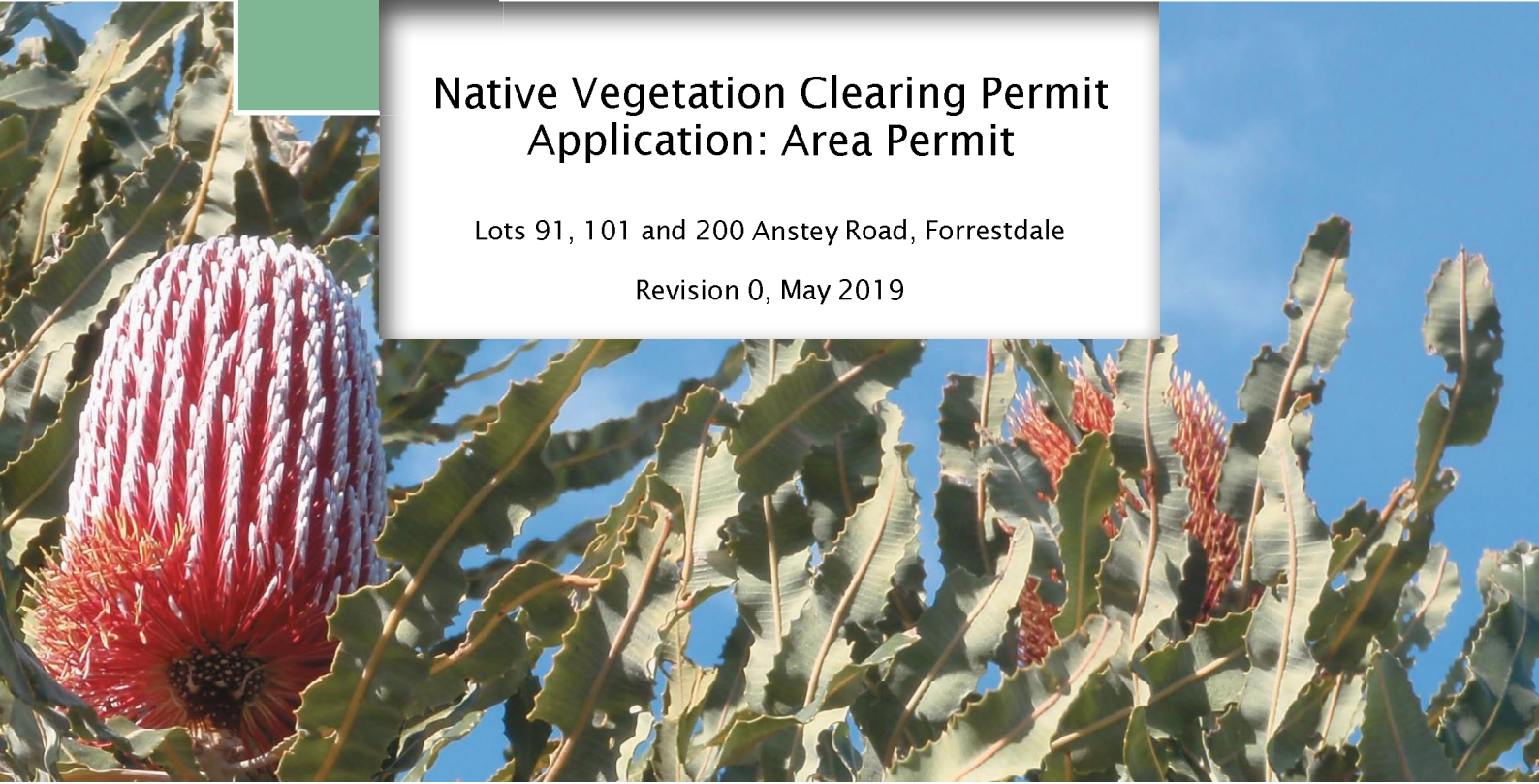




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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Overview

Terra Property Pty Ltd (Cedar Woods Properties Ltd) is proposing to develop Lots 91, 101 and 200 Anstey Road, Forrestdale (subject area) for urban purposes. The subject area lies within the City of Armadale with the location and extent presented in Figure 1.

An application to amend the Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) for the site and adjacent landholdings (MRS Amendment 1290-57) was assessed by the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC). The amendment was approved and advertised in the Government Gazette on 13 October 2015. The subject area is now zoned under the MRS as 'Urban', and 'General Rural' under the City of Armadale's Local Planning Scheme (LPS) No. 4.

The project is now progressing through a LPS amendment and Local Structure Plan (LSP) assessment stages. The advertisement period for the LSP has closed. A copy of the LSP is provided in Appendix A.

A Western Australia Planning Commission (WAPC) subdivision planning approval is proposed to be submitted in accordance with the *Planning and Development Act 2005* in June/July 2019.

1.2 Proposed Clearing

For project timing purposes it is proposed to clear a portion of the subject area (the site) as part of the bulk earthworks and civil construction works. These works are proposed to be undertaken in September 2019, prior to the issuing of the WAPC subdivision approval.

Terra Property Pty Ltd (Cedar Woods Properties Ltd) is proposing to clear (the site) approximately 4.17ha of remnant vegetation (which comprises of 0.79ha of 'Mr' vegetation unit, 2.03ha of 'Kg' vegetation unit, 0.75ha of planted trees and remnant endemic and 0.6ha Cleared ground with scattered trees of *Melaleuca preissiana* trees. (Figure 1). A Development Application for the proposed works has been issued to the City of Armadale.

2.0 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

2.1 Topography and soils

Topography of the clearing area (the site) is relatively flat, at approximately 23 to 24m Australian Height Datum (mAHD) (Figure 2).

Regional Geology Mapping by Jordan (1986) indicates that most of the site contains Sand (S10) which is characterised by relatively thin sand veneer over strong, blocky, brown silts and clays. Refer to Figure 2.

2.2 Hydrology

Regional groundwater mapping obtained from the DWER Perth Groundwater Atlas, indicates that Average Annual Maximum Groundwater Level (AAMGL) occurs at a depth of approximately 23m AHD across the site and groundwater flow is generally in a north east direction (Figure 3). It has been estimated that depth to groundwater within the site is approximately 2 to 3 m below natural ground level (DWER 2019).

There is a geomorphic Multiple Use Wetland (UFI 14897) which slightly impinges the site within Lots 91 and 101, refer to Figure 3.

2.3 Vegetation and Flora

2.3.1 Overview

The site has been mapped by Beard (1981) as 'Allocasuarina - Banksia Low Woodland with scattered *Eucalyptus marginata* (abbreviated e2,bLi)'. The site is a combination of the Bassendean dunes and Pinjarra plan which supports the Southern River vegetation complex which is predominantly 'Open woodland of *Corymbia calophylla* - *E. marginata* - Banksia spp. with fringing woodland of *E. rudis* - *M. raphiophylla* along creek beds' (Hedde et al., 1980).

South West vegetation Complex Statistics Report (2017) indicates that approximately 18.4% of the Southern River Complex is remaining in the Swan Coastal Plan (SCP) with approximately 1.1% protected for conservation within the SCP.

The site is not within or directly adjacent to Bush Forever sites or regional parks. The Jandakot Regional Park (Bush Forever Site 342) is located approximately 190m north east and 268m north west of the site, and covers an area of approximately 2,300 ha (DEC, 2010).

2.3.2 Site Survey

A flora and vegetation survey was completed by Bennett Environmental Consulting (Dr Eleanor Bennett) in 2013 for Lots 101 and 200 (which includes the clearing area) in accordance with the Level 2 requirements presented in EPA Guidance Statement No. 51 - Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment (EPA, 2004). The first part of the survey was completed in May 2013 for the site and a subsequent site assessment to complete the Level 2 survey requirements was undertaken in late October 2013 (refer to Appendix B).

Two Vegetation Units have been mapped as occurring within the clearing area:

- Kg: Open Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana* over Dense Thicket of *Kunzea glabrescens* over Open to Dense Tall Sedges of *Lepidosperma longitudinale*. (2.03ha of ha)
- Mr: Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana*, *Corymbia calophylla*, *Nuytsia floribunda* and *Allocasuarina fraseriana* over Open Scrub of *Kunzea glabrescens* over Heath A of *Regelia ciliata* over Open Dwarf Scrub D of mixed taxa over Very Open Tall Sedges of *Dasyogon bromeliifolius* and *Phlebocarya ciliata*. (0.79ha)

Other areas were mapped as, P:

- Planted trees and remnant endemic trees (0.75ha)
- Cleared ground with scattered trees of *Melaleuca preissiana* (0.6ha)

One quadrat was established in each vegetation unit Mr (AN07) and Kg (AN06). A species list is provided in Botanical Report (Appendix B). A priority 3 *Jacksonia gracillima* shrub was located within AN07. No additional significant flora were recorded during the October survey (BEC, 2019).

During the 2013 survey, the vegetation condition of vegetation unit Mr was recorded to be in 'Very Good' to 'Excellent' condition. Vegetation unit Kg was recorded to be in 'Degraded' to 'Completely Degraded' condition (Keighery, 1994) (BEC, 2013) (Figure 5).

2.4 Fauna Habitat

Bamford Consulting Ecologists (BCE) (2013) undertook a Level 1 fauna assessment (desktop review and site inspection) for the site. The field survey was undertaken in May 2013 and included several components:

- targeted searching for conservation significant fauna;
- opportunistic fauna observations; and
- habitat assessment.

Vegetation and Substrate Associations (VSAs) throughout the site were assessed during the desktop review and as part of the field investigations. Within the site, each major VSA was visited to develop an understanding of major fauna habitat types present and to assess the likelihood of conservation significant species being present in the area (these are further discussed in the following section). During the site visit significant species that were recorded during the desktop assessment were investigated this included searching for evidence of their activities (e.g. scats, tracks, diggings, burrows) or listening for their call.

Two VSA were recorded within the clearing area

- Very open *Melaleuca* shrubland over pasture (VSA1): generally of low value as habitat and likely to be low in biodiversity, may provide foraging habitat for Glossy Ibis, Rainbow Bee-eater, Western Corella and Quenda.



- Closed Melaleuca shrubland (VSA2): support Quenda and Brush Wallaby, important for a range of CS3 birds such as fairy-wrens and thornbills. Low value for foraging by Carnaby's Black Cockatoo (Figure 6).

VSA1 is likely to be low in biodiversity values. The fauna assemblage present on site has already been impacted by feral species, extensive clearing and weed invasion. VSA2 may contain some Carnaby's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat. There are no potential breeding habitat trees within the site (breast diameter height DBH >500mm) (BCE, 2013).

Three *Corymbia calophylla* (Marri) trees were recorded within vegetation unit 'Mr' (Arborlogic, 2013). Marri is a species used by the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo for feeding, nesting and roosting (Groom, 2011).

3.0 ASSESSMENT AGAINST TEN CLEARING PRINCIPLES

An assessment of the proposed clearing against the ten clearing principles outlined in Schedule 5 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* is provided in Table 1.

Table 1: Assessment against clearing principles

Principle	Assessment	Conclusion
Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises a high level of biological diversity.	<p>The site is currently located within a rural landholdings which has been subject to grazing and clearing activities associated which historical landuses. Based on available historical aerial photography (Landgate, 2019) The site was cleared in the mid-1974. with some regeneration of 'Mr' evident in 1979. Regeneration of 'Kg' area is visible between 1995 and 2000).</p> <p>2.03ha of Kg vegetation unit is in 'Degraded' to 'Completely Degraded' condition. No priority or declared rare flora (DRF) species have been recorded within this vegetation unit (BEC, 2013).</p> <p>'Mr' vegetation unit (0.79ha) was in 'Very Good' condition (Figure 5) and one P3 species- <i>Jacksonia gracillima</i>. No DRF or threatened ecological community was recorded within the Vegetation Unit.</p> <p>The remaining of the site (1.35hba) consists of Cleared ground with scattered trees of <i>Melaleuca preissiana</i> and planted trees and remnant endemic trees (Figure 4).</p> <p>The site does not contain black cockatoo habitat (breeding) trees (3x Marri), but does contain some foraging potential within the VSA2 Closed Melaleuca shrubland (figure 6).</p>	Not at variance with the principle.
Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a significant habitat for fauna indigenous to Western Australia.	<p>Two VSA were recorded within the clearing area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very open Melaleuca shrubland over pasture (VSA1): generally of low value as habitat and likely to be low in biodiversity, may provide foraging habitat for Glossy Ibis, Rainbow Bee-eater, Western Corella and Quenda. • Closed Melaleuca shrubland (VSA2): support Quenda and Brush Wallaby, important for a range of CS3 birds such as fairy-wrens and thornbills. Low value for foraging by Carnaby's Black Cockatoo (Figure 6). <p>VSA1 which is likely to be low in biodiversity values. The fauna assemblage present on site has already been impacted by feral species, extensive clearing and weed invasion. VSA2 may contain some Carnaby's Black Cockatoo foraging habitat. There are no potential breeding habitat trees within the site (breast diameter height DBH >500mm) (BCE, 2013).</p> <p>Three <i>Corymbia calophylla</i> (Marri) trees were recorded within vegetation unit 'Mr' (Arborlogic, 2013). Marri is a species used by the Carnaby's Black Cockatoo for feeding, nesting and roosting (Groom, 2011).</p>	The size of habitat in regard to other available habitat within the vicinity of the site (Bush Forever site 342/Jandakot Regional Parks site) will not lead to a reduction of species occupancy in the immediate area. Therefore, not considered to be at variance with this principle.



Principle	Assessment	Conclusion
Native vegetation should not be cleared if it includes, or is necessary for the continued existence of, rare flora.	<p>A flora and vegetation survey was completed by Bennett Environmental Consulting (Dr Eleanor Bennett) in 2013 for Lots 101 and 200 (which includes the clearing area) in accordance with the Level 2 requirements presented in EPA Guidance Statement No. 51 – Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment (EPA, 2004). No DRF were recorded during the survey.</p> <p>A priority 3 <i>Jacksonia gracillima</i> shrub was located within AN07. No additional significant flora were recorded during the October survey (BEC, 2019) (Figure 4).</p> <p>P3 are poorly known species it is indicated that the species are known from several locations, and the species does not appear to be under imminent threat, or from few but widespread locations with either large population size or significant remaining areas of apparently suitable habitat, much of it not under imminent threat. Species may be included if they are comparatively well known from several locations but do not meet adequacy of survey requirements and known threatening processes exist that could affect them (DBCA, 2019).</p>	While a P3 individual plant was located within vegetation unit ‘Mr’ the proposed action is not at significant variance with this principle.
Native vegetation should not be cleared if it comprises the whole or a part of, or is necessary for the maintenance of, a threatened ecological community.	A flora and vegetation survey was completed by Bennett Environmental Consulting (Dr Eleanor Bennett) in 2013 for Lots 101 and 200 (which includes the clearing area) in accordance with the Level 2 requirements presented in EPA Guidance Statement No. 51 – Terrestrial Flora and Vegetation Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment (EPA, 2004). No TECs were recorded within the site.	Not at variance with the principle.
Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is significant as a remnant of native vegetation in an area that has been extensively cleared.	<p>The vegetation proposed to be cleared within the site is not considered as significant. Areas of vegetation to be retained (and classed as significant) that have been endorsed by EPA/DWER/DBCA through the MRS and LPS processes (refer to Section 101) have been depicted in the LSP (Appendix A).</p> <p>The clearing of the site is in accordance with the LSP (Appendix A).</p>	Removal of vegetation within the project area is not considered to be at variance with this principle as it will not result in the removal of significant remnant of vegetation compared to the surrounding area.
Native vegetation should not be cleared if it is growing in or in association with a watercourse or wetland.	<p>There is a geomorphic Multiple Use Wetland (MUW) (UFI 14897) which slightly impinges the site within Lots 91 and 101, refer to Figure 3.</p> <p>The MUW within Lot 91 is fully cleared containing pasture. Within lot 101, the MUW is predominantly cleared ground with scattered trees of <i>Melaleuca preissiana</i> (Figure 4) and vegetation within this area has been recorded as ‘Completely Degraded’ (Figure 5).</p>	Not at significant variance with the principle.
Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause appreciable land degradation.	The site will be cleared in accordance with the civil contractors/engineers Construction Environmental Management Plan for the commencement of Stage 1 (42 lot) and Stage 2 (48 lots) urban subdivision.	Removal of vegetation within the site is not considered to be at variance with this principle.
Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to have an impact on the environmental values of any adjacent or nearby conservation area.	<p>The site is not within or adjacent to Bush Forever sites or Regional Parks. The Jandakot Regional Park (Bush forever Site 342) is located approximately 190m north east and 268m north west of the site.</p> <p>Clearing of the site will be contained and undertaken in accordance with the civil contractors/engineers Construction Environmental Management Plan.</p>	The proposed action is not at variance with this principle.



Principle	Assessment	Conclusion
<p>Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause deterioration in the quality of surface or underground water.</p>	<p>There is an approved Local Water Management Strategy (LWMS) (Hyd2O, 2018). The LWMS addresses key elements of the water management strategy for the site include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the provision of regional flood storage along Baileys Branch Drain, b) treatment and infiltration of stormwater for development areas adjacent to existing wetlands, c) the agreed use of the DBNGPC for flood storage during major events, and d) the implementation of additional precautionary measures to provide safeguards for the hydrology of Bush Forever Site 342. <p>The LWMS was prepared in accordance with the principles, objectives, and key criteria of Better Urban Water Management (Western Australian Planning Commission, 2008) and the overarching Anstey Road Forrestdale District Water Management Strategy. An 18-month groundwater level and water quality monitoring programme undertaken from 2013-2014 plus additional monitoring during winter 2016 has been used to inform the development of the LWMS (Hyd2O, 2018).</p> <p>Implementation of the LWMS will be undertaken in accordance with Better Urban Water Management through the development and implementation of Urban Water Management Plans for individual stages of development within the subject area through WAPC subdivision approval.</p>	<p>The proposed action is not at variance with this principle.</p>
<p>Native vegetation should not be cleared if the clearing of the vegetation is likely to cause, or exacerbate, the intensity of flooding.</p>	<p>There is an approved Local Water Management Strategy (LWMS) (Hyd2O, 2018)</p> <p>Clearing vegetation within the proposed area will not cause, or exacerbate, the intensity of flooding, in the subject area. The LWMS included the proposed clearing areas within the major and minor drainage system/design strategy which is consistent with the objectives provided within the District Water Management Strategy.</p>	<p>Removal of vegetation within the site is not considered to be at variance with this principle, as the clearing is not expected to cause or exacerbate flooding in the area.</p>

The following assessment in Table 1 demonstrates that the proposed removal of native vegetation, planted introduced species and weed species is not at a significant variance with the clearing principles.

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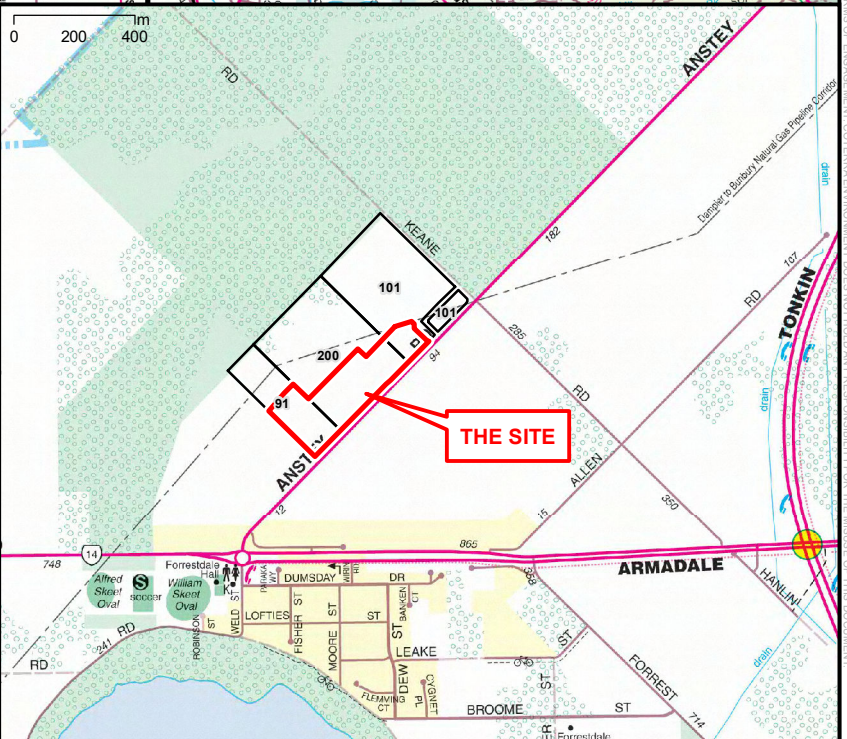
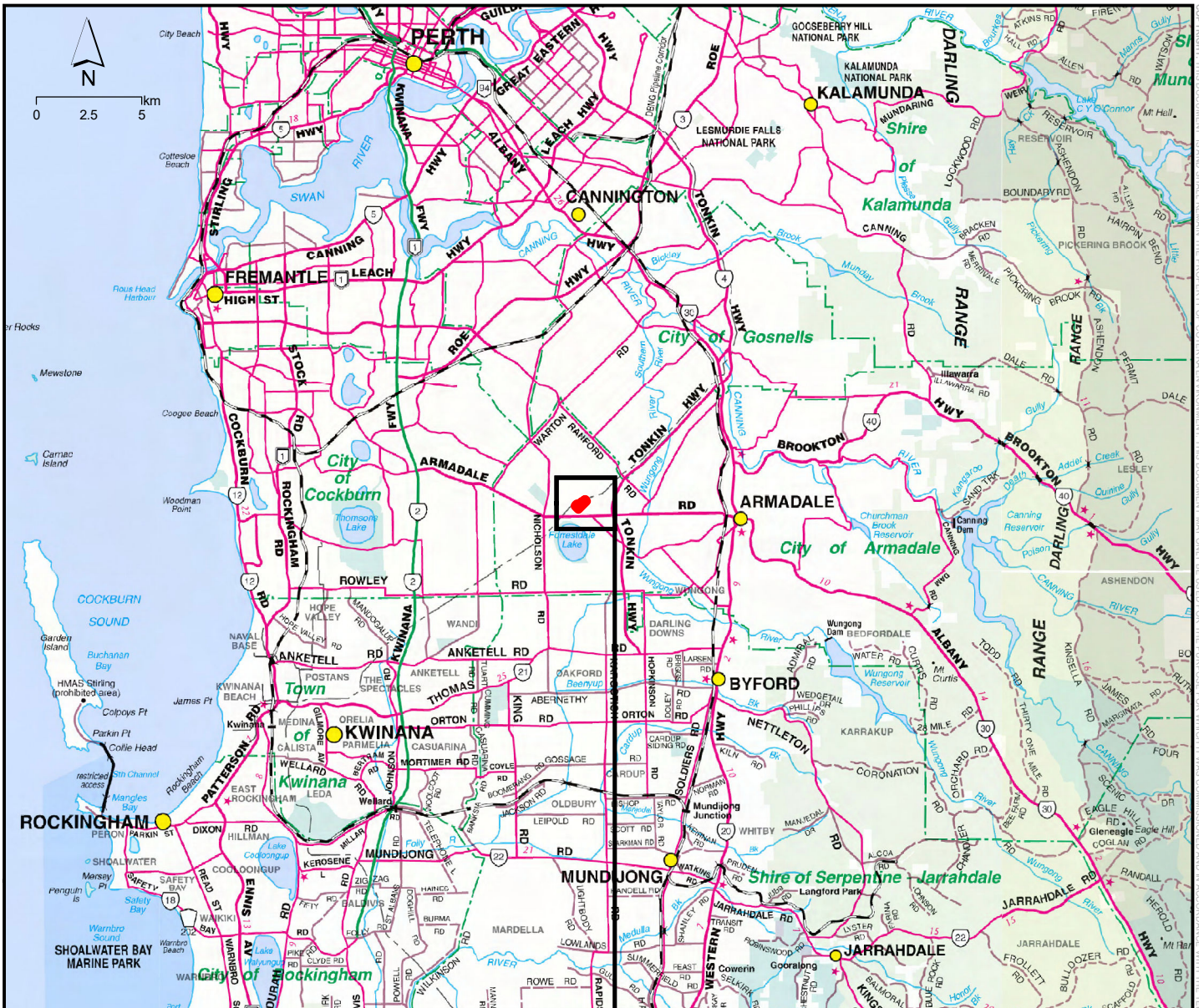
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

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SITE LOCATION


Figure 1

LEGEND


-  The Site
-  Lots of Interest
-  Cadastre
-  Easement
-  Contour (mAHD)

Geology

-  Sp1: PEATY SAND - grey to black, fine to medium-grained, moderately sorted quartz sand, slightly peaty, of lacustrine origin.
-  S10: SAND - as S8 over sandy clay to clayey sand of the Guildford Formation, of eolian origin.

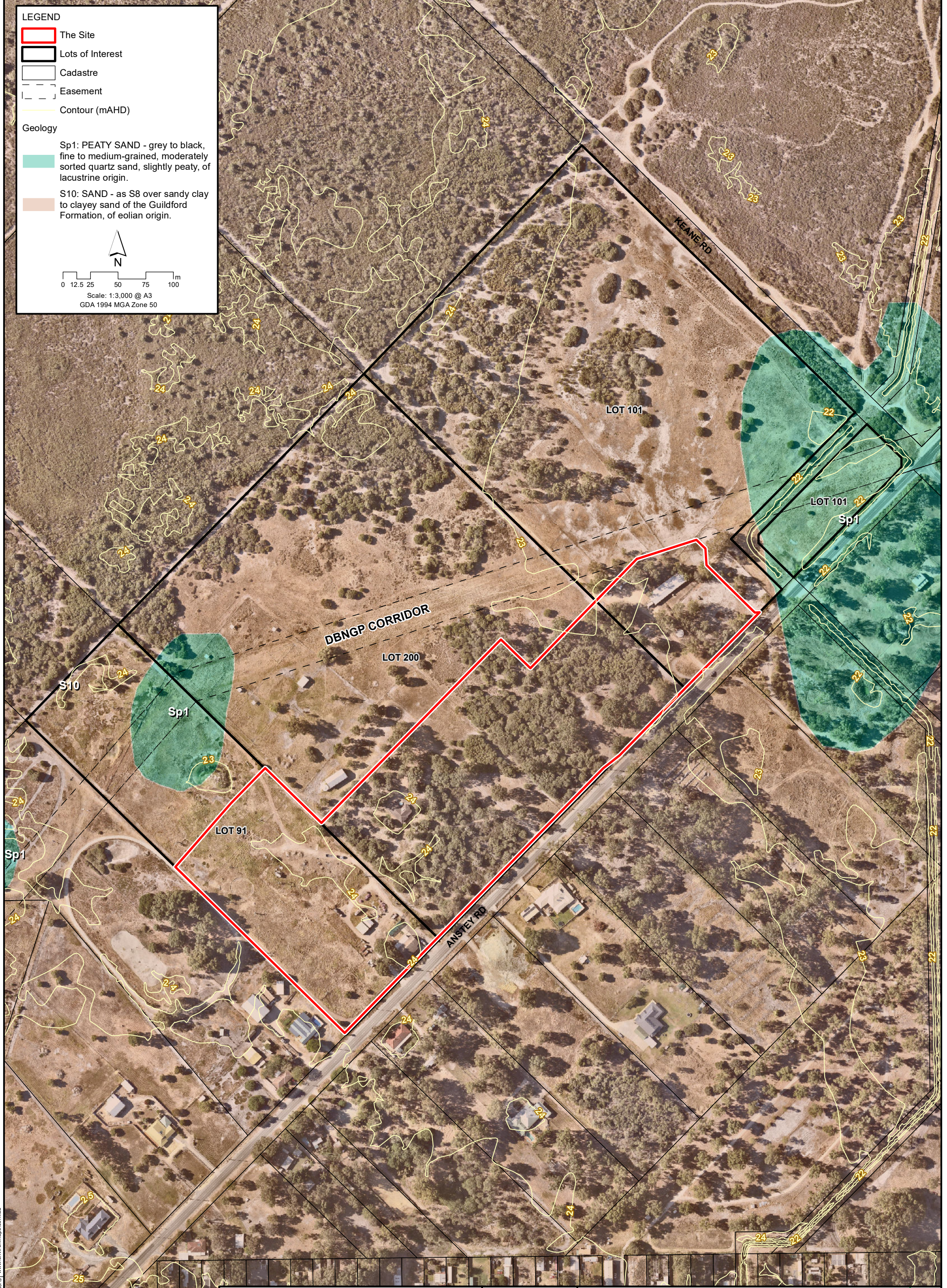


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TOPOGRAPHY AND SOILS


Figure 2

LEGEND

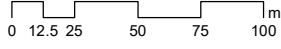
- The Site
- Lots of Interest
- Cadastre
- Easement
- Contour (mAHD)
- Maximum Groundwater Contour (mAHD)

Wetlands

- Conservation
- Resource Enhancement
- Multiple Use

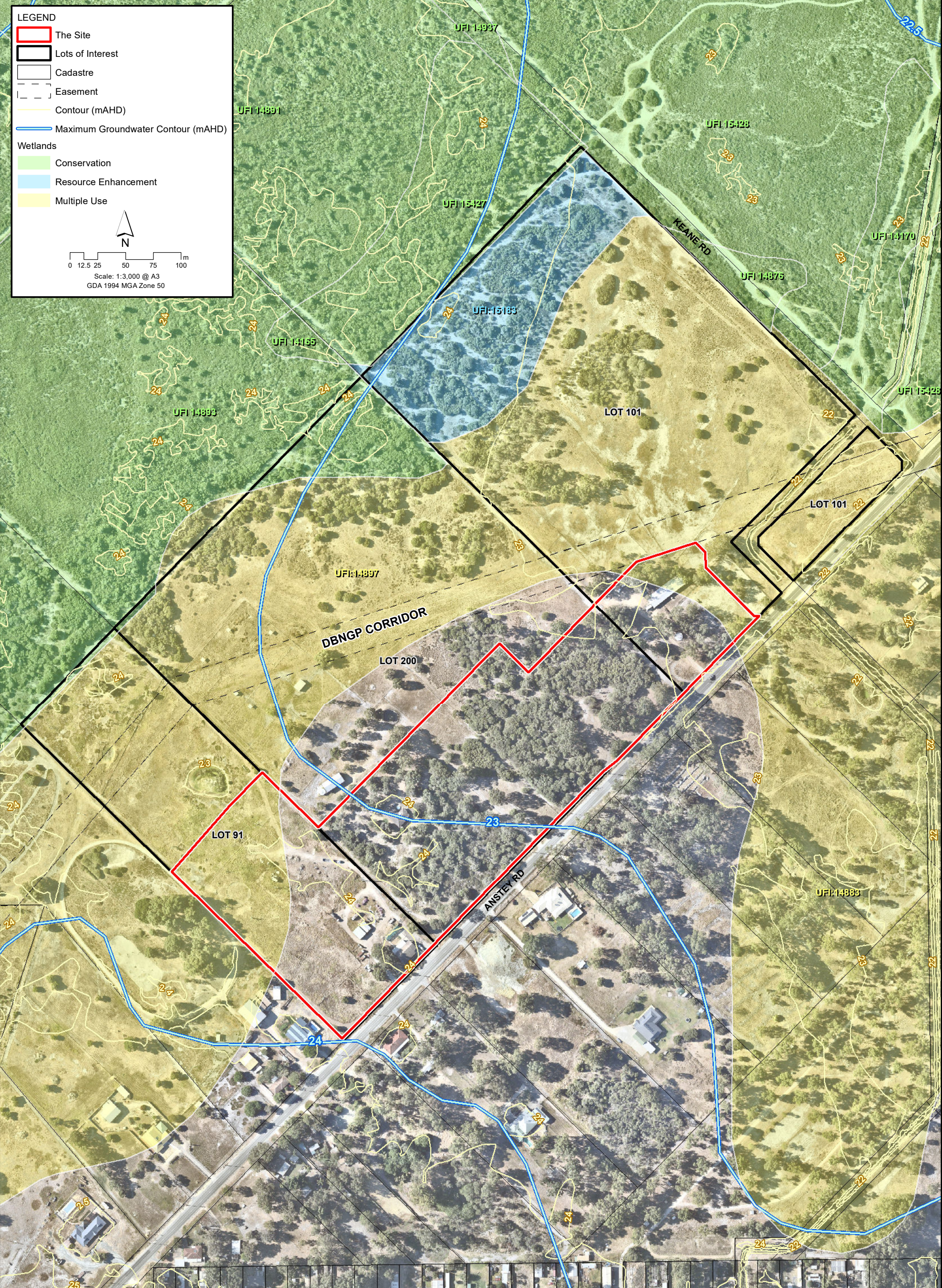


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HYDROLOGY

Figure 3

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- The Site
- Lots of Interest
- Cadastre
- Easement
- Quadrat Location

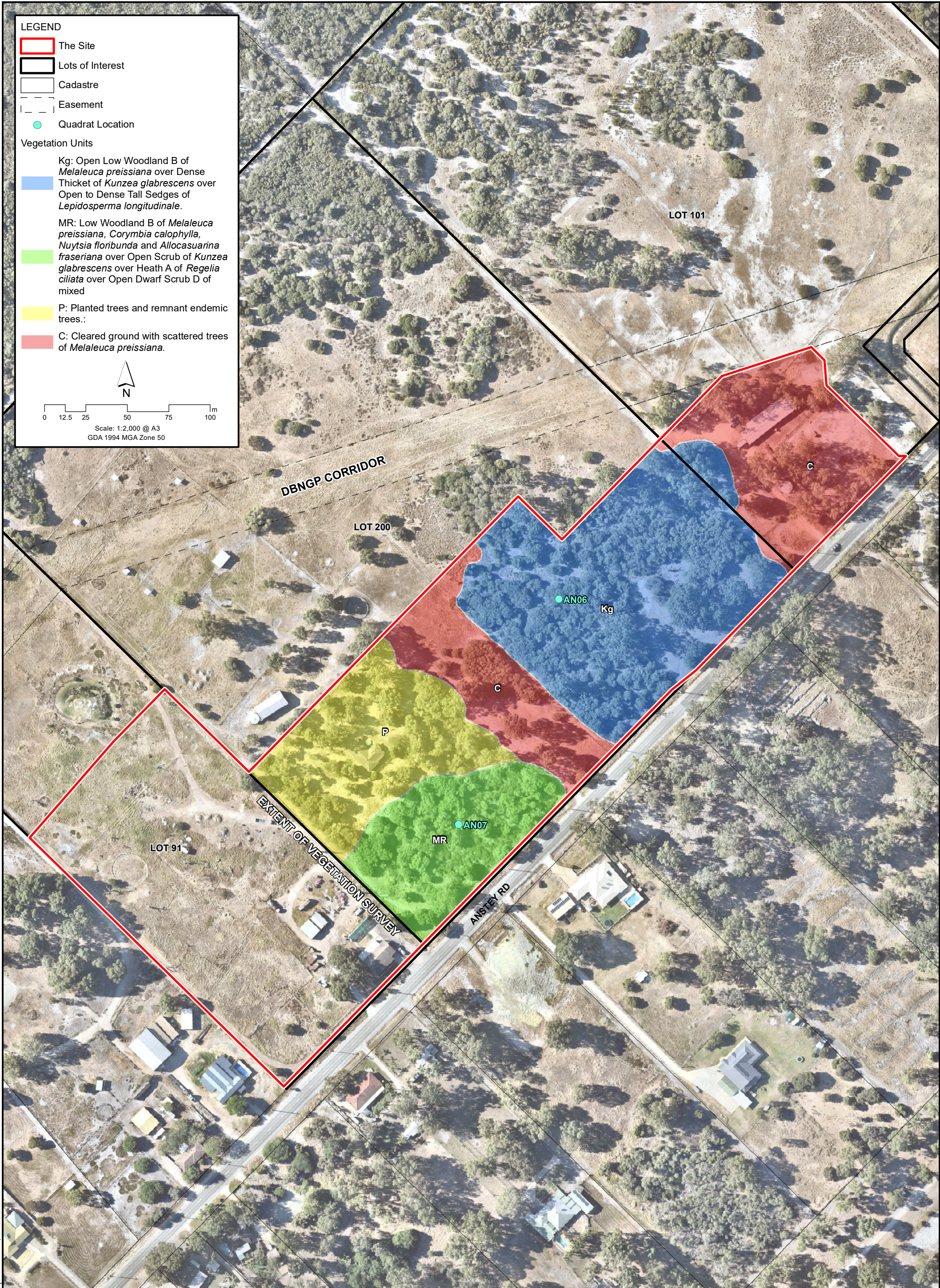
Vegetation Units

- Kg: Open Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana* over Dense Thicket of *Kunzea glabrescens* over Open to Dense Tall Sedges of *Lepidosperma longitudinale*.
- MR: Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana*, *Corymbia calophylla*, *Nuytsia floribunda* and *Allocasuarina fraseriana* over Open Scrub of *Kunzea glabrescens* over Heath A of *Regelia ciliata* over Open Dwarf Scrub D of mixed
- P: Planted trees and remnant endemic trees.:
- C: Cleared ground with scattered trees of *Melaleuca preissiana*.



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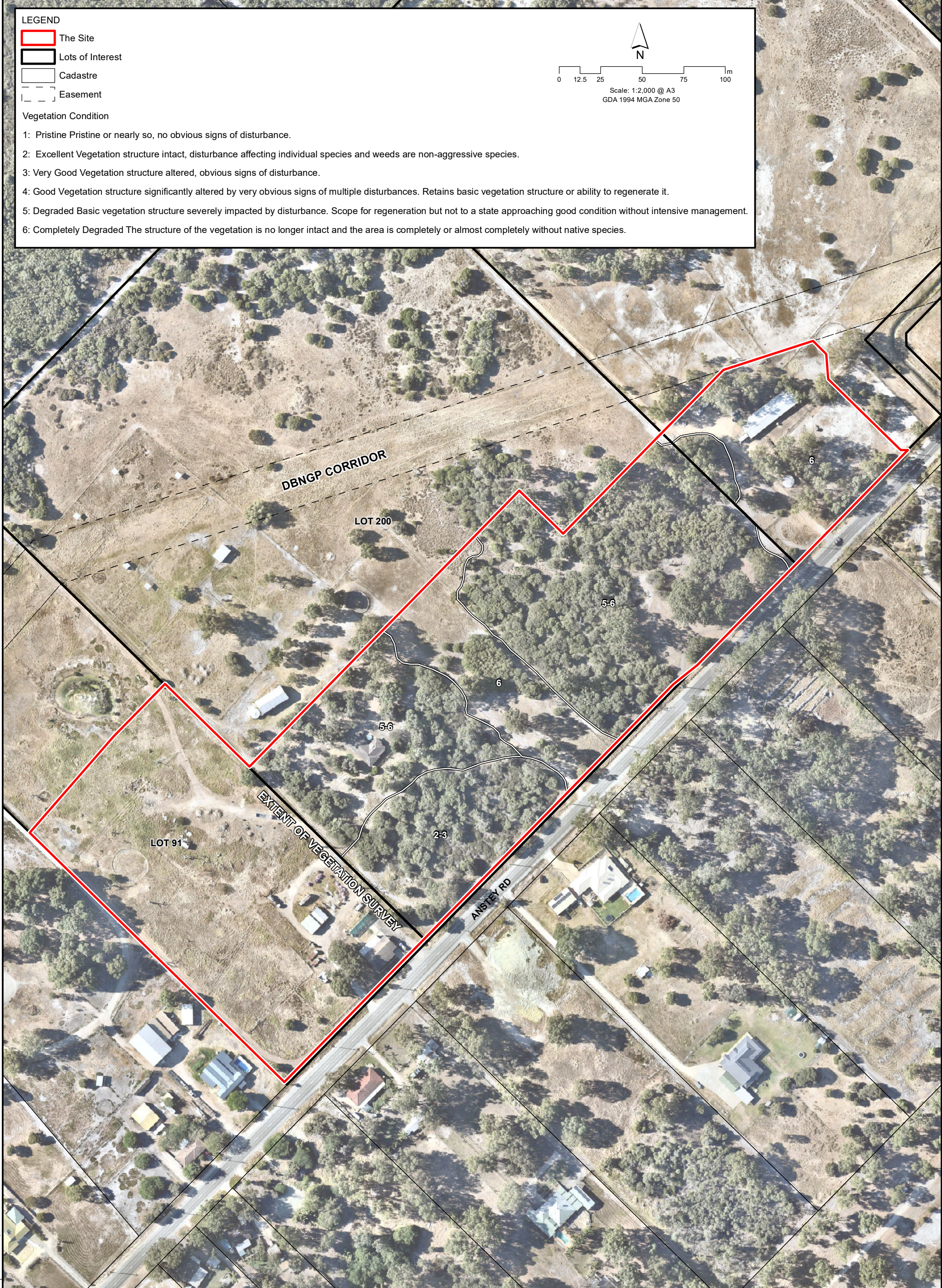
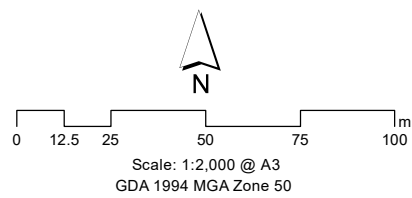


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- The Site
- Lots of Interest
- Cadastre
- Easement

Vegetation Condition

- 1: Pristine Pristine or nearly so, no obvious signs of disturbance.
- 2: Excellent Vegetation structure intact, disturbance affecting individual species and weeds are non-aggressive species.
- 3: Very Good Vegetation structure altered, obvious signs of disturbance.
- 4: Good Vegetation structure significantly altered by very obvious signs of multiple disturbances. Retains basic vegetation structure or ability to regenerate it.
- 5: Degraded Basic vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance. Scope for regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management.
- 6: Completely Degraded The structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is completely or almost completely without native species.



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VEGETATION CONDITION

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Figure 5

LEGEND


- The Site
- Lots of Interest
- Cadastre
- Easement

Fauna Habitats

- Closed *Melaleuca* shrubland.
- Very open *Melaleuca* shrubland over pasture.

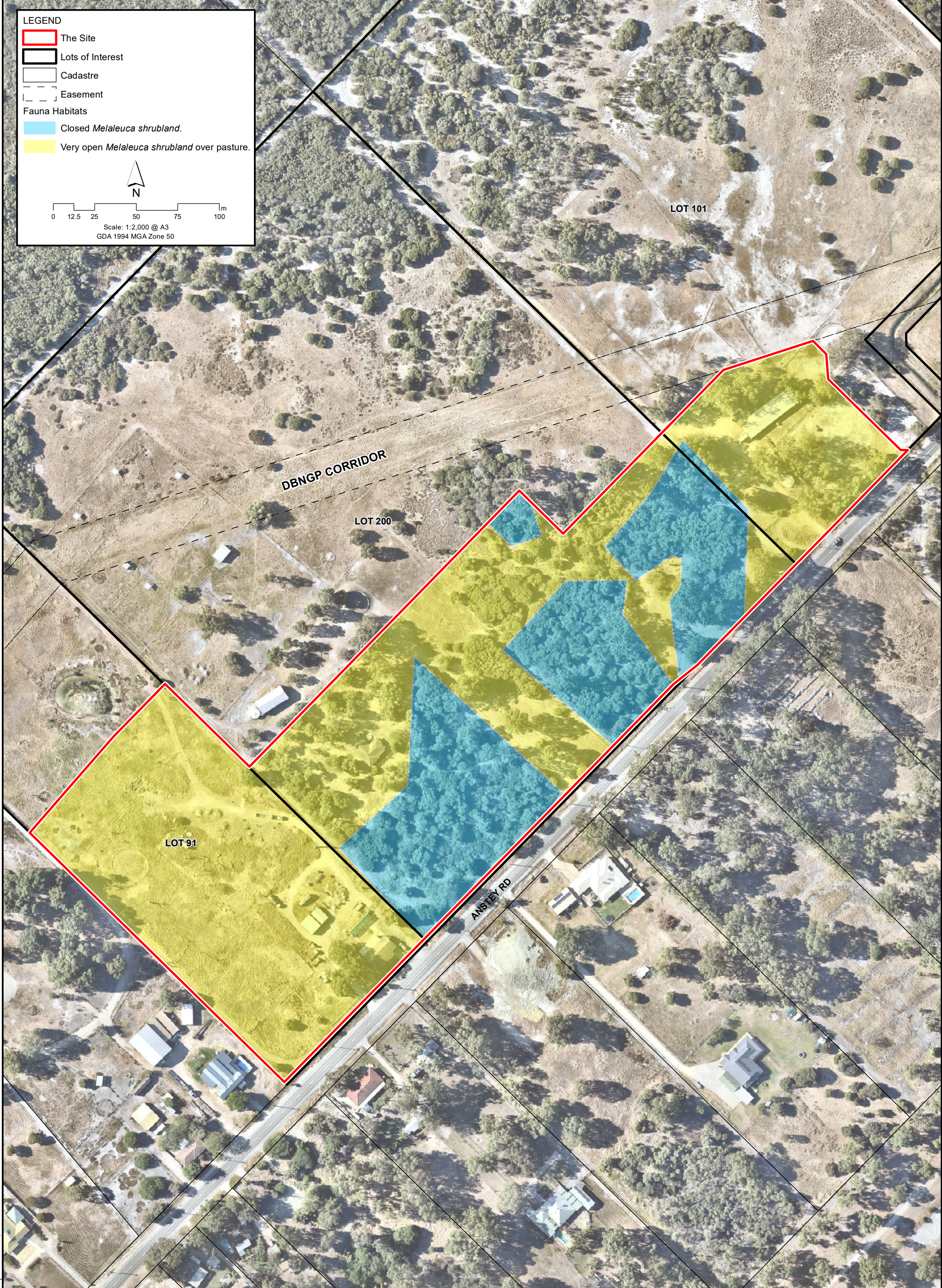


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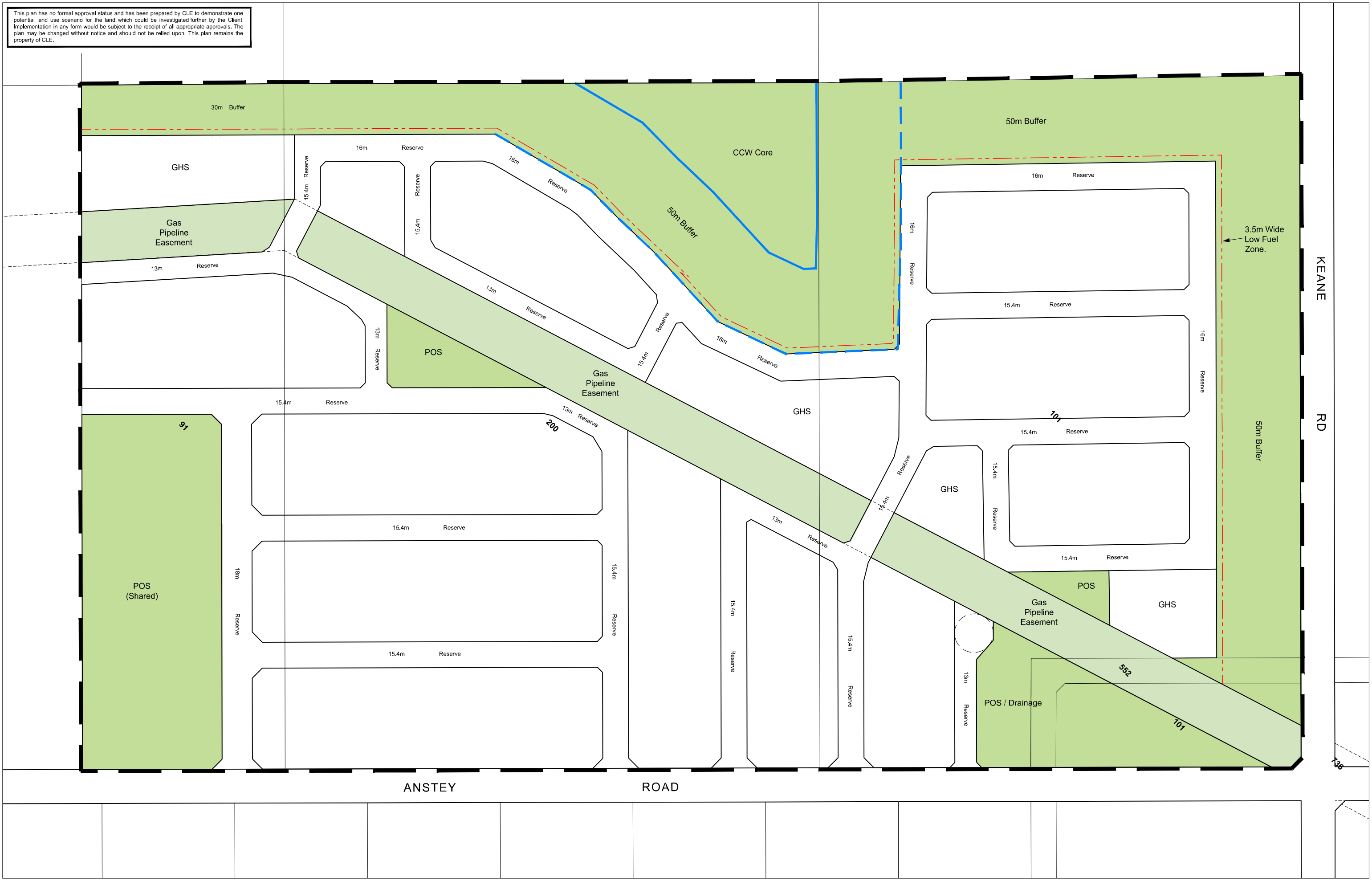
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FAUNA HABITATS

Figure 6

APPENDIX A – LOCAL STRUCTURE PLAN

This plan has no formal approval status and has been prepared by CLE to demonstrate one potential land use scenario for the land which could be investigated further by the Client. Implementation in any form would be subject to the receipt of all appropriate approvals. The plan may be changed without notice and should not be relied upon. This plan remains the property of CLE.



APPENDIX B – BOTANICAL ASSESSMENT

**BOTANICAL ASSESSMENT OF LOTS 101 AND 200 ANSTEY ROAD,
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STATEMENT OF LIMITATIONS

Scope of Services

This report (“the report”) has been prepared in accordance with the scope of services set out in the contract, or as otherwise agreed, between the Client and Eleanor Bennett (“the Author”). In some circumstances a range of factors such as time, budget, access and/or site disturbance constraints may have limited the scope of services.

Reliance on Data

In preparing the report, the Author has relied upon data, surveys, analyses, designs, plans and other information provided by the Client and other individuals and organisations, most of which are referred to in the report (“the data”). Except as otherwise stated in the report, the Author has not verified the accuracy or completeness of the data. To the extent that the statements, opinions, facts, information, conclusions and/or recommendations in the report (“conclusions”) are based in whole or part on the data, those conclusions are contingent upon the accuracy and completeness of the data. The Author will not be liable in relation to incorrect conclusions should any data, information or condition be incorrect or have been concealed, withheld, misrepresented or otherwise not fully disclosed to the Author.

Environmental Conclusions

In accordance with the scope of services, the Author has relied upon the data and has conducted environmental field monitoring and/or testing in the preparation of the report. The nature and extent of monitoring and/or testing conducted is described in the report.

The conclusions are based upon field data and the environmental monitoring and/or testing carried out over a limited period of time and are therefore merely indicative of the environmental condition of the site at the time of preparing the report. Also it should be recognised that site conditions, can change with time.

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SUMMARY

Bennett Environmental Consulting Pty Ltd was contracted to undertake a preliminary assessment of the vegetation at Lots 101 and 200 Anstey Road, Forrestdale. This preliminary assessment was undertaken on the 16th May 2013 with a spring assessment undertaken on 22nd October 2013. The site adjoins Bush Forever Site No. 342 and Jandakot Regional Park.

The May and October surveys resulted in:

- A total of 42 vascular plant families, 93 genera and 117 taxa;
- 37 introduced species;
- *Jacksonia gracillima* a Priority 3 Flora was recorded from 2 locations;
- One Floristic Community Type, FCT 4 – *Melaleuca preissiana* Damplands was inferred;
- Six vegetation units, all of which were small in area; and
- A vegetation condition varying from excellent to degraded.

The October survey was timed to target the flowering of the Threatened Flora, *Diuris purdiei* which could potentially have occurred in the area. None of these plants were located although an extensive search was undertaken.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

Bennett Environmental Consulting Pty Ltd was contracted by Coterra Environment to undertake a preliminary assessment of the vegetation at Lots 101 and 200 Anstey Road, Forrestdale (the study site). This report includes the survey undertaken in May 2013 and the current one undertaken in October 2013.



Figure 1. Location of lots 101 and 200 Anstey Road - outlined in red (extracted from Google Maps)

From Figure 1 it can be seen that a large area of the site has been cleared with only a few nodes of remnant vegetation remaining. The bushland to northwest is Bush Forever Site No. 342 – Anstey/Keane Dampland and Adjacent Bushland, Forrestdale and to the northeast is Jandakot Regional Park.

1.2 Scope of Works

The requirements for this project were to:

- i. Undertake a preliminary vegetation survey (Environmental Protection Authority, 2004);
- ii. Search for and record all significant species at the site; and to undertake
- iii. A spring survey.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

2.1 Geology and Landform

The study site is included in the Bassendean landform unit. The sands are off white to pale grey at the surface and cream to yellow at depth. The sand was probably laid down on shorelines and dunes during past periods of relatively high sea levels. The deposit is poorly sorted quartz sand, mainly fine to medium grained.

2.2 Vegetation

The Interim Biogeographical Regionalisation for Australia (IBRA) (Thackway and Cresswell, 1995) recognizes 85 bioregions. The IBRA is used as the common unit to compare biological and biophysical attributes. Bioregions represent a landscape-based approach to classifying the land surface and each region is defined by a set of major environmental influences, which shape the occurrence of flora and fauna and their interaction with the physical environment. Forrestdale occurs in the Swan Coastal Plain SWA2 (Mitchell *et al.*, 2002).

The survey lots are mapped by Beard (1981) as *Allocasuarina* – *Banksia* Low Woodland with scattered *Eucalyptus marginata* (abbreviated e2,bLi). Shepherd *et al.* (2002) have determined the pre-European and current extent of the vegetation associations described by Beard. In addition they have assessed the percentage of each vegetation association remaining, the amount in IUCN reserves and the percentage in other reserves. The pre-European area of e2,bLi is estimated to be 50,270ha, the current extent is 33,700ha which represents 67% remaining vegetated of which 70% is included in conservation.

Heddlé *et al.* (1980) described the vegetation complexes of the Darling System at a scale of 1: 250 000. There was found to be a distinct pattern of plant distribution linked to landforms, soils and climate. The most obvious trend was associated with increasing aridity from west to east on the Darling Plateau. The vegetation changes observed were a decrease in height and percentage cover of the tallest stratum and a distinct change in floristics. The site is included in the Southern River Complex. Which is described as an Open Woodland of *Corymbia calophylla* - *Eucalyptus marginata* - *Banksia* species with fringing Woodlands of *Eucalyptus rudis* and *Melaleuca raphiophylla* along creek beds.

Bush Forever (Government of Western Australia, 2000) states there is 17% of the original area of the Southern River Complex remaining vegetated within the Swan Coastal Plain. The area proposed for protection (Government of Western Australia, 2000) is 10%. This vegetation complex is also included in Bush Forever Site No. 342 which adjoins the survey site.

2.3 Threatened Ecological Communities

An ecological community is a naturally occurring biological assemblage that occurs in a particular type of habitat. A Threatened Ecological Community is one which falls into one of the following categories, presumed totally destroyed, critically endangered, endangered or vulnerable (Department of Parks and Wildlife, 2013b).

A possible threatened ecological community which does not meet the above is added to the Priority Ecological Community List. Priorities 1, 2, and 3 are adequately known but are not currently believed to be threatened. Those that have recently been removed from the threatened list are listed as Priority 4. Conservation dependent ecological communities are placed in Priority 5.

2.4 Significant Flora

Prior to undertaking the field work a search was undertaken using NatureMap (Department of Environment and Conservation, 2013a.) to obtain a list of Threatened or Priority Flora that may occur in the area.

Table 1. Code and description of Threatened and Priority Flora (Department Parks and Wildlife, 2013a)

Code	Declared Rare and Priority Flora Categories
T	T (Threatened) -Extant Taxa. Taxa, which have been adequately searched for and are deemed to be in the wild either rare, in danger of extinction, or otherwise in need of special protection.
X	DRF (Declared Rare Flora) -Presumed Extinct Taxa. Taxa which have not been collected, or otherwise verified, over the past 50 years despite thorough searching, or of which all known wild populations have been destroyed more recently.
1	Priority One -Poorly Known Taxa. Taxa, which are known from one or a few (generally <5) populations, which are under threat.
2	Priority Two -Poorly Known Taxa. Taxa which are known from one or a few (generally <5) populations, at least some of which are not believed to be under immediate threat.
3	Priority Three -Poorly Known Taxa. Taxa, which are known from several populations, at least some of which are not believed to be under immediate threat.
4	Priority Four -Rare Taxa. Taxa which are considered to have been adequately surveyed and which whilst being rare, are not currently threatened by any identifiable factors.

Table 1 presents the definitions of Declared Rare and the four Priority Flora ratings under the Wildlife Conservation Act (1950) as extracted from Department of Parks and Wildlife (2013a). Table 2 presents the definitions of the threatened species under the Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act, 1999 (Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Populations and Communities, 2013). Table 3 lists those taxa recorded from the Forrestdale area.

Table 2. Categories of Threatened Flora Species (Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Populations and Communities , 2013)

Code	Declared Rare and Priority Flora Categories
Ex	Extinct Taxa which at a particular time if, at that time, there is no reasonable doubt that the last member of this species has died.
ExW	Extinct in the Wild Taxa which is known only to survive in cultivation, in captivity or as a naturalised population well outside its past range; or it has not been recorded in its known and/or expected habitat, at appropriate seasons, anywhere in its past range, despite exhaustive surveys over a time frame appropriate to its life cycle and form.
CE	Critically Endangered Taxa which at any particular time if, at that time, it is facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.
E	Endangered Taxa, which is not critically endangered, and it is facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate or near future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.
V	Vulnerable Taxa which is not critically endangered or endangered and is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future, as determined in accordance with the prescribed criteria.
CD	Conservation Dependent Taxa which at a particular time if, at that time, the species is the focus of a specific conservation program, the cessation of which would result in the species becoming vulnerable, endangered or critically endangered within a period of 5 years.

Table 3. Threatened and Priority Flora Species List recorded from the area with the description extracted from Florabase (Western Australian Herbarium, 2013)

Taxon	Code	Description
<i>Caladenia huegelii</i>	T	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.25-0.6 m high. Fl. green & cream & red, Sep to Oct. Grey or brown sand, clay loam.
<i>Diuris purdiei</i>	T	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.15-0.35 m high. Fl. yellow, Sep to Oct. Grey-black sand, moist. Winter-wet swamps.
<i>Drakaea elastica</i>	T	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.12-0.3 m high. Fl. red & green & yellow, Oct to Nov. White or grey sand. Low-lying situations adjoining winter-wet swamps.
<i>Drakaea micrantha</i>	T	Tuberous, perennial, herb, 0.15-0.3 m high. Fl. red & yellow, Sep to Oct. White-grey sand.
<i>Lepidosperma rostratum</i>	T	Rhizomatous, tufted perennial, grass-like or herb (sedge), 0.5 m high. Fl. brown. Peaty sand, clay.
<i>Eryngium pinnatifidum</i> subsp. <i>palustre</i>	3	Erect perennial, herb, 0.15-0.5 m high. Fl. white/blue, Oct to Nov. Clay, sandy clay. Claypans, seasonally wet flats.
<i>Jacksonia gracillima</i>	3	No description provided.
<i>Stylidium longitubum</i>	3	Erect annual (ephemeral), herb, 0.05-0.12 m high. Fl. pink, Oct to Dec. Sandy clay, clay. Seasonal wetlands.
<i>Drosera occidentalis</i> subsp. <i>occidentalis</i>	4	Fibrous-rooted, rosetted perennial, herb, to 0.01 m high. Fl. pink/white, Nov to Dec. Sandy & clayey soils. Swamps & wet depressions.
<i>Grevillea thelemanniana</i> subsp. <i>thelmanniana</i>	4	No description provided.
<i>Jacksonia sericea</i>	4	Low spreading shrub, to 0.6 m high. Fl. orange, usually Dec or Jan to Feb. Calcareous & sandy soils.
<i>Ornduffia submersa</i>	4	No description provided.
<i>Thysanotus glaucus</i>	4	Caespitose, glaucous perennial, herb, 0.1-0.2 m high. Fl. purple, Oct to Dec or Jan to Mar. White, grey or yellow sand, sandy gravel.
<i>Tripterococcus paniculatus</i>	4	Perennial, herb, to 1 m high. Fl. yellow-green, Oct to Nov. Grey, black or peaty sand. Winter-wet flats.
<i>Verticordia lindleyi</i> subsp. <i>lindleyi</i>	4	Erect shrub, 0.2-0.75 m high. Fl. pink, May or Nov to Dec or Jan. Sand, sandy clay. Winter-wet depressions.

2.5 Bush Forever Site No 342

The Anstey/Keane Dampland and Adjacent Bushland – Bush Forever Site No. 342 occurs adjacent to the survey site along the north western boundary. Site No. 342 is 311ha in area. It includes the Bassendean Sands, Bassendean Sands over the Guildford Formation and Holocene Swamp Deposits.

The vegetation of Bush Forever site 342 is described as (Government of Western Australia, 2000):

Uplands:

Banksia attenuata and *Banksia menziesii* and *Allocasuarina fraseriana* Low Woodland to Low Open Forest, with scattered *Eucalyptus marginata* subsp. *marginata*, *Eucalyptus todtiana* and *Nuytsia floribunda*; *Banksia attenuata* Low Woodland; and *Banksia ilicifolia* Low Open Forest to Woodland.

Wetlands:

Banksia attenuata and *Melaleuca preissiana* Low Woodland;
Melaleuca preissiana Low Woodland;
Kunzea glabrescens Tall Open Scrub;
Tall Closed Scrub to Tall Open Scrub dominated by *Melaleuca raphiophylla*;
Melaleuca viminea and *Melaleuca uncinata* or combination of these;

Closed Heath to Open Heath dominated by *Melaleuca raphiophylla*;
Melaleuca teretifolia, *Melaleuca viminea*, *Melaleuca incana*, *Melaleuca uncinata*, *Melaleuca lateriflora* and *Melaleuca lateritia* or combination of these;
Actinostrobos pyramidalis Closed Tall Scrub to Tall Open Shrubland;
Regelia ciliata Closed to Open Heath;
Verticordia densiflora Closed to Open Heath;
Pericalymma ellipticum Closed to Open Heath; and
Evandra pauciflora Sedgeland.

Significant Flora Recorded were:

Diuris purdiei (T); *Jacksonia sericea* (P3), *Tripterococcus paniculatus* (P1), *Stylidium longitubum* (P3), *Ornduffia submersa* (P4), *Verticordia lindleyi* subsp. *lindleyi* (P4) and *Drosera occidentalis* subsp. *occidentalis* (P4). In addition this report lists other taxa of significant occurrence on the Swan Coastal Plain.

The Floristic Community Types (Gibson *et. al.*, 1994) recorded as occurring at Site 342 are:

FCT 4 – *Melaleuca preissiana* Damplands;
 FCT5 – Mixed shrub Damplands;
 FCT8 – Herb rich shrubland in clay pans;
 FCT10a – Shrubland on dry clay flats;
 FCTS2 – Northern *Pericalymma ellipticum* Dense Low Shrublands;
 FCT21c – Low-lying *Banksia attenuata* Woodlands or Shrublands; and
 FCT23a – Central *Banksia attenuata* – *Banksia menziesii* Woodlands.

3. METHOD

As the remnant vegetation occurred around the perimeter of the site (see Figure 1) the perimeter firebreaks were driven to the areas of remnant vegetation. As a Level 2 vegetation survey was required temporary 10m x 10m quadrats were recorded. To be able to relocate these same quadrats in spring a GPS (WGS84) was recorded at the northwest corner and a shrub where the reading was taken was flagged with red tape. The areas of remnant bushland were walked to record opportunistic species as well as to search for Threatened and Priority Flora. The vegetation at the site is described using the vegetation classification of Muir (1977) as described in Table 4. Plants unknown in the field were collected, pressed and identified using the collections at the Western Australian Herbarium.

Table 4 Vegetation Classification (from Muir, 1977)

LIFE FORM / HEIGHT CLASS	Canopy Cover			
	DENSE 70% - 100%	MID DENSE 30% - 70%	SPARSE 10% - 30%	VERY SPARSE 2% - 10%
Trees > 30 m	Dense Tall Forest	Tall Forest	Tall Woodland	Open Tall Woodland
Trees 15 – 30 m	Dense Forest	Forest	Woodland	Open Woodland
Trees 5 – 15 m	Dense Low Forest A	Low Forest A	Low Woodland A	Open Low Woodland A
Trees < 5 m	Dense Low Forest B	Low Forest B	Low Woodland B	Open Low Woodland B
Mallee (tree form)	Dense Tree Mallee	Tree Mallee	Open Tree Mallee	Very Open Tree Mallee
Mallee (shrub form)	Dense Shrub Mallee	Shrub Mallee	Open Shrub Mallee	Very Open Shrub Mallee
Shrubs > 2 m	Dense Thicket	Thicket	Scrub	Open Scrub
Shrubs 1.5 – 2 m	Dense Heath A	Heath A	Low Scrub A	Open Low Scrub A
Shrubs 1 - 1.5 m	Dense Heath B	Heath B	Low Scrub B	Open Low Scrub B
Shrubs 0.5 – 1 m	Dense Low Heath C	Low Heath C	Dwarf Scrub C	Open Dwarf Scrub C
Shrubs 0 - 0.5 m	Dense Low Heath D	Low Heath D	Dwarf Scrub D	Open Dwarf Scrub D

Table 4 cont.

LIFE FORM / HEIGHT CLASS	Canopy Cover			
	DENSE 70 % - 100%	MID DENSE 30% - 70%	SPARSE 10% - 30%	VERY SPARSE 2% - 10%
Mat plants	Dense Mat Plants	Mat Plants	Open Mat Plants	Very Open Mat Plants
Hummock grass	Dense Hummock Grass	Mid-Dense Hummock Grass	Hummock Grass	Open Hummock Grass
Bunch grass > 0.5 m	Dense Tall Grass	Tall Grass	Open Tall Grass	Very Open Tall Grass
Bunch grass < 0.5 m	Dense Low Grass	Low Grass	Open Low Grass	Very Open Low Grass
Herbaceous spp.	Dense Herbs	Herbs	Open Herbs	Very Open Herbs
Sedges > 0.5 m	Dense Tall Sedges	Tall Sedges	Open Tall Sedges	Very Open Tall Sedges
Sedges < 0.5 m	Dense Low Sedges	Low Sedges	Open Low Sedges	Very Open Low Sedges
Ferns	Dense Ferns	Ferns	Open Ferns	Very Open Ferns
Mosses, liverworts	Dense Mosses	Mosses	Open Mosses	Very Open Mosses

4. RESULTS

Field work was undertaken on 16th May 2013 when 8 quadrats were established and a follow up spring survey was undertaken on 22nd October 2013. The gas pipeline traversed the site approximately E to W. In the following descriptions note that * indicates the plant is a weed.

4.1 Vegetation

The whole of the survey site was classified as wetland. Detailed species lists for each of the quadrats listed under the vegetation units is provided in Appendix B and mapped in Appendix C.

Low Forest B of *Melaleuca preissiana* over Dense Tall Sedges of *Dielsia stenostachya* and *Lepidosperma longitundinale*. This was represented by quadrat AN04 and mapped as DS.

Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana*, *Corymbia calophylla*, *Nuytsia floribunda* and *Allocasuarina fraseriana* over Open Scrub of *Kunzea glabrescens* over Heath A of *Regelia ciliata* over Open Dwarf Scrub D of mixed taxa over Very Open Tall Sedges of *Dasypogon bromeliifolius* and *Phlebocarya ciliata*. This was represented by quadrat AN07 and mapped as MR.

Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana* over Thicket of *Melaleuca viminea* over Dense Tall Sedges of *Lepidosperma longitundinale*. This was represented by quadrat AN02 and mapped as Mv.

Open Low Woodland B of *Banksia attenuata* and *Melaleuca preissiana* over Thicket of *Kunzea glabrescens* over Open Low Scrub A of *Regelia ciliata* over Tall Sedges of *Dasypogon bromeliifolius*. This was represented by quadrat AN03 and mapped as Ba.

Open Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana* over Dense Thicket of *Kunzea glabrescens* over Open to Dense Tall Sedges of *Lepidosperma longitundinale*. This was represented by quadrats AN01, AN06 and AN08 and mapped as Kg. Quadrat AN06 included several non-endemic trees e.g. **Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and **Eucalyptus grandis*. The open areas were dominated by **Eragrostis curvula* and where *Kunzea glabrescens* was dense there was no understorey. AN08 had been cleared but *Kunzea glabrescens* was regrowing quite densely. Currently the area is covered by dense pasture weed species. Several of the trees of *Melaleuca preissiana* at AN08 were of a substantial height and girth and in good condition.

Open Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana* over Dense Tall Sedges of *Juncus pallidus*. This was an extensive area which appeared to have been cleared in the past and now dominated by *Juncus pallidus*. This was represented by quadrat AN05 and mapped as Jp.

All the vegetation at the site is inferred to be Floristic Community Type 4 – *Melaleuca preissiana* Damplands.

4.2 Vegetation Condition

Bushland has been historically subject to ongoing degradation and is especially susceptible to disturbances arising as a result of indirect impacts from surrounding developments and human activity. Degradation is caused by a wide range of factors, including isolation, edge effects, weed invasion, plant diseases, changes in fire frequency, landscape fragmentation, increased predation on native fauna by feral animals, decrease in species richness and general modification of ecological function. Both lots have historically been used for stock grazing, phases of clearing and weed invasion. These issues affect the biodiversity rating and ecological viability of areas of remnant vegetation and should be assessed in line with conservation values.

Vegetation condition was rated according to the vegetation condition scale used in Keighery (1994). The vegetation condition at the survey site was mainly good to completely degraded with the higher ground vegetation in very good (condition 3) to good (condition 4) condition. There were groups of trees with good cover where the understorey had been completely replaced with weeds. These areas were degraded (condition 5). Where there were no trees and the weeds were dominant the vegetation condition was completely degraded (condition 6). Table 5 explains the vegetation condition rating scale and Table 6 gives the vegetation condition at the site. The vegetation condition of the site is mapped in Appendix C, Map 3.

Table 5. Explanation of Vegetation Condition Rating (Keighery, 1994)

Rating	Description	Explanation
1	Pristine	Pristine or nearly so, no obvious signs of disturbance.
2	Excellent	Vegetation structure intact, disturbance affecting individual species and weeds are non-aggressive species.
3	Very Good	Vegetation structure altered, obvious signs of disturbance.
4	Good	Vegetation structure significantly altered by very obvious signs of multiple disturbances. Retains basic vegetation structure or ability to regenerate it.
5	Degraded	Basic vegetation structure severely impacted by disturbance. Scope for regeneration but not to a state approaching good condition without intensive management.
6	Completely Degraded	The structure of the vegetation is no longer intact and the area is completely or almost completely without native species.

Table 6. Vegetation Condition Recorded from the Site

Vegetation Condition	Quadrat Number
Excellent to very good	AN03, AN07
Very good	AN02 (although becomes degraded close to paddock); AN04 (with small areas in excellent condition)
Very good to good	AN01
Degraded	AN05, AN06, AN08
Degraded to completely degraded	Open areas at AN06
Completely degraded	Paddocks and around infrastructure

4.3 Taxa

A total of 42 vascular plant families, 93 genera and 117 taxa were recorded during both the surveys of which 37 were introduced species. *Banksia menziesii* was only recorded along the boundary fence with Bush Forever Site 342.

4.4 Significant Taxa

A Priority 3 flora, *Jacksonia gracillima*, was recorded from two areas. At AN04 two plants were recorded in fruit in the May survey but were in bud in October and at AN07 one vegetative plant was recorded in May but was just commencing to flower in October. This is a low growing shrub with characteristic pea-shaped flowers. The spring survey confirmed the identity of *Jacksonia gracillima* but no further plants than those listed above were recorded.



In spring a detailed search was undertaken for the threatened and priority flora listed in Table 3. A detailed search was undertaken of all the remnant vegetation including the very damp areas preferred by *Diuris purdei* but no further significant plants were observed.

4.5 Weeds

A total of 37 weeds or non-endemic Australian species were recorded during both surveys. All have been determined as weeds by the Western Australian Herbarium (2013a) and Department of Parks and Wildlife (2013c). There are several ratings allocated to each weed in the Invasive Plant Prioritisation but only three have been selected to include in this report. These are ecological impacts, impact attributes and invasiveness which are shown in Table 7 for each of the non-endemic species recorded.

Table 7. Ecological Impacts and Invasiveness of recorded weeds

Species	Ecological Impacts		Invasiveness
	Ecological impact L – low impact species M – medium impact species H – high impact species U – unknown impact	Impact attributes 1, 2,3,4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 See explanation below table	Rate of dispersal R=rapid, M=moderate, S=slow U = unknown
* <i>Acacia longifolia</i>	H	1,2,4,6,7,8,9	M
* <i>Acetosella vulgaris</i>	U		S
* <i>Aira caryophylla</i>	U		U
* <i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	H	8,9	R
* <i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>	H	6,7,8,9	R
* <i>Briza maxima</i>	U		R
* <i>Briza minor</i>	U		R
* <i>Bromus diandrus</i>	H		R
* <i>Callitriche stagnalis</i>	H		R

Table 7. cont.

Species	Ecological Impacts		Invasiveness
	Ecological impact L – low impact species M – medium impact species H – high impact species U – unknown impact	Impact attributes 1, 2,3,4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 See explanation below table	Rate of dispersal R=rapid, M=moderate, S=slow
* <i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	H	8,9	R
* <i>Cicendia filiformis</i>	L		R
* <i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	L		M
* <i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	H	1,6,7,8,9	R
* <i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	H	9	R
* <i>Disa bracteata</i>	U		R
* <i>Ehrharta calycina</i>	H	1,2,6,8,9	R
* <i>Ehrharta longiflora</i>	H	1,2,6,8,9	R
* <i>Eragrostis curvula</i>	H		R
* <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	M		S
* <i>Eucalyptus grandis</i>	Not listed		
* <i>Eucalyptus robusta</i>	Not listed		
* <i>Euphorbia terracina</i>	H	8,9	R
* <i>Fumaria capreolata</i>	H	7,9	R
* <i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	H		R
* <i>Isolepis marginatus</i>	U		U
* <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	H	1,6,7,8,9	R
* <i>Lolium multiflorum</i>	H		R
* <i>Lotus subbiflorus</i>	U		R
* <i>Lysimachia arvensis</i>	U		R
* <i>Moraea flaccida</i>	H	8,9	R
* <i>Phytolacca octandra</i>	U		M
* <i>Romulea rosea</i>	U		R
** <i>Solanum nigrum</i>	M		R
* <i>Ursinia anthemoides</i>	U	increasing	R
* <i>Vulpia bromoides</i>	H		R
* <i>Wahlenbergia capensis</i>	U		R
* <i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	H	6,7,8,9,10	R

Impact Attributes: 1 - changed fire regime; 2 - changed nutrient conditions; 3 - changed hydrological patterns; 4 - changed soil erosion patterns; 5 - changed geomorphological processes; 6 - changed biomass distribution; 7 - changed light distribution; 8 - loss of biodiversity; 9 - substantially reduces regeneration opportunities of native plants; 10 - allelopathic effects. Increasing means that the weed is increasing its distribution from original known areas.

Three of the weeds are listed by the Department of Agriculture and Food (2012) as declared plants. These are Narrow-leaf Cotton Bush (*Gomphocarpus fruticosus*) One-leaf Cape Tulip (*Moraea flaccida*) and Arum Lily (*Zantedeschia aethiopica*) and should be prioritised for removal.

5. DISCUSSION

Lots 101 and 200 Anstey Road, Forrestdale were mainly cleared of remnant vegetation but with some remaining along the perimeter with Bush Forever Site 342 and along the Anstey Road boundary of Lot 200. Six different vegetation units were described for the survey site. These are inferred to be representative of Floristic Community Type 4, *Melaleuca preissiana* Damplands.

Large Eastern Australian trees **Eucalyptus robusta*, **Eucalyptus camaldulensis* and **Eucalyptus grandis* have been planted around the Anstey Road boundary of the properties and it would appear some within what was originally a cleared area on Lot101. This is now a Dense Thicket where quadrat AN06 was located. The north western side of Lot 101 has a large number of juvenile *Kunzea glabrescens* growing in an area that had previously been grazed and possibly cleared.

The remnant vegetation varied from a condition between excellent and very good to degraded. The surrounding paddocks and around the infrastructure was in a completely degraded condition.

One Priority 3 Flora, *Jacksonia gracillima*, was recorded from two areas. No additional significant flora were recorded during the October survey.

A total of 42 vascular plant families, 93 genera and 117 taxa were recorded during the survey of which 37 were introduced species

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APPENDIX A

Taxa Listed Under Vascular Plant Family

LEGEND

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
sp.	Species, used where the plant is vegetative or too immature for positive identification
subsp.	subspecies
var.	variety
forma	form
*	Weed or non-endemic Australian species

VASCULAR PLANT FAMILY	TAXON
Aizoaceae	<i>*Carpobrotus edulis</i>
Anarthriaceae	<i>Lyginia imberbis</i>
Apiaceae	<i>Homalosciadium homalocarpum</i>
Araceae	<i>*Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>
Araliaceae	<i>Trachymene pilosa</i>
Asparagaceae	<i>*Asparagus asparagoides</i> <i>Chamaescilla corymbosa</i> <i>Dichopogon preissii</i> <i>Laxmannia ramosa</i> <i>Lomandra hermaphrodita</i> <i>Lomandra preissii</i> <i>Lomandra sericea</i> <i>Sowerbaea laxiflora</i> <i>Thysanotus manglesianus</i>
Asteraceae	<i>*Arctotheca calendula</i> <i>*Conyza bonariensis</i> <i>*Hypochaeris glabra</i> <i>Podolepis gracilis</i> <i>Senecio pinnatifolius</i> var. <i>latilobus</i> <i>*Ursinia anthemoides</i>
Campanulaceae	<i>*Wahlenbergia capensis</i>
Casuarinaceae	<i>Allocasuarina fraseriana</i>
Centrolepidaceae	<i>Aphelia cyperoides</i> <i>Centrolepis aristata</i> <i>Centrolepis glabra</i>
Colchicaceae	<i>Burchardia congesta</i>
Cyperaceae	<i>Baumea preissii</i> <i>Gahnia trifida</i> <i>*Isolepis marginata</i> <i>Isolepis oldfieldiana</i> <i>Lepidosperma longitudinale</i> <i>Schoenus odontocarpus</i> <i>Tetraria octandra</i>
Dasypogonaceae	<i>Dasypogon bromeliifolius</i>
Dilleniaceae	<i>Hibbertia subvaginata</i>

VASCULAR PLANT FAMILY	TAXON
Droseraceae	<i>Drosera erythrorhiza</i> <i>Drosera gigantea</i> <i>Drosera glanduligera</i> <i>Drosera menziesii</i> subsp. <i>menziesii</i> <i>Drosera menziesii</i> subsp. <i>penicillaris</i>
Ericaceae	<i>Leucopogon sprengelioides</i>
Euphorbiaceae	* <i>Euphorbia terracina</i>
Fabaceae	* <i>Acacia longifolia</i> <i>Acacia pulchella</i> var. <i>pulchella</i> <i>Acacia willdenowiana</i> <i>Bossiaea eriocarpa</i> <i>Gastrolobium capitatum</i> <i>Gompholobium tomentosum</i> <i>Jacksonia gracillima</i> <i>Jacksonia sternbergiana</i> <i>Kennedia prostrata</i> <i>Latrobea tenella</i> * <i>Lotus subbiflorus</i>
Gentianaceae	* <i>Cicendia filiformis</i>
Goodeniaceae	<i>Goodenia coerulea</i>
Haemodoraceae	<i>Anigozanthos manglesii</i> <i>Conostylis aurea</i> <i>Haemodorum paniculatum</i> <i>Phlebocarya ciliata</i>
Hemerocallidaceae	<i>Corynotheca micrantha</i> <i>Dianella revoluta</i>
Iridaceae	* <i>Moraea flaccida</i> <i>Patersonia occidentalis</i> * <i>Romulea rosea</i>
Juncaceae	<i>Juncus pallidus</i>
Lauraceae	<i>Cassytha aurea</i> var. <i>aurea</i> <i>Cassytha racemosa</i> forma <i>racemosa</i>
Loganiaceae	<i>Phyllangium paradoxum</i>
Loranthaceae	<i>Nuytsia floribunda</i>

VASCULAR PLANT FAMILY	TAXON
Myrtaceae	<i>Astartea scoparia</i> <i>Corymbia calophylla</i> * <i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i> * <i>Eucalyptus grandis</i> <i>Eucalyptus todtiana</i> * <i>Eucalyptus robusta</i> <i>Kunzea glabrescens</i> * <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i> <i>Melaleuca preissiana</i> <i>Melaleuca rhapsiophylla</i> <i>Melaleuca viminea</i> <i>Regelia ciliata</i> <i>Verticordia densiflora</i>
Orchidaceae	<i>Caladenia flava</i> * <i>Disa bracteata</i> <i>Pterostylis pyramidalis</i> <i>Pterostylis vittata</i>
Papaveraceae	* <i>Fumaria capreolata</i>
Phyllanthaceae	<i>Poranthera microphylla</i>
Phytolaccaceae	* <i>Phytolacca octandra</i>
Plantaginaceae	* <i>Callitriche stagnalis</i>
Poaceae	* <i>Aira caryophyllea</i> <i>Austrostipa compressa</i> * <i>Briza maxima</i> * <i>Briza minor</i> * <i>Bromus diandrus</i> * <i>Cortaderia selloana</i> * <i>Cynodon dactylon</i> * <i>Ehrharta calycina</i> * <i>Ehrharta longiflora</i> * <i>Eragrostis curvula</i> * <i>Lolium multiflorum</i> * <i>Vulpia bromoides</i>
Polygonaceae	* <i>Acetosella vulgaris</i>
Primulaceae	* <i>Lysimachia arvensis</i>
Proteaceae	<i>Banksia attenuata</i> <i>Banksia dallanneyi</i> var. <i>dallanneyi</i>

VASCULAR PLANT FAMILY	TAXON
Restionaceae	<i>Desmocladius fasciculatus</i> <i>Desmocladius flexuosus</i> <i>Dielsia stenostachya</i> <i>Hypolaena exsulca</i> <i>Meeboldina cana</i> <i>Meeboldina coangustata</i>
Rutaceae	<i>Philotheca spicata</i>
Solanaceae	* <i>Solanum nigrum</i>
Stylidiaceae	<i>Stylidium guttatum</i>
Xanthorrhoeaceae	<i>Xanthorrhoea brunonis</i> <i>Xanthorrhoea preissii</i>

APPENDIX B**Quadrat Data**

Additional species recorded during October 2013 survey are in bold

LEGEND

ABBREVIATION	MEANING
sp.	Species, used where the plant is vegetative or too immature for positive identification
subsp.	subspecies
var.	variety
forma	form
*	Weed or non-endemic Australian species

QUADRAT AN01

GPS (WGS84): 399838E; 6443402N

Soil: Grey sandy loam

Litter: Branches 60%; Leaves 25%

Vegetation Description: Open Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana* over Dense Thicket of *Kunzea glabrescens* over Open to Dense Tall Sedges of *Lepidosperma longitudinale*

Vegetation Condition: 3-4 - very good to good

Notes: Several Arum lilies in the area. Good moss cover on ground. Beside the cleared area there were more plants of *Astartea scoparia*, *Regelia ciliata* and *Lepidosperma longitudinale*. Couch was also common in the edge. There were several *Gahnia trifida* clumps between this quadrat and quadrat AN02.



SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
* <i>Acetosella vulgaris</i>	10	<1
<i>Acacia pulchella</i> var. <i>pulchella</i>	50	<1
* <i>Briza maxima</i>	60	1
* <i>Briza minor</i>	10	<1
<i>Burchardia congesta</i>	70	<1
<i>Caladenia flava</i>	15	<1
<i>Centrolepis aristata</i>	15	<1
* <i>Cicendia filiformis</i>	15	<1
<i>Dasyopogon bromeliifolius</i>	50	<1
<i>Desmocladius flexuosus</i>	40	<1
* <i>Ehrharta calycina</i>	60	<1
<i>Homalosciadium homalocarpum</i>	15	<1
* <i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	25	<1
* <i>Isolepis marginata</i>	15	2

SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
<i>Jacksonia sternbergiana</i>	60	<1
<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>	twiner	<1
<i>Kunzea glabrescens</i>	400	85
<i>Lepidosperma longitudinale</i>	70	15
*<i>Lotus subbiflorus</i>	25	2
<i>Lyginia imberbis</i>	50	<1
<i>Meeboldina coangustata</i>	60	<1
<i>Melaleuca preissiana</i>	400	4
<i>Phyllangium paradoxum</i>	20	15
<i>Pterostylis vittata</i>	25	<1
<i>Regelia ciliata</i>	60	<1
*<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	30	<1
<i>Stylidium guttatum</i>	15	<1
<i>Thysanotus manglesianus</i>	twiner	<1
<i>Trachymene pilosa</i>	20	<1
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopicum</i>	30	1
*<i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Astartea scoparia</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Baumea preissii</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Cassytha aurea</i> var. <i>aurea</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Centrolepis glabra</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Chamaescilla corymbosa</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Desmocladius fasciculatus</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Drosera glanduligera</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Gahnia trifida</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Hypolaena exsulca</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Juncus pallidus</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Lomandra preissii</i>	opportunistic	
*<i>Moraea flaccida</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Patersonia occidentalis</i>	opportunistic	
*<i>Phytolacca octandra</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Sowerbaea laxiflora</i>	opportunistic	
*<i>Ursinia anthemoides</i>	opportunistic	
*<i>Vulpia bromoides</i>	opportunistic	

QUADRAT AN02

GPS (WGS84): 399875E; 6443460N

Soil: Grey sandy loam

Litter: Branches 5%; Leaves 10%

Vegetation Description: Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana* over Thicket of *Melaleuca viminea* over Dense Tall Sedges of *Lepidosperma longitudinale*

Vegetation Condition: 3 (very good) grading to 5 (degraded) on the edge

Notes: Large number of pig diggings observed under the shrubs in April. Closer to the cleared area there were dense shrubs of *Regelia ciliata*, where the *Melaleuca viminea* cover was not as dense. Area very wet in October



SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
<i>Acacia pulchella</i> var. <i>pulchella</i>	50	<1
<i>Aphelia cyperoides</i>	10	<1
<i>Briza maxima</i>	60	<1
* <i>Briza minor</i>	30	10
* <i>Cicendia filiformis</i>	10	<1
<i>Desmocladus fasciculatus</i>	60	<1
* <i>Disa bracteata</i>	20	<1
<i>Drosera gigantea</i>	50	3
<i>Drosera menziesii</i> subsp. <i>menziesii</i>	twiner	<1
<i>Drosera menziesii</i> subsp. <i>penicillaris</i>	10	<1
<i>Goodenia coerulea</i>	twiner	<1
<i>Haemodorum paniculatum</i>	80	<1
<i>Lepidosperma longitudinale</i>	70	85
* <i>Lotus subbiflorus</i>	20	5

SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
<i>Melaleuca preissiana</i>	400	20
<i>Melaleuca raphiophylla</i>	175	<1
<i>Melaleuca viminea</i>	300	60
<i>Schoenus odontocarpus</i>	15	<1
<i>Stylidium guttatum</i>	25	1
<i>Thysanotus manglesianus</i>	twiner	<1
*<i>Callitriche stagnalis</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Cassutha racemosa</i> var. <i>racemosa</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Centrolepis aristata</i>	opportunistic	
*<i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	opportunistic	
*<i>Cortaderia selloana</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Desmocladius flexuosus</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Gahnia trifida</i>	opportunistic	
*<i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Isolepis oldfieldiana</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Juncus pallidus</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Latrobea tenella</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Lomandra preissii</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Meeboldina cana</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Meeboldina coangustata</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Patersonia occidentalis</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Podolepis gracilis</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Regelia ciliata</i>	opportunistic	
*<i>Solanum nigrum</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Verticordia densiflora</i>	opportunistic	

QUADRAT AN03

GPS (WGS84): 399994E; 6443585N

Soil: Grey sand

Litter: Branches 40%; Leaves 45%

Vegetation Description: Open Low Woodland B of *Banksia attenuata* and *Melaleuca preissiana* over Thicket of *Kunzea glabrescens* over Open Low Scrub A of *Regelia ciliata* over Tall Sedges of *Dasyogon bromeliifolius*.

Vegetation Condition: 2-3 (excellent to very good)

Notes: Several *Banksia attenuata* dead through the area. Several of the *Dasyogon bromeliifolius* close to the fire break appear to be dead or dying



SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
<i>Acacia pulchella</i> var. <i>pulchella</i>	70	1
<i>Banksia attenuata</i>	500	4
<i>Bossiaea eriocarpa</i>	30	1
<i>Caladenia flava</i>	15	<1
<i>Dasyogon bromeliifolius</i>	60	50
<i>Desmocladius fasciculatus</i>	15	<1
<i>Drosera erythrorhiza</i>	2	3
<i>Gompholobium tomentosum</i>	40	<1
<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>	twiner	<1
<i>Kunzea glabrescens</i>	600	70
<i>Lepidosperma longitudinale</i>	60	<1
<i>Leucopogon sprengeioides</i>	30	<1
<i>Lomandra sericea</i>	60	<1
<i>Melaleuca preissiana</i>	450	4

<i>Pterostylis pyramidalis</i>	5	<1
SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
<i>Regelia ciliata</i>	250	10
<i>Acacia longifolia</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Allocasuarina fraseriana</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Austrostipa compressa</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Chamaescilla corymbosa</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Eucalyptus todtiana</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Homalosciadium homalocarpum</i>	opportunistic	
<i>*Isolepis marginata</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Jacksonia sternbergiana</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Lomandra preissii</i>	opportunistic	
<i>*Wahlenbergia capensis</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Xanthorrhoea brunonis</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Xanthorrhoea preissii</i>	opportunistic	

QUADRAT AN04

GPS (WGS84): 400007E; 6443541N

Soil: Grey sand

Litter: Bark 5%; Logs 2%; Branches 5%; Leaves 15%

Vegetation Description: Low Forest B of *Melaleuca preissiana* over Dense Tall Sedges of *Dielsia stenostachya* and *Lepidosperma longitudinale*

Vegetation Condition: (2)-3, very good with only a few sections in excellent condition

Notes: 2 shrubs of *Jacksonia gracillima* recorded. Area wet in October



SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
<i>Astartea scoparia</i>	100	<1
* <i>Briza maxima</i>	70	2
* <i>Briza minor</i>	25	<1
* <i>Bromus diandrus</i>	80	2
<i>Dielsia stenostachya</i>	70	60
* <i>Ehrharta calycina</i>	90	5
* <i>Ehrharta longiflora</i>	70	10
* <i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	2	2
<i>Lepidosperma longitudinale</i>	70	20
* <i>Lotus subbiflorus</i>	15	5
<i>Melaleuca preissiana</i>	400	60
<i>Regelia ciliata</i>	50	<1
* <i>Solanum nigrum</i>	50	<1
<i>Thysanotus manglesianus</i>	twiner	<1
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopica</i>	60	3

SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Jacksonia gracillima</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Kunzea glabrescens</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Meeboldina coangustata</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Patersonia occidentalis</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Xanthorrhoea brunonis</i>	opportunistic	

QUADRAT AN05

GPS (WGS84): 400012E; 6443484N

Soil: Grey sand

Litter: Leaves 20%

Vegetation Description: Open Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana* over Dense Tall Sedges of *Juncus pallidus*

Vegetation Condition: 5 - degraded

Notes: Several plants also of *Kunzea glabrescens* through the unit. There are open bare patches scattered through



SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
* <i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	35	1
* <i>Cynodon dactylon</i>	70	10
<i>Drosera glanduligera</i>	5	<1
* <i>Ehrharta longiflora</i>	60	15
<i>Eragrostis curvula</i>	80	5
* <i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	2	5
<i>Juncus pallidus</i>	120	85
* <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	30	<1
* <i>Lolium multiflorum</i>	50	2
* <i>Lotus subbiflorus</i>	40	5
<i>Melaleuca preissiana</i>	400	5
* <i>Romulea rosea</i>	25	25
* <i>Vulpia bromoides</i>	30	15
* <i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	opportunistic	
* <i>Disa bracteata</i>	opportunistic	

SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
<i>Jacksonia sternbergiana</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Kunzea glabrescens</i>	opportunistic	

QUADRAT AN06

GPS (WGS84): 400164E; 6443312N

Soil: Grey sand

Litter: Branches 15%; leaves 30%

Vegetation Description: Dense Thicket of *Kunzea glabrescens* with emergent tall trees of **Eucalyptus grandis* and **Eucalyptus camaldulensis* over bare ground or dense weeds

Vegetation Condition: 5 - degraded

Notes: Dense areas of *Kunzea glabrescens* with open patches dominated by **Eragrostis curvula*. Under dense *Kunzea glabrescens* the ground was bare



SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
<i>Acacia pulchella</i> var. <i>pulchella</i>	20	<1
<i>*Disa bracteata</i>	35	<1
<i>Drosera glanduligera</i>	5	2
<i>*Ehrharta longiflora</i>	60	20
<i>*Eragrostis curvula</i>	90	20-100
<i>*Hypochoeris glabra</i>	2	20
<i>Kunzea glabrescens</i>	300	60
<i>*Lotus subbiflorus</i>	25	1
<i>*Romulea rosea</i>	25	40
<i>*Ursinia anthemoides</i>	40	3
<i>Acacia longiflora</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Corynotheca micrantha</i>	opportunistic	
<i>*Cynodon dactylon</i>	opportunistic	
<i>*Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	opportunistic	
<i>*Eucalyptus grandis</i>	opportunistic	
<i>*Eucalyptus robusta</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Gompholobium tomentosum</i>	opportunistic	

QUADRAT AN07

GPS (WGS84): 400099E; 6443215N

Soil: Grey sand

Litter: Branches 5%; Leaves 35%

Vegetation Description: Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana*, *Corymbia calophylla*, *Nuytsia floribunda* and *Allocasuarina fraseriana* over Open Scrub of *Kunzea glabrescens* over Heath A of *Regelia ciliata* over Open Dwarf Scrub D of mixed taxa over Very Open Tall Sedges of *Dasypogon bromeliifolius* and *Phlebocarya ciliata*

Vegetation Condition: 2-3 excellent to very good

Notes: *Jacksonia gracillima* shrub near NW peg. Most diverse of the vegetation units at the survey site



SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
<i>Acacia pulchella</i> var. <i>pulchella</i>	70	1
* <i>Aira caryophyllea</i>	10	<1
<i>Anigozanthos manglesii</i>	30	5
* <i>Asparagus asparagoides</i>	twiner	<1
<i>Banksia dallanneyi</i> subsp. <i>dallanneyi</i>	35	3
* <i>Briza maxima</i>	70	2
* <i>Briza minor</i>	20	3
<i>Burchardia congesta</i>	60	2
<i>Chamaescilla corymbosa</i>	30	15
<i>Conostylis aurea</i>	30	1
<i>Corymbia calophylla</i>	350	2
<i>Dasypogon bromeliifolius</i>	5	10
<i>Desmocladius fasciculatus</i>	50	1
<i>Dianella revoluta</i>	50	1
<i>Dichopogon preissii</i>	30	<1
<i>Drosera erythrorhiza</i>	2	3

SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
<i>*Ehrharta calycina</i>	80	5
<i>*Ehrharta longiflora</i>	70	2
<i>Gompholobium tomentosum</i>	50	<1
<i>Hibbertia subvaginata</i>	50	1
<i>Hypolaena exsulca</i>	30	<1
<i>Jacksonia sternbergiana</i>	200	1
<i>Kennedia prostrata</i>	twiner	<1
<i>Kunzea glabrescens</i>	300	5
<i>Laxmannia ramosa</i>	10	1
<i>Lomandra preissii</i>	70	<1
<i>*Lotus subbiflorus</i>	15	1
<i>*Lysimachia arvensis</i>	15	1
<i>Melaleuca preissiana</i>	450	10
<i>Patersonia occidentalis</i>	50	1
<i>Phlebocarya ciliata</i>	50	3
<i>Poranthera microphylla</i>	10	<1
<i>Regelia ciliata</i>	175	60
<i>Senecio pinnatifolius var. latilobus</i>	20	<1
<i>Sowerbaea laxiflora</i>	50	5
<i>Tetragia octandra</i>	80	<1
<i>Thysanotus manglesianus</i>	twiner	<1
<i>*Wahlenbergia capensis</i>	30	10
<i>Xanthorrhoea brunonis</i>	120	1
<i>Zantedeschia aethiopicum</i>	30	<1
<i>Acacia willdenowiana</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Allocasuarina fraseriana</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Eucalyptus todtiana</i>	opportunistic	
<i>*Euphorbia terracina</i>	opportunistic	
<i>*Fumaria capreolata</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Gastrolobium capitatum</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Jacksonia gracillima</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Lomandra hermaphrodita</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Nuytsia floribunda</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Philothea spicata</i>	opportunistic	
<i>*Solanum nigrum</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Xanthorrhoea preissii</i>	opportunistic	

QUADRAT AN08

GPS (WGS84): 400085E; 6443607N

Soil: Grey sandy loam

Litter: Leaves 5%

Vegetation Description: Open Low Woodland B of *Melaleuca preissiana* with large numbers of regrowing *Kunzea glabrescens*

Vegetation Condition: 5-6 degraded to completely degraded

Notes: Several of the *Melaleuca preissiana* have a good height and girth and are in very good condition. Should be retained where possible



SPECIES	HEIGHT (CM)	% COVER
* <i>Arctotheca calendula</i>	10	30
* <i>Carpobrotus edulis</i>	10	1
* <i>Ehrharta longiflora</i>	60	80
* <i>Hypochaeris glabra</i>	30	15
<i>Kunzea glabrescens</i>	150	30
* <i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	250	5
* <i>Lolium multiflorum</i>	80	<1
<i>Melaleuca preissiana</i>	600	5 up to 20
* <i>Wahlenbergia capensis</i>	80	1
<i>Austrostipa compressa</i>	opportunistic	
* <i>Eragrostis curvula</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Eucalyptus grandis</i>	opportunistic	
<i>Regelia ciliata</i>	opportunistic	

APPENDIX C

Maps

1. Approximate location of quadrats
2. Vegetation units
3. Vegetation condition

Abbreviations used in maps

VEGETATION UNITS	
Abbreviation	Description
Ds	Low Forest B of <i>Melaleuca preissiana</i> over Dense Tall Sedges of <i>Dielsia stenostachya</i> and <i>Lepidosperma longitudinale</i>
MR	Low Woodland B of <i>Melaleuca preissiana</i> , <i>Corymbia calophylla</i> , <i>Nuytsia floribunda</i> and <i>Allocasuarina fraseriana</i> over Open Scrub of <i>Kunzea glabrescens</i> over Heath A of <i>Regelia ciliata</i> over Open Dwarf Scrub D of mixed taxa over Very Open Tall Sedges of <i>Dasypogon bromeliifolius</i> and <i>Phlebocarya ciliata</i>
Mv	Low Woodland B of <i>Melaleuca preissiana</i> over Thicket of <i>Melaleuca viminea</i> over Dense Tall Sedges of <i>Lepidosperma longitudinale</i>
Ba	Open Low Woodland B of <i>Banksia attenuata</i> and <i>Melaleuca preissiana</i> over Thicket of <i>Kunzea glabrescens</i> over Open Low Scrub A of <i>Regelia ciliata</i> over Tall Sedges of <i>Dasypogon bromeliifolius</i> .
Kg	Open Low Woodland B of <i>Melaleuca preissiana</i> over Dense Thicket of <i>Kunzea glabrescens</i> over Open to Dense Tall Sedges of <i>Lepidosperma longitudinale</i>
Jp	Open Low Woodland B of <i>Melaleuca preissiana</i> over Dense Tall Sedges of <i>Juncus pallidus</i>
VEGETATION CONDITION	
Abbreviation	Description
2-3	Excellent to very good
3	Very good
3-4	Very good to good
5	Degraded
5-6	Degraded to completely degraded
6	Completely degraded







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