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# **Matters of State Environmental Significance**

For the selected area of interest  
epm: 27935

## Environmental Reports - General Information

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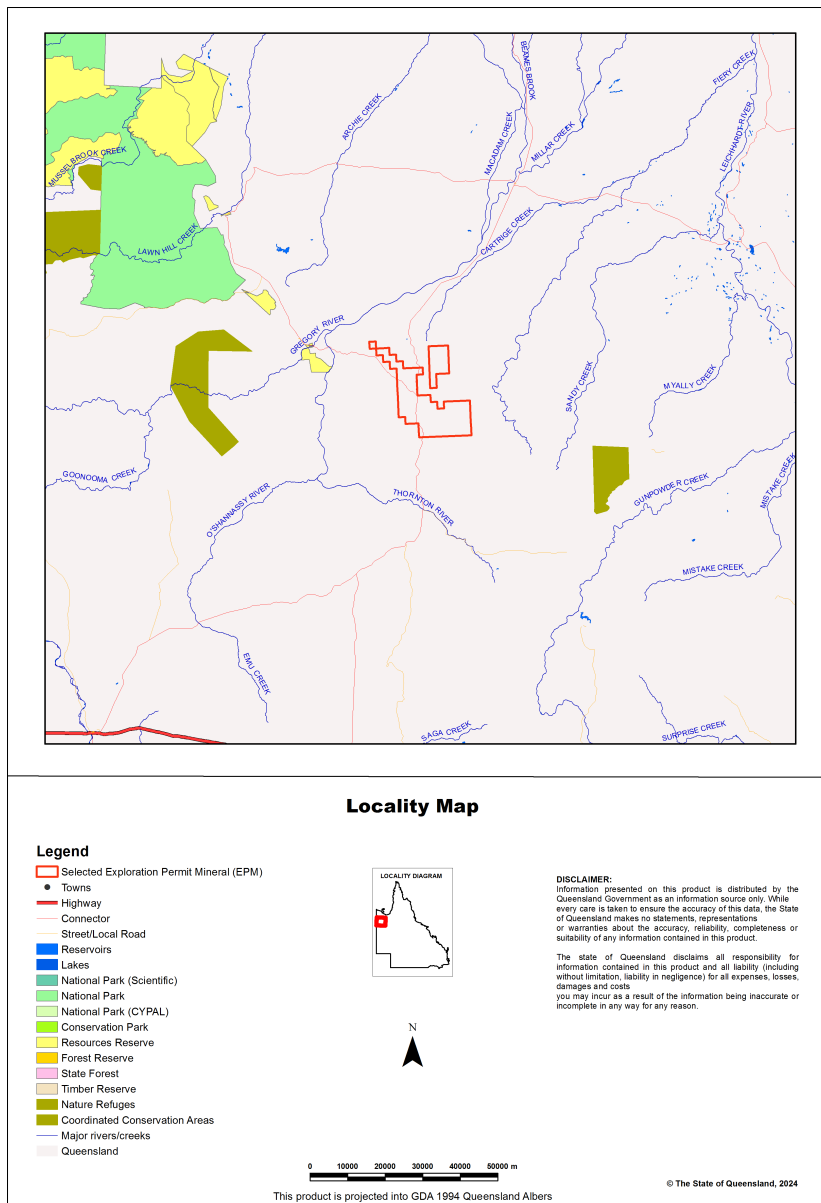
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## Assessment Area Details

The following table provides an overview of the area of interest (AOI) with respect to selected topographic and environmental values.

**Table 1: Summary table, details for AOI epm: 27935**

Size (ha)	27,817.25
Local Government(s)	Mount Isa City
Bioregion(s)	Northwest Highlands
Subregion(s)	Mount Isa Inlier
Catchment(s)	Leichhardt, Nicholson



## Matters of State Environmental Significance (MSES)

### MSES Categories

Queensland's State Planning Policy (SPP) includes a biodiversity State interest that states:

'The sustainable, long-term conservation of biodiversity is supported. Significant impacts on matters of national or state environmental significance are avoided, or where this cannot be reasonably achieved; impacts are minimised and residual impacts offset.'

The MSES mapping product is a guide to assist planning and development assessment decision-making. Its primary purpose is to support implementation of the SPP biodiversity policy. While it supports the SPP, the mapping does not replace the regulatory mapping or environmental values specifically called up under other laws or regulations. Similarly, the SPP biodiversity policy does not override or replace specific requirements of other Acts or regulations.

The SPP defines matters of state environmental significance as:

- Protected areas (including all classes of protected area except coordinated conservation areas) under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* ;
- Marine parks and land within a 'marine national park', 'conservation park', 'scientific research', 'preservation' or 'buffer' zone under the *Marine Parks Act 2004* ;
- Areas within declared fish habitat areas that are management A areas or management B areas under the Fisheries Regulation 2008;
- Threatened wildlife under the *Nature Conservation Act 1992* and special least concern animals under the Nature Conservation (Wildlife) Regulation 2006;
- Regulated vegetation under the *Vegetation Management Act 1999* that is:
  - Category B areas on the regulated vegetation management map, that are 'endangered' or 'of concern' regional ecosystems;
  - Category C areas on the regulated vegetation management map that are 'endangered' or 'of concern' regional ecosystems;
  - Category R areas on the regulated vegetation management map;
  - Regional ecosystems that intersect with watercourses identified on the vegetation management watercourse and drainage feature map;
  - Regional ecosystems that intersect with wetlands identified on the vegetation management wetlands map;
- Strategic Environmental Areas under the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* ;
- Wetlands in a wetland protection area of wetlands of high ecological significance shown on the Map of Queensland Wetland Environmental Values under the Environment Protection Regulation 2019;
- Wetlands and watercourses in high ecological value waters defined in the Environmental Protection (Water) Policy 2009, schedule 2;
- Legally secured offset areas.

## MSES Values Present

The MSES values that are present in the area of interest are summarised in the table below:

**Table 2: Summary of MSES present within the AOI**

1a Protected Areas- estates	0.0 ha	0.0 %
1b Protected Areas- nature refuges	0.0 ha	0.0 %
1c Protected Areas- special wildlife reserves	0.0 ha	0.0 %
2 State Marine Parks- highly protected zones	0.0 ha	0.0 %
3 Fish habitat areas (A and B areas)	0.0 ha	0.0 %
4 Strategic Environmental Areas (SEA)	0.0 ha	0.0 %
5 High Ecological Significance wetlands on the map of Referable Wetlands	0.0 ha	0.0 %
6a High Ecological Value (HEV) wetlands	0.0 ha	0.0 %
6b High Ecological Value (HEV) waterways	0.0 km	Not applicable
7a Threatened (endangered or vulnerable) wildlife	1926.86 ha	6.9%
7b Special least concern animals	0.0 ha	0.0 %
7c i Koala habitat area - core (SEQ)	0.0 ha	0.0 %
7c ii Koala habitat area - locally refined (SEQ)	0.0 ha	0.0 %
7d Sea turtle nesting areas	0.0 km	Not applicable
8a Regulated Vegetation - Endangered/Of concern in Category B (remnant)	466.17 ha	1.7%
8b Regulated Vegetation - Endangered/Of concern in Category C (regrowth)	0.0 ha	0.0 %
8c Regulated Vegetation - Category R (GBR riverine regrowth)	0.0 ha	0.0 %
8d Regulated Vegetation - Essential habitat	1926.86 ha	6.9%
8e Regulated Vegetation - intersecting a watercourse	481.9 km	Not applicable
8f Regulated Vegetation - within 100m of a Vegetation Management Wetland	0.0 ha	0.0 %
9a Legally secured offset areas- offset register areas	0.0 ha	0.0 %
9b Legally secured offset areas- vegetation offsets through a Property Map of Assessable Vegetation	0.0 ha	0.0 %

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## **Additional Information with Respect to MSES Values Present**

### **MSES - State Conservation Areas**

#### **1a. Protected Areas - estates**

(no results)

#### **1b. Protected Areas - nature refuges**

(no results)

#### **1c. Protected Areas - special wildlife reserves**

(no results)

#### **2. State Marine Parks - highly protected zones**

(no results)

#### **3. Fish habitat areas (A and B areas)**

(no results)

Refer to **Map 1 - MSES - State Conservation Areas** for an overview of the relevant MSES.

### **MSES - Wetlands and Waterways**

#### **4. Strategic Environmental Areas (SEA)**

(no results)

#### **5. High Ecological Significance wetlands on the Map of Queensland Wetland Environmental Values**

(no results)

#### **6a. Wetlands in High Ecological Value (HEV) waters**

(no results)

#### **6b. Waterways in High Ecological Value (HEV) waters**

(no results)

Refer to **Map 2 - MSES - Wetlands and Waterways** for an overview of the relevant MSES.

### **MSES - Species**

#### **7a. Threatened (endangered or vulnerable) wildlife**

Values are present

**7b. Special least concern animals**

Not applicable

**7c i. Koala habitat area - core (SEQ)**

Not applicable

**7c ii. Koala habitat area - locally refined (SEQ)**

Not applicable

**7d. Wildlife habitat (sea turtle nesting areas)**

Not applicable

**Threatened (endangered or vulnerable) wildlife habitat suitability models**

Species	Common name	NCA status	Presence
<i>Boronia keysii</i>	Keys boronia	V	None
<i>Calyptorhynchus lathami</i>	Glossy black cockatoo	V	None
<i>Casuarius casuaris johnsonii</i>	Sthn population cassowary	E	None
<i>Crinia tinnula</i>	Wallum froglet	V	None
<i>Denisonia maculata</i>	Ornamental snake	V	None
<i>Euastacus bindal</i>	Mount Elliot crayfish	CR	None
<i>Euastacus binzayedi</i>		CR	None
<i>Euastacus eungella</i>		E	None
<i>Euastacus hystricosus</i>		E	None
<i>Euastacus jagara</i>	Jagara hairy crayfish	CR	None
<i>Euastacus madae</i>		CR	None
<i>Euastacus monteithorum</i>		E	None
<i>Euastacus robertsi</i>		E	None
<i>Litoria freycineti</i>	Wallum rocketfrog	V	None
<i>Litoria olongburensis</i>	Wallum sedgefrog	V	None
<i>Macadamia integrifolia</i>		V	None
<i>Macadamia ternifolia</i>		V	None
<i>Macadamia tetraphylla</i>	bopple nut	V	None
<i>Melaleuca irbyana</i>	swamp tea-tree	E	None
<i>Petaurus gracilis</i>	Mahogany Glider	E	None
<i>Petrogale coenensis</i>	Cape York rock-wallaby	V	None
<i>Petrogale penicillata</i>	brush-tailed rock-wallaby	V	None
<i>Petrogale persephone</i>	Proserpine rock-wallaby	E	None
<i>Petrogale purpleicollis</i>	purple-necked rock-wallaby	V	Core
<i>Petrogale sharmani</i>	Sharmans rock-wallaby	V	None



Species	Common name	NCA status	Presence
<i>Petrogale xanthopus celeris</i>	yellow-footed rock-wallaby (Qld subspecies)	V	None
<i>Pezoporus wallicus wallicus</i>	Eastern ground parrot	V	None
<i>Phascolarctos cinereus</i>	Koala - outside SEQ*	E	None
<i>Taudactylus pleione</i>	Kroombit tinkerfrog	E	None
<i>Xeromys myoides</i>	Water Mouse	V	None

\*For koala model, this includes areas outside SEQ. Check 7c SEQ koala habitat for presence/absence.

### Threatened (endangered or vulnerable) wildlife species records

(no results)

### Special least concern animal species records

(no results)

### Shorebird habitat (critically endangered/endangered/vulnerable)

Not applicable

### Shorebird habitat (special least concern)

Not applicable

\*Nature Conservation Act 1992 (NCA) Status- Endangered (E), Vulnerable (V) or Special Least Concern Animal (SL).  
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC) status: Critically Endangered (CE) Endangered (E), Vulnerable (V)

Migratory status (M) - China and Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (C), Japan and Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (J), Republic of Korea and Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (R), Bonn Migratory Convention (B), Eastern Flyway (E)

To request a species list for an area, or search for a species profile, access Wildlife Online at:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/species-list/>

Refer to **Map 3a - MSES - Species - Threatened (endangered or vulnerable) wildlife and special least concern animals**, **Map 3b - MSES - Species - Koala habitat area (SEQ)** and **Map 3c - MSES - Wildlife habitat (sea turtle nesting areas)** for an overview of the relevant MSES.

## MSES - Regulated Vegetation

For further information relating to regional ecosystems in general, go to:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/plants/ecosystems/>

For a more detailed description of a particular regional ecosystem, access the regional ecosystem search page at:

<https://environment.ehp.qld.gov.au/regional-ecosystems/>

### 8a. Regulated Vegetation - Endangered/Of concern in Category B (remnant)

Regional ecosystem	Vegetation management polygon	Vegetation management status
1.3.13a/1.3.10/1.3.7b	O-subdom	rem_oc
1.3.13a/1.3.5/1.5.13/1.3.10	O-subdom	rem_oc
1.5.13/1.3.10	O-subdom	rem_oc

**8b. Regulated Vegetation - Endangered/Of concern in Category C (regrowth)**

Not applicable

**8c. Regulated Vegetation - Category R (GBR riverine regrowth)**

Not applicable

**8d. Regulated Vegetation - Essential habitat**

Values are present

**8e. Regulated Vegetation - intersecting a watercourse\*\***

A vegetation management watercourse is mapped as present

**8f. Regulated Vegetation - within 100m of a Vegetation Management wetland**

Not applicable

Refer to **Map 4 - MSES - Regulated Vegetation** for an overview of the relevant MSES.

**MSES - Offsets****9a. Legally secured offset areas - offset register areas**

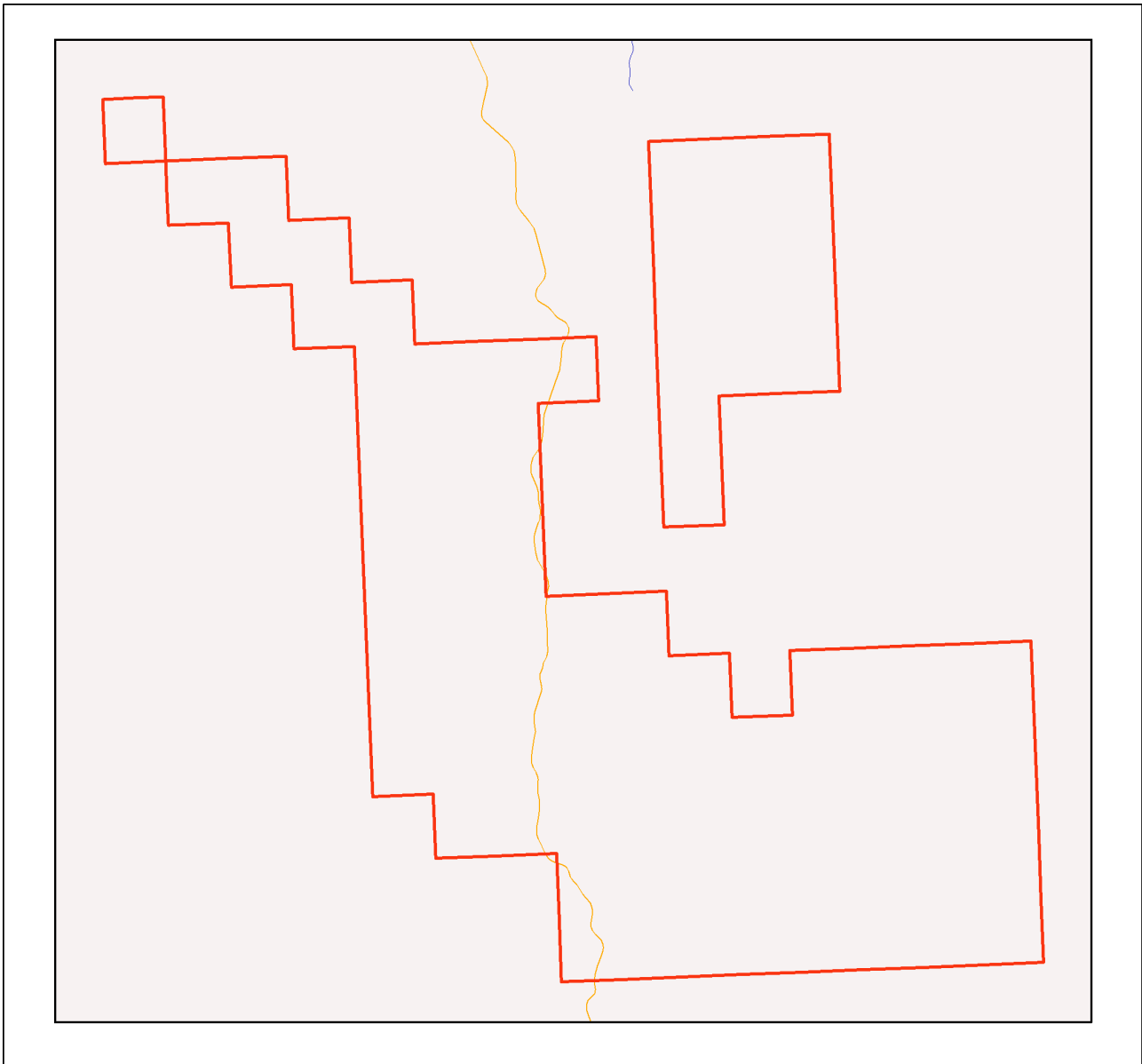
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**9b. Legally secured offset areas - vegetation offsets through a Property Map of Assessable Vegetation**

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Refer to **Map 5 - MSES - Offset Areas** for an overview of the relevant MSES.

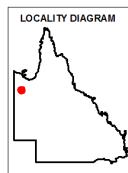
# Map 1 - MSES - State Conservation Areas



## MSES - State Conservation Areas

### Area of Interest

- Selected Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)
- Towns
- Freeways/Highways
- Secondary roads
- Major rivers/creeks
- Protected area (estates, nature refuges, special wildlife reserves)
- Declared fish habitat area (A and B areas)
- Marine park (highly protected)



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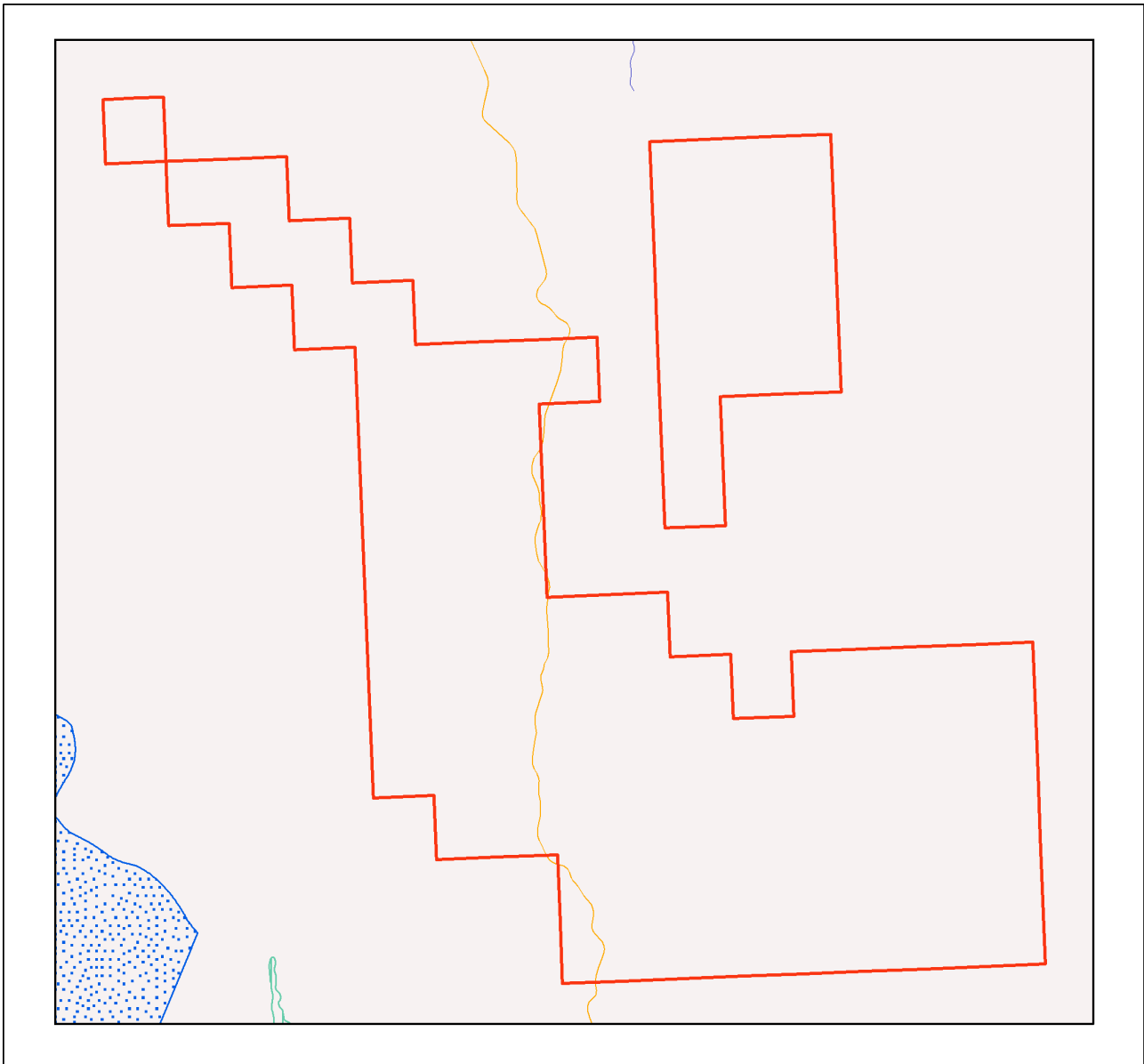
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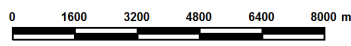
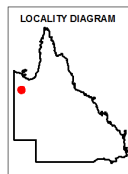
## Map 2 - MSES - Wetlands and Waterways



### MSES - Wetlands and Waterways

#### Area of Interest

-  Selected Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)
-  Towns
-  Freeways/Highways
-  Secondary roads
-  Major rivers/creeks
-  Declared high ecological value waters (watercourse)
-  Strategic environmental area (designated precinct)
-  Declared high ecological value waters (wetland)
-  High ecological significance wetlands



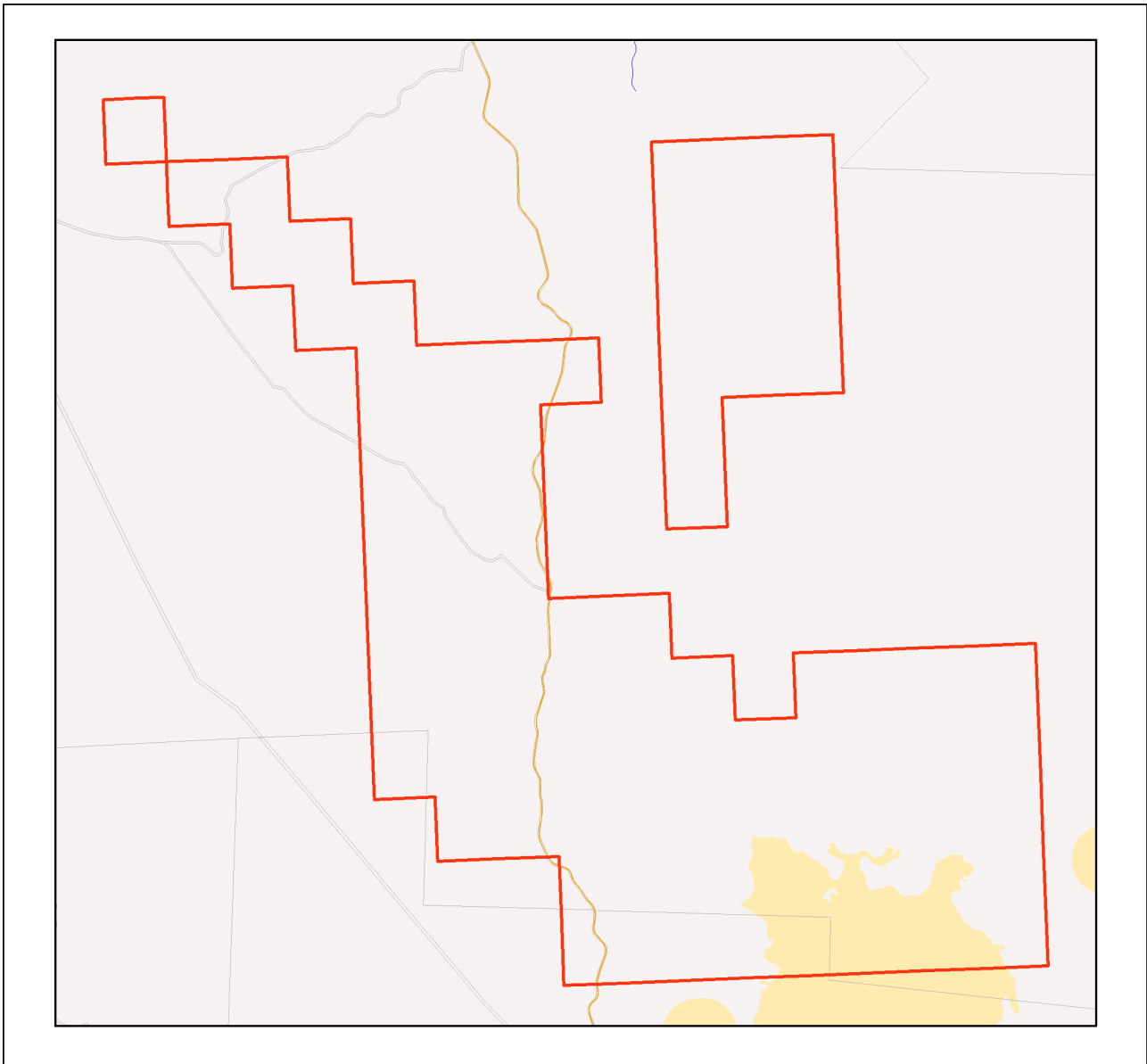
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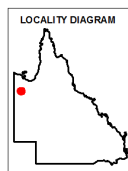
### Map 3a - MSES - Species - Threatened (endangered or vulnerable) wildlife and special least concern animals



### MSES - Species Threatened (endangered or vulnerable) wildlife and special least concern animals

**Area of Interest**

- Selected Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)
- Towns
- Freeways/Highways
- Secondary roads
- Major rivers/creeks
- Wildlife habitat (special least concern)
- Wildlife habitat (endangered or vulnerable)



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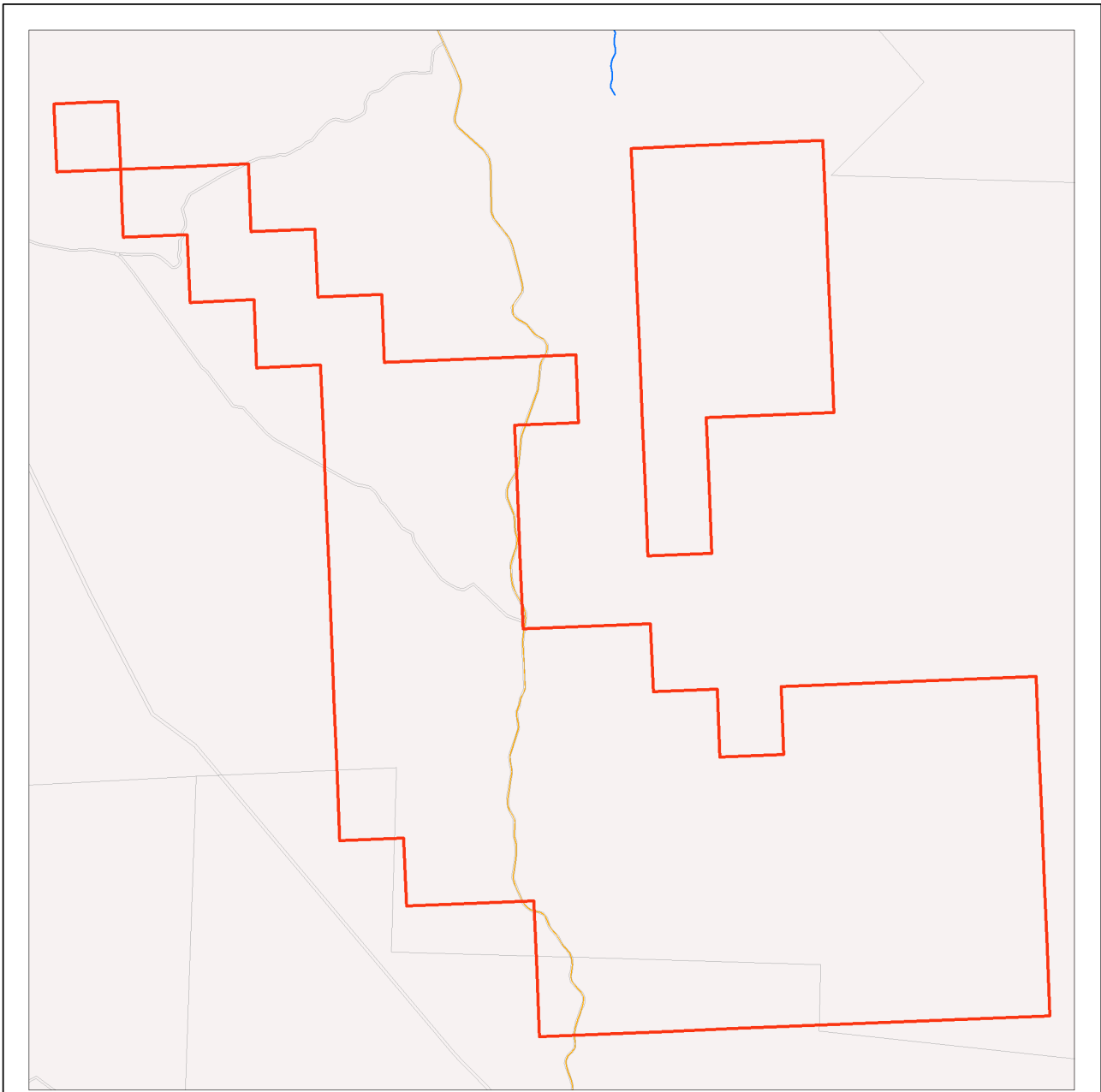
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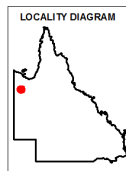
### Map 3b - MSES - Species - Koala habitat area (SEQ)



### MSES - Species Koala habitat area (SEQ)

**Area of Interest**

- Selected Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)
- Towns
- Freeways/Highways
- Secondary roads
- Major rivers/creeks
- Koala habitat area (core)
- Koala habitat area (locally refined)



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The represented layers for SEQ 'koala habitat area-core' and 'koala habitat area- locally refined' in MSES are sourced directly from the regulatory mapping under the Nature Conservation (Koala) Conservation Plan 2017. Whilst every effort is made to ensure the information remains current, there may be delays between updating versions. Please refer to the original mapping for the most recent version. See <https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/animals/living-with/koalas/mapping>

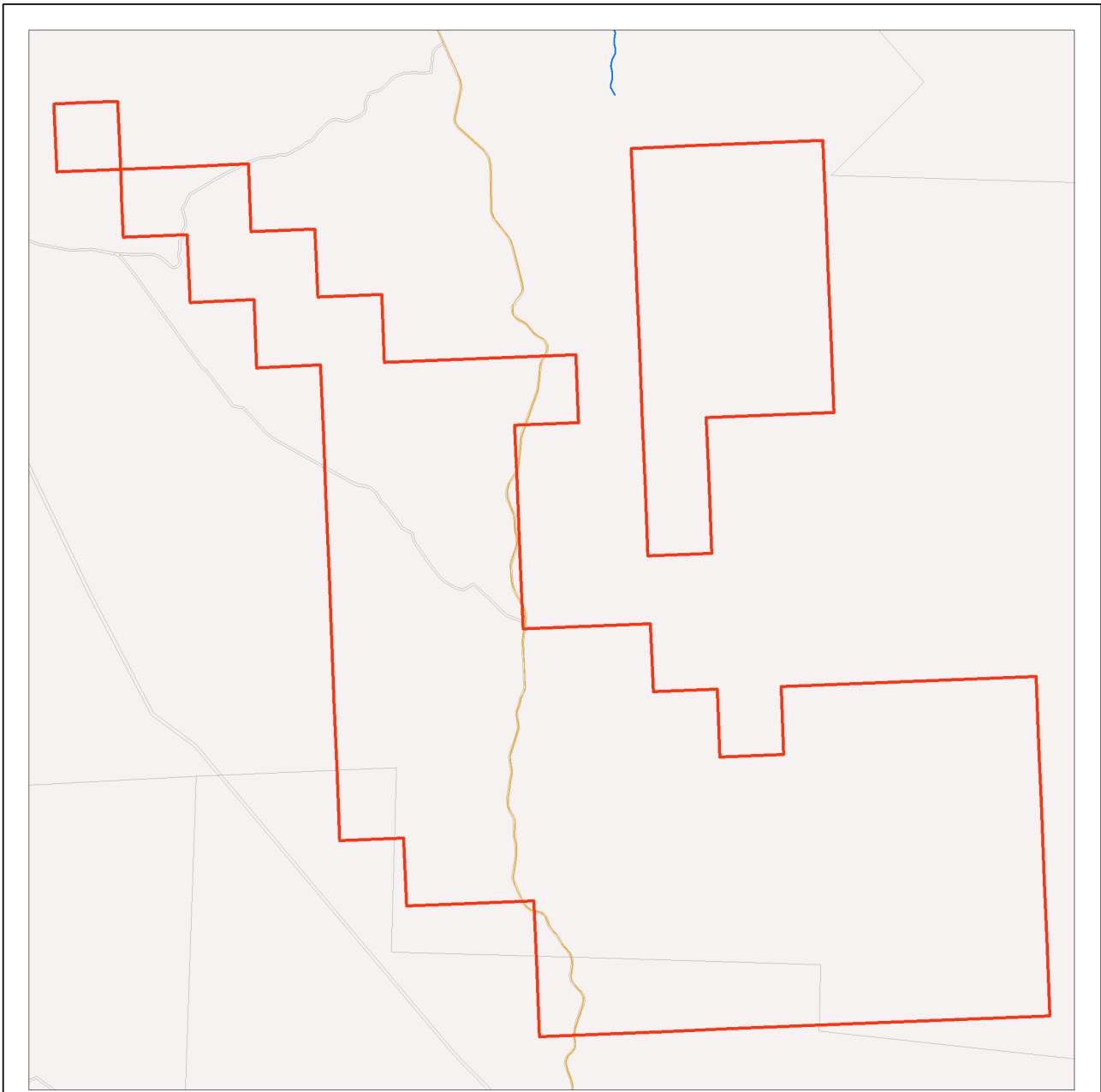
The koala habitat mapping within South East Queensland uses regional ecosystem linework compiled at a scale varying from 1:25,000 to 1:100,000. Linework should be used as a guide only. The positional accuracy of regional ecosystem data mapped at a scale of 1:100,000 is +/- 100 metres.



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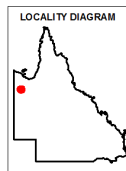
### Map 3c - MSES - Wildlife habitat (sea turtle nesting areas)



### MSES - Wildlife habitat (sea turtle nesting areas)

**Area of Interest**

- Selected Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)
- Towns
- Freeways/Highways
- Secondary roads
- Major rivers/creeks
- Wildlife habitat (sea turtle nesting areas)

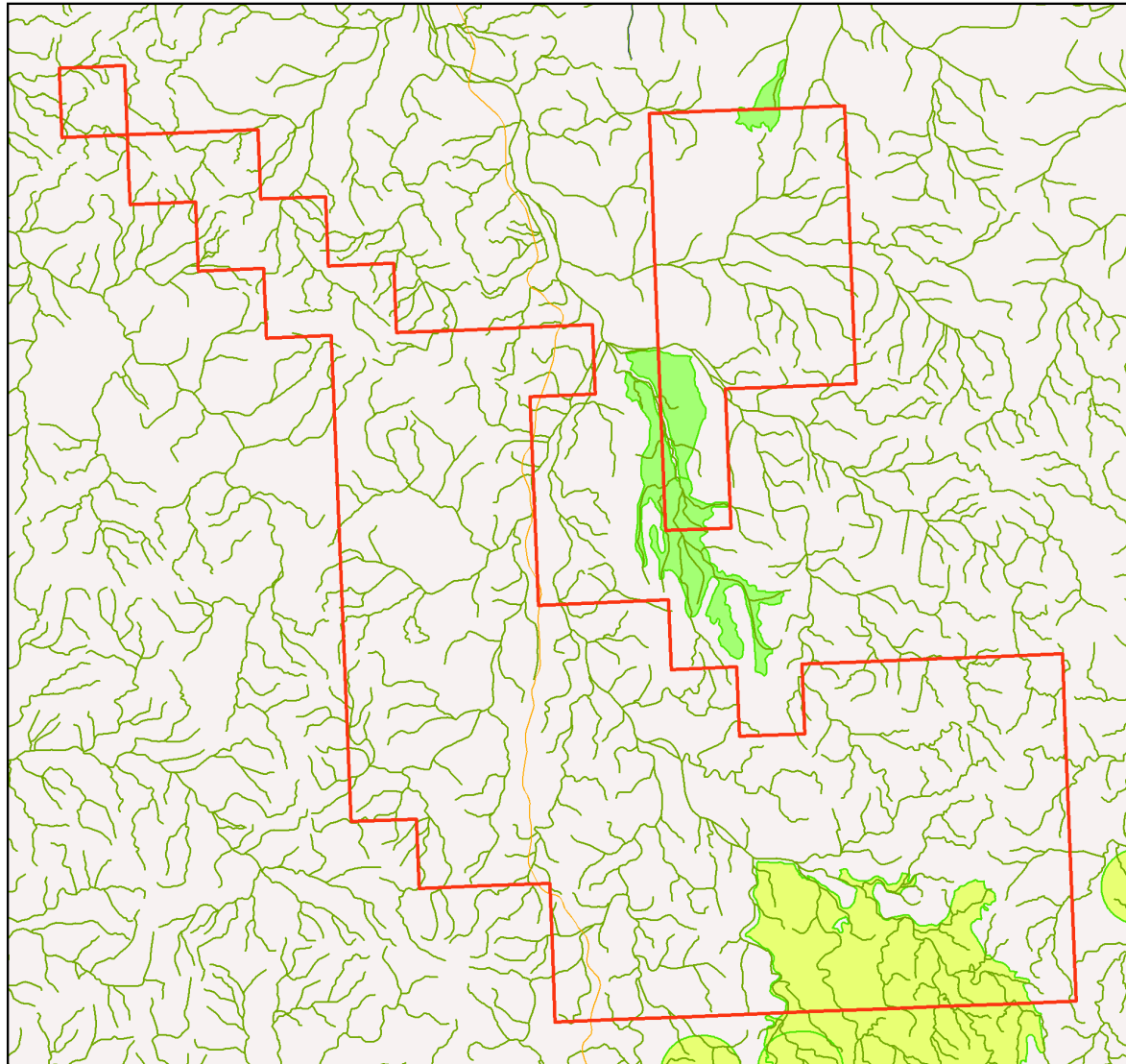


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MSES mapping of sea turtle nesting areas identifies beaches where the recorded number of turtle nests are over 1% of the turtle species or genetic stock. The linework is also deliberately extended along nearby rocky coastlines and headlands to recognise that significant numbers of nesting adults and hatchlings can become disoriented by light pollution from development on rocky coastlines and headlands while navigating offshore from nesting beaches.



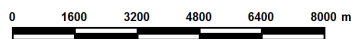
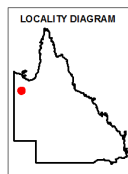
# Map 4 - MSES - Regulated Vegetation



## MSES - Regulated Vegetation

### Area of Interest

- Selected Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)
- Towns
- Freeways/Highways
- Secondary roads
- Major rivers/creeks
- Regulated vegetation (intersecting a watercourse)
- Regulated vegetation (100m from wetland)
- Regulated vegetation (category B - endangered or of concern)
- Regulated vegetation (category C - endangered or of concern)
- Regulated vegetation (category R - GBR riverine)
- Regulated vegetation (essential habitat)



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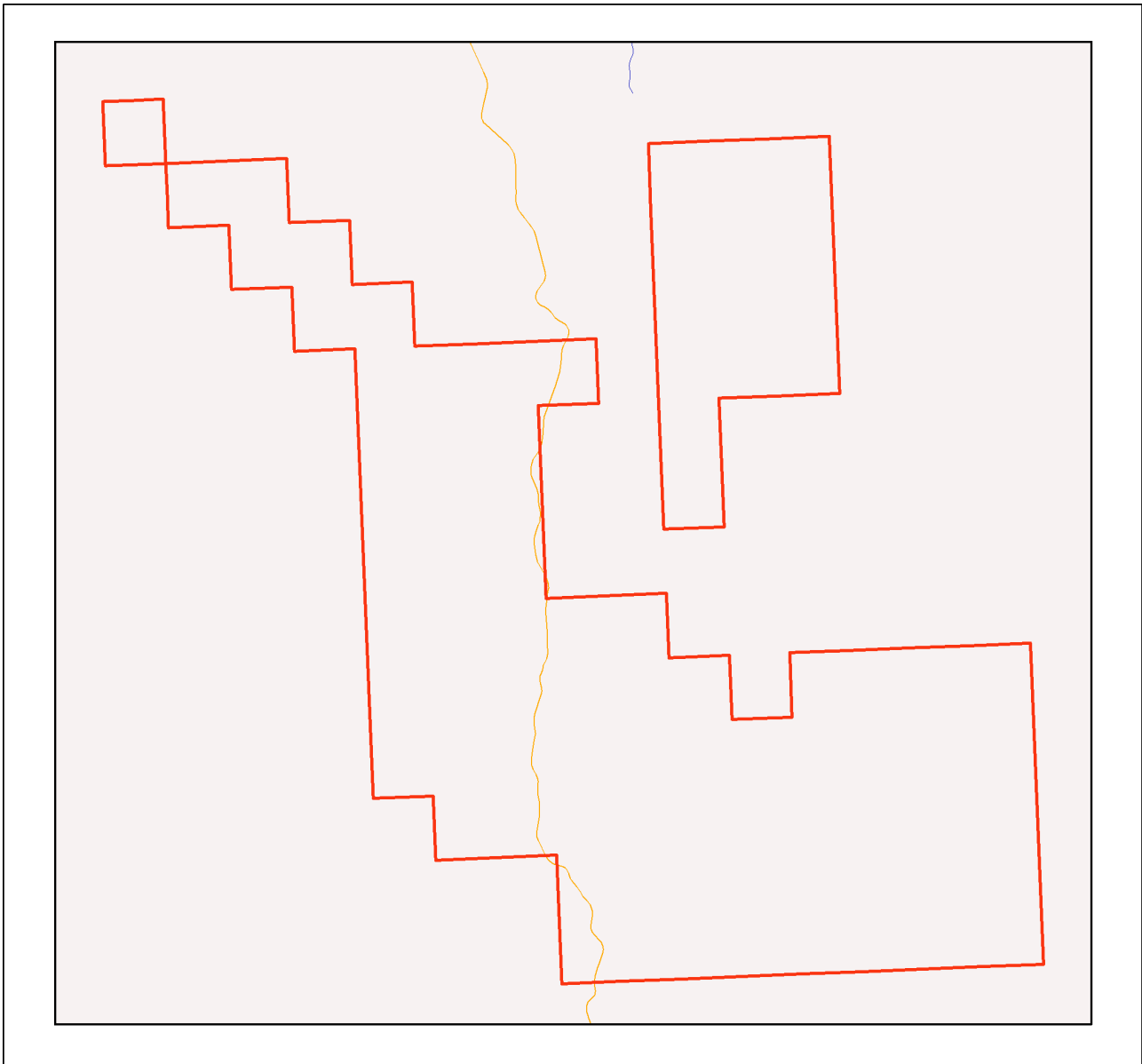
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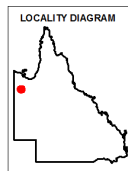
### Map 5 - MSES - Offset Areas



#### MSES - Offsets

**Area of Interest**

- Selected Exploration Permit Mineral (EPM)
- Towns
- Freeways/Highways
- Secondary roads
- Major rivers/creeks
- Legally secured offset area (offset register)
- Legally secured offset area (vegetation offsets)



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## Appendices

### Appendix 1 - Matters of State Environmental Significance (MSES) methodology

MSES mapping is a regional-scale representation of the definition for MSES under the State Planning Policy (SPP). The compiled MSES mapping product is a guide to assist planning and development assessment decision-making. Its primary purpose is to support implementation of the SPP biodiversity policy. While it supports the SPP, the mapping does not replace the regulatory mapping or environmental values specifically called up under other laws or regulations. Similarly, the SPP biodiversity policy does not override or replace specific requirements of other Acts or regulations.

The Queensland Government's "Method for mapping - matters of state environmental significance for use in land use planning and development assessment" can be downloaded from:

<http://www.ehp.qld.gov.au/land/natural-resource/method-mapping-mses.html> .

## Appendix 2 - Source Data

The datasets listed below are available on request from:

<http://qldspatial.information.qld.gov.au/catalogue/custom/index.page>

- Matters of State environmental significance

Note: MSES mapping is not based on new or unique data. The primary mapping product draws data from a number of underlying environment databases and geo-referenced information sources. MSES mapping is a versioned product that is updated generally on a twice-yearly basis to incorporate the changes to underlying data sources. Several components of MSES mapping made for the current version may differ from the current underlying data sources. To ensure accuracy, or proper representation of MSES values, it is strongly recommended that users refer to the underlying data sources and review the current definition of MSES in the State Planning Policy, before applying the MSES mapping.

Individual MSES layers can be attributed to the following source data available at QSpatial:

<b>MSES layers</b>	<b>current QSpatial data (<a href="http://qspatial.information.qld.gov.au">http://qspatial.information.qld.gov.au</a>)</b>
Protected Areas-Estates, Nature Refuges, Special Wildlife Reserves	- Protected areas of Queensland - Nature Refuges - Queensland - Special Wildlife Reserves- Queensland
Marine Park-Highly Protected Zones	Moreton Bay marine park zoning 2008
Fish Habitat Areas	Queensland fish habitat areas
Strategic Environmental Areas-designated	Regional Planning Interests Act - Strategic Environmental Areas
HES wetlands	Map of Queensland Wetland Environmental Values
Wetlands in HEV waters	HEV waters: - EPP Water intent for waters Source Wetlands: - Queensland Wetland Mapping (Current version 5) Source Watercourses: - Vegetation management watercourse and drainage feature map (1:100000 and 1:250000)
Wildlife habitat (threatened and special least concern)	- WildNet database species records - habitat suitability models (various) - SEQ koala habitat areas under the Koala Conservation Plan 2019 - Sea Turtle Nesting Areas records
VMA regulated regional ecosystems	Vegetation management regional ecosystem and remnant map
VMA Essential Habitat	Vegetation management - essential habitat map
VMA Wetlands	Vegetation management wetlands map
Legally secured offsets	Vegetation Management Act property maps of assessable vegetation. For offset register data-contact DES
Regulated Vegetation Map	Vegetation management - regulated vegetation management map

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## Appendix 3 - Acronyms and Abbreviations

AOI	- Area of Interest
DES	- Department of Environment and Science
EP Act	- <i>Environmental Protection Act 1994</i>
EPP	- Environmental Protection Policy
GDA94	- Geocentric Datum of Australia 1994
GEM	- General Environmental Matters
GIS	- Geographic Information System
MSES	- Matters of State Environmental Significance
NCA	- <i>Nature Conservation Act 1992</i>
RE	- Regional Ecosystem
SPP	- State Planning Policy
VMA	- <i>Vegetation Management Act 1999</i>