

Regional Planning Interests Act 2014

Assessment Application Form

Approved under section 94 of the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014*. Version 3.2 is effective from 13 November 2023.

Before lodging your application

- read RPI Act Statutory Guideline 01/14 *How to make an assessment application for a regional interests development approval under the Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* here:

[Areas of regional interest | Planning \(statedevelopment.qld.gov.au\)](#)

- consider contacting the RPI Act Development Assessment Team on 07 3328 4811 or email RPIAct@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au for general queries, or to request a pre-application discussion on the proposed application.

Purpose of application form

This form is to be used when making an assessment application for a Regional Interests Development Approval (RIDA) under the *Regional Planning Interests Act 2014* (RPI Act).

Definitions

Expressions highlighted in bold italic type have the same meaning as in the RPI Act or in regulations made under the RPI Act.

How to make the Assessment Application

Section 29 of the RPI Act states:

An assessment application must be:

- i. made to the chief executive in the approved form; and*
- ii. accompanied by a report:*
 - » assessing the resource activity or regulated activity's impact on the area of regional interest; and*
 - » identifying any constraints on the configuration or operation of the activity; and*
- iii. accompanied by the fee prescribed under a regulation.*

The applicant must complete all sections of the form either on the form or as an attachment.

Where to lodge

Provide **1 electronic copy** of the completed application form and the supporting information to the chief executive:

- **Email** RPIAct@dsdilgp.qld.gov.au
- **Post** RPI Act Development Assessment Team DSDILGP, PO Box 15009, City East QLD 4002
- **Hand deliver** RPI Act Development Assessment Team DSDILGP, Level 13, 1 William Street, Brisbane.

(For hand deliveries, contact the RIDA Development Assessment Team on 07 3328 4811).

1. Property description of the land the subject of the application

Identify all lots or parts of lots on which the activity is proposed, and the total area of disturbance. Provide a map.

Lot on Plan description (e.g. 1RP12345)	<p>The Project (shown as Zone 1 on figures) includes the following lots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Lot 2 CP911010 » Lot 8 TT345 » Lot 6 TT309 » Lot 7 TT309 » Lot A AP7202 » Roads <p>Figure 1 shows the Project Location and Figure 2 shows the Lot on Plan Description.</p> <p>The Project covers an area of approximately 2,119 hectares (ha) and entails an extension of the existing underground mine. The Project will continue to use existing surface infrastructure located on the existing approved MLs. To support the underground mining operations, seven Drill Pads will be constructed in Zone 1, as shown indicatively in Figure 3. The total disturbance area is 1.12 ha.</p>
Street address/suburb/locality and postcode	Duckponds Road, Emerald, QLD, 4720
Closest town	Emerald

2. Application details

Attach a map that clearly shows all relevant areas of regional interest on the land the subject of the application and the corresponding proposed location of the proposed activity/activities

Identify the area/s of regional interest (ARI) in the application area and the area of the ARI to be disturbed

Area of regional interest (ARI)	Area of disturbance	Area of regional interest (ARI)	Area of disturbance
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priority agricultural area	0.96 ha	<input type="checkbox"/> Priority living area	___ ha
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strategic cropping area	0.96 ha	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategic environmental area	___ ha

Identify the resource or regulated activity

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resource activity: mining and other resource activities (not petroleum and gas). - Coal
<input type="checkbox"/> Resource activity: petroleum and gas
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulated activity: broadacre cropping (Only relevant where the application relates to a strategic environmental area)
<input type="checkbox"/> Regulated activity: water storage (dam) (Only relevant where the application relates to a strategic environmental area)

Provide a detailed description of the proposed activities

Provide a description of the proposed activities for which approval is sought, location and the surface area of the activities.

Area of regional interest	Activity	Location	Total area of disturbance (ha)
PAA	<p>Underground Coal Mining using bord and pillar mining technique. The Project consists of extending the current approved underground mining operations into the Zone 1 as shown in Figure 3.</p> <p>To support the underground mining operations, seven Drill Pads will be constructed in Zone 1, as shown indicatively in Figure 3. These Drill Pads will become utilised for gas flaring drillholes and associated infrastructure. This is the only proposed surface infrastructure to be constructed as part of the Project within Zone 1.</p> <p>UG workings beneath this land are predicted to result in maximum subsidence levels which would be less than the natural soil movement.</p> <p>PAA is mapped within Zone 1, as shown on Figure 4. During the operation of the mine, the existing land use in Zone 1 is expected to continue to operate. There will be no material impact on the PAA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Lot 2 CP911010 » Lot 8 TT345 » Lot 6 TT309 » Lot 7 TT309 	0.96 ha
SCA	<p>Underground Coal Mining using bord and pillar mining technique. The Project consists of extending the current approved underground mining operations into the Zone 1 as shown in Figure 3.</p> <p>To support the underground mining operations, seven Drill Pads will be constructed in Zone 1, as shown indicatively in Figure 3. These Drill Pads will become utilised for gas flaring drillholes and associated infrastructure. This is the only proposed surface infrastructure to be constructed as part of the Project within Zone 1.</p> <p>UG workings beneath this land are predicted to result in maximum subsidence levels which would be less than the natural soil movement.</p> <p>SCL is mapped within Zone 1, as shown on Figure 5. During the operation of the mine, the existing land use in Zone 1 is expected to continue to operate. There will be no material impact on the SCA.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Lot 2 CP911010 » Lot 8 TT345 » Lot 6 TT309 » Lot 7 TT309 	0.96 ha

Provide a description of current land use

Provide a description of what the land is currently being used for (e.g. horticulture, irrigated cropping, dryland grazing, nature conservation, residential, manufacturing and industrial, etc.) and the surrounding land within a 1km radius.

Attach a map that clearly shows the area and location of all existing land uses and activities on the land the subject of the application, and within a 1km radius of the boundaries of the land that is the subject of the application.

The Project is located within a rural setting, typical of the Central Queensland region. The Project is located within the rural margins between a range of central township nodes. The largest nearby townships include Emerald, which is located approximately 25 km south-west, and Blackwater which is located 49 km south-east. The small township of Comet is located approximately 18 km south-east of the Project.

The predominant land uses within the wider region include cropping, grazing and resource activities. The existing land uses of the Project land include cropping, grazing land and waterways with fringing riparian vegetation.

Land uses and activities inside and surrounding the proposed Project are shown in **Figure 6**.

During the operation of the mine, the existing land use in Zone 1 is expected to continue to operate.

3. Supporting information to accompany this application

Report (*addressing matters set out in section 29(b) of the RPI Act*)

- RIDA approval supporting document which includes the following appendices:
 - Appendix A RIDA Guideline Checklist
 - Appendix B Land Resources Assessment
 - Appendix C Subsidence Report
 - Appendix D Subsidence Report Peer Review Letter
 - Appendix E Subsidence Management Plan Peer Review Letter
 - Appendix F Subsidence Management Plan

Maps, GIS data files, site plans (*proposed activities*)

GIS Data files accompanying this application (in shp. file format) include:

- Zone 1 Project Area
- Drill Pads
- Mining Leases and Mineral Development Licences
- Project Underground Mining Area
- Approved Underground Mining Area
- Priority agricultural area
- Strategic cropping area via strategic cropping land trigger map
- Priority Agricultural Land Use
- Underlying property ownership
- Land use
- Land Ownership

Other documents (*optional*)

4. Other relevant information to accompany this application

Attach map/s to identify the location of this information and lot on plan details.

<p>Are there any <i>resource authorities</i> or applications for <i>resource authorities</i> over all or part of the land the subject of the application? (<i>e.g. for exploration or resource development</i>)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The relevant resource authorities under which the Ensham Mine is operated (being each of Mining Leases (MLs) ML7459, ML7460, ML70326, ML70049, ML70365, ML70366 and ML70367). • The relevant mineral development licences (MDL's), being MDL217 (of which MLA700061 and the Project is a part) and MDL218. 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Is there a <i>SCL protection decision</i> over all or part of the land the subject of the application?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes (<i>Provide decision number/s</i>)</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Is there an <i>environmental authority</i> (EA) over all or part of the land the subject of the application?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes EPML00732813</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Are there any easements over any part of the land the subject of the application?</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>The Project area includes various land tenures, including freehold, reserve, and land leases, with portions also subject to a strata easement for stock routes (ASP273867).</i></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

<p>Attach a current title search for each lot or part of a lot the subject of the application <i>(NOTE: the searches must be obtained no more than 3 business days prior to making the application.)</i></p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tick to confirm title searches are attached.	
<p>Attach GIS data files for the proposed activities identified in section 2 above.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tick to confirm data files are attached.	
<p>Is an exemption from public notification for the assessment application under section 34(3) of the RPI Act sought?</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <i>(Attach written request including justification for the exemption)</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
5. Landowner details		
<p>Name/s of all landowner/s</p>	<p>Lot 2 CP911010</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Glenn and Wendy Dickson
	<p>Lot 8 TT345</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cowal Agricultural Holdings Pty Ltd
	<p>Lot 6 TT309</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister responsible for administering the Land Act 1994 • Trustee – Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) • Registered Lessee – Greg Hardgrave
	<p>Lot 7 TT309</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister responsible for administering the Land Act 1994 • Trustee – CHRC • Registered Lessee - Citricorp Pty Ltd
	<p>Lot A AP7202</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minister responsible for administering the Land Act 1994 • Trustee – CHRC • Registered Permittee – Glenn and Wendy Dickson
	<p>Roads</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHRC

<p>Postal address/es</p>	<p>Glenn and Wendy Dickson "Chelbrook" PO Box 1924, Emerald QLD 4720</p> <p>Cowal Agricultural Holdings Pty Ltd PO Box 481, Toowoomba QLD 4350</p> <p>Minister responsible for administering the Land Act 1994 PO Box 5318, Townsville QLD 4810</p> <p>Trustee – Central Highlands Regional Council (CHRC) 65 Egerton Street, Emerald QLD 4720</p> <p>Registered Lessee – Greg Hardgrave "Karanga" PO Box 1852, Emerald QLD 4720</p> <p>Registered Lessee - Citricorp Pty Ltd 24 Egerton Street, Emerald 4720</p>	
<p>Telephone/mobile number and/or email address/es (non-mandatory)</p>	<p>n/a</p>	
<p>Is the applicant the owner (as defined in schedule 1 to the RPI Act) of the land the subject of the application?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <i>(Identify the land that is not owned by the applicant)</i></p> <p>Please refer to Section 5 above.</p>
<p>Is it necessary, under section 30 of the RPI Act, to provide a copy of the application to the owner of the land? <i>(NOTE: proof of delivery will be required.)</i></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>6. Applicant/authorised person details</p> <p><i>Section 28 of the RPI Act prescribes who may be the applicant for a RIDA for a resource activity or regulated activity to be carried out in an area of regional interest. The decision about the application is issued to the applicant. The applicant need not be the owner of the land. The authorised person for a company (if applicable) is the contact person for the applicant and need not be the applicant (for example, director, company secretary or sole director). However, formal documents, such as any requirement notice and the decision about the application, will be sent to the applicant at the address for service stated below.</i></p>		
<p>Applicant/s name (individual or company name in full), include ABN or ACN number if applicable</p>	<p>The Ensham Joint Venture (Ensham JV):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sungela Pty Ltd (ACN 665 234 739) (85%), and - Bowen Investment (Australia) Pty Ltd (ACN 002 806 831) (15%) 	

Applicant's postal address and email address for service	Level 7 10 Eagle Street Brisbane City QLD 4000 By email: dan.reynolds@thungela.com
Authorised contact person for applicant: name, position and company	Dan Reynolds Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Sungela Pty Ltd
Contact phone number and/or mobile number	0419 691 599
Contact email address	dan.reynolds@thungela.com
7. Electronic documentation	
Where an email address is provided in section 6 above, does the applicant consent to receiving written information relating to this assessment application, required or permitted to be provided under the <i>Regional Planning Interests Act 2014</i> or any other State law, in an electronic format pursuant to sections 11 and 12 of the <i>Electronic Transactions Act 2001</i> ?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
8. Application fee (<i>Fees are prescribed in the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014</i>)	
Amount payable	<i>PAA fee units: 6,860.00</i> <i>SCA fee units: 6,860.00</i> <i>Total fee units: 13,720.00</i> <i>1 fee unit = \$1.060</i> <i>Amount payable: \$14,543.20</i>
Reference number <i>(Contact RIDA assessment team for a reference number)</i>	
Payment option <i>(Contact RIDA assessment team for account details)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Direct deposit Date deposited: <input type="checkbox"/> Cheque attached

9. Use and Disclosure of Information Statement

The information is collected in accordance with the RPI Act and will be used by Queensland Government Agencies for the processing and assessment of your assessment application, and may involve the chief executive:

1. and other officers of DSDILGP, and any consultants engaged by or on behalf of the chief executive, reviewing the information provided for the purpose of considering and assessing your assessment application
2. providing a copy of the assessment application to relevant Queensland Government Agencies prescribed as assessing agencies for the assessment application (including the local government), the Gasfields Commission Queensland or any person asked to provide advice or comment on the assessment application.

The assessment application and the accompanying report will also be made publicly available on the DSDILGP website from the time the assessment application is made until the time it lapses or is withdrawn or, if is decided, until the end of the last period during which an appeal may be made against a decision on the application. However, information will not be made publicly available on the DSDILGP website to the extent that it is provided by an owner of land (as defined in Schedule 1 to the RPI Act) (an *owner*) who is not the applicant, and is commercial-in-confidence or personal information, and that owner has not consented to its disclosure, or to the extent that it is information which is considered to be sensitive security information.

Where an application proposes a resource or regulated activity in a Priority Agricultural Area (PAA) and the applicant is required to provide information about the productive capacity or operation of a priority agricultural land use to address the prescribed solutions in the Regional Planning Interests Regulation 2014 (Schedule 2, Part 2), the information is to be provided in a separate document attached as an appendix to the assessment application report and the application must:

- identify the source of the information provided, including whether the information was provided by an owner other than the applicant
- state whether an owner other than the applicant agrees to the information being made publicly available on the DSDILGP website; and if so, provide the express written agreement of that owner to the information being made publicly available on the DSDILGP website.

If an owner, other than the applicant, does not provide express written agreement, the information will not be made available on the DSDILGP website with the other application information. You may also be required to publicly notify your application. A notice about the chief executive's decision relating to your application will also be publicly notified.

Your personal details will not be disclosed for a purpose outside this assessment process, except where required by legislation (including the *Right to Information Act 2009*). This information may be stored in a database by DSDILGP.

The information collected will be retained as required by the *Public Records Act 2002*.

10. Declaration

This declaration needs to be made by the individual applicant or, when the applicant is a company, an authorised person or persons who have the authority to act on behalf of that company in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth). Where the declaration is made by a person who is authorised in writing to make that declaration on behalf of the company, evidence of that authorisation must accompany the application.

By making this application, I declare that all the information in this application is true and correct and that I have read and understood the *'Use and Disclosure of Information statement'* on this form.

Signature of Applicant

Signature of applicant/authorised person:



Name and Position:

Dan Reynolds, CEO Sungela Pty Ltd

Date:

3rd February, 2025

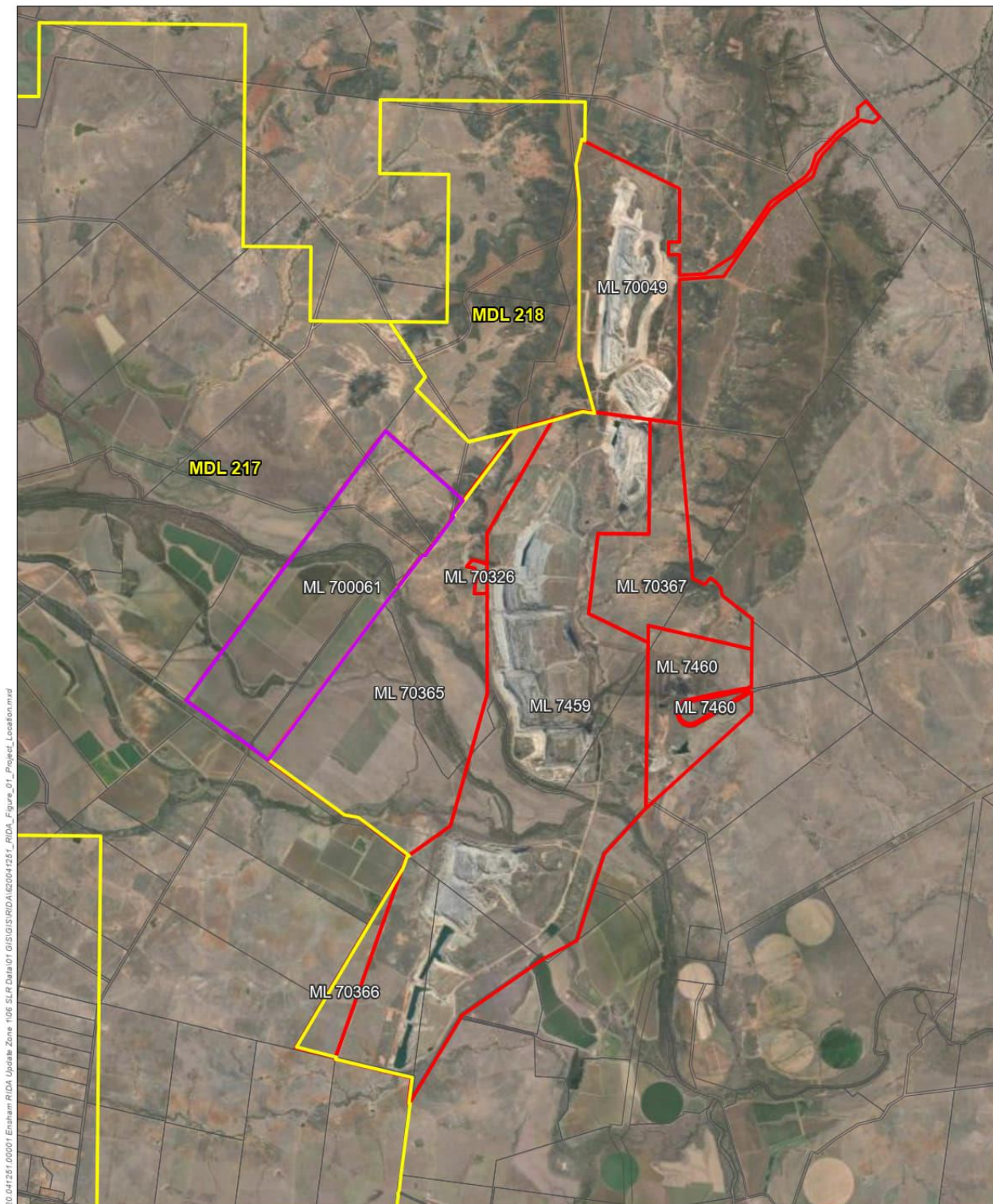
Signature of Applicant

Signature of applicant/authorised person:


Name and Position:

Date:





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-  Mineral Development Licence
-  Cadastral Boundary

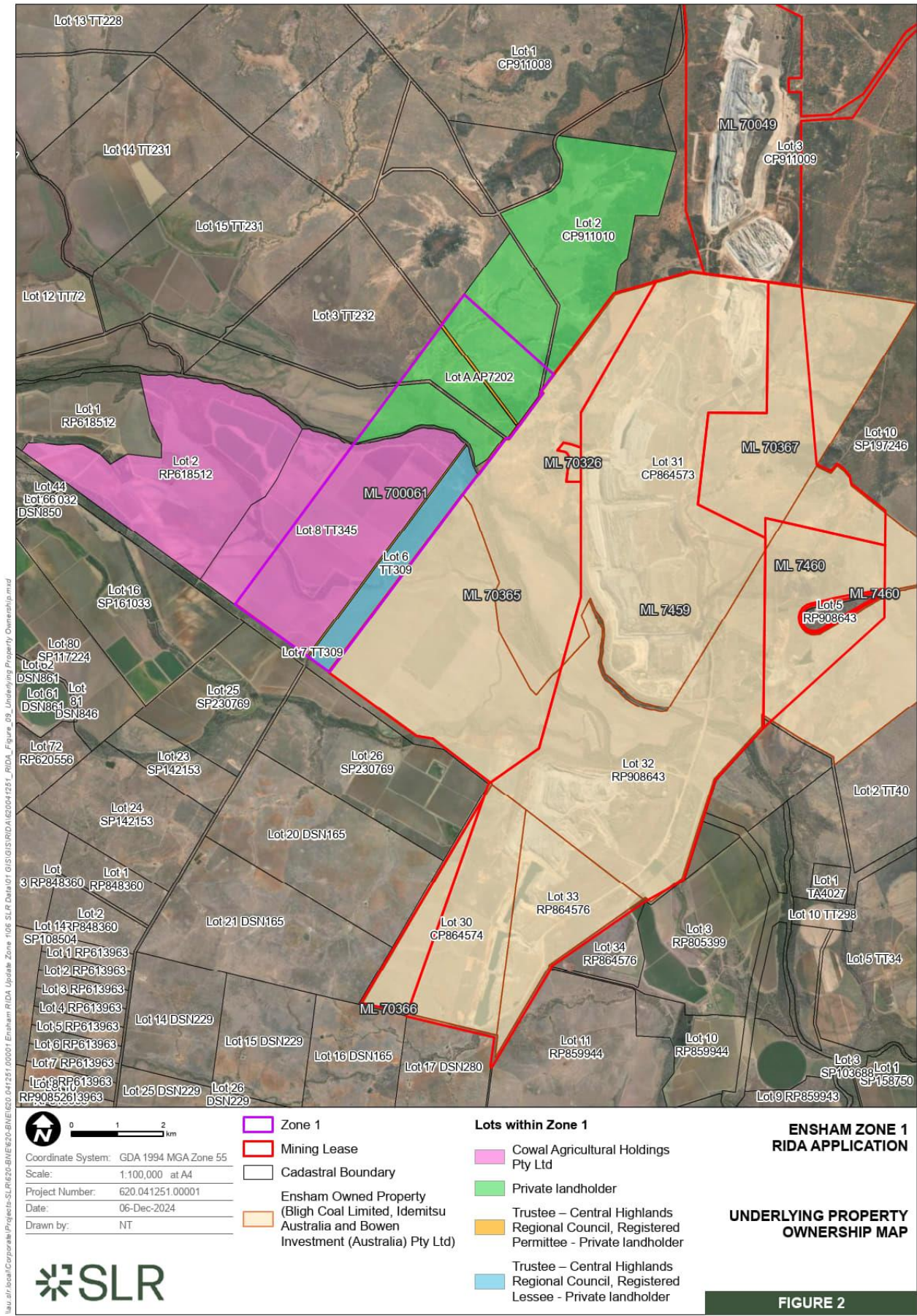


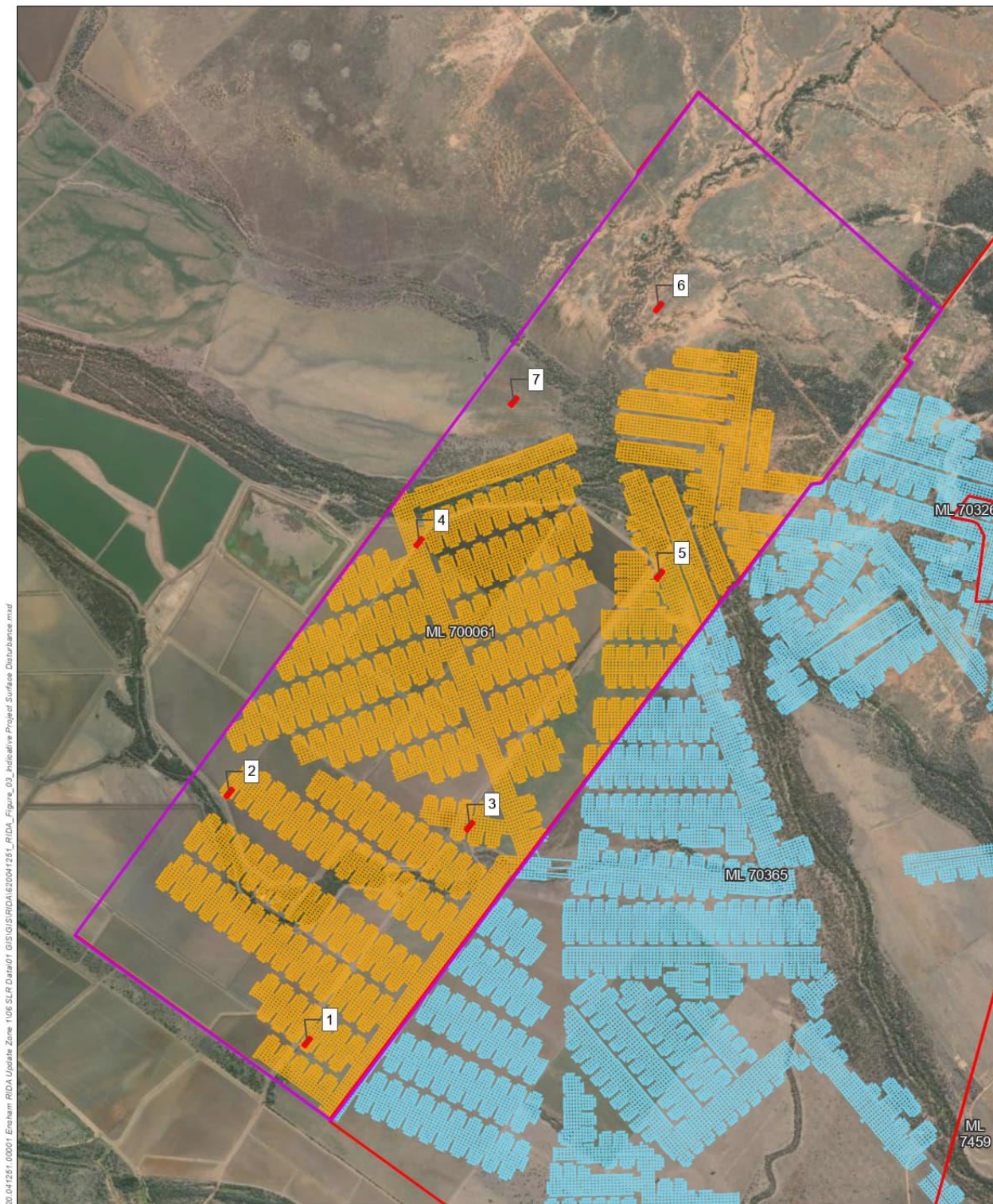
**ENSHAM ZONE 1
RIDA APPLICATION**

PROJECT LOCATION



FIGURE 1





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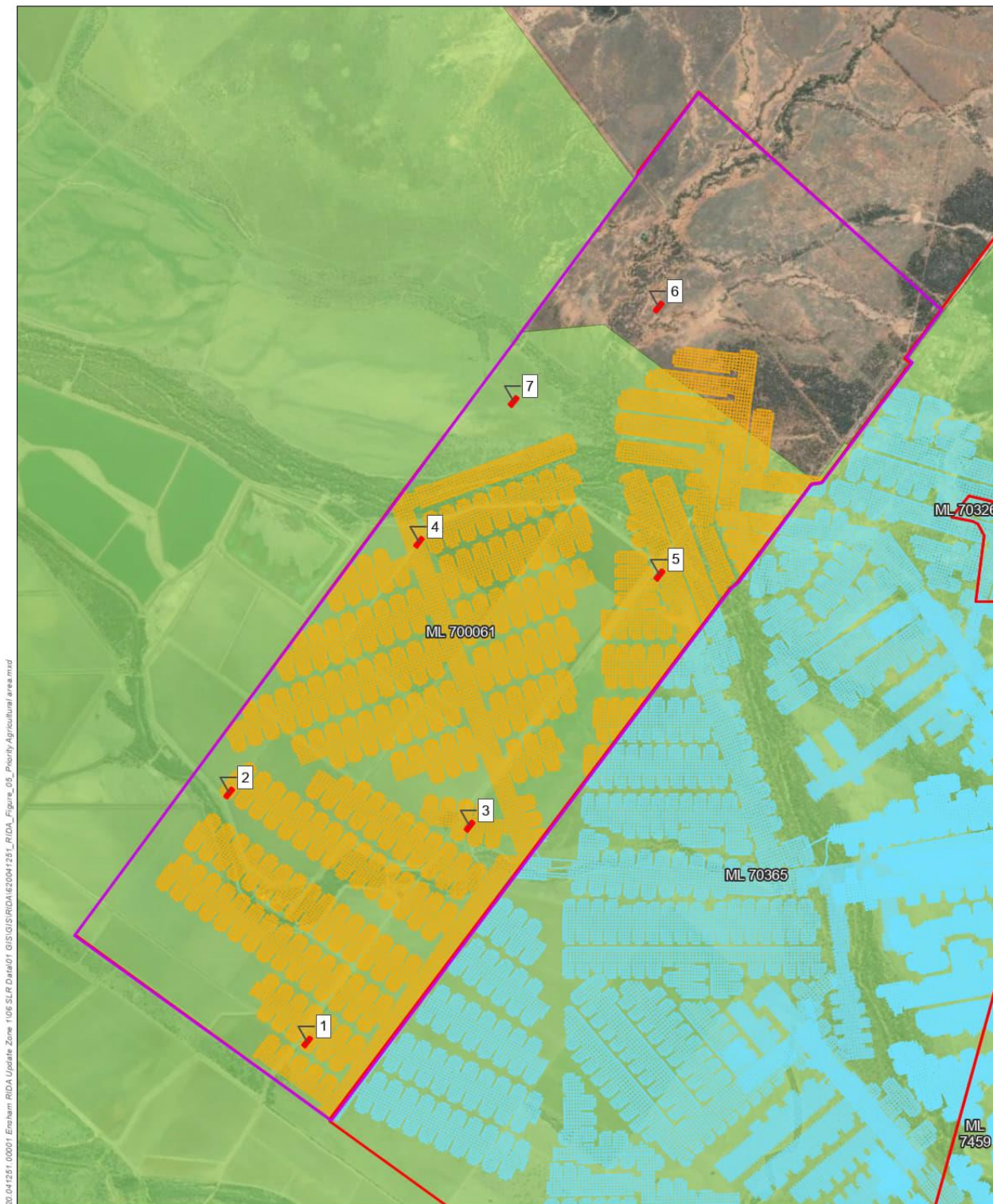
- Zone 1
- Mining Lease
- Drill Pad
- Project Underground Mining Area
- Approved Underground Mining Area

**ENSHAM ZONE 1
RIDA APPLICATION**

**INDICATIVE PROJECT
SURFACE DISTURBANCE**



FIGURE 3



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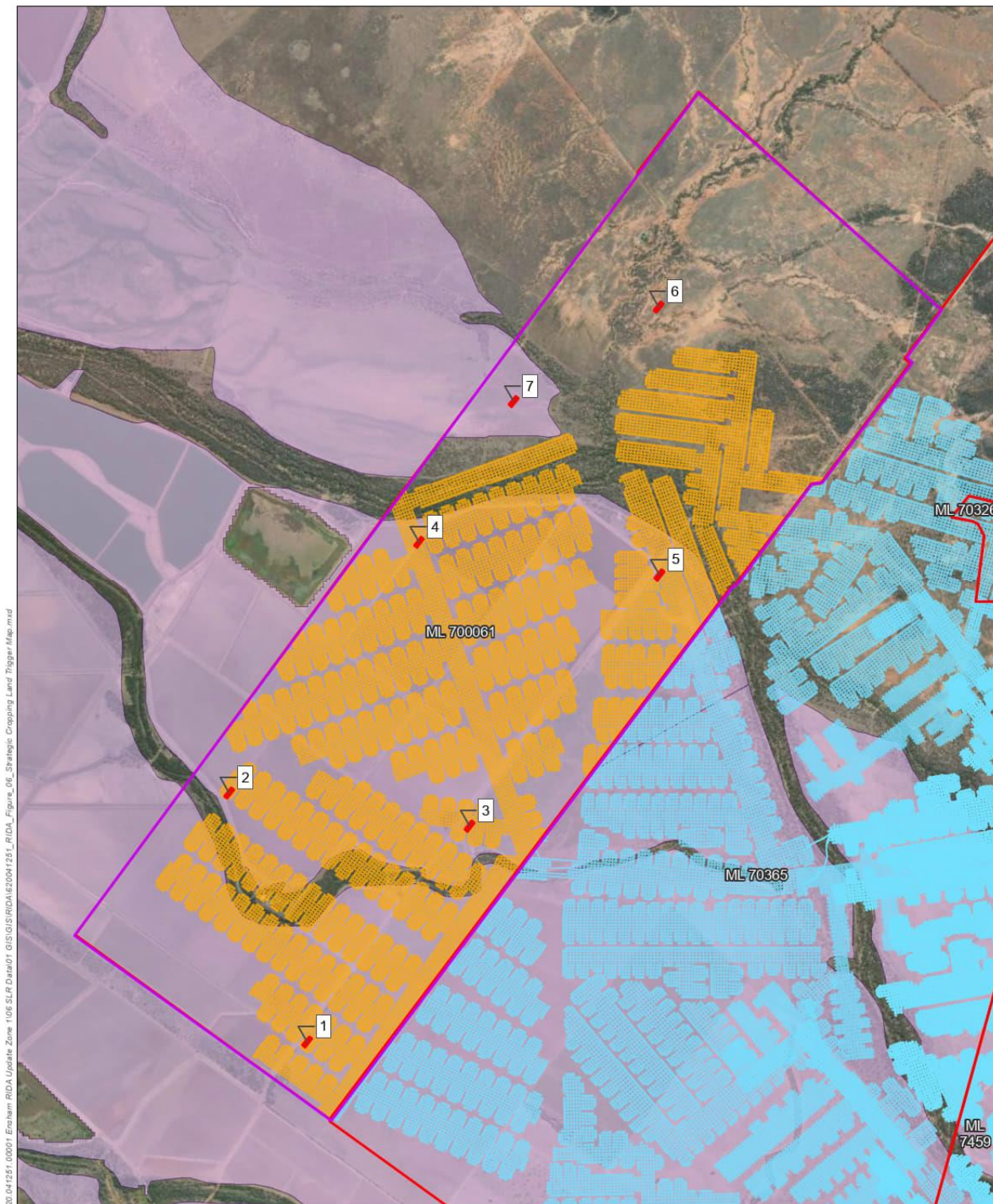
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- Priority Agricultural Area
- Drill Pad
- Project Underground Mining Area
- Approved Underground Mining Area

**ENSHAM ZONE 1
RIDA APPLICATION**


PRIORITY AGRICULTURAL AREA



FIGURE 4



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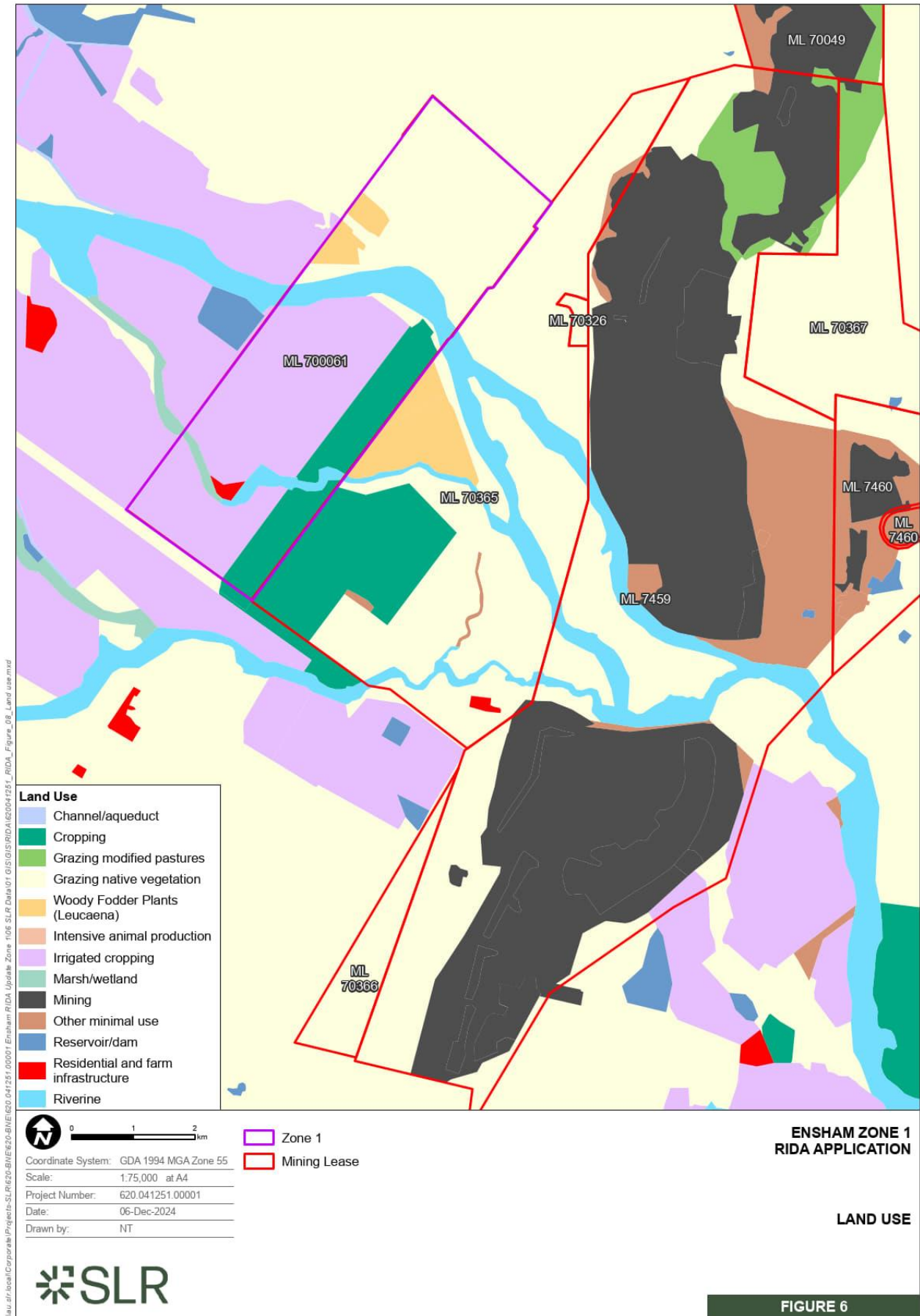
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-  Mining Lease
-  Strategic Cropping Land
-  Drill Pad
-  Project Underground Mining Area
-  Approved Underground Mining Area

**ENSHAM ZONE 1
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**STRATEGIC CROPPING LAND
TRIGGER MAP**



FIGURE 5



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