore Vale	2		DP1200598	Licence		Community Centre	Council
Elmore Vale Community Hall	122 Cardiff Road	Elmore Vale	2		DP1197128	Lease		Community Halls	Council
Sanctuary Tennis Courts - Kurra Oval	45 Kurra Drive	Fletcher	223		DP1170959	Licence	1yr	Tennis	Council

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Fletcher Community Centre	55 Kurraka Drive	Fletcher	224		DP1170959	Licence		Community Centre	Council
Hamilton Park Tennis Courts - Gregson Park	130A Tudor Street	Hamilton	11		DP1206472	Licence	1Yr	Tennis	Council
Learmonth Park Tennis Courts	80A Gordon Avenue	Hamilton	221		DP1168568	Licence	1yr	Tennis	Council
Smith Park - Hamilton North Bowling Club	33 Boreas Road	Hamilton North	3098		DP755247	Lease	10yr	Bowling Clubs	Council
Henry Park	275 Beaumont Street	Hamilton South	124		DP37402	Licence		Community Halls	Council
						Lease	5yr	Girl Guide Hall	Council
Hexham Park	294 Maitland Road	Hexham	291		DP1034841	Lease			Council
Islington Park	151A Maitland Road	Islington	B		DP37022	Lease	6 months	Residence	Council
Heaton Park	48 Mordue Parade	Jesmond	1		DP1082079	Lease	10yr	Bowling Club	Council
Jesmond Neighbourhood Centre - Heaton Park	56 Blue Gum Road	Jesmond	2		DP1082079			Community Halls	Council
Glover Park	217 Park Avenue	Kotara	91	B	DP13333	Lease	5yr	Girl Guide Hall	Council
Kotara Park	190 Park Avenue	Kotara	2		DP1046123	Licence	1yr	Tennis	Council
	190 Park Avenue	Kotara	1		DP1046123	Lease	20yr	Bowling Club	Council
	190 Park Avenue	Kotara	PT92	B	DP13333	Lease	5yr	Scout Hall	Council
Lambton Park Tennis Courts	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7075		DP1122324	Licence	1yr	Tennis	Crown/ CN trust manager
Lambton Swimming Centre	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7077		DP1120464		3yr +2yr option	Aquatics	Crown/ CN trust manager
Lambton Tea Rooms	50 Howe Street	Lambton	7052		DP1120463	Lease	5yr	Kiosk/Café	Crown/ CN trust manager
Glendore Child Care Centre	6 Glendore Parade	Maryland	1		DP1011899	Lease		Childcare	Council
Fletcher Park - Pony Club	8 Creek Road	Maryland	124		DP1155435	Lease		Sport	Council
Mayfield Swimming Centre	21A Maitland Road	Mayfield	1		DP1162089	Lease	3yr +2yr option	Aquatics	Crown/ CN trust manager
Stevenson Park Scout Hall	559 Maitland Road	Mayfield West	Lot 3		DP221557	Lease	5yr	Scout Hall	Council
Merewether Bowling Club - Campbell Park	23 Caldwell Street	Merewether	2		DP1103114	Lease	10yr	Bowling Clubs	Council
Campbell Park - Childcare Centre	25 Caldwell Street	Merewether	1		DP1103114	Lease		Child Care	Council

Facility	Address	Suburb	Lot	Section	DP	Licence/ Lease	Authorised Term of Lease/ Licence	Authorised Purpose	Owner
Campbell Park	25A Caldwell Street	Merewether	1		DP1103114	Licence		Disability Services	Council
Dixon Park Surf Club	15 Ocean Street	Merewether	26		DP1140755	Lease	2yr	Aquatics	Council
Merewether Surf Club	1 John Parade	Merewether	2		DP1118903	Lease	2yr	Aquatics	Council
Merewether Surf Club Kiosk						Lease	5yr	Kiosk	Council
Merewether Surf House	5 Henderson Parade	Merewether	100		DP1130581	Lease	25yrs	Café/ Restaurant/ Function Centre	Crown/ CN trust manager
Mitchell Park – Merewether Carlton Rugby Union – Green Room	24 Mitchell Street	Merewether	7022		DP914672	Licence		Sport/Function Room	Crown/ CN trust manager
Robinson Reserve	174A Glebe Road	Merewether	107		DP95313	Lease		Community Group	Council
Henderson Park Hall	42 Lockyer Street	Merewether	1		DP1137241	Licence		Community Centre	Council
Minmi Community Hall	96 Woodford Street	Minmi	1		DP157344			Community Halls	Council
Newcastle Beach Kiosk	40 Shortland Esplanade	Newcastle	7061		DP1118737	Lease	6yrs 10 days	Kiosk	Crown/ CN trust manager
Newcastle Ocean Baths Kiosk	30 Shortland Esplanade	Newcastle				Lease	3yr	Kiosk	Crown/ CN trust manager
Newcastle Surf Club	42 Shortland Esplanade	Newcastle				Lease	2yr	Aquatics	Crown/ CN trust manager
Nobbys Beach Kiosk	35 Nobbys Road	Newcastle East	7005		DP1057119	Lease	5yr	Kiosk	Crown/ CN trust manager
Nobbys Beach Surf Club						Lease	20yr	Aquatics	Crown/ CN trust manager
Alder Park	132 Bridges Road	New Lambton	10		DP1065641	Lease	10yr	Bowling Clubs	Council
Arthur Edden Oval	24 Wallarah Road	New Lambton	3255		DP821022	Licence		Sport	Crown/ CN trust manager
Novocastrian Women's Sports Centre	22 Orchardtown Road	New Lambton	1		DP311239	Lease		Residence	Council
Northcott Park	10 Cobby Street	Shortland	21		DP1115548	Lease	10yr	Social Club	Council
Ballast Ground Scout Hall	71 Clyde Street	Stockton	7318		DP1164949	Lease	5yr	Scout Hall	Crown/ CN trust manager
Stockton Beach Kiosk	128 Mitchell Street	Stockton	2		DP1249904	Lease	5yr	Kiosk	Crown/ CN trust manager
Stockton Surf Club	4 Mitchell Street	Stockton	1		DP1249904	Lease	2yr	Aquatics	Crown/ CN trust manager
Stockton Swimming Centre	124 Mitchell Street	Stockton	1		DP1249904	Lease	3yr	Aquatics	Crown/ CN trust manager

Facility	Address	Suburb	Lot	Section	DP	Licence/ Lease	Authorised Term of Lease/ Licence	Authorised Purpose	Owner
Stockton Tennis Courts - Rawson Park	Mitchell Street	Stockton	2		DP1249904	Licence	1yr	Tennis	Crown/ CN trust manager
Nesca Park Petanque Courts	2 Nesca Parade	The Hill	1		DP152697	Licence	1yr	Sport	Council
Newcastle Hill Tennis Courts	3 Ordnance Street	The Hill	7003		DP1077043	Licence	1yr	Tennis	Crown/ CN trust manager
Rushton Park	22 Rushton Park	Wallsend	69		DP23642	Lease	5yr	Scout Halls	Council
Wallsend Pioneer Memorial Hall	99 Cowper Street	Wallsend	1		DP714075	Licence	1yr	Community Halls	Crown/ CN trust manager
Wallsend Swimming Pool	6 Frances Street	Wallsend	1		DP1246599	Lease			
Silveridge Community Centre	13 Irlanda Grove	Wallsend	531		DP852318	Licence		Community Centre	Council
Warabrook Community Centre	6 Angophora Drive	Warabrook	1		DP855902	Licence		Community Halls	Council

Appendix 3 – Authorised Purposes for Leases and Licences

Purpose	Natural Areas					Other		
	Nb	Nw	Ne	Nwc	Nf	S	P	GCU
Leases								
Aquatic sports facility (such as rowing, surf, sailing, fishing club facility) and could include ramps, slipways				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BMX track, mountain bike track/facility	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Childcare/pre-school centre/playgroups/ before and after school care ¹								✓
Community club facility (such as scouts, guides, radio, remote control craft, model builders, Lions, Rotary, St John Ambulance)	✓					✓	✓	✓
Community facility (such as multi-purpose centre, surf clubs, meals-on-wheels kitchen, senior citizens centre, refuge, youth centre, training centre, training centre for people with disabilities, community health, conducted by not-for-profit organisations)	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Community gardens	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Licensed sports club facility (such as bowling, golf, sailing, surf club) - may include a public restaurant and/or bar ²					✓	✓	✓	✓
Memorial, heritage item	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mens Shed/Womens Shed	✓					✓	✓	✓
Restaurant, coffee shop, kiosk	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Skate Park	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Sports facility (such as tennis, netball, basketball, croquet, pertanque, archery, shooting range, sportsfield, equestrian ground and ancillary purposes)					✓	✓	✓	✓
Swimming, leisure, athletic centre						✓	✓	✓
Caravan/Holiday Parks ³								✓
Monitoring stations - seismic and air quality						✓	✓	✓
Utility infrastructure including telecommunication towers and operations								✓
Emergency Service operations - including helicopter site, Marine Rescue NSW, SES etc.	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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2 Permitted on Crown land where the facility is open to the public

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Purpose	Natural Areas					Other		
	Nb	Nw	Ne	Nwc	Nf	S	P	GCU
Licences								
Commercial play/leisure equipment operation	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Events (such as circuses, markets, carnivals)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Childcare/pre-school centre/playgroups/ before and after school care/Vacation Care								√
Maintenance of memorial, heritage items	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
School playground extension						√	√	√
Stock agistment						√	√	√
Sporting Clubs - training, fixtures, use of council infrastructure						√	√	
Cafes/Kiosks	√				√	√	√	√
Community gardens	√				√		√	√
Surf Schools, Personal Trainers, SUP's					√		√	√
Sports facility usage						√	√	
Swimming/leisure uses				√	√	√	√	√
Social purposes/community facility	√				√	√	√	√
Educational purposes	√	√	√	√	√		√	
Scientific Research	√	√	√	√	√		√	
Recreational purposes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Cultural purposes	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Aquatic sports facility usage		√		√	√		√	√
Recreation equipment hire					√	√	√	√
Community clubs						√	√	√
Management of court facilities						√	√	√

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Appendix 4 - Landcare Sites in City of Newcastle

Suburb	Site Name/s	Sub Catchment
Wolfe Street, Newcastle	Arcadia Park Landcare	Cottage Creek
Aries Way, Elermore Vale	Aries Way Reserve Landcare	Ironbark Creek
Benjamin Drive, Wallsend	Anna Place Reserve Landcare	Ironbark Creek
End of Addison Road, New Lambton	Blackbutt Reserve Addison Road Landcare	Throsby Creek
Hasluck Drive or Rosedale Crescent, Rankin Park	Central Rankin Park Landcare (Murabarnbah Park)	Ironbark Creek
Merewether Street, Merewether	Charlotte Street Reserve Landcare	Cottage Creek
Dixon Park Beach carpark	Dixon Park Beach Landcare	Cottage Creek
Cambridge Drive, Rankin Park	George McGregor Reserve	Ironbark Creek
Jacknorman Street, Waratah West	Jacknorman Reserve Landcare	Throsby Creek
Park Avenue, Kotara	Kotara Park Landcare	Throsby Creek
Henderson Parade, Merewether	Merewether Foreshore Landcare	Cottage Creek
Corner Morgan and Janet Streets	Morgan Street Reserve Landcare	Cottage Creek
Perina Place, Merewether Heights	Myambalah Crescent Reserve Landcare	Cottage Creek
Nesca Parade, The Hill	Nesca Parade Landcare	Cottage Creek
Horseshoe Beach west car park	Nobbys Horseshoe Beach Landcare	Cottage Creek
Wolfe Street, The Hill	Obelisk Hill Landcare	Cottage Creek
Lovell Parade, Shortland	Shortland to Wallsend Landcare (Northcott Park)	Ironbark Creek
Bull Street, Mayfield	Shelly Beach Landcare	Throsby Creek
Eames Avenue, Stockton	Stockton Landcare	Hunter Estuary
Memorial Drive, Bar Beach	Trig Shepherds Hill Landcare	Cottage Creek
Victory Parade or Iranda Grove, Wallsend	Wallsend Brickworks Landcare	Ironbark Creek
Cottonwood Chase, Fletcher	Wentworth Creek Landcare	Ironbark Creek

Appendix 5 – Facilities that may be approved on Community Land

Facilities that may be approved on community land	Natural Areas					Other		
	Nb	Nw	Ne	Nwc	Nf	S	P	GCU
Amenity buildings (toilets, kiosks, change, referees, meeting, & store room, shelters, grandstands)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bowling clubs & greens						✓	✓	✓
BMX and mountain bike tracks or circuits/ down hill	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Car parking areas and access roads (associated with the use of the site)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community facilities (senior citizens, childcare, youth, neighbourhood, community centres, kindergartens, preschools, scout and guide halls etc.)	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Community Gardens and City Farm (raised garden beds, tool/chicken shed, green/glass house, pizza oven, compost areas, pergolas, farm animals)	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Cycle paths, shared paths, pedestrian paths	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Drainage structures (eg. Water quality and stormwater management devices)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Facilities as defined in the adopted Newcastle Local Environmental Plan	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fencing, bollards, gates	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Floodlighting for sporting activities or security	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Grassed open area for informal ball games	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Interpretation features	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Jetties (including community jetties), wharves, boat launching ramps, and fish cleaning tables		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Kiosks, restaurants, outdoor dining where permissible in the Newcastle LEP 2012	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Landscaping, pergolas, raised garden beds, tool shed, green/glass house, pizza oven	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mens/Womens Shed	✓					✓	✓	✓
Multi-court facilities (half or full sized courts)					✓	✓	✓	✓
Park entrance features, water features, monuments, sculptures	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pathways, trails, boardwalks, bridges, steps & handrails, viewing platforms, lookouts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Facilities that may be approved on community land	Natural Areas					Other		
	Nb	Nw	Ne	Nwc	Nf	S	P	GCU
Picnic & barbecue facilities, seats, tables, shade structures, garbage & recycling bins, lighting, drinking fountains	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Playgrounds, adventure playgrounds, exercise stations, rope park	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Public art, graffiti art, murals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Public toilets	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Road widening of a minor nature, which may impact on the boundaries of the land	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Signage (interpretive, security, traffic, park name, prohibition, advertising, temporary)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Skateboard/roller blade facilities					✓	✓	✓	✓
Sportsfields & courts (eg. cricket, soccer, rugby, softball, baseball, archery, tennis, netball)	✓					✓	✓	✓
Stage performance areas, amphitheatres, rotundas	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Dog Exercise Areas					✓		✓	
Fenced Dog Off-Leash Area					✓		✓	
Stormwater pipelines (if licenced)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Temporary sheds, or shipping containers for community organisations undertaking works on site. Site to be restored upon removal.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Temporary sheds or shipping containers for storage of sporting & field maintenance equipment, for a period of not exceeding 5 years, pending construction of a permanent building. Site to be restored upon removal.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Temporary site sheds and compounds for storage of Council or public utility service equipment and plant relating to the construction or maintenance of infrastructure on or near the site. Site to be restored upon removal.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Utility mains, plant and other ancillary activities, including easements	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Water quality control ponds, silt traps and drainage structures	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Enquiries regarding facilities on community land or crown reserves should be directed initially to Council's Customer Service Centre - ph (02) 4974 2000

Note: Council does not favour removal of native vegetation or fauna habitat within any land categorised as 'Natural Area' in order to construct any of the activities above.

Appendix 6 – Permitted and prohibited activities on Community Land

Table 1

Activities - Permitted - Not Requiring Council Approval	Natural Areas					Other		
	Nb	Nw	Ne	Nwc	Nf	S	P	GCU
Activities arranged under the auspice of bodies appointed by Council to manage sportsgrounds or community facilities						√	√	√
Barbecues within constructed barbecue structures	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Bushwalking, research/study/education, sight-seeing	√	√	√	√	√			
Casual games (eg. a small group kicking a ball or practising batting/bowling) provided the activity is not contrary to a sign)					√	√	√	√
Children's play	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Cycling or rollerblading (on designated cycle paths)	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Dogs - walking a dog on a leash, unless prohibited by a sign	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Dogs - exercising a dog off leash, in a designated dog exercise area in accordance with a sign					√	√	√	√
Fire hazard reduction works by an authorised body, or by Council	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Helicopter landing by emergency services	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Horse riding on designated equestrian trails or equestrian grounds	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Kite flying	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Removal of vegetation at boundaries with adjoining land to satisfy APZ requirements	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Skateboarding/roller blading on designated Council facilities, or on hard courts, provided not contrary to a sign					√	√	√	√
Picnics by small groups - site not booked	√	√	√	√	√	√	√	√
Registered vehicles, under supervision of officials in association with sporting or special events	√				√	√	√	√
Hang-gliding	√		√		√		√	
Abseiling, rock climbing	√		√		√		√	

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Table 2

Activities - Requiring Council Approval	Natural Areas					Other		
	Nb	Nw	Ne	Nwc	Nf	S	P	GCU
Camping (directly relating to providing security for an event)	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Camping by an approved community group (eg. Scouts, Guides)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ceremonies (eg. Weddings, namings, funerals)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Commercial classes (eg. Exercise, sailing, surfing, canoeing, abseiling, dog obedience)			✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Commercial photography/filming	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Community garden activities	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Concerts, movie screenings, cultural events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Exhibitions/demonstrations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Festivals, fetes, carnivals, circuses	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
Hang-gliding – commercial activity	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Helicopter landings as part of an approved filming project, or for emergency purposes (eg. Repair of nearby properties)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Landcare activities, (bridges, boardwalks, viewing platforms, tracks, steps, seating, planting in parks and natural areas)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Large scale gatherings – sporting events, running festivals, Parkruns, Triathlons etc.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Markets and car boot sales					✓	✓	✓	✓
Motorhomes and caravans – overnight stays on constructed car parks (self-contained units only)					✓	✓	✓	✓
Orienteering, Trail runs and rogaining, mountain bike and downhill events	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Private group activities on a booked site (eg. Family reunion, parties)					✓	✓	✓	✓
Fireworks displays – Professional or domestic (subject to D.L.I & Dangerous Goods permits)					✓	✓	✓	✓
Use of inflatable devices – domestic and professional eg. Jumping castles, splashparks					✓	✓	✓	✓
Skate/rollerblade competitions					✓	✓	✓	✓
Special events (eg. Concerts, galas, rodeos, club musters, markets, car boot sales)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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Table 3

Activities - Prohibited	Natural Areas					Other		
	Nb	Nw	Ne	Nwc	Nf	S	P	GCU
Amateur fireworks displays	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Any activity that may be considered by an authorised Council officer to be dangerous to other users, or that would compromise the core objectives for the land category.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Any activity undertaken contrary to a notice on the land	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Asset Protection Zone creation for any proposed development on adjoining land.	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fires, unless specifically approved by Council	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Golf and practice golf	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Helicopter landings not authorised in Table 2	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Placing fill on the land, unless specifically approved by Council (usually will require development consent)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Removing bush rocks or endemic plant or animal species from the land (unless with consent)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sale of motor vehicles	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trail, trike or quad bike, or unregistered vehicle use on the land	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

Codes: **Nb** - Bushland, **Nw** - Wetland, **Ne** - Escarpment, **Nwc** - Watercourse, **Nf** - Foreshore, **S** - Sportsground, **P** - Park, **GCU** - General Community Use

Enquiries regarding facilities on community land or crown reserves should be directed initially to Council's Customer Service Centre - ph (02) 4974 2000

Appendix 7 – Dog Exercise Areas in City of Newcastle – 2020

Council has allocated a number of parks and reserves in the CN LGA that can be used to exercise dogs off the leash.

Signs at each site identify the section of each park or reserve than can be used, and whether time restrictions apply. At the time of preparation of this PoM, the current Dog Off Leash Areas include:

Suburb	Location	Available times	Comment
Adamstown	West Park	Time Restricted	Sunrise to 9am, 5pm to sunset.
Beresfield	Tarro Recreation Area	All times	
Carrington	Honeysuckle Reserve, Carrington Foreshore	All times	
Elmore Vale	Elmore Vale Park,	Time Restricted	Sunrise to 9am, 5pm to sunset.
Islington	Islington Park (east of Throsby Creek)	All times	
Maryland	Maryland Drive Reserve	All times	
Mayfield	Purdue Park	All times	
Merewether	Dixon Park Reserve,	Time Restricted	Sunrise to 9am, 5pm to sunset.
Newcastle East	Horseshoe Beach	All times	
North Lambton	Acacia Avenue Reserve	All times	Fenced off leash
North Lambton	Michael/Pilkington Street Reserve	All times	
Stockton	Ballast Ground	All times	
Stockton	Rawson Reserve	All times	
The Hill	King Edward Park	All times	
The Hill	Nesca Park	All times	
Wallsend	Upper Reserve	All times	
Waratah	Braye Park	Time Restricted	Sunrise to 9am, 5pm to sunset.

Council will review the Dogs in Open Space Plan, which may lead to deletions from, or additions to this list, or to the allowable times.

Appendix 8 – Legislation and Statutory Controls

Local Government Act 1993

The purposes of this Act is:

- to provide the legal framework for the system of local government for New South Wales,
- to set out the responsibilities and powers of Councils, Councillors and other persons and bodies that constitute the system of local government
- to provide for governing bodies of councils that are democratically elected
- to facilitate engagement with the local community by Councils, Councillors and other persons and bodies that constitute the system of local government
- to provide for a system of local government that is accountable to the community and that is sustainable, flexible and effective

Crown Lands Management Act 2016

The aims of the Act are:

- to ensure decisions concerning Crown land consider environmental, social, cultural heritage and economic values
- to enhance community engagement
- to recognise Aboriginal involvement in the management of Crown land
- to boost compliance and enforcement powers
- to improve equity by standardising lease and licence arrangements
- to support social and community use by giving access to rent rebates and waivers

Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979

The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EPA Act)* establishes the statutory planning framework for environmental and land use planning in NSW through State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs) and Local Environmental Plans (LEPs).

The EPA Act also sets out processes for approving development applications for structures and works on public and private land as set out in the Newcastle Local Environmental Plan 2012. Part 4 of the EPA Act applies to development proposals requiring development consent.

Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016

The purpose of this Act is to maintain a healthy, productive and resilient environment for the greatest well-being of the community, now and into the future, consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development.

Coastal Management Act 2016

The Act establishes the framework and overarching objects for coastal management in NSW. The purpose of the Act is to manage the use and development of the coastal environment in an ecologically sustainable way, for the social, cultural and economic well-being of the people of NSW.

The Act defines the coastal zone, comprising of 4 coastal management areas: coastal wetlands and littoral rainforests area, coastal vulnerability area, coastal environment area, and coastal use area.

Water Management Act 2000

The Act recognises the need to allocate and provide water for the environmental health of our rivers and groundwater systems, while also providing licence holders with more secure access to water and greater opportunities to trade water through the separation of water licences from land.

Marine Estate Management Act 2014

The Act provides for the strategic exercise of government functions in the management of the marine estate in NSW; for the declaration and management of marine parks and aquatic reserves; and for other purposes.

Fisheries Management Act 1994

The Act aims to conserve, develop and share the fishery resources of the State for the benefit of present and future generations and, in particular to: conserve fish stocks and key fish habitats; conserve threatened species, populations and ecological communities of fish and marine vegetation; promote ecologically sustainable development, including the conservation of biological diversity.

Biosecurity Act 2015

CN has a legal responsibility to manage weeds across their land under the Biosecurity Act 2015. Priority weeds are also identified under this legislation.

Local Councils that are the local control authorities for weeds under the Act must deliver specific weed management functions and:

Appoint and support staff as authorised officers under the Act

Inspect lands for high-risk weeds and seek compliance with the Act from owners/occupiers

Educate their communities about weeds risk and best practice weeds management

Control high-risk weeds

Submit reports about these activities to the Biosecurity Information System as per the NSW Metadata Standard

Participate in regional strategic weeds management through their Regional Weed Committee

Local government weed management priorities should be guided by the Regional Strategic Weed Management Plans.

NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

The Act has the explicit intent of conserving the State’s natural and cultural heritage; fostering public appreciating, understanding and enjoyment of the State’s natural and cultural heritage; and managing any lands reserved for the purposes of conserving and fostering public appreciation and enjoyment of the State’s natural and/or cultural heritage. The Act is the primary legislation in NSW relied upon within the State to effectively manage and protect the State’s Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Rural Fires Act 1997

This Act is to establish the NSW Rural Fire Service and define its functions, to make provision for the prevention, mitigation and suppression of rural fires.

Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth)

On Crown land, Native title rights and interests must be considered unless:

- native title has been extinguished
- or native title has been surrendered
- or determined by a court to no longer exist

Some examples of acts which may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves managed by Council include:

- The construction of new buildings and other facilities such as toilet blocks
- Walking tracks, tennis courts, grandstands and barbeques
- The construction of extensions to existing buildings
- The construction of new roads or tracks
- Installation of infrastructure such as powerlines, sewerage pipes, etc.
- The issue of a lease or licence
- The undertaking of major earthworks

When proposing any act that may affect native title on Crown land or Crown reserves, the act must be authorised through Part 2 Division 3 of the *Native Title Act 1993 (Commonwealth)*.

NSW Heritage Act 1977

This Act provides for the identification and registration of items of State or Local Heritage significance. The Act seeks to protect and conserve items of State or Local Heritage significance through the operation and establishment of the Heritage Council of NSW and its associated functions. The Act provides for a State Heritage Register where items of State or Local Heritage significance can be listed and also provides for the issue of Heritage Orders by the Minister or the Heritage Council to control potential developments that may harm the heritage value of the item. Heritage Item may mean place, building, work, relic, moveable object or precinct.

Roads Act 1993

The object of this Act is:

to set out the rights of members of the public to pass along public roads

to set out the rights of persons who own land adjoining a public road to have access to the public road

to establish the procedures for the opening and closing of a public road

to provide for the classification of roads

to provide for the declaration of RMS and other public authorities, such as Councils, as roads authorities, for both classified and unclassified roads

to confer certain functions (in particular, the function of carrying out road work) on RMS and on other roads authorities

to provide for the distribution of the functions conferred by this Act between RMS and other roads authorities

to regulate the carrying out of various activities on public roads

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (EPBC Act) (Commonwealth) 1999

The Act establishes the use of Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Regulations, which have provided for the issuing of approvals and permits for a range of activities on Commonwealth land and land affecting the Commonwealth. As of June 2020, the Act identifies nine matters of national environmental significance:

World Heritage Properties

National heritage places including overseas places of historic significance

Wetlands of international importance (Ramsar wetlands)

Nationally threatened species and ecological communities

Migratory species

Commonwealth marine areas

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park

Nuclear actions (including uranium mining & building of nuclear waste repositories)

A water resource, in relation to coal seam gas development and large coal mining development.

The EPBC Act replaces the National Parks and Wildlife Conservation Act 1975.

Coastal Management Act 2016 No 20

The objects of this Act are to manage the coastal environment of New South Wales in a manner consistent with the principles of ecologically sustainable development for the social, cultural and economic well-being of the people of the State, and in particular:

- (a) to protect and enhance natural coastal processes and coastal environmental values including natural character, scenic value, biological diversity and ecosystem integrity and resilience, and
- (b) to support the social and cultural values of the coastal zone and maintain public access, amenity, use and safety, and
- (c) to acknowledge Aboriginal peoples' spiritual, social, customary and economic use of the coastal zone, and
- (d) to recognise the coastal zone as a vital economic zone and to support sustainable coastal economies, and
- (e) to facilitate ecologically sustainable development in the coastal zone and promote sustainable land use planning decision-making, and
- (f) to mitigate current and future risks from coastal hazards, taking into account the effects of climate change, and
- (g) to recognise that the local and regional scale effects of coastal processes, and the inherently ambulatory and dynamic nature of the shoreline, may result in the loss of coastal land to the sea (including estuaries and other arms of the sea), and to manage coastal use and development accordingly, and
- (h) to promote integrated and co-ordinated coastal planning, management and reporting, and
- (i) to encourage and promote plans and strategies to improve the resilience of coastal assets to the impacts of an uncertain climate future including impacts of extreme storm events, and
- (j) to ensure co-ordination of the policies and activities of government and public authorities relating to the coastal zone and to facilitate the proper integration of their management activities, and
- (k) to support public participation in coastal management and planning and greater public awareness, education and understanding of coastal processes and management actions, and
- (l) to facilitate the identification of land in the coastal zone for acquisition by public or local authorities in order to promote the protection, enhancement, maintenance and restoration of the environment of the coastal zone, and
- (m) to support the objects of the Marine Estate Management Act 2014.

Other Legislation of note includes:

[Work Health and Safety Act 2011](#)

[NSW Disability Inclusion Act 2014 &CN Disability Inclusion Access Plan 2016-2019](#)

[Australian Accounting Standard AASB116](#)

[Building Code of Australia Australian Standards](#)

[NSW Climate Change Policy Framework](#)

[Civil Liability \(personal responsibility\) Act 2002](#)

Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreements (JAMBA)

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan for the protection of migratory birds and birds in danger of extinction and their environment.

China-Australia Migratory Bird Agreements (CAMBA)

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the People's Republic of China for the protection of migratory birds and birds in danger of extinction and their environment.

The Bonn Convention

Also known as the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals or the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), the Bonn Convention is an international agreement that aims to conserve migratory species within their migratory ranges. The CMS is the only global, and United Nations-based intergovernmental organisation established exclusively for the conservation and management of terrestrial, aquatic and avian migratory species.

State Environmental Planning Policies

SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007

The SEPP (Infrastructure) 2007 provides a consistent planning regime for infrastructure and the provision of services across NSW, along with providing for consultation with relevant public authorities during the assessment process. The SEPP supports greater flexibility in the location of infrastructure and service facilities along with greater regulatory certainty and efficiency.

SEPP (Coastal Management) 2018

The SEPP (Coastal Management) gives effect to the objectives of the Coastal Management Act 2016 from a land use planning perspective, by specifying how development proposals are to be assessed if they fall within the coastal zone.

SEPP (Three Ports) 2013

The SEPP (Three Ports) is the principle planning instrument that sets the land use planning and assessment framework for appropriate development at the three ports – Port of Newcastle, Port Kembla and Port Botany.

SEPP (Vegetation in Non-Rural Areas) 2017 (Vegetation SEPP)

The Vegetation SEPP works together with the Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016 and the Local Land Services Amendment Act 2016 to create a framework for the regulation of clearing of native vegetation in NSW. The SEPP will ensure the biodiversity offset scheme will apply to all clearing of native vegetation that exceeds the offset thresholds in urban areas and environmental conservation zones that does not require development consent.

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Supporting Documents

The following documents provide further reference detail for land contained within this Plan of Management. CNs approach to management of community land will be consistent with the principles and recommendations outlined in the following documents:

Plans

City of Newcastle Community Strategic Plan

NSW Department of Planning and Environment
Hunter Regional Plan 2036

NSW Department of Planning and Environment
Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036 (2018)

Safe City Plan 2017-2020

NSW Local Land Services Hunter – Local Strategic
Plan 2016-2021

Lower Hunter Regional Conservation Plan

Urban Water Cycle Plan 2017

Stormwater Management Plan 2016

Blackbutt Reserve PoM 2012

Fort Scratchley PoM 2013

Bush Fire Risk Management Plan 2018-2023

Throsby Creek Catchment Action Plan 2018

Hunter Estuary Coastal Zone Management Plan
2017

Newcastle Coastal Zone Management Plan 2018

Newcastle Coastline Management Plan 2003

Newcastle Heritage Places Strategic Plan and Plan
of Management 2000

Newcastle Coastal Management Program (CMP)
(incl. Stockton CMP) 2020

Urban Water Cycle Plan 2017

NCC Disability Inclusion Action Plan 2016-2019

Dogs in Open Space Plan 2019

Newcastle Events Guide 2017

Service Asset Plans – internal documents

Strategies/Studies

NSW Department of Planning Lower Hunter
Regional Strategy 2006

Local Planning Strategy 2015

Newcastle Environmental Management Strategy
2013

Newcastle Biodiversity Strategy – Biodiversity –
Global Common Goods

Hunter Estuary Management Study

Parkland and Recreation Strategy (2014)

Newcastle Cycling Strategy and Action Plan 2012

City of Newcastle Social Strategy 2016-2019

City of Newcastle Heritage Strategy 2020-2030

Policies

Newcastle Urban Forest Policy 2007

Newcastle Urban Forest Technical Manual

United Nations Sustainable Goals

Strategic Climate Change Policy 2010

Newcastle Heritage Strategy 2020

Masterplans

Stevenson Park Masterplan

Newcastle Foreshore Masterplan (draft)

Carrington Greenspace Masterplan (draft)

Gregson Park Masterplan (draft)

Appendix 10 – Glossary

Abbreviation	Details
Aeolian	Wind-borne
Aesthetic	Appreciation of beautiful
Algae	Simple aquatic plants, often microscopic
Algal Blooms	Rapid growth of algae in surface waters often due to increases in temperature and nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous
Amenity	Cumulative aspects that define the character of an area
Approval	Approval from the relevant Council Officer through delegated authority of Council
APZ	Asset Protection Zones
Arboreal	Living in trees
Asset Protection Zone	A fire protection zone between a bush fire hazard and physical assets – refer to NSW Rural Fire Service
Biodiversity	The variety of all life forms, comprising genetic diversity (within species), species diversity and ecosystem diversity
Catchment	The area of land from which water, stormwater or sewage drains into a specific water body (Lake, stream, lagoon, etc.)
City	City of Newcastle Government Area
Community Land	Land retained for public use such as a public park
Considerations	Describes the broad area or aspect of community land management around which strategies and actions have been grouped
CLM Act	NSW Crown Lands Management Act 2016 No 58 (as amended)
DECC	Department of Environment and Climate Change NSW
Degradation	Any decline in the quality of natural resources – commonly resulting from human activities
DCP	Development Control Plan
Development Control Plan (DCP)	A plan prepared by a local council to provide more detailed development controls and guidelines to accompany a local environmental plan
Devolved Land	Devolved Crown reserves are public reserves with no appointed Crown Land Manager and are not held under a lease from the Crown. They are not captured by legislative change.
Devolved Trust Manager	Several parcels of Crown reserves have been devolved to CN for management. CN requires Crown Lands consent for dealings and development.
Ecological Sustainable Development (ESD)	Development that improves the total quality of life, both now and in the future, in a way that maintains the ecological processes on which life depends
Ecosystem	A community composed of plants and animals which, together with its physical environment, functions as a unit
Edaphic	Influenced by conditions of soil or substratum
Edge Effect	Tendency to have greater variety and density of organisms in the boundary zone between communities
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement
Emissions	Gaseous or liquid discharge, or noise, given out by a source

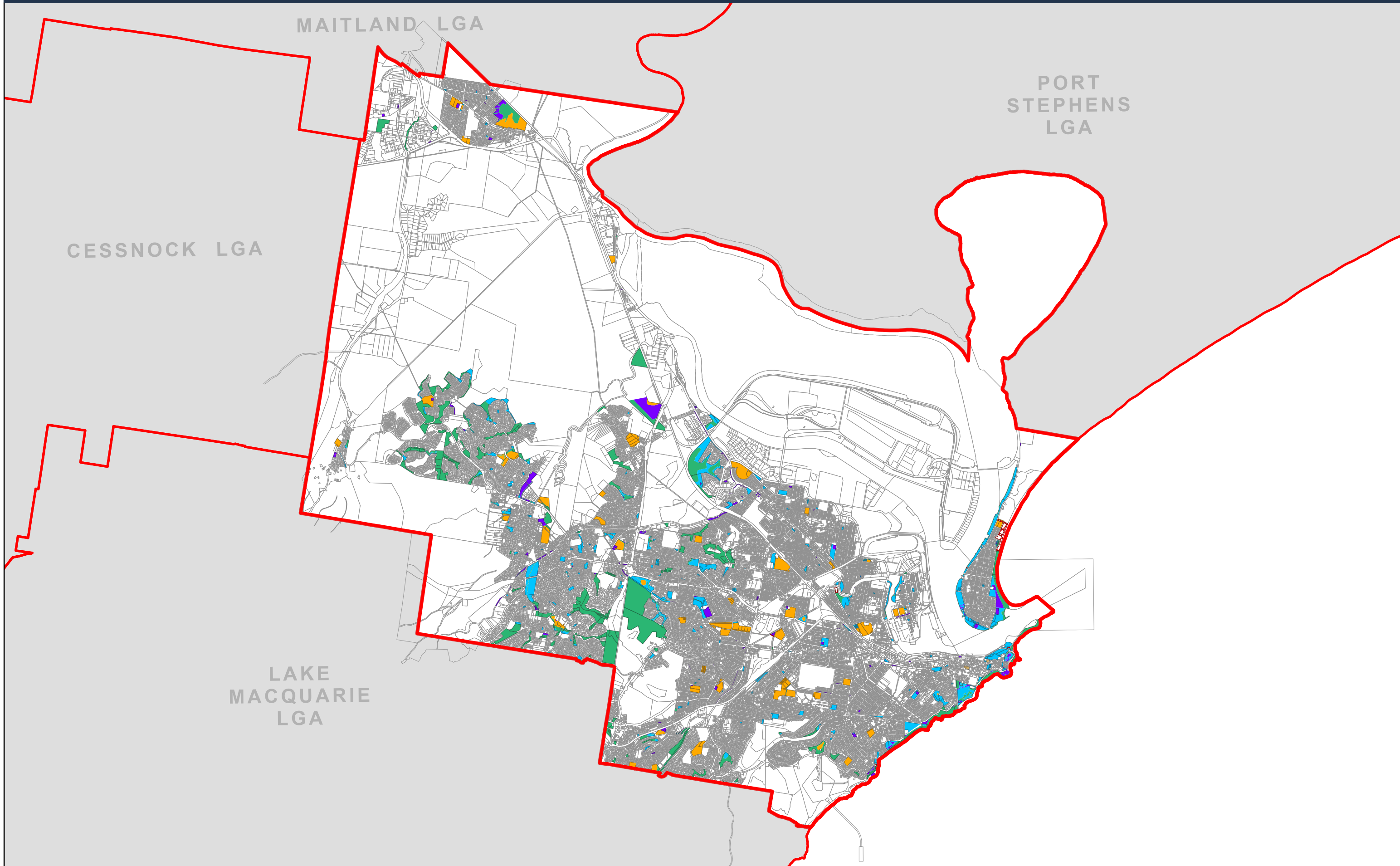
Abbreviation	Details
Endangered Species	Those likely to become extinct unless action is taken to remove the factors that threaten their survival
Environmentally Sensitive Area	Land that is subject to an environmental constraint or land that is valued because it supports an important ecosystem
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EP&A Act	NSW Act that governs land-use development and work
ESCP	Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
Estuary	Tidal water bodies located behind beach foredunes
Exotic Species	An introduced species
Fauna	The animals peculiar to a country, area, specified environment or period
Feral Animal	A wild exotic animal, usually a domesticated animal which has become wild
Flora	The plants peculiar to a country, area, specified environment or period
Formal Recreation	Recreation that has an organised format
Fragmentation (habitat/ecosystem)	The division of natural areas by vegetation clearance for human land use, isolating the remnants and the species within them and limiting genetic flow
Genus	Taxonomic category of animals or plants with common structural characteristics
Groundwater	Refers to all water which occurs within the hydrologic cycle below the land surface
Habitat	The places in which an organism lives and grows. Many marine and estuarine organisms require different habitat at different stages of their lives
Heritage	Those places, objects and indigenous languages that have aesthetic, historical, scientific or social significance or other special values for future generations as well as for the community today.
Indigenous Species	A species forming part of the natural biological diversity of a place
Informal Recreation	Recreation that has no organised format
Issues	The opportunities and problems of the day
Land Degradation	Refers to the decline of the condition or quality of land as a consequence of misuse or overuse
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
CN	City of Newcastle
LGA	City of Newcastle Local Government Area
Lease	Where exclusive use or control of all or part of community land is desirable
LG Act	Local Government Act 1993 (as amended)
LG Regs	Local Government (General) Regulations 2005
Licence	Allows multiple and non-exclusive use of an area.
Local Environmental Plan (LEP)	A plan formulated by local government relating to the local government area; it is preceded by an environmental study and it sets out the land use allowed by zones; it must be consistent with any relevant regional environmental plans (REP) and State Environmental Planning Policies (SEPPs)
Manner of Assessment performance	Means by which Council will evaluate or gauge the effectiveness of the actions in achieving their performance targets

Abbreviation	Details
Means of Achievement	Intended to achieve the related performance targets, or strategies.
Microclimate habitat	The climate within a very small area or in a particular
Minimum Viable Area	Native vegetation is self-regulating and relatively free from disturbance (except for the edge)
Minimum Viable Population	The size of the smallest isolated population, for any given species in any given habitat, which is required for the species to survive the foreseeable effects of demographic, environmental and genetic stochasticity (events) and natural catastrophes
Monitoring	Ongoing survey of environmental conditions
NPWS	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
Nutrients	Compound required for growth. Nitrogen and phosphorous are the most common nutrients required by plants
Objective	Statement of direction (that is specific, measurable and achievable)
Operational Land	Land held as a temporary asset or as an investment, land which facilitates the carrying out by a council of its functions or land which may not be open to the general public, such as a works depot or a council garage
Performance targets	Strategies (under <i>LG Act</i>) that organise a response to values
PoM	Plan of Management
Propagules	Any spore, seed, fruit or other part of a plant or micro-organism capable of producing a new plant and used as a means of dispersal
Public Land	Is any land (including public reserves) vested in or under the control of the council
Recovery Plan	Is a recovery plan under Part 4 of the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or under Division 5 of Part 7A of the Fisheries Management Act 1994
Remnant Bushland	A small fragmented or isolated portion of bushland vegetation, which once covered a larger area before undergoing clearing disturbance (e.g. human land use)
Riparian	Frequenting, grown on, or living on the banks of streams or rivers
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Police
SIS	Species Impact Study
Species	Generally regarded as a group of organisms that resemble each other to a greater degree than members of other groups and that form a reproductively isolated group that will not normally breed with members of another group.
Stormwater	Rainwater which runs off urban and agricultural catchments, often carrying rubbish, animal droppings, sewage overflows, grass clippings and heavy metals from car exhausts. This untreated water is carried in stormwater channel and discharges directly into creeks, rivers, the harbour and the ocean.
Threat Abatement Plan	Is a threat abatement plan under Part 5 of the Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995 or under Division 5 of Part 7A of the Fisheries Management Act 1994
Total Catchment Management	Resources and land management based on entire drainage basins or systems
Understorey	Vegetation layer between tree canopy and the ground cover in a forest or wood, composed of shrubs and small trees

Abbreviation	Details
Urban Runoff	The drainage of water from streets, houses, parks and all urban areas that contain pollutants from litter and oil to excess nutrients.
Urbanisation	The movement of land-use from less intensive forms to more intensive forms. Bushland becomes agricultural which then becomes residential and industrial land-uses
Values	The things that make it important and special
Waste	Any material which has not been fully utilised
Wetland	Habitat where the influence of groundwater has resulted in development of plant or animal communities adapted to aquatic or intermittently wet conditions. Wetlands include tidal flats, shallow sub tidal areas, swamps, marshes, wet meadows, bogs and similar areas
Wildlife/Habitat Corridors	Corridors of vegetation linking fragmented or isolated habitat areas; providing transport linkages for fauna with home ranges extending further than their immediate remnant vegetation area

Appendix 11 – Maps: Land Categorisation and Native Title


Plan of Management of Community Land




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 Suburb Boundary


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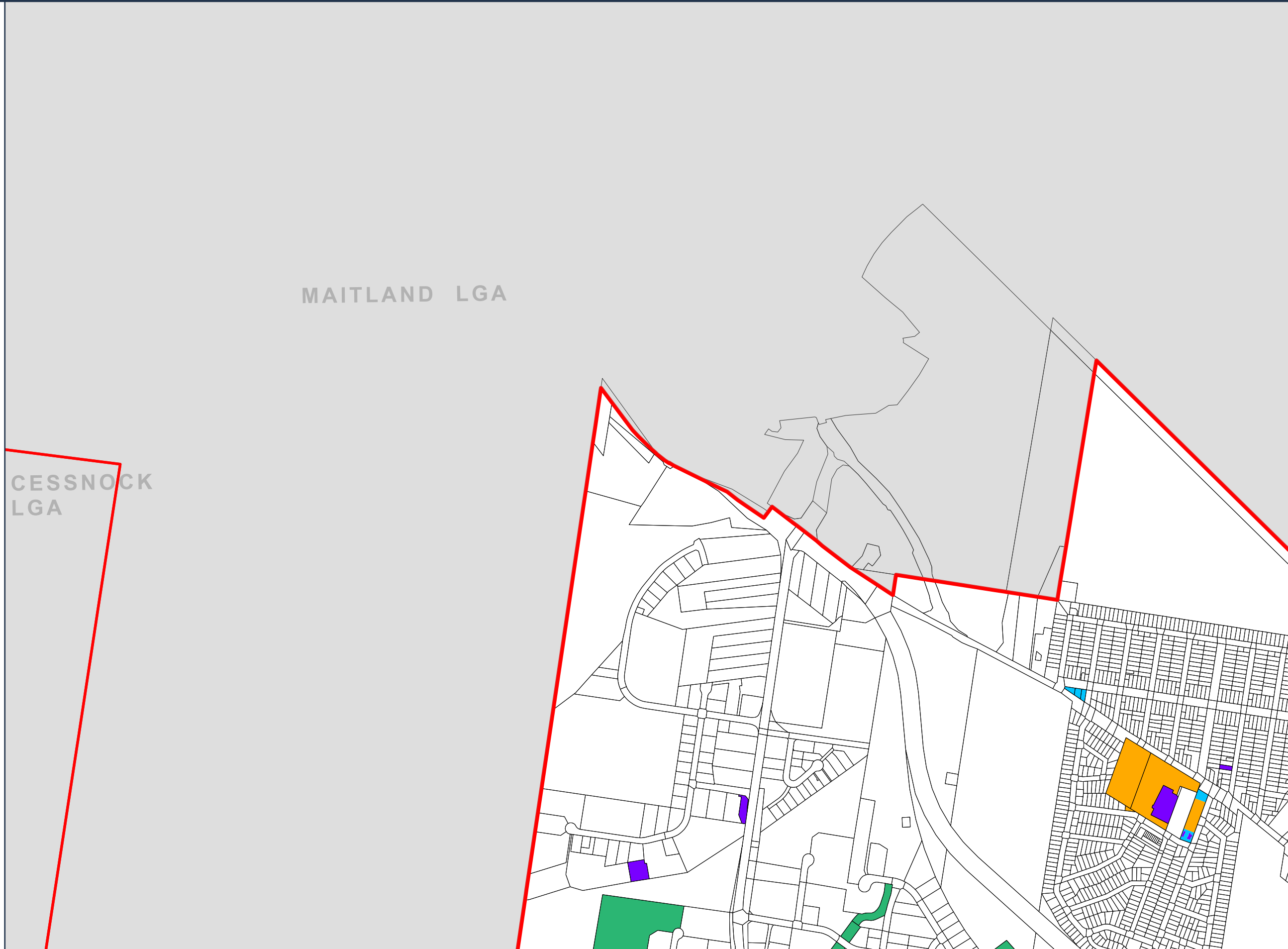
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



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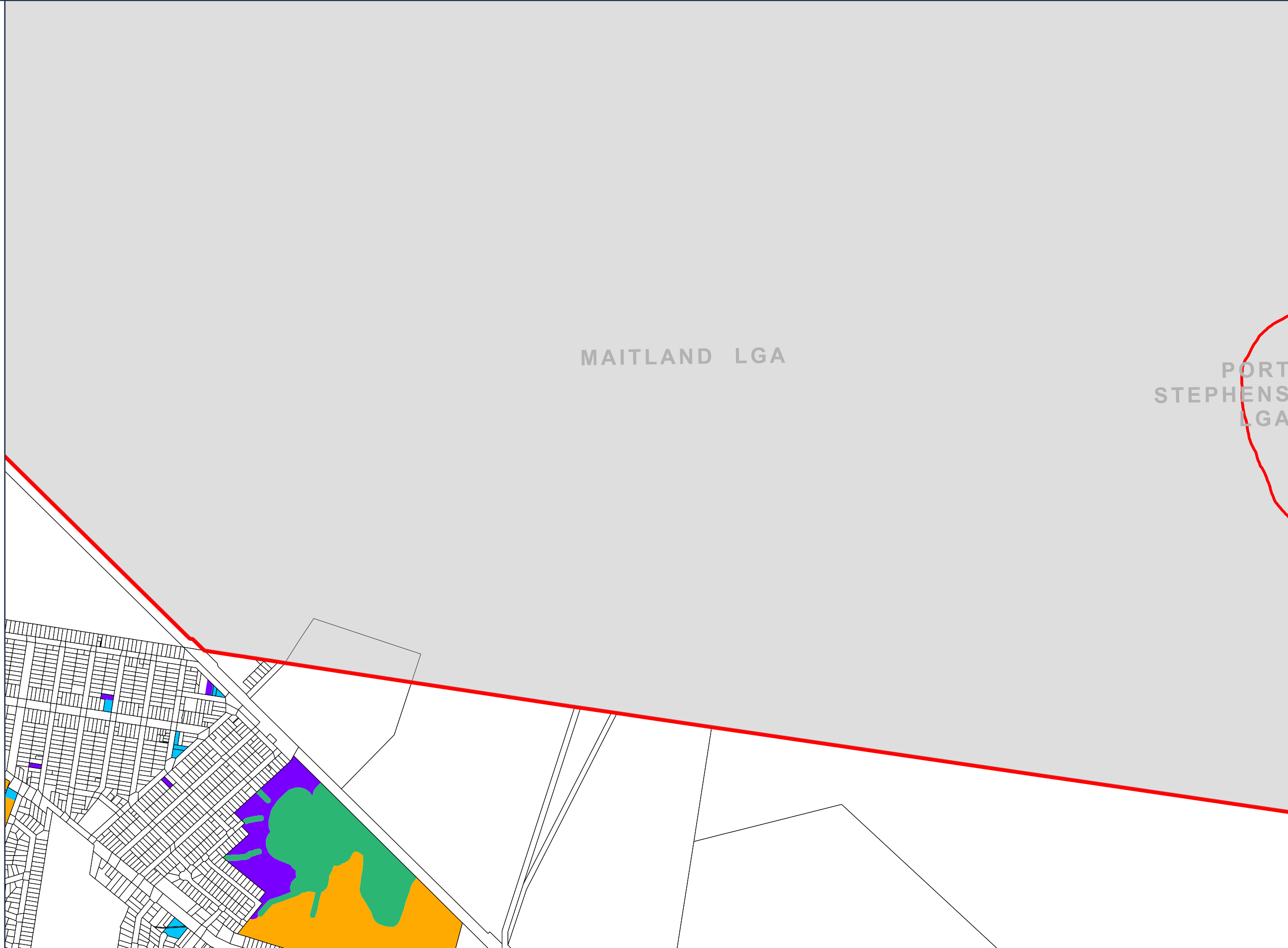
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


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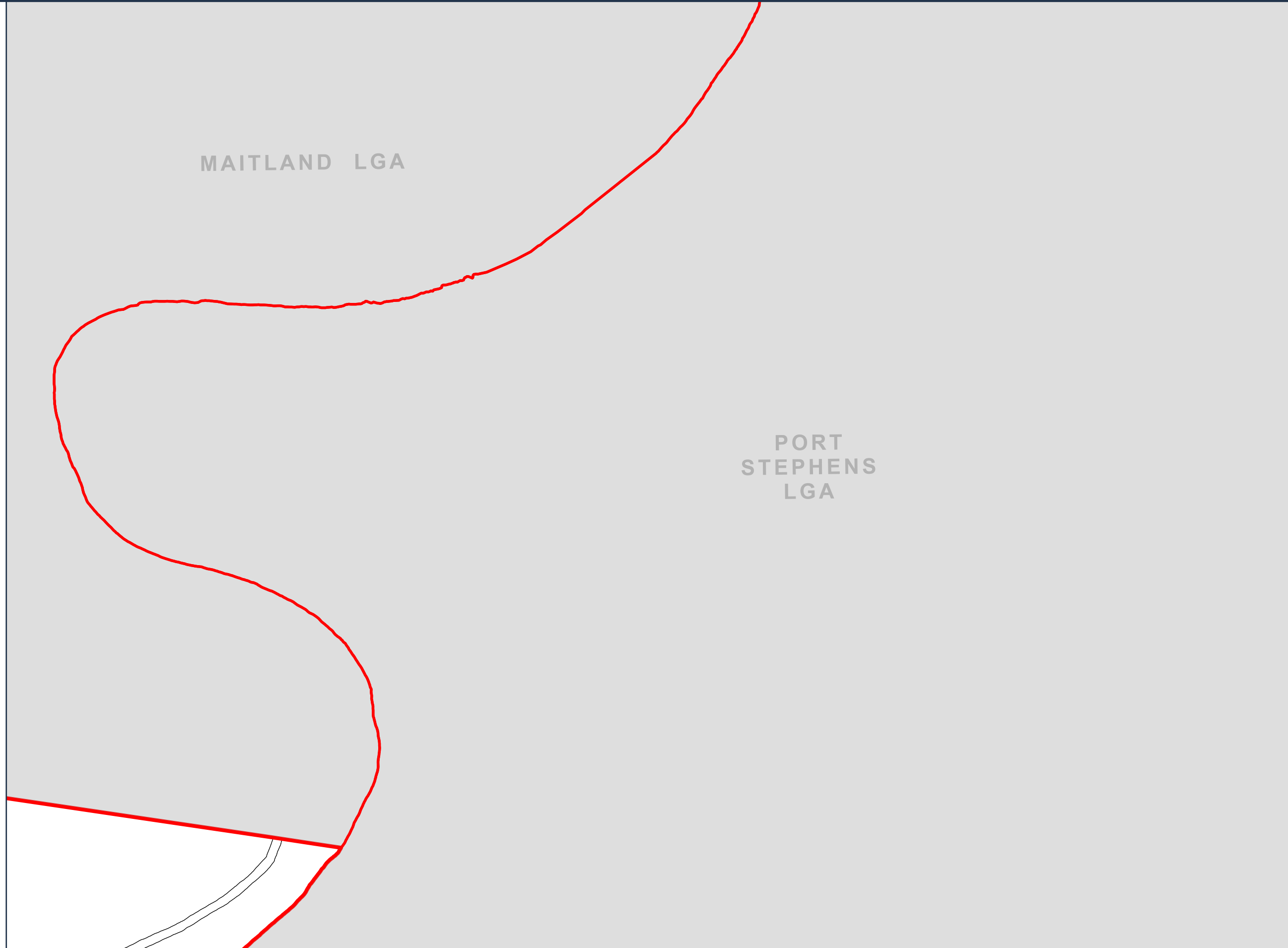
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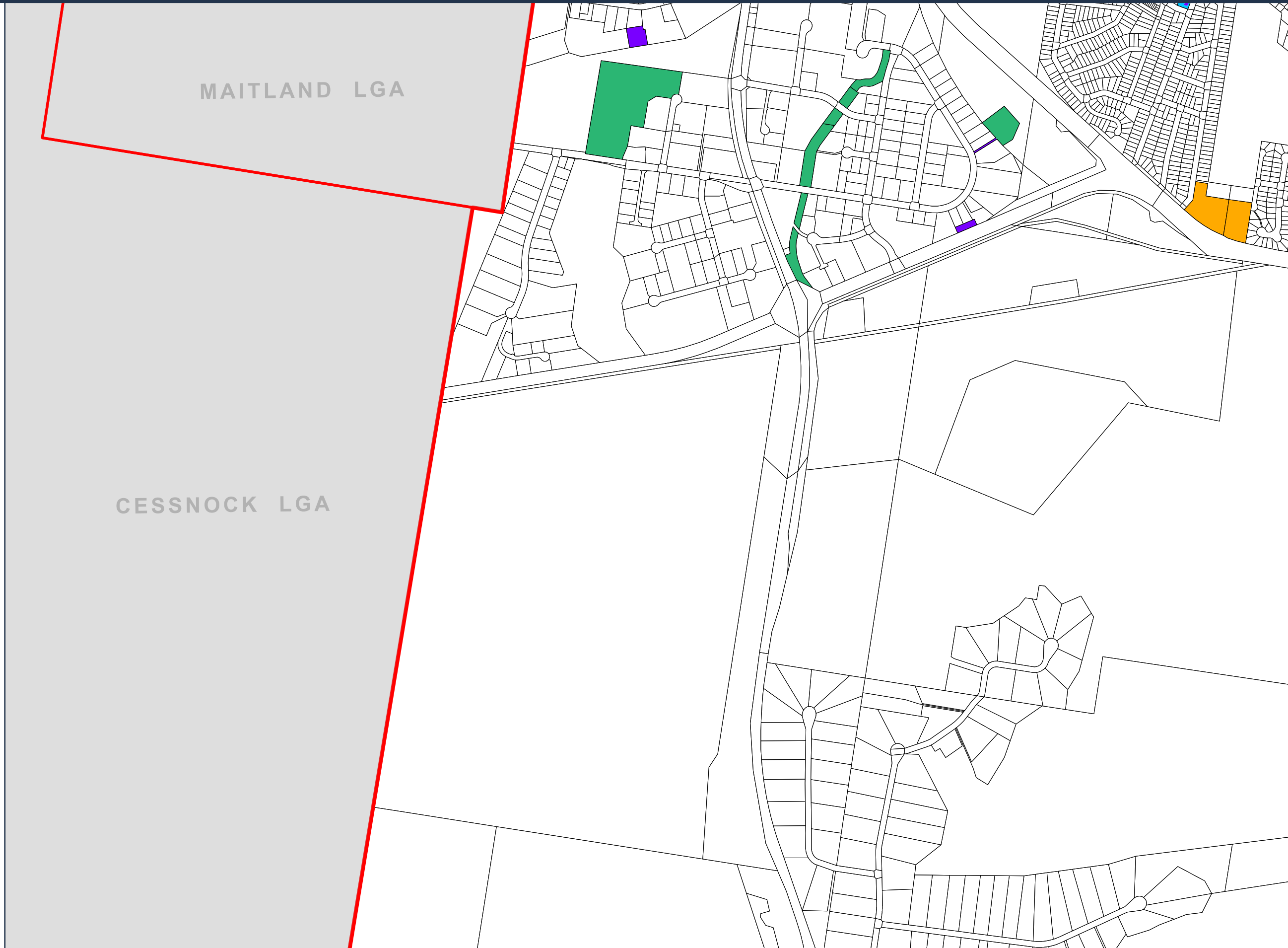
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
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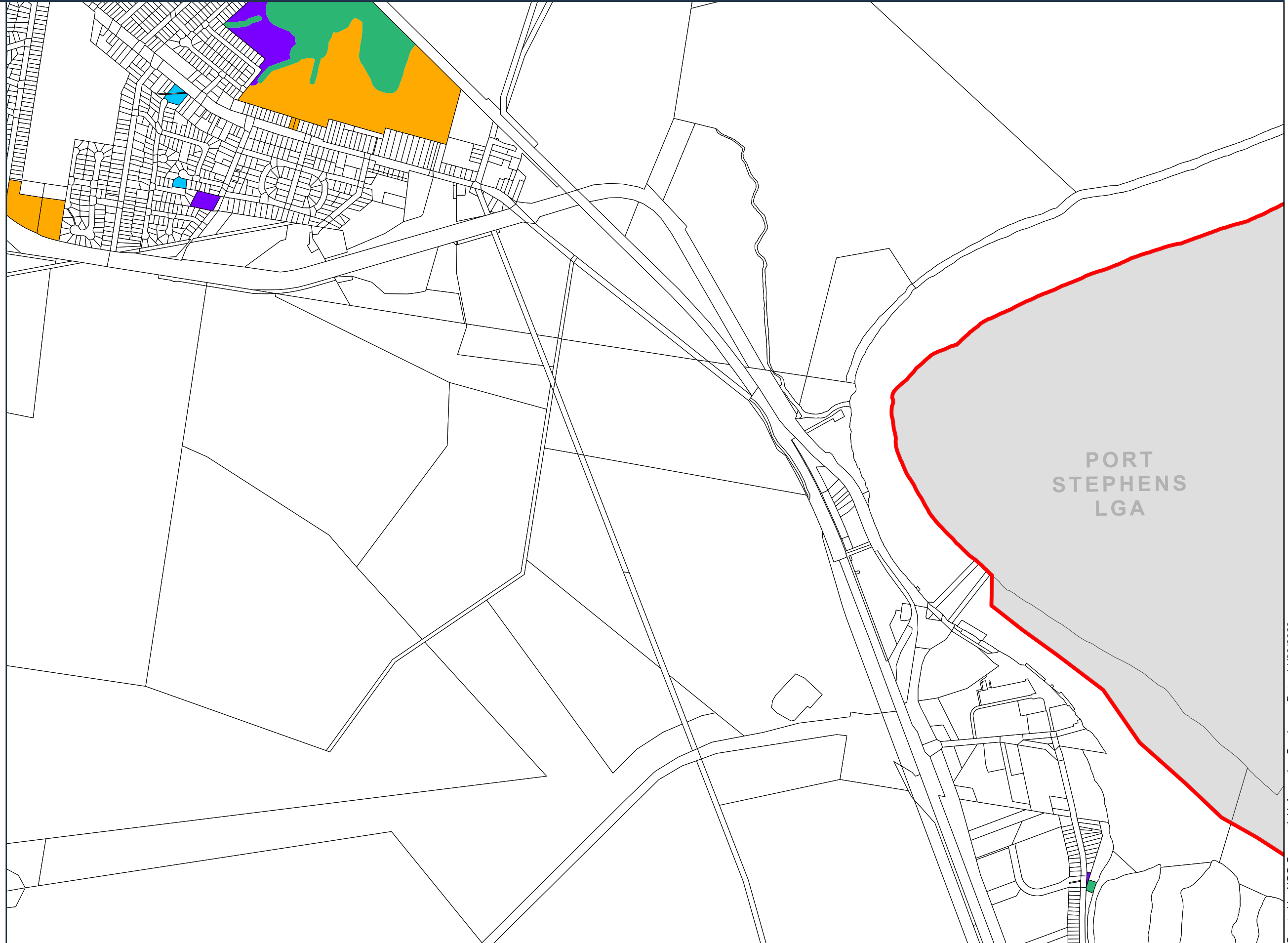
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 Land Boundary

 Native Title

Community Land PoM Categories

-  Cultural Significant
-  General Community Use
-  Natural Area
-  Park
-  Sportsground





PORT
STEPHENS
LGA

Map Sheet B3

A1	A2	A3		
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C1	C2	C3	C4	C5
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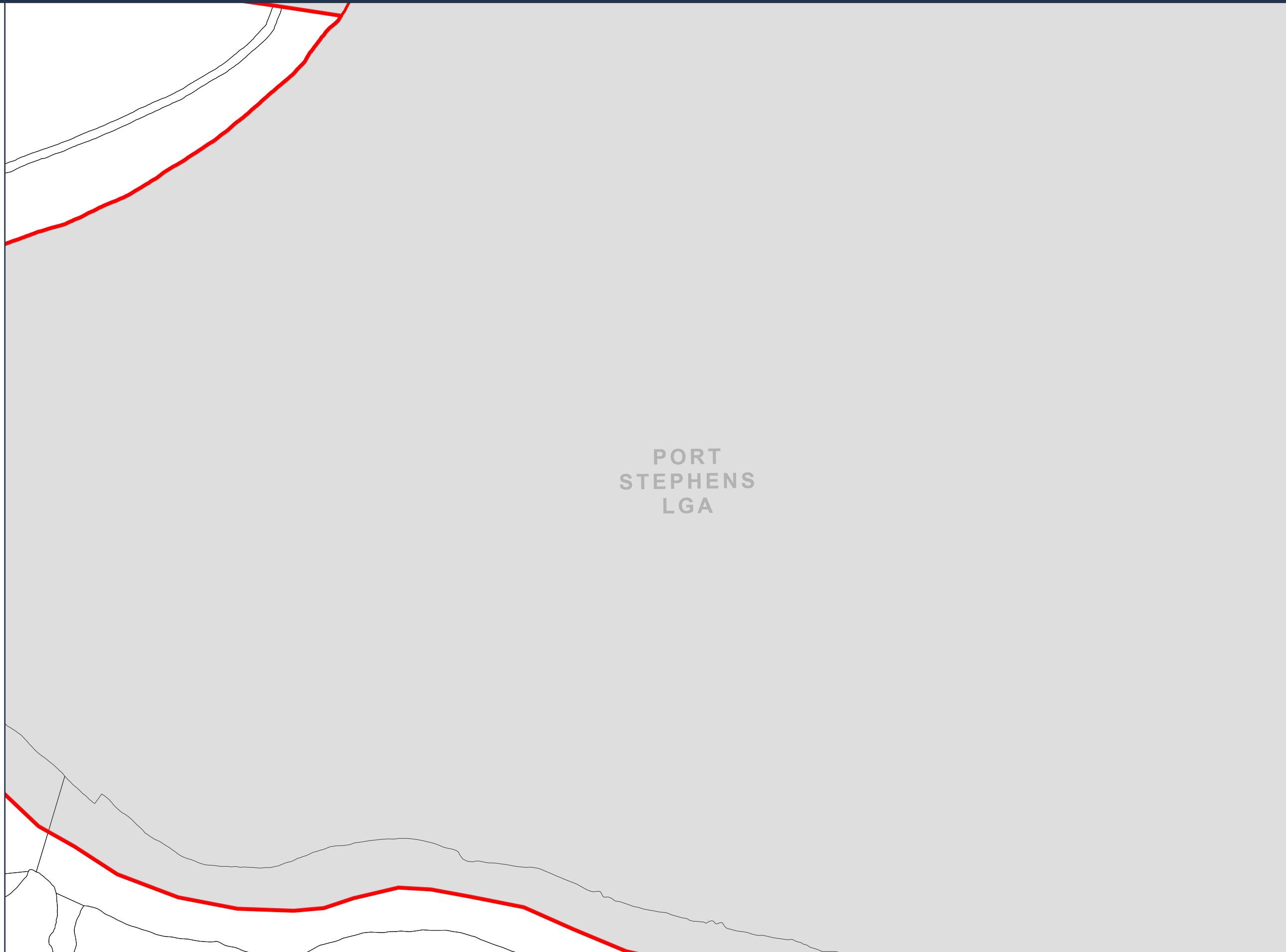
 Suburb Boundary

 Land Boundary

 Native Title

Community Land PoM Categories

-  Cultural Significant
-  General Community Use
-  Natural Area
-  Park
-  Sportsground





PORT
STEPHENS
LGA

Map Sheet B4

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B1	B2	B3	B4	B5
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E1	E2	E3	E4	E5
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 LGA Boundary


 Suburb Boundary


 Land Boundary

 Native Title

Community Land PoM Categories

 Cultural Significant

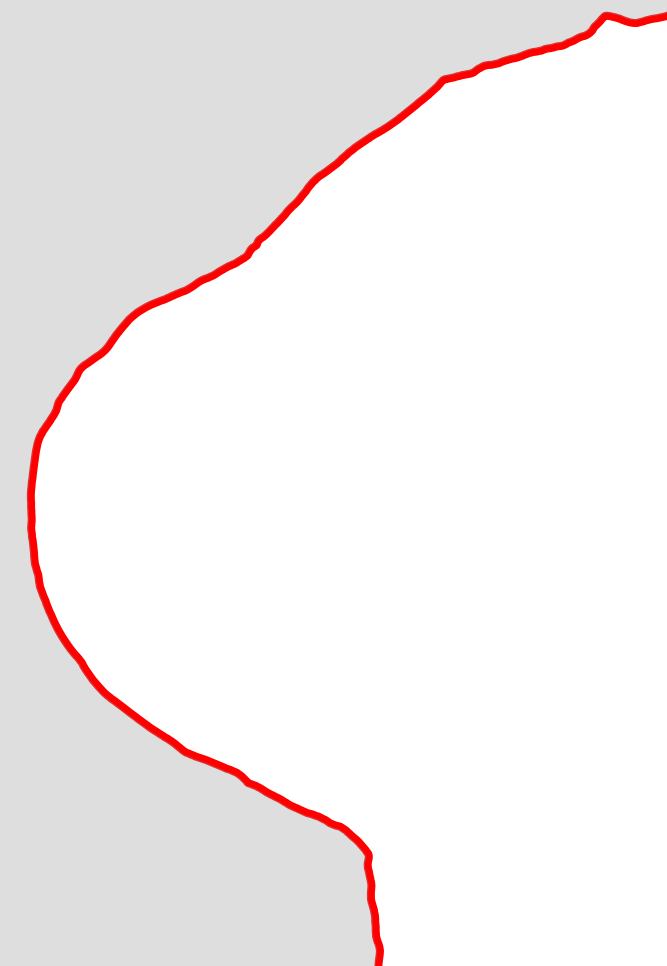
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 Natural Area

 Park

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Map Sheet B5

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LGA Boundary

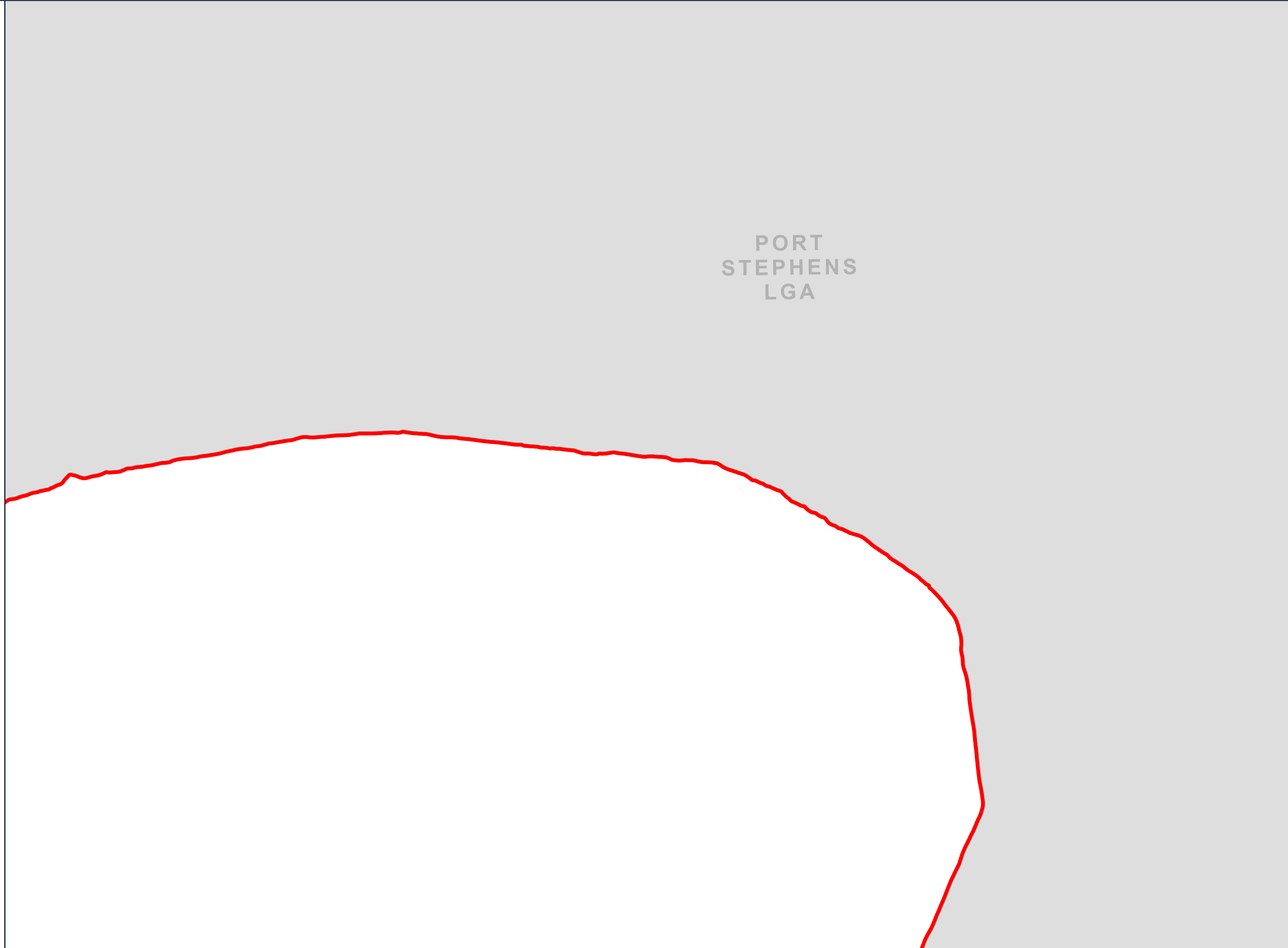
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Native Title

Community Land PoM Categories

- Cultural Significant
- General Community Use
- Natural Area
- Park
- Sportsground





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 LGA Boundary


 Suburb Boundary

 Land Boundary

 Native Title

Community Land PoM Categories

 Cultural Significant

 General Community Use

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Map Sheet C2

A1	A2	A3		
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 LGA Boundary


 Suburb Boundary


 Land Boundary

 Native Title

Community Land PoM Categories

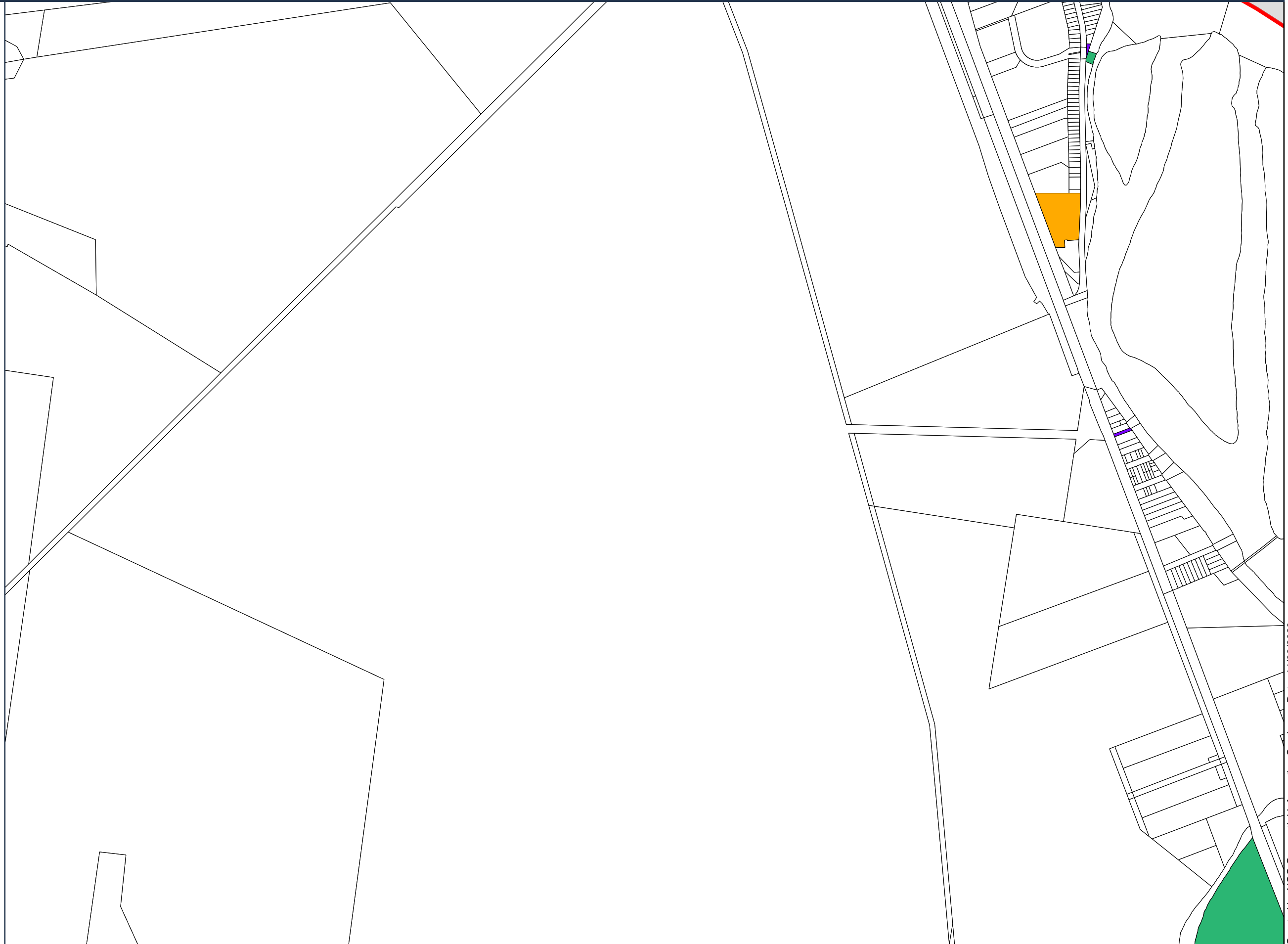
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LGA Boundary

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Community Land PoM Categories

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
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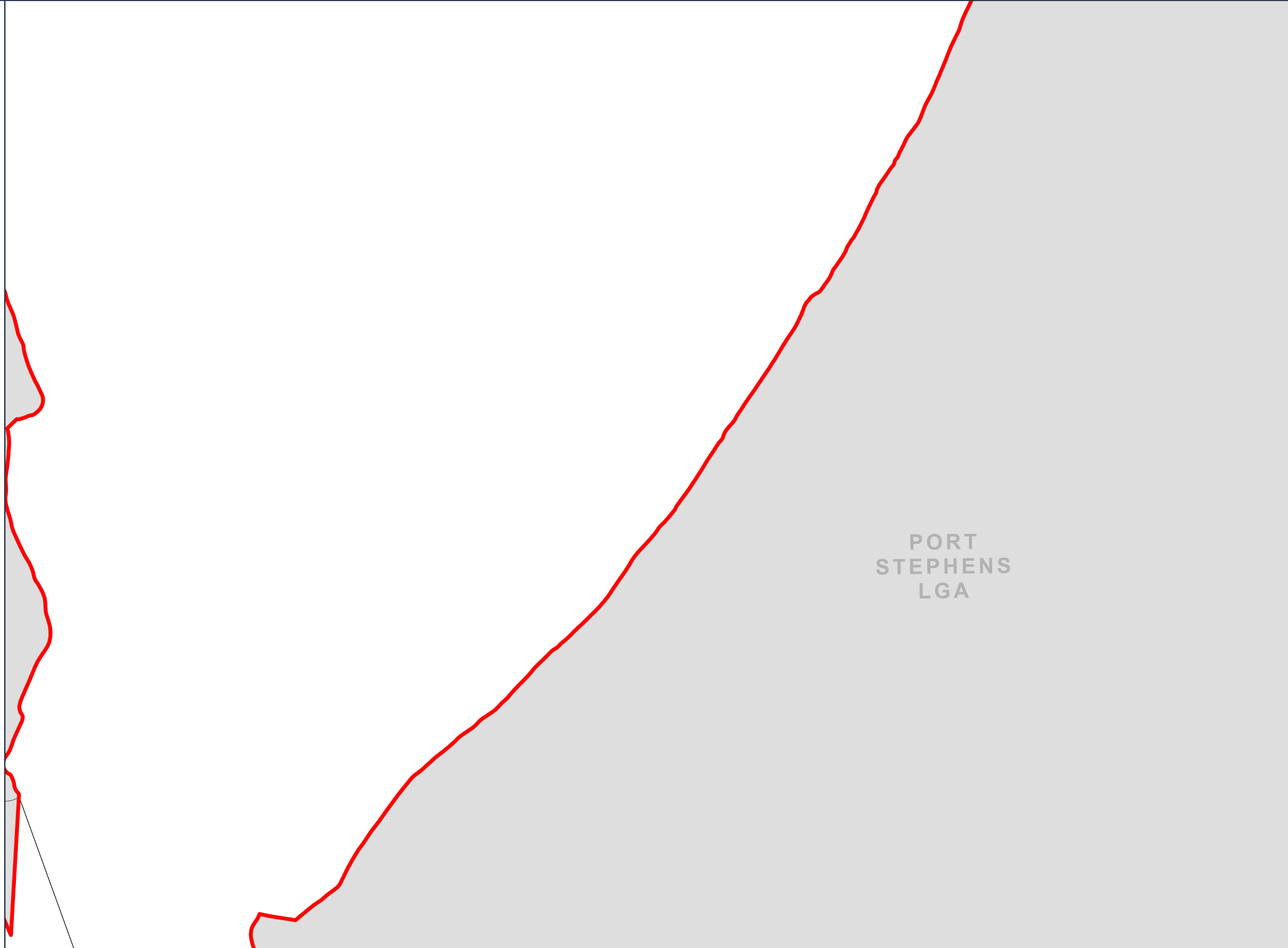
Cultural Significant

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Plan of Management of Community Land

Map Sheet D1

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Community Land PoM Categories

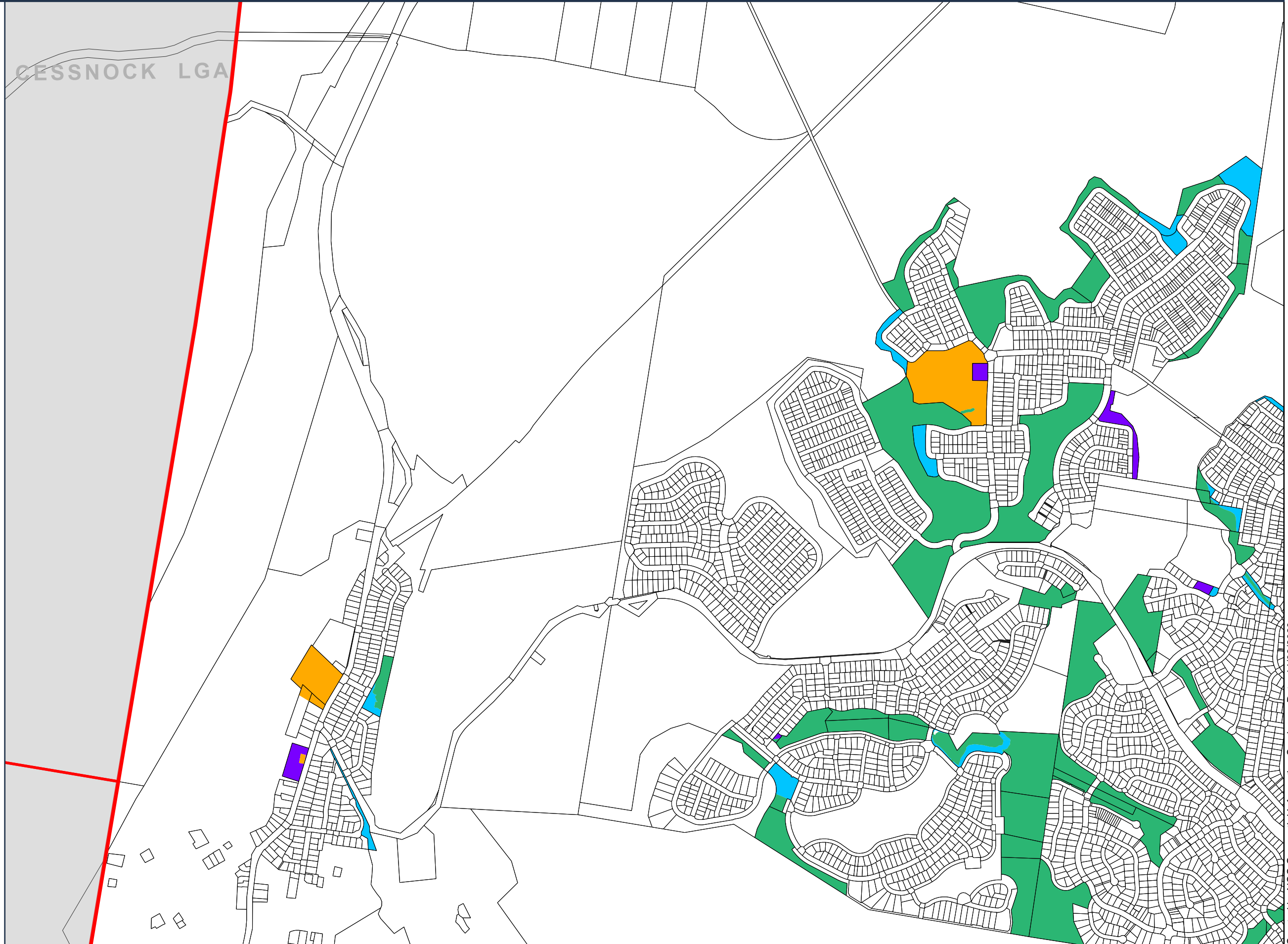
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

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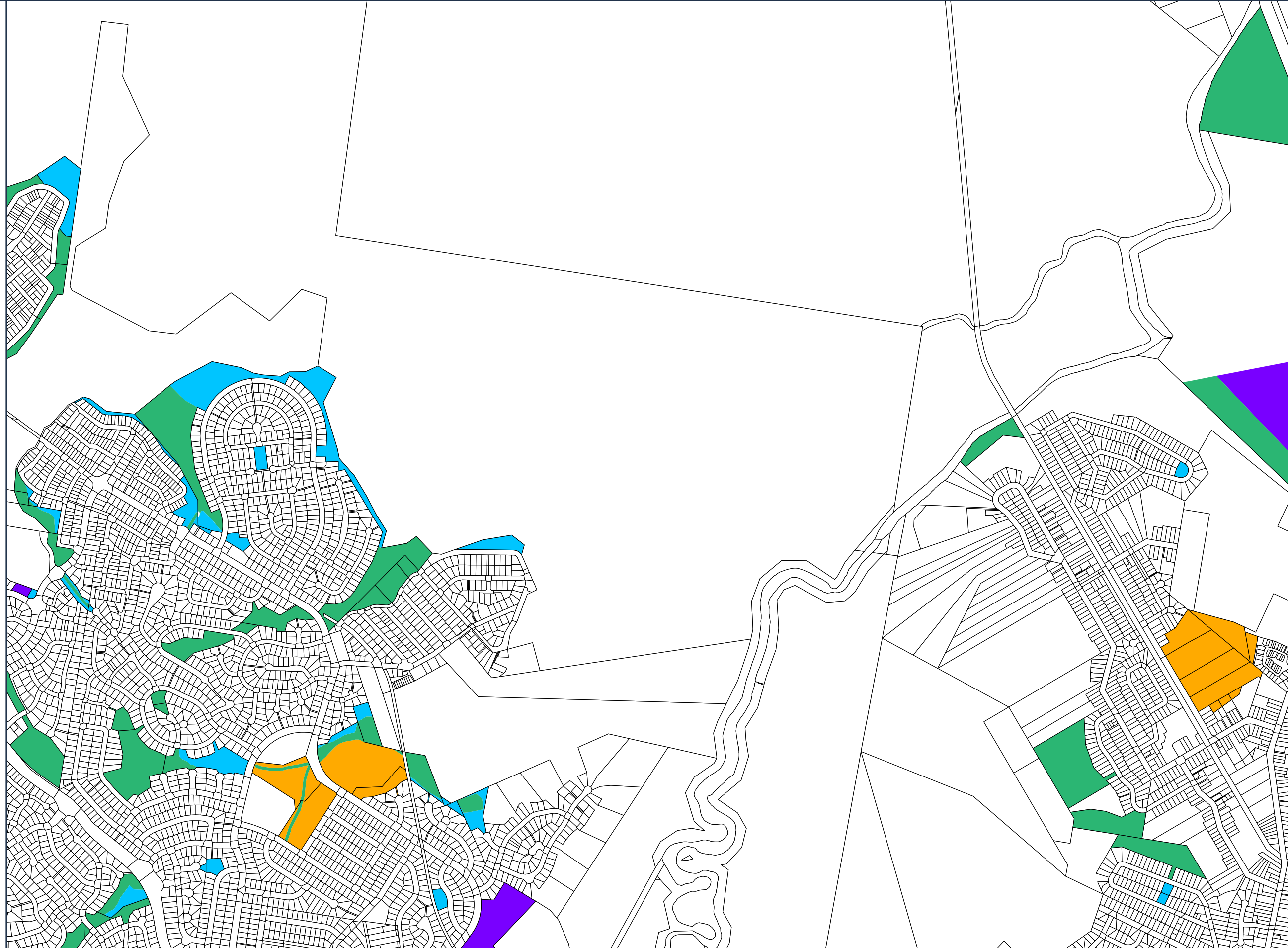


Plan of Management of Community Land

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



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 LGA Boundary


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 Land Boundary

 Native Title

Community Land PoM Categories

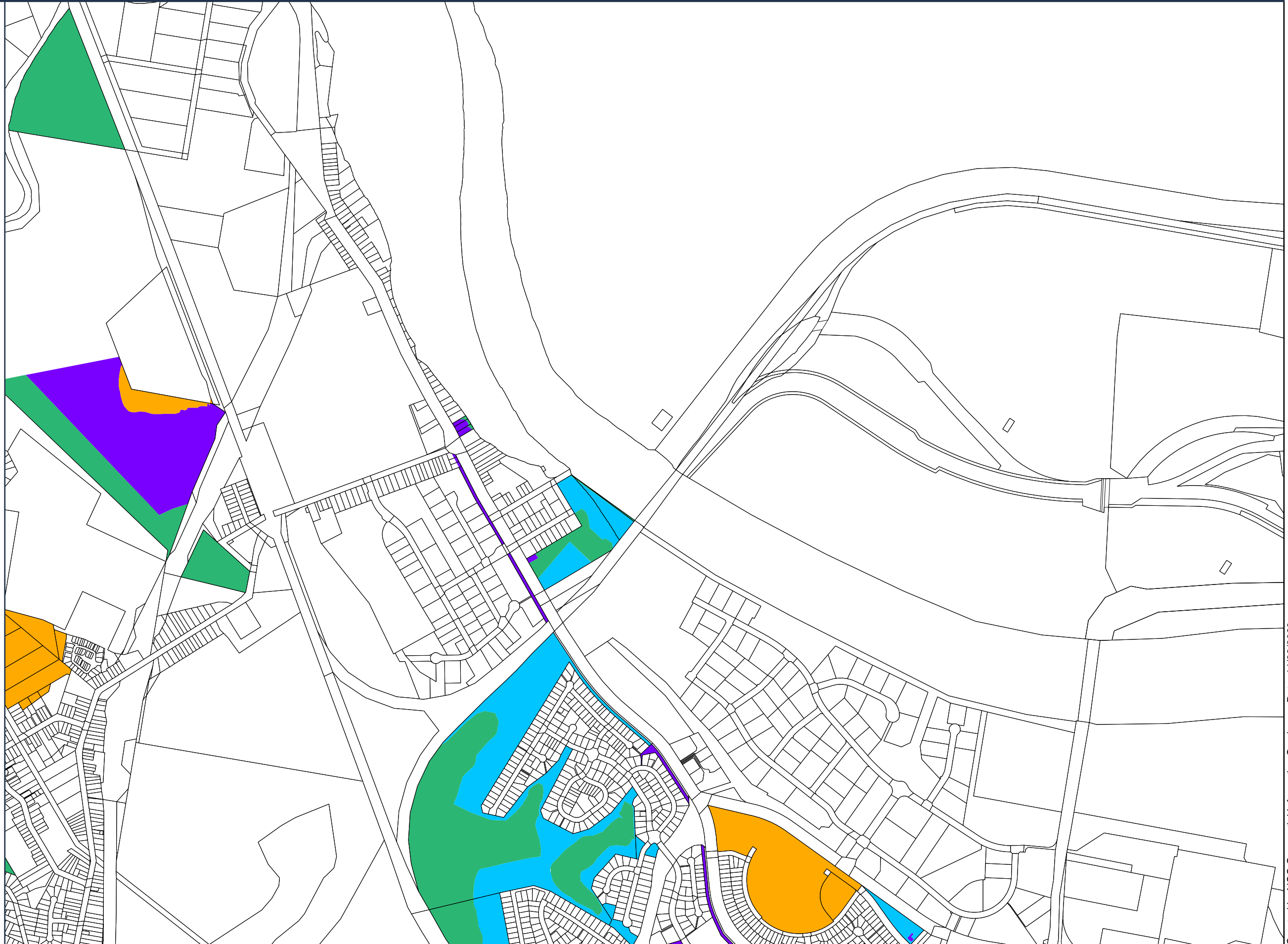
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
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 LGA Boundary


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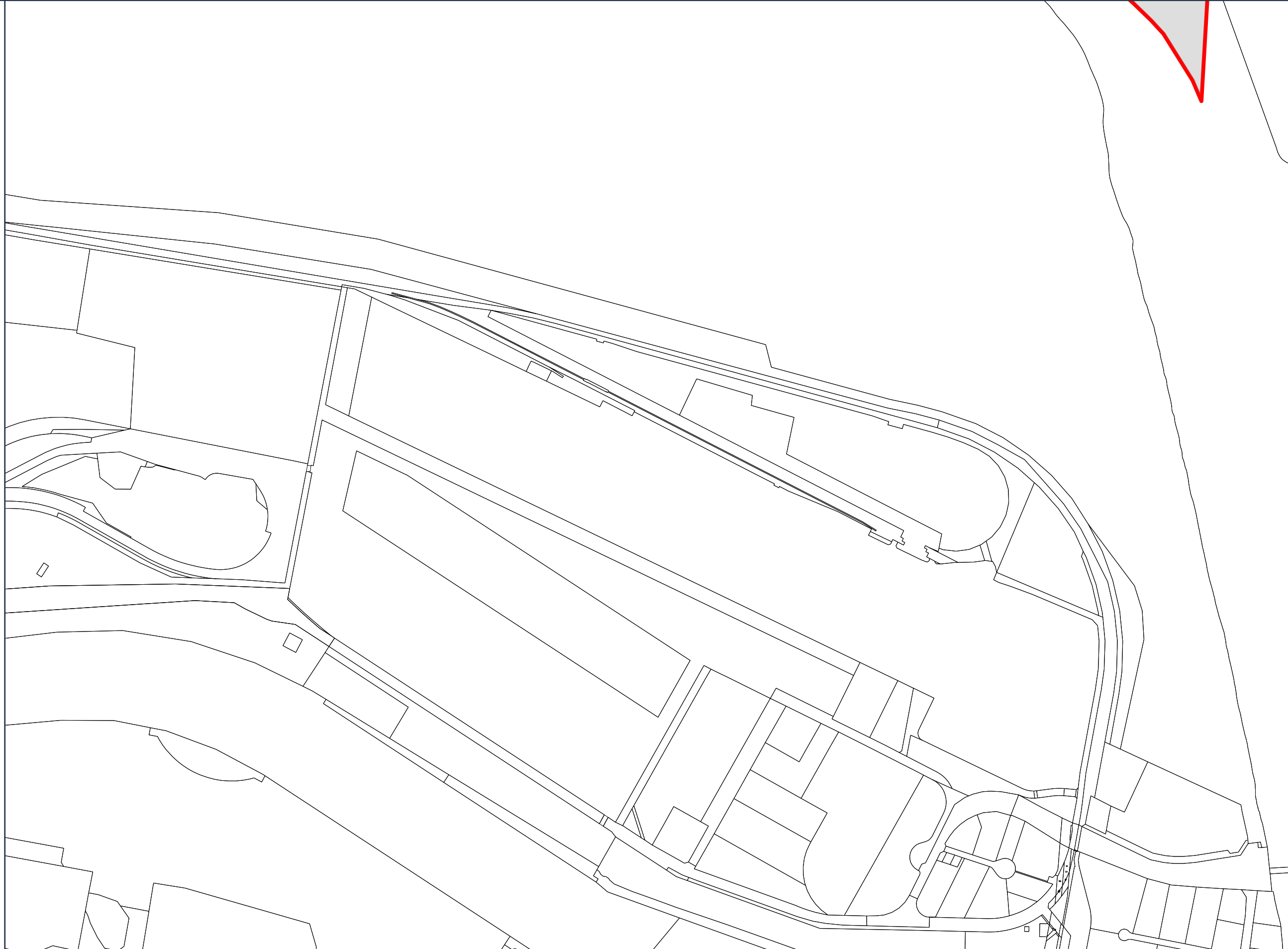
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






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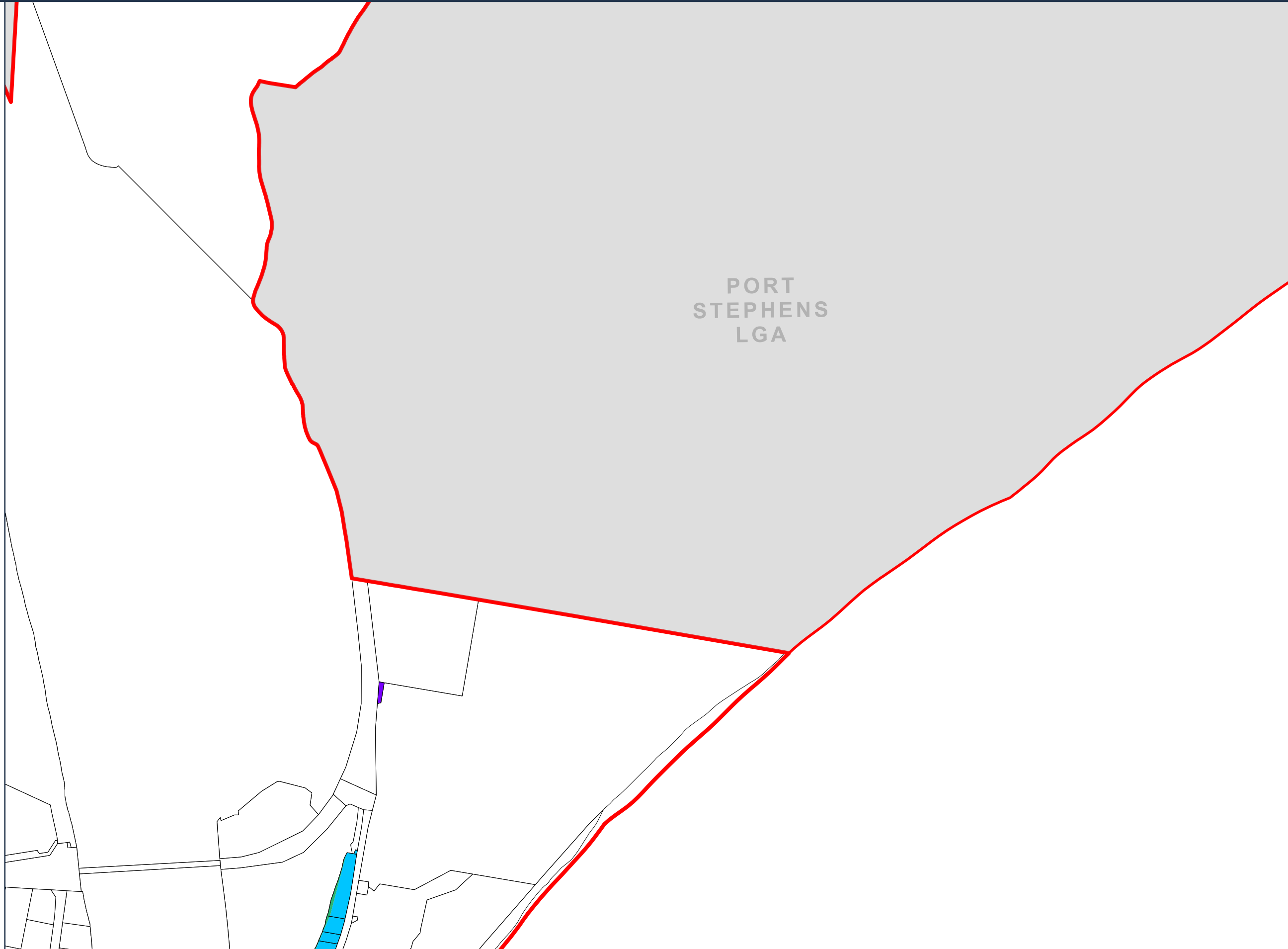


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Map Sheet D5

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Map Sheet E1

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 LGA Boundary


 Suburb Boundary


 Land Boundary

 Native Title

Community Land PoM Categories

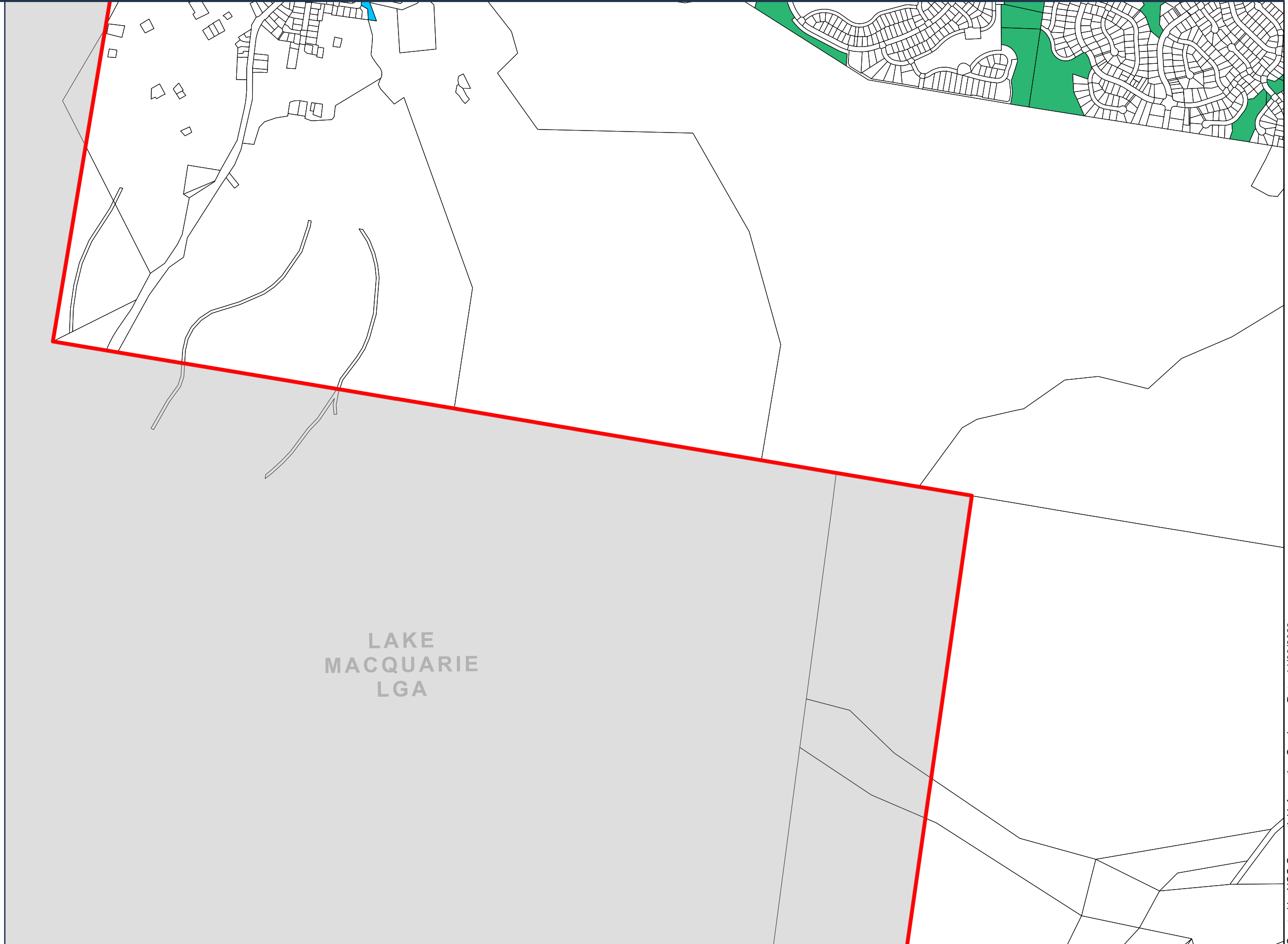
 Cultural Significant

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 LGA Boundary


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 Land Boundary

 Native Title

Community Land PoM Categories

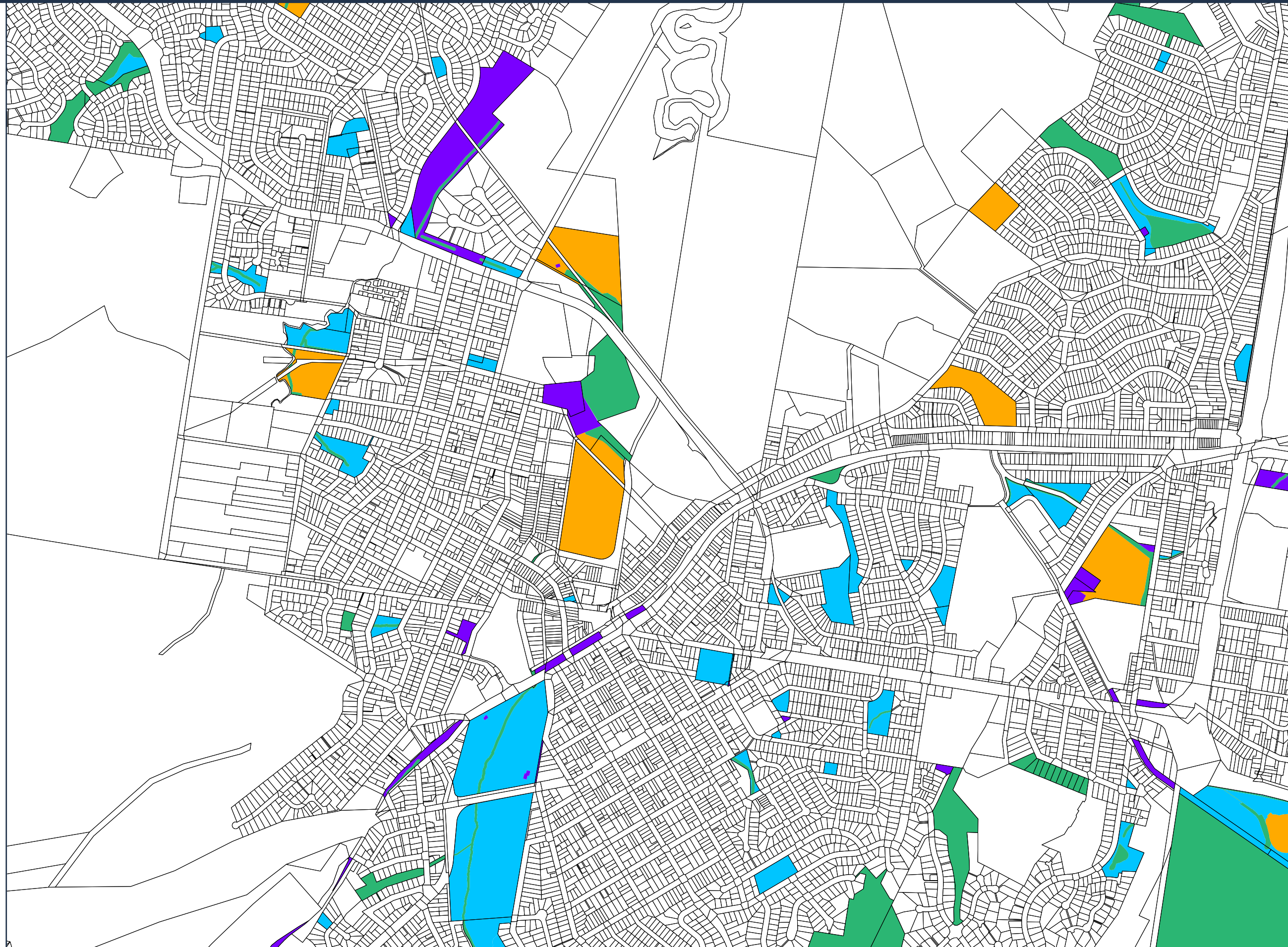
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
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 LGA Boundary


 Suburb Boundary


 Land Boundary

 Native Title

Community Land PoM Categories

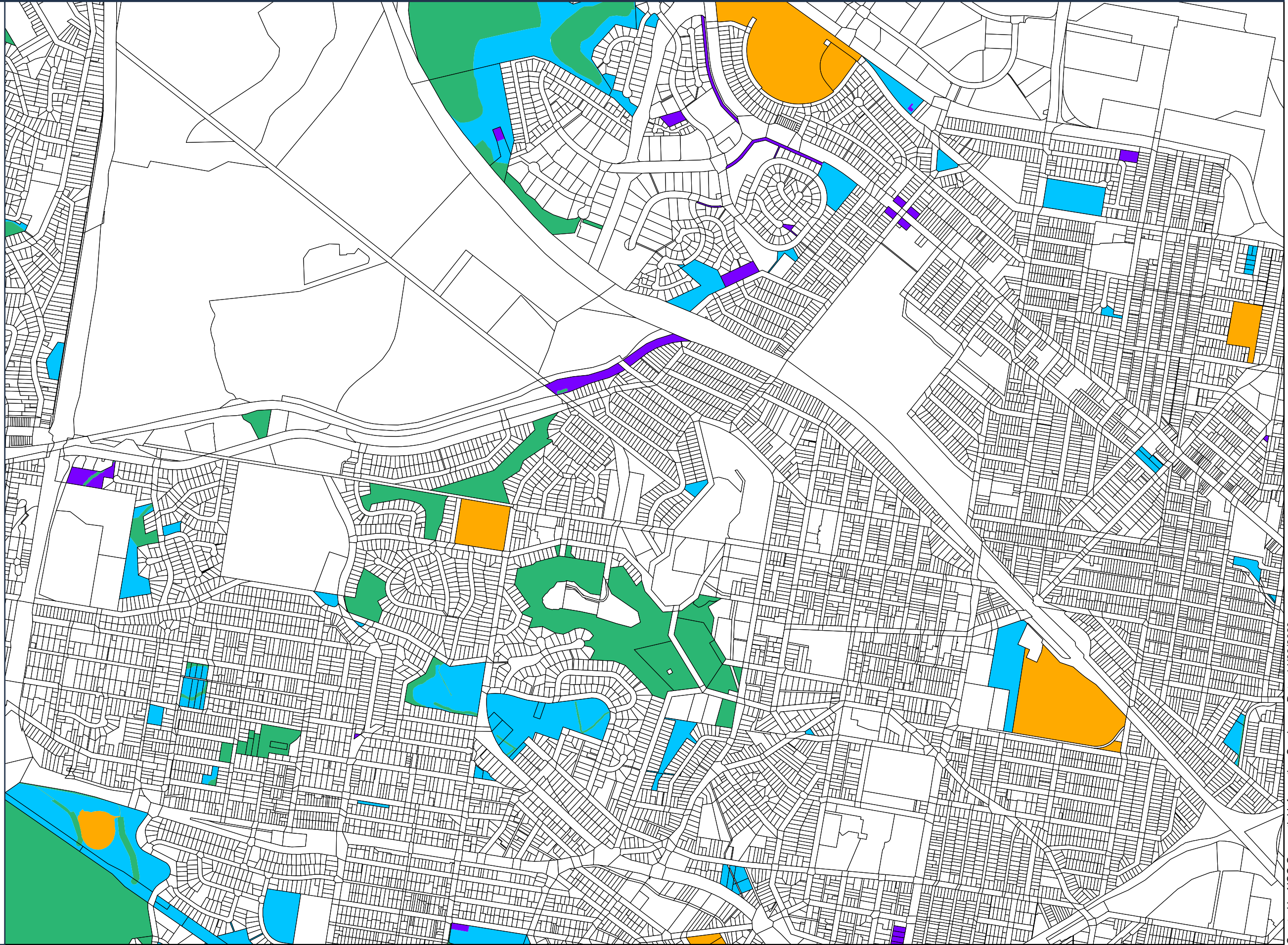
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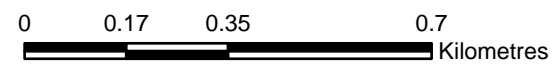
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



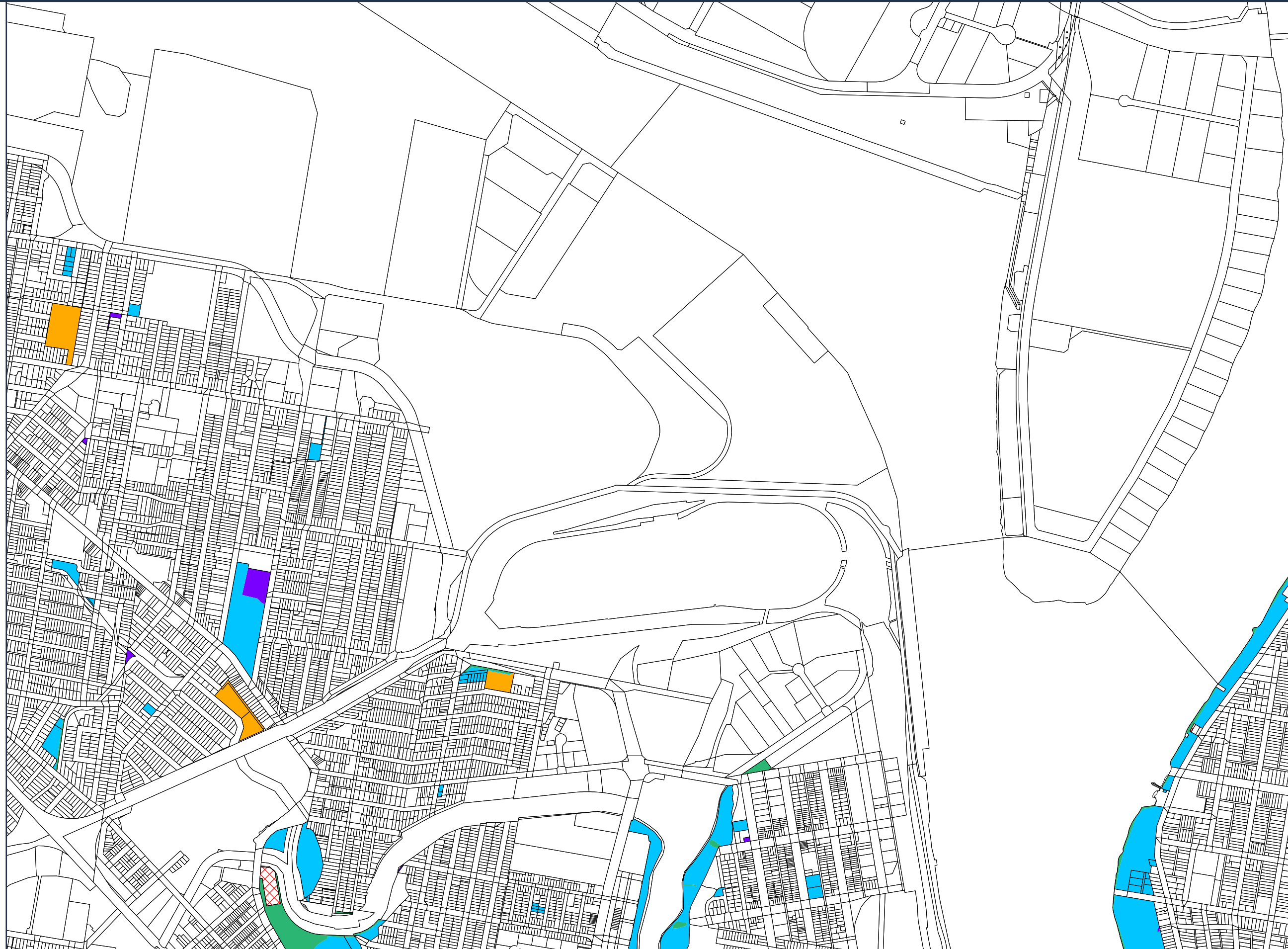
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






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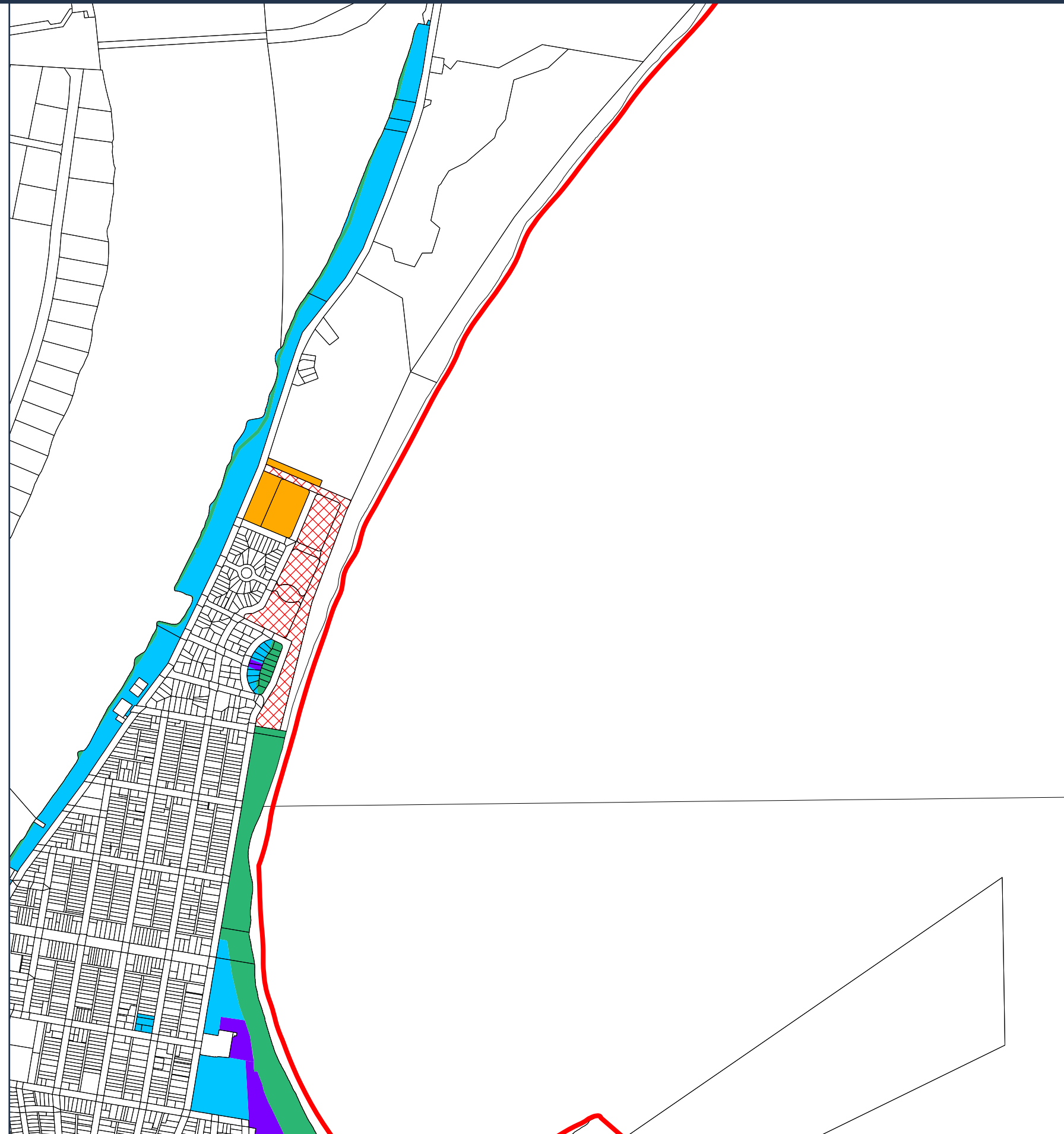


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Map Sheet E5

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E1	E2	E3	E4	E5
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
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 LGA Boundary


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
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 LGA Boundary


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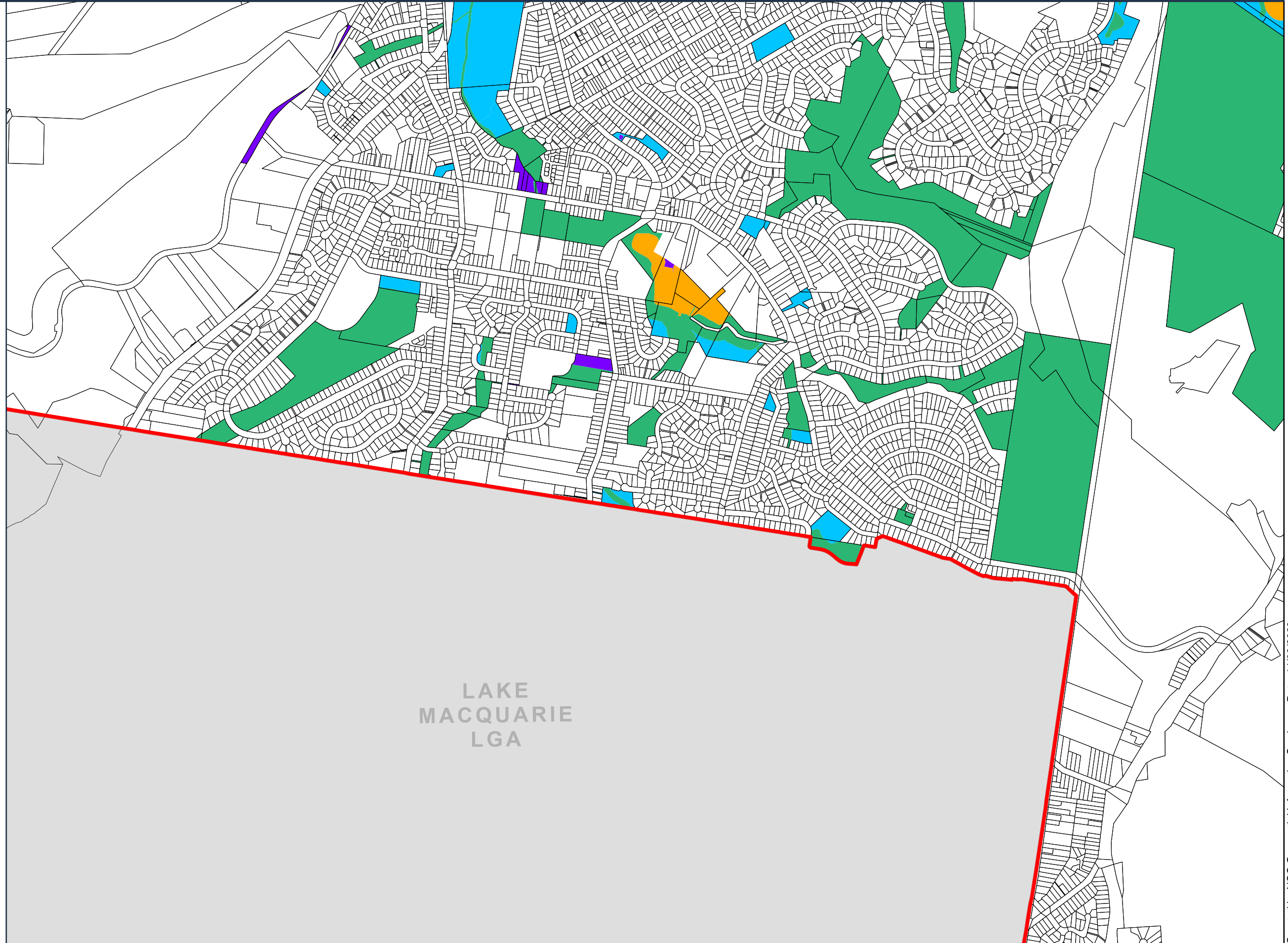
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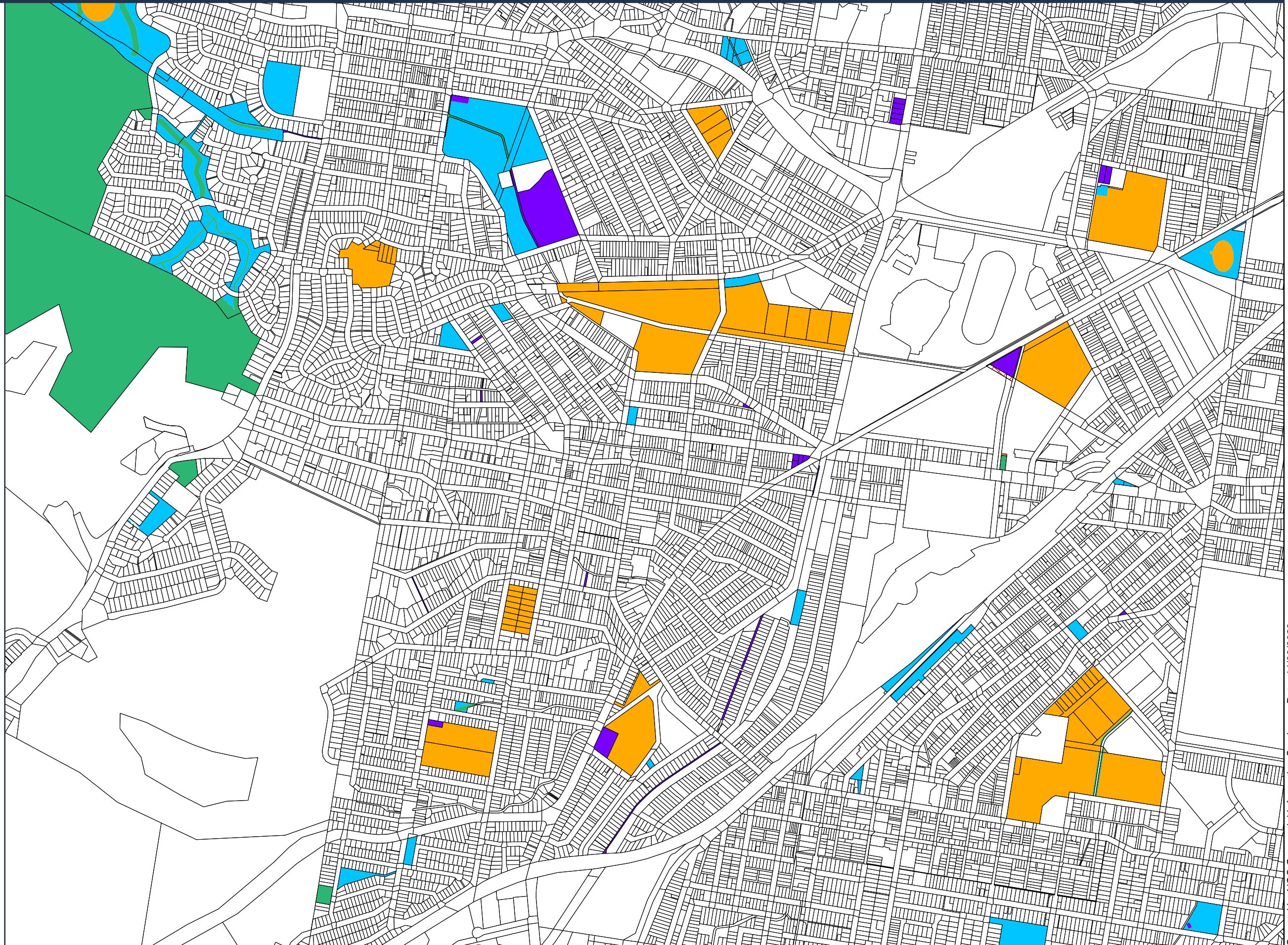
 Suburb Boundary

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Community Land PoM Categories

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Plan of Management of Community Land

Map Sheet F4

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 LGA Boundary

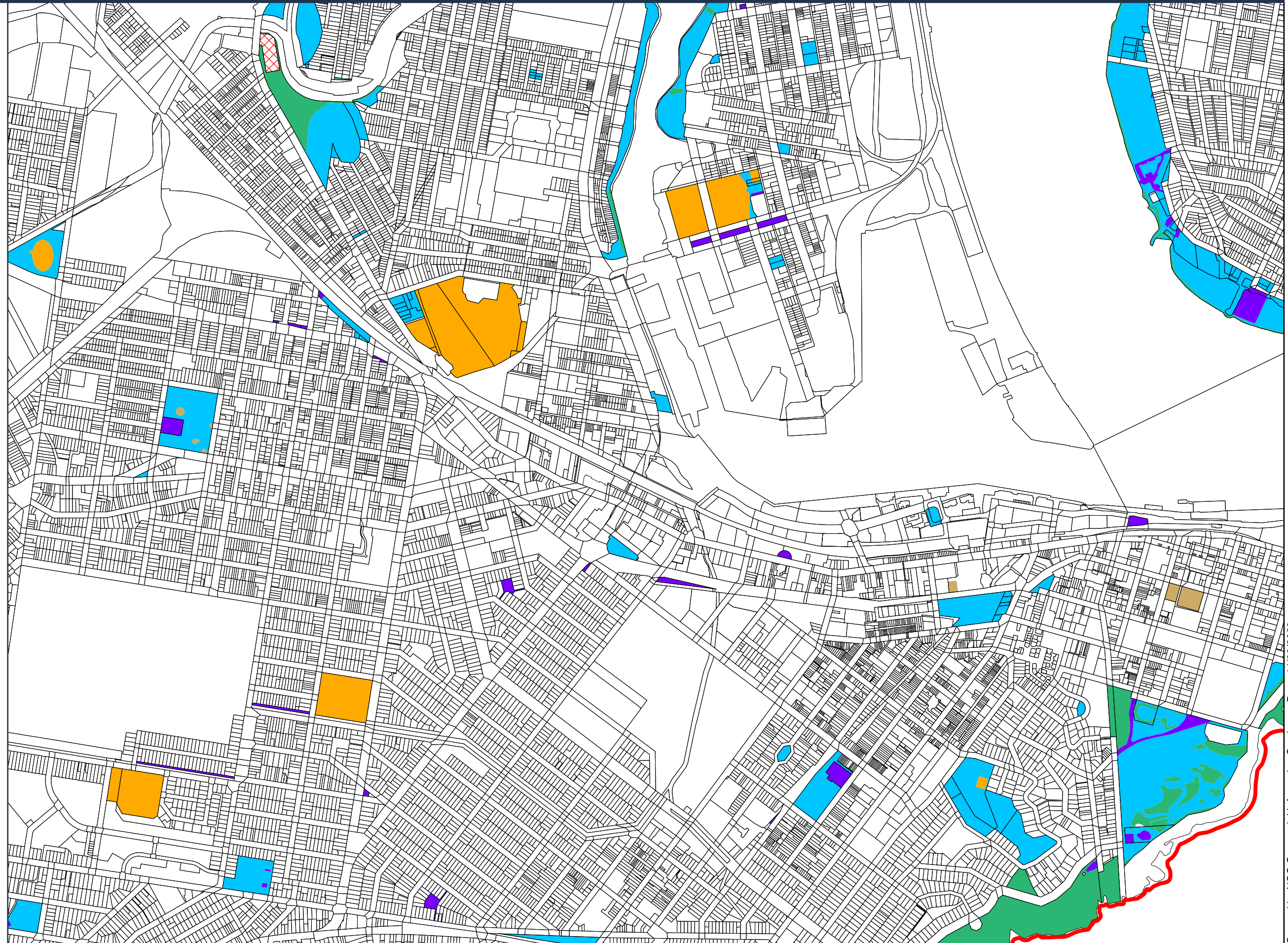
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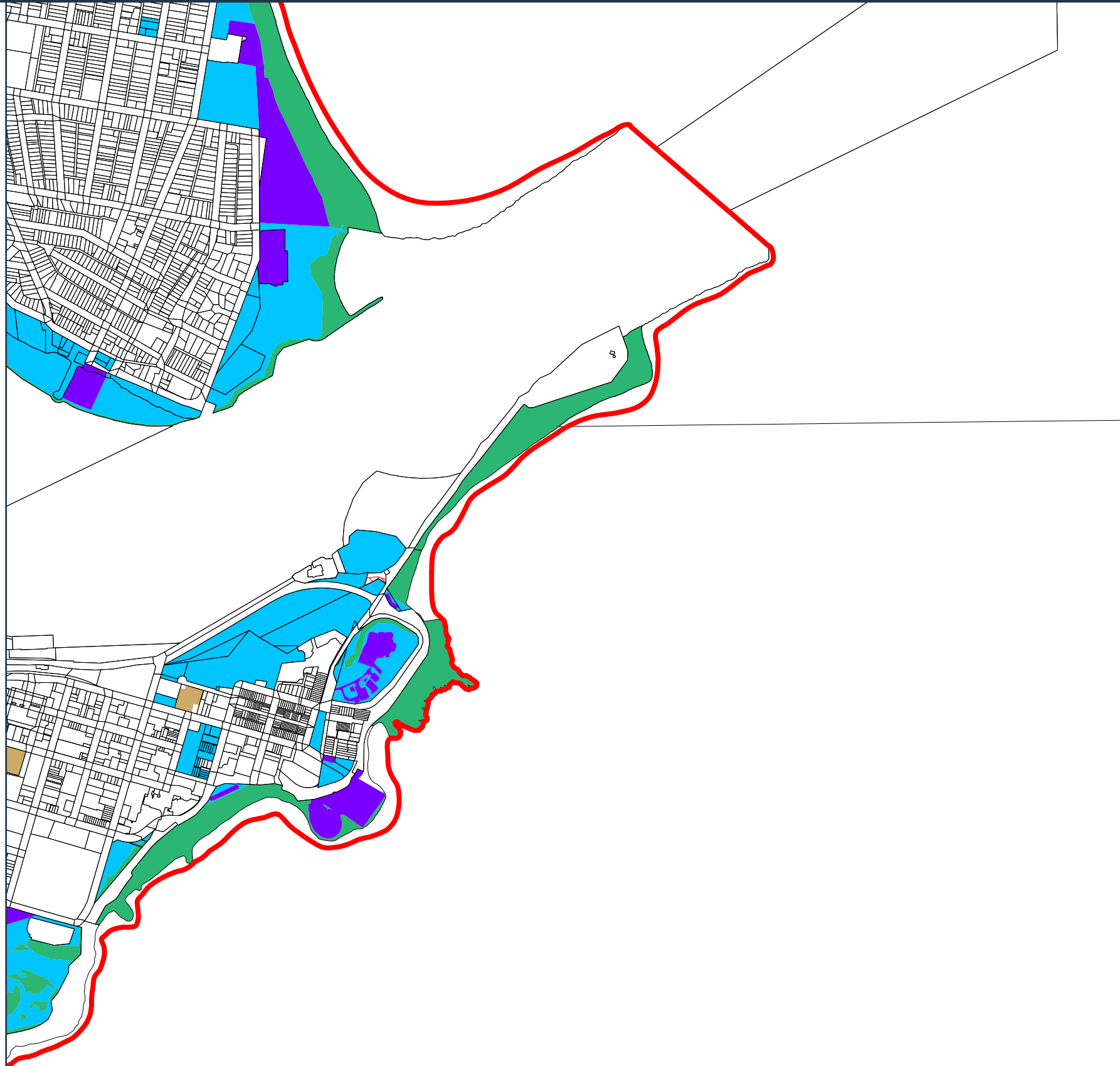
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
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 LGA Boundary

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Map Sheet G2

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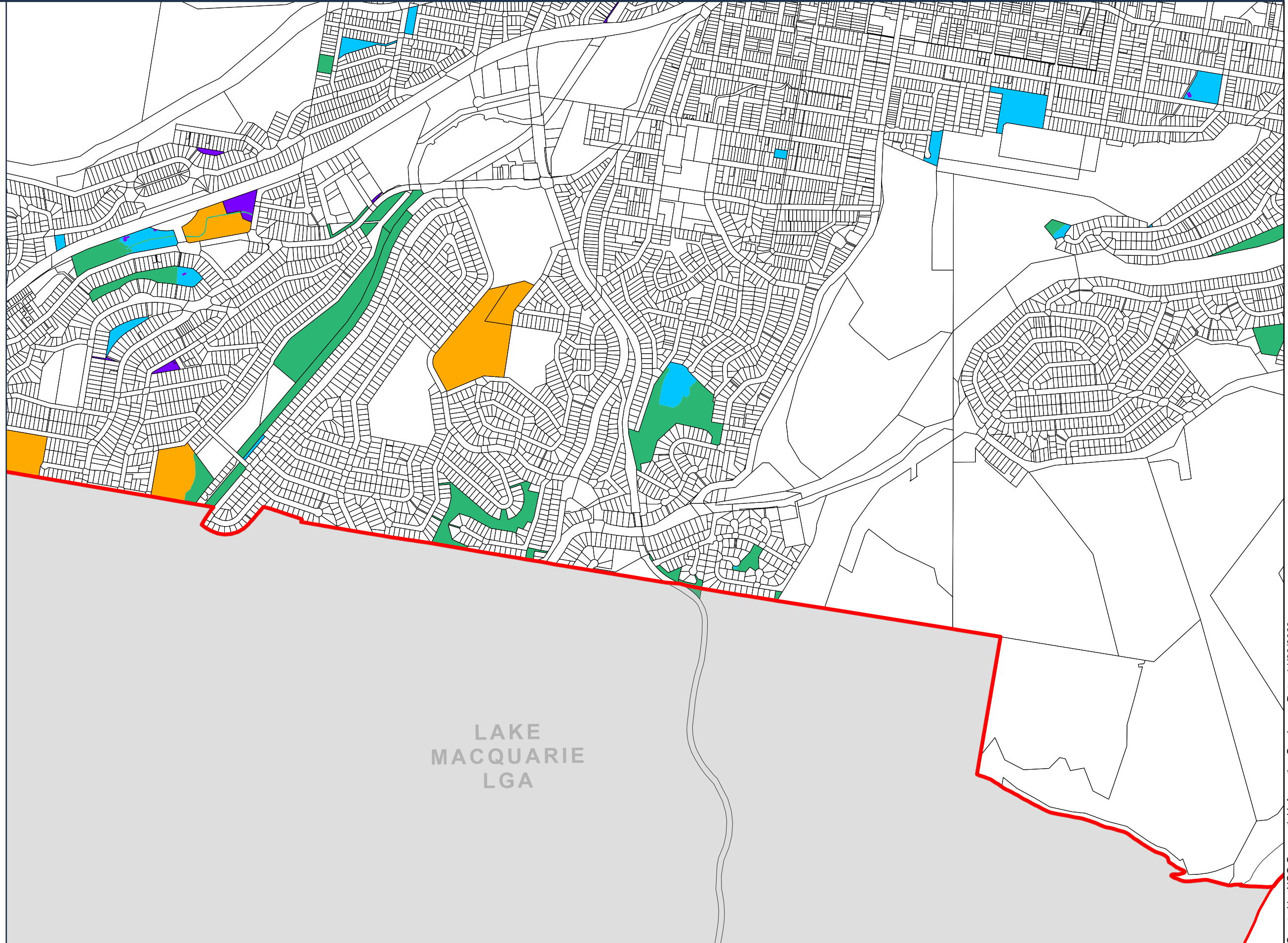
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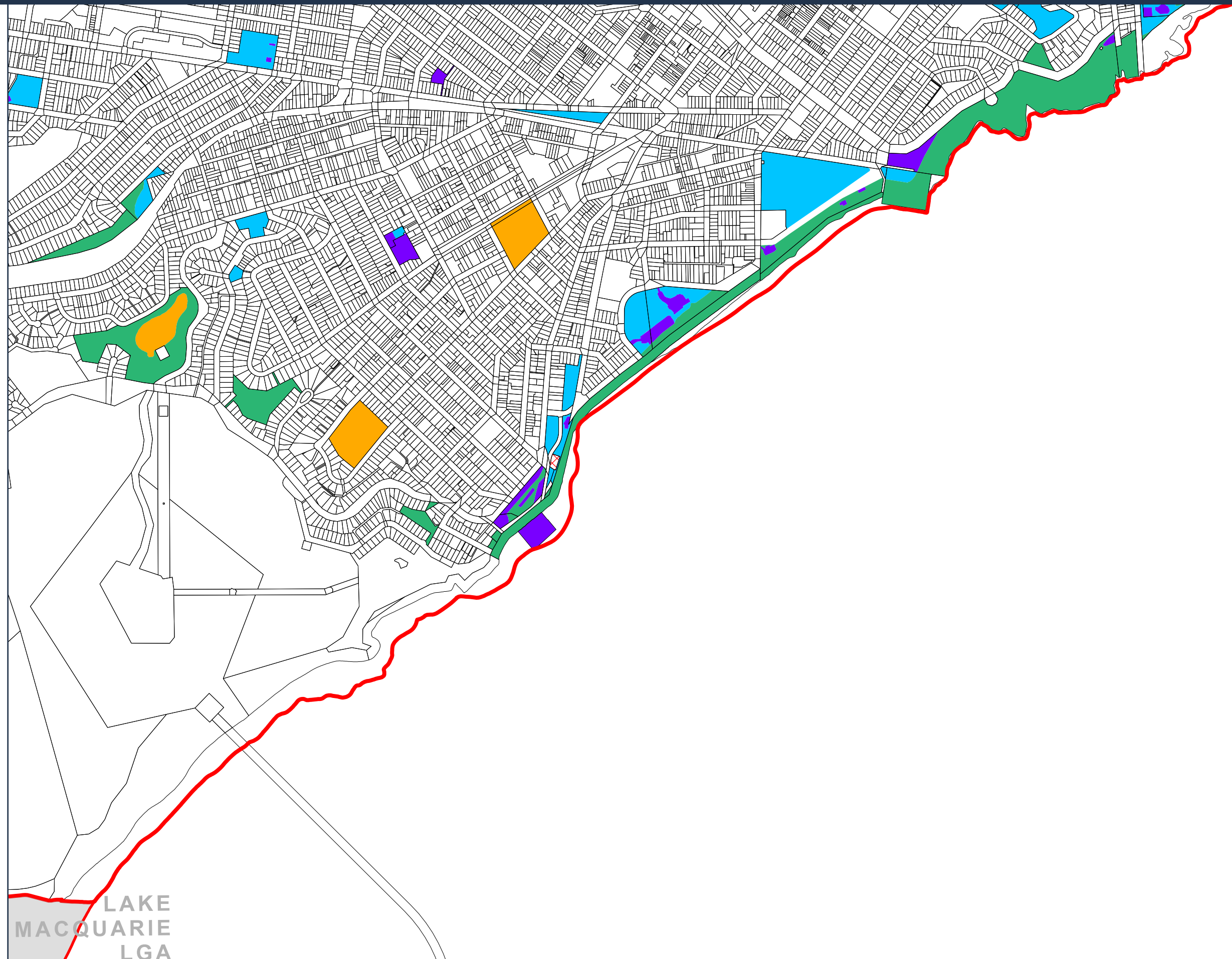
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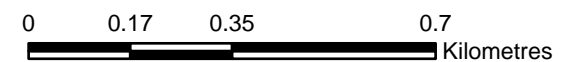
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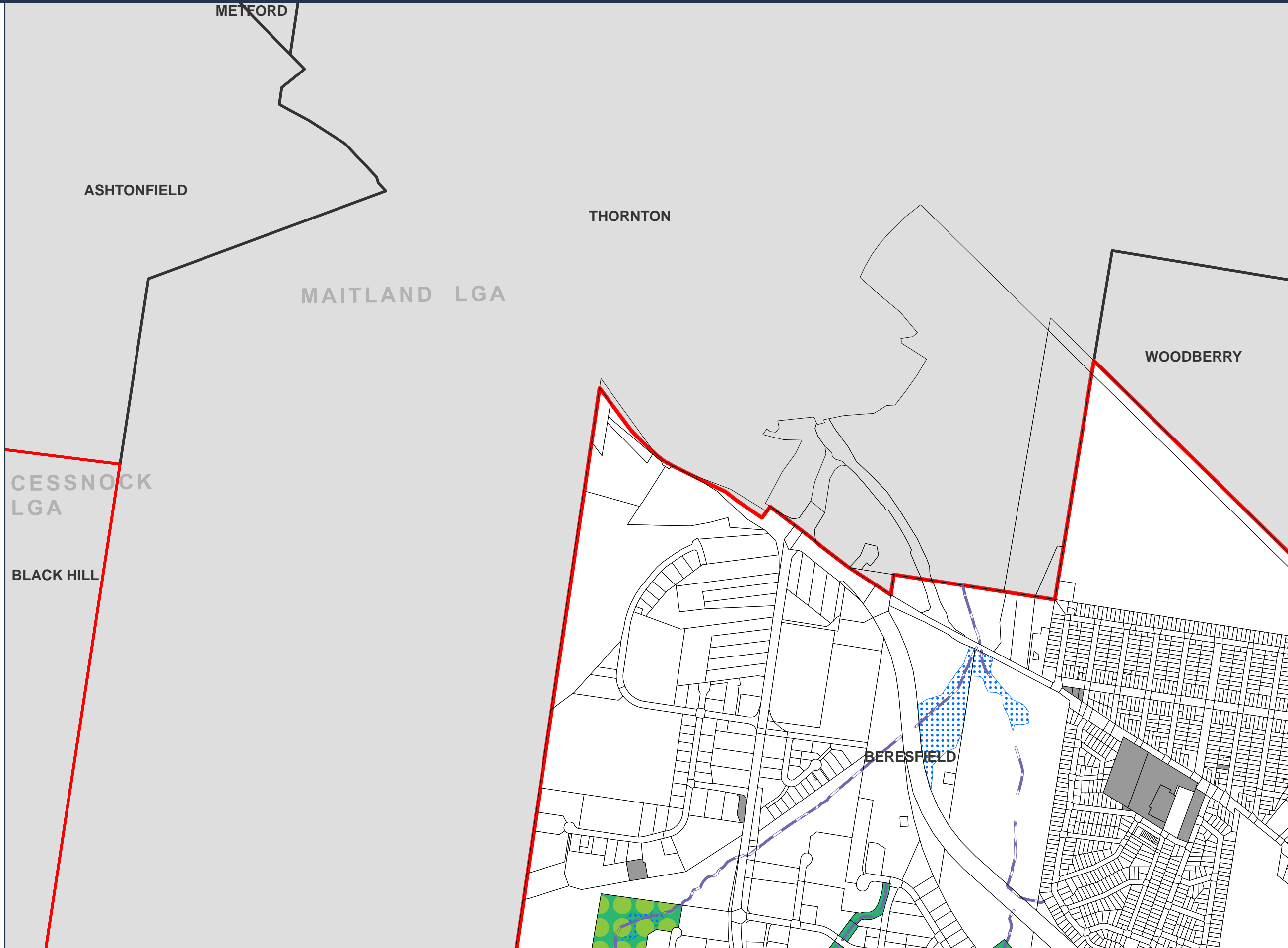
Appendix 12 – Maps: Natural Areas- sub categorisation

Plan of Management of Community Land

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








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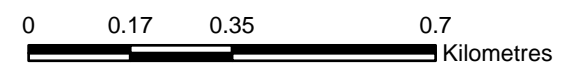
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
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
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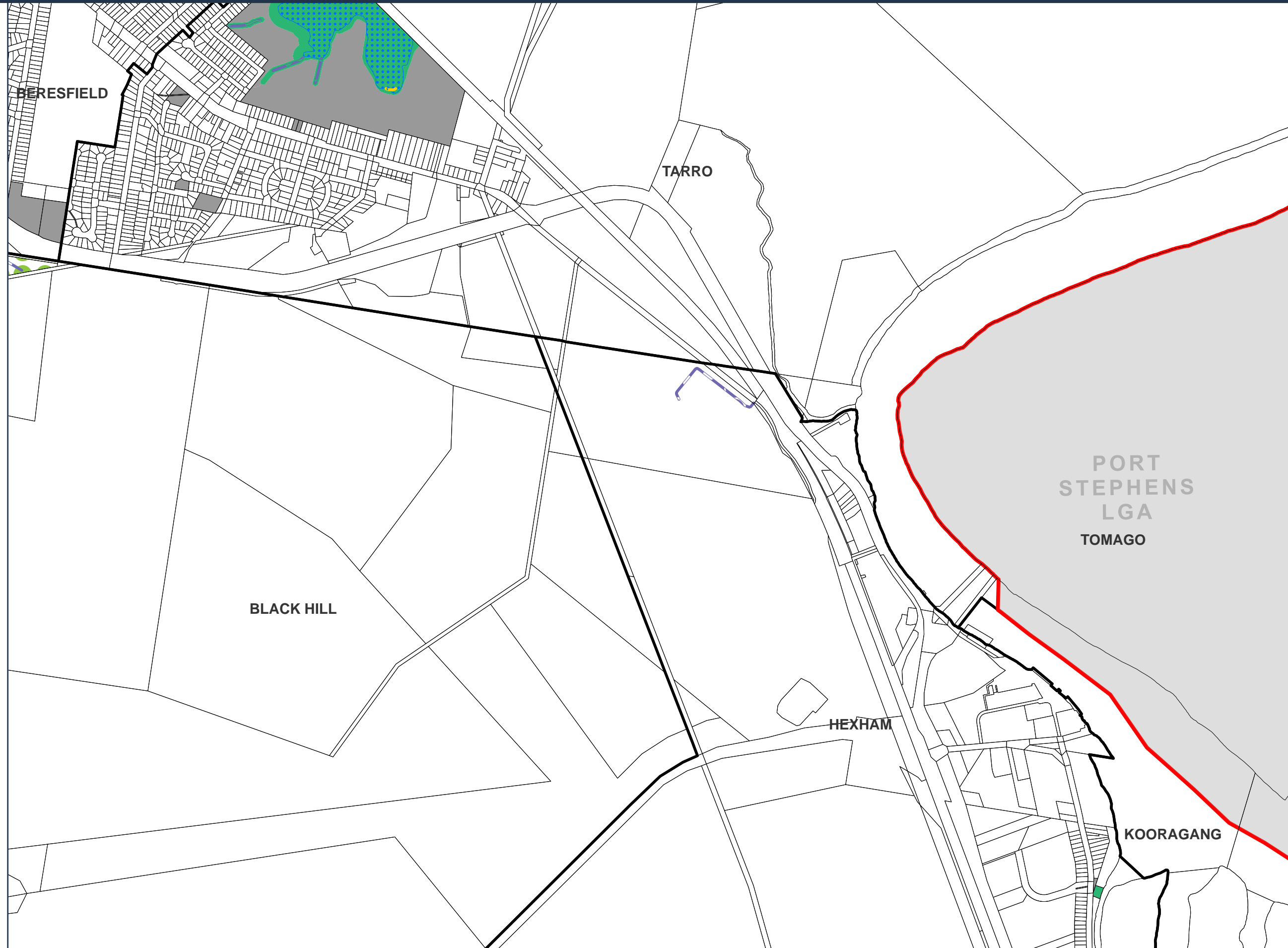
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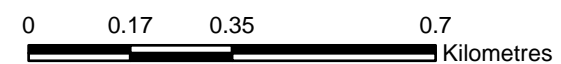
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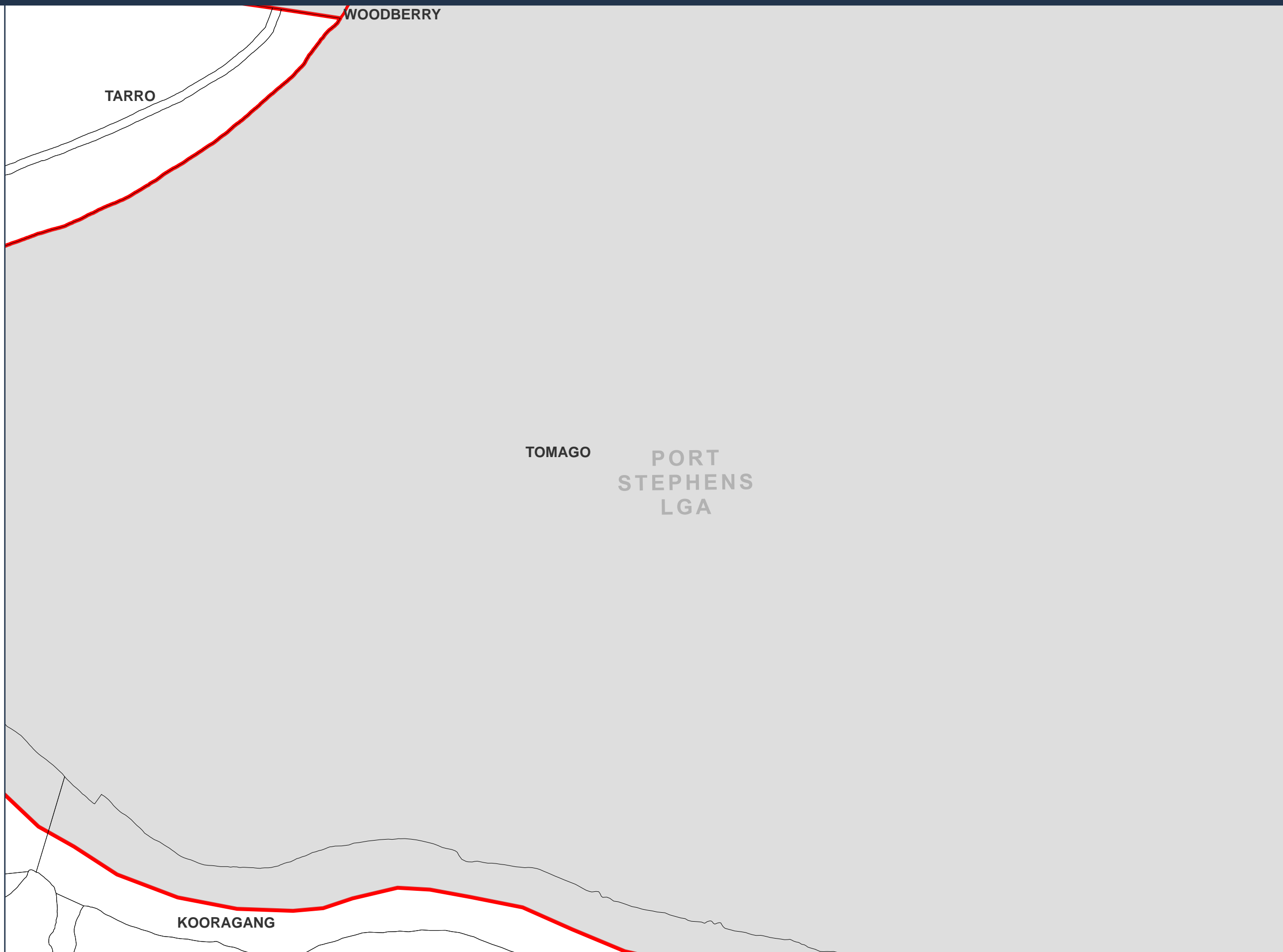
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Map Sheet B4

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D1	D2	D3	D4	D5
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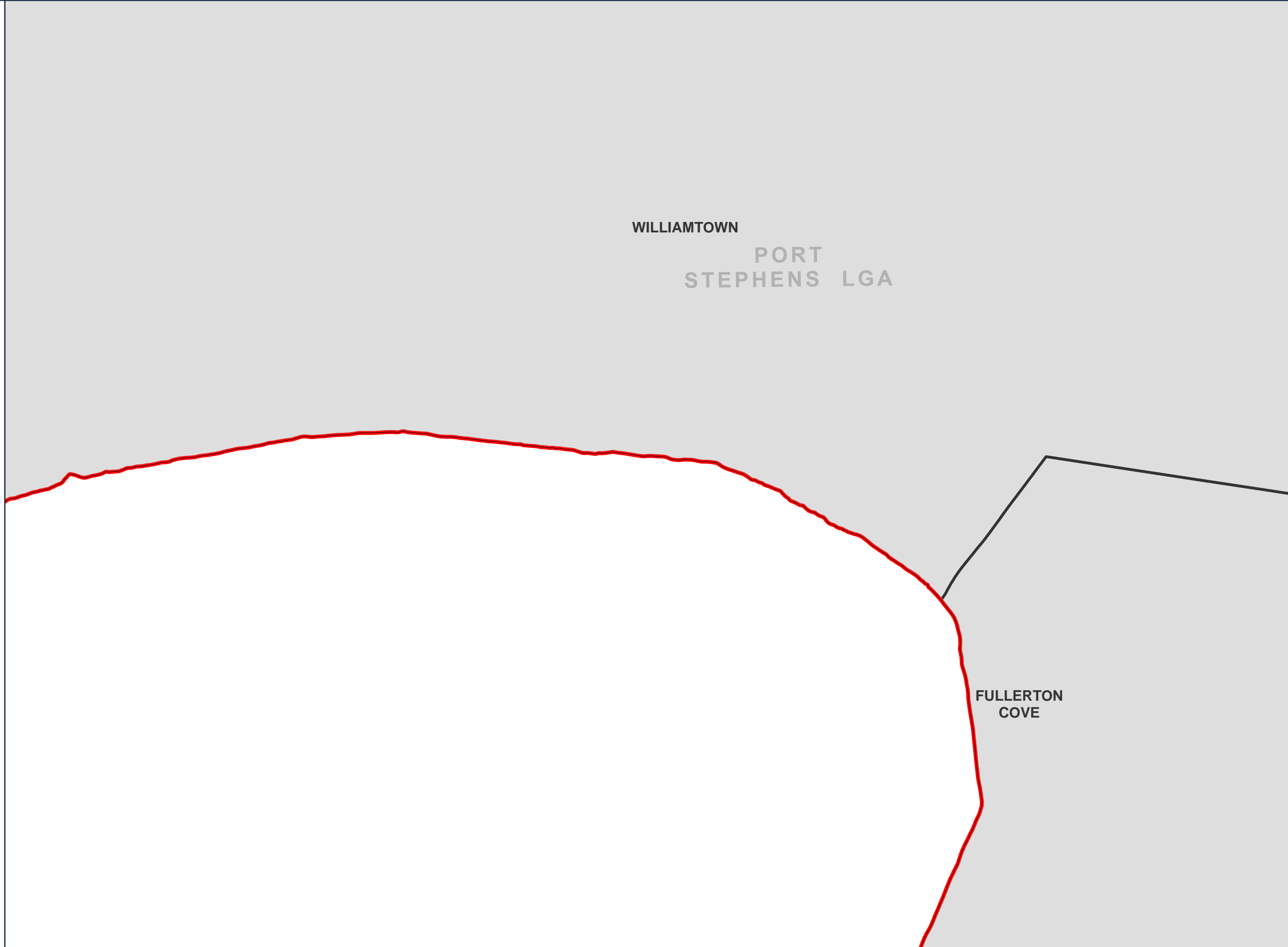
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








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








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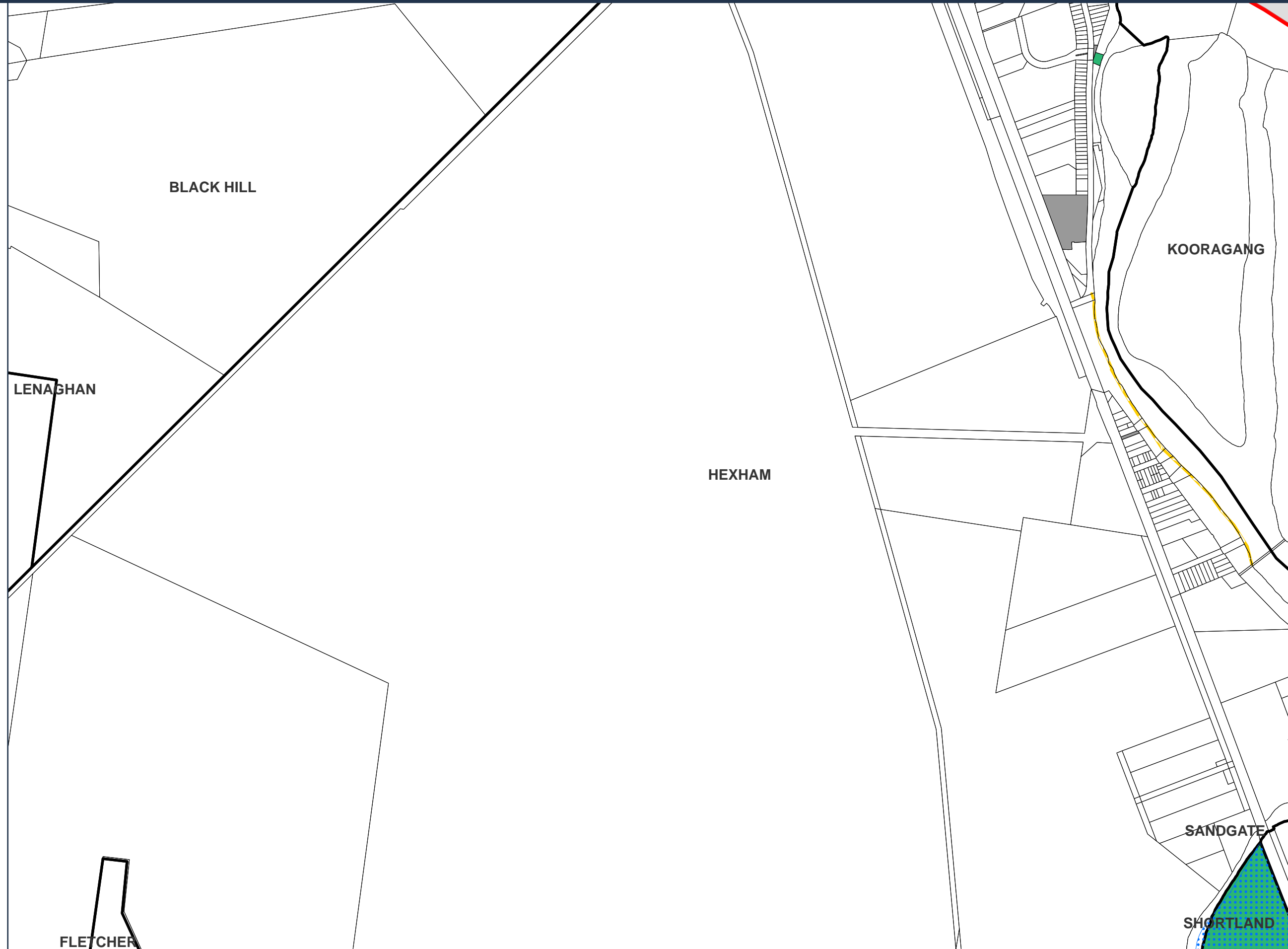


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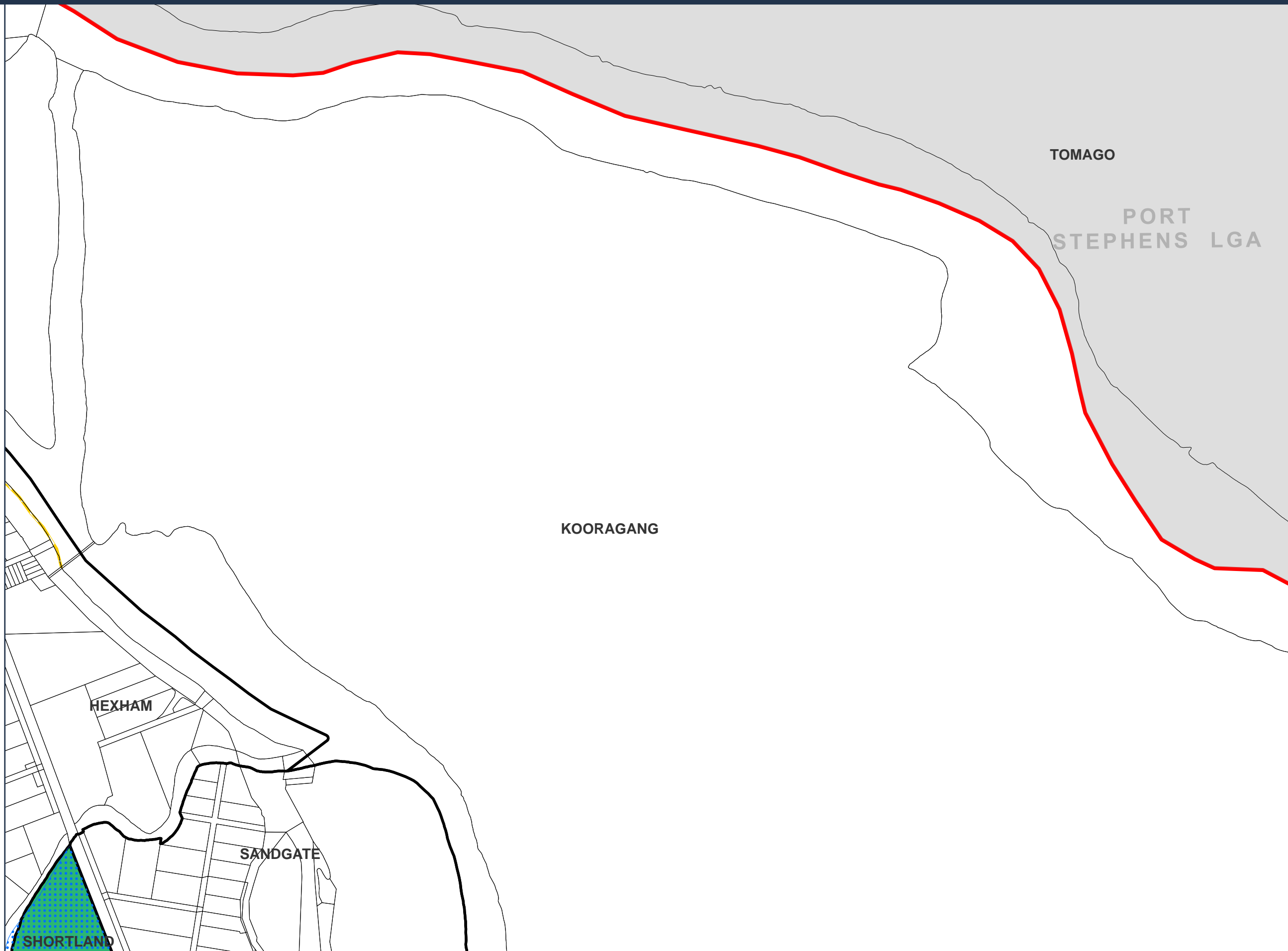


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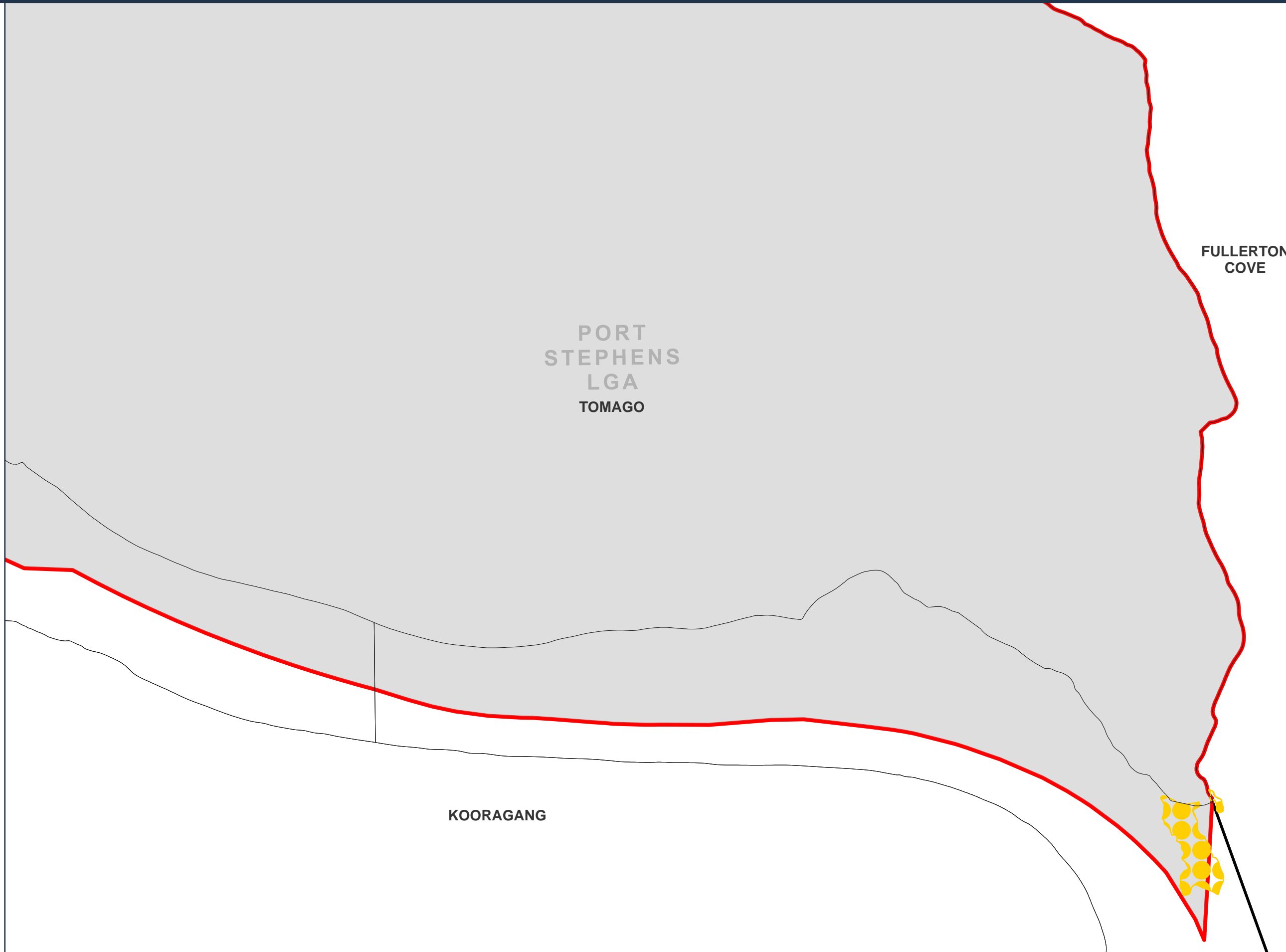


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








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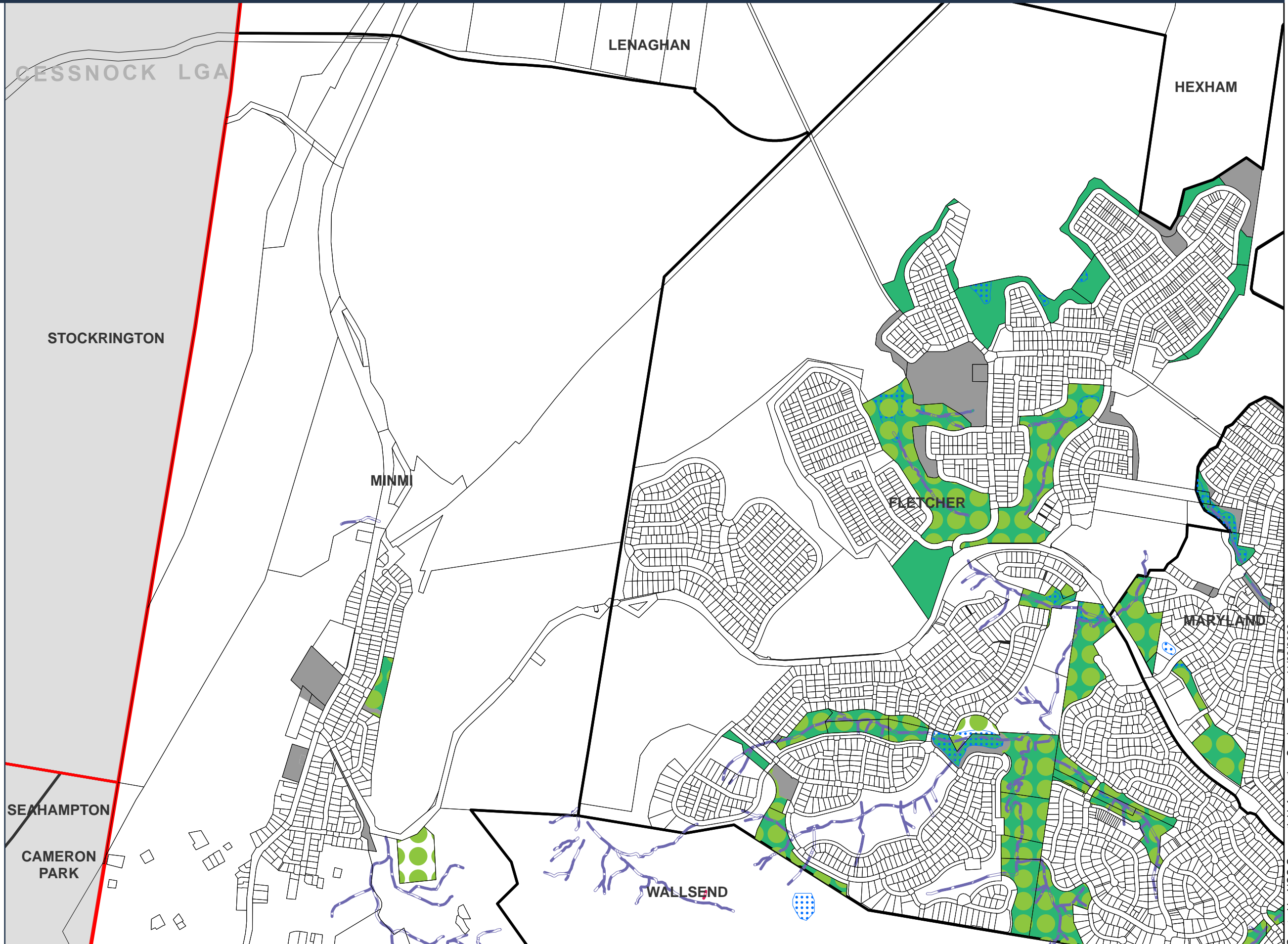
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


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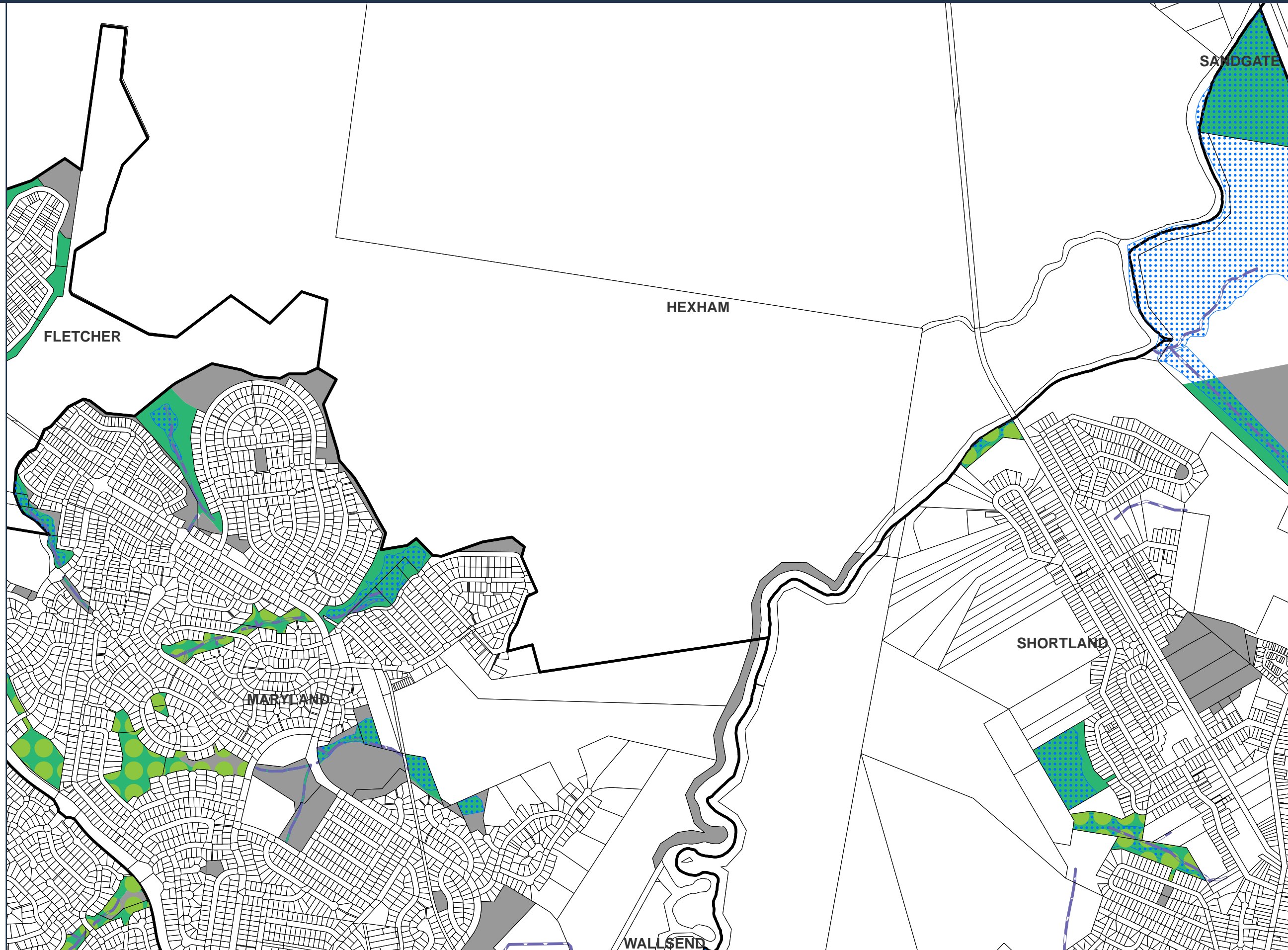
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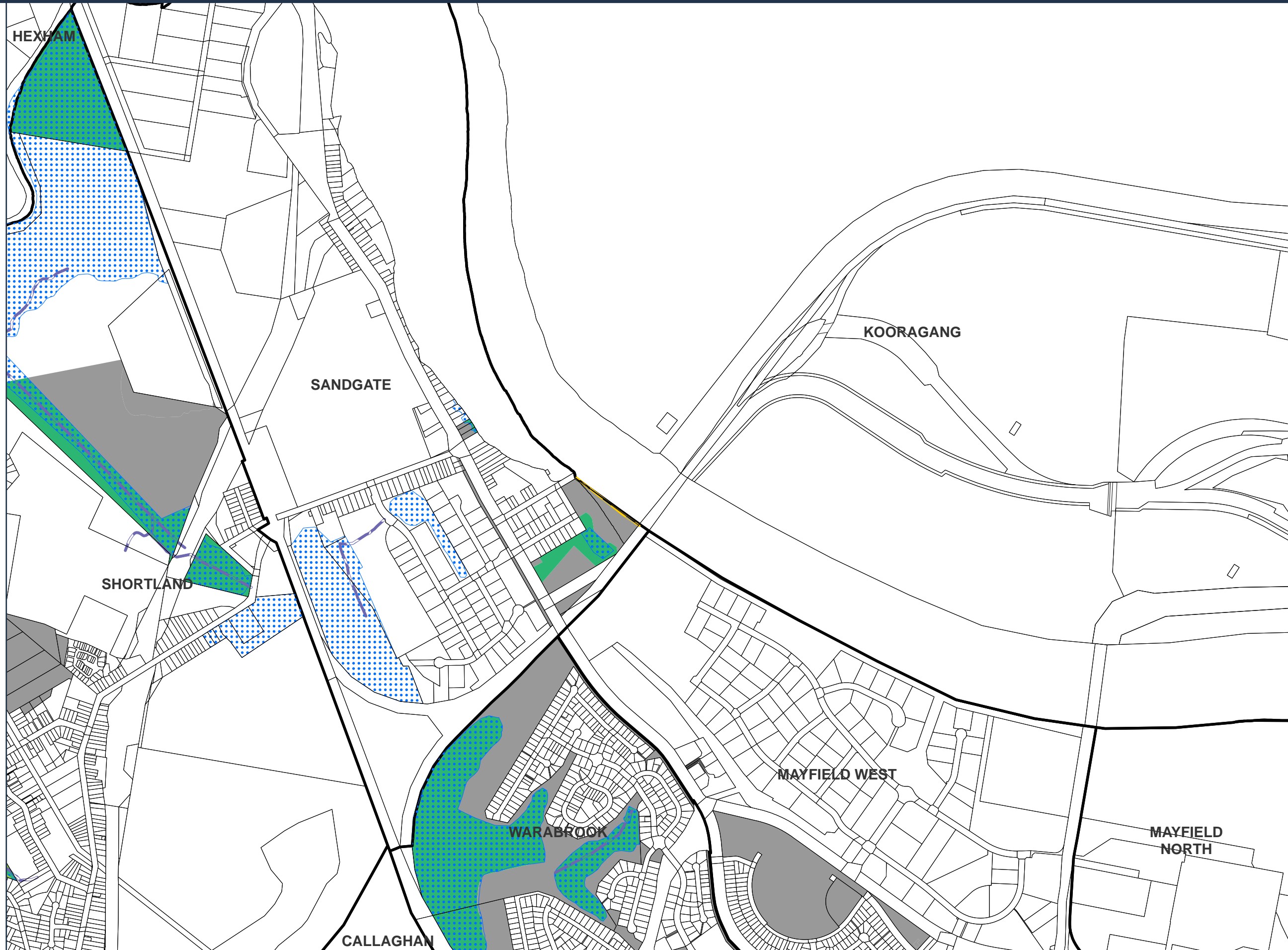
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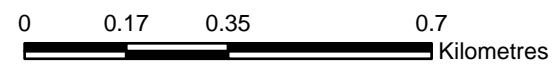
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










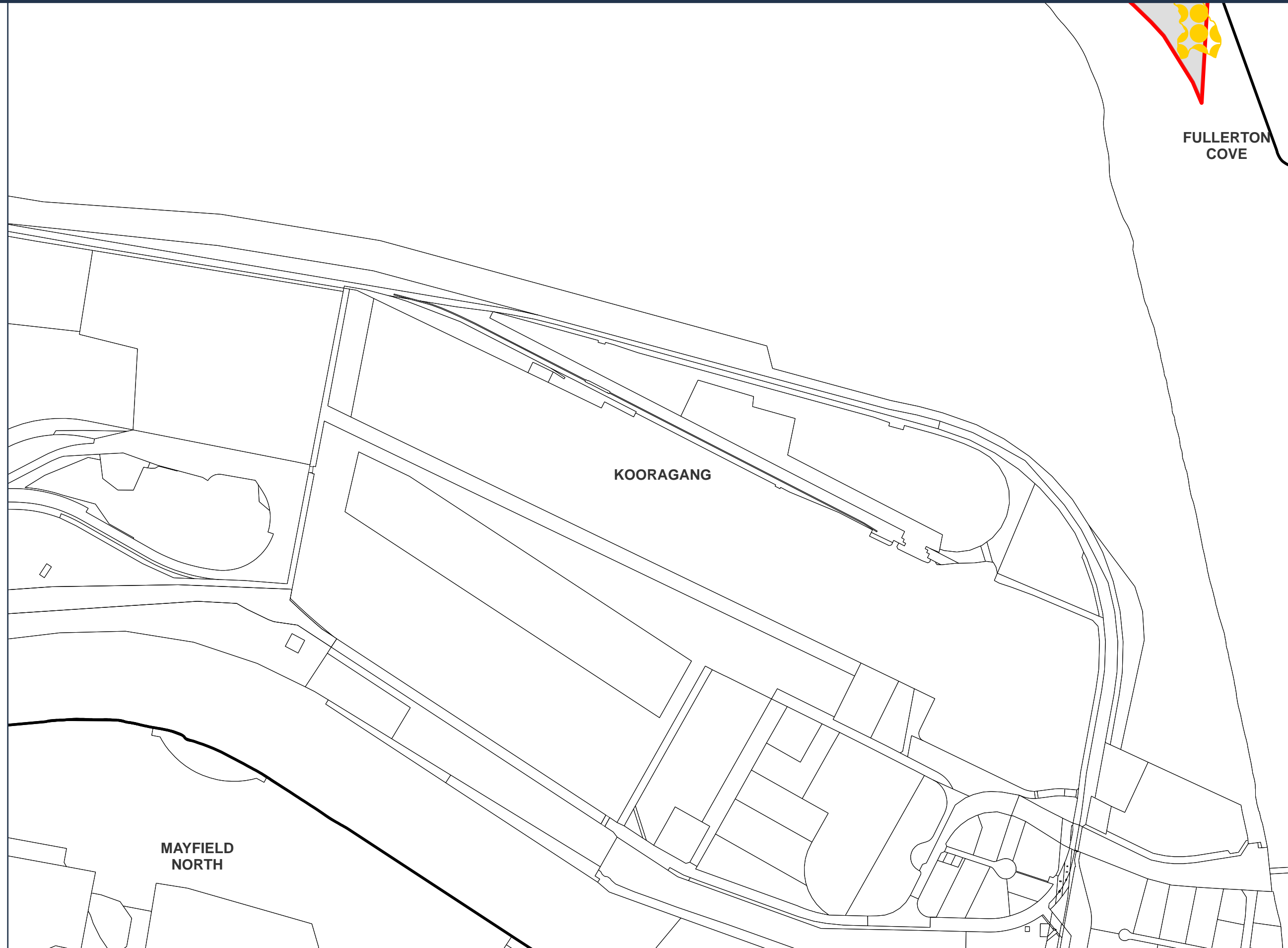
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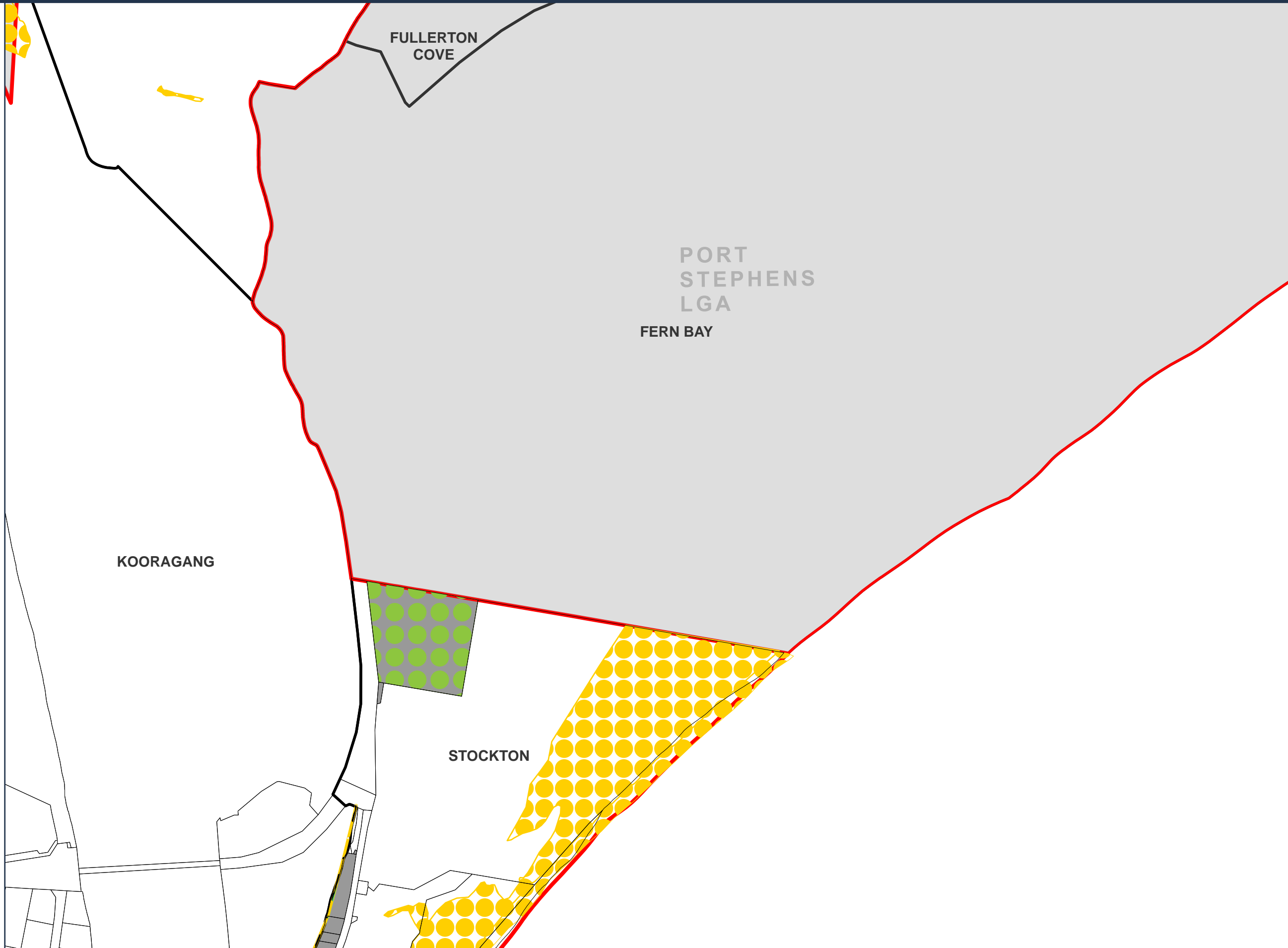
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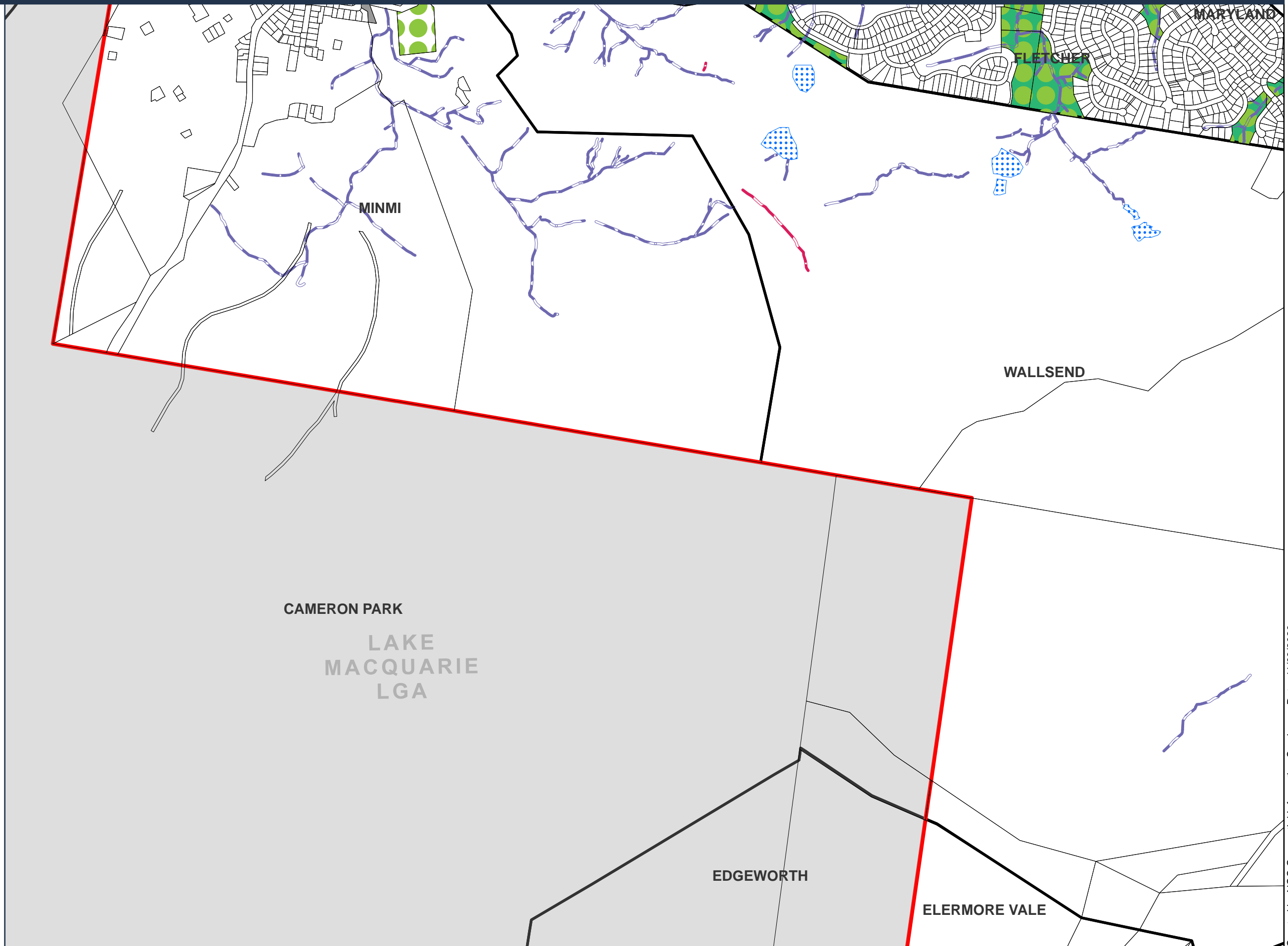


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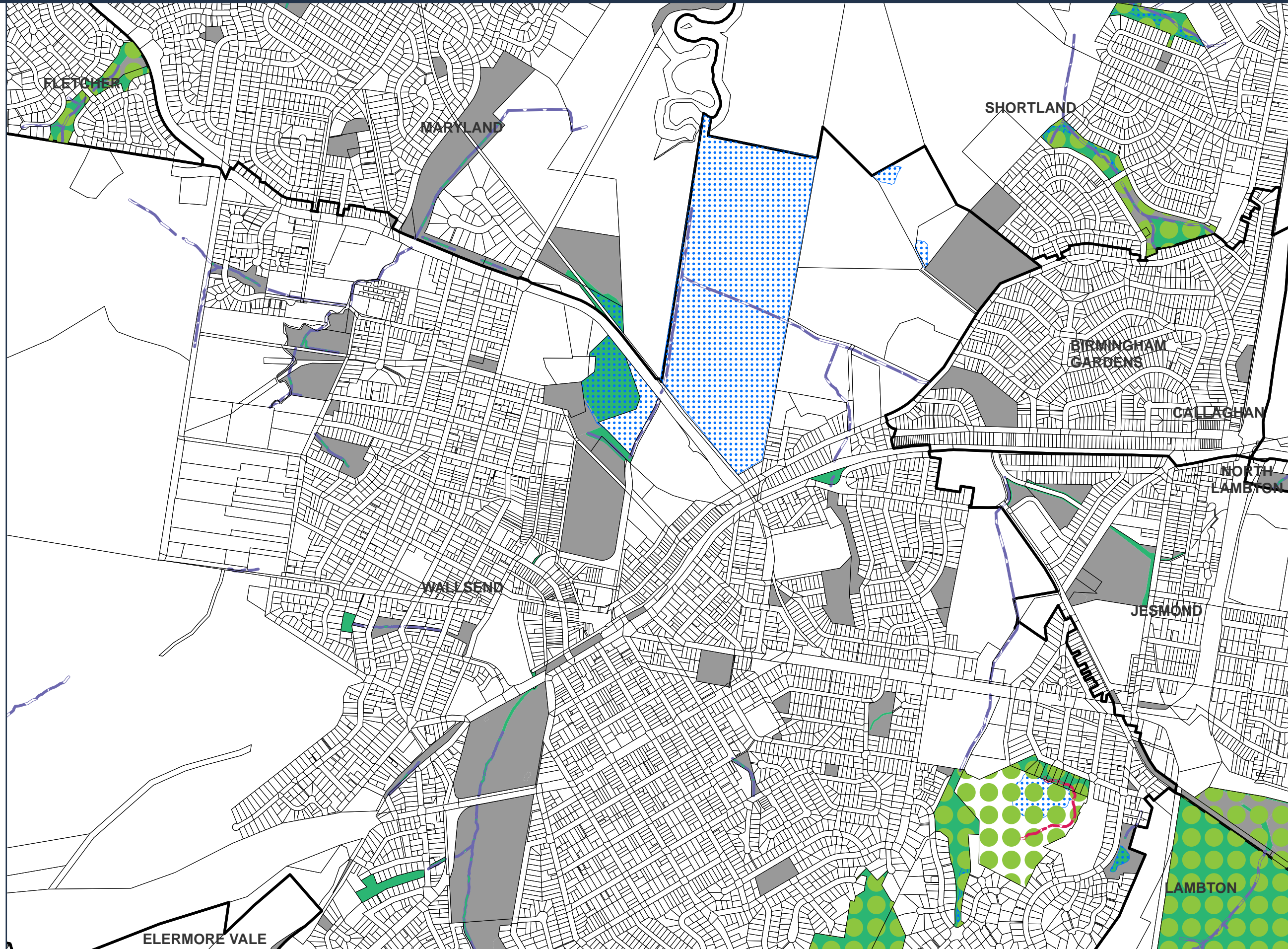


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Map Sheet E2

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










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








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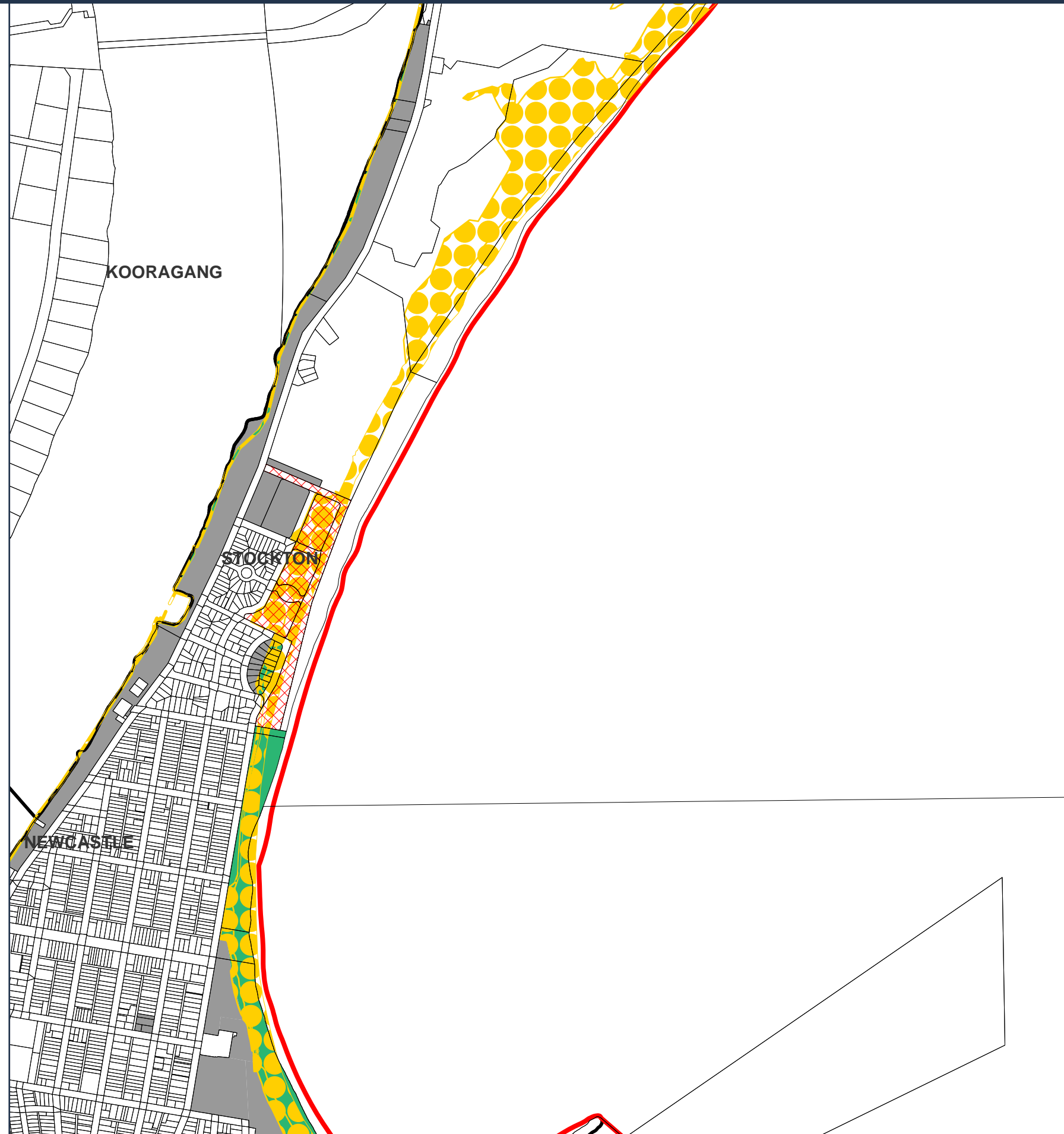


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








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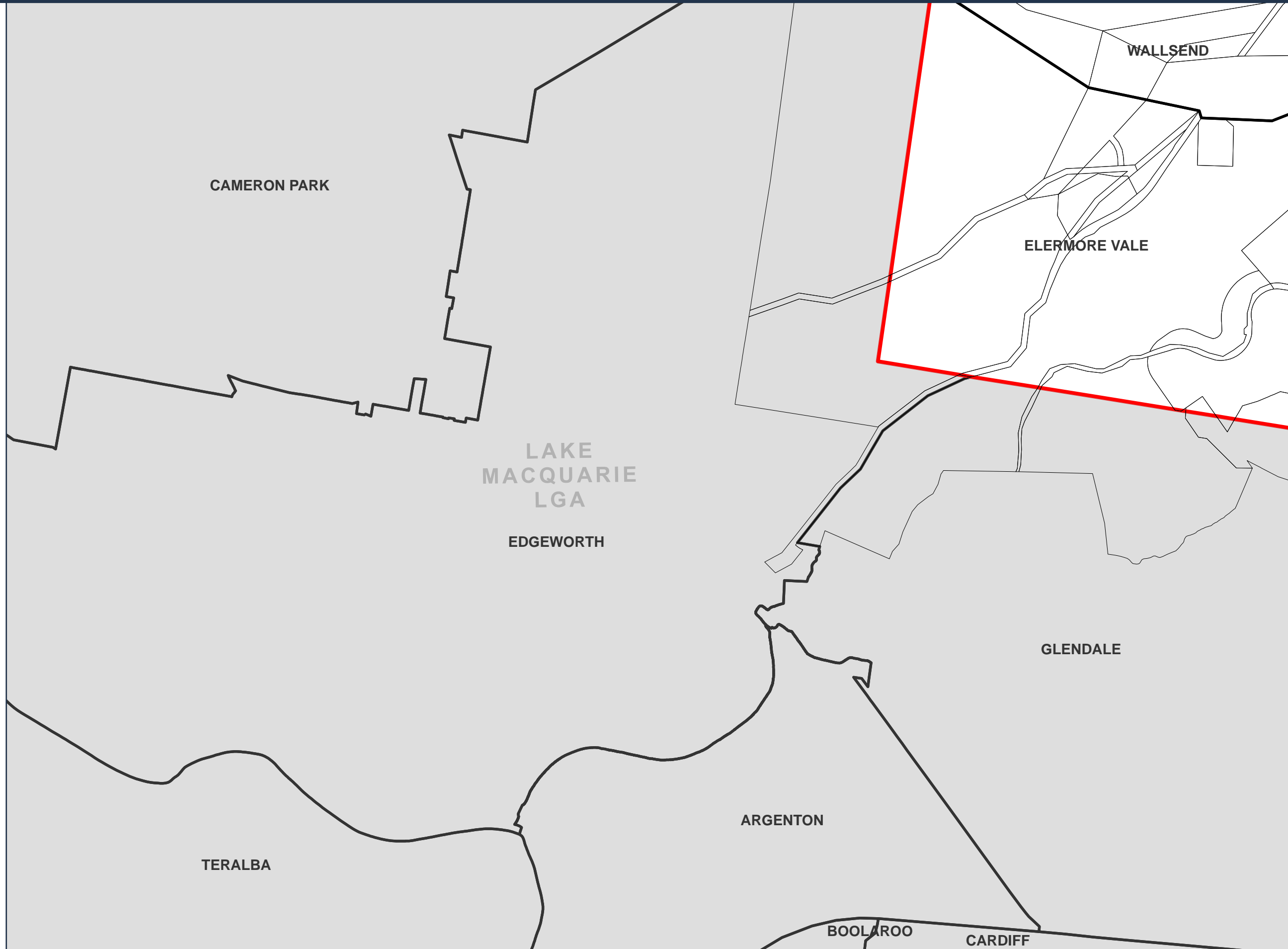
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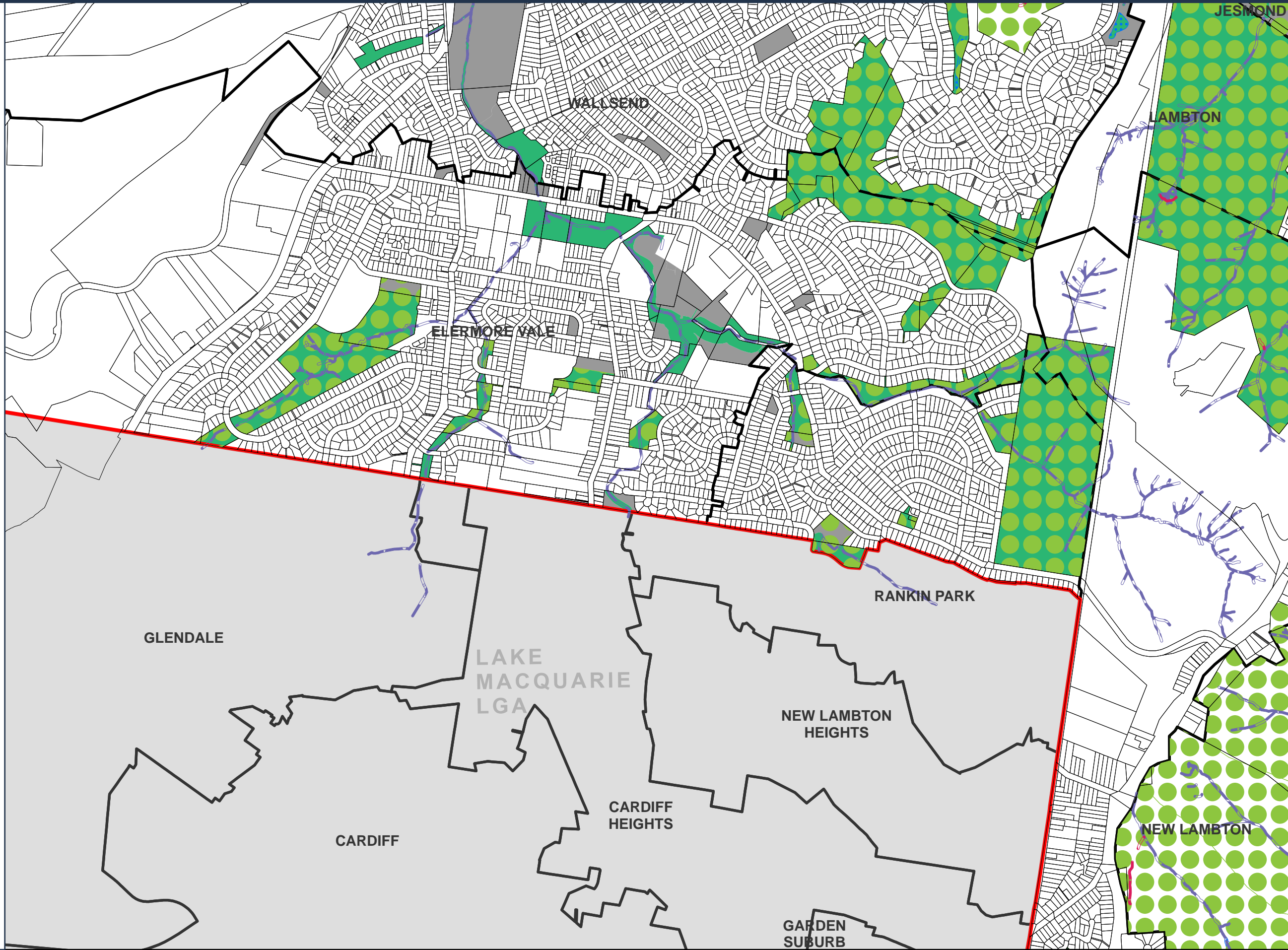


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
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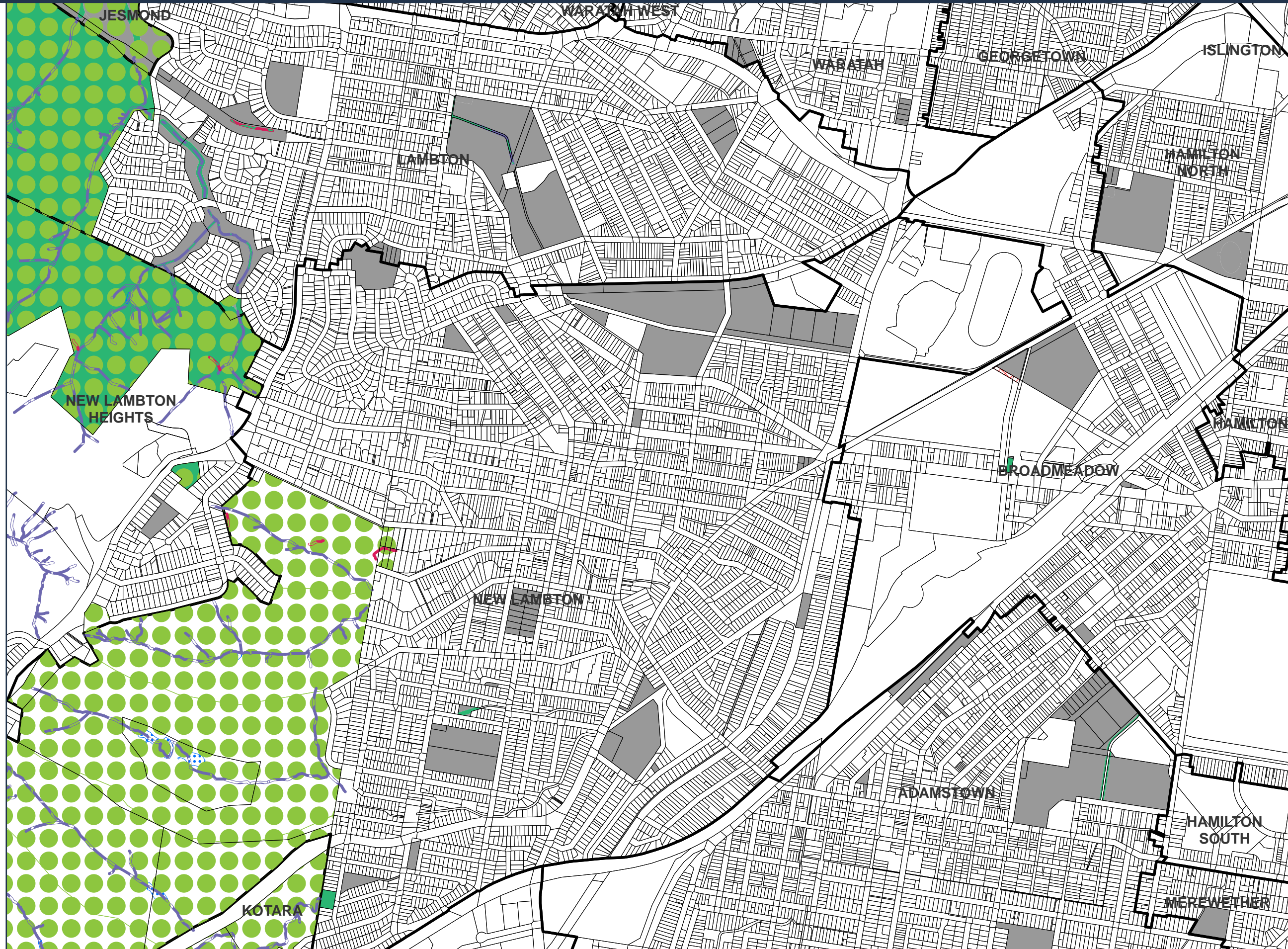
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








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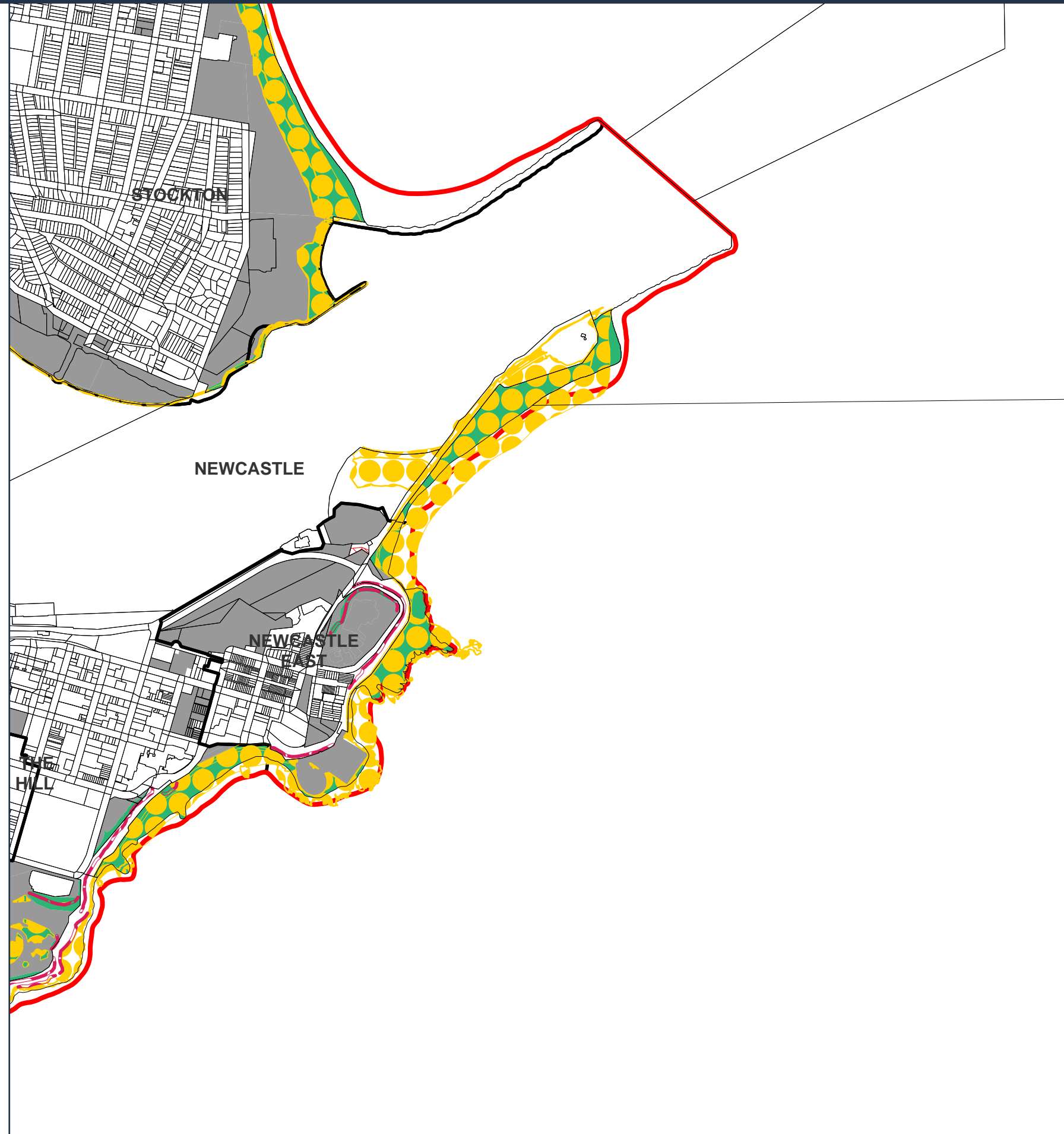













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










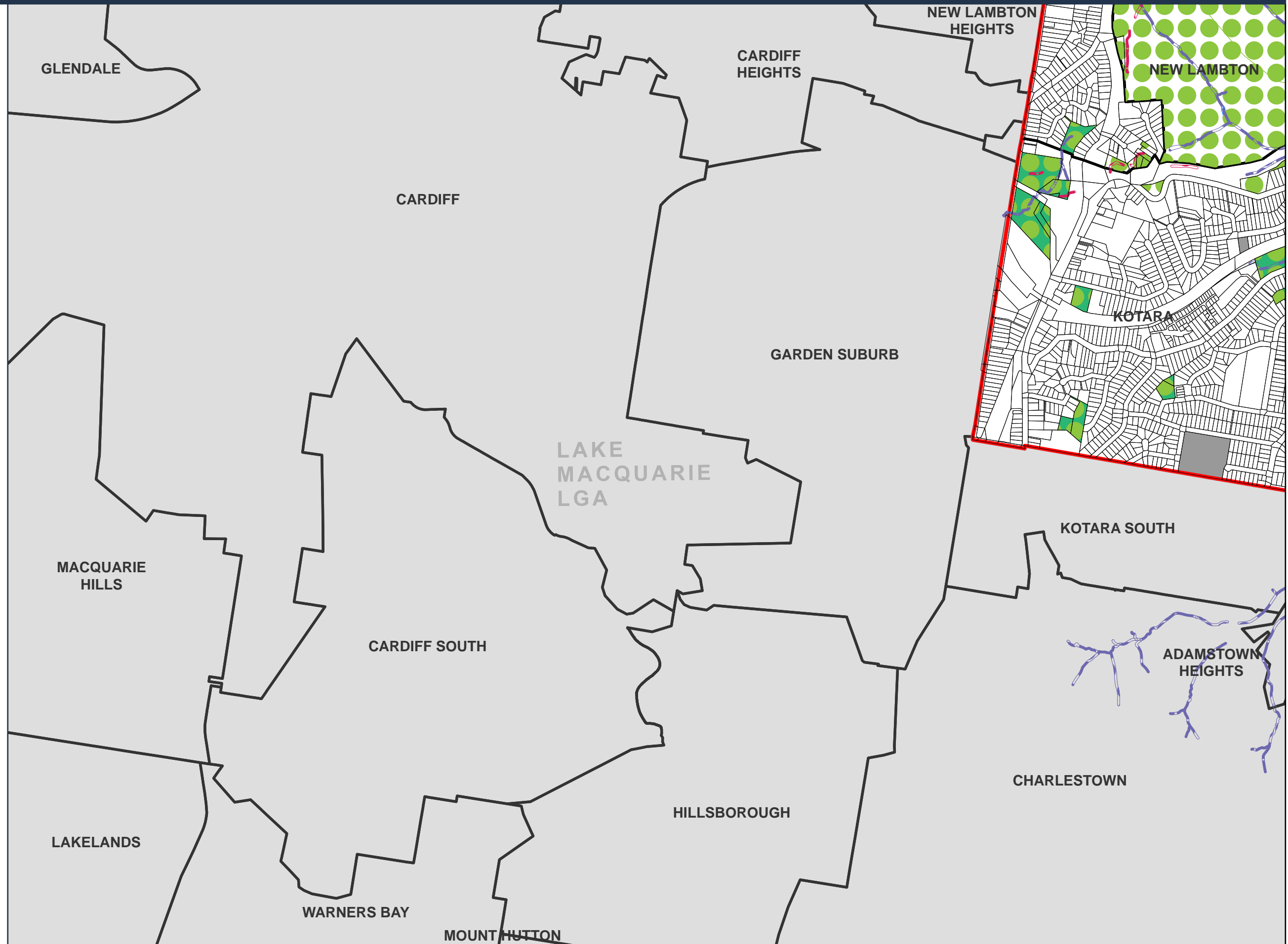
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








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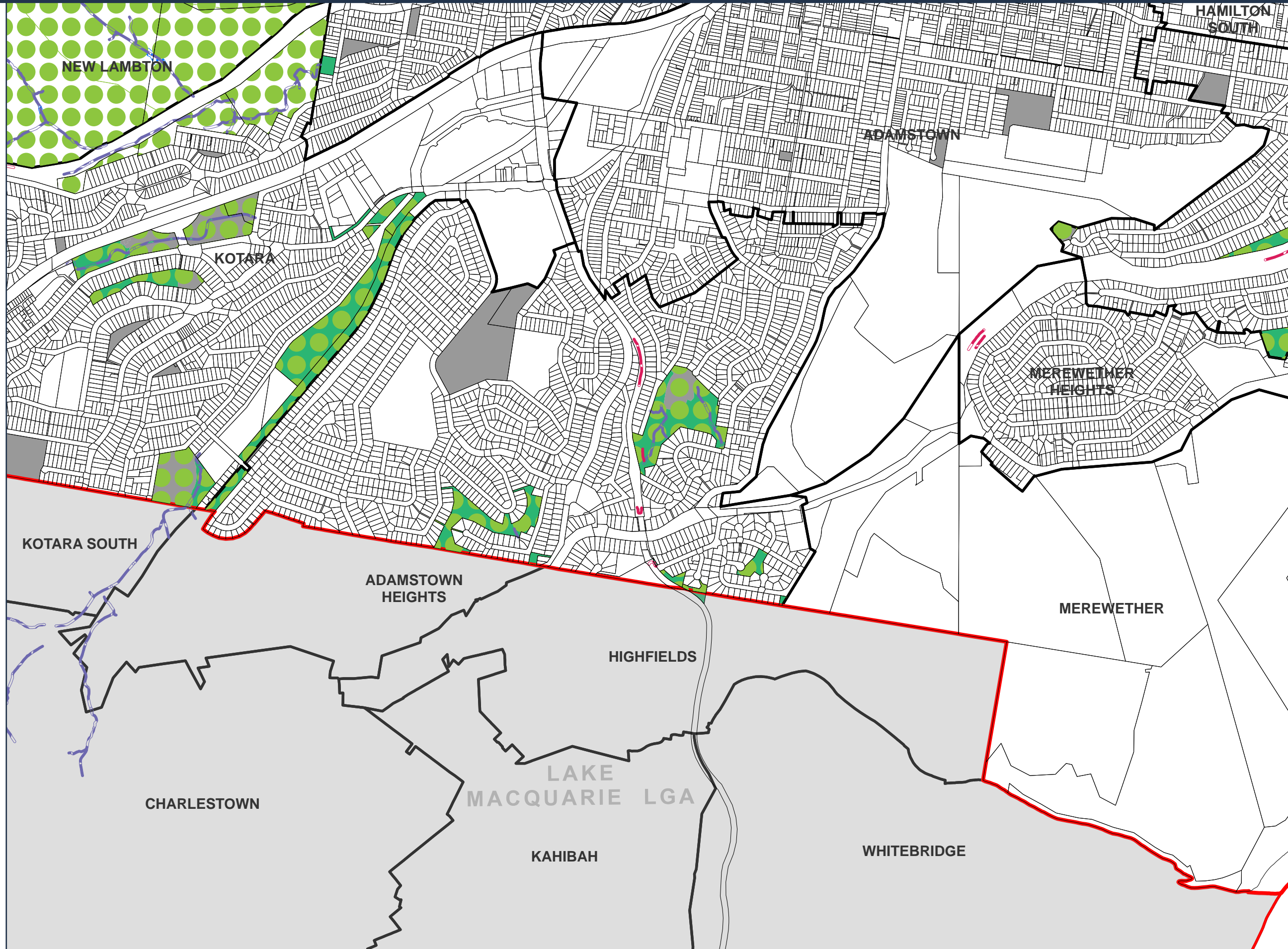


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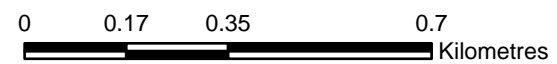
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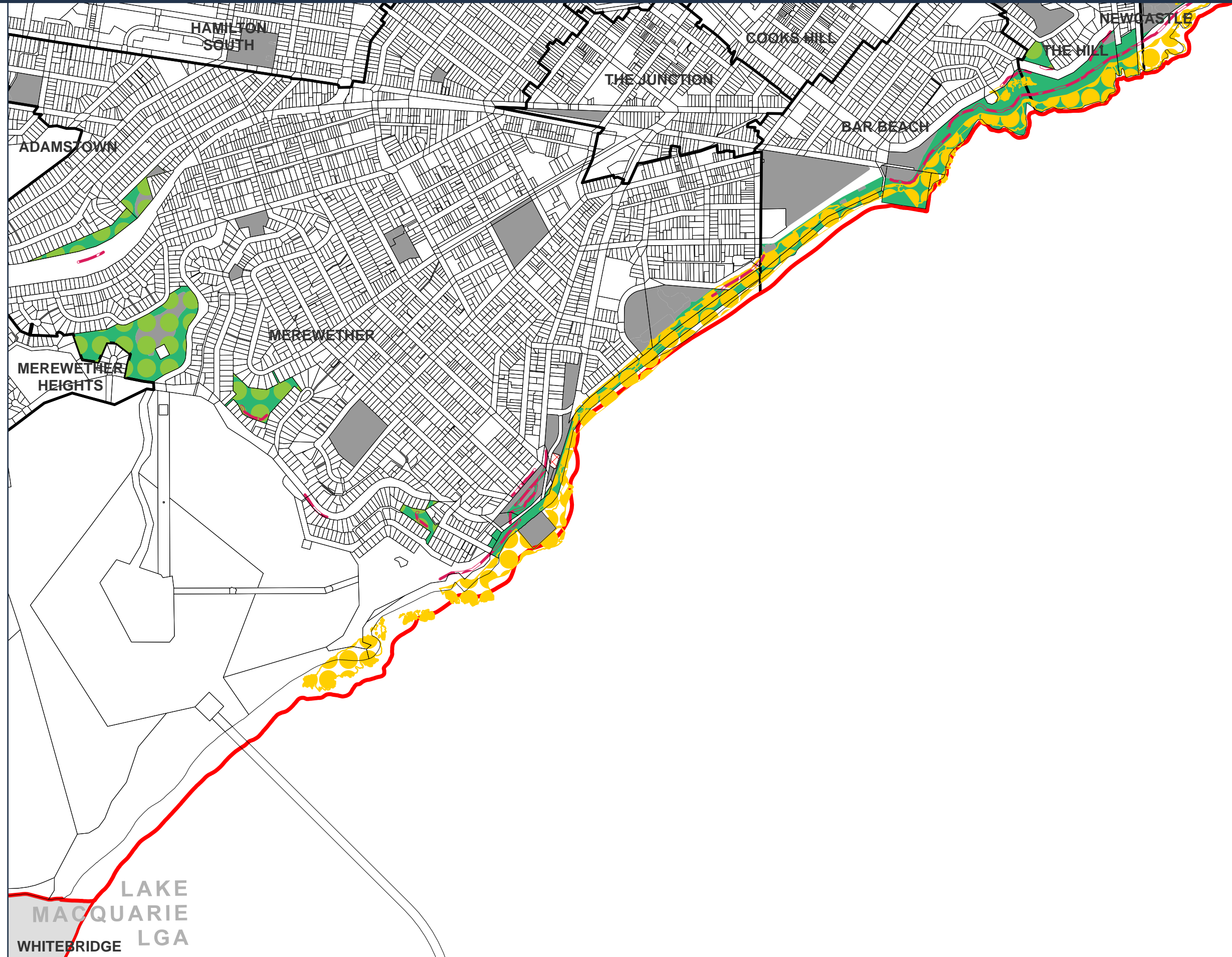
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ITEM-88 **Attachment B:** Review of the Management Actions of the eight current PoMs addressed previously

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Attachment B: Review of the Management Actions of the eight (8) current Plans of Management addressed previously

Audit of Actions 2000 Sportslands Plan of Management

Objective 1 - Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvement

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Condition of Assets			
High	Implementation of ongoing major capital works program and cyclic maintenance plan for all sportslands	Ongoing	Cyclic maintenance program completed annually, however major capital works budget no longer available. MAPPS budget only available for renewal/replacement
High	Undertake a major audit of all facilities, including floodlighting and compare against needs to determine maintenance and capital works required in the short, medium and long term	Ongoing	Audit completed for floodlights, and upgrade/new provision program being undertaken over last 10 years
High	Assess the need for canteen facilities on all grounds	Commenced	Audit of canteen facilities commenced but not finalised
High	Council should seek funds for development in every capital works funding program offered by NSW Sport and Recreation	Ongoing	Council applies for relevant grants annually offered by NSW Sport and Recreation, and other organisations
High	Prepare development (concept) plans for sportslands in conjunction with local park committees or other users as required	Ongoing	Plans completed for Tuxford Park, Lambton Park, National Park, Wallsend Park, Kurraka Reserve and Wickham Park
High	Transfer the role for minor maintenance to users and provide local park committees with resources to address emergency maintenance within a defined period and to meet OH&S standards	No longer relevant	Due to changes in WHS legislation, it is no longer appropriate for these maintenance roles to be undertaken by park committees
High	Investigate the options for siting and feasibility of providing such facilities if not already undertaken	Ongoing	Undertaken through annual management plan process
High	Investigate opportunities to fund new sports infrastructure in partnership with users or other stakeholders	Ongoing	Council offers the annual Sports Partnership Program for users of Council sportsgrounds to apply for funding
High	Continue to undertake a program of works that will ensure other infrastructure is not allowed to deteriorate	Ongoing	Undertaken through annual management plan process
High	Identify key infrastructure to be upgraded or replaced with more cost effective, safe and appropriate facilities	Ongoing	Achievements through energy efficiency programs, eg ECO Star

Infrastructure Design			
High	Prepare development concept plans in conjunction with local park committees and/or users	Ongoing	Plans completed for Tuxford Park, Lambton Park, National Park, Wallsend Park, Kurraka Reserve and Wickham Park
Medium	Introduce guidelines concerning the planning, design and management of public amenities and club rooms on sportsgrounds	Not commenced	Guidelines have not been developed, however a standard design for public and sporting amenities have been completed
Medium	Establish a standard for basic furniture and promotional signage for all sportslands	Commenced	Standard design has been completed, standard for furniture has not been completed
Infrastructure Accessible to People with a Disability			
High	Investigate the accessibility of all facilities on sportslands, including the suitability of surfaces for athletes with a disability	Not commenced	
High	Identify strategic priorities for the modification of existing facilities to enhance accessibility, or the removal of existing barriers, commencing with district and regional facilities	Commenced	Waratah, No.2 Sportsground for grandstand and amenities. Some local facilities have incorporated unisex disabled toilets with accessible ramps
Protection of Heritage			
High	Refer to Heritage Places PoM for direction in assessment, protection, restoration and interpretation	Ongoing	Heritage consideration undertaken
Ongoing	Utilise heritage information when preparing promotional material	Ongoing	
Playing Surface Quality and Maintenance			
High	Determine a program for incrementally redeveloping turf playing surfaces	Ongoing	Assessment undertaken on annual basis
High	Monitor ground closure policy to prevent the damage of grounds in wet weather	Ongoing	Wet weather policy reviewed periodically
High	Initiate new occupancy agreements that prevent overuse, and transfer maintenance responsibilities on grounds leased or licenced	Commenced	Restrictions on hours of use completed for National Park No.1 and No.2 sportsgrounds
High	Implement the proposed policy on the role and operation of local park committees	Not completed	

Objective 2 - Recreation Amenity

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Recreational Amenity and Landscape Design			
High	Prepare development plans for all sportslands with local park committees for users addressing additional landscaping and recreational needs within each reserve.	Not commenced	
Ongoing	Manage playgrounds in line with Playgrounds PoM and relevant Australian safety standards	Ongoing	Biannual Audit of Playgrounds

Objective 3 - Sports Administration and Management

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Centralised Booking and Administration			
High	Continue to manage and improve the computerised booking system	Ongoing	Council is currently updating to a new booking system to replace Events Perfect
High	Council to seek and compile information from users through the allocation process for use in planning and marketing	Completed	Council requires registration figures on licence application which are then utilised in allocations, grant applications, and provision and design of new sportsgrounds
Occupancy Agreements			
High	Revise and introduce new occupancy agreements. Provide incentives for tenants to promote the sport and facilities to potential users, improve and maintain facilities over the term of the agreement and to communicate and report regularly with Council	Not Commenced	
Medium	Introduce a three tiered system of casual permits, seasonal, short term licences and leases as per the Sports Policy	Completed	Council offers casual licences, seasonal licences and longer term leases and licences
Medium	Introduce a new administration process which seeks information from users/tenants regularly and manages the agreements and information electronically	Not Commenced	
Medium	Ensure agreements are consistent with the status of the land and the classification of the ground	Completed	

Objective 4 - Pricing Policy Issues

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Fees and Charges			
High	Assess the fees and charges and impact of GST	Completed	Undertaken annually
High	Negotiate with clubs to undertake specialist tasks (such as the maintenance of turf wickets, linemarking etc)	Completed	All clubs linemark throughout their season after Council's initial linemark. All turf wickets with the exception of No.1 Sportsground are prepared and maintained by the cricket association.
Medium	Where local park committees exist, they are to administer fees and charges in accordance with the Sports Policy	Not Commenced	Parks committees have ceased
Medium	Review the advertising sign code to determine appropriate conditions for displaying sponsorship at sports facilities	Not Commenced	All signage must comply with Council's DCP

Objective 5 - Marketing and Communication

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Marketing and Communication			
High	Council will nominate one person to whom all direct enquiries about sport allocation, pricing and facility management are directed	Completed	Sports Liaison Officer position created in 2000
Medium	Initiate regular communication with all stakeholders and user groups	Completed	Completed through Sports Liaison Officer role
Medium	Prepare and annually distribute a pamphlet for potential users outlining grounds available for casual hire, and the policy and procedures for using sportsgrounds	Completed	Advertisement in Newcastle Herald and Council's website calling for applications. Sportsground Information Booklet provided with application package detailing Council's policy and procedures
	Adopt an information management role to facilitate efficient and effective communication with users and stakeholders; and assist booking monitoring of use and planning activities	Completed	Sports Liaison Officer role
	Erect a positive park sign at each ground	Completed	Name signs erected at each sportsground

Objective 6 - Access and Linkages

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Car Parking and Traffic Management			
High	Undertake a comprehensive audit of car parking requirements and use, and progressively consolidate and redesign consistent with the grounds hierarchy	Not Commenced	
High	Review local traffic management in conjunction with car parking where congestion occurs	Not Commenced	
Linkages			
	Refer to Bike Plan and incorporate actions into the development plans preferred for sportslands	Commenced and ongoing	Upgrades to sportgrounds incorporate actions from the Newcastle Cycling Strategy and Action Plan

Objective 7 - Infrastructure Maintenance and Improvement

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Range of Regional Facilities			
High	In conjunction with the state government, the sports advisory panel and adjacent Councils, agree on the portfolio of regional facilities that should be built in the City	Commenced	Lake Macquarie Council built the regional athletics track at Glendale. Newcastle City Council was to build the regional aquatic facility, however funding and location have yet to be finalised
High	Enter into discussions with SAP, HROC and the state government concerning the provision of additional regional facilities	Not commenced	
High	In conjunction with other stakeholders identify the nature, type and viability of key regional facilities	Completed	Redevelopment of No.2 Sportsground into a regional facility and proposed

	required that would benefit local sport and tourism		redevelopment of No.1 Sportsground to increase opportunities for state and national level sporting events for a number of sporting codes
Facility Quality			
High	Upgrade some supporting infrastructure to be consistent with the standard and use of the playing surfaces	Commenced	Ongoing. Have undertaken upgrades on floodlighting, and amenities at selected sites
High	Restrict use of district and regional grounds from low grade competitions and from free school use	Commenced	Completed on some sites, not feasible at other sites

Objective 8 - Pricing Policy Issues

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Income Generation and Fees and Charges			
High	Occupancy agreements to indicate conditions concerning income generation facilities, sponsor naming and signage	Not commenced	
Medium	Where permitted, areas used for commercial operations, and administrative headquarters, shall attract full rental. Rental shall be negotiated and included in lease documents	Completed	
	Naming rights will be permitted for leased facilities but shall apply only to areas of structures, not an entire reserve	Not applicable	No requests received

Objective 9 - Marketing and Communication

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Marketing and Communication			
High	Council initiate discussions with other stakeholders concerning sport tourism. Sports Advisory Panel, Hunter Tourism Board	Completed	SAP no longer a body of Council. Events team undertake this
High	Council to prepare an inventory of regional and district sportsgrounds suitable for use by special events	Commenced	Events team currently undertaking in consultation with Facilities and Recreation
Medium	Council to undertake an assessment of the suitability and capability of all regional and district sportslands to stage special events	Commenced	Events team currently undertaking in consultation with Facilities and Recreation
Medium	Occupancy agreement to indicate conditions concerning special events	Completed	Through Events Plan

Audit of Actions 2000 Neighbourhood Parks Plan of Management

Objective 1 - Quality, Useability and Distribution of Neighbourhood Parks

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High / Medium	Prepare distribution map using existing information and census data for analysis	Completed	Through Parkland and Recreation Strategy
High / Medium	Using the guidelines for the Provision of Open Space Areas (Newcastle Recreation and Open Spaces Plan 1996) prepare criteria for use by City Strategy, Community Development and Development Assessment	Not commenced	
Medium	Undertake usage surveys to determine existing and possible future uses for land eg reclassifications, land swaps, land sales and land acquisitions	Commenced	Commercial Property have undertaken on a number of sites.

Objective 2 - Asset Management

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Investigate survey options and develop for incorporation of results into annual budget process	Not commenced	
High	Develop criteria and audit maintenance practices and report on alternatives	Commenced	Service level reviews currently being undertaken
High	Identify sources and assign responsibility for dissemination	Not commenced	
Resourcing New Parks			
High	Develop minimum standards criteria for new parks and apply on receipt of proposal/application in conjunction with relevant Council staff	Not commenced	Not formalised, but general guidelines provided
High	Establish preferred service levels for new sites and identify resource requirement	Not commenced	Currently undertaking service levels for existing sites not new
High	Establish a mechanism to link to annual budget process	Completed	
	Minimum specifications and handover procedure to be established prior to acceptance of land	Not commenced	Not formalised
Dedicated Works Budget			
High	Complete survey of users /staff	Not commenced	
High	Develop 5yr capital works program	Completed	Initially had a 5yr Park Improvement Program, but replaced with annual program as per management requirements
High	Complete priorities in relation to needs assessment priorities	Not completed	No longer have 5 year program
High	Include asset management advice	Ongoing	

High	Seek alternate funding opportunities to implement works	Ongoing	Seek grants annually to supplement funding
High	Enlist community help/advisory committees	Ongoing	
High	Link Section 94 with capital works programs	Not completed	Was being undertaken, but now focus is on renewal not new projects
High	Appropriate funds identified and linked to new parks maintenance for inclusion in budget as a regular process	Ongoing	
High	Select model projects/parks to work from first principles	Not commenced	No benefit identified in undertaking this

Objective 3 - Landscape Planning and Design

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Develop design process, which ensures community consultation in accordance with draft policy and guidelines and ensures consultation with planning and field staff	Ongoing	
High	Works implementation program to be developed and coordinated to ensure co-operation between staff and community	Ongoing	
High	Design budgets to include establishment and maintenance costs	Ongoing	

Objective 4 - Community Role

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Assess community needs through visitor, household and community surveys, observations, using existing data and site inspections	Not commenced	
High	With each project in Neighbourhood Parks, develop a communication strategy detailing aims, objectives, roles and responsibilities of staff and stakeholders, especially OH&S issues	Not commenced	
High	Develop Adopt-a-Park guidelines. Incorporate into project management	Not commenced	
Medium	Continue commitment with increased funding for community greening projects	Commenced	Undertaken through Council's Bushland Services
Medium	Keep record of staff involvement in park committee activities	Not commenced	

Objective 5 - Asset Maintenance

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Management System			
Medium	Initiate MMS system through parks, undertake training for relevant staff, install software and gather information	Commenced	MMS system obsolete, undertaken through new One Council system

Medium	Establish regular survey data on a range of levels - local staff, census data, local community	Not commenced	
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Objective 6 - Linkages

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Medium	Develop options and costings to improve linkages for walking and cycling between parks as part of the Newcastle Green Spaces Strategy	Ongoing	Undertaken through Council's Cycling Strategy not Green Space Strategy
	Review priorities as a result of costing information and report to Council	Ongoing	No report to Council

Objective 7 - Safety

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Establish safety audit process and link to regular maintenance schedules	Ongoing	Through Council WHS requirements and system
	Create map and capital works programs with priorities for these works and where possible use routine maintenance budgets	Commenced	Have program but not maps
	Ensure adequate input to parkland selection during planning and development process	Ongoing	

Objective 8 - Access

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Medium	Develop protocols for access by staff and controls for unauthorised access to minimise conflict with parks users and damage to the parks.	Completed	Access gates and bollards installed
Medium / Low	In conjunction with Council's community worker for people with a disability, apply disability plan in priority order	Ongoing	Plan developed for all abilities access
	Improve accessibility by identifying and addressing distribution gaps	Ongoing	

Audit of Actions 2000 General Community Use Plan of Management

Objective 1 - Maximise the value of this open space by a variety of means including:

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Develop analysis map, using site data and consultation with internal stakeholders	Not commenced	
	Prepare concept proposals and link to budget submissions	Commenced	Partially implemented for some facilities

Objective 2 - Improve presentation of the land by using efficient, effective and ecologically sustainable maintenance practices

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Prepare criteria and audit maintenance practices	Commenced	Partially implemented for some facilities
High	Establish first group of changes	Not commenced	Unsure what this action means

Objective 3 - To establish budget planning for GCU Land

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Medium	Develop program to integrate with works program and asset preservation budgets	Ongoing	

Audit of Actions 2003 Playground Plan of Management

Objective 1 – Access - To provide a playground in each community within a 5-10 minute walk of residences where practicable

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Determine the most appropriate locations for new play equipment	Commenced	Walkability assessments are underway
High	Increase public awareness of the location of local playgrounds	Ongoing	NC Website
Medium	Maximise opportunities for linkages to playgrounds from surrounding residential areas	Commenced	Walkability assessments are underway
Medium	Ensure playgrounds are accessible to people pushing prams and strollers and to people with disabilities	Ongoing	Walkability assessments are underway

Objective 2 – Play Equipment & Associated Facilities

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Medium	Provide new or upgraded play facilities appropriate to needs and ages of user groups	Ongoing	Masterplan process
Medium	Provide new play environments which are interesting, challenging and that encourage creative play	Ongoing	Masterplan process
High	Provide play opportunities for users with a disability	Ongoing	Masterplan process
Medium	Provide appropriate facilities associated with play equipment	Ongoing	Masterplan process

Objective 3 – Shade – to provide where possible and practicable shading for play equipment and for associated facilities

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Provide shade to users of play equipment and adult carers/supervisors	Ongoing	Masterplan process

Objective 4 – Safety and Risk Management – to ensure that playground design and maintenance provides hazard free play environments for users

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Provide soft-fall material to play equipment, which meets relevant Australian Standards and has acceptable maintenance levels	Ongoing	
High	To ensure all retained play equipment meets relevant Australian Standards	Ongoing	Playground Audit is undertaken every 2 years
High/ Ongoing	Encourage responsible activity in playground areas	Ongoing	

Objective 5 – Landscape Design and Visual Quality

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Ongoing	Ensure playground design and siting respects visual, heritage and landscape values of the park	Ongoing	Masterplan process
Ongoing	Provide landscaped surrounds to the play area which are sympathetic to the park setting and that enhance the play environment	Ongoing	Masterplan process

Objective 6 – Asset Management

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High/ Ongoing	Identify service gaps for playgrounds and associated facilities	Ongoing	Walkability assessments are underway
High	Fill service gaps, respond to demographic change & improve utilisation rates	Ongoing	Walkability assessments are underway and community survey
High	Provide appropriate level of maintenance for each playground	Ongoing	Park and Recreation Work Program.

Audit of Actions 2003 Bushland Plan of Management

Objective 1 – Asset Maintenance and Improvement, Recreation Needs and Facilities, Access

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Future Development			
High	Develop base criteria for acceptance of future bushland reserves to identify and protect significant natural features	Ongoing	
Catchment Management			
Ongoing	All development and construction in bushland must be managed to minimise land degradation.	Ongoing	
Protection of Ridgetops			
Ongoing	Revegetate disturbed ridgetop sites to reinforce continuous line of vegetation	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Where development proposals are planning for privately owned ridgelines the issue of protection/conservation is considered during the approval process.	Ongoing	
Council Maintenance Practices			
High	Park staff to review current maintenance practices	Ongoing	This is an ongoing practice
High	Develop a maintenance regime that reduces reliance upon mowing and use of chemical controls.	Ongoing	This is an ongoing practice
Ongoing	Educate staff and volunteers in techniques of site responsive bush regeneration	Ongoing	This is an ongoing practice
Sportsgrounds			
High	Prepare program of maintenance of existing sportsgrounds consistent with objective to protect and enhance biodiversity.	Ongoing	This is an ongoing practice
Ongoing	No further development of sporting facilities that would have a negative impact on bushland to occur in ridgeline reserves	Status Unknown	
Informal Recreation and Facilities			
High	Identify appropriate range of recreational uses which may occur in reserves	Ongoing	
High	Prepare program of maintenance of existing facilities, consistent with objectives to protect and enhance biodiversity	Ongoing	This is an ongoing practice and linked with Service Asset Plans
High	Undertake community survey to determine recreation services in bushland	Status Unknown	
High	Formulate capital works program for budget	Ongoing	This is an ongoing practice and tied in with Service Asset Planning

Comfortable, safe trails of varying degrees of difficulty are required			
Ongoing/ medium	Construct a series of walking trails with associated signage to enhance the recreational and educational experience of bushwalking	Status Unknown	Ties in with Service Asset Plans
Redundant pathways and service access fragment bushland			
Ongoing	Consolidate path systems in reserves integrate with service access paths	Status Unknown	
Ongoing	Revegetate redundant paths	Commenced and Ongoing	
Low	Prepare for routine maintenance of existing tracks to comply with objectives of safety and protection of biodiversity	Ongoing	
Signage			
Low	Enhance experience of using track system by installing co-ordinated interpretive signage	Ongoing	
High/ Ongoing	Limit or exclude inappropriate recreational activities	Status Unknown	
Buffer from Major Roads			
Medium/ Ongoing	Develop strategy to maintain buffer zones and implement regeneration programs as required	Status Unknown	
Disabled Access			
Medium	Determine most suitable sites for disabled access and levels of disability and prepare program	Status Unknown	
Ongoing	Construct any access in accordance with the requirements of ACROD	ongoing	
Cycleways			
Ongoing	Consider bike plan recommendation for construction of cycleways adjacent to bushland	ongoing	Newcastle Cycling Strategy and Action Plan
Carparking & Vehicular Access			
Ongoing	Control points of entry/egress by vehicles. Clearly designate service access	Status Unknown	
Medium	Monitor parking needs in areas of high use. Investigate possibility of student project or survey.	ongoing	
Ongoing	All staff vehicles to use service roads. No access into bushland except for emergencies.	Ongoing	
High	Investigate options for upgrading access to Blackbutt Reserve from Carnley Avenue.		Addressed in the Blackbutt Reserve PoM.
Medium	Investigate requirement to upgrade point of access and provide sign posting.	Status Unknown	Could not establish what sites this needed to address.
Low	Improve directional signage to bushland reserves.	ongoing	As per budget

Redundant Animal Enclosures – Blackbutt Reserve			
Completed Stage 1 being implemented	Prepare program to remove enclosures, dispose or reuse fencing materials in a sensitive manner and revegetate enclosures to provide continuous forest cover.	Complete/ Ongoing	That project is complete however, there are ongoing upgrades of enclosures. Addressed in Blackbutt Reserve PoM.
Water Quality – Blackbutt Reserve			
High	Water quality of all ponds tested as benchmark in 2001	Ongoing	Addressed in Blackbutt Reserve PoM
High/ Ongoing	Undertake program of removing introduced avifauna and weeds	Ongoing	Addressed in Blackbutt Reserve PoM

Objective 2 – Financial Issues

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Resource Allocation			
High	Benchmark Bushland Management with other Councils by December 2001	Complete	
High	Integrate management of ecological values with Council's Asset Management System	Complete and Ongoing	
Income Generation			
Ongoing	Identify income generation through grants, sponsorships and other opportunities	Ongoing	
	All available grants applied for annually	Ongoing	
	Continue assistance with preparation of grant applications for bushcare groups	Ongoing	

Objective 3 – Removal and Displacement of Habitat

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Biodiversity			
High	In associate with DIPNR and adjoining Councils, continue to undertake research into the status of biodiversity in the region	Ongoing	
Medium	Investigate effectiveness of current planning controls in place to protect bushland from further fragmentation	Ongoing	
Medium	Investigate option for Council to adopt SEPP 19 for protection bushland	Status Unknown	
High	Undertake city-wide identification of wildlife corridors for protection and enhancement of biodiversity	Complete and Ongoing	blue and green corridor mapping to reflect regional plans and CSP / LSPS
Weed Invasion			
High	Bushcare Officer to assist park staff audit of weed infestation in reserves	Complete and Ongoing	
High	Prepare program of weed control	Complete and Ongoing	

Ongoing	undertake program of education, to encourage "bush friendly" gardens on adjoining land (refer Environmental Education Strategy)	Complete and Ongoing	
Medium/Ongoing	Continue to train staff and volunteers in methods of bush regeneration and bushland maintenance	Complete and Ongoing	
Bushfire Management			
Medium/Draft plans complete	Draft bushfire management plans to balance the need to protect reserves and surrounding properties from threat of damage with protection of ecological values of reserves	Complete and Ongoing	Newcastle Bush Fire Risk Management Plan 2018-2023
Medium/ongoing	Park staff to manage fire trails to a standard that enables access for firefighting purposes whilst not compromising ecological values of reserves	Complete and Ongoing	Newcastle Bush Fire Risk Management Plan 2018-2023
Ongoing	Provide training to bush carers to identify potential hazards	Complete and Ongoing	Newcastle Bush Fire Risk Management Plan 2018-2023
Visitor Management			
High	Identify and review current management of key sites impacted by high intensity of use and implement recommendations using available tools eg. NPWS recommendations	Status Unknown	
Stormwater Run-off & Soil Erosion			
High	Prepare program of rehabilitation	Complete and Ongoing	
Medium/ongoing	Train staff and volunteers in work practices which minimise disturbance to soil	Complete and Ongoing	
High	identify causes of damage and develop program of prevention and rehabilitation through sustainable development	Ongoing	
High	Undertake remedial action plan	Complete and Ongoing	
	Enforce site controls to prevent runoff erosion	Ongoing	
High	Enforce water sensitive urban design procedures in infill and new development	Ongoing	
Flora and Fauna Management			
	Develop an Interpretive Centre in Blackbutt Reserve to: Encourage community to provide sightings of native animals - Naturewatch Determine preferred habitats		Addressed in the Blackbutt Reserve PoM
High	Identify opportunities for the eradication of feral animals in association with relevant government and research agencies	Complete and Ongoing	Addressed as new feral animals are identified in the LGA i.e. Cane Toads etc.

High/ Ongoing	Develop strategies to preclude access by companion animals to all bushland	Status Unknown	
High	Investigate measures undertaken by other Councils for the implementation of curfew to control night time hunting of native fauna by companion animals	Status Unknown	
Ongoing	Educate the community as to the impact of companion animals on ecological values of bushland	Complete	Addressed in Council's Environmental Education Strategy

Objective 4 – Fragmentation

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Linkages			
	Council to write to RTA in 1997 indicating they should consider this issue prior to a decision being made regarding the proposal for State Highway 23	Complete and ongoing	Overtime, a number of proposals have been put forward to RMS re: underpass, connectivity linkages/fragmentation for key areas of bushland in Jesmond associated with the bypass
	Coordinate with adjoining Councils for consistent approach to the protection and enhancement of bushland	Complete and Ongoing	
	Street tree planting to reflect habitat vegetation where possible in surrounding neighbourhoods	Ongoing	blue/ green corridor review and implementation in line with regional plans and CSP/ Newcastle Environment Strategy.
Medium/ ongoing	Favoured fauna food species to be chosen	Ongoing	work done on guidelines for urban gardens; pollinating species, street tree selection
Service Crossings and Easements			
Medium	Negotiate with service authorities to manage easements to prevent further degradation and meet the objectives of this plan	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Utilise service crossings as tracks where appropriate	Ongoing	
	Staff and service vehicles limited to service routes only, except in emergencies	Ongoing	
	Damage by staff and service vehicles repaired promptly	Ongoing	Addressed in Asset Maintenance and Improvement

Objective 5 – Marketing and Communication

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Image and Presentation - Design			
Ongoing	Establish standards for interpretive signage. Directional signage and where appropriate, favour use of natural, renewable materials	Complete and Ongoing	

Tourism			
High	Facilities to be designed as medals for environmental initiatives and adaptive re-use	Ongoing	
	Undertake surveys and collect data regarding services and usage Develop promotional material	Ongoing	
Volunteers			
High	Appoint Community Greening Coordinator to pursue effective community involvement in bushcare refer: Community	Complete	
High	Develop and implement operational plans for volunteers. Link these to big picture goals	Complete	
High/ Ongoing	Continue to develop and promote program of bushcare	Complete and ongoing	
Medium/ Ongoing	Continue to provide training to volunteers to maximise value of work performed	Ongoing	
Medium/ Ongoing	Investigate and develop a program of volunteer/honorary guides to assist in the public relations aspect of promotion of ecotourism	Status Unknown	
Medium/ Ongoing	Develop program of innovative opportunities for community involvement, may include workshops, open days, guest lecture series, supervised night walks, etc. refer Community Greening Program	Ongoing	A number of opportunities are available to the community each year
Community Involvement			
High	Coordinate the assistance of community based groups to develop guided walks in reserve	Ongoing	Addressed in the Blackbutt Reserve PoM
	Coordinate the assistance of community based bushcare groups to revegetate and maintain Blackbutt	Ongoing	
High/ Ongoing	Canvas opportunity to establish Jesmond Volunteer Group	Status Unknown	
Environmental Education			
High/ Ongoing	Prepare an education and advocacy plan to enhance appreciation for bushland, which may include: promoting aesthetic values of bushland; undertaking regular volunteer guided tours of reserves; installation of coordinated signage; and provision of information such as details of flora and fauna found on site, the connections between reserves in the system of habitats found in Newcastle and the Lower Hunter, the impact of urban development on the viability of remnant habitats	Ongoing	An education program is in place and provides opportunities for the community to participate and gain knowledge in natural area reserves/natural connections

Good Neighbours			
Ongoing	Educate neighbours as to the impact of dumping of weeds and grass clippings on bushland	Ongoing	A program is established to encourage stewardship of reserves by adjoining landholders
Ongoing	Encourage "bush friendly" gardens on adjoining properties		Addressed in the Environmental Education Strategy
Visitor Interpretation			
	Refer to Environmental Education action		
	Refer to Heritage Places Strategy - Strategic Plan and PoMs document for guidance		

Audit of Actions 2015 Coastal Plan of Management

Objective 1 – Recreation/Social – enhance the quality of the recreation and social experience for locals and visitors

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High/ Ongoing	Improve coastal facilities and tourism opportunities	Ongoing	
High/ Ongoing	Improve opportunities for social recreation along the coast	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Plan for and ensure special events are well managed and monitored according to Council processes.	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Provide areas for off leash dog areas so as to minimise the impact of dogs on the coast as a whole	Ongoing	There are currently two dog off leash areas – King Edward Park and Dixon Park.
Ongoing/ Medium	Provide facilities using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Ensure different users are catered for and there is appropriate amount of diversity.	Ongoing	
High	Provide a framework for improving community based facilities	Ongoing	
High	Provide appropriate, feasible commercial facilities	Ongoing	
High	Ensure any proposed developments are sensitive to the environment, involve adaptive re-use where appropriate and are likely to be commercially viable	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Ensure major sporting areas retain their function where appropriate	Ongoing	
Medium	Ensure recreational fishing opportunities are provide for in appropriate locations	Ongoing	

Objective 2 – Landscape character – ensure a unique and co-ordinated approach to landscape works and improvements

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Ongoing	Provide a consistent treatment of materials in the public domain, including for visually impaired	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Improve the quantity and quality of public domain elements	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Ensure landscape elements address site conditions and improve comfort for users	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Identify and ensure key views from public spaces are retained and enhanced.	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Increase the amount of shade and lighting along the coastline	Ongoing	Integrated into masterplans.
Ongoing	Improve the condition of public amenities (toilets)	Ongoing	

High	Integrate sensitively signage, memorials and artworks within the coastal landscape	Ongoing	
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Objective 3 – Natural Environment – maintain and protect the unique environmental qualities of the Coastline

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Ongoing	Identify and manage cliff instability issues where necessary	Ongoing	
Medium	Manage coastal erosion problems in study area	Ongoing	A Coastal Management Program for Stockton has been endorsed and a Coastal Management Program for south of the harbour is currently being undertaken.
Medium	Identify and manage potential impacts of climate change and sea level rise	Ongoing	Addressed in the Coastal Management Programs
Ongoing	Identify and manage areas of coastline subject to inundation	Ongoing	Addressed in the Coastal Management Programs
Ongoing	Identify and manage areas of coastline subject to flooding	Ongoing	Addressed in the Coastal Management Programs
Medium	Manage stormwater and effluent outfall impacts on the coastline	Ongoing	Addressed in the Coastal Management Programs and Stormwater Plans
Medium	Protect the diversity of flora, fauna and ecological communities, with particular emphasis on threatened and migratory species	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Increase knowledge of the value of the coast	Ongoing	Environmental Education Programs are in place

Objective 4 – Cultural Heritage – protect and maintain items/areas of cultural and heritage significance along the coastline

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Identify and protect heritage items and promote the heritage of the coast as a unique and vibrant asset	Ongoing	
High	Ensure any new developments or improvements are respectful to the heritage value of the area	Ongoing	
Medium/ High	Integrate information on the history of Newcastle coastline in different ways/means. Promote the heritage of the coastal reserves	Ongoing	
Medium/ High	Manage archaeological features in accordance with best practice and relevant statutory requirements	Ongoing	

Objective 5 – Accessibility and Safety – to ensure that the coastline is available for all users

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Improve access and safety to coastal facilities for all users where possible.	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Improve pedestrian and cycle connections between the coast and the City	Ongoing	Newcastle Cycling Strategy and Action Plan highlights opportunities.
High	Improve access to the coast by all modes	Ongoing	The light rail network is a mode of transport from the Newcastle Interchange to Newcastle Beach.
High	Ensure access along the coast for active/passive recreation users	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Explore options for managing parking	Ongoing	
	Identify traffic conflicts and pedestrian/cycle safety	Ongoing	
Medium/ Low	Improve connections to regional cycleways		

Objective 6 – Management – provide a management framework that will ensure a co-ordinated approach to safety, maintenance and improvements to the coastline

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Establish clear guidelines for management of Reserves Trust funds	Ongoing	
High	Improve community facilities	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Ensure risk management issues are integral to the design process	Ongoing	
High/ Ongoing	Identify any additional parcels of land to be transferred to crown and managed through the Newcastle Coastal Reserve Trust	Ongoing	
High	Allow function centres as a permissible use within the coastal surf clubs	Ongoing	
Medium	Consider other uses within the coastal surf clubs	Ongoing	
Medium	Manage and promote where necessary opportunities for appropriate activities along the coastal reserve where activities may be booked	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Ensure best practice methods are used for all maintenance procedures	Ongoing	
High	Manage the Newcastle Coastal and Estuary Reserve Trust according to Crown Lands Act	Complete	
Medium	Implementation plan to identify priority of works	Ongoing	
Medium	Identify road networks	Ongoing	Crown Land Road dedications have been identified in the Draft Community Land PoM 2020

Low	Consider adding the Bogey Hole to the Reserve Trust following its safety upgrade	Status unknown	
Medium	Formally establish Merewether Ocean Baths within a notified Crown Reserve	To be addressed.	
Medium	Identify anomalies in Land Register eg Lot 1 DP1200042 (62A Shortland Esplanade)	Status unknown.	

Specific Sectors: Management Actions

Stockton Sector

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Ongoing	Investigate urban and environmental improvements to South Stockton Reserves	Ongoing	In conjunction with the Coastal Management Program – Stockton.
Low	Investigate urban and environmental improvements to North Stockton	Ongoing	In conjunction with the Coastal Management Program – Stockton.
High	Continue with cycleway improvements	Ongoing	As per Newcastle Cycling Strategy and Action Plan
High	Formalise final agreement with Boy Scouts	Complete	
Medium	Improve coastal facilities and tourism opportunities – EOI for mobile cart/kiosk near ferry terminal	Complete	

Central Beach – Nobbys and Newcastle Beach and King Edward Park

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Ongoing	Ensure State heritage issues are considered in any development proposals	Ongoing	
Medium	Identify specific urban and environmental improvements for Newcastle Beach	Ongoing	
Low	Identify specific urban and environmental improvements for Nobbys Beach	Ongoing	
Medium	Manage heritage values and identify specific improvements for King Edward Park and Shepherds Hill Defence Group	Ongoing	Renovation and refurbishment of Shepherds Hill Cottage is being addressed.
High	Improve vehicular, cycle and pedestrian access to Nobbys and Newcastle Beach	Ongoing	
Medium	Improve connections for pedestrians between Newcastle Beach and Hunter Street	Ongoing	
Medium	Maintain the Newcastle Ocean Baths and Pavilion in a safe and useable condition	Ongoing	
High/ Medium	Investigate opportunities for the construction of a new Surf Lifesaving Club building at Newcastle and Nobbys Beach Surf Clubs	Ongoing	

Southern Sector – Strzelecki, Bar Beach, Dixon Park and Merewether Beach

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Identify specific urban and environmental improvements for Bar Beach	Ongoing	
Low	Identify specific urban and environmental improvements for Dixon Park	Ongoing	
High/ Ongoing	Identify specific urban and environmental improvements for Merewether Beach	Ongoing	
High	Ensure the recognition of Merewether Beach as a National Surfing Reserve	Status Unknown	
Ongoing	Maintain Newcastle Memorial Walk	Ongoing	
High	Maintain the Merewether Ocean Baths and Pavilion in a safe and useable condition	Ongoing	Major upgrades have been undertaken
Medium/ High	Investigate opportunities for the construction of new Surf Lifesaving Clubs	Status Unknown	
High	Investigate opportunities for redevelopment of Merewether Ocean Baths Pavilion	Ongoing	
Ongoing	Maintain access and connection to Burwood Beach and Glenrock State Conservation Area	Status Unknown	
Underway	Identify opportunities to provide a safe viewing area from Robinson Reserve		
Medium	Stabilise the slope of Robinson Reserve and where possible replant with native vegetation		
Medium	Increase the useability of Jefferson Park through incorporating level open space areas, landscaping, picnic facilities, shade and seating	Status Unknown	
High	Upgrade of promenades so that it is useable at all times	Ongoing	The Bathers Way has provided opportunities for many promenade upgrades
Ongoing	Monitor water quality of stormwater outlet	Ongoing	
Medium	Maintain the heritage of the Old Ladies Pool and provide safe use for all users	Ongoing	
High	Improve coastal facilities and tourism opportunities	Ongoing	

Audit of Actions 2003 Glendore Community Facility Plan of Management

Objective 1 – To provide access to community based childcare in an area of population growth. (This service must meet the standards for delivery set by the NSW Department of Community Services)

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Ongoing	Responsibility for overall implementation and monitoring of the plan rests with Council's Human Services Manager	Ongoing	
Complete	Council's role is the purchase of the land and the development of the facility	Complete	
Completed in 2003 when Council adopts the lease.	Council's role is to facilitate the delivery of services from the facility. Council will enter into a lease with a community-based organisation that will deliver the childcare services and the lease will be reviewed at 5 yearly intervals	Complete	
Ongoing as long as the lessee maintains its licence	The delivery of the childcare services will be the responsibility of the lessee and the lessee is required to meet the standards of delivery set by the State Government and will be licensed accordingly. (Note: the details of these standards are not part of the PoM)	Ongoing	Council will review community needs and trends for the services on a 5 yearly basis.
Ongoing	Council will continue to regularly mow and maintain the residual land that is not subject to the lease	Ongoing	Meets the Parks and Recreation maintenance standards.

Audit of Actions 2001 Wallsend Brickworks Park Plan of Management

Objective 1 – Habitat – enhanced and restored habitats (bushland, aquatic, riparian etc) that are sustainable

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Develop specific projects that involve community in upgrading and protecting the natural environment eg habitat rehabilitation, fauna monitoring. Provide assistance & support through the Community Greening Centre Activities & Programs	Complete and Ongoing	
High	Prepare a local catchment management plan	Status Unknown	
Medium	Where appropriate include references of the Park in relevant program material and utilise the site to hold promotions or events	Complete	

Objective 2 – Recreation – the sites physical character is developed and a simple mix of recreation opportunities is provided which has wide community appeal

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Ongoing	Link paths to longer walking and cycling tracks. Increase the play opportunities of the existing playground. Provide facilities such as shelters, toilet, additional park furniture. Provide organised car parking and separate from pedestrian areas	Complete	
Ongoing	Provide “rough” adventure BMX/mountain bike track and skateboard facility	Status Unknown	
Medium	Involve educational groups eg local schools and the University of Newcastle in rehabilitation and conservation projects. Develop paths, lookouts and shelters within the park that provide opportunities for outdoor study ie views to cliff face geology, water and bush areas	Ongoing	

Objective 3 – Function – the development of the park compliments its heritage and natural setting and contributes to the visual amenity of the local area and the city

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High/ongoing	Link to implementation of Newcastle Green Spaces Strategy	Complete	
High	Prepare a local catchment management plan	Status Unknown	

Objective 4 – Access – the park is accessible by a variety of means

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Medium	Signpost connections to & from Jesmond Park, silver ridge, Heaton Park etc. Develop an internal pedestrian path system that logically connects with suburban footpaths. Ensure paths are suitable for people with reduced mobility. Develop a simple legible signage system (Directional and Locational)	Complete	
High	Highlight local bus stops and routes on park maps and promotional brochures	Complete	

Objective 5 – Management and Maintenance – management and maintenance systems are developed to maximise available resources and set a standard of excellence for a sustainably managed park

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Medium/ Ongoing	Involve community and interest groups within a structured advisory committee arrangement. All design construction, development and maintenance activity builds in criteria that ensures processes and materials are sustainable processes	Status Unknown	
Medium	Prepare management guidelines to form the basis of maintenance plans before work and maintenance commences on site	Complete	
Medium	Prepare staging plan with cost estimates for implementation. Each year all opportunities for external support and funding are reviewed and planned for	Complete	

Objective 6 – Historic – the historical and cultural heritage of the site is revealed and enhanced throughout the park at a variety of stages during its development

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
Medium	Undertake consultation and gather information to assist detail design process	Complete	
Medium/ ongoing	Prepare interpretive plan for park linked with and responsive to, design and the stages of development	Complete	

Objective 7 – Safety – A safe environment which minimises the risk of hazards

Priority	Action	Status	Comments
High	Completed contamination investigations	Complete	
Medium	Prepare preliminary risk assessment	Complete	
Medium	Install risk mitigation measures using design and/or structures eg fencing solutions	Complete	