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FOREWORD

This report outlines the Final Determination for the redivision of electoral wards within the City of Brisbane.

The *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* provides for a Local Government Change Commission (the Change Commission) to conduct the assessment phase of the boundary change process. The *City of Brisbane Act 2010* (the Act) provides for the Change Commission to be the appointed independent assessment body for boundary changes within Brisbane City.

The Change Commission is made up of the Electoral Commissioner or a combination of the Electoral Commissioner, the Deputy Electoral Commissioner and a casual Commissioner. The Change Commission for this review is made up of:

- Mr Walter van der Merwe, Electoral Commissioner; and
- Mr Gregory Rowe, casual Commissioner (appointed on 13 November 2015 for three years by Governor in Council).

On 10 November 2014 a reference was made to the Change Commission by the then Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience (see Appendix B).

For electoral purposes Brisbane City is divided into twenty-six electoral wards. This report outlines the Change Commission's Final Determination for the boundaries of the wards. It also sets out the reasons for the Change Commission's determination. The Change Commission's proposals were adopted unanimously at a meeting held on Tuesday 18 August 2015, both Commissioners were present.

Chapter 1 of this booklet provides an introduction to the Change Commission's requirements for undertaking an assessment of the internal boundaries. Chapter 2 presents a summary of the review process that was undertaken. Chapter 3 discusses the objections to the proposed boundary changes, while Chapter 4 explains the reasoning behind the final changes. A more detailed discussion of the Final Determination appears in Chapter 5. Maps of the final boundary changes are in Appendix F.

In accordance with the Act the Change Commission may conduct the review in any way that it considers appropriate. To this end, the Change Commission provided data on the current boundaries and enrolment statistics as sourced from the Australian Electoral Commission (AEC) as at 23 February 2015. The Change Commission called for both suggestions and objections to the proposed boundary changes. A total of 471 submissions were received throughout the consultation process.

The Change Commission wishes to express its gratitude to the organisations and individuals that provided submissions, suggestions and commentary throughout this process. The Commissioners would also like to acknowledge the valuable assistance, expertise and effort provided by the executive, mapping and support staff of the Electoral Commission Queensland including Dermot Tiernan, Zonka Petrusevska, Kurt Bonair, Moira McNeil, Yan Liu, Lesley Trost and Elise Arklay and extend their thanks to the Queensland Treasury for the population projection figures.

Walter van der Merwe and Gregory Rowe
Change Commission

CHAPTER 1 – INTRODUCTION

TERMS OF REFERENCE

On 10 November 2014 the Change Commission received a reference to review the electoral arrangements of the Brisbane City Council from the Minister responsible for Local Government.

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

The Brisbane City Council is the largest local government area in Queensland with 715,338 electors (as at 23 February 2015). The Council is divided into twenty-six electoral wards. Each ward elects one Councillor while the Mayor is elected by all voters in the local government area. Elections are set by date to be held every four years as prescribed by the *Local Government Electoral Act 2011*. The next Brisbane City Council election is scheduled for 19 March 2016.

The Act allows for changes to wards within the Brisbane City to ensure that each ward has a reasonable proportion of electors. Pursuant to section 22 of the *Local Government Act 2009*, the Change Commission for this review was constituted by the Electoral Commissioner and the casual Commissioner.

Section 18 of the Act requires the Brisbane City Council to review whether each of the wards has a reasonable proportion of electors and give the Electoral Commissioner and the Minister a written notice of the results of the review no later than 1 October in the year that is two years before the year of the quadrennial elections. This date is referred to in this report as the information date. The Council reported that three wards (Jamboree, Central and Macgregor) did not meet the reasonable proportion of elector's requirements on 1 September 2014.

Under the provisions of the Section 21 of the Act, in reviewing the wards of a local government area the Change Commission is required to consider:

- 1) The Change Commission is responsible for assessing whether a proposed local government change is in the public interest.
- 2) In doing so, the Change Commission must consider:
 - a. whether the proposed boundary change is consistent with a local government related law; and
 - b. the views of the Minister about the proposed boundary change; and
 - c. any other matters prescribed under a regulation.

The Change Commission is required to release the outcomes of its assessment to the public and the reasoning behind the results, by publishing its findings in a newspaper circulating generally in the local government area, in the Government Gazette and on the Electoral Commission's website. The Commission must also give the results of its assessment to the Minister for Local Government for implementation. The method of implementation is by way of regulation by the Governor in Council.

A decision of the Change Commission is not subject to appeal.

DETERMINING THE QUOTA

The Act specifies binding quota requirements. A quota is determined by dividing the total number of electors in the local government area by the number of councillors (other than the mayor), plus or minus 10 per cent.

For ease of understanding the proportion of electors and the margin will be referred to in this document as “quota”.

The Change Commission, when formulating its proposals must ensure that each ward complies with the quota as near as practicable to the election date. There is no latitude allowed for the Change Commission to determine electoral boundaries that do not comply with these requirements.

Technical Process

Key to the redivision is elector count information sourced from the electoral roll organised around the smallest unit for the release of Census data known as a Statistical Area (SA1) utilised by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

The Australian Electoral Commission, which maintains the electoral roll for Queensland pursuant to a joint roll agreement, provided statistics from the roll on numbers of electors in each SA1 in the area of the Brisbane City on 23 February 2015. Projections of population movement were then applied to the SA1s using data provided by Queensland Treasury. Future dates for projections were set at 31 March 2016 (just after the next quadrennial election) and 30 September 2018 (the last opportunity before the information date preceding the March 2020 election).

Table 1 – Enrolment, Projections and Averages

	23 February 2015	31 March 2016	30 September 2018
Number of Wards	26	26	26
Enrolment	715,338	723,601	739,585
Average Electors per Ward	27,513	27,831	28,446
Permitted Maximum Number (+10%) per Ward	30,264	30,614	31,290
Permitted Minimum Number (-10%) per Ward	24,762	25,048	25,601

CHAPTER 2 – THE REVIEW PROCESS

The Brisbane City Council is divided into twenty-six single-member wards. By letter dated 1 October 2014, the Council advised the Minister for Local Government that three of its wards were out of quota.

For the suggestion phase of the review the Commission used current and projected data based on 2 September 2014 enrolment data, the Change Commission calculated a quota (average enrolment) of 27,014, with a minimum of 24,312 (-10%) and an upper limit of 29,715 (+10%) electors permissible in each district.

In accordance with Section 21 of the Act, a public notice was published in the Government Gazette on 21 November, the Courier Mail on 22 November 2014 and on the Commissions website inviting suggestions from interested persons. The advertisement (see Appendix C) noted that received submissions would be made available for public inspection. Suggestions closed on 22 December 2014. A total of 11 suggestions were received by the Commission.

The Commission then called for comments on the suggestions by advertising in the Government Gazette on 16 January, the Courier Mail on 17 January 2015 and by publishing the suggestions on the Commissions website (see Appendix C). Comments closed on the 16 February 2015. The Commission received 240 comments.

For the Proposed Determination phase of the review the Commission used current and projected data based on 23 February 2015 enrolment data, the Change Commission calculated a quota (average enrolment) of 27,513, with a minimum of 24,762 (-10%) and an upper limit of 30,264 (+10%) electors permissible in each ward for the Proposed Determination.

The next phase of public consultation inviting objections to the Proposed Determination began with an advertisement featured in the Government Gazette on the 3 July 2015, followed by the Courier Mail on 4 July 2015 (see Appendix E). Relevant information and data was also published on the Commissions website. Objections and comments closed on the 3 August 2015. The advertisement noted that received submissions would be made available for public inspection. The Commission received 220 submissions by the closing date.

In reaching its Final Determination the Change Commission took into account Council's submissions, the large number of public comments, as well as the projected future changes in electoral numbers provided by the Queensland Treasury.

Wherever possible, the Commission endeavours to devise boundaries that not only meet current quota requirements but are sustainable for at least two quadrennial elections and are in the public interest. The nature and extent of population growth or decline may render this impossible in some cases, and the Change Commission recognises the possibility that the ward boundaries may need to be reviewed again in readiness for the 2020 quadrennial elections.

CHAPTER 3 – SUBMISSIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE PROPOSED DETERMINATION

INTRODUCTION

The Proposed Determination released in July 2015 by the Local Government Change Commission for the 2015 Redivision of Electoral Wards within the City of Brisbane drew considerable media and public interest.

Some 220 submissions were received by the close of objections, with an additional 24 late submissions bringing the figure to 244 in total. All submissions have been assessed and are summarised below according to the following groupings:

1. Council and Councillor's Submissions;
2. Political Parties' Submissions; and
3. Public Submissions

1. Council and Councillor's Submissions

Submissions were received from the Lord Mayor, the Chief Executive of the Brisbane City Council and six Councillors.

1.1 Lord Mayor

The Lord Mayor commented that in respect of proposed changes to Doboy Ward, the suburb of Wakerley should be contained within Doboy Ward to the greatest extent allowable, as this Ward has little growth potential. The Lord Mayor also suggested that if Wakerley must be split, the proposed boundary along an unformed road reserve would be difficult to explain to residents, and suggested Tilley Road as a suitable alternative. The Lord Mayor advised that the area south-east of Tilley Road contains a mix of acreage allotments and as such, shares more community interest with Chandler Ward.

Recognising the growth pressures on surrounding wards, the Lord Mayor nevertheless requested that an alternative to the splitting of the suburb of Wakerley be considered.

On the proposal to move parts of the suburb of Cannon Hill into Doboy Ward, the Lord Mayor noted that the suburb will not be entirely reunited under this determination and suggested the railway line as a boundary with the following impacts:

- Andrews, Bombery, Joshua, Barina, Brock, Aeroplane and Derringer Streets (either side of Bill Cash Park) be included in Doboy Ward;
- Wattle and Cedar Streets (off Barrack Road) included in Doboy as they would otherwise be severed from Morningside Ward by Lytton Road and Cannon Hill College; and
- If the College were used as a boundary (and included in either ward) the remaining streets between Barrack and Lytton Roads could remain in Morningside Ward.

The Lord Mayor advised that it was his view that the Change Commission underestimated the expected growth in Chandler Ward stemming from future changes in the suburb of Rochedale. Total estimated dwellings for development in Rochedale is up to 6,500 lots, with Council having already approved 1,041 allotments, including 363 units. On these numbers another 5,000 plus allotments remain to be constructed. To account for this growth, it was recommended that Chandler Ward be organised so that it was five per cent under quota.

Similarly, the Lord Mayor's view was that the Change Commission's growth predictions do not reflect Council's view of imminent growth in the Pallara area. In addition, the Lord Mayor advised this suburb's community of interest lies to the west, not the north. To address this it was proposed that the entire suburb of Durack move into Moorooka Ward using the boundary of King Avenue (as it is currently between Richlands and Parkinson Wards). Pallara could then be included in Forest Lake.

The Lord Mayor queried the choice of names for the proposed Wards of Calamvale and Garden City. As well as pointing out that name changes would lead to some administrative costs, the Lord Mayor suggested:

- Calamvale be changed back to Parkinson as:
 - A majority (around sixty per cent) of electors from the current Ward of Parkinson will be in the new Ward, therefore retaining the name Parkinson will mean less confusion; and
- Garden City be changed to Macgregor as:
 - The proposed name is a commercial reference;
 - The term "Garden City" draws linkages to the City of Toowoomba, which may be confusing; and
 - A majority of electors from the current Macgregor Ward will be in the new Ward, supporting familiarity.

1.2 Brisbane City Council Chief Executive Officer

Mr Colin Jensen, Chief Executive Officer, Brisbane City Council, identified two instances for practical boundary improvement so as to avoid boundaries bisecting properties or buildings:

- One residential estate at 14 Barrett Street (units 1, 2, 6, 7, 15, 16), Robertson; and
- Two non-residential locations at 84-86 Murphy Road, Zillmere, and 445 Robinson Road, Geebung.

Mr Jensen acknowledged that the boundaries in the Proposed Determination reflect suburb boundaries and don't necessarily follow roads, and as a result they may truncate property boundaries and work a little off centre from cadastral lines.

1.3 Deputy Mayor, Councillor Adrian Schrinner

The Deputy Mayor objected to the proposed changes affecting the suburb of Wakerley as this suburb is different to nearby acreage areas in Chandler. As an alternative Cr Schrinner suggested the section of Carina just north of the proposed Chandler Ward boundary be contained within the Chandler Ward. This would involve extending the north eastern boundary along Creek Road, which would then form a common boundary for both State and Federal Electorates. It was further suggested that this outcome would offset the loss of electors from Chandler Ward resulting from the removal of Wakerley (as proposed by the Change Commission).

The proposal to remove the localities of Carina Heights and Camp Hill from Chandler Ward was accepted by the Deputy Mayor, as was the proposal to include the suburb of Mansfield in Chandler Ward.

1.4 Councillor Ryan Murphy

Cr Murphy noted in his submission that he supports the Change Commission's proposed changes to unite the whole suburb of Hemmant within Doboy Ward, and also to transfer the entire suburbs of Ransome and Gumdale into Chandler Ward. Although he also indicated support for the transfer of electors west of Amberjack Street into Wynnum Manly Ward, Cr Murphy also noted he would support uniting the entirety of Manly West into the Wynnum Manly Ward in the future. He also indicated his support for the minor changes to Carina to transfer approximately fifty properties on the southern side of Old Cleveland Road into Doboy Ward.

He objected to the proposals to:

- Split the suburb of Wakerley arguing that the move into Chandler Ward does not enhance a community of interest;
- Use of an unformed road as the boundary between Doboy and Chandler Wards;
- Changes impacting on the suburb of Cannon Hill as the proposal will not unite Cannon Hill in a single ward nor enhance communities of interest, and with or without the proposed changes, Morningside Ward will be in quota.

Cr Murphy also expressed concern that Chandler Ward would be brought less under quota than Doboy Ward, yet the former will experience significant growth (in the suburb of Rochedale). As an alternative, the Councillor proposed the transfer of electors from Carina in the area bounded by Meadowlands and Creek Roads, and Minnippi Parklands into Chandler. In addition, Cr Murphy proposed that rather than move three SLAs in Wakerley from Doboy to Chandler Ward (2,657 electors), his alternative would result in:

- 336 fewer electors voters moved;
- A more 'natural' boundary;
- Doboy Ward experiencing less pressure in terms of quota;
- Chandler being further under quota and capable of accommodating expected growth in Rochedale; and
- A more desirable outcome would be to maintain an existing split suburb (Carina), than to create a new split suburb (Wakerley) that was previously wholly contained in a single ward.

1.5 Councillor Milton Dick

The only objection raised related to the proposed name change from Richlands to Forest Lake. Cr Dick cited the history of the Richlands area and the fact that the suburb and surrounds has a train station so named.

1.6 Councillor Nicole Johnstone

Although generally supportive of the Proposed Determination, Cr Johnstone expressed a preference to retain boundaries as they are. Should the proposed changes proceed to regulation, the Councillor suggested a minor boundary change with Coorparoo and Moorooka Wards be considered in the interests of keeping similar communities together, specifically:

- The nine streets in the suburb of Oxley proposed to be included in Tennyson Ward instead be included in Moorooka Ward, with the result that the locality of Oxley is contained within a single ward; and
- The north-eastern boundary of Coorparoo Ward along Ekibin Road is moved further north to the intersection of Waldheim Street or Junction Terrace and the M1, moving more Annerley electors into Tennyson Ward.

1.7 Councillor Angela Owen-Taylor

The Councillor objected to the name change of Parkinson Ward to Calamvale, citing the aforementioned arguments of administrative complications and cost, as well as the fact that the majority of electors (sixty per cent) in the proposed Ward are currently in the existing Ward of Parkinson.

1.8 Councillor David McLachlan

Cr McLachlan suggested the Hamilton Ward boundaries follow the Kedron Brook and Schultz Canal waterways without any of the current deviations, as they create a natural barrier. At present the boundary doesn't follow these waterways in two areas:

- Adjacent to the Toombul Indoor Sports Centre; and
- To the east of Sandgate Road along the Jim Soorley bikeway.

2. Political Parties' Submissions

The three major political parties each responded to the Proposed Determination. Their comments are summarised below.

2.1 Liberal National Party (LNP)

Comments in relation to proposed wards on the northern side of the Brisbane River were:

- Enoggera - Marist College Ashgrove campus be re-located to The Gap Ward;
- The Gap - consider Ithaca Creek as a natural boundary (with proposed Paddington Ward) from Coopers Camp Road to Bardon Esplanade;
- Marchant – current boundary (with Bracken Ridge Ward) of Robinson Road West should be retained;
- Walter Taylor - northern boundary (with proposed Paddington Ward) should continue along Sherwood Road through Toowong. This would retain the majority of the commercial area within Walter Taylor Ward and represent the commencement of the Moggill Road transport corridor, which comprises High Street, Toowong.

Comments in relation to proposed wards on the southern side of the Brisbane River were:

- Forest Lake - that suburb of Pallara be moved into the proposed Forest Lake Ward and the entire suburb of Durack be moved into Moorooka Ward. Pallara has no community of interest in Moorooka, yet it does with Forest Lake and, to a lesser extent Inala. As Pallara is considered an emerging suburb that will experience residential development in the medium term, similar to that experienced by the neighbouring suburb of Doolandella, there is an argument for those two suburbs to be in the one ward. Retaining the small area of acreage either side of Faulkland Street West (in the Heathwood suburb), would amend the ward boundary of Calamvale to Wadeville Street, impacting eighteen homes;

- Jamboree - the suburb of Oxley in its entirety be retained in Jamboree Ward, due to the strong public transport and shopping links with Oxley, as well as similar development patterns and representational needs. Moving Oxley into Jamboree Ward would reduce the quota in Tennyson Ward slightly. Moving the boundary to a residential section of Oxley bounded by Cliveden Avenue, Oxley Road and bushland bordering Oxley Creek would affect 408 electors;
- Jamboree - move the small acreage component of the suburb of Ellen Grove east of the Centenary Motorway into Forest Lake Ward. This, combined with the suggestion in relation to Pallara, would result in all of the acreage in the south western suburbs being united within the Forest Lake Ward; and
- Chandler – suggest Chandler Ward needs to be brought further under quota by Doboy Ward retaining the suburb of Wakerley. If Wakerley remains in Doboy, no changes will be needed for Morningside Ward, therefore there will be no impact on the suburb of Cannon Hill. Similar boundary suggestions to those proffered by Cr Ryan were made so as to avoid the proposed split of the suburb of Wakerley.

Steve Minnikin MP, State Member for Chatsworth advised there is broad community support for the transfer of Ransome and part of Gumdale from Doboy to Chandler Wards. However he objected to the proposal to split the suburb of Wakerley and suggested the Change Commission explore the possibility of transferring parts of Carina north of Meadowlands Road and east of Creek Road into Chandler as an alternative.

2.2 Queensland Labor Party

Comments in relation to proposed wards on the northern side of the Brisbane River were:

- Central - object to Petrie Terrace being included in Central Ward and submit that this suburb be placed within Paddington Ward. The boundary proposed was Hale Street running east to Petrie Terrace, and running south to north from Milton Road to Musgrave Road.

Comments in relation to proposed wards on the southern side of the Brisbane River were:

- Jamboree – the suburb of Ellen Grove should be included in the proposed Forest Lake Ward rather than Jamboree Ward, as Ellen Grove shares a community of interest and has more in common with Inala and Forest Lake electors. In addition, connectivity across the proposed Ward is a big issue; and
- Forest Lake - support the proposed Ward.

2.3 Queensland Greens

The Greens objected to the name proposed for the Garden City Ward. Reasons given were that this reference to a commercial entity blurs the line between state and private interests. As an alternative, the party proposed:

- Caggara (Indigenous name of Mt Gravatt);
- Eight Mile Plains; or
- Upper Mt Gravatt.

3. Public Submissions

3.1 Doboy Ward

107 submissions were received by the close of objections, with a further 13 late suggestions bringing the total to 120 submissions regarding the proposed changes to Doboy Ward. Comments or objections raised were:

- Wakerley – object to splitting the suburb, with changes seen to be unnecessary as both Wards are in population tolerance. It was argued that the proposal could dilute representation as Wakerley to date has one Federal MHR, one State MP and one Local Councillor. Other points raised included:
 - Breaking up a community of interest;
 - Differing development patterns of the area and much of Chandler;
 - Risk of creating a community division (i.e. 'eastern' and 'western' Wakerley);
 - Potential for negative personal consequences (i.e. schooling/family); and
- Boundary - the proposed boundary along a future road corridor is awkward and could or will confuse residents.

3.2 Chandler Ward

Only one submission was received, which focused on the proposal to divide parts of Carindale, citing that this could sever strong community ties.

3.3 Morningside Ward

Although the Local Government Change Commission received 48 submissions (59 in total) in relation to the proposed changes to Morningside Ward, the majority of these were form letters and ten were received after the objection deadline had passed. The key messages from these submissions were:

- Object to proposed changes to area bounded by Junction, Wynnum and Barrack Roads moving into Doboy Ward as would prefer the current boundary along Barrack Road;
- Community of interest will be negatively impacted by changes to north-eastern boundary;
- Current representation in Morningside Ward is appropriate.

3.4 Tennyson Ward

Two public submissions were received focussing on Tennyson Ward. The submitters proposed that all of the suburb of Annerley remain in Tennyson Ward (Waldheim Street, Annerley, was suggested as an appropriate boundary with Coorparoo Ward) and that the entire suburb of Oxley be contained within Moorooka Ward. The argument was that this alternative design would allow each suburb to be represented by the one Councillor.

Finally, it was suggested that Rocklea residents would disagree with the proposed changes, yet this was not corroborated.

3.5 Marchant Ward

Two public submissions were received about the proposed changes to Marchant Ward. The submitters suggested that a community of interest may be impacted by the proposed boundary change by shifting the area bounded by Pie Street, Webster Road, Gympie

Road and Darwin Street into the McDowall Ward, as residents have common links with residents south of Pie Street, due to shared local amenities.

3.6 Coorparoo Ward

Two public submissions were received focusing on the proposed Coorparoo Ward. Submitters were generally positive about the proposal, however there was an objection and alternative proposal raised in relation to the splitting of the suburbs of Coorparoo and Camp Hill.

In summary the submissions stated:

- Proposed new Ward is reasonable, appropriate and no clear issues with boundaries in local area of Coorparoo were raised;
- Objection to the continued separation of Coorparoo and Camp Hill;
- The northern boundary of the proposed Ward could be moved towards the northern boundary of the suburb of Camp Hill from Bennetts Road, north of Watson Street, west of Joseph Street, north of Perth Street, along Ferguson Road and Stanley Road, and then down the suburb boundary line east of Kennington Road. The suburb of Annerley should be contained within in the Tennyson Ward to restore a Community of Interest and offset the addition of voters stemming from the Coorparoo-Camp Hill change proposed; and
- Restoration of the Morningside-Doboy Ward boundary along Lytton Road and south along Barrack Road will move Cannon Hill residents back to the current Morningside Ward and offset the movement of Camp Hill residents.

3.7 Forest Lake Ward

One individual submission and three submissions from community groups were received in relation to the proposed Forest Lake Ward (formally Richlands). A form letter, submitted on behalf of Elorac Place Community Centre, Ellen Grove Community Reference Group, and Ellen Grove Community Neighbourhood Watch Group advised:

- A strong objection to the proposed boundary changes to Jamboree Ward and instead suggested moving the suburb of Ellen Grove into the new Ward of Forest Lake. Due to factors including isolation, socio-economic factors, transport, cultural identity, council resources, and government and council access, moving Ellen Grove into Jamboree Ward wouldn't be a good fit;
- Ellen Grove needs a strong focus on addressing disadvantage, and moving the suburb into Jamboree Ward will isolate it further from services and social support;
- An objection to the inclusion of Oxley in the Ward of Moorooka. Oxley Creek and adjacent flood plains through Rocklea, Willawong and beyond forms a natural boundary separating Oxley from Moorooka, so it was proposed that Oxley move into Tennyson or Jamboree Ward, with a preference not to split suburb.
- Oxley residents have a community of interest with the suburbs in Tennyson and Jamboree Wards, sharing community sports and educational facilities as well as social events. Past Brisbane City Council growth determinations related Oxley with Darra when establishing a Neighbourhood Community Planning Team and improvements to infrastructure and facilities within the Wards of Tennyson and Jamboree impact residents of Oxley more than in Moorooka Ward. Oxley has a

history of being moved from one ward to another based on numbers rather than community relationship.

3.8 Calamvale Ward

21 submissions were received as comments on the proposed changes to this Ward. In summary the submitters voiced an objection to the proposed name change from Parkinson to Calamvale, as this could create confusion for voters and may cost ratepayers through ensuing administrative change (e.g. letterheads, signage).

3.9 Macgregor Ward

One public submission focused on the new Ward of Garden City, objecting to the proposed name and suggesting alternatives. These included:

- Wishart (as this suburb is entirely within new Ward);
- Newnham (after Newnham Road, Upper Mount Gravatt);
- Kessels (after Kessels Road); or
- Conduct further consultation with the Indigenous community or Mt Gravatt historical society for a name of relevance to region.

3.10 Central Ward

Only one public submission from an individual and one from the Teneriffe Progress Association were received making comment on the proposed changes to Central Ward. Each gave an opposing view with one supporting the boundary changes as proposed (as the whole of the suburb of Teneriffe would be contained within a single ward) and one opposing.

3.11 The Gap Ward

Seven public submissions and one submission from Marist College Ashgrove were received putting forward views on the proposed changes to The Gap Ward.

Matters raised in public submission were:

- Object to moving a small pocket bounded by Kelvin Grove Road (to the east), Ashgrove Avenue (to the north) and the Normanby Bridge/Bancroft Park (to the south) and Enoggera Creek (to the west) from The Gap to Enoggera Ward. The change would mean this area is at the peripheral tip of three wards (the Gap, Paddington and Enoggera). A potentially contentious development application is anticipated in the next year which will affect properties across the boundaries of the three wards. Assessment of this could be better handled by a single councillor, or two at the most;
- Frustration with another proposed change. Some areas of the Ward have been moved between Ashgrove, Mt Coot-tha and Brisbane at the local government level, as well as at the State and Federal levels. This causes disruption to the existing community and has a detrimental impact on the sense of community;
- Object to the boundaries being redefined so that the Newmarket suburb is split amongst three wards. Council accountability and constituent's ease of reporting issues will be assisted by having the suburb in one ward;

- Object to land bounding Enoggera Creek Parklands (including Thurlow, Davidson and Free Streets, Newmarket Road, Tennis Avenue and Dodd Street in Ashgrove, and Praed and Hume Streets in Red Hill) being split across three wards;
- Suggest difficulties will arise with representation in the future on matters including parkland management, low lying flood areas, and future development; and
- The proposed boundary between The Gap and Enoggera Wards will sever the Marist College Ashgrove Campus. A preferable delineation would be along Enoggera Creek and further north along O'Connell Place and Frasers Road. The College would prefer for the school to remain entirely in The Gap Ward as:
 - It considers itself part of the Ashgrove community with many the families that attend school are from that area;
 - The school is named after that suburb; and
 - There is a demarcation between the College and Enoggera Army Barracks to the north and west of the college.

3.12 Paddington Ward

Two submissions were received in relation to the proposed Paddington Ward, with one objecting to the proposal to leave the streets south of Coopers Camp Road to Simpsons Road in The Gap Ward, while including the Jubilee Terrace precinct into Paddington as it splits the suburb of Bardon. It was suggested that all of Bardon bounded by Ithaca Creek should be included in the new Ward.

The second suggestion came from community group CRAMED (Concerned Residents Against Milton's Excessive Development) addressing changes to the former Ward of Toowong. Matters raised were as follows:

- Support for the proposed return to the Brisbane River boundary between Walter Taylor and Jamboree Wards and the extension of Walter Taylor Ward to include Chapel Hill, as this will link areas of consistent character and facilities;
- The proposed northern boundary is problematic and the Coronation Drive precinct should remain in one ward, maintaining the existing northern boundary to Walter Taylor Ward;
- The entirety of the suburb of Toowong should remain in one ward as opposed to three in the proposal, as West Toowong is closer to Paddington than it is to Pullenvale. Mount Coot-tha forms a natural barrier between the Wards of Toowong and Pullenvale; and
- Paddington Ward should not cross Kelvin Grove Road. If more electors are required for Walter Taylor Ward, amend the Pullenvale Ward boundary by retaining that area of Kenmore south of Moggill Road in Walter Taylor. If any ward should be allowed to creep downward from its average position in the population quotas, Pullenvale is it. The sheer physical area and the reliance on Moggill and Mt Crosby Roads as the primary access routes make this Ward distinctly different from its neighbours. The interests of the Chapel Hill pocket south of Moggill Road earmarked to be added to Pullenvale are more consistent with the Walter Taylor Ward.

The CRAMED submission also raised some issues of public policy. As these are not matters able to be considered by the Local Government Change Commission, they are not included as comments, suggestion of objections to the Proposed Determination.

Rather, these are matters for the State Government to consider. In summary the matters raised were:

- Brisbane City Council is no longer an effective local government area and it has ceased to function as such. It should be divided into at least two if not more local government areas;
- Wards should be reduced in size to between 15,000 and 18,000 voters to enable better local representation;
- If the council is to remain at its current size, ward boundaries shouldn't be changed unless absolutely necessary so as to avoid divided suburbs, especially suburbs divided into multiple wards;
- The tolerances for wards should be revised to limit the number of sequential redistributions and provide more guidance for the Electoral Commission Queensland to make recommendations and minimise political game playing with ward boundaries; and
- An electoral redistribution should not be made to benefit political parties, be they the major or the minor parties.

3.13 Jamboree Ward

Six public submissions commenting on proposed changes to the Jamboree Ward.

Although submitters supported the inclusion of the suburb of Darra, there was mixed opinion on the addition of Wacol, Gailles and Ellen Grove and the removal of Corinda. One submission stated that, in respect of Darra, the current Ward seems to favour Inala, and as Darra is on the same side of Ipswich Road as the suburbs around Centenary in the current Jamboree Ward, the change is welcomed.

However, submitters disagreed with the inclusion of Gailles and Ellen Grove stating that it will be difficult to represent the vast area and varied population contained within the new Ward boundary. Further, there was some concern that Gailles and Ellen Grove are not recognised as part of the Centenary suburbs and have different demographics and face different issues. (It was noted by the Change Commission that the suburb of Gailles is actually in the Ipswich City Council local government area.) The point was made that including industrial areas in a predominately residential ward could be problematic, and suggested the boundary not cross Ipswich Road.

An alternative proposal was offered whereby the eastern boundary of the Ward was shifted further west to Harcourt Road in Darra, moving north to the Brisbane-Ipswich railway line, and moving east to Cliveden Avenue in Oxley. This would remove the suburb of Corinda from the Ward. The southern boundary of Jamboree Ward could then be Ipswich Road and Motorway. It was suggested that this change would mean the electors added to the Ward in the Proposed Determination would be lost, and offset by electors gained in the east, and account for future redevelopments in Darra outlined in the "City Plan".

CHAPTER 4 – REASONS FOR FINAL DETERMINATION

Bracken Ridge Ward

No submissions or objections were received in relation to the Change Commissions' proposed new boundaries for this Ward. Accordingly no changes have been made.

Deagon Ward

Colin Jensen, the Chief Executive Officer in Council advised the Change Commission that the non-residential property in the Geebung and Zillmere locality had been split between both Deagon and Marchant Wards in the Proposed Determination. The Commission accepted the suggestion that the boundary be redrawn to keep the property within Deagon Ward in its entirety.

No other objections were received in relation to the Change Commissions' proposed new boundaries for this Ward. Accordingly no changes have been made.

Marchant Ward

Aside from the minor boundary modification discussed above, there were two other submissions relating to Marchant Ward. They suggested that a community of interest may be split if the north-eastern boundary of this Ward is extended to Gympie Road at Aspley, down to where it meets the locality boundary of the suburb of Chermside (bounded by Pie and Darwin Streets, and Webster and Gympie Roads). In its final deliberations the Change Commission gave consideration to this argument, but was not persuaded that its original proposal raised community of interest issues that would negatively impact on electors. Given the need to ensure a balance of electors across wards, the Commission has adopted the boundary as recommended in the Proposed Determination report.

Hamilton Ward

Councillor David McLachlan proposed a minor amendment to the existing boundary between the Hamilton and Northgate Wards. He suggested that the boundary should follow the Kedron Brook/Shultz waterway without any of the current deviations near the Toombul Indoor Sports Centre and to the east of Sandgate Road along the Jim Soorley bikeway. The boundary has not changed in this area and indeed follows Kedron Brook and the Shultz Canal.

No other submissions or objections were received in relation to the Change Commissions' proposed new boundaries for this Ward. Accordingly no changes have been made.

Northgate Ward

Aside from the submission from the Hamilton Ward Councillor discussed above, no other submissions or objections were received in relation to the Change Commissions' proposed new boundaries for this Ward. Accordingly no changes have been made.

Central Ward

The ALP objected to Petrie Terrace being included in Central Ward and submitted that this suburb be placed within Paddington Ward with the boundary effectively moving east from Hale Street to Petrie Terrace (bounded by Milton Road to the south and Musgrave Road to

the north). The Change Commission accepted this proposal as this will contain the entire locality within one ward.

Other objections received expounded contrary arguments about the merit of including the entirety of the suburb of Teneriffe within a single ward (Central). The Change Commission considered these arguments, but was not persuaded to alter its proposed boundary.

Paddington Ward

There was a suggestion that the new Ward of Paddington should encompass the entirety of the suburb of Bardon. The Change Commission has considered this matter at length in developing its Proposed Determination, however the density of development in this area and the geographical size of the suburb make this unfeasible.

As outlined above, the ALP proposed that the eastern boundary of Paddington Ward move from Hale Street to Petrie Terrace and this was accepted by the Change Commission.

Walter Taylor Ward

The changes proposed to Walter Taylor Ward drew little comment, apart from the proposed deviation of its northern boundary along on Sherwood Road at Toowong. The LNP and Elizabeth Handley on behalf of the community group CRAMED (Concerned Residents Against Milton's Excessive Development) cited the following objections, respectively:

- The boundary should continue along Sherwood Road, not veer onto Jephson Street and connect to Moggill Road. This will retain the majority of the Toowong commercial area within Walter Taylor Ward and contain the Moggill Road transport corridor which comprises High Street, Toowong; and
- The "Coronation Drive precinct" should remain in one ward, as should the entire suburb of Toowong, maintaining the existing northern boundary of the Walter Taylor Ward.

The Change Commission was persuaded by the former argument, but not by the second. As a result the final boundary will run along Sherwood Road to where it intersects with High Street. The CRAMED argument, would require a major change to the western boundary of three wards, and result in Pullenvale Ward being well below quota in both current and projected numbers of electors.

Pullenvale Ward

The only comment in relation to this Ward was from the community group CRAMED, to extend Pullenvale Ward to include Chapel Hill. As no objections were received in relation to Change Commissions' proposed new boundaries for this Ward, no changes have been made.

The Gap Ward

Marist College Ashgrove and the LNP objected to the proposed boundary between The Gap and Enoggera Wards along Enoggera Creek, advising that it dissects the College from some of its playing fields. The College suggested an alternate boundary along O'Connell Place and Frasers Road. The Change Commission deliberated on this proposal, but adopted a different approach whereby the boundary along Enoggera Creek will follow Glenlyon Drive,

along Grevillea Road and back to the creek, thereby moving the College in its entirety to Enoggera Ward.

There was another objection to the exclusion of a pocket bounded by Kelvin Grove Road, Ashgrove Avenue and the Normanby Bridge/Bancroft Park and Enoggera Creek from The Gap Ward. The decision to allocate this parcel of electors to Enoggera was based on the fact that they are completely cut off (land locked) from The Gap Ward via Enoggera Creek. This remains the case and while the Change Commission considered this objection, given the access restrictions, the Commission determined to adopt the boundary as proposed.

Enoggera Ward

As discussed above, the Change Commission determined that the Marist College Ashgrove campus be shifted in its entirety into the Enoggera Ward. It was determined that the new boundary separating the two wards creates a distinct and easily comprehensible boundary. Other comments made in respect to this Ward related to the undesirability of splitting the suburb of Newmarket between the wards. However this criticism is based on the ward boundaries as they are currently drawn, as the suburb was united within the Enoggera Ward in the Proposed Determination.

No other submissions or objections were received in relation to the Change Commission's proposed new boundaries for this Ward. Accordingly no changes have been made.

McDowall Ward

Apart from the matter outlined above, no objections were received in relation to the Change Commissions' proposed new boundaries for this Ward. Accordingly no changes have been made.

The Gabba Ward

No objections were received in relation to the Change Commissions' proposed new boundaries for this Ward. Accordingly no changes have been made.

Morningside Ward

The proposed map of Morningside Ward drew some comment, which was expected given the need to ensure surrounding wards remain in quota. The proposed boundary with Doboy Ward in the suburb of Cannon Hill was contentious. It was suggested that the boundary of Junction and Wynnum Roads was unnecessary.

The Change Commission considered these comments in light of similar objections to the proposed changes to the suburb of Wakerley in Doboy Ward (using an unformed road as a boundary). Objections were also raised as to the different characteristics of Wakerley compared with the larger blocks that characterise much of Chandler Ward. Accordingly the Change Commission was persuaded by these arguments and adopted both of these changes, thus not impacting in any major manner on the number of electors in either ward.

Doboy Ward

As described above, the Change Commission was persuaded to include more of the suburb of Wakerley in Doboy Ward, and to exclude those parts of the suburb of Cannon Hill that were in the Proposed Determination. The new eastern boundary through Wakerley will align with Tilley, Green Camp and Manly Roads.

Wynnum Manly Ward

No objections or suggestions were received in relation to the Change Commissions' proposed new boundaries for this Ward. Accordingly no changes have been made.

Chandler Ward

The Lord Mayor and the LNP advised that the Chandler Ward should be brought further under quota. The Brisbane City Council has approved a significant number of developments in the suburb of Rochdale, both single and multiple dwellings, and as a result the Council expects this Ward to experience significant growth.

The Change Commission considered this advice, and noting the change to the eastern boundary of Doboy Ward described above, was persuaded that this should be sufficient to contain future growth, with no additional boundary changes to those in the Proposed Determination required at this time.

Macgregor Ward

No comments or objections were received in relation to the boundaries of the new Ward, however The Greens, the Lord Mayor and a member of the public objected to the proposed name as it associates with a commercial entity. Multiple suggestions were made for alternatives.

The Change Commission considered this objection and was persuaded that a change of name was warranted. As the new Ward was formed from the current Wards of Macgregor and Wishart, and the suburb of Macgregor is now the most central locality within the proposed Ward, that name was adopted.

Runcorn Ward

No objections or suggestions were received in relation to the Change Commissions' proposed new boundaries for this Ward. Accordingly no changes have been made.

Calamvale Ward

No objections or suggestions were received in relation to the Change Commissions' proposed new boundaries for this Ward. Accordingly no changes have been made.

Some submissions did object to the name change (from Parkinson), however the Change Commission was not persuaded by these arguments and adopted the name Calamvale.

Forest Lake Ward

Most of the comments and objections raised in relation to this Ward centred on two issues:

- The Pallara locality should be included in this Ward and not Moorooka Ward; and
- The large blocks within the suburb of Ellen Grove to the east of the Centenary Motorway should be included in this Ward, not Jamboree Ward.

The argument for the inclusion of Pallara stated that this suburb had more linkages to the Forest Lake area than to Moorooka Ward. To counter the impact this would have on the number of electors in Forest Lake it was proposed that the suburb of Durack in its entirety be transferred into Moorooka Ward. The Change Commission considered this, but was not persuaded as the move would put unnecessary upward pressure on the quota in Moorooka Ward.

The Change Commission was persuaded by the argument to continue the western boundary of the Ward along the Centenary Motorway, and this change to the Proposed Determination was adopted.

Several objections were received in relation to the proposed name change of the Ward from Richlands to Forest Lake. The Change Commission was not persuaded by any argument and the new name of Forest Lake was adopted.

Jamboree Ward

As outlined above, objections to the inclusion of part of the suburb of Ellen Grove to the east of the Centenary Motorway within Jamboree Ward were received. The Change Commission was persuaded by these arguments and adopted the change.

Other objections related to the eastern boundary of the Ward, and several suggestions were made for realignment. The Change Commission was not persuaded by any of these and, with the exception of the change to Ellen Grove, the boundary adopted is that in the Proposed Determination.

Tennyson Ward

The boundary between Tennyson and Moorooka Wards within and around the suburb of Oxley drew some comment. Essentially the arguments focused on the northern and western boundaries:

- The northern boundary should end at Ekibin Road or extend to Junction Terrace or Waldheim Street, Annerley; and
- The western boundary should cross the railway line between Cliveden Avenue and Oxley Station Road, Oxley.

The Change Commission was not persuaded by any arguments in this respect and adopted the boundaries of Tennyson Ward as set out in the Proposed Determination.

Moorooka Ward

As outlined above, commentary on the Moorooka Ward centred on the treatment of the suburbs Oxley, Durack and Pallara.

The Change Commission was not persuaded by any arguments in this respect and adopted the boundaries as set out in the Proposed Determination.

Holland Park Ward

No submissions or objections were received in relation to the Change Commissions' proposed new boundaries for this Ward. A minor change was made to Coorparoo Ward, with the area bounded by the Pacific Motorway and Arnwood Place being moved into Coorparoo Ward.

Coorparoo Ward

An objection was raised in regard to the continued separation of the suburbs of Coorparoo and Camp Hill. The Change Commission was of the view that the Proposed Determination actually included more of the suburb of Camp Hill in the Coorparoo Ward, than is currently the case in Holland Park Ward. Accordingly the argument was not considered persuasive

enough to warrant further boundary changes. A minor change was made with Holland Park Ward gaining an area between the Pacific Motorway and Arnwood Place.

CHAPTER 5 – FINAL DETERMINATION

CURRENT ENROLMENT

The City of Brisbane has a total of 715,338 enrolled electors (as at 23 February 2015) spread across twenty-six wards, with an average number of 27,513 electors per ward. Applying the plus or minus tolerance of 10 per cent allowed by the Act, the minimum number of electors required for each ward is 24,762, with a maximum of 30,264.

On the 1 October 2014, the Brisbane City Council reported that three wards, Jamboree, Central and Macgregor were out of quota. As can be observed in Table 2, based on enrolment information at the 23 February 2015, Hamilton Ward had also exceeded the allowable number of electors, bringing the number of wards out of quota to four.

Table 2 – Summary of Enrolments for the Current Electoral Wards

Electoral Ward	Enrolment as at 23/02/2015	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2016	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 30/09/2018	(%) Deviation from Quota
Bracken Ridge	28,798	+4.67	29,308	+5.31	30,413	+6.92
Central	30,788	+11.9	31,461	+13.04	32,860	+15.52
Chandler	27,333	-0.65	27,711	-0.43	28,405	-0.14
Deagon	27,300	-0.77	27,633	-0.71	27,868	-2.03
Doboy	29,071	+5.66	29,458	+5.85	29,925	+5.2
Enoggera	28,251	+2.68	28,602	+2.77	29,191	+2.62
Hamilton	30,352	+10.32	31,071	+11.64	32,871	+15.56
Holland Park	27,584	+0.26	27,697	-0.48	27,851	-2.09
Jamboree	24,379	-11.39	24,563	-11.74	24,718	-13.1
Karawatha	26,948	-2.05	27,220	-2.19	27,597	-2.98
Macgregor	23,844	-13.34	23,977	-13.85	24,301	-14.57
Marchant	28,882	+4.98	29,074	+4.47	29,493	+3.68
McDowall	26,970	-1.97	27,335	-1.78	28,109	-1.18
Moorooka	27,485	-0.1	27,581	-0.9	27,733	-2.5

Table 2 – Summary of Enrolments for the Current Electoral Wards (continued)

Electoral Ward	Enrolment as at 23/02/2015	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2016	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 30/09/2018	(%) Deviation from Quota
Morningside	28,176	+2.41	28,453	+2.24	28,922	+1.67
Northgate	28,582	+3.89	28,797	+3.47	29,080	+2.23
Parkinson	29,323	+6.58	29,897	+7.42	30,457	+7.07
Pullenvale	28,062	+2.0	28,407	+2.07	28,647	+0.71
Richlands	26,542	-3.53	26,956	-3.14	28,105	-1.2
Tennyson	27,251	-0.95	27,411	-1.51	27,579	-3.05
The Gabba	28,603	+3.96	29,261	+5.14	32,151	+13.03
The Gap	26,671	-3.06	26,768	-3.82	26,856	-5.59
Toowong	26,707	-2.93	26,839	-3.56	27,131	-4.62
Walter Taylor	25,649	-6.77	25,858	-7.09	26,092	-8.27
Wishart	25,382	-7.75	25,601	-8.01	26,261	-7.68
Wynnum-Manly	26,405	-4.03	26,664	-4.19	26,968	-5.19

FINAL DETERMINATION

In reaching its Final Determination the Change Commission took into account the recommendations from members of the Council, community of interest arguments from the public, as well as the projected future population figures provided by the Queensland Treasury.

The Commission is satisfied that its Final Determination is well-reasoned and fulfils the need to bring the wards of the Brisbane City Council into quota, while maintaining communities of interest.

After rigorous examination of the objections and commentary, the Commission did accept a number of alternative proposals and altered the boundaries to reflect these changes. Projected growth figures suggest these changes will keep the wards within quota for the 2016 quadrennial election, and are expected to prevent the need for future boundary changes prior to the 2020 local government elections.

The Change Commission's final recommendation to the Governor in Council is as follows:

- ***That for the purposes of the 2016 local government elections, the Brisbane City Council be redivided into twenty-six wards as shown on the maps contained in Appendix F of this report.***

The Commission notes that implementation of this recommendation will give rise to the following ward elector numbers:

Table 3 – Summary of Enrolments for the Final Electoral Wards

Electoral Ward	Enrolment as at 23/02/2015	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2016	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 30/09/2018	(%) Deviation from Quota
Bracken Ridge	27,837	+1.18	28,340	+1.83	29,426	+3.45
Calamvale	27,661	+0.54	28,127	+1.06	28,634	+0.66
Central	25,658	-6.74	26,463	-4.91	28,413	-0.11
Chandler	25,056	-8.93	25,488	-8.42	26,186	-7.94
Coorparoo	27,235	-1.01	27,358	-1.7	27,533	-3.21
Deagon	27,600	+0.32	27,932	+0.36	28,166	-0.98
Doboy	26,791	-2.62	27,104	-2.61	27,559	-3.12
Enoggera	29,082	+5.7	29,338	+5.42	29,828	+4.86
Forest Lake	28,130	+2.24	28,628	+2.86	29,845	+4.92
Hamilton	26,828	-2.49	27,309	-1.88	28,402	-0.15
Holland Park	26,924	-2.14	27,019	-2.92	27,317	-3.97
Jamboree	27,056	-1.66	27,284	-1.96	27,507	-3.3
Macgregor	27,322	-0.69	27,551	-1.01	28,108	-1.19
Marchant	28,438	+3.36	28,633	+2.88	29,054	+2.14
Mcdowall	28,403	+3.23	28,776	+3.4	29,569	+3.95
Moorooka	26,737	-2.82	27,015	-2.93	27,322	-3.95
Morningside	28,108	+2.16	28,386	+1.99	28,854	+1.44
Northgate	28,622	+4.03	28,837	+3.62	29,120	+2.37

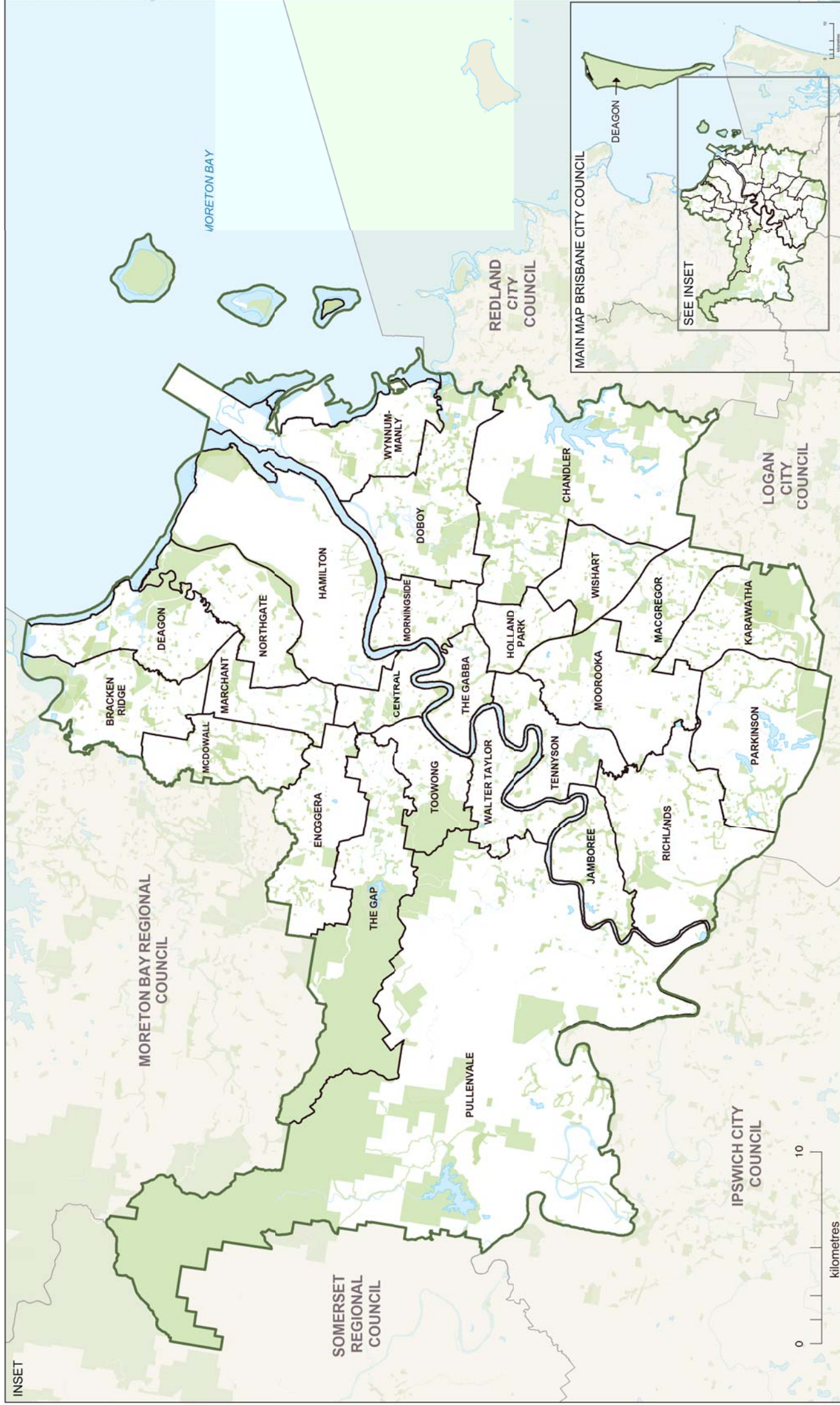
Table 3 – Summary of Enrolments for the Final Electoral Wards (continued)

Electoral Ward	Enrolment as at 23/02/2015	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2016	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 30/09/2018	(%) Deviation from Quota
Paddington	28,541	+3.74	28,723	+3.21	28,957	+1.8
Pullenvale	28,817	+4.74	29,163	+4.79	29,427	+3.45
Runcorn	27,402	-0.4	27,527	-1.09	27,846	-2.11
Tennyson	26,884	-2.29	27,037	-2.85	27,191	-4.41
The Gabba	25,807	-6.2	26,450	-4.96	29,295	+2.99
The Gap	28,880	+4.97	29,104	+4.57	29,338	+3.14
Walter Taylor	28,306	+2.88	28,537	+2.54	28,909	+1.63
Wynnum-Manly	27,213	-1.09	27,473	-1.29	27,779	-2.34

APPENDIX A

Previous Electoral Wards

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL EXISTING ELECTORAL WARDS



APPENDIX B

Minister's Referral



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Dear Mr van der Merwe

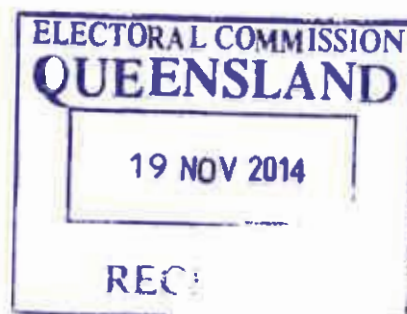
I refer to a letter of 1 October 2014 from Mr Colin Jensen, Chief Executive Officer of Brisbane City Council, advising that three wards of Council are without a reasonable proportion of electors.

I request the Local Government Change Commission conduct an assessment of Council's wards under section 21 of the *City of Brisbane Act 2010* and make recommendations on new ward boundaries to ensure they are within the quota of plus or minus ten per cent.

If you require any further information, please contact Mr Max Barrie, Director, Program Implementation and Review Branch on (07) 3452 6704 or max.barrie@dlgcr.qld.gov.au, who will be pleased to assist.

Yours sincerely

David Crisafulli MP
Minister for Local Government,
Community Recovery and Resilience



APPENDIX C

Invitation for Suggestions

Invitation Comments on Suggestions

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR SUGGESTIONS

The Brisbane City Council has advised that its electoral wards no longer meet the quota requirements set down in the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*. The Minister responsible for Local Government has in turn referred the matter to the Local Government Change Commission for independent assessment.

The Commission invites written suggestions from interested persons and bodies relating to the council's electoral wards, to be lodged **on or before 5.00pm Monday 22 December 2014**.

For this phase of the review, the enrolment for Brisbane City Council as at 2 September 2014 is being used. The total enrolment was 702,352. The Commission has determined that 27,014 is the reasonable proportion of electors for an electoral ward. Section 17 of the Act requires the Commission to ensure that the number of enrolled electors in all wards does not differ from this reasonable proportion by more than 10%. In order to meet the enrolment criteria set out in the Act the number of electors in each division must be within minimum 24,312 and maximum of 29,715. Further, the Act requires that the reasonable proportion of electors must be worked out as near as practicable to the time when the change is to happen to ensure demographic representation for each ward of Brisbane. Projected data for March 2016 and September 2018 has been provided to assist with this requirement.

Further information about the review process, reference material, maps, guidelines and advice on preparing suggestions may be found on the Electoral Commission of Queensland website – ecq.qld.gov.au/Brisbane.

Anyone interested in lodging a suggestion should note that all suggestions will be published on the Commission's website and in a publication.

Suggestions should be marked BRISBANE and may be:

- posted to
Change Commissioner,
Local Government Change Commission
GPO Box 1393, BRISBANE, QLD 4001
- personally delivered, between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm to:
Electoral Commission of Queensland,
Level 6, Forestry House,
160 Mary Street, Brisbane
- lodged by email to reviews@ecq.qld.gov.au or
- lodged online at www.ecq.qld.gov.au/brisbane.

It would assist the Commission if anyone intending to submit suggestions accompanies them with the electronic mapping data if this has been prepared, preferably in MapInfo and/or KML format in projection GDA94 – Longitude/Latitude (Australia GDA94).

For any assistance related to the review matter refer to the Commission's website, or by contacting the Commission on 1300 881 665 for assistance.

Walter van der Merwe
Change Commissioner
Electoral Commission of Queensland

Suggestions

Suggestions are available on the Electoral Commission website

<http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoraldistricts/localgovernmentareas/local-government-reviews/2015-lg-reviews/brisbane-city-council/reference-material/>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR COMMENT ON SUGGESTIONS

The Brisbane City Council has advised that its electoral wards no longer meet the quota requirements set down in the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*. The Minister responsible for Local Government has in turn referred the matter to the Local Government Change Commission for independent assessment.

For next stage of the assessment the Commission is inviting comments on the written suggestions it received from interested persons and bodies relating to the council's electoral wards. Comments need to be lodged **on or before 5.00pm Monday 16 February 2015**.

Further information on the suggestions may be found on the Electoral Commission of Queensland website – ecq.qld.gov.au/Brisbane.

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APPENDIX D

Commission's Proposed Determination

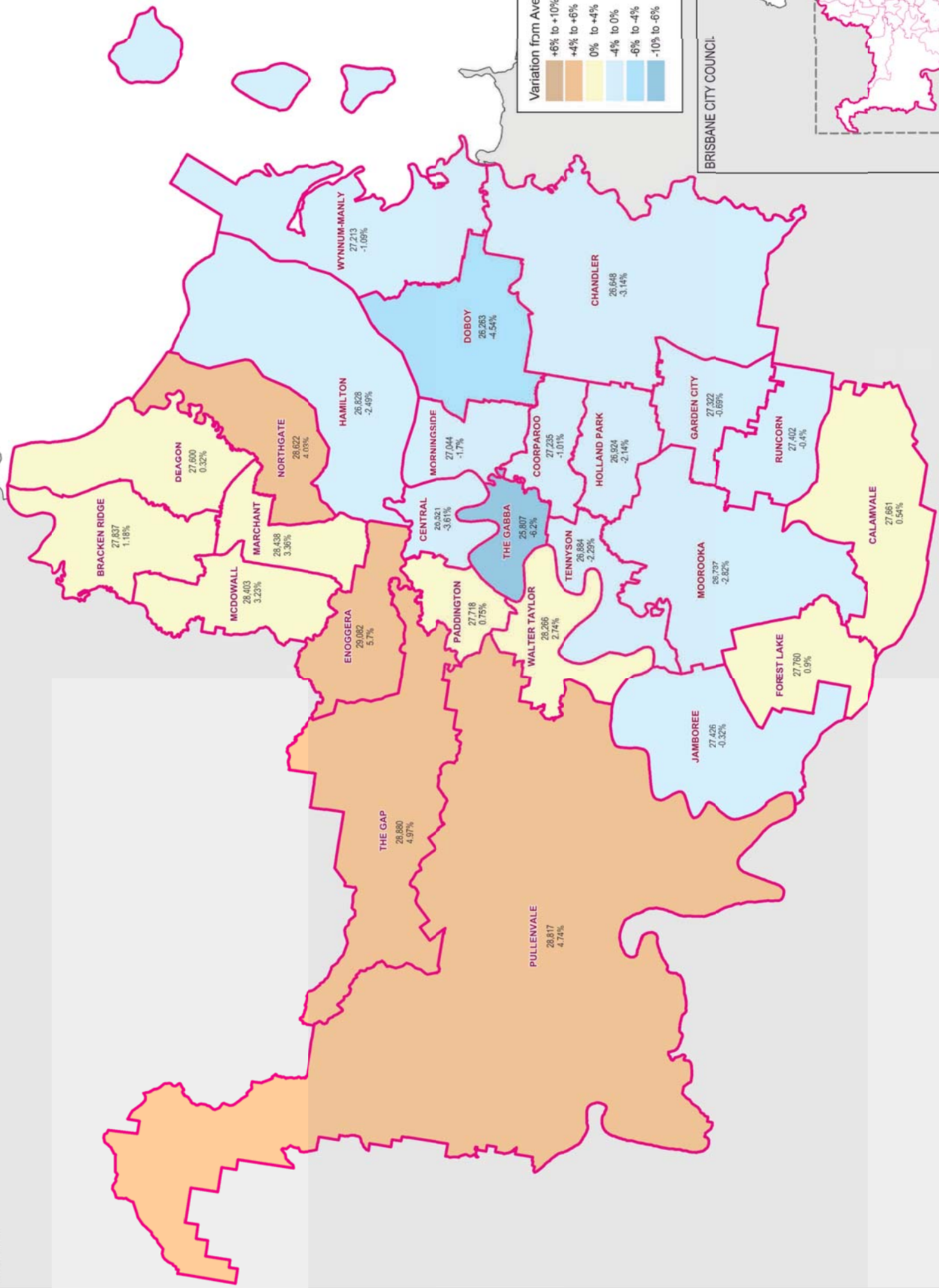
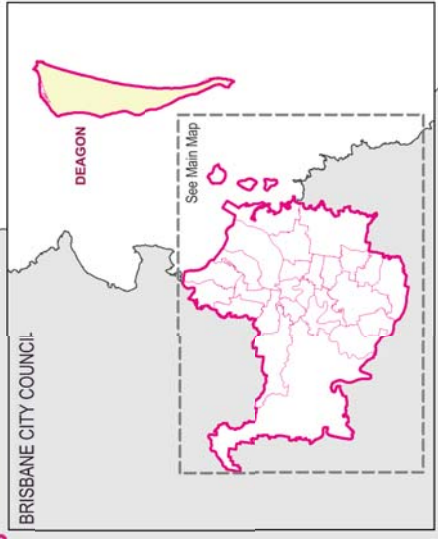
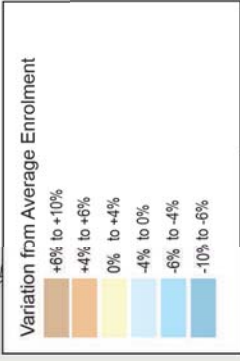
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BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

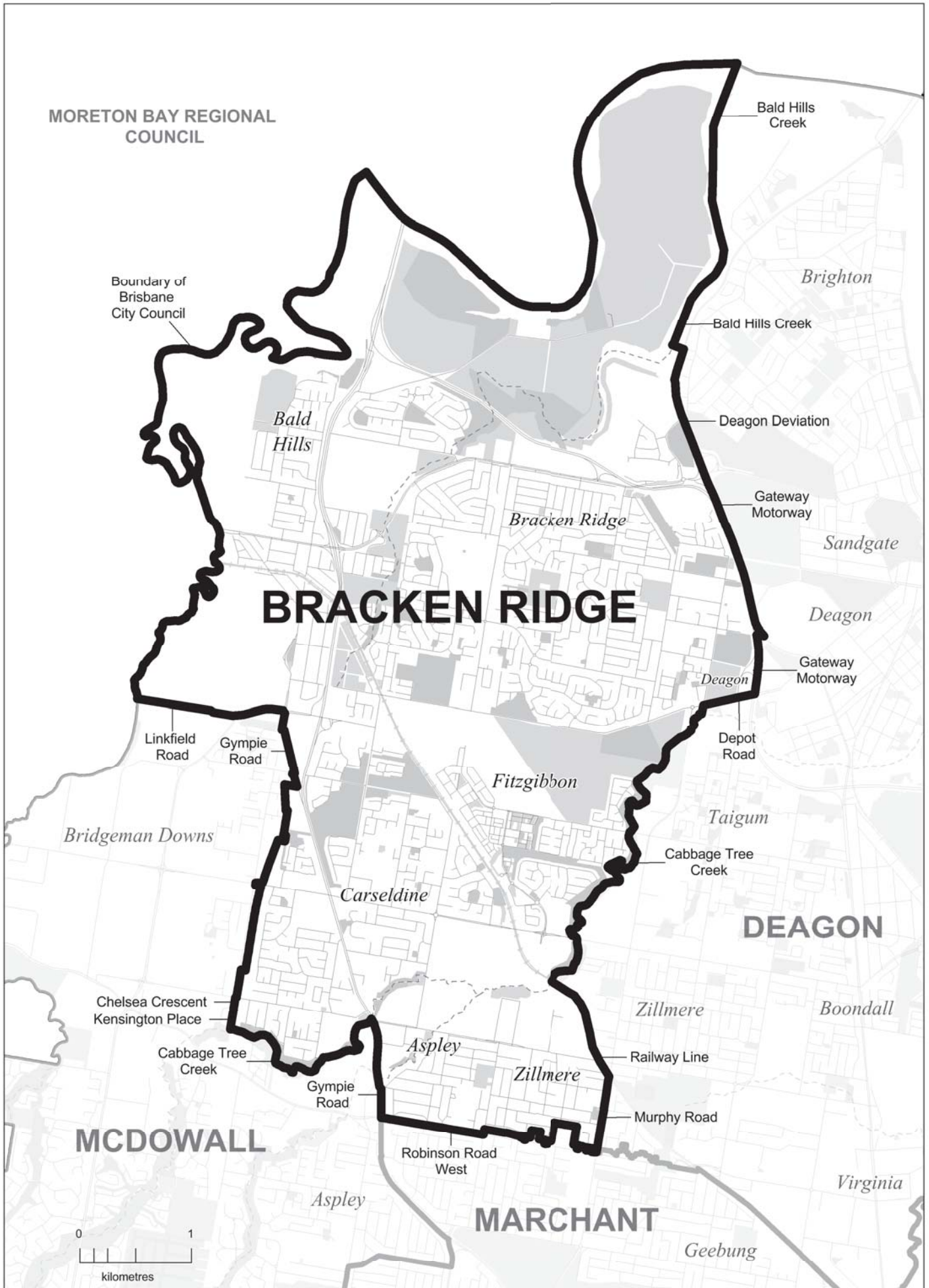
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	Enrolment (23 February 2015)	Quota Variation (%)	Enrolment (31 March 2016)	Quota Variation (%)	Enrolment (30 September 2018)	Quota Variation (%)
						Quota Status
BRACKEN RIDGE	27,837	1.18	28,340	1.83	29,426	3.45
CALAMVALE	27,661	0.54	28,127	1.06	28,634	0.66
CENTRAL	26,521	-3.61	27,329	-1.80	29,279	2.93
CHANDLER	26,648	-3.14	27,148	-2.45	27,901	-1.91
COORPAROO	27,235	-1.01	27,358	-1.70	27,533	-3.21
DEAGON	27,600	0.32	27,932	0.36	28,166	-0.98
DOBOY	26,263	-4.54	26,513	-4.74	26,951	-5.25
ENOGERA	29,082	5.70	29,338	5.42	29,828	4.86
FOREST LAKE	27,760	0.90	28,214	1.38	29,306	3.03
GARDEN CITY	27,322	-0.69	27,551	-1.01	28,108	-1.19
HAMILTON	26,828	-2.49	27,309	-1.87	28,402	-0.15
HOLLAND PARK	26,924	-2.14	27,019	-2.92	27,317	-3.97
JAMBOREE	27,426	-0.32	27,698	-0.48	28,046	-1.41
MARCHANT	28,438	3.36	28,633	2.88	29,054	2.14
MCDOWALL	28,403	3.23	28,776	3.40	29,569	3.95
MOOROOKA	26,737	-2.82	27,015	-2.93	27,322	-3.95
MORRINGSIDE	27,044	-1.70	27,317	-1.85	27,747	-2.46
NORTHGATE	28,622	4.03	28,837	3.62	29,120	2.37
PADDINGTON	27,718	0.75	27,897	0.24	28,133	-1.10
PULLENVALE	28,817	4.74	29,163	4.79	29,427	3.45
RUNCORN	27,402	-0.40	27,527	-1.09	27,846	-2.11
TENNYSON	26,884	-2.29	27,037	-2.85	27,191	-4.41
THE GABBA	25,807	-6.20	26,450	-4.96	29,295	2.99
THE GAP	28,880	4.97	29,104	4.57	29,338	3.14
WALTER TAYLOR	28,266	2.74	28,496	2.39	28,867	1.48
WYNNUM-MANLY	27,213	-1.09	27,473	-1.29	27,779	-2.34
Actual Total	715,338		723,601		739,585	
Actual Average	27,513		27,831		28,446	
Actual Lower Limit	24,762		25,048		25,601	
Actual Upper Limit	30,264		30,614		31,290	
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BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL PROPOSED WARD BOUNDARIES

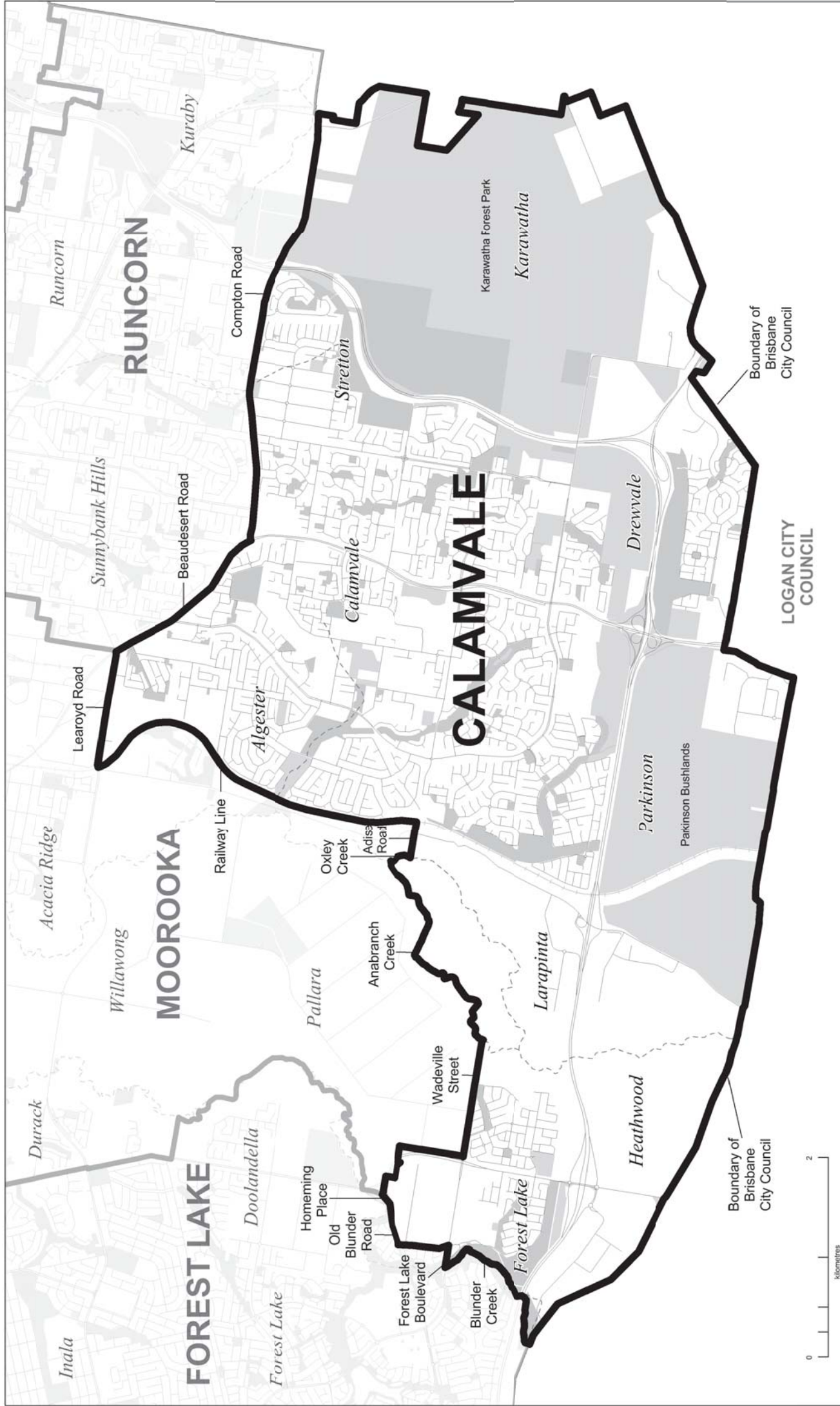
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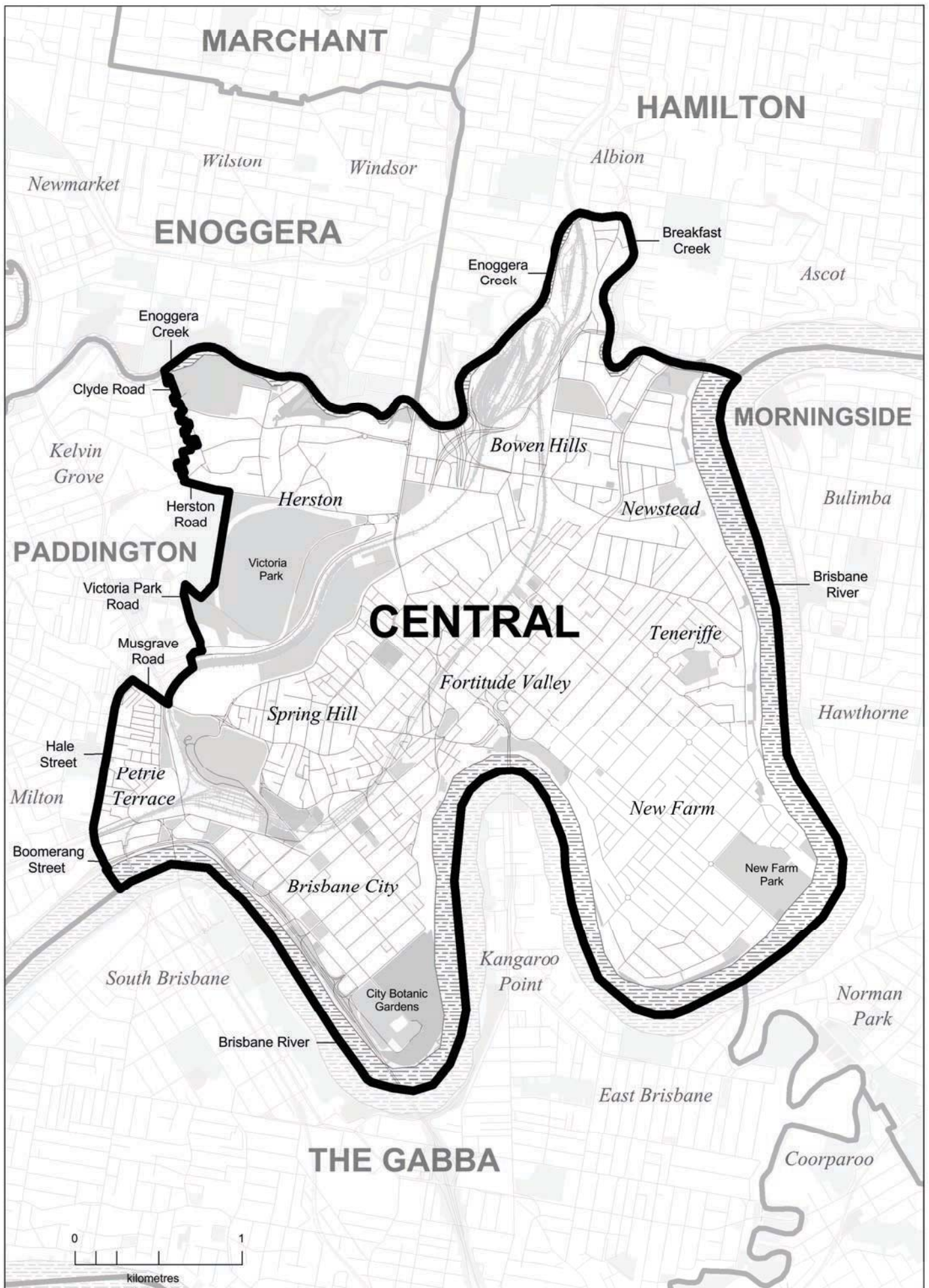
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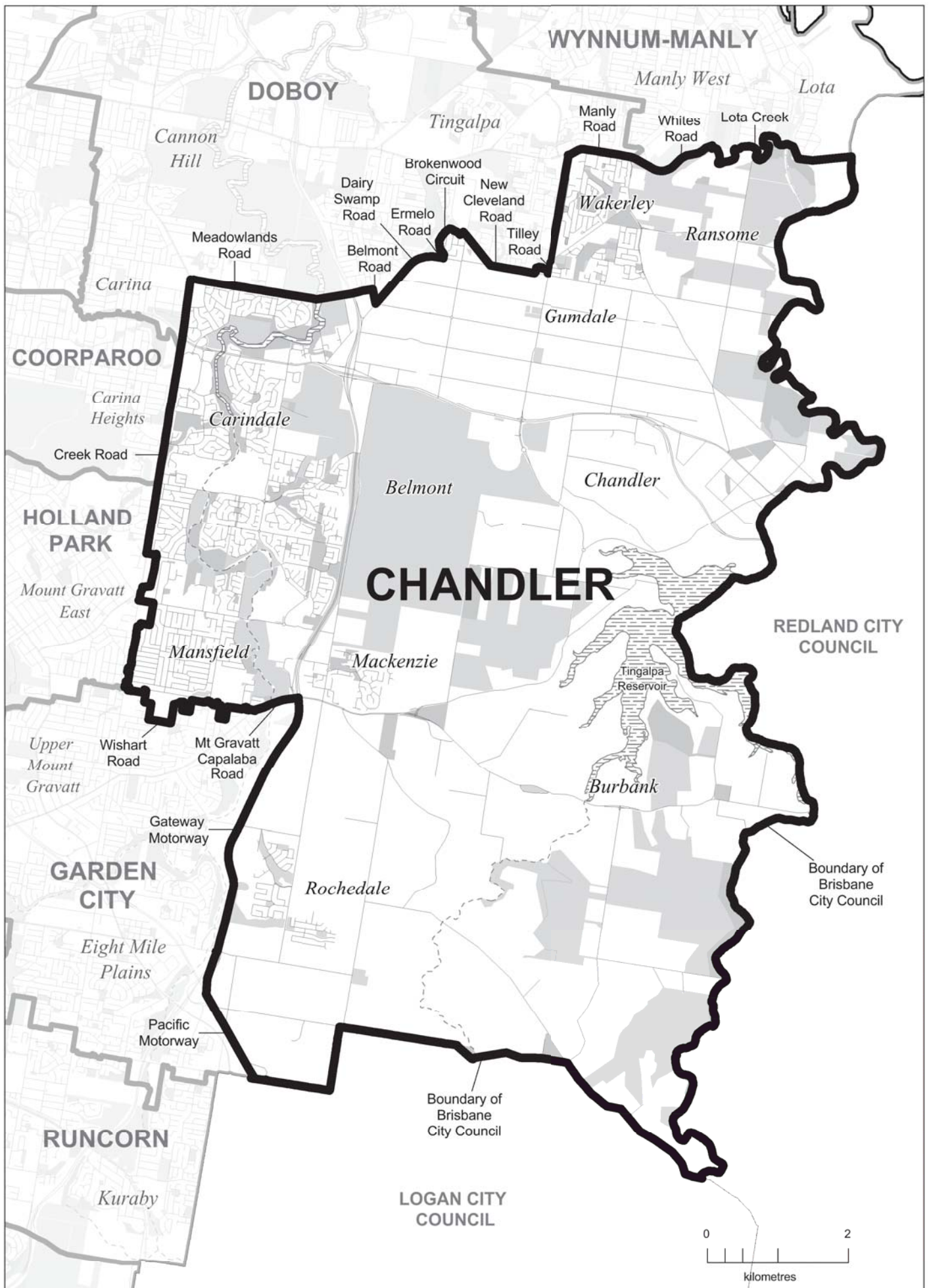
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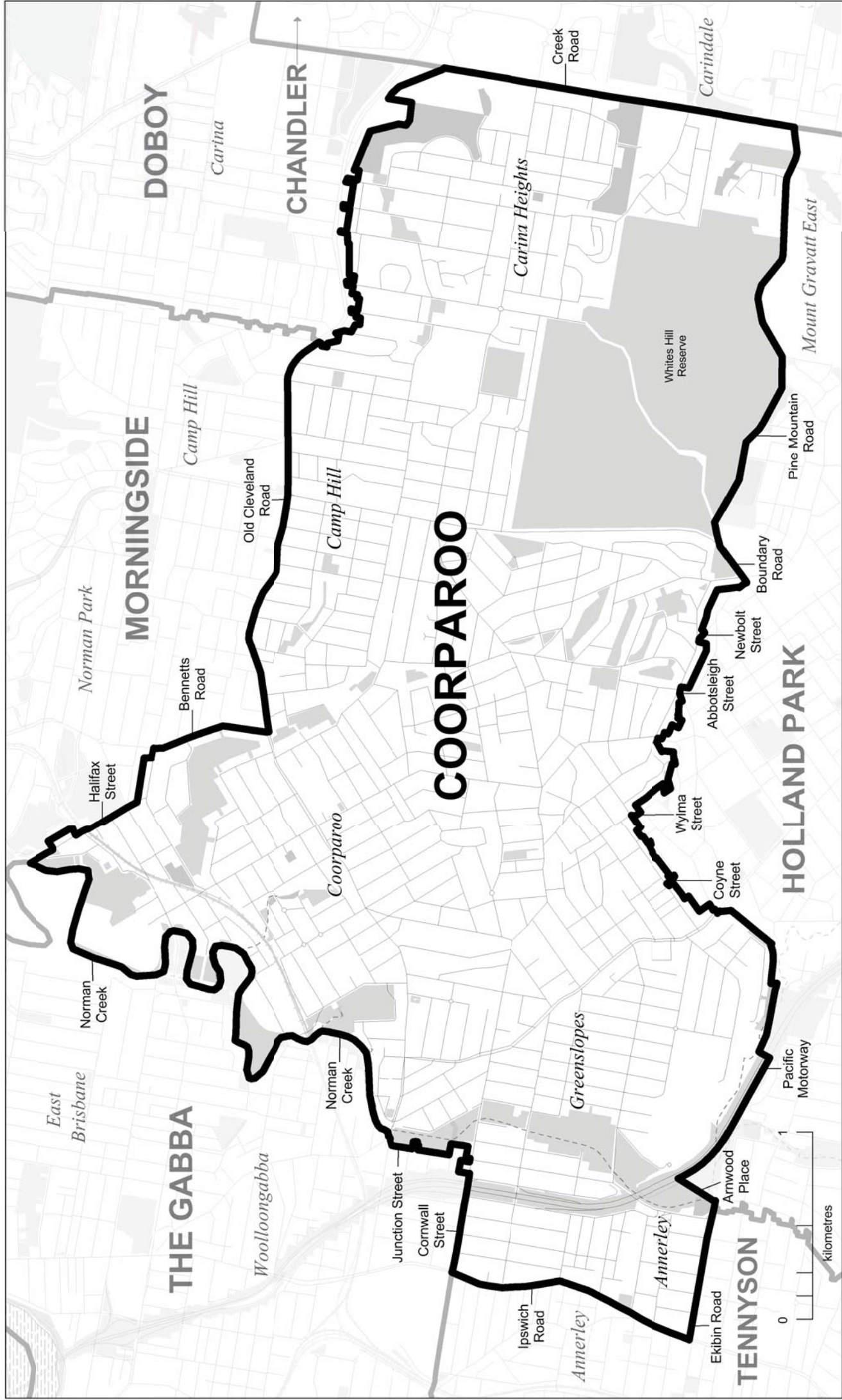
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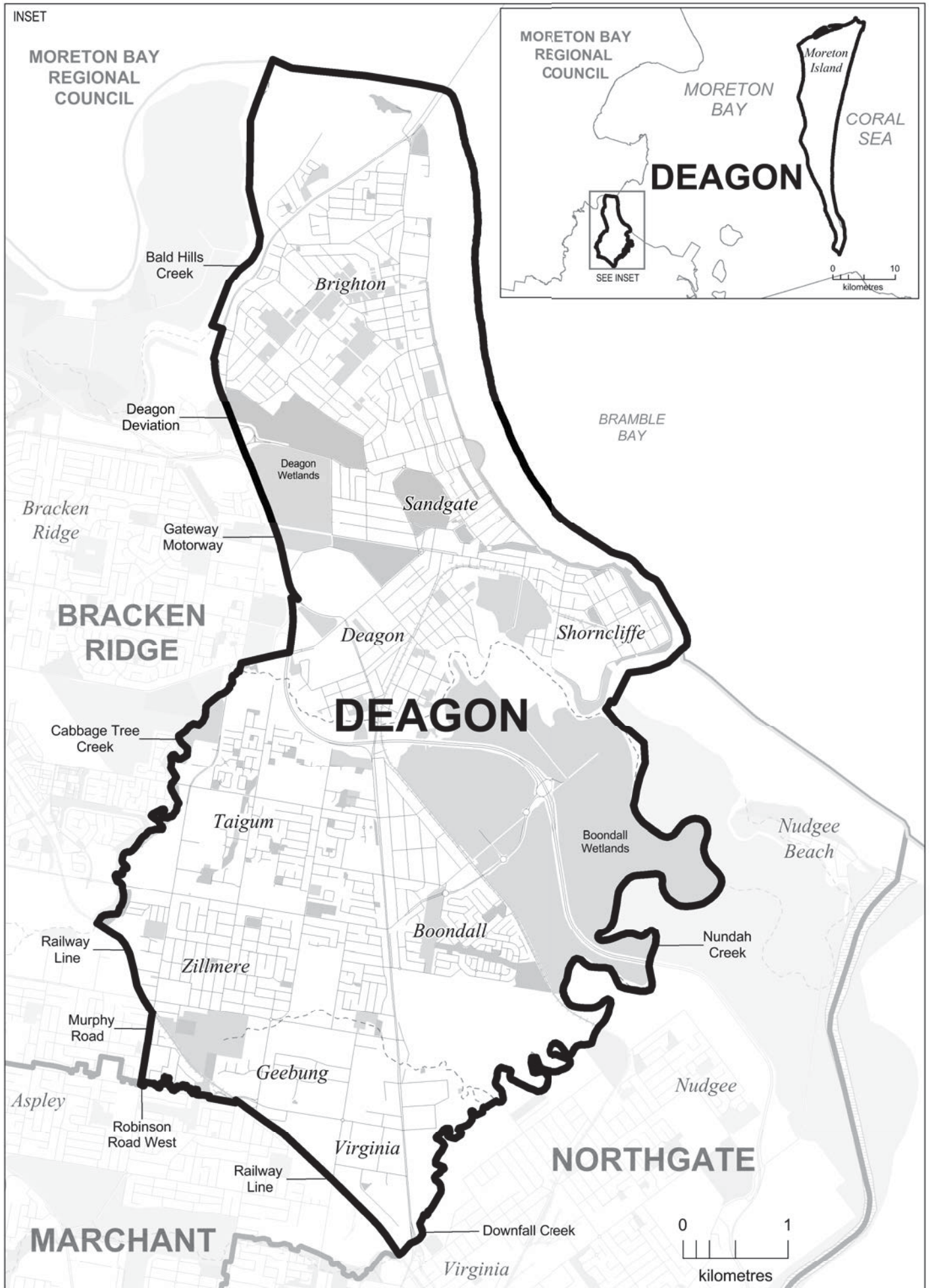
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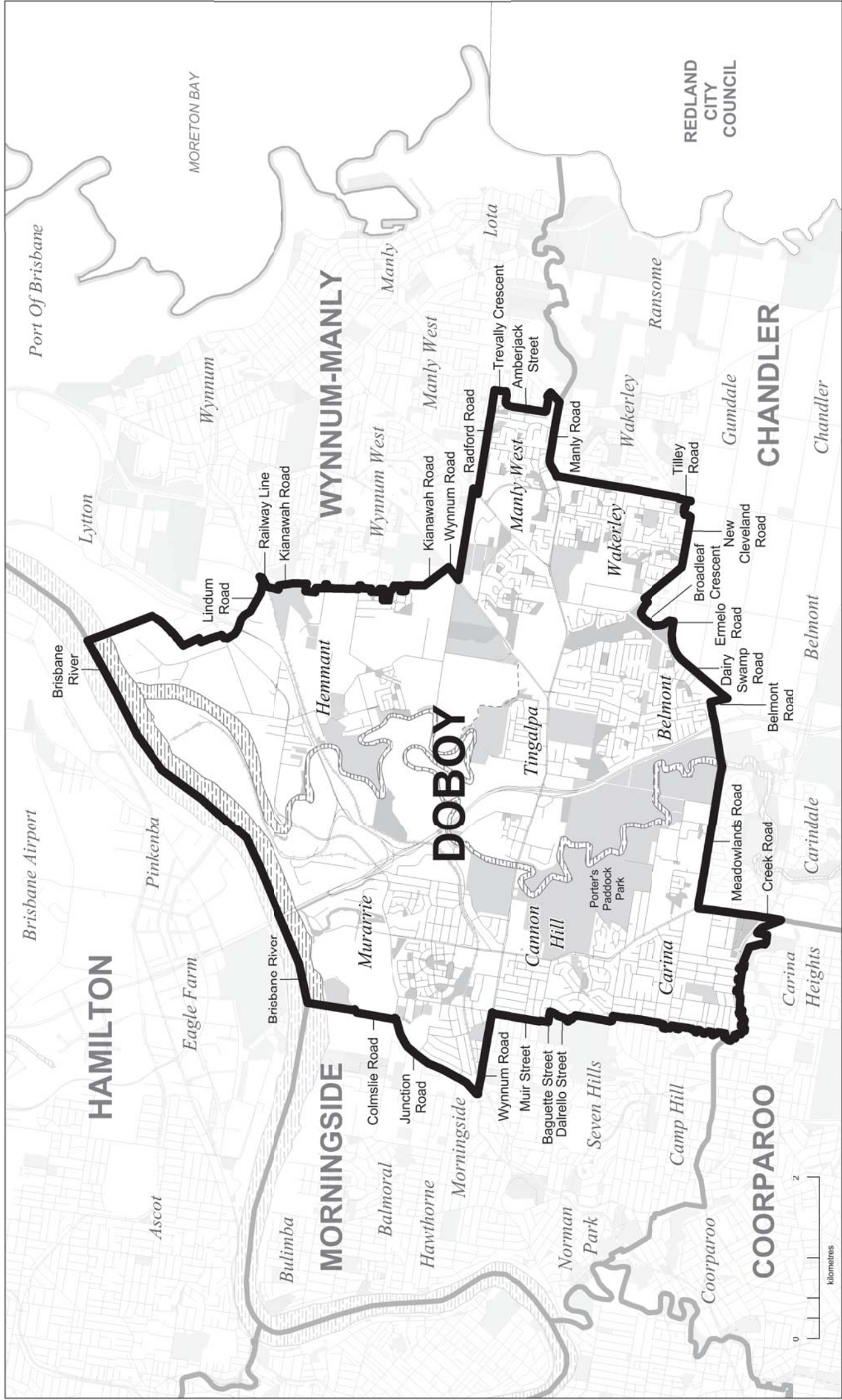


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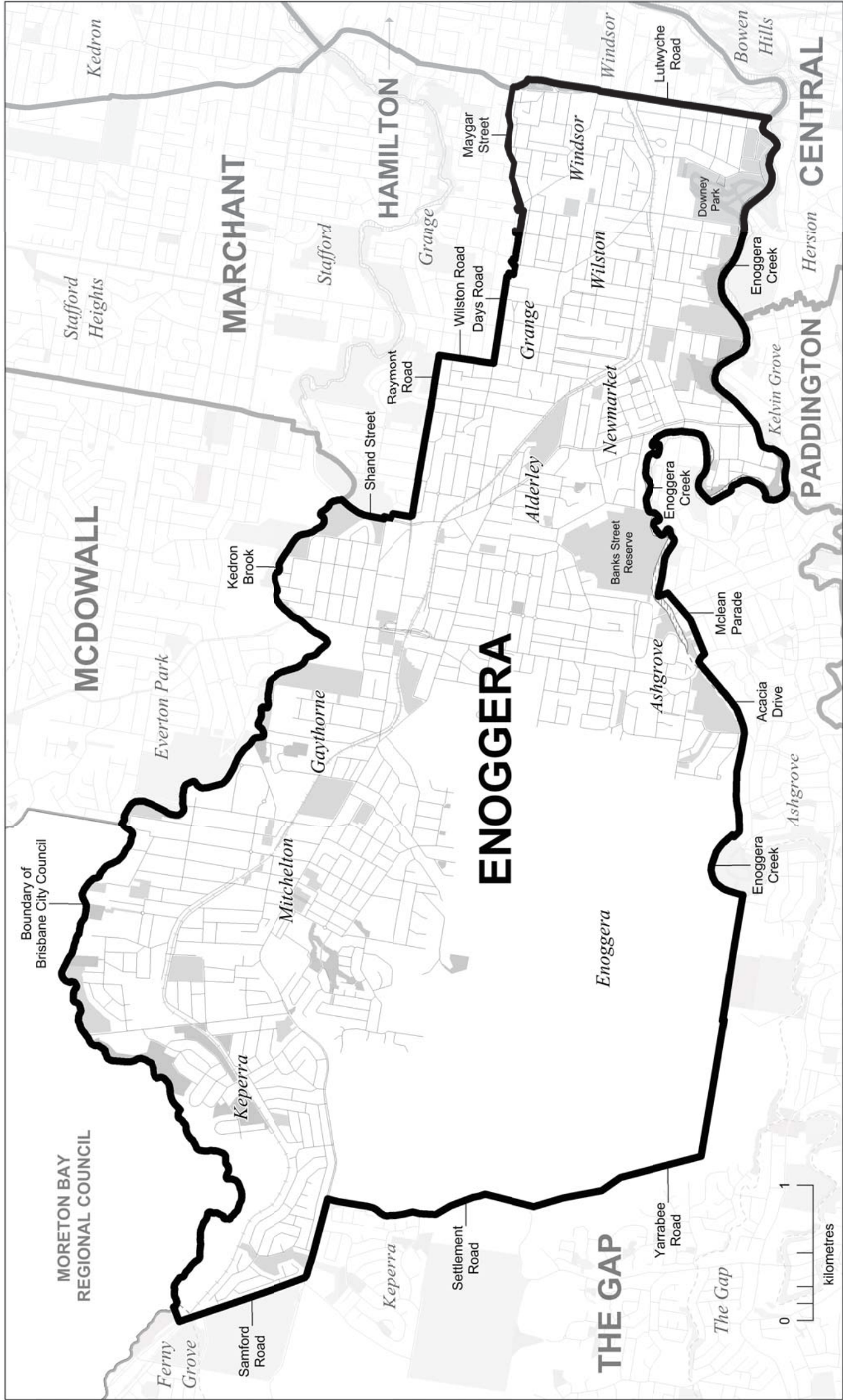
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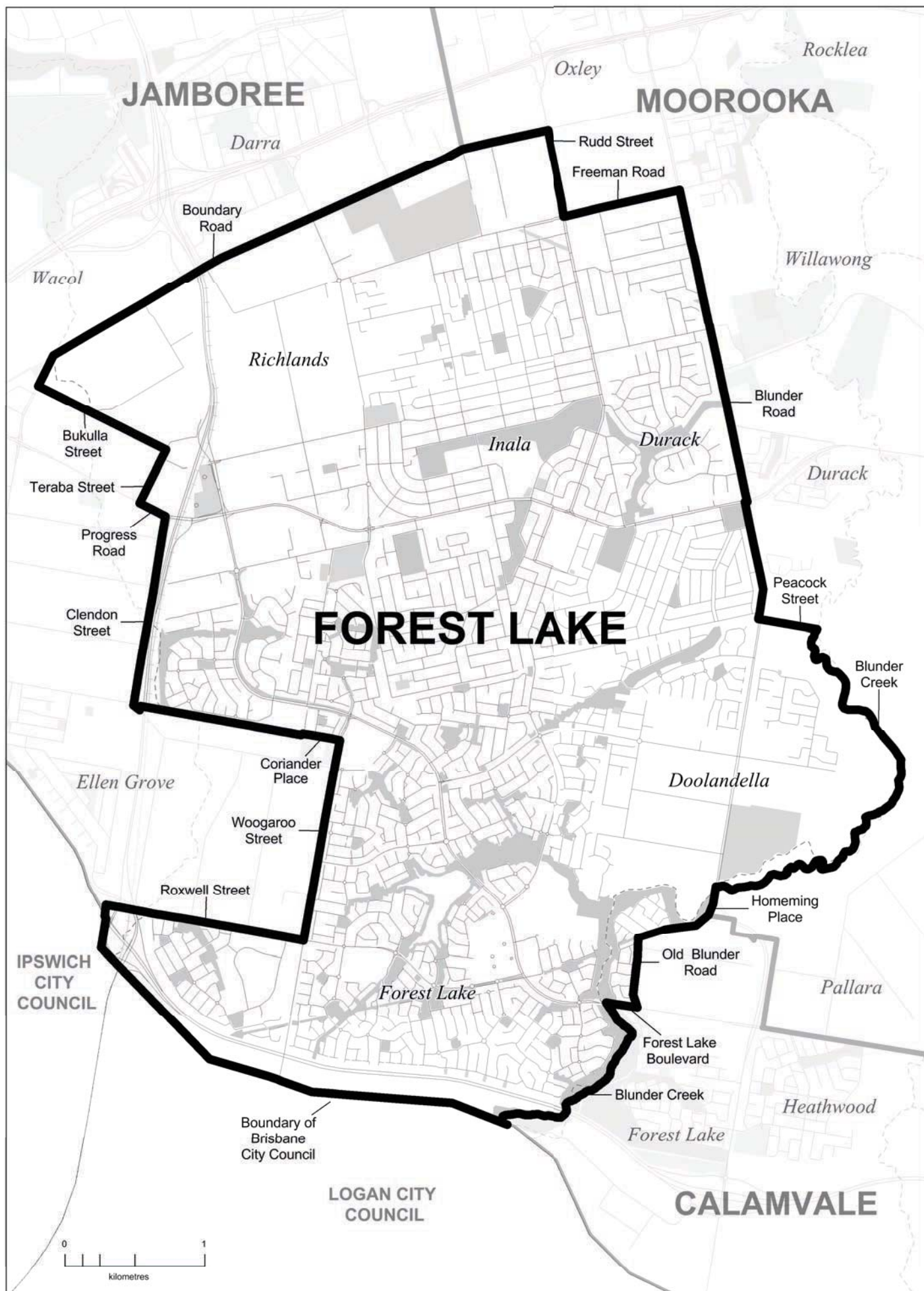
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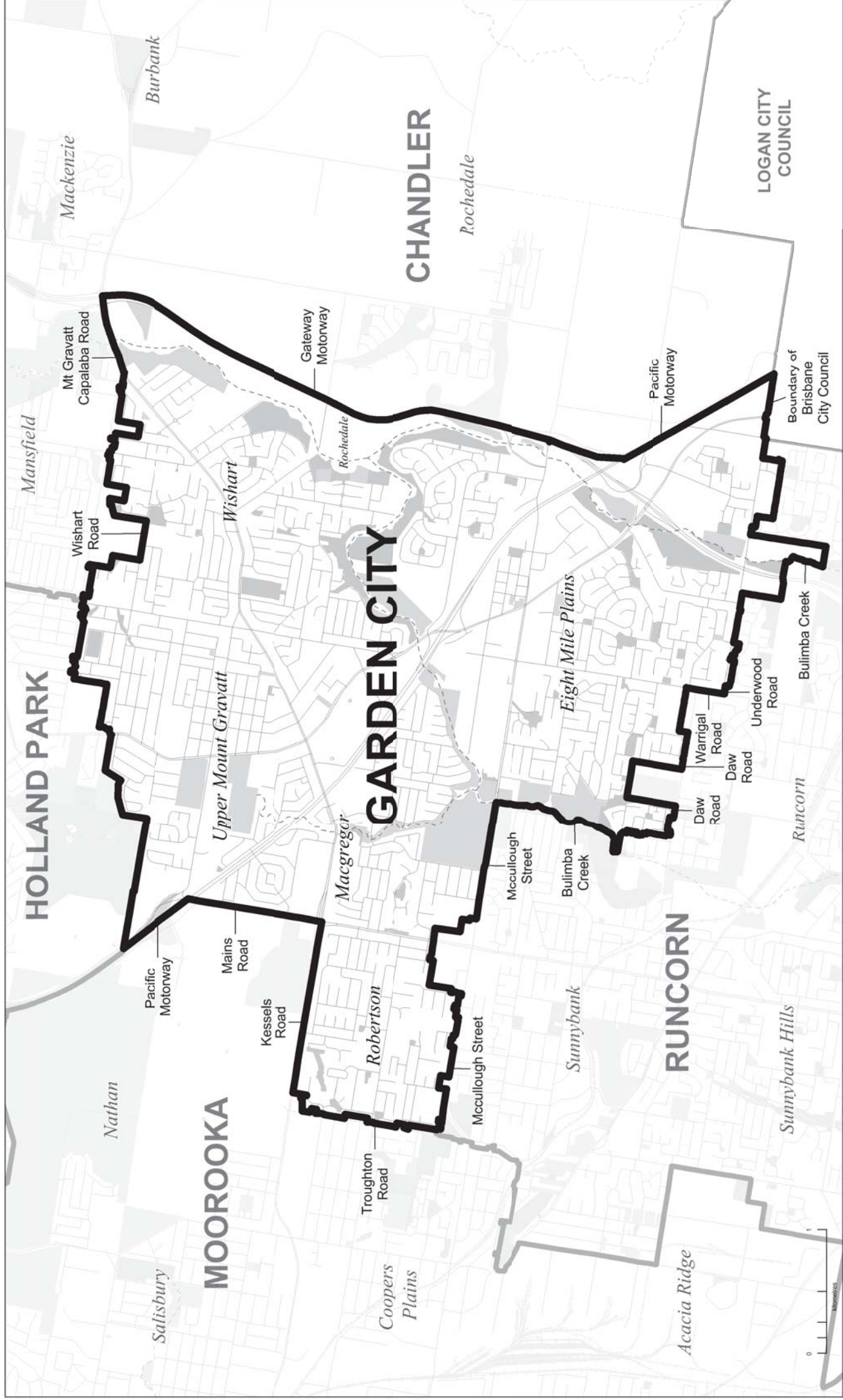


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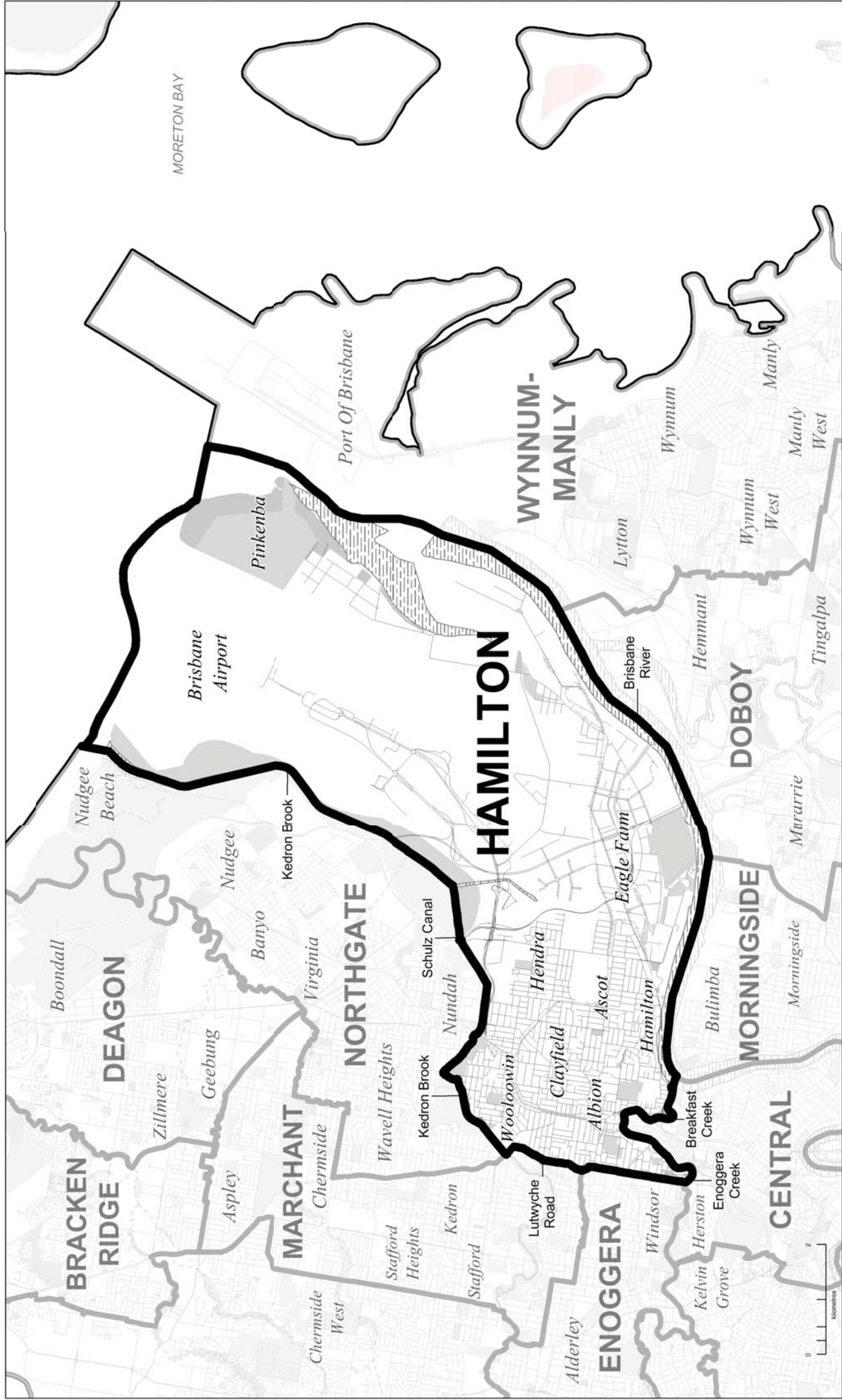


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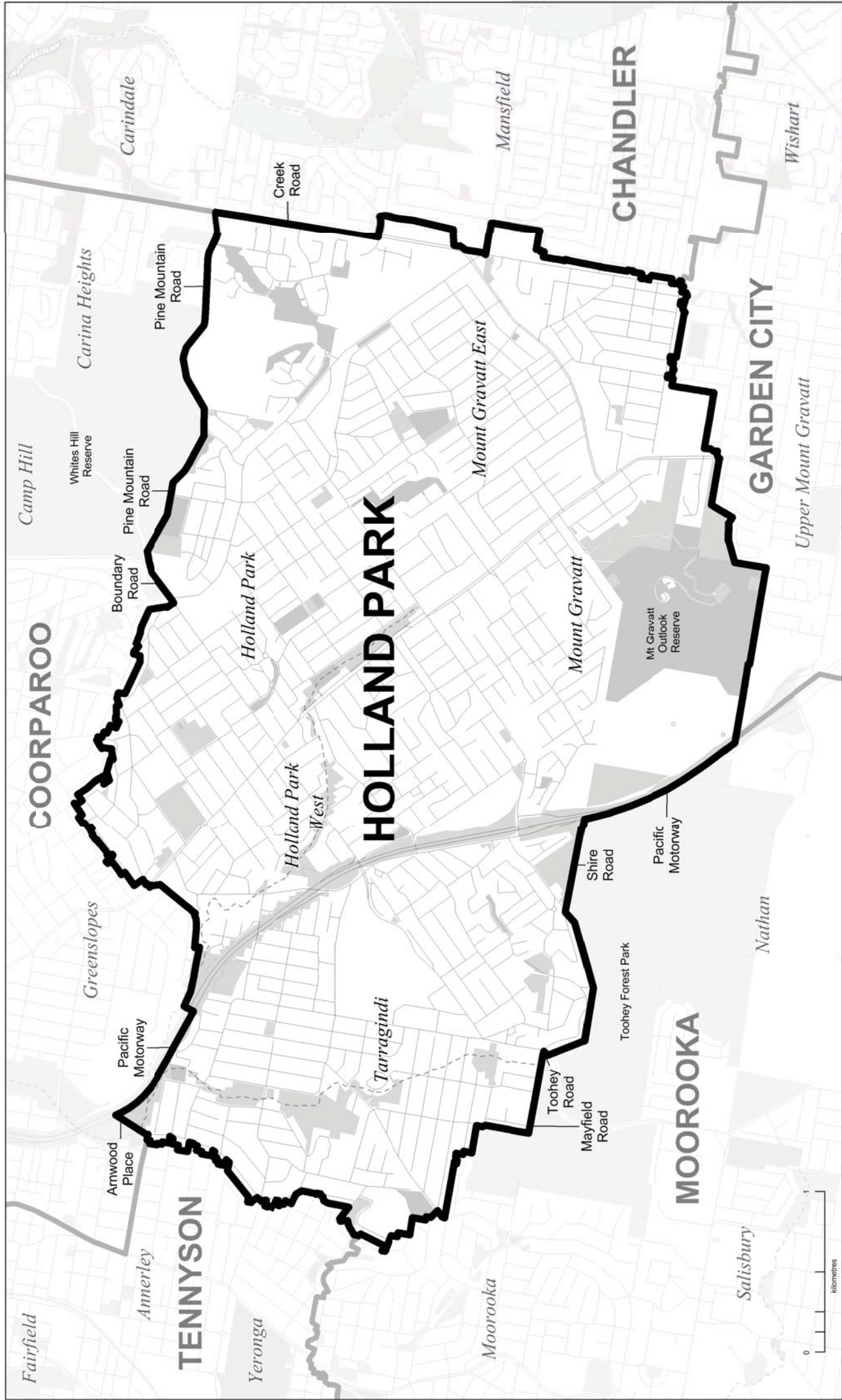
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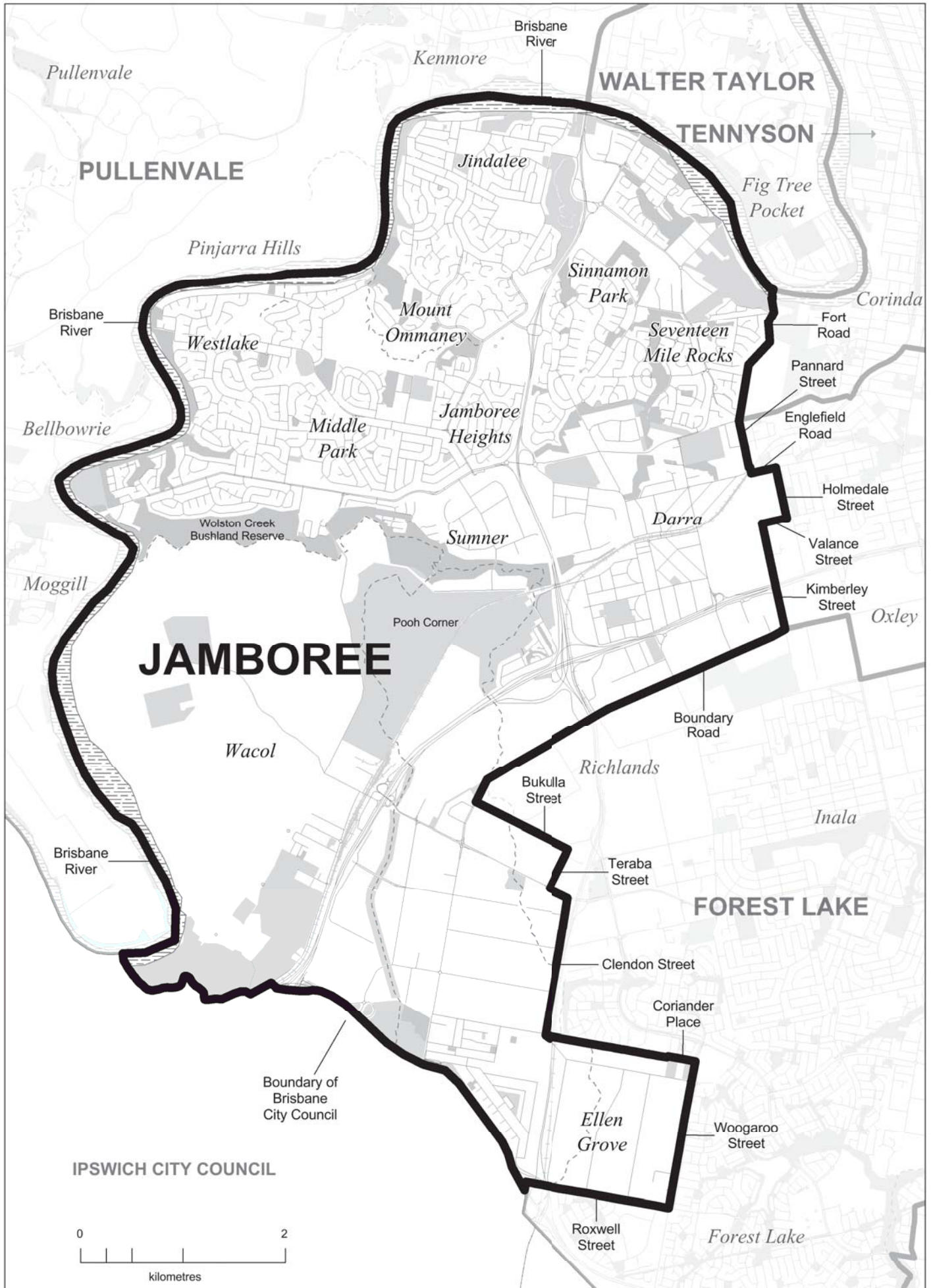
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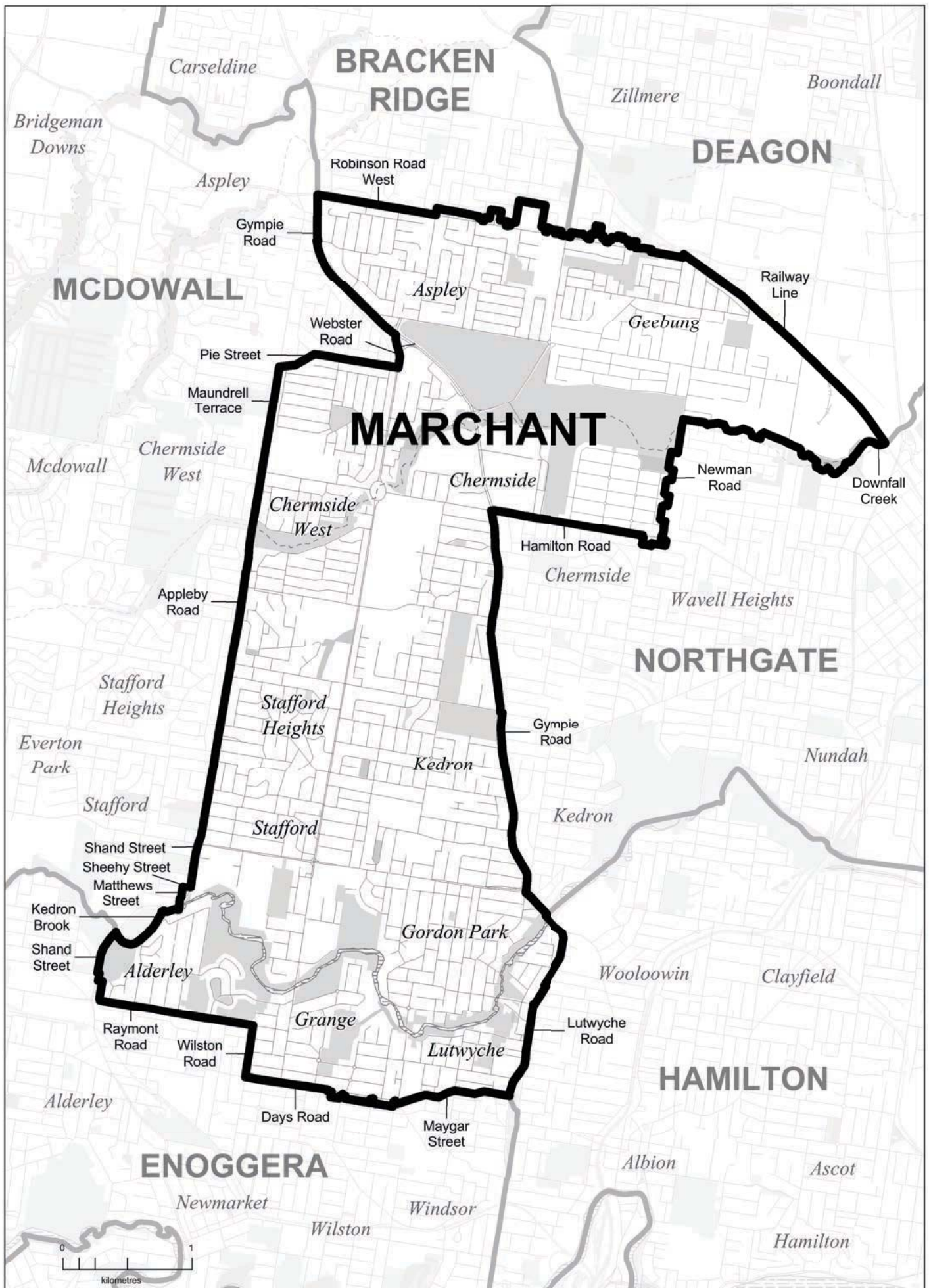
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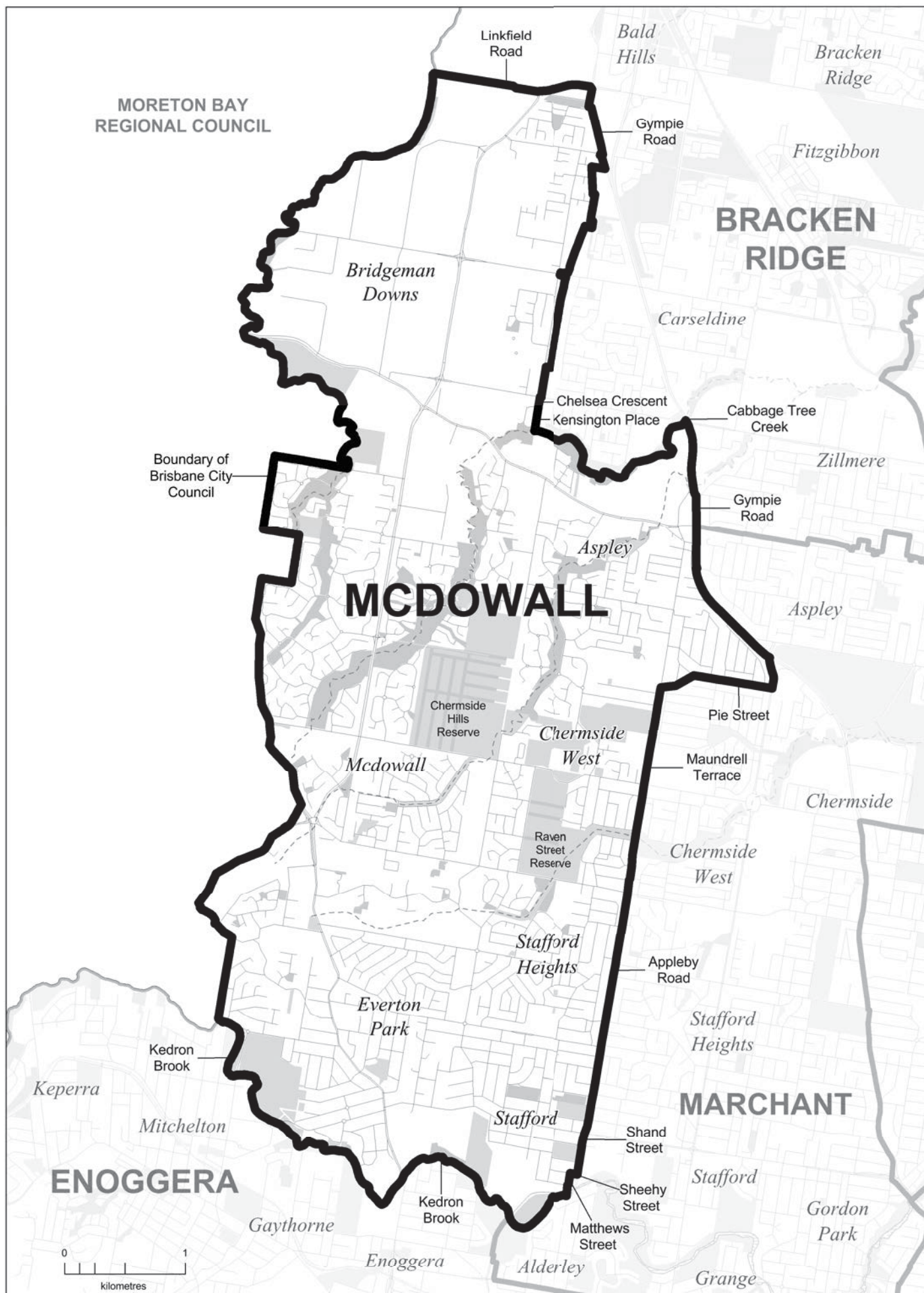
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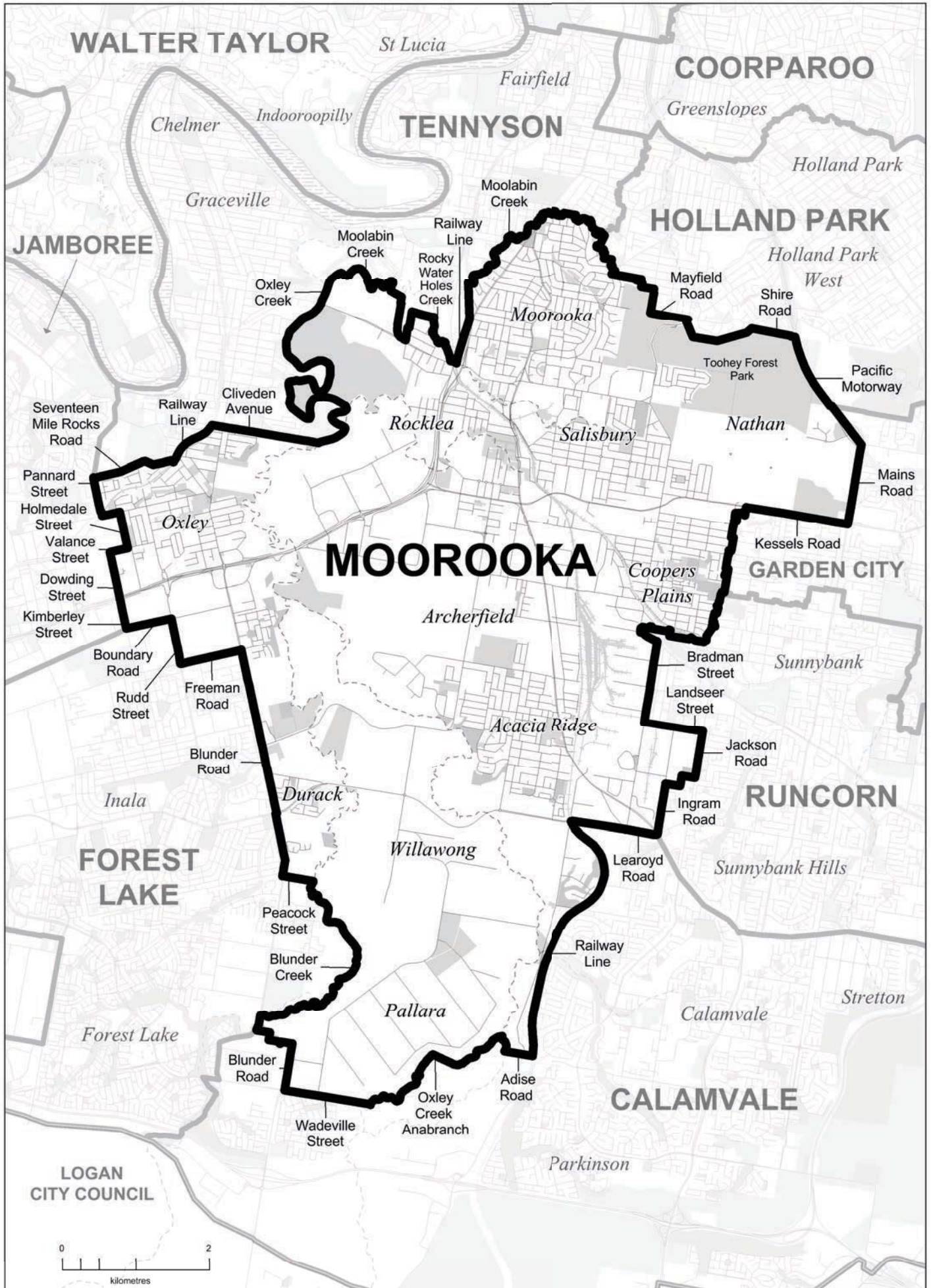
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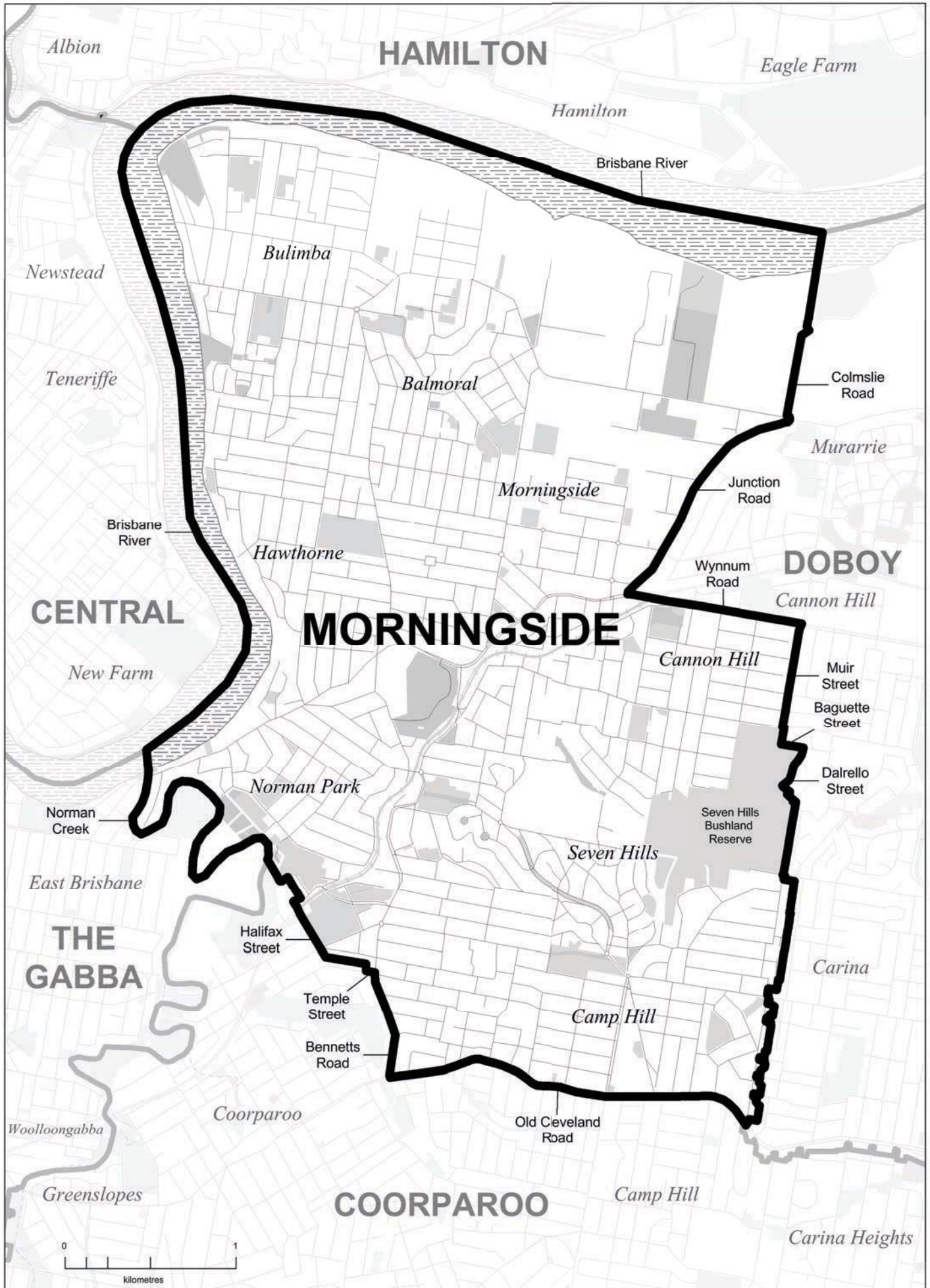
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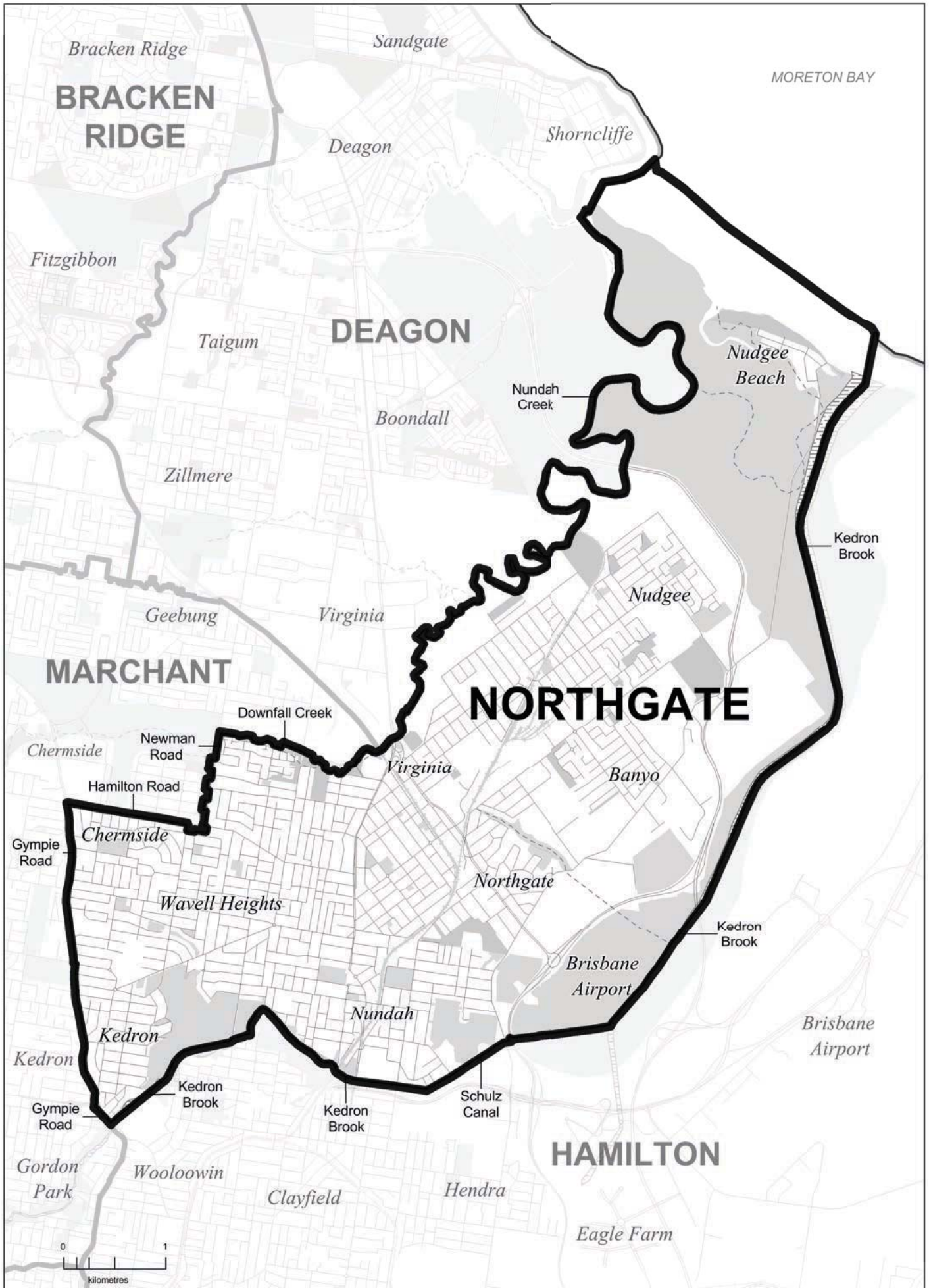
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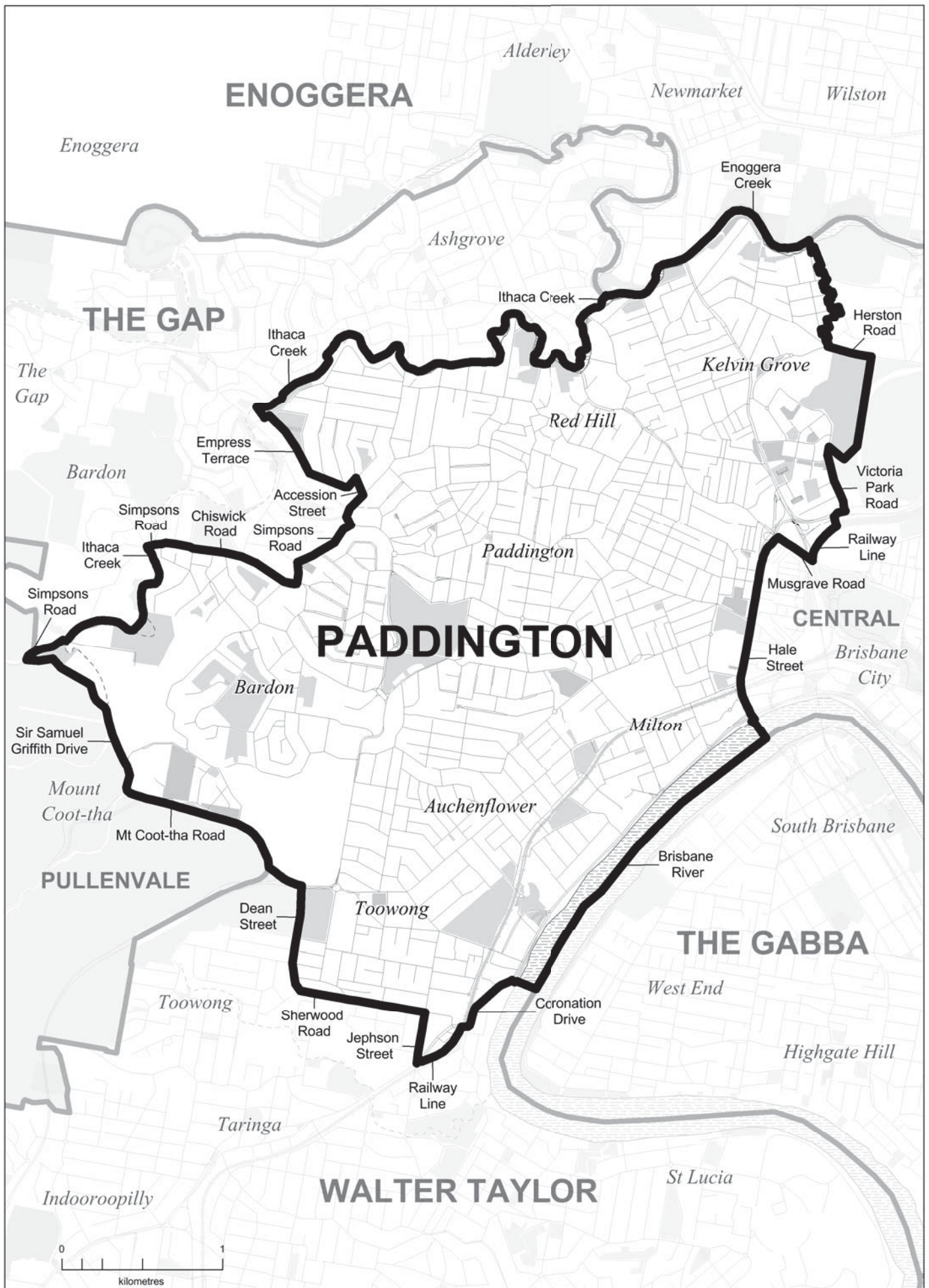
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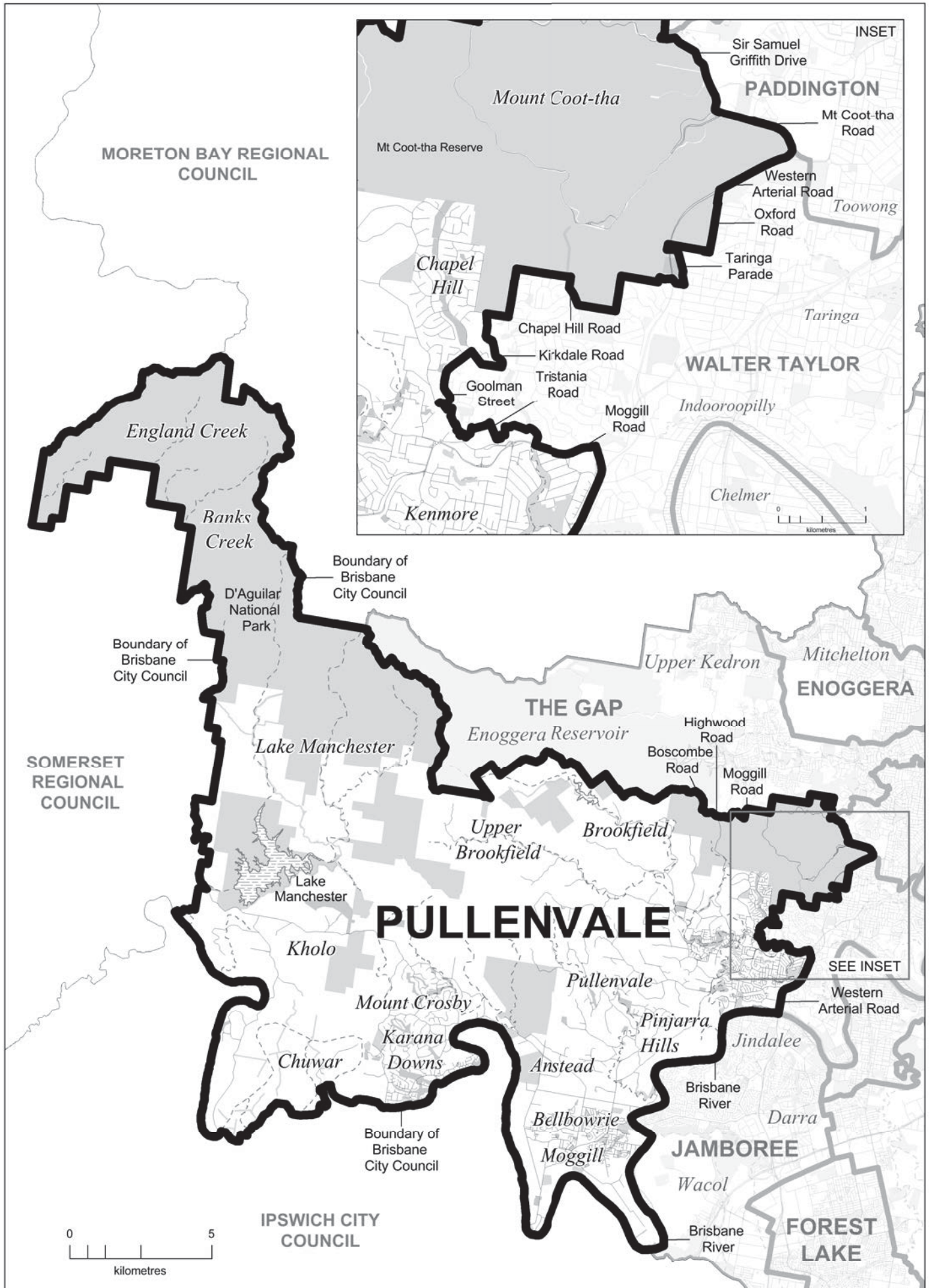
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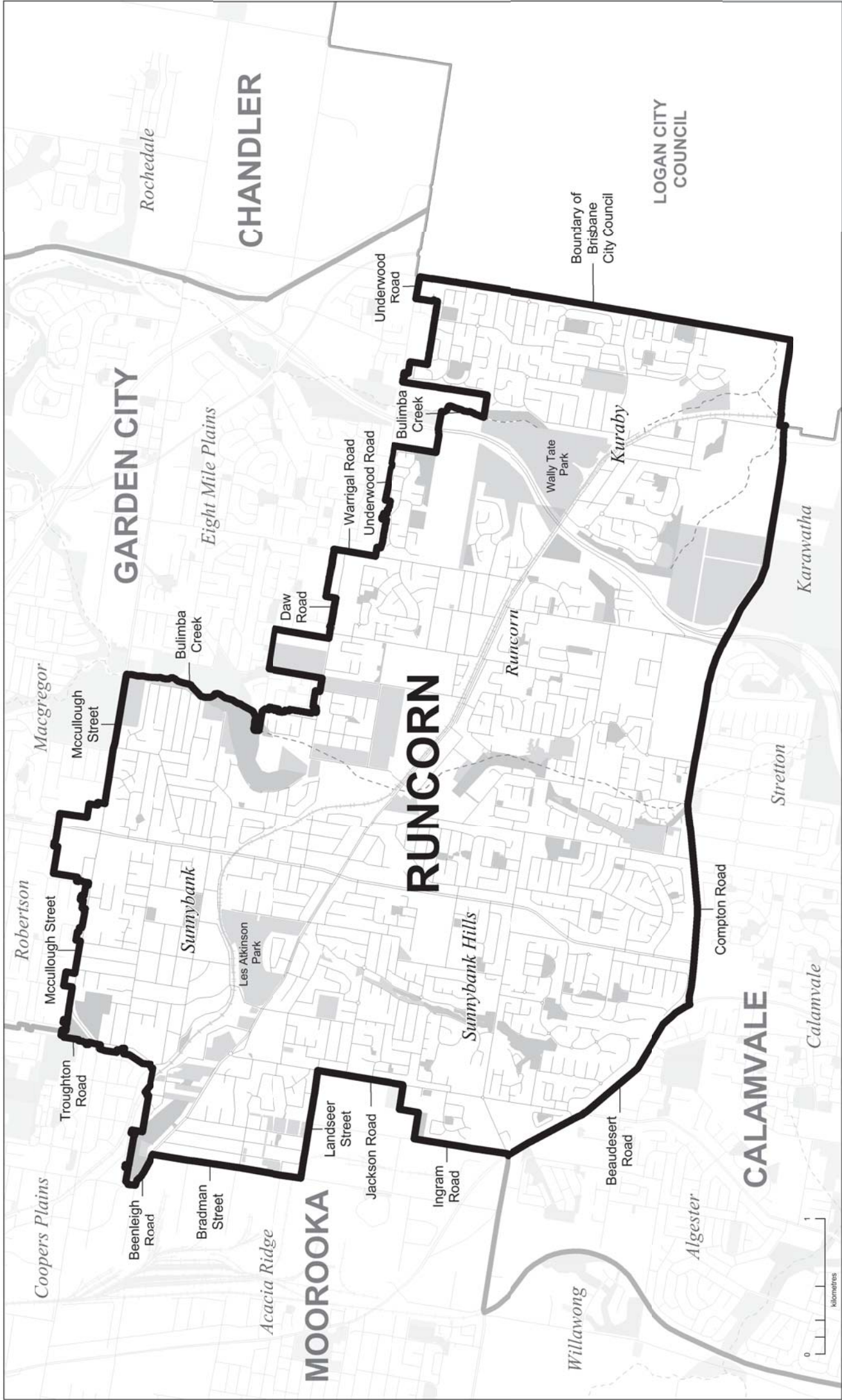
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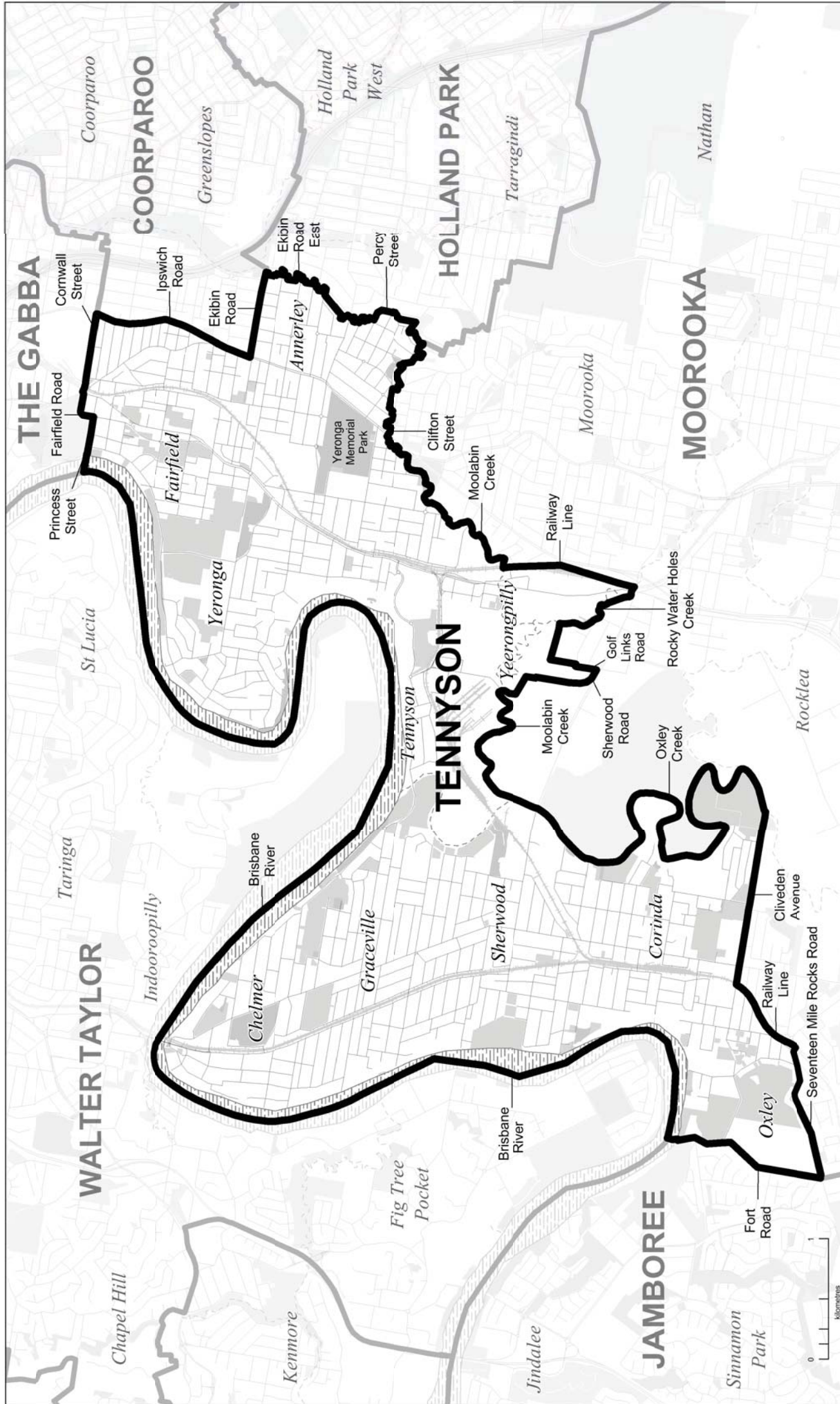
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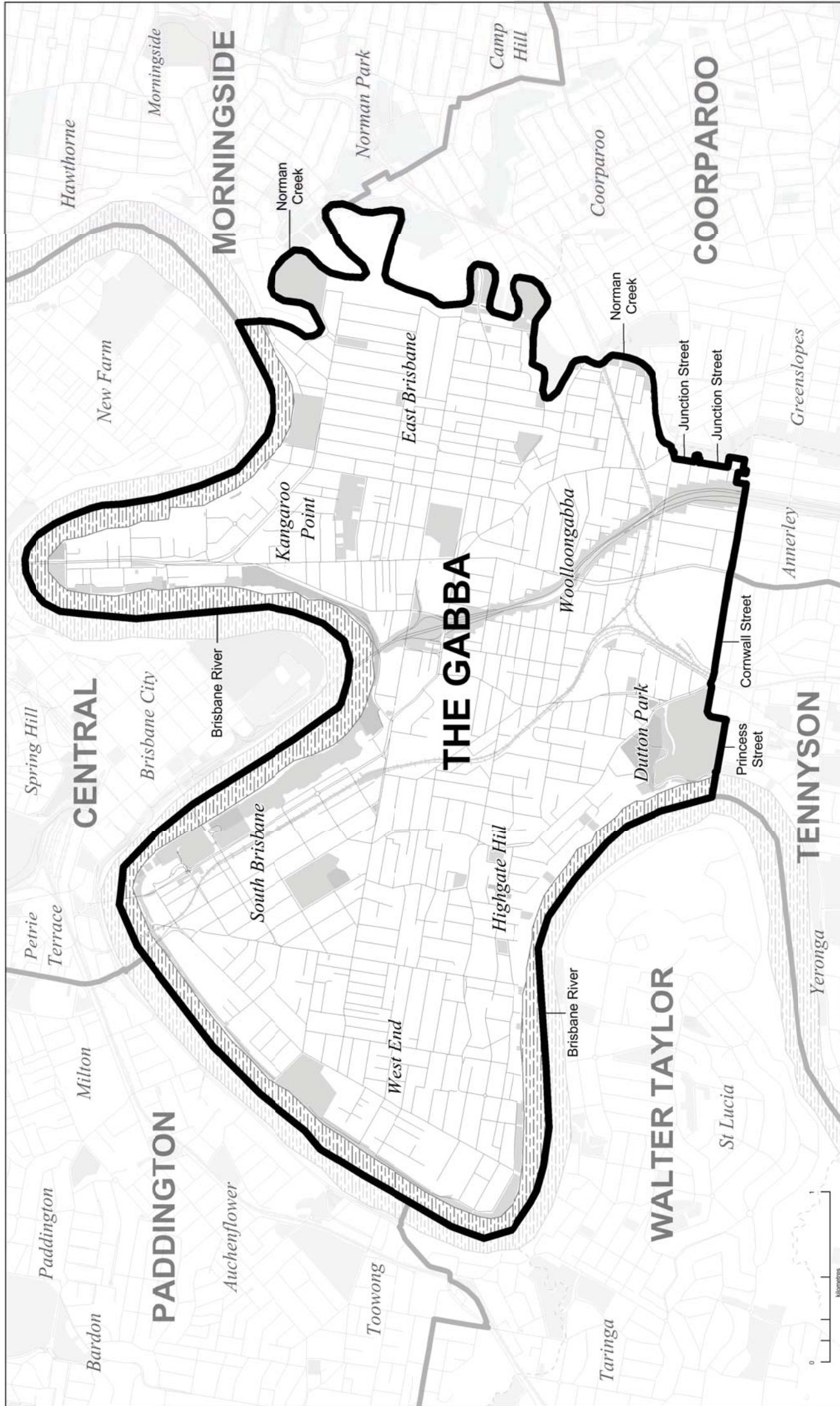
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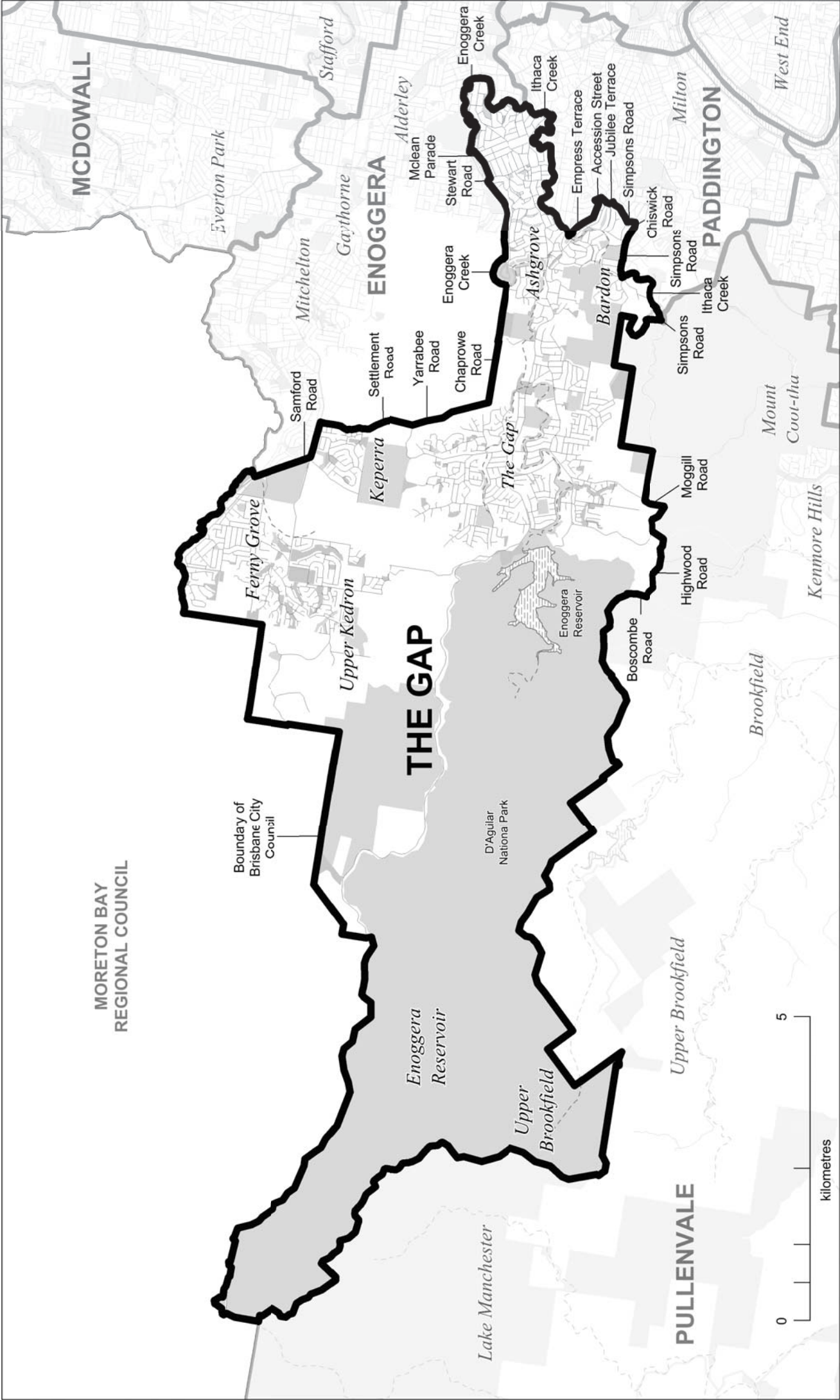
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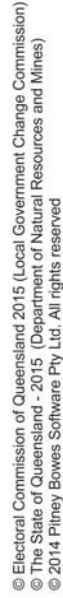


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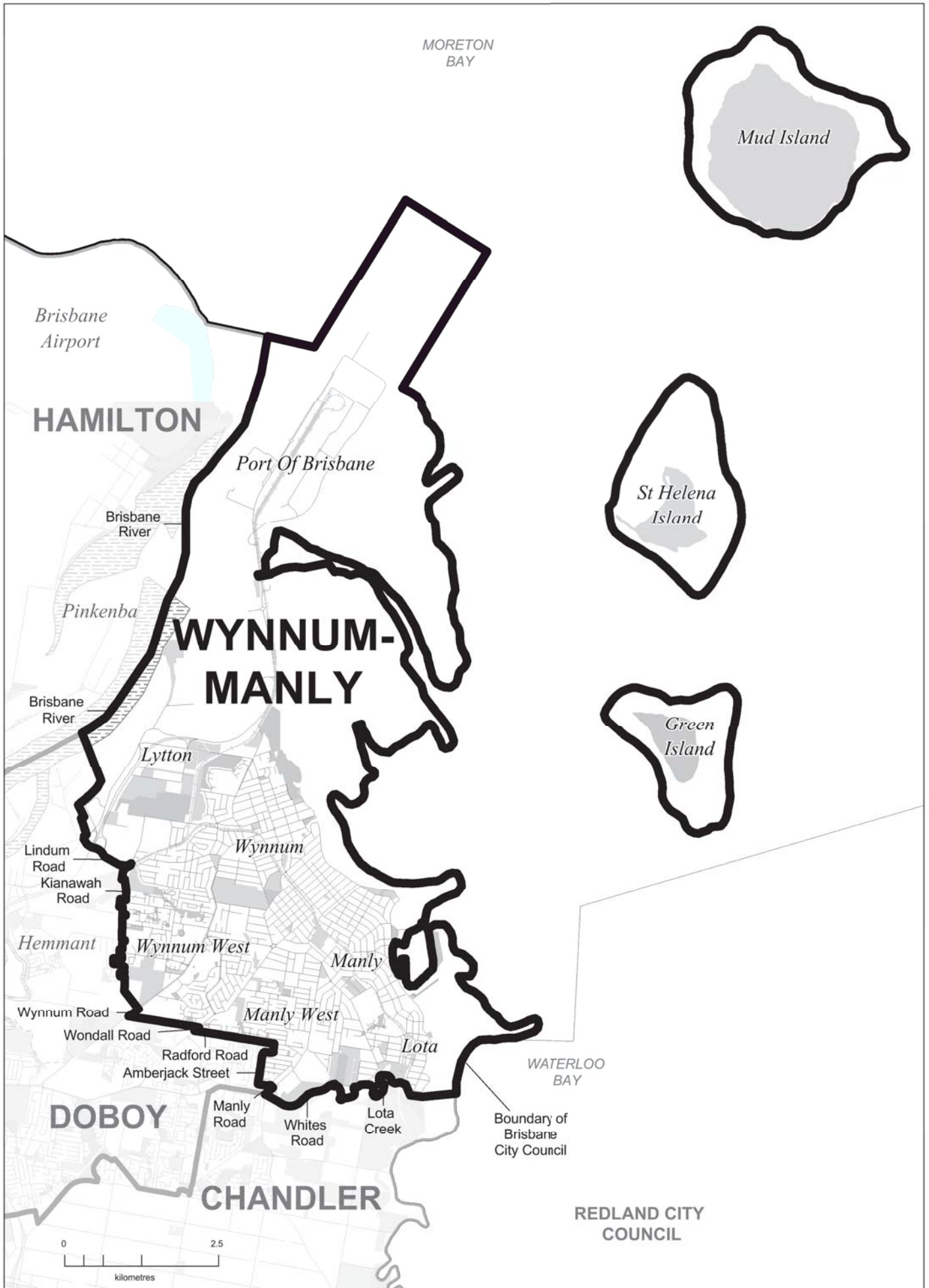


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APPENDIX E

**Invitation for Objections to the Proposal
Comments on the Proposed Determination**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION

BRISBANE CITY COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL

The Brisbane City Council has advised that its electoral wards no longer meet the quota requirements set down in the *City of Brisbane Act 2010*. The Minister responsible for Local Government has in turn referred the matter to the Local Government Change Commission for independent assessment.

The Commission now invites written objections from interested persons and bodies' relating to the council's proposed electoral wards, to be lodged **on or before 5.00pm Monday 3 August 2015**.

For this phase of the review, the enrolment for Brisbane City Council as at 23 February 2015 is being used. The total enrolment was 715,338. The Commission has determined that 27,513 is the reasonable proportion of electors for an electoral ward. Section 17 of the Act requires the Commission to ensure that the number of enrolled electors in all wards does not differ from this reasonable proportion by $\pm 10\%$. In order to meet the enrolment criteria set out in the Act the number of electors in each ward must be within the minimum of 24,762 and the maximum of 30,264. Furthermore, the Act requires that the reasonable proportion of electors must be worked out as near as practicable to the time when the change is to happen to ensure demographic representation for each ward of Brisbane. Projected data for March 2016 and September 2018 has been used to assist with this requirement.

Further information about the review process, reference material, maps, guidelines and advice on preparing objections to the proposal may be found on the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ) website – www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoraldistricts/localgovernmentareas/brisbane-city-council-redivision.

Anyone interested in lodging an objection should note that all objections will be published on the Commission's website in their entirety and in a publication.

Large A0 maps and copies of the report will be available for viewing at all Council libraries and at ECQ.

Objections should be marked BRISBANE and may be:

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Local Government Change Commission, GPO Box 1393, BRISBANE, QLD 4001
- personally delivered to:
Electoral Commission Queensland, Level 6, Forestry House,
160 Mary Street, Brisbane, between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm
- lodged by email to:
reviews@ecq.qld.gov.au or
- lodged online at:
www.ecq.qld.gov.au/electoraldistricts/localgovernmentareas/call-for-objections-to-proposal

It would assist the Commission if anyone intending to submit objections accompanies them with the electronic mapping data if this has been prepared, preferably in MapInfo and/or KML format in projection GDA94 – Longitude/Latitude (Australia GDA94).

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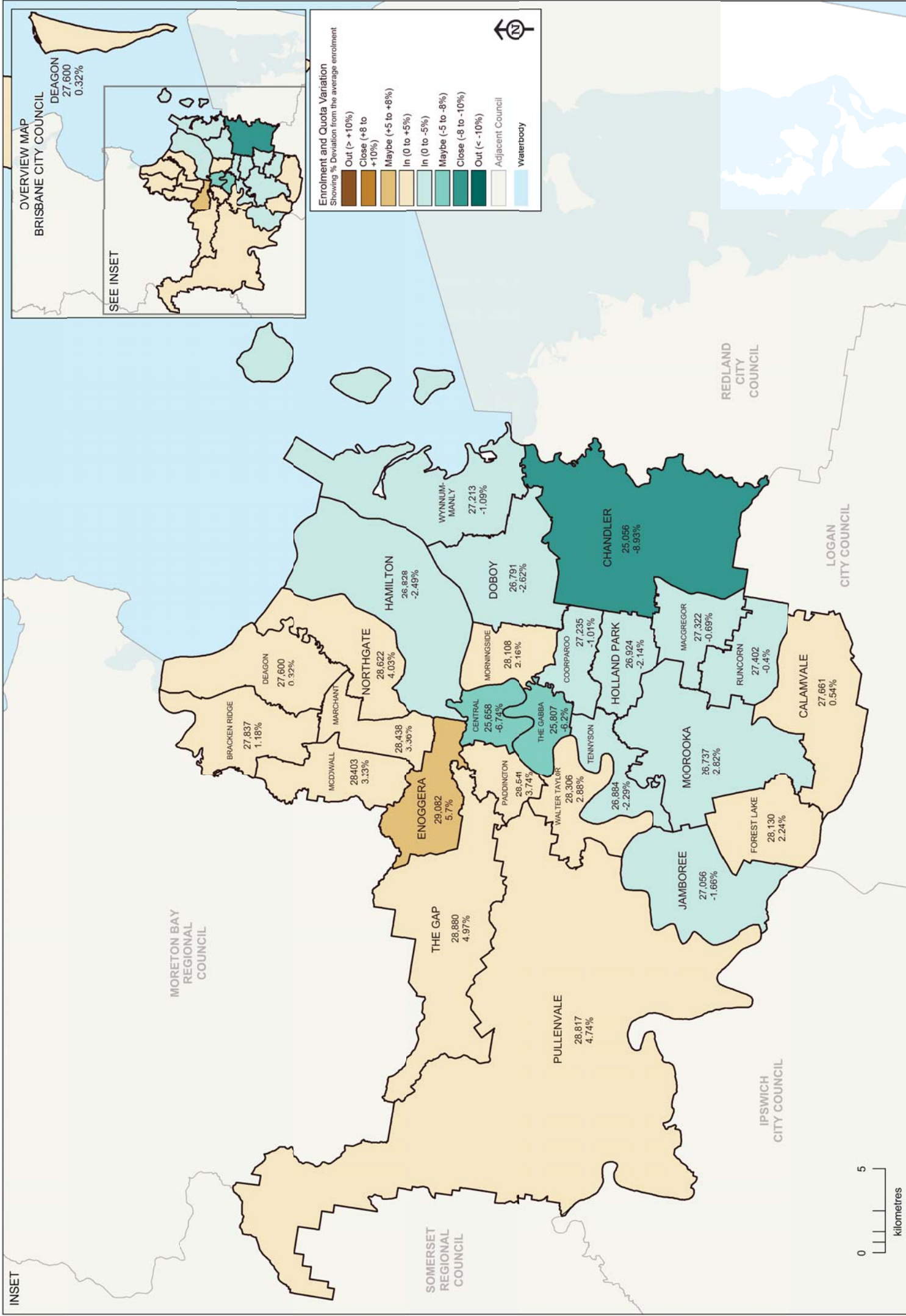
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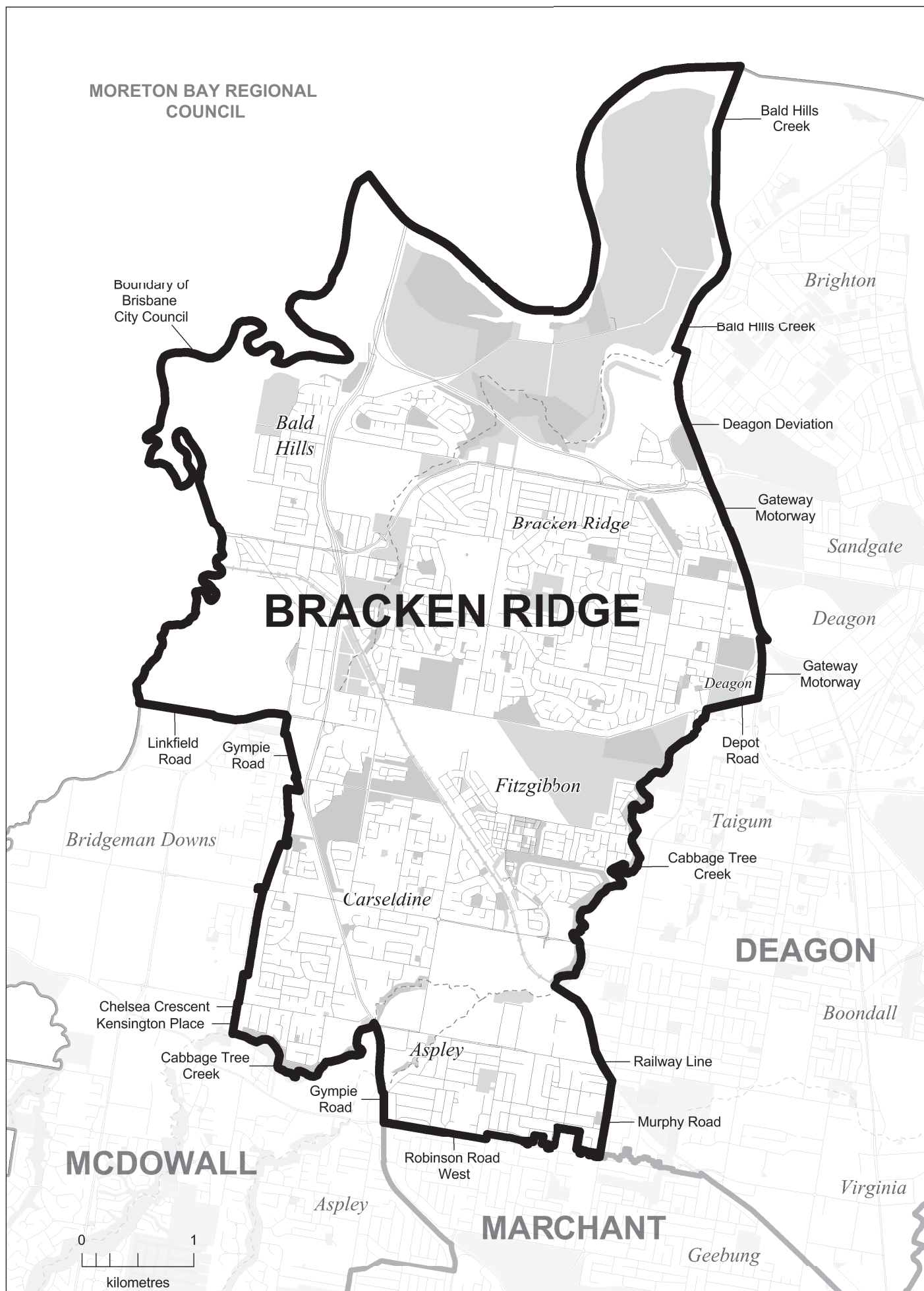
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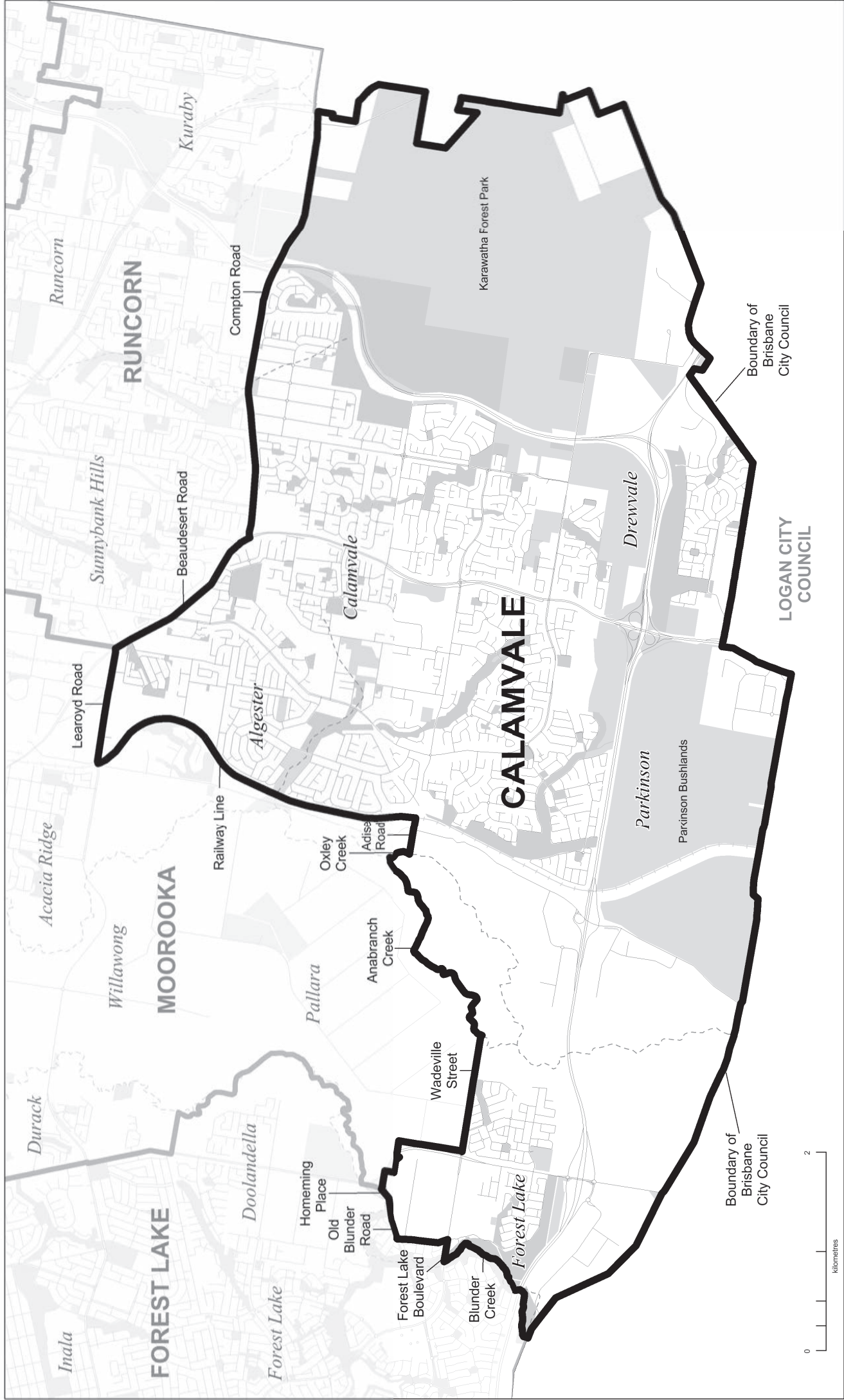
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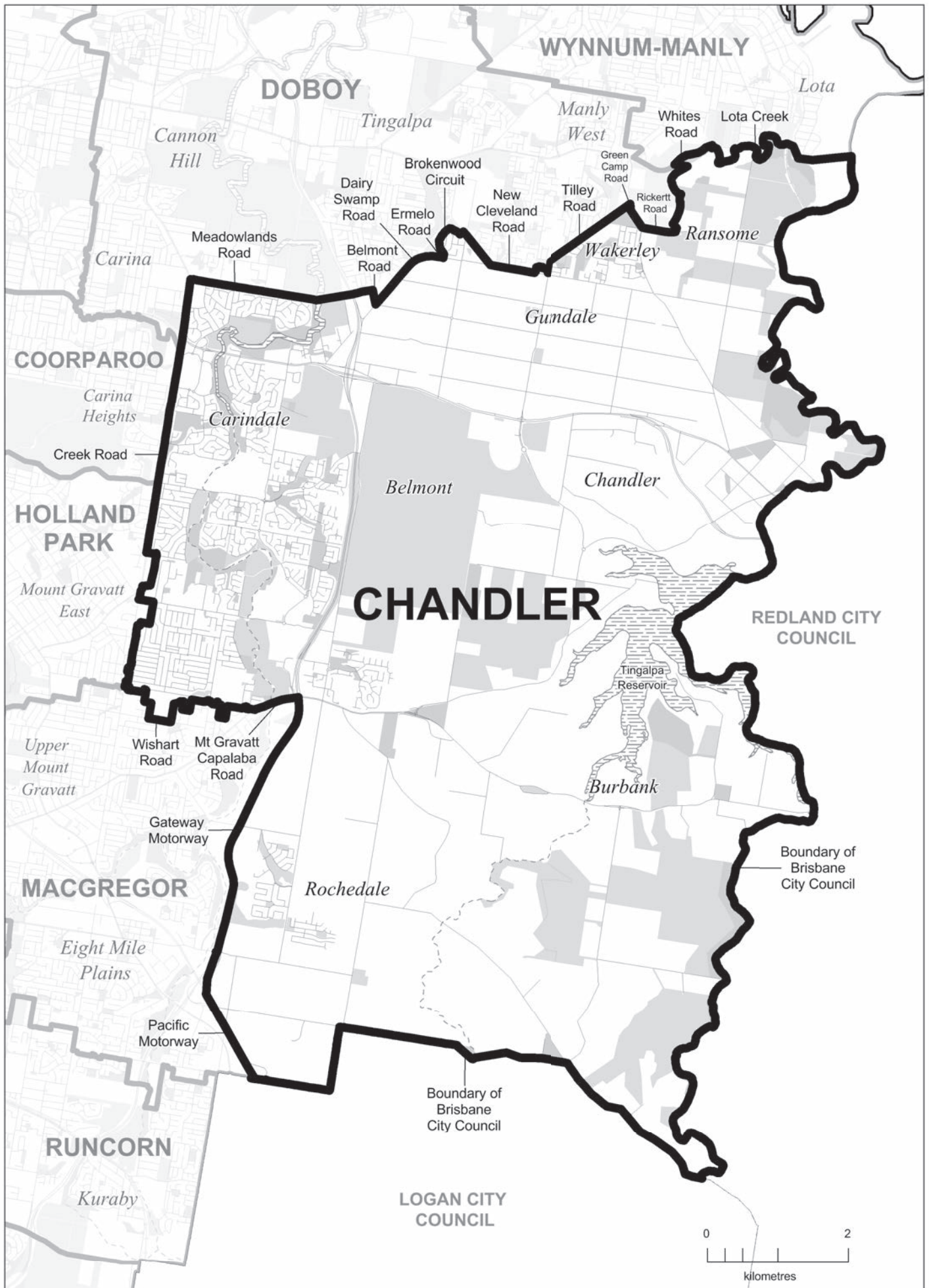


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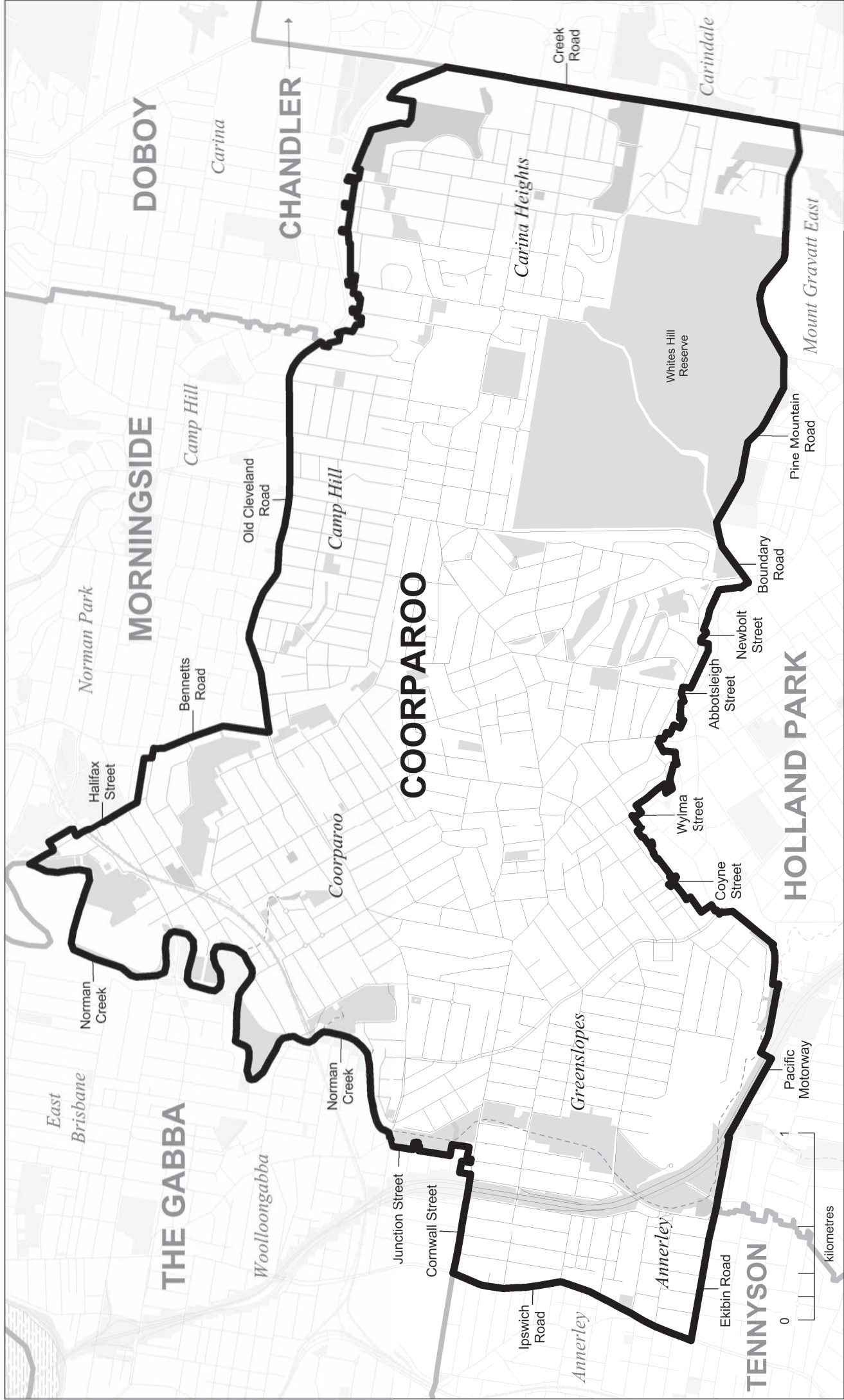
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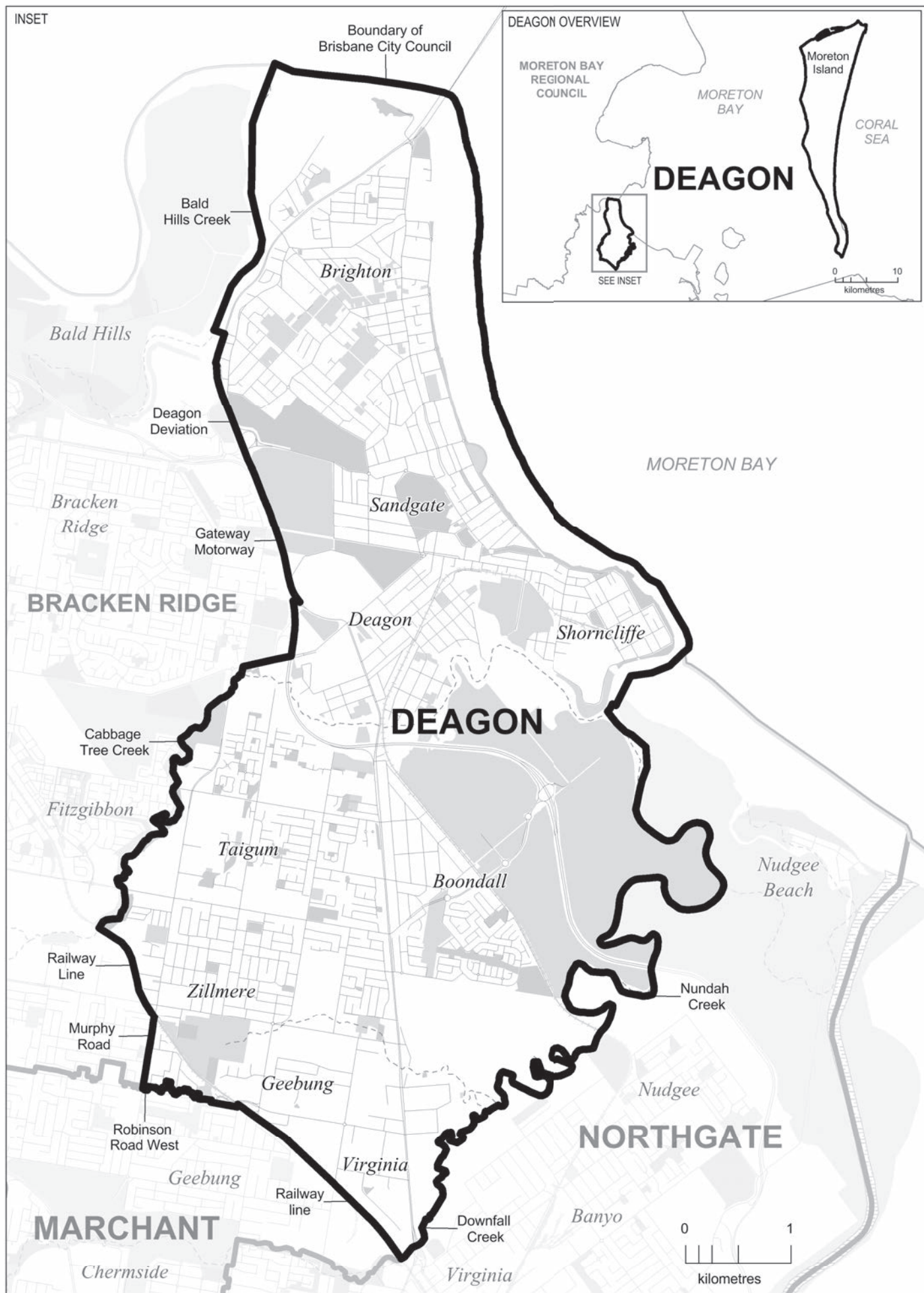
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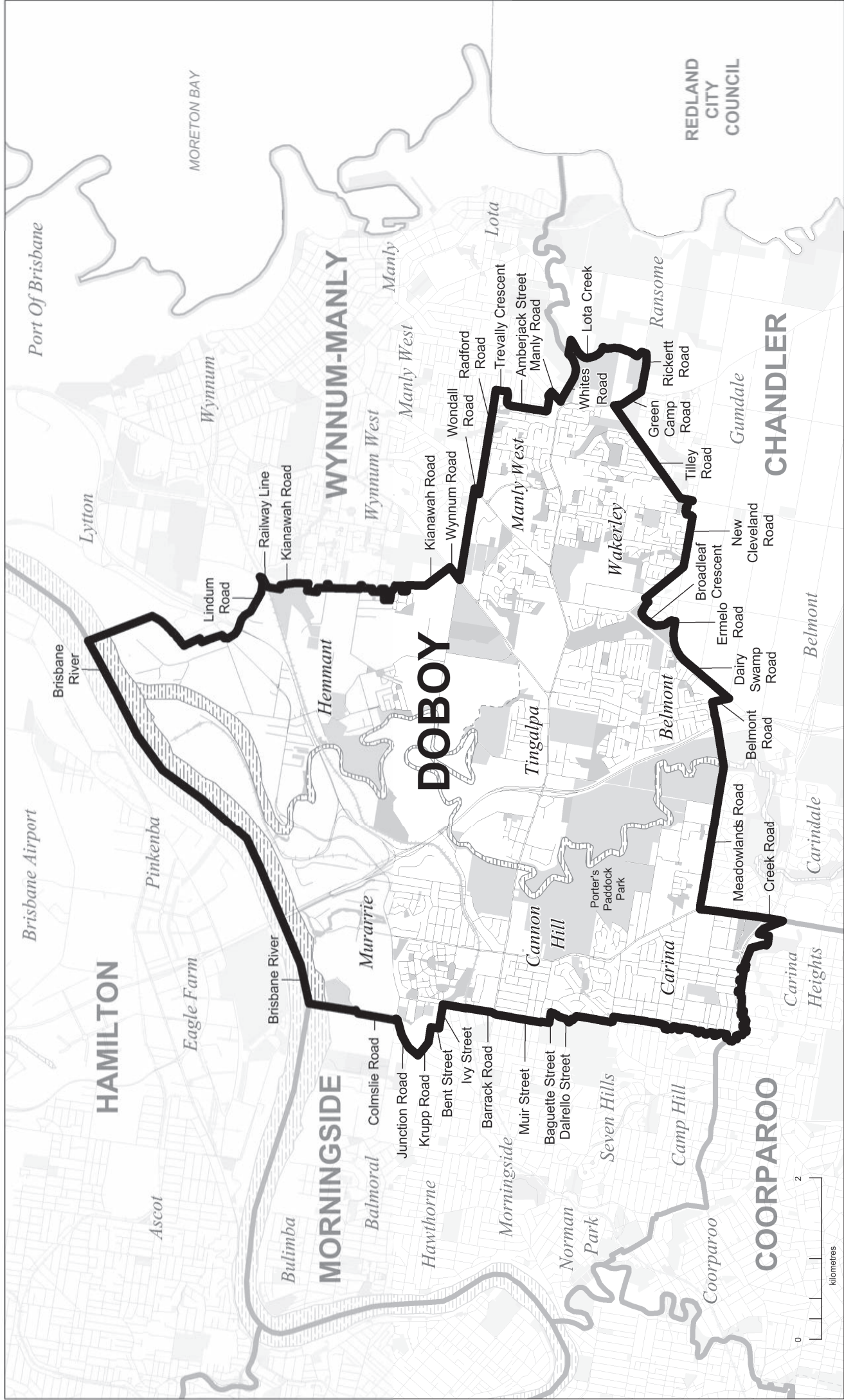
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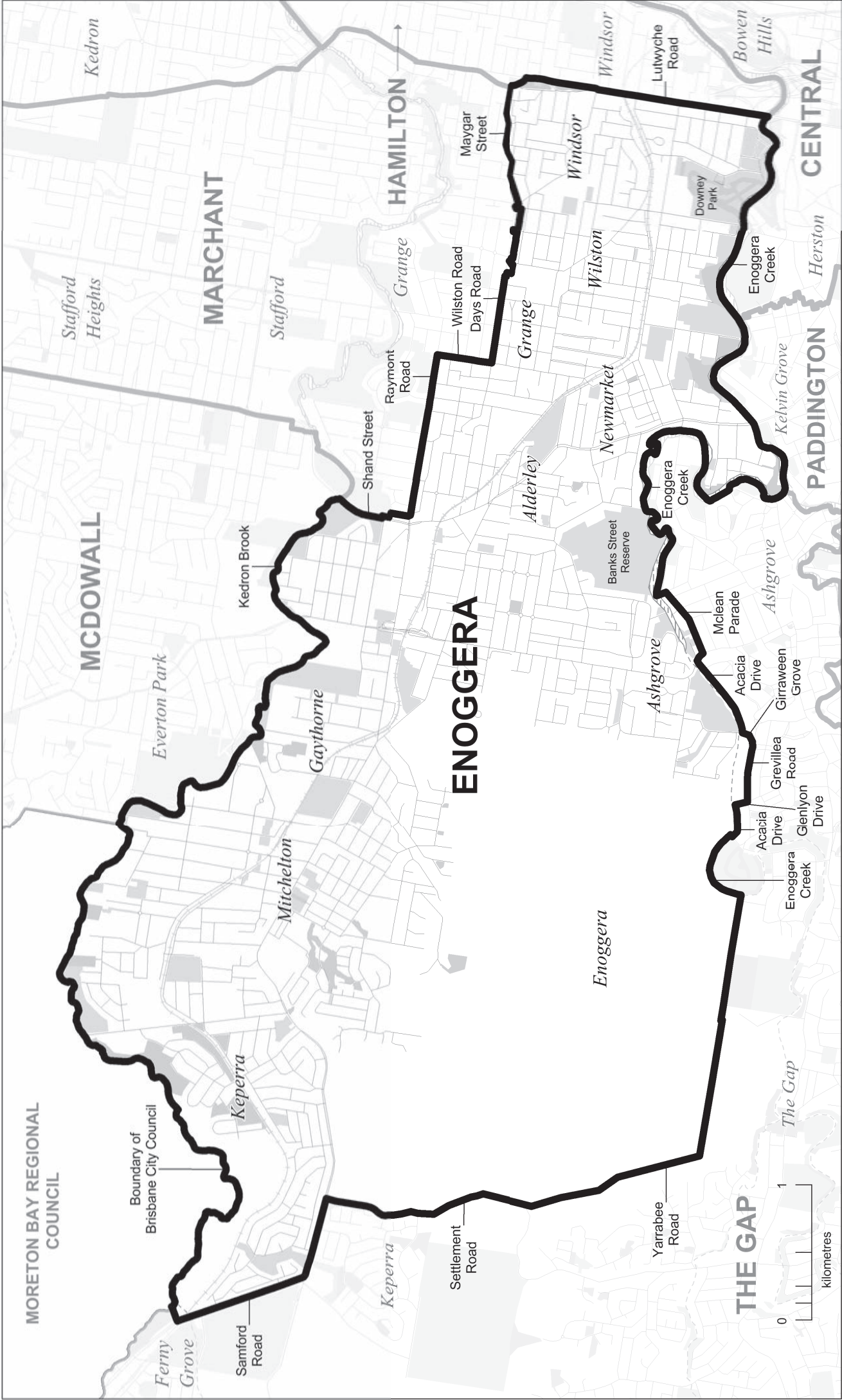
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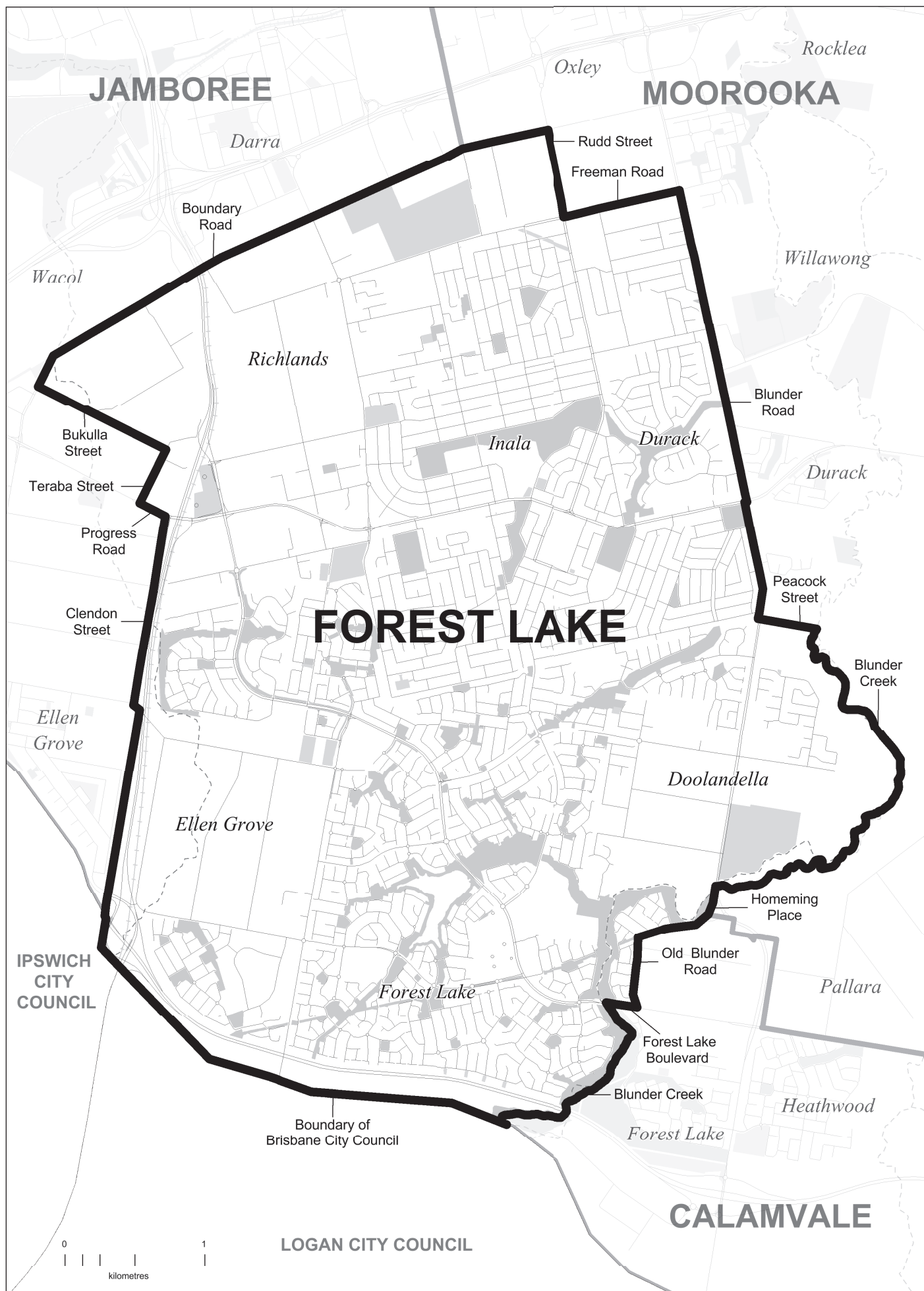
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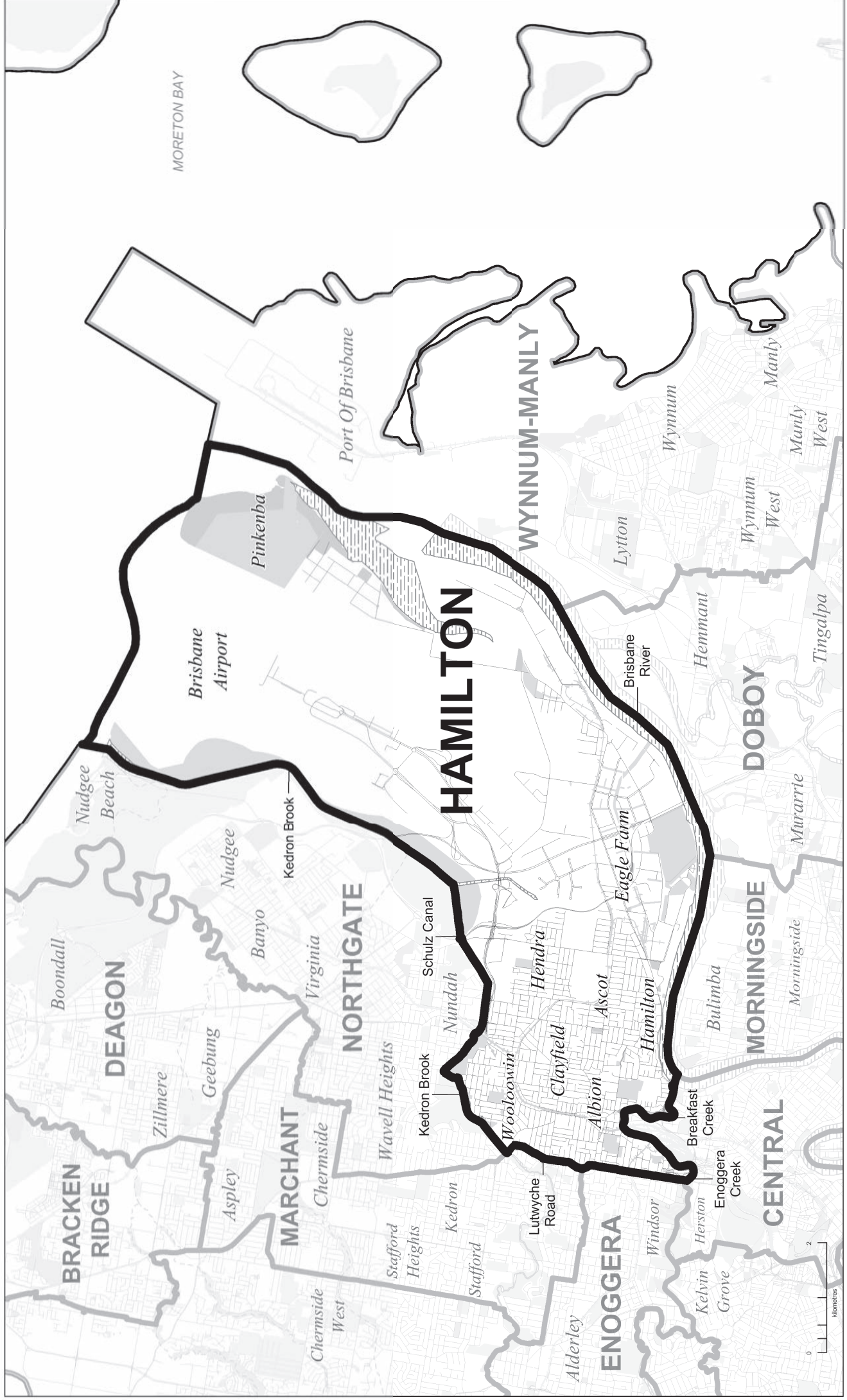
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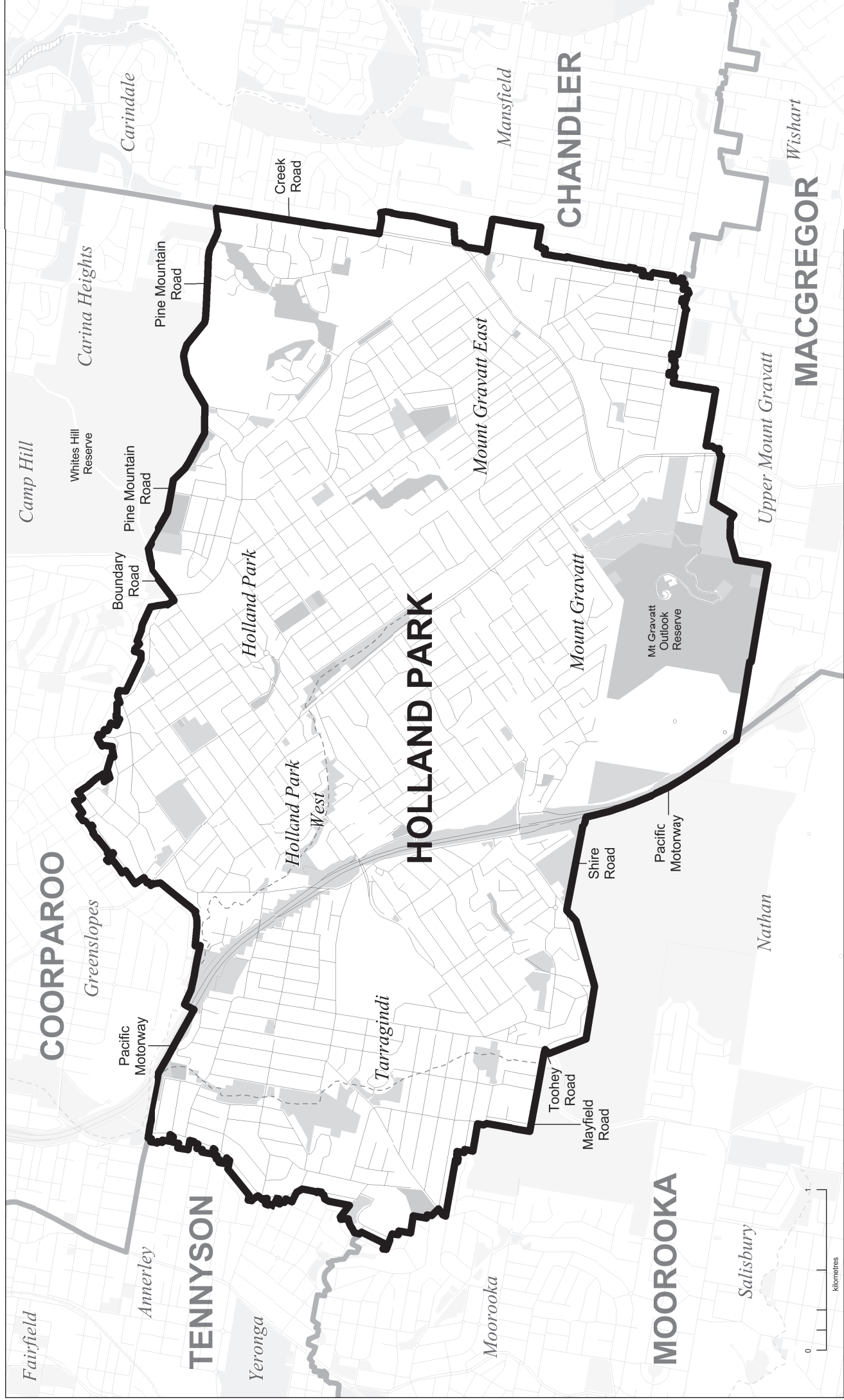
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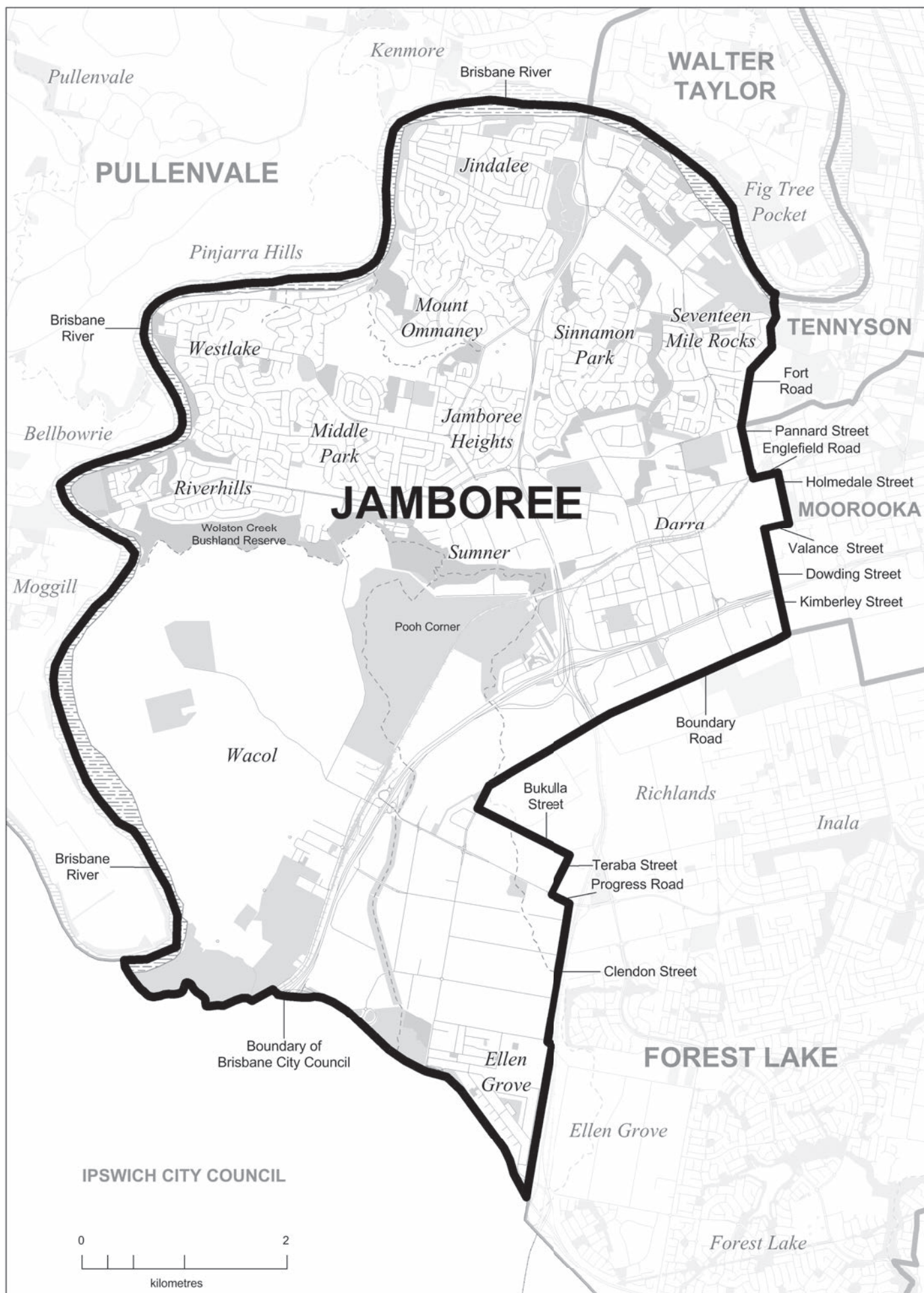


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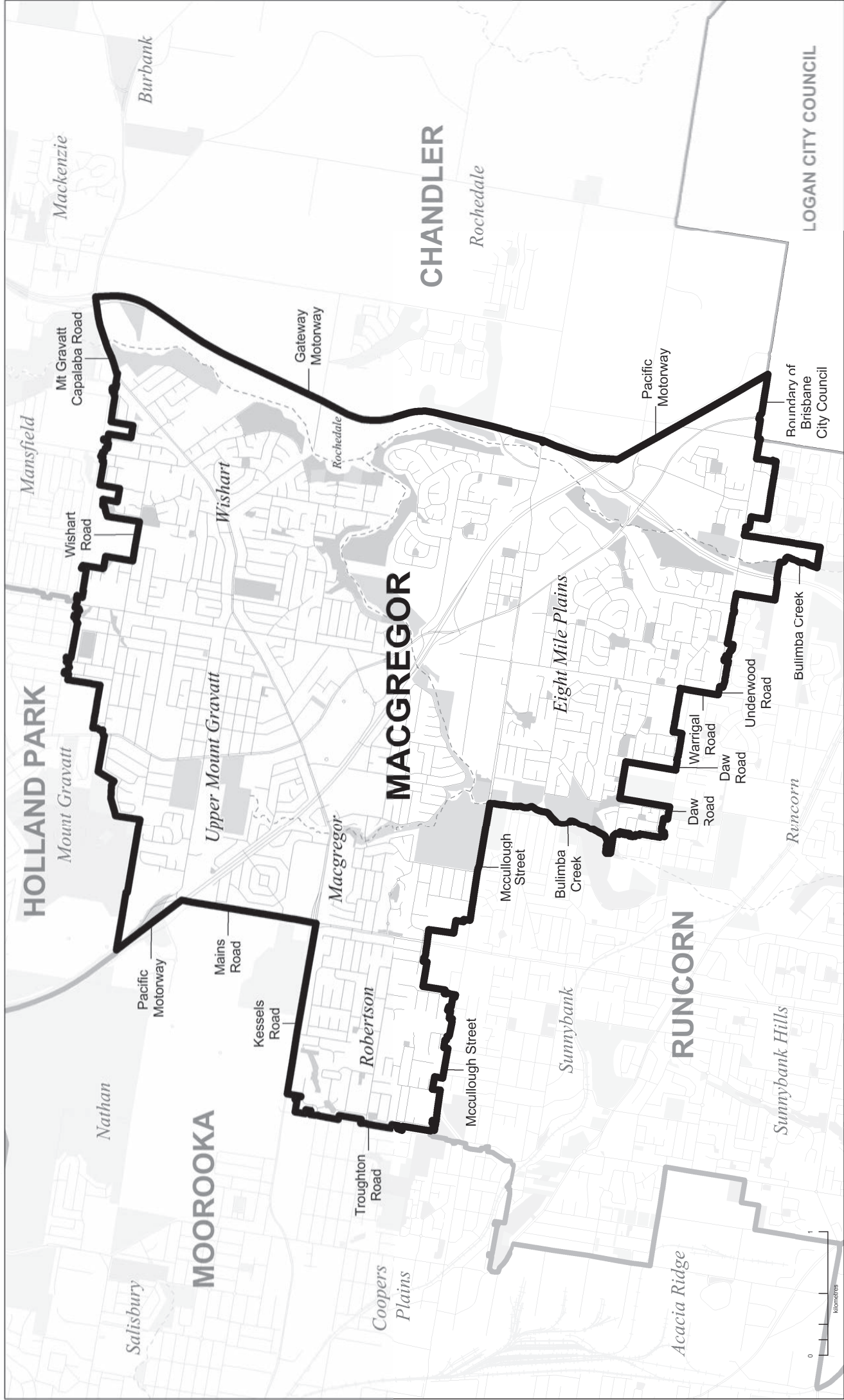


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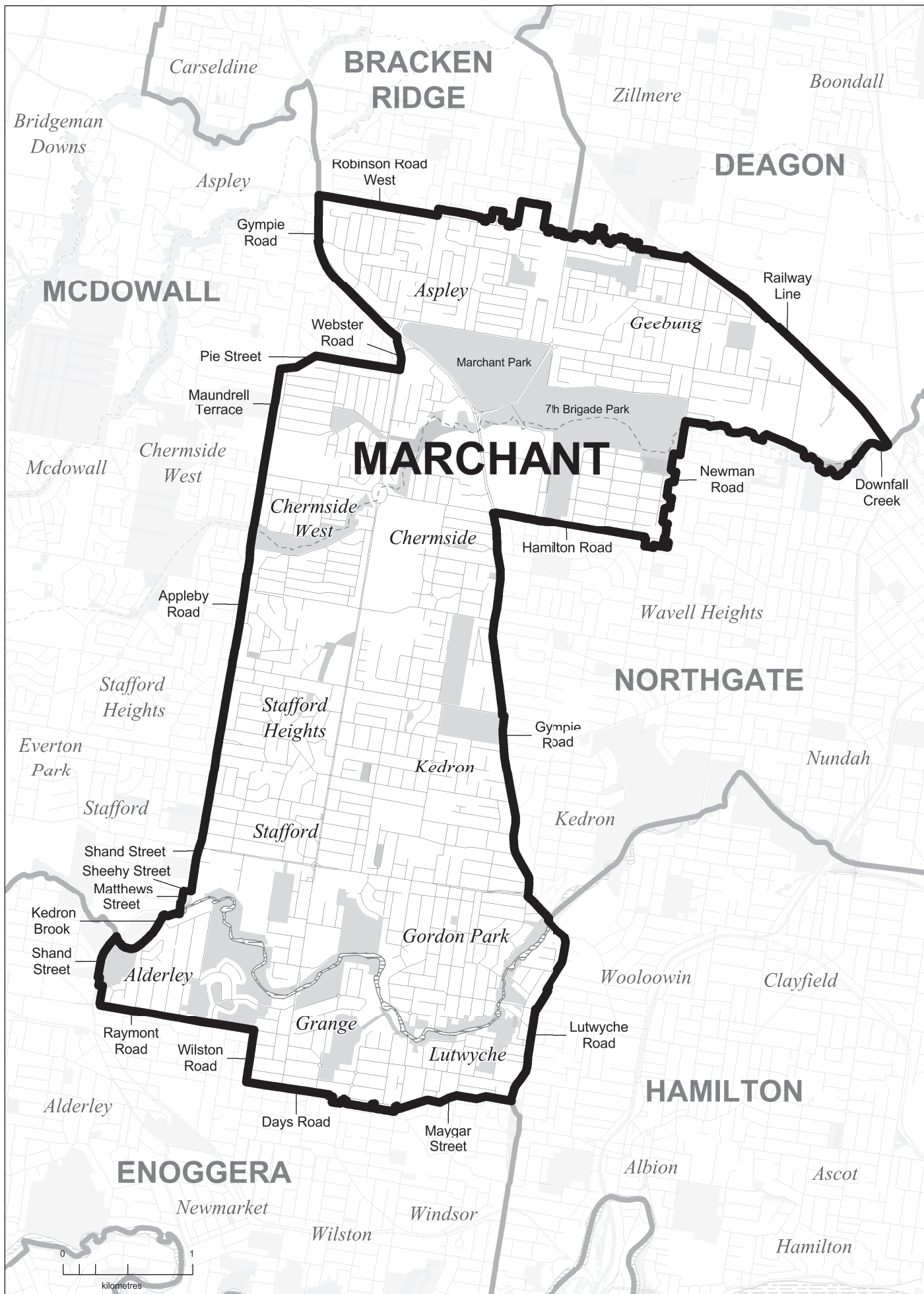


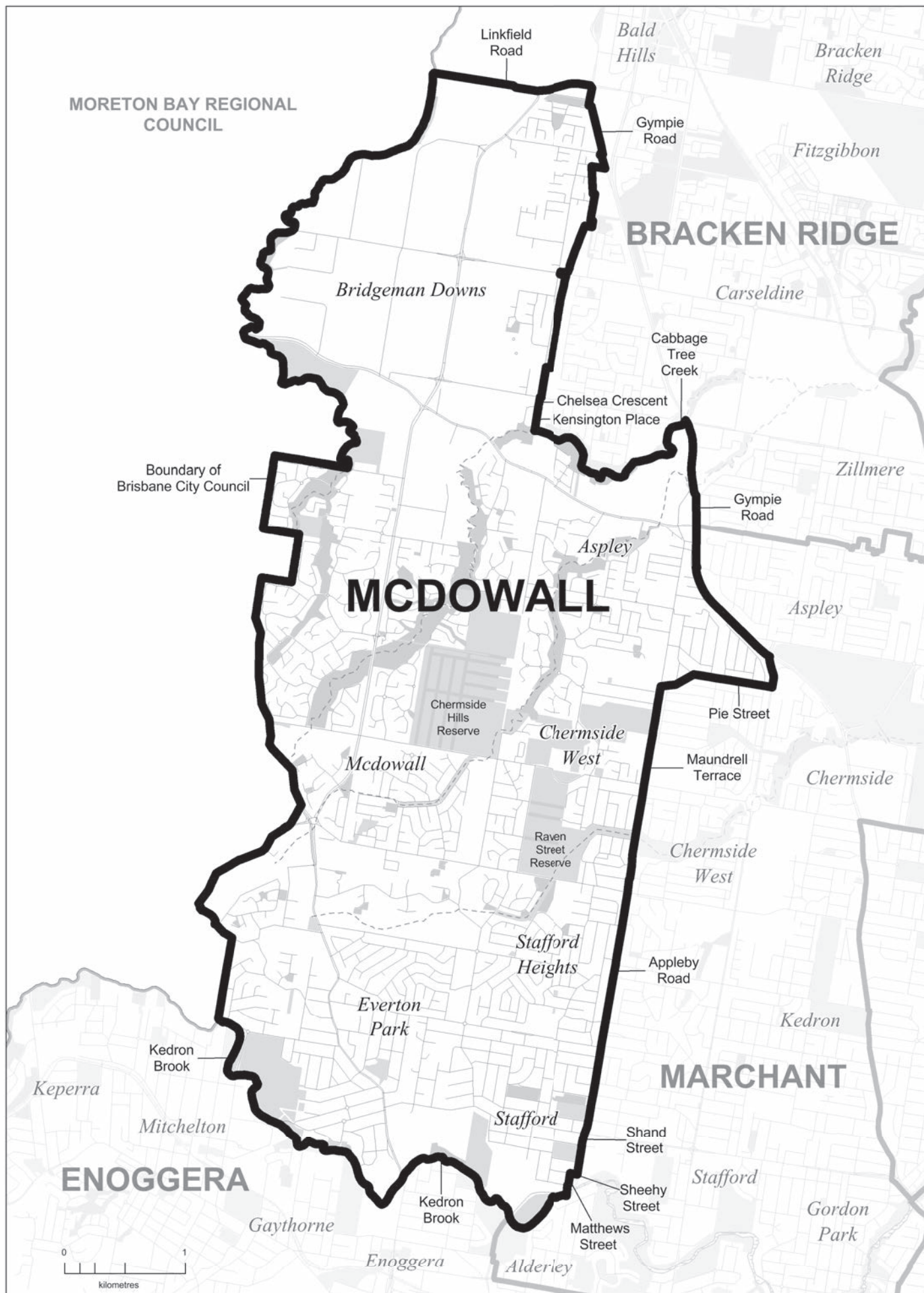
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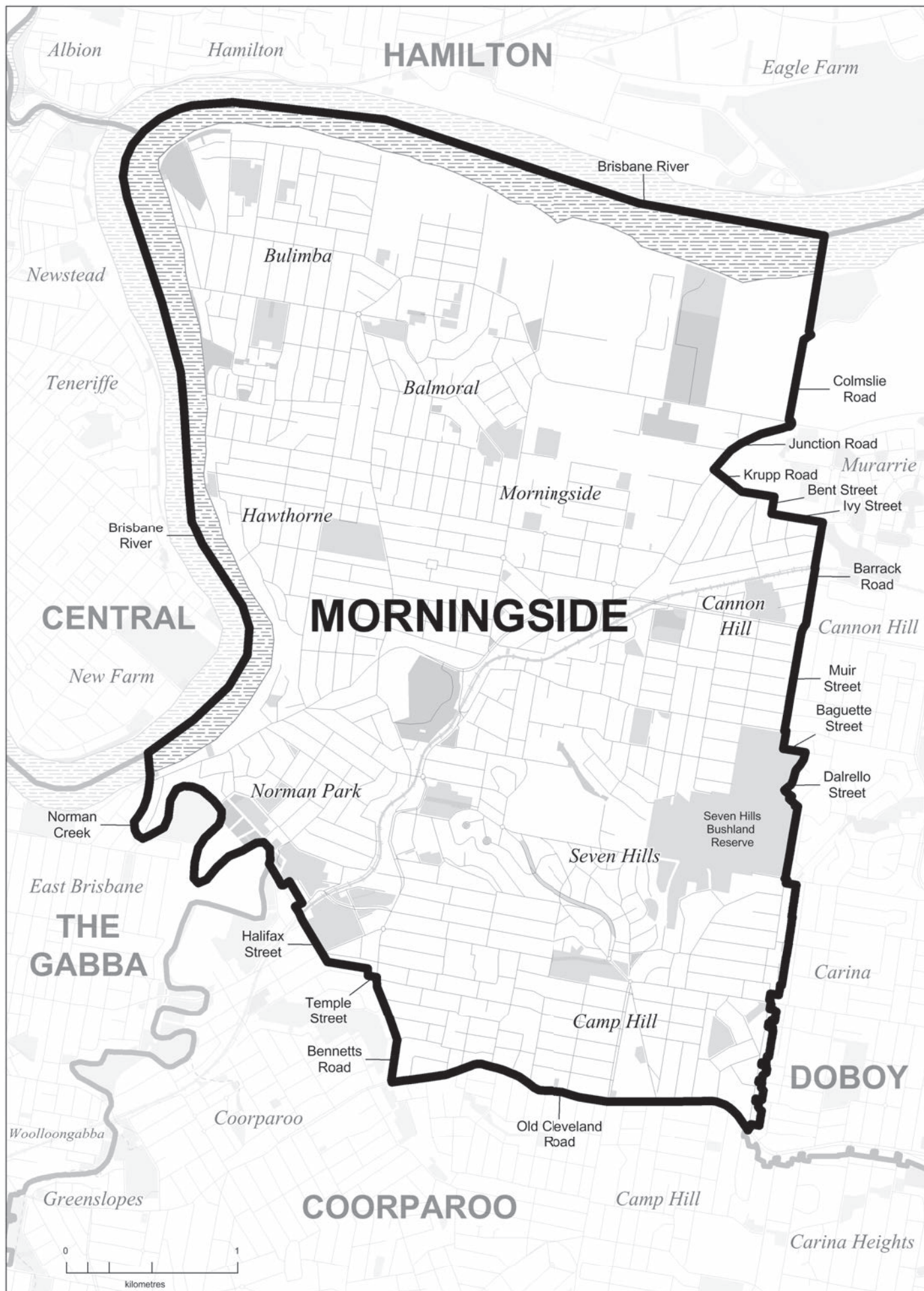


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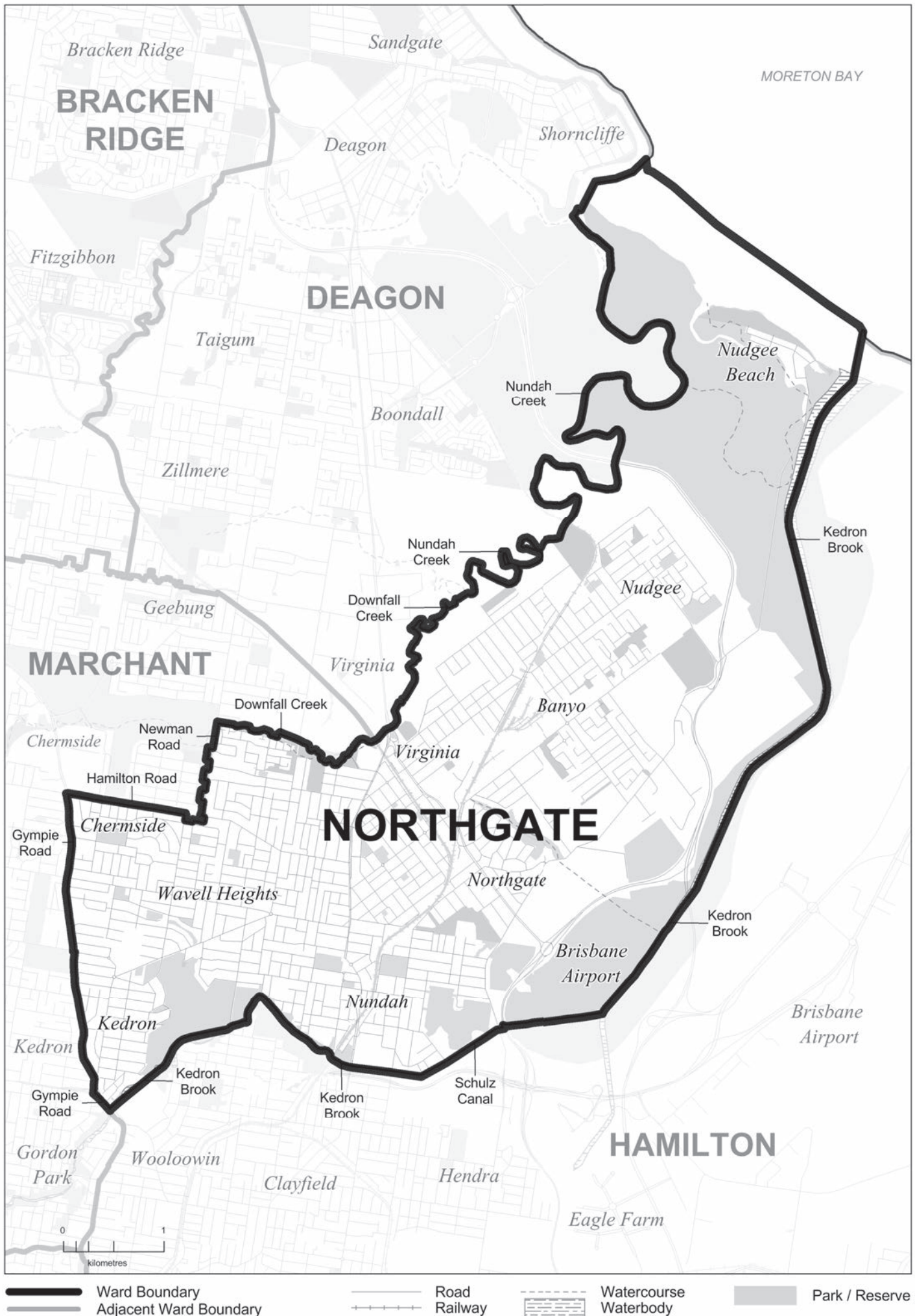
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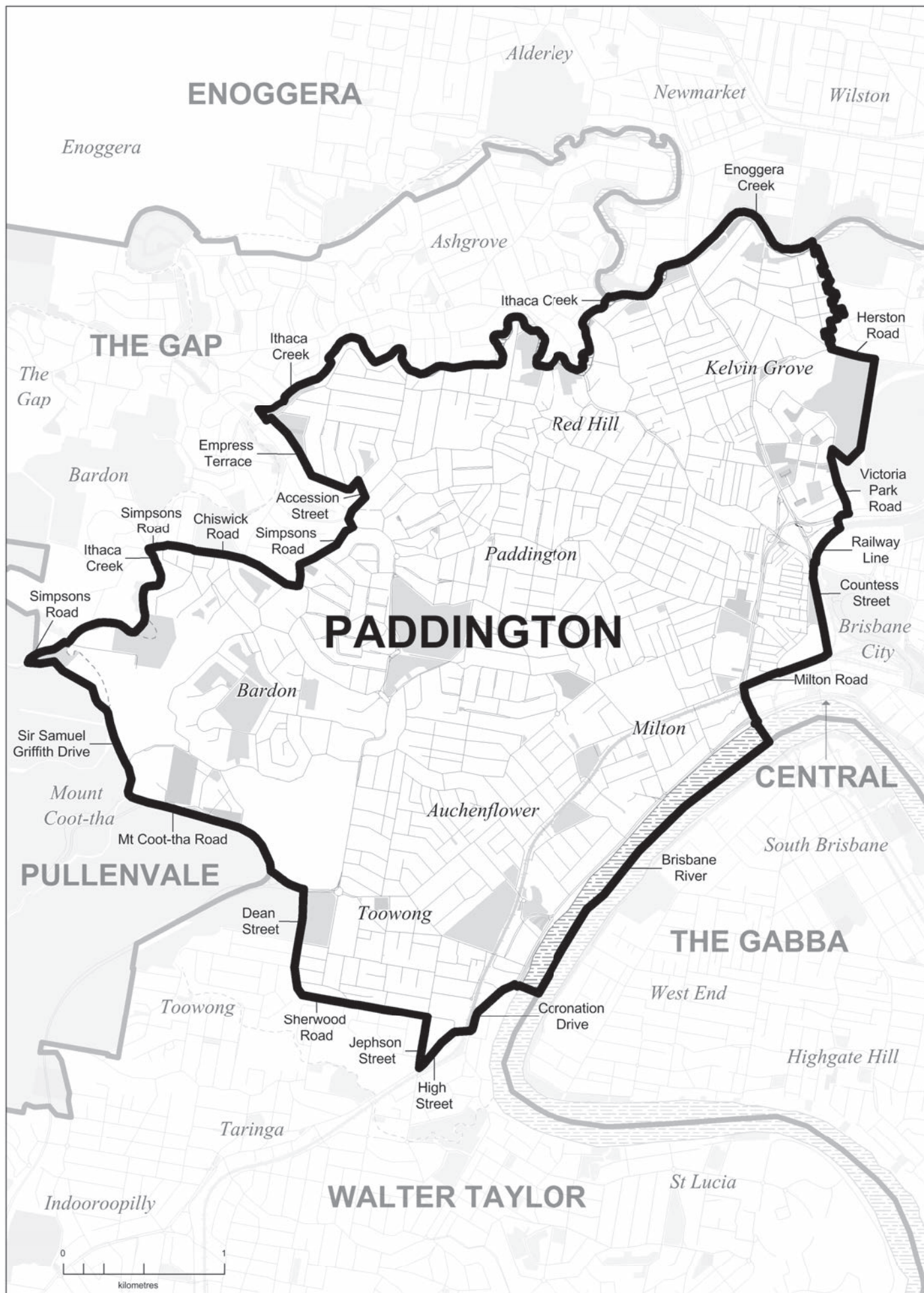
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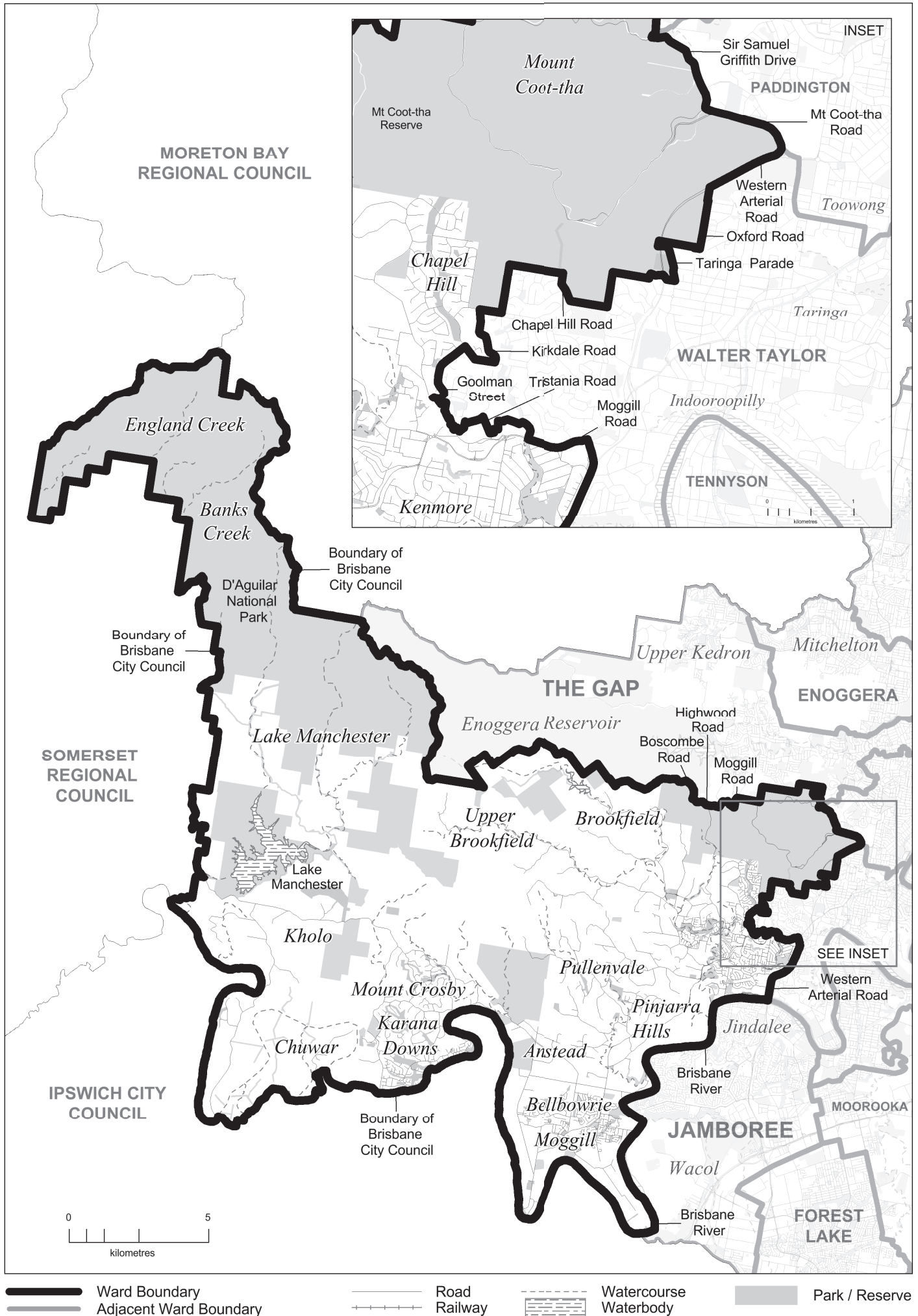
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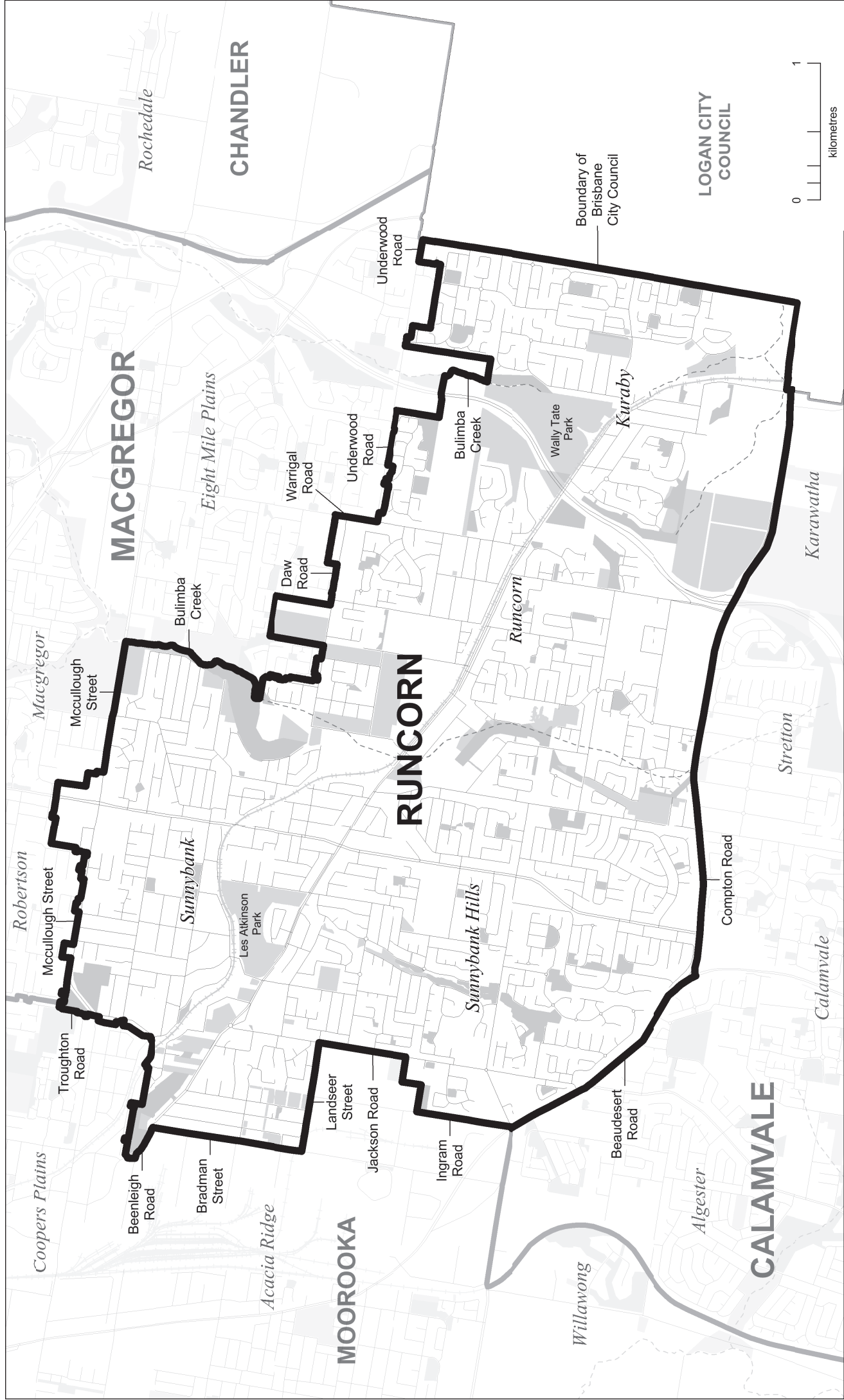
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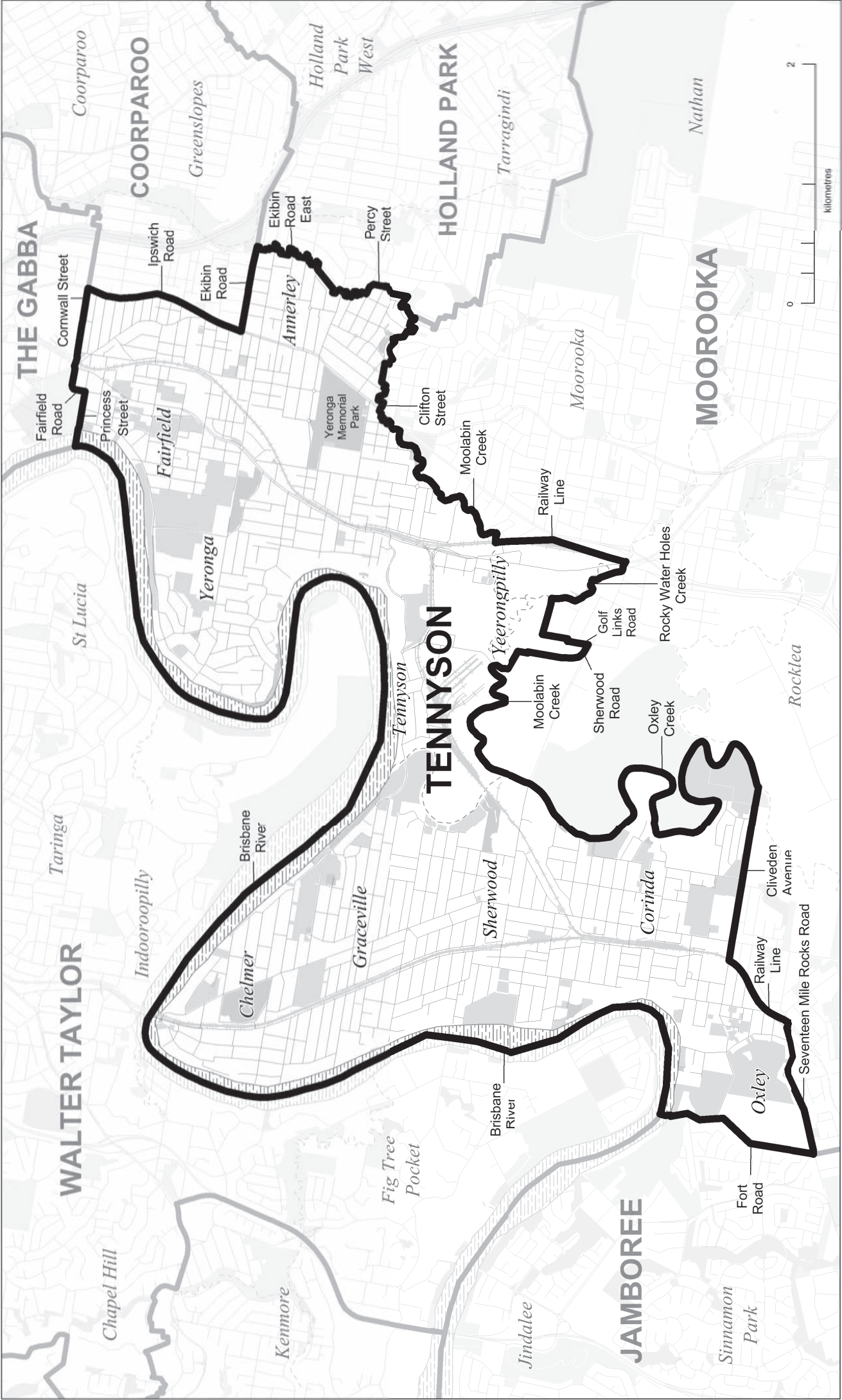


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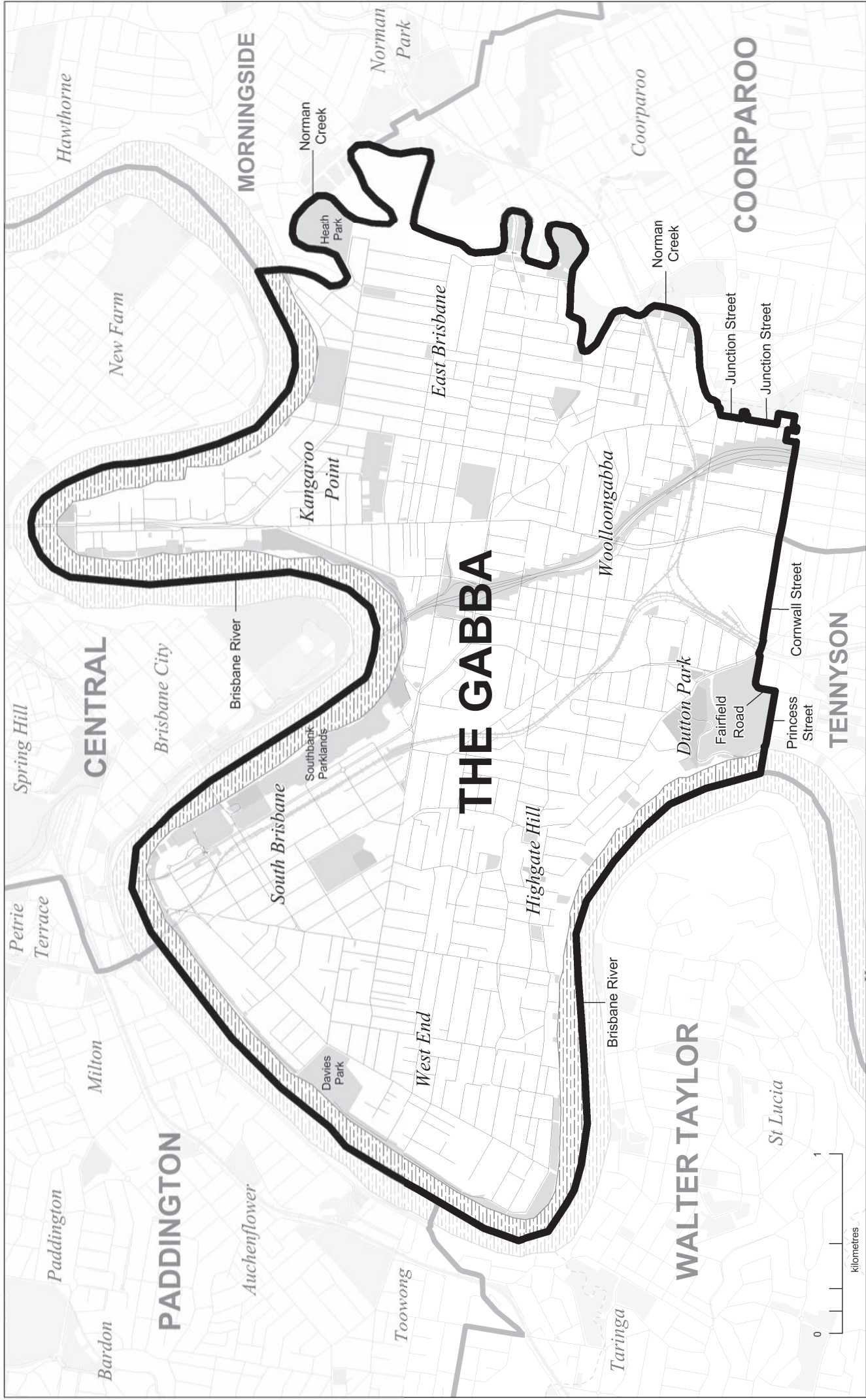


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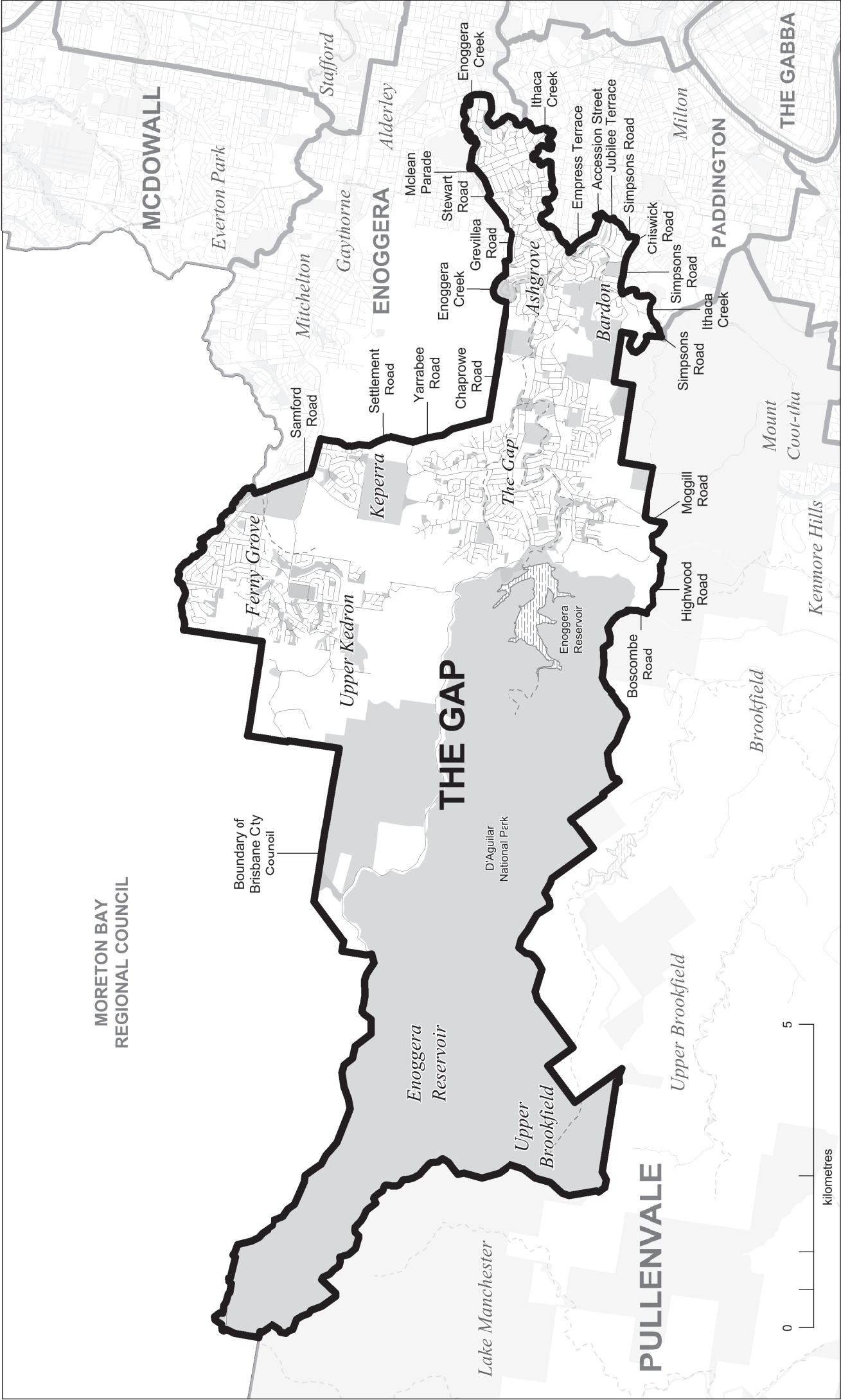
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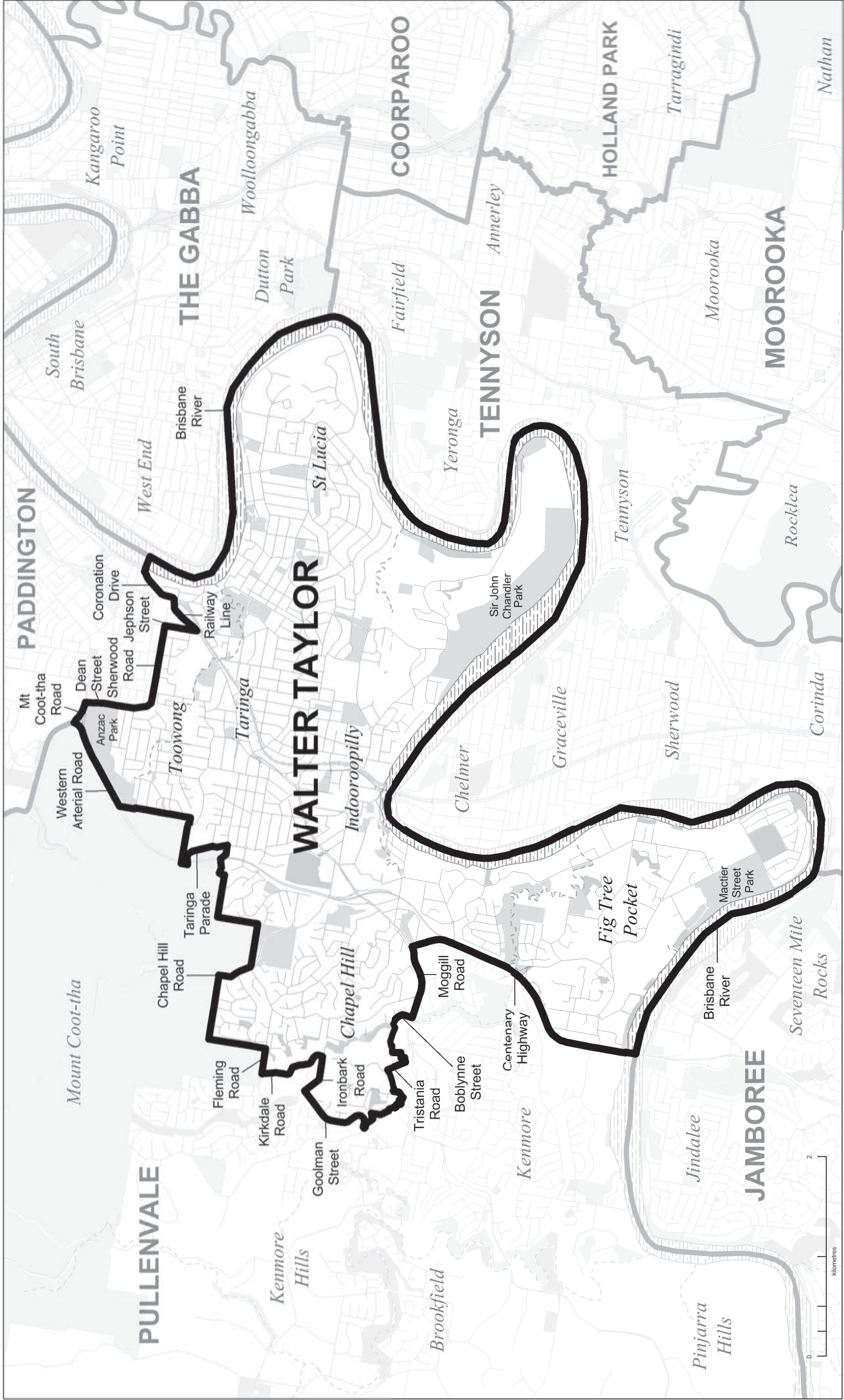
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