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FOREWORD

This report outlines the Final Determination for the redivision of electoral divisions within Bundaberg Regional Council.

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

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 the Governor in Council).

On 2 April 2015 a reference was made to the Change Commission by the Minister responsible for Local Government (see Appendix B).

For electoral purposes Bundaberg Regional Council is divided into 10 electoral divisions. This report outlines the Change Commission's Final Determination for the boundaries of the divisions. It also sets out the reasons for the Change Commission's determination. The Change Commission's proposal was adopted unanimously at a meeting held on Tuesday 22 September 2015, both Commissioners were present.

Chapter 1 of this report 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. A more detailed outline of the Final Determination appears in Chapter 3. 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. Two public submissions and a single objection were received.

The Bundaberg Regional Council provided a written submission on 15 July 2015 to the Change Commission. The Change Commission is appreciative of the Council for its submission.

The Commissioners would also like to acknowledge the valuable assistance and expertise provided by the executive, mapping and support staff of the Electoral Commission Queensland including Dermot Tiernan, Zonka Petrussevska, 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 2 April 2015 the Change Commission received a reference to review the electoral arrangements of the Bundaberg Regional Council from the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Minister responsible for Local Government (see Appendix B).

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

The Bundaberg Regional Council has 64,228 electors (as at 23 February 2015). The Council is divided into 10 electoral divisions. Each division 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 Bundaberg Regional Council election is scheduled for 19 March 2016.

The *Local Government Act 2009 (Qld)* (the Act) allows for changes to divisions in local government areas to ensure that each division has a reasonable proportion of electors. Pursuant to Section 22 of the Act, the Change Commission for this review was constituted by the Electoral Commissioner and the casual Commissioner.

Section 15 of the Act requires the Bundaberg Regional Council to review whether each of the divisions 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 March in the year that is one year before the year of the quadrennial elections. The date referred to in this report is known as the information date. The Council reported that two divisions (Divisions 4 and 5) did not meet the reasonable proportion of elector's requirements on 19 February 2015.

Under the provisions of the Section 19 of the Act, in reviewing the division 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 local government change is consistent with a Local Government Act; and
 - b. the views of the Minister about the proposed local government 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 Change 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:

- for a council with more than 10,000 electors – 10%; or
- for any other council – 20%.

Section 15 of the Act allows for a margin of 10 per cent for Bundaberg Regional Council to be adopted in relation to determining a reasonable proportion of electors. 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 division 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 AEC, 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 Bundaberg Regional Council 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 28 February 2019 (the last opportunity before the information date preceding the March 2020 election).

Table 1 – Enrolment, Projections and Averages

	23 February 2015	31 March 2016	28 February 2019
Number of divisions	10	10	10
Enrolment	64,228	65,405	68,179
Average electors per division	6,423	6,541	6,818
Permitted Maximum Number (+10%) per division	7,065	7,195	7,500
Permitted Minimum Number (-10%) per division	5,781	5,886	6,136

CHAPTER 2 – THE REVIEW PROCESS

The Bundaberg Regional Council is divided into 10 single-member divisions. By letter dated 19 February 2015, the Council advised the Minister that Divisions 4 and 5 were out of tolerance.

Based on 23 February 2015 enrolment data, the Change Commission calculated a quota (average enrolment) of 6,423, with a minimum of 5,781 (-10%) and an upper limit of 7,065 (+10%) electors permissible in each district.

On 15 July 2015, the Bundaberg Regional Council lodged a proposed solution that involved changes to Divisions 4, 5, 6, 9 and 10 within Council. Relevant correspondence is attached at Appendix B.

In accordance with Section 19 (4) of the Act, a public notice was published on 26 June 2015 inviting suggestions from interested persons. The advertisement (see Appendix C) noted that received submissions would be made available for public inspection. Suggestions closed on 17 July 2015. Two suggestions were received.

A second phase of consultation began on the 4 September 2015 following an advertised call for objections to the Change Commission's Proposed Determination (see Appendix E). Objections closed on the 18 September 2015. One public comment was received.

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

Wherever possible, the Change 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 boundaries may need to be reviewed again in readiness for the 2020 quadrennial elections.

CHAPTER 3 – FINAL DETERMINATION

CURRENT ENROLMENT

The Bundaberg Regional Council has a total of 64,228 enrolled electors spread across 10 divisions, with an average number of 6,423 electors per division. Applying the plus or minus tolerance of 10 per cent allowed by the Act, the minimum number of electors required for each division is 5,781, with a maximum of 7,065.

As can be observed in Table 2, Divisions 4 and 5 are currently out of quota. Division 5 is over the maximum allowable number of electors, while Divisions 4 is under the minimum. To address this imbalance, both Council and the Change Commission needed to alter the divisional boundaries to balance elector numbers across all 10 divisions. As part of its decision making process, the Change Commission has attempted to cater for future demographic trends, trying to keep all of the divisions within the Bundaberg Regional Council in quota in the lead up to the 2020 quadrennial election.

Table 2 – Summary of Enrolments for the Current Electoral Divisions

Division Name	Enrolment as at 23/02/2015	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2016	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 28/02/2019	(%) Deviation from Quota
Division 1	6,541	+1.84	6,678	+2.1	6,917	+1.45
Division 2	6,975	+8.6	7,084	+8.31	7,425	+8.9
Division 3	6,408	-0.23	6,513	-0.42	6,692	-1.85
Division 4	5,460	-14.99	5,529	-15.47	5,650	-17.13
Division 5	7,391	+15.07	7,620	+16.5	8,244	+20.92
Division 6	6,682	+4.04	6,882	+5.22	7,459	+9.4
Division 7	6,479	+0.88	6,572	+0.48	6,833	+0.22
Division 8	6,449	+0.41	6,561	+0.31	6,792	-0.38
Division 9	5,884	-8.39	5,969	-8.74	6,117	-10.28
Division 10	5,959	-7.22	5,997	-8.31	6,050	-11.26

PROPOSED DETERMINATION

The Change Commission received two submissions in response to its call for suggestions in June and July 2015. Mr Gordon wrote in relation to the shape of divisions between rural and residential areas, while Mr Hopton voiced his concerns about Councillor representation for the town of Buxton.

The Change Commission was satisfied the Proposed Determination addressed the concerns of Mr Gordon, and recommends Council take note of Mr Hopton's concern about Buxton.

Therefore the Change Commission adopted the Bundaberg Regional Council's proposal in its entirety, finding that it had used sound mapping, consultation and elector figures that aligned with the Change Commission's own information (see Appendix D).

OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED DETERMINATION

One comment was received from Mr McColl, expressing his desire to see the amalgamation of seven divisions (Divisions 4 through 10) within Council. This suggestion is outside the scope of the current internal boundary review process.

FINAL DETERMINATION

The Change Commission was satisfied that its proposal was well-reasoned and satisfied the need to bring the divisions of Bundaberg Regional Council into quota, while maintaining communities of interest.

The Change Commission recommends that its Proposed Determination formulated from the Council's proposal is to be the new divisional boundaries. Projected growth figures suggest these changes are likely to keep all divisions within quota 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 Bundaberg Regional Council be redivided into 10 divisions as shown on the maps contained in Appendix F of this report.***

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

Table 3 – Summary of Enrolments for the Final Electoral Divisions

Division Name	Enrolment as at 23/02/2015	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2016	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 28/02/2019	(%) Deviation from Quota
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Division 2	6,975	+8.6	7,084	+8.31	7,425	+8.9
Division 3	6,408	-0.23	6,513	-0.42	6,692	-1.85
Division 4	6,456	+0.52	6,533	-0.11	6,668	-2.2
Division 5	5,948	-7.39	6,163	-5.77	6,756	-0.91
Division 6	6,055	-5.73	6,168	-5.7	6,536	-4.14
Division 7	6,479	+0.88	6,572	+0.48	6,833	+0.22
Division 8	6,449	+0.41	6,561	+0.31	6,792	-0.38
Division 9	6,431	+0.13	6,587	+0.71	6,910	+1.35
Division 10	6,486	+0.98	6,546	+0.08	6,651	-2.45

APPENDIX A

Previous Electoral Divisions

EXISTING ELECTORAL DIVISIONS



APPENDIX B

**Minister's Referral
Council's Submission**



Hon Jackie Trad MP

Deputy Premier

Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure,

Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade

Our ref: MBN15/49

- 2 APR 2015

Mr Walter van der Merwe
Electoral Commissioner
Electoral Commission Queensland
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Mr van der Merwe

I am writing to you in relation to local government electoral reviews which have been undertaken in preparation for the 2016 local government elections.

I have recently received proposals from 14 local governments seeking a review of their existing electoral arrangements.

The proposals include submissions in relation to the internal divisional boundary distributions where it has been determined that the divisional boundaries are out-of-quota. In addition, four of those local governments have submitted additional proposals for voluntary changes to their existing arrangements.

I note that, under section 19 of *the Local Government Act 2009* (the Act), the Commission must consider whether the local government change is consistent with the Act and must consider my views on any proposed changes.

Having examined each of their proposals, I consider it appropriate to refer each matter to you for independent assessment and determination by the Local Government Change Commission.

For your reference, I have enclosed a summary of each divided local government's quota review, a copy of each proposal referred to you for review and additional supporting information to assist with your review.

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

Yours sincerely



**JACKIE TRAD MP
DEPUTY PREMIER**

**Minister for Transport, Minister for Infrastructure,
Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade**

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DIVIDED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – QUOTAS AND PROPOSED VOLUNTARY CHANGES

<u>Local Government</u>	<u>Results of Review</u>	<u>No. of Divisions Out of Quota</u>	<u>Referral to Local Government Change Commission</u>
Banana Shire Council	Out-of-quota	2	Refer quota review
Bundaberg Regional Council	Out-of-quota	2	Refer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quota review • proposal to abolish divisions • proposal to incorporate unallocated area into local government area
Cairns Regional Council	Out-of-quota	1	Refer quota review
Cassowary Coast Regional Council	In quota	0	No referral required
Fraser Coast Regional Council	Out-of-quota	2	Refer quota review
Gold Coast City Council	In quota	0	No referral required
Gympie Regional Council	In quota	0	No referral required
Ipswich City Council	Out-of-quota	5	Refer quota review
Isaac Regional Council	Out-of-quota	2	Refer quota review
Logan City Council	Out-of-quota	1	Refer quota review
Moreton Bay Regional Council	Out-of-quota	2	Refer quota review
North Burnett Regional Council	In quota	0	No referral required
Redland City Council	Out-of-quota	1 (out) and 1 (predicted)	Refer both quota reviews
Rockhampton Regional Council	Out-of-quota	2	Refer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • quota review • proposal to renumber divisions
Scenic Rim Regional Council	Out-of-quota	1 (out) and 1 (predicted)	Refer both quota reviews
South Burnett Regional Council	In quota	0	No referral required
Sunshine Coast Regional Council	Out-of-quota	2	Refer quota review
Tablelands Regional Council	Out-of-quota	3	Internal boundary review plus additional voluntary change proposal to increase councillor numbers already referred to Change Commission on 16 December 2014.
Townsville City Council	Out-of-quota	2	Refer quota review
Whitsunday Regional Council	Out-of-quota	1	Refer quota review

15 July 2015

Gregory Rowe
Change Commissioner
GPO Box 1393
Brisbane Qld 4001

→ Greg

Dear Greg

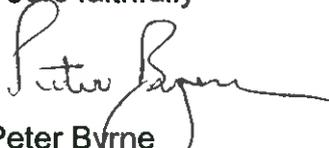
Re: Calling for suggestions on internal divisions

I refer to your correspondence dated 26 June 2015 whereby you invited submissions on redivision of Council due to two divisions being outside the quota.

Council has reviewed and considered the information provided by the Commission and proposes the attached submission. Officers and Councillors have kept the current SA1 boundaries as provided by the Commission however Council would request that when the Commissioner has made his decision on the internal divisions that Council is afforded the opportunity to make further alignment changes should it be deemed necessary before the division boundaries are finalised.

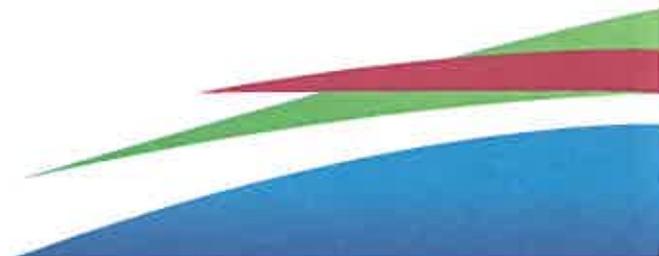
I have attached the SA1 numbers, their current division and the future division for your reference. Should you have any questions of the proposal put forward by Council, please contact Glenn Hart, General Manager Organisational Services on 1300 883 699.

Yours faithfully



Peter Byrne
Chief Executive Officer

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Division	SA1	Split	2015	2019	
Division 5	3149305	S	0	0	To Div 6
Division 5	3149307		238	246	To Div 6
Division 5	3149308		360	369	To Div 6
Division 5	3149309		481	496	To Div 6
Division 5	3149310		347	355	To Div 6
Division 5	3149328	S	17	22	To Div 6
			1443		
Division 6	3149212	S	315	518	To Div 9
Division 6	3149601		156	261	To Div 9
Division 6	3149602		403	416	To Div 9
Division 6	3149603		254	256	To Div 9
Division 6	3149604		300	301	To Div 9
Division 6	3149605		172	174	To Div 9
Division 6	3149606		470	485	To Div 9
			2070		
Division 9	3149503	S	0	0	To Div 4
Division 9	3149504	S	3	3	To Div 4
Division 9	3149511		169	173	To Div 4
Division 9	3149512		226	231	To Div 4
Division 9	3150214		249	252	To Div 10
Division 9	3150215		420	426	To Div 10
Division 9	3150218	S	93	94	To Div 10
Division 9	3149206		250	254	To Div 10
Division 9	3149212	S	145	238	To Div 10
			1555		
Division 10	3149513		263	269	To Div 4
Division 10	3149514		335	342	To Div 4
			598		

APPENDIX C

**Invitation for Written Submissions
Written Submissions**

QUEENSLAND CHANGE COMMISSION BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL

FINAL DETERMINATION ON ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS

The Change Commission has forwarded to the Minister for Local Government its final recommendation in relation to electoral arrangements for Bundaberg Regional Council.

The Commission has recommended to the Minister that the Council's electoral arrangements **remain as ten single member divisions.**

In accordance with Part 3 of the *Local Government Act 2009* this determination has been published in the Government Gazette and local newspapers. Information about the determination can be found on the Commission's website.

CALL FOR SUGGESTIONS ON INTERNAL DIVISIONS

The Bundaberg Regional Council has advised that its electoral divisions no longer meet the quota requirements set down in the Local Government Act. The Minister responsible for Local Government has in turn referred the matter to the Change Commission for independent assessment.

The Commission now invites written suggestions from interested persons and bodies relating to the council's electoral divisions to be lodged on or before **5.00 pm Friday 17 July 2015.**

For the purpose of this review, the Commission has determined that the average number of enrolled electors for electoral divisions is 6,423. Section 15 of the Act requires the Commission to ensure that the number of enrolled electors in all divisions does not differ from this average by $\pm 10\%$. Applying the specified level of tolerance means that the minimum number of electors in each division must be 5,781, with a maximum of 7,065 (These figures are as at 23 February 2015).

Further information about the review process and advice on formulating suggestions may be found on the Electoral Commission of Queensland website under Local Government Reviews.

Suggestions should be marked BUNDABERG REGIONAL and be lodged as follows:

- by posting to
Local Government Change Commission, GPO Box 1393, BRISBANE, QLD 4001
- by personal delivery, between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm to
Electoral Commission of Queensland,
Level 6, Forestry House, 160 Mary Street, Brisbane
- by email to bundabergregionalcouncilreview@ecq.qld.gov.au or
- by online form

which can be found on the Electoral Commission Queensland website (www.ecq.qld.gov.au) under ELECTORAL DISTRICTS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEWS then click to the Bundaberg Regional and scroll to the bottom of the page.

It would assist the Commission if anyone intending to submit maps with written suggestions could do so by using maps of the present divisions which are available on the Commission's website, or by contacting the Commission on 1300 881 665 for assistance.

If you wish to lodge a submission, please note that all submissions will be published in their entirety (including name and address details) on the Commission's website.

Walter van der Merwe

**Change Commissioner
Electoral Commission of Queensland**

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~~ATT: CHANGE COMMISSION~~

~~ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF QUEENSLAND~~

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TOM GORDON

RE: FINAL DETERMINATION OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS
FOR BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL

I FULLY SUPPORT THE RETENTION OF TEN SINGLE
MEMBER DIVISIONS. IN REGARDS TO QUOTA REQUIREMENTS

I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THIS MAJOR/MINOR
TOWNSHIPS SURROUNDING THE CITY OF BUNDA BERG
MUST BE GIVEN EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION. THE
PHYSICAL POPULATION (VOTING) MUST NOT UNFAIRLY
DOMINATE THE RURAL VOICES OF THE SURROUNDING
TOWNSHIPS. BOUNDARIES MUST BE SUCH THAT
SUCH TOWNSHIP MUST BE IN SEPARATE
DIVISIONS AND NOT GROUPED TOGETHER AS

THIS WOULD DIMINISH THEIR DEMOCRATIC VOICE
THE PIE MUST BE CUT IN PIECES RATHER THAN A
CONCENTRIC CIRCULAR SHAPE

J Gordon

TOM GORDON

16/7/2015

From: no-reply@ecq.qld.gov.au
Sent: Tuesday, 14 July 2015 7:04 AM
To: Bundaberg Regional Council Review
Subject: Feedback Form Received from mervyn dean hopton

Name: mervyn dean hopton

Council: Bundaberg Regional

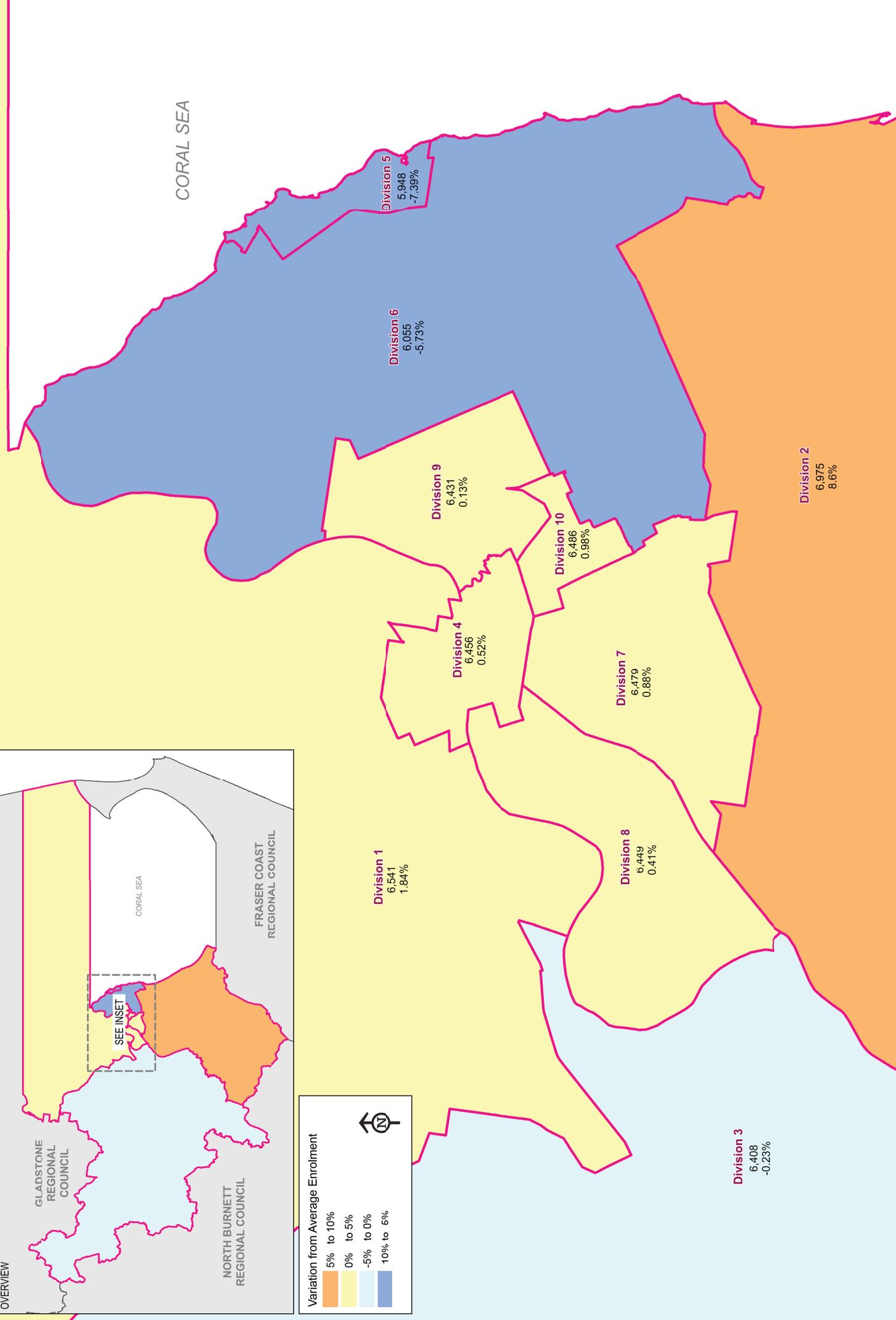
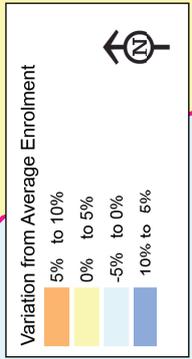
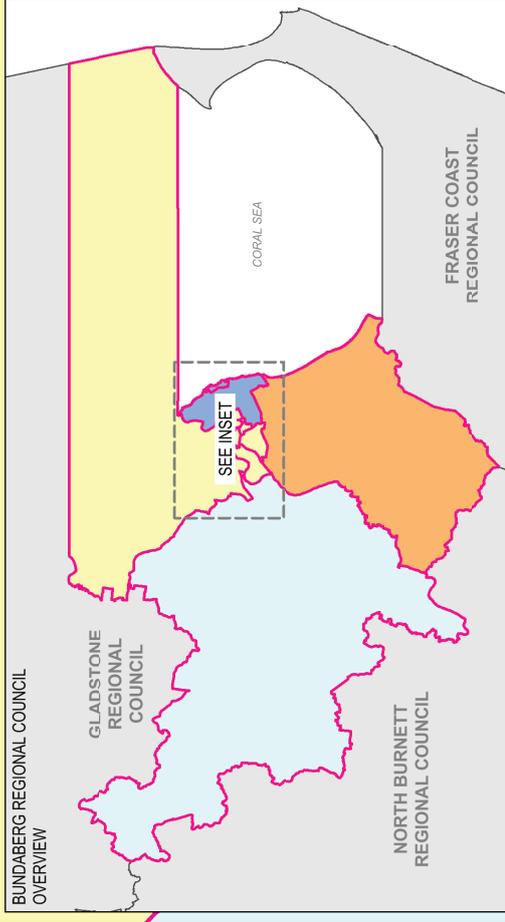
Additional Information: Comment on Division changes. I live in a small area known as Buxton. it is rare to see any councillor visit. I have seen more of our Mayor than the representative. a councillor has blocked emails & was overheard saying "I don't have to go there, do I?" what would happen if members adopted this view.

APPENDIX D

Change Commission's Proposed Determination

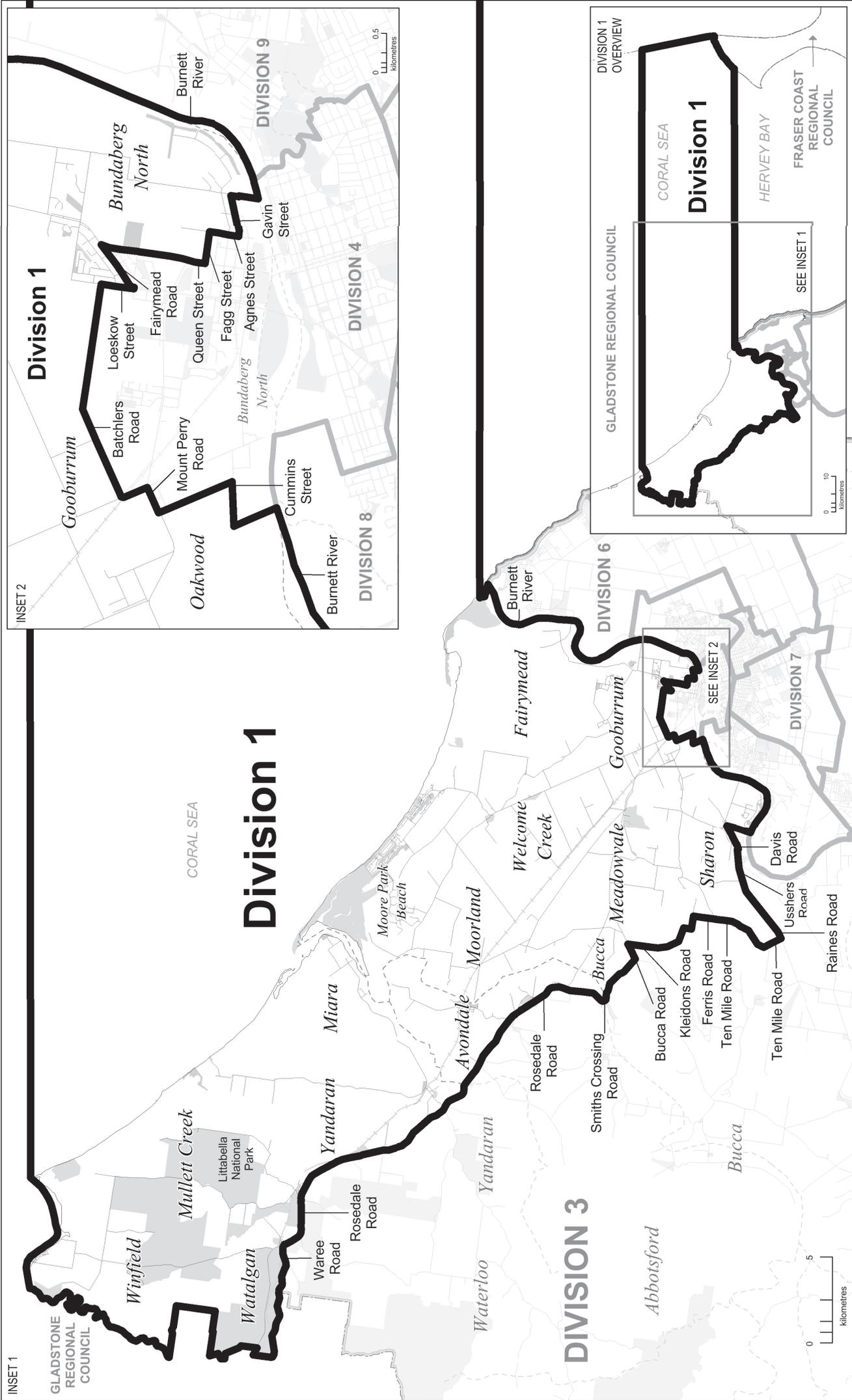
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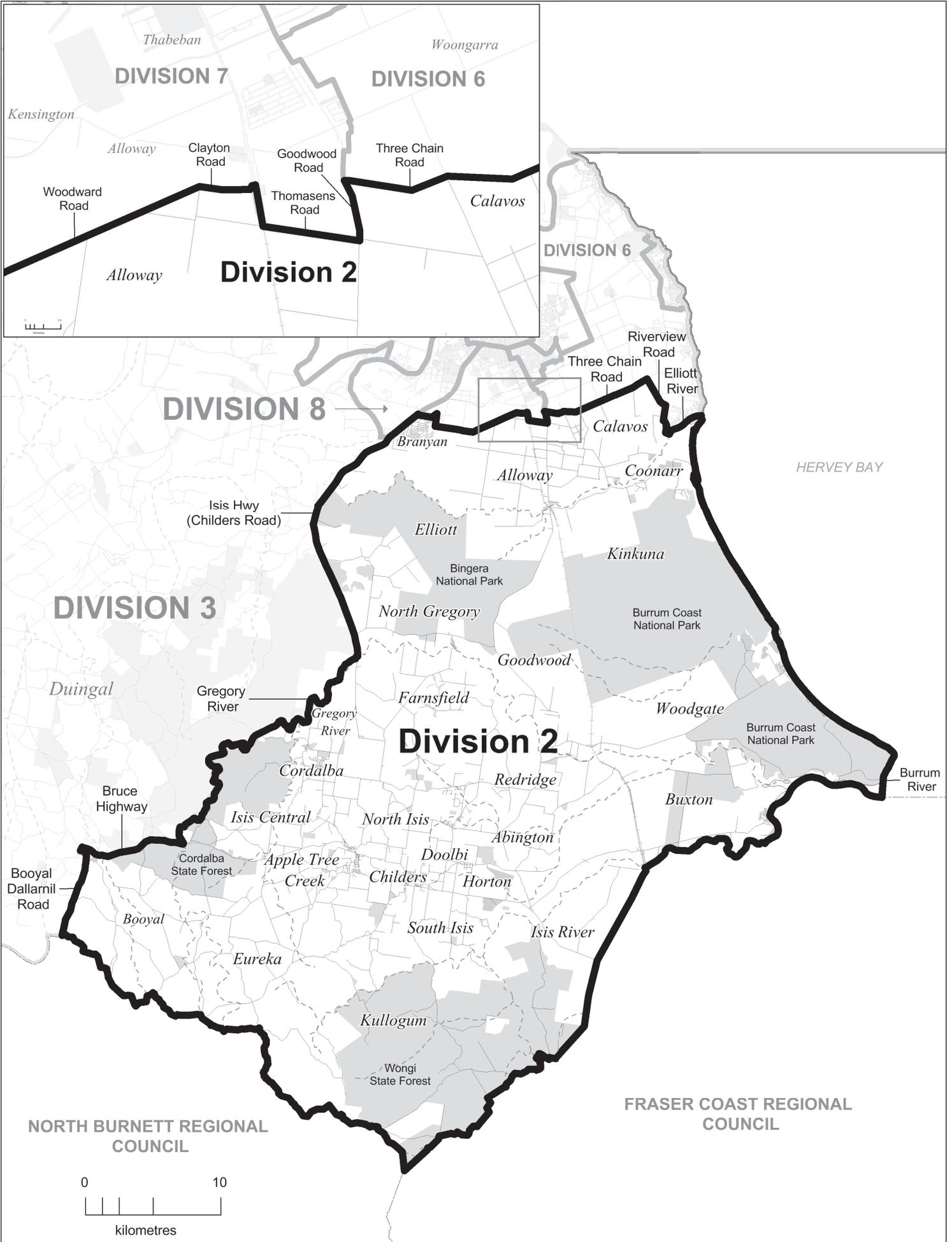
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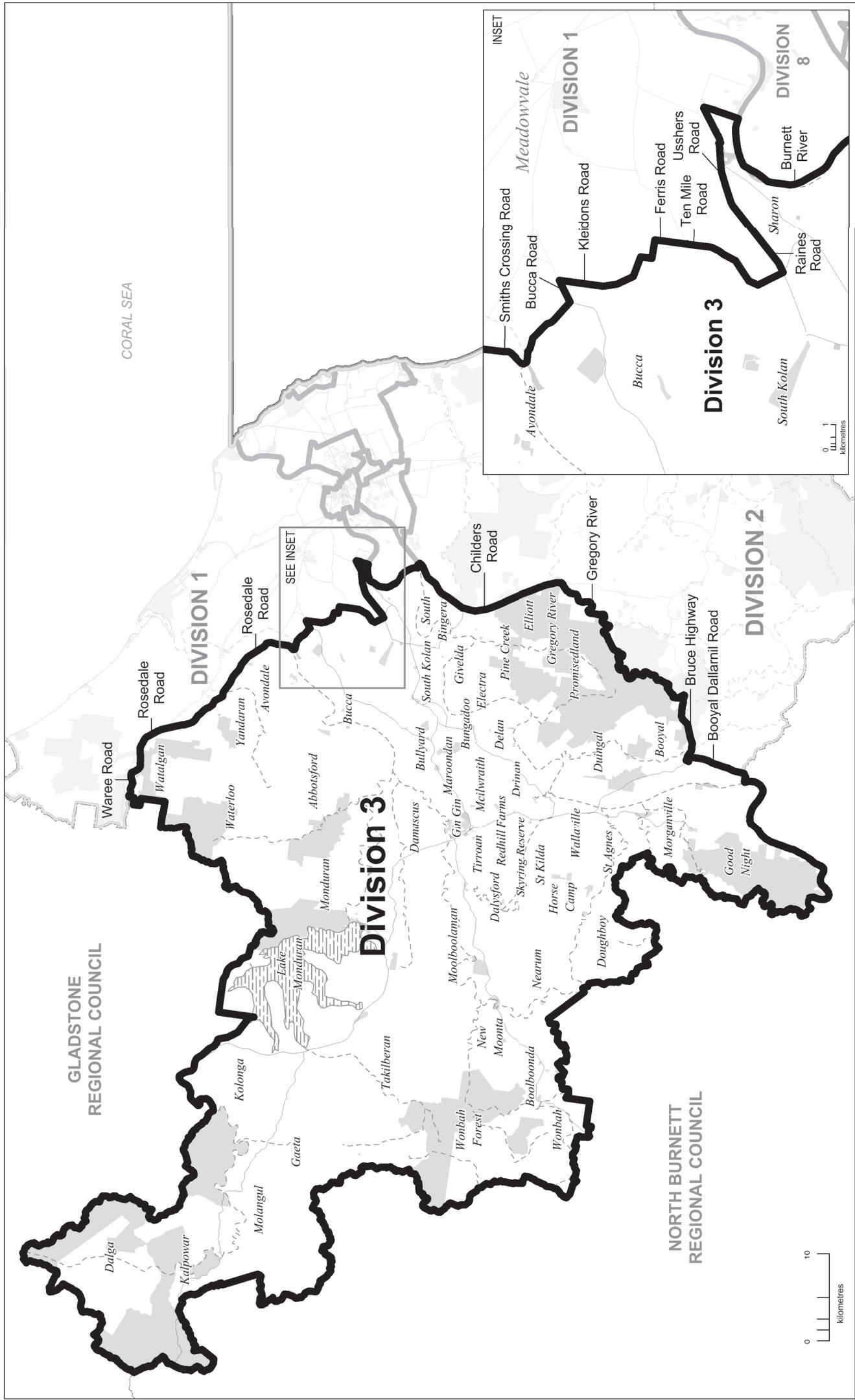
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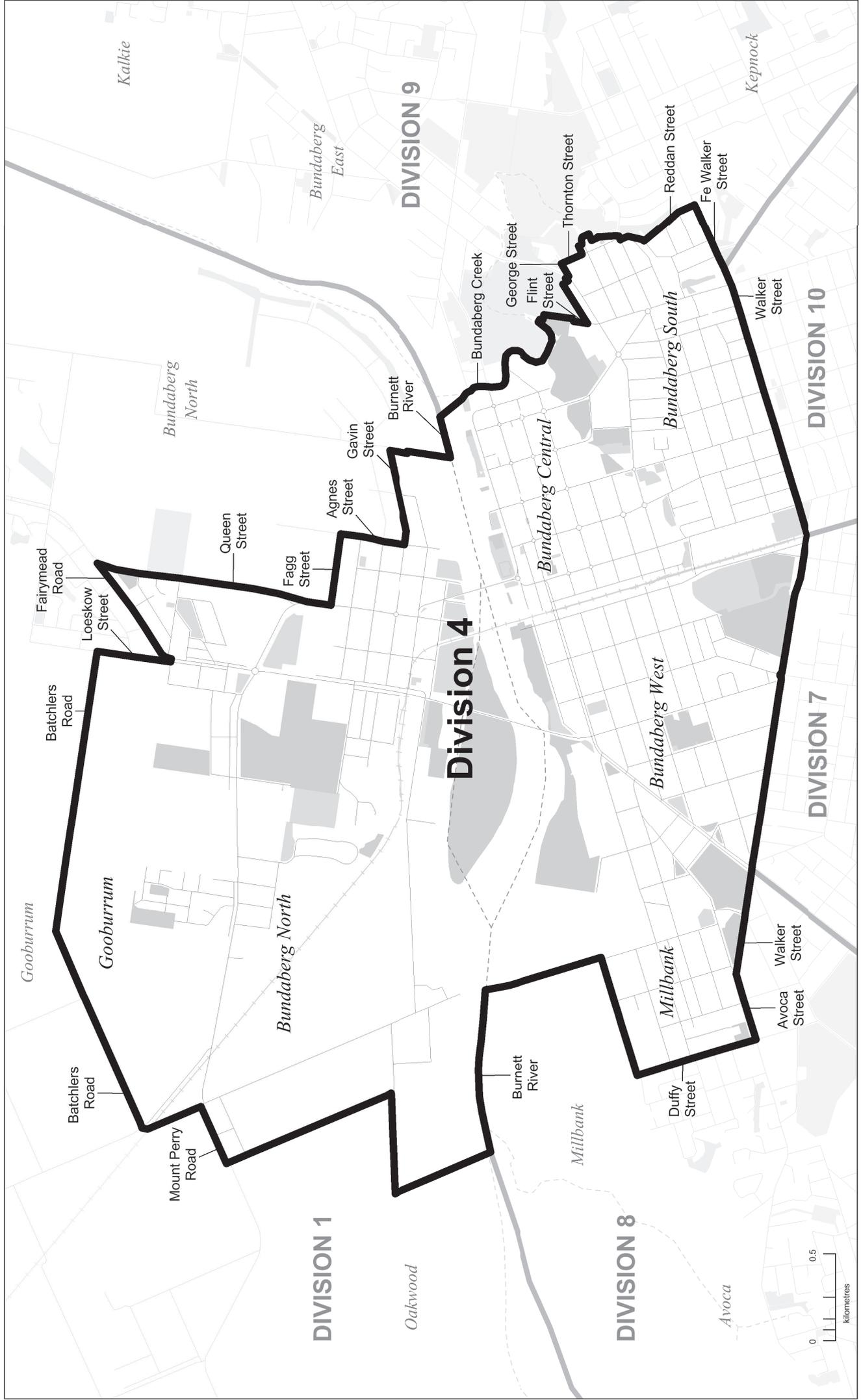


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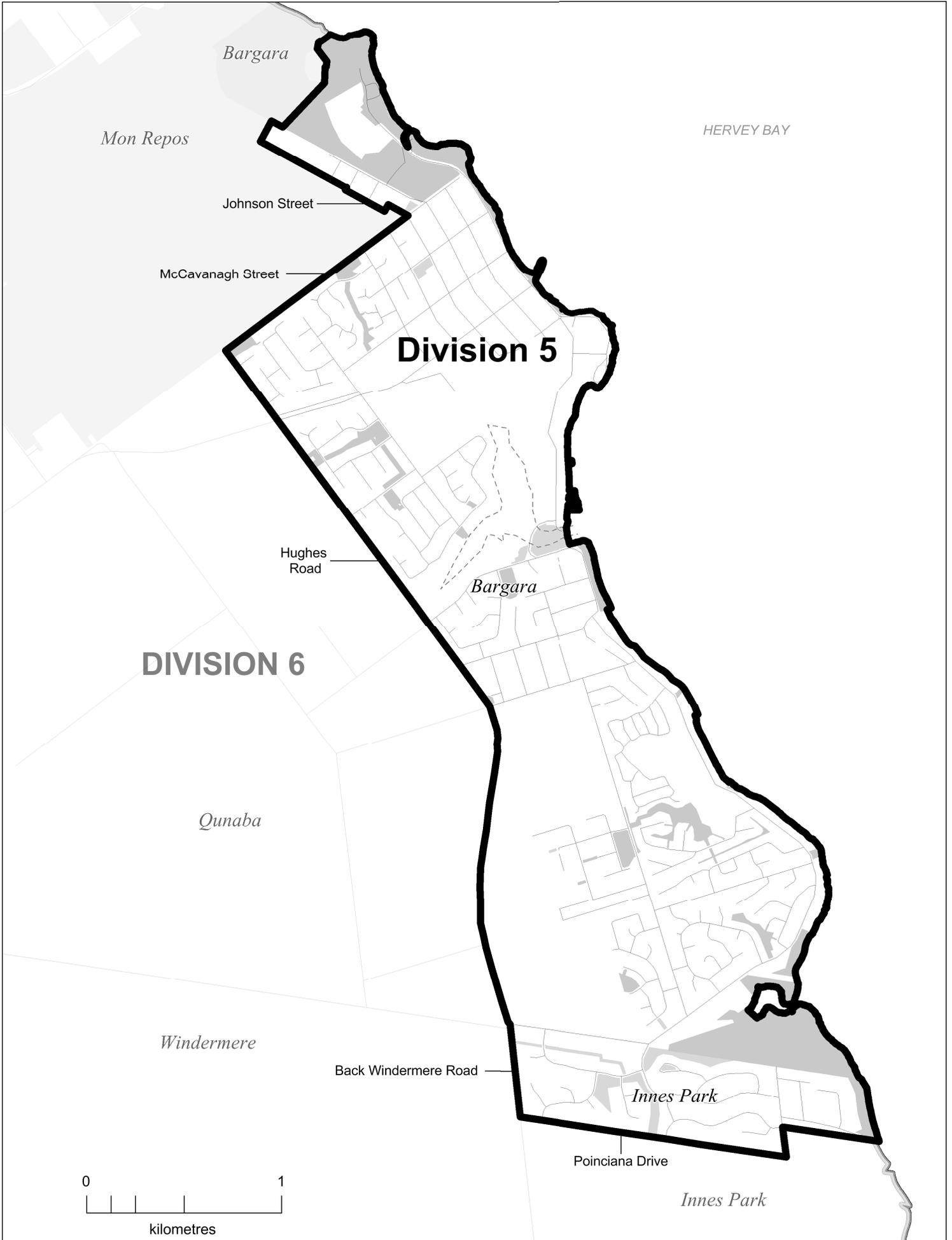


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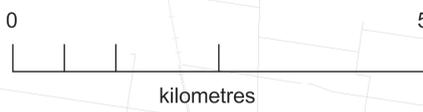


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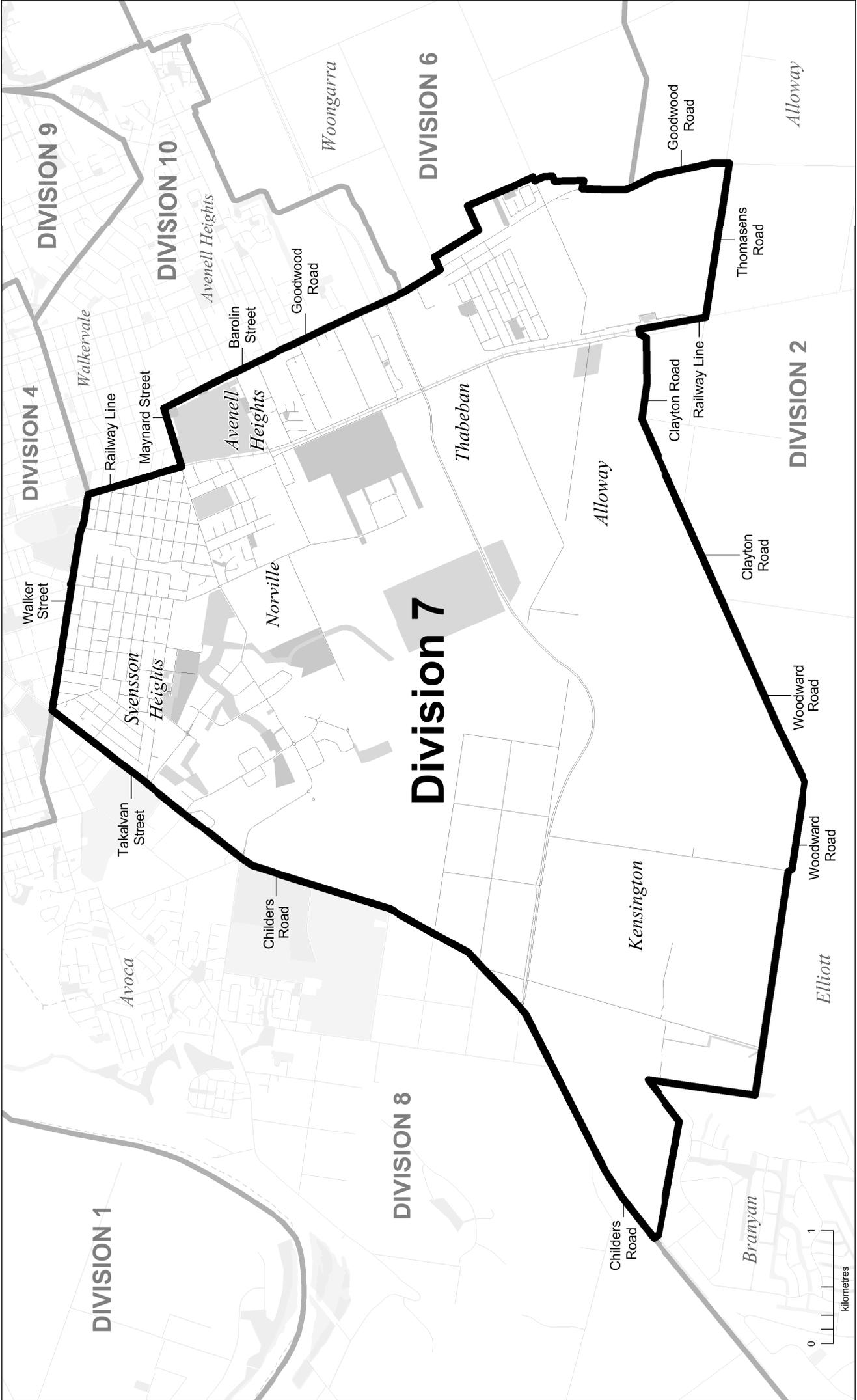


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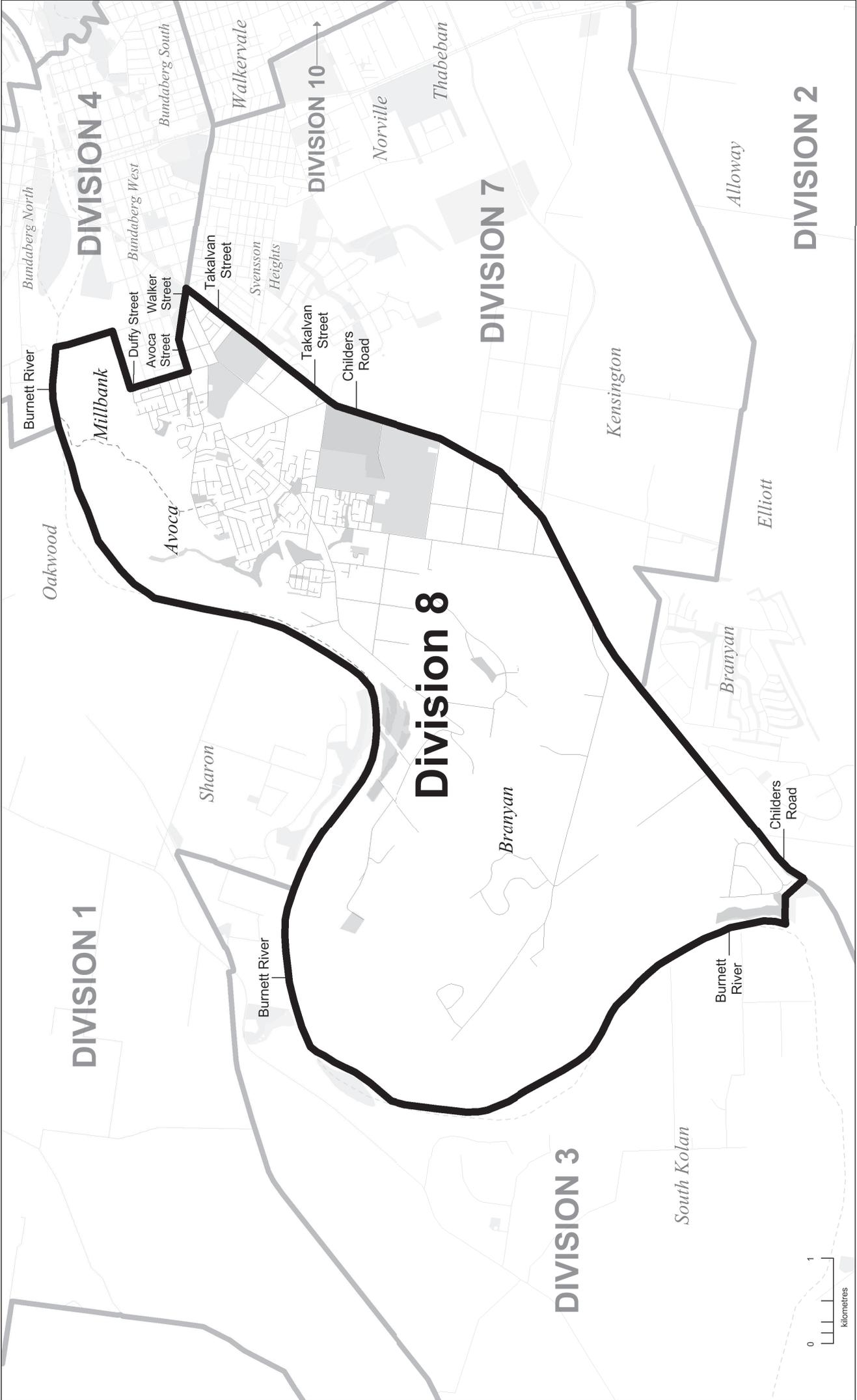
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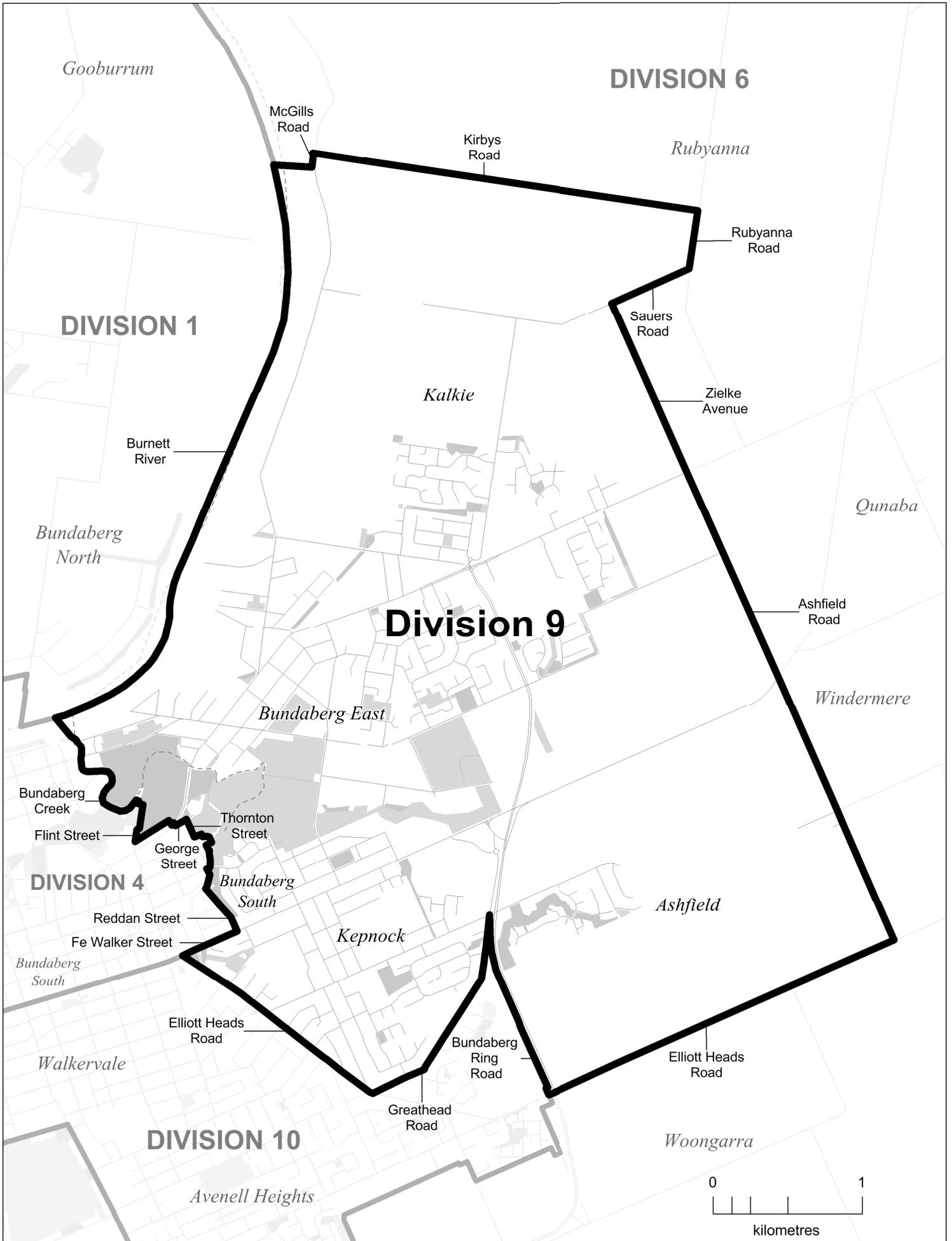
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APPENDIX E

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL

INVITATIONS FOR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL

The Bundaberg Regional Council has advised that its electoral divisions no longer meet the quota requirements set down in the *Local Government Act 2009 (Act)*. The Minister responsible for Local Government has in turn referred the matter to the Local Government Change Commission for an independent assessment.

The Commission now invites written objections from interested persons and bodies' relating to the council's proposed ten electoral divisions, to be lodged on or before **5.00pm Friday 18 September 2015**.

For this phase of the review, the enrolment for Bundaberg Regional Council as at 23 February 2015 is being used. The total enrolment was 64,228. The Commission has determined that 6,423 is the reasonable proportion of electors for an electoral division. Section 17 of the Act requires the Commission to ensure that the number of enrolled electors in all divisions 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 division must be within the minimum of 5,781 and the maximum of 7,065. 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 division of Bundaberg Regional Council. Projected enrolment for March 2016 and February 2019 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); under ELECTORAL DISTRICTS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEWS then click Bundaberg Regional.

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.

Objections should be marked BUNDABERG REGIONAL and may be:

- posted to:

Local Government Change Commission, GPO Box 1393, BRISBANE QLD 4001 or

- 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 or

- lodged by email to: bundabergregionalcouncilreview@ecq.qld.gov.au or

- lodged via online form:

Which can be found on the ECQ website (www.ecq.qld.gov.au) under ELECTORAL DISTRICTS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEWS then click on Bundaberg Regional and scroll to the bottom of the Proposed Determination section.

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).

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

Walter van der Merwe

Change Commissioner
Electoral Commission of Queensland

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From: [Jeff McColl](#)
To: [Bundaberg Regional Council Review](#)
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Date: Friday, 18 September 2015 3:58:35 PM
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From: Jeff McColl

To: "bundabergregionalcouncil review"@ecq.qld.gov.au

Hi,
Thank you for the opportunity of having some input into the decision -making process.

My objection is based on the undemocratic happenings of prior elections, and the opportunity to overcome them is appreciated.

My proposal in a nutshell, is to amalgamate divisions 4 to 10 inclusive, with seven representatives elected.

This maintains all of the checks and balances required under the legislation.

Yours Sincerely

Jeff McColl



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**OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES
FOR BUNDABERG REGIONAL COUNCIL**

My study of the the maps for current and proposed divisional boundaries indicates very minor change to Division 1, 2 and 3. These divisions were roughly the old Shires of Gooburrum, Isis and Kolan.

It was also stated the objectors to the preferred option of no divisions, came from these three divisions, with electors fearing not being represented.

That leaves Divisions 4 to 10 inclusive covering the area which was Bundaberg City Council prior to amalgamation.

My objection is based on the fact that the Councillors representing those divisions currently, operate across the entire city, and are not confined to representing the electors within the Division they represent.

At the last election, three Councillors were re-elected unopposed, and even under the proposed boundaries, a Councillor could be elected with a total of 3500 votes with a field of 2 candidates, and considerably less if there were more candidates standing. Across the seven Divisions proposed, some 45000 plus electors are entitled to vote.

The only democratic solution to that problem is amalgamate those seven divisions, with seven Councillors elected to represent the large Division 4.

This would still meet the criteria laid out regarding the allowable variance between divisions.

I urge consideration be given to my proposal and objection

Yours Sincerely

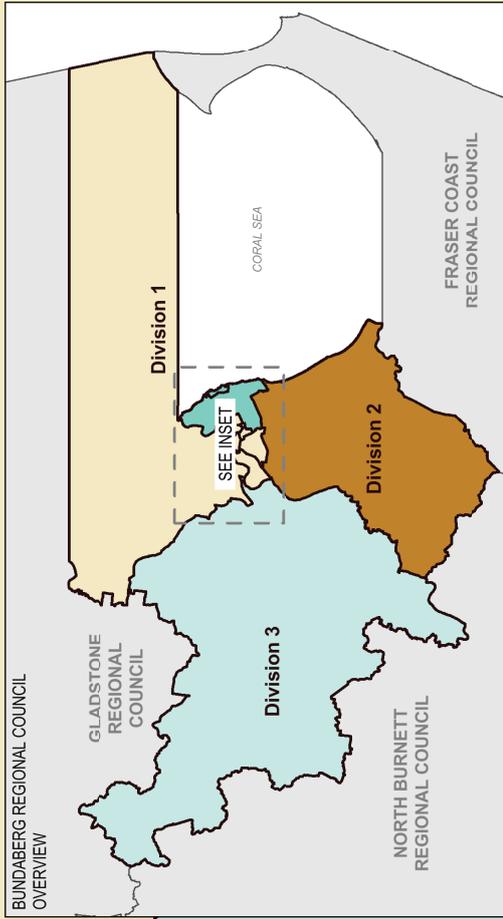
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APPENDIX F

**Maps of Council's Electoral
Divisions for 2016 Elections**

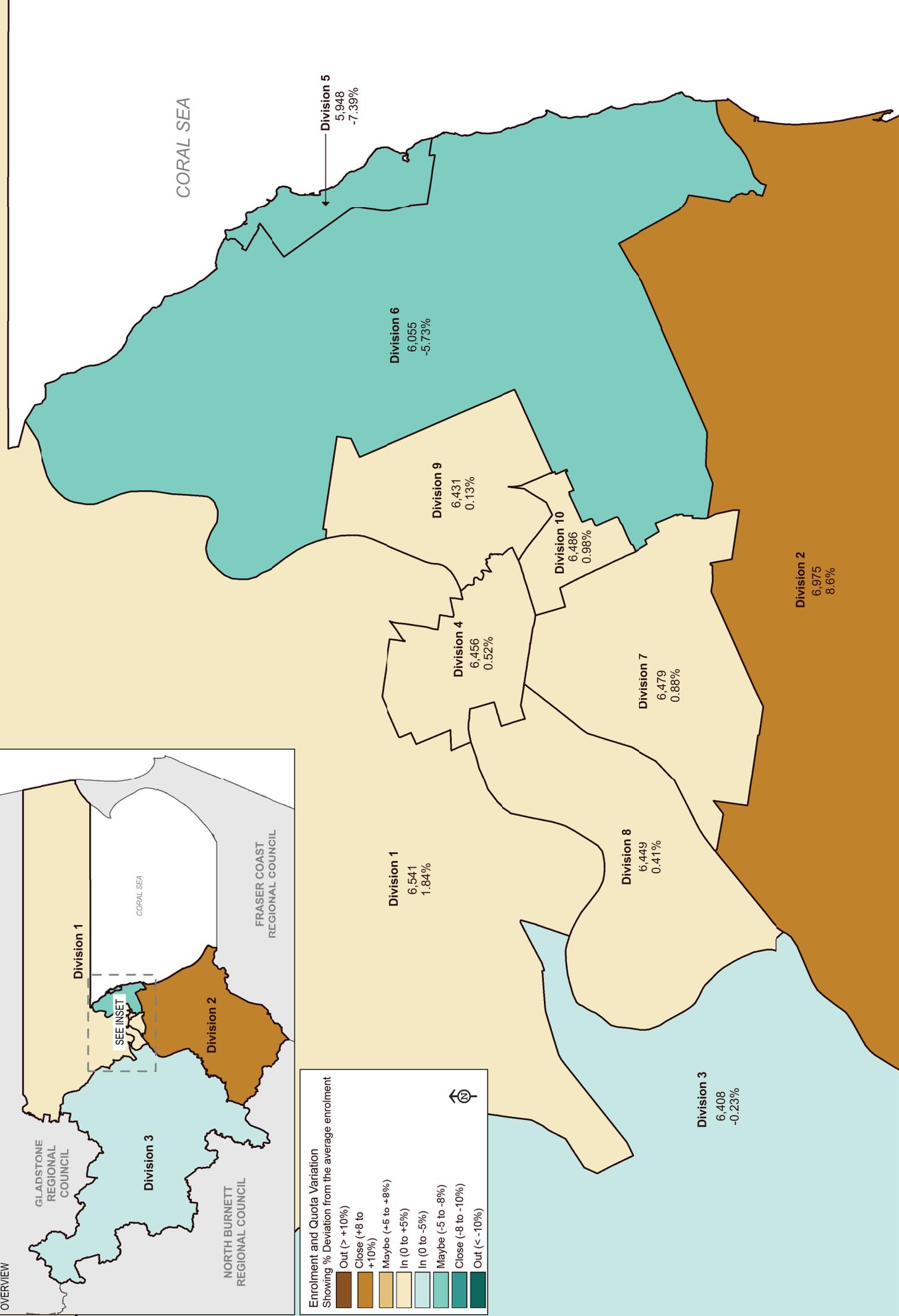
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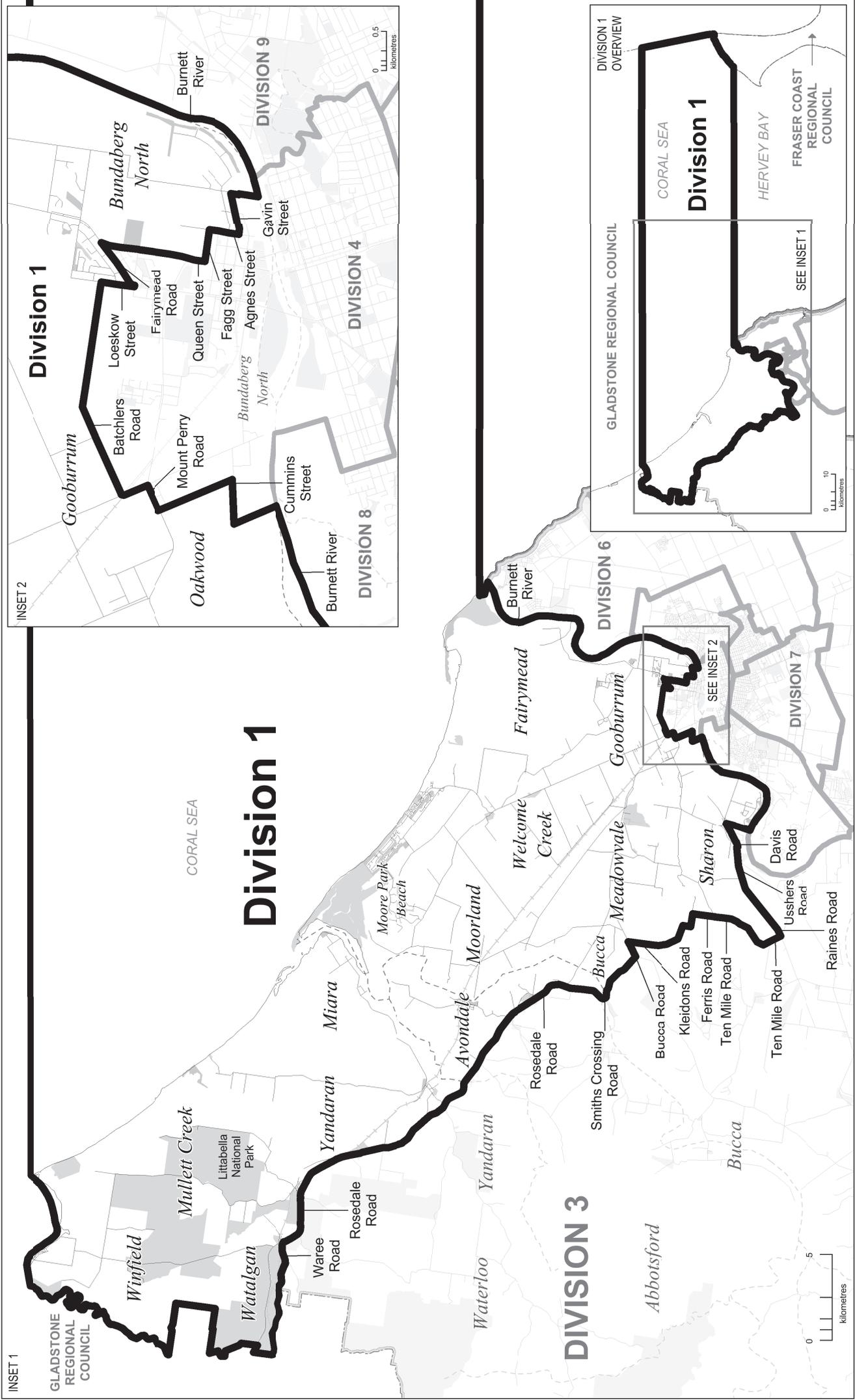
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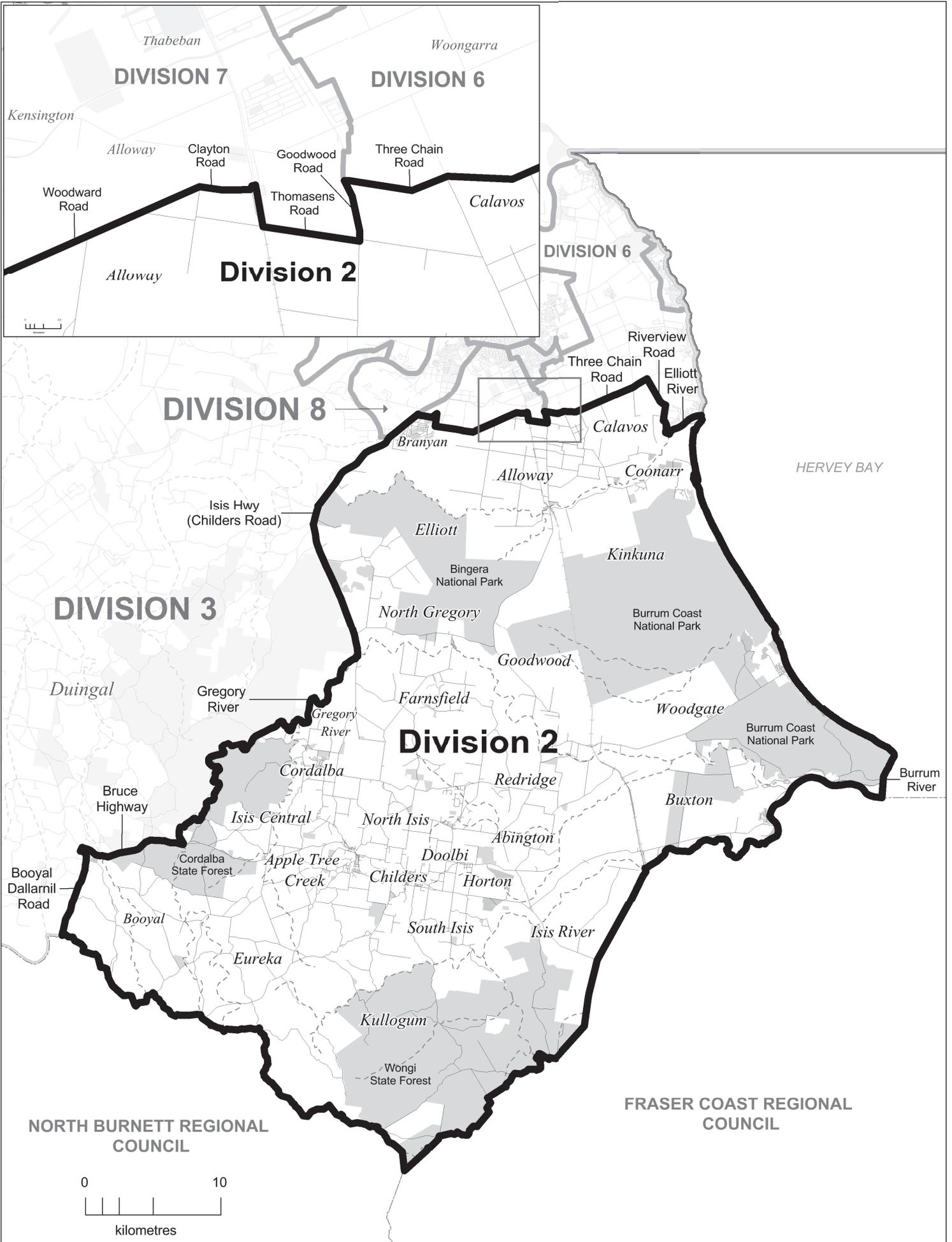


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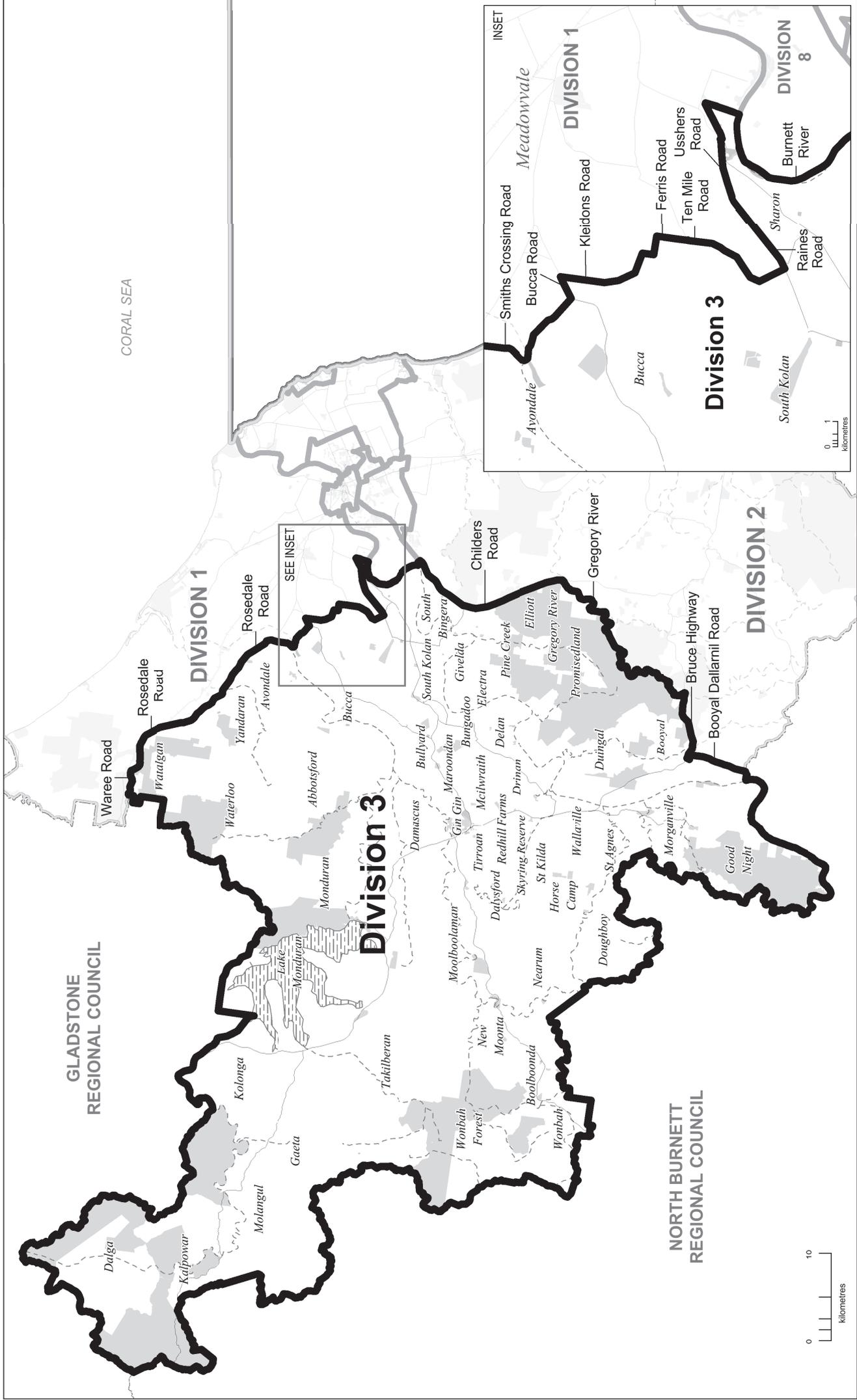
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2015 DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES
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Division Boundary
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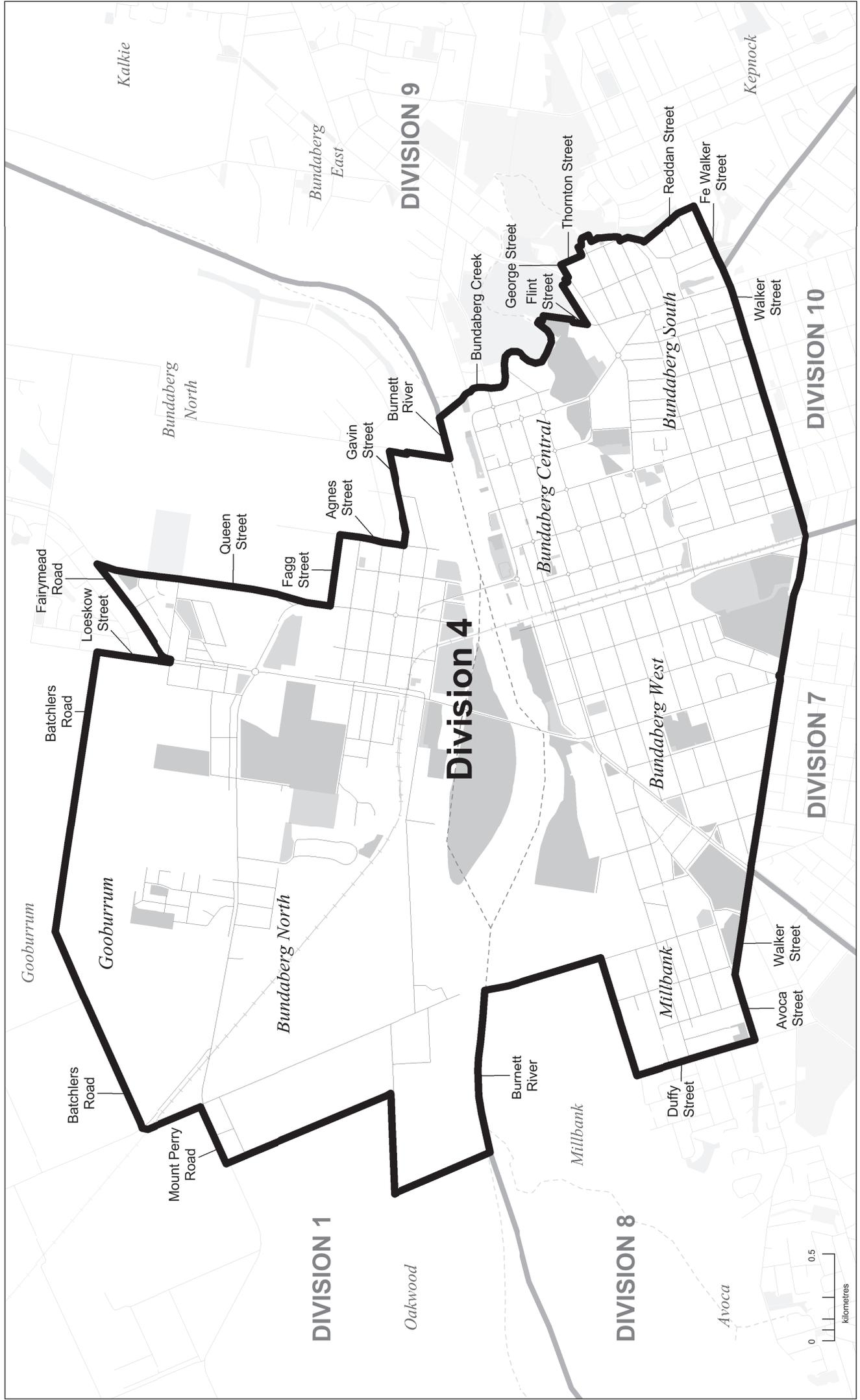
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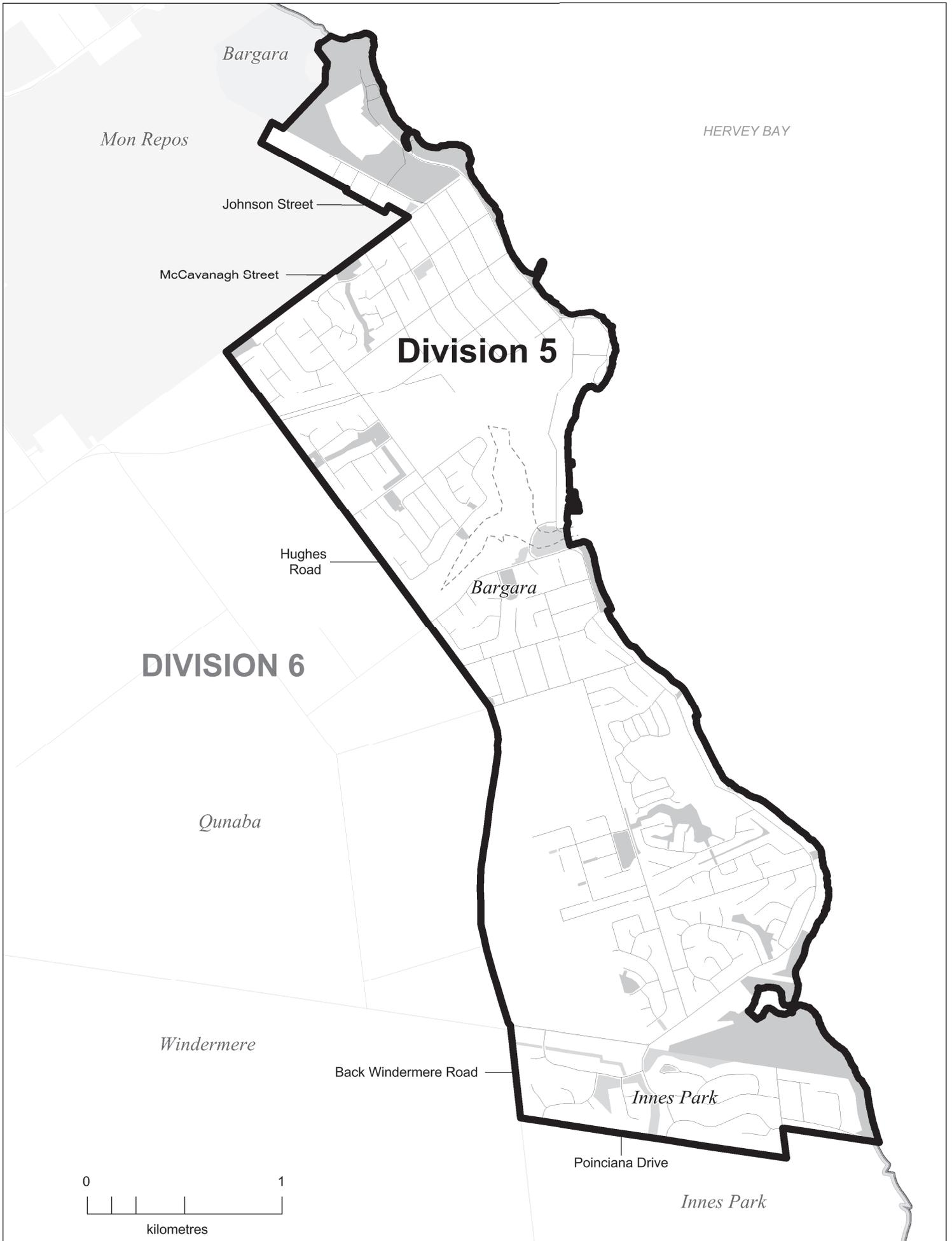
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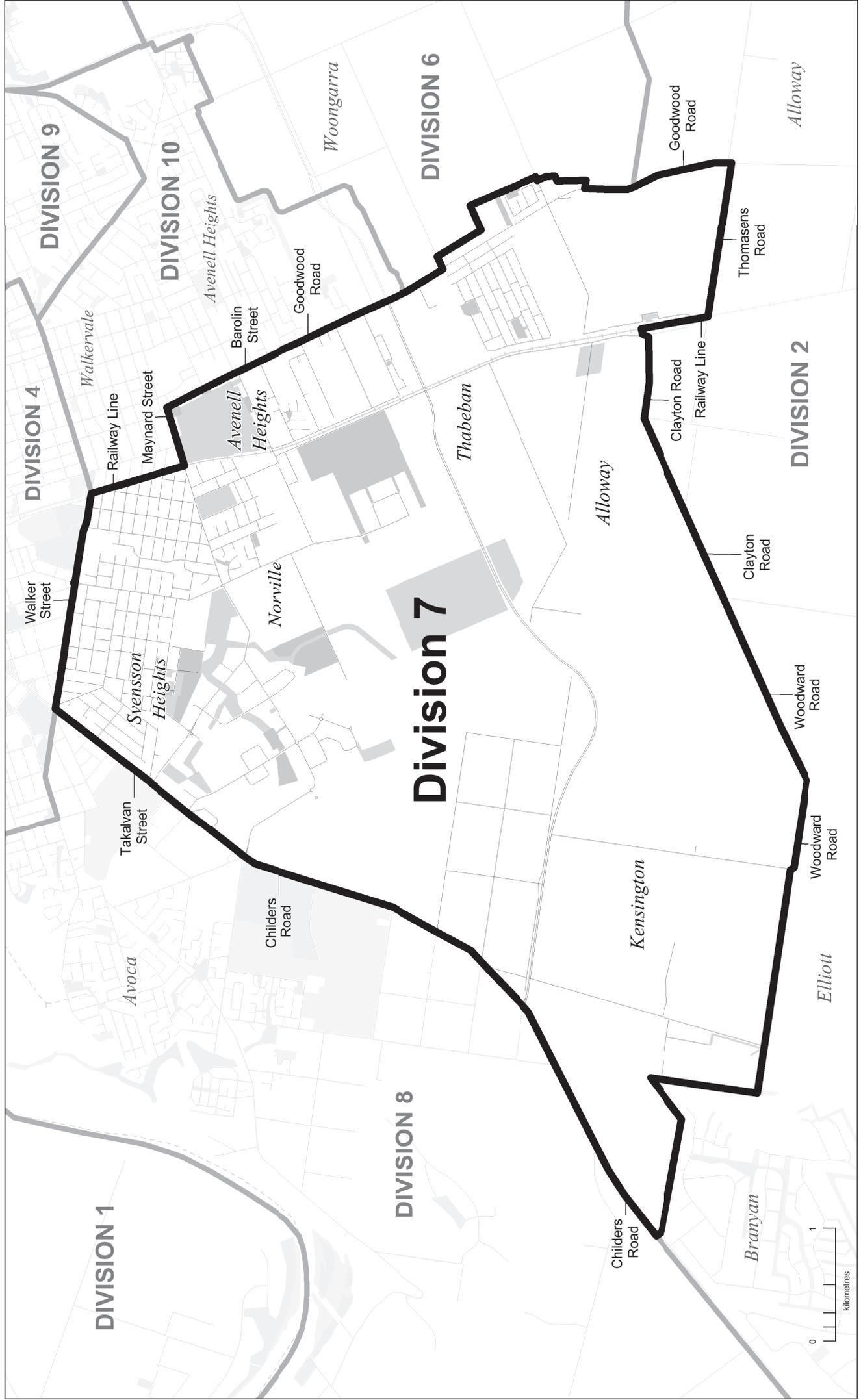
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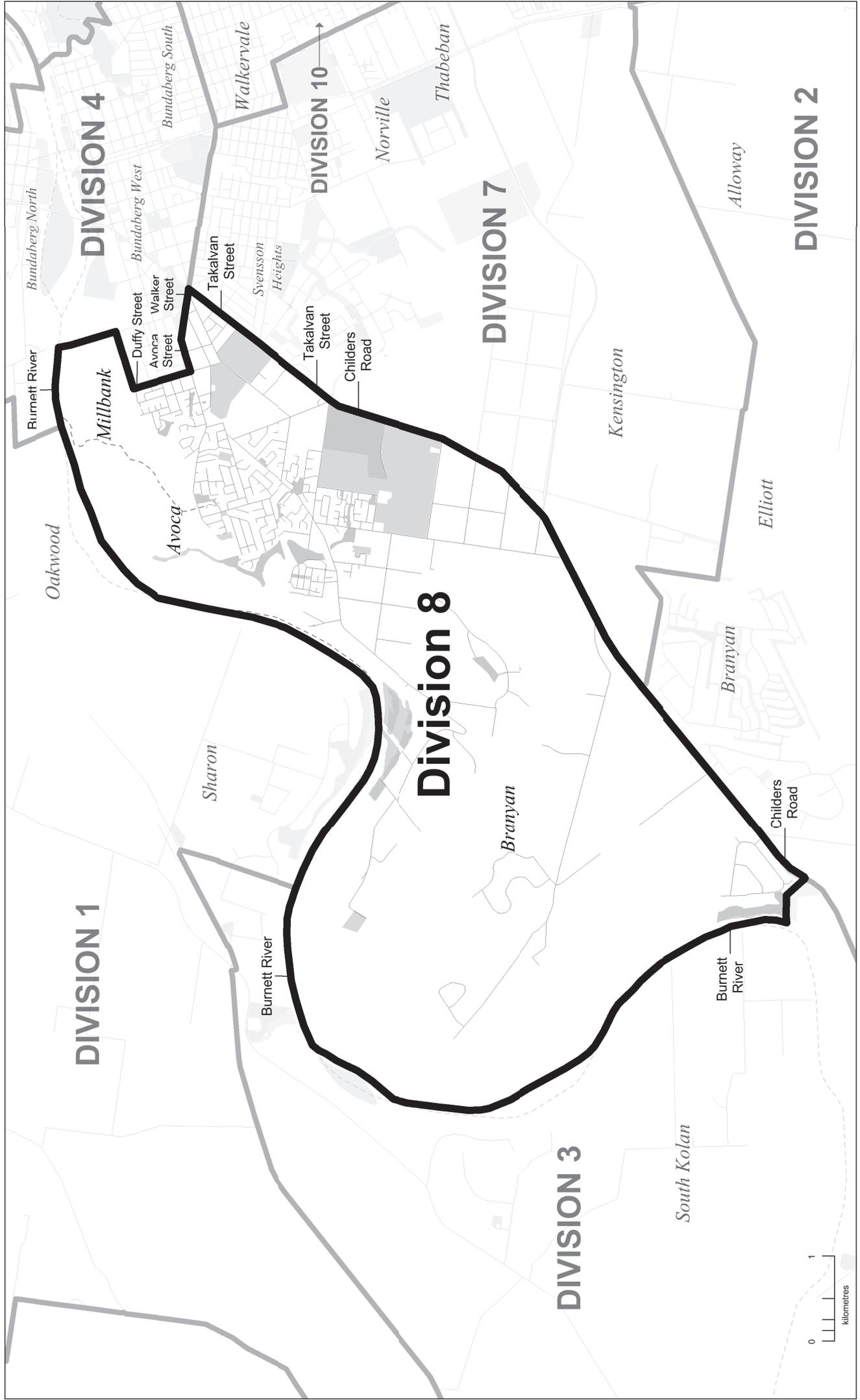
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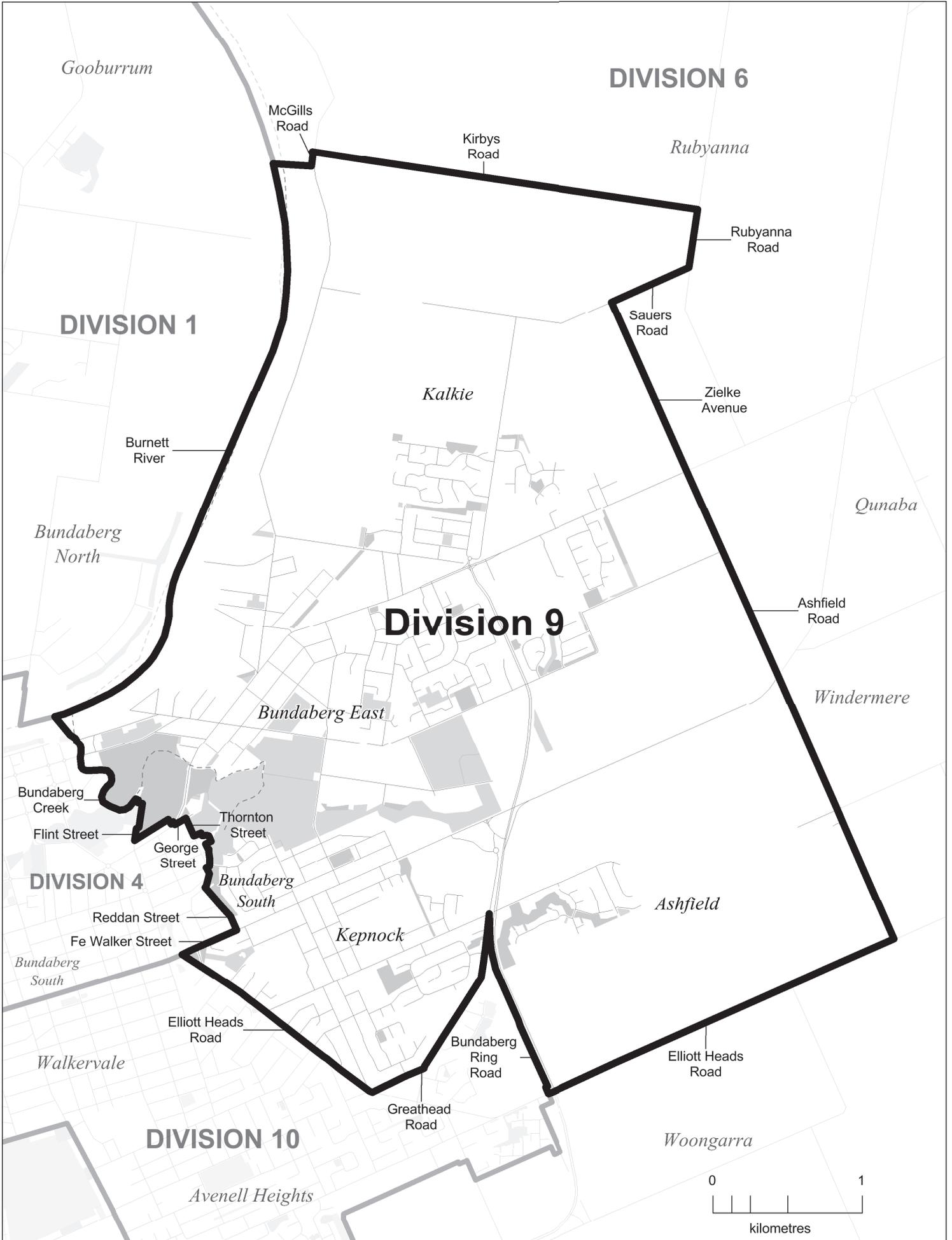
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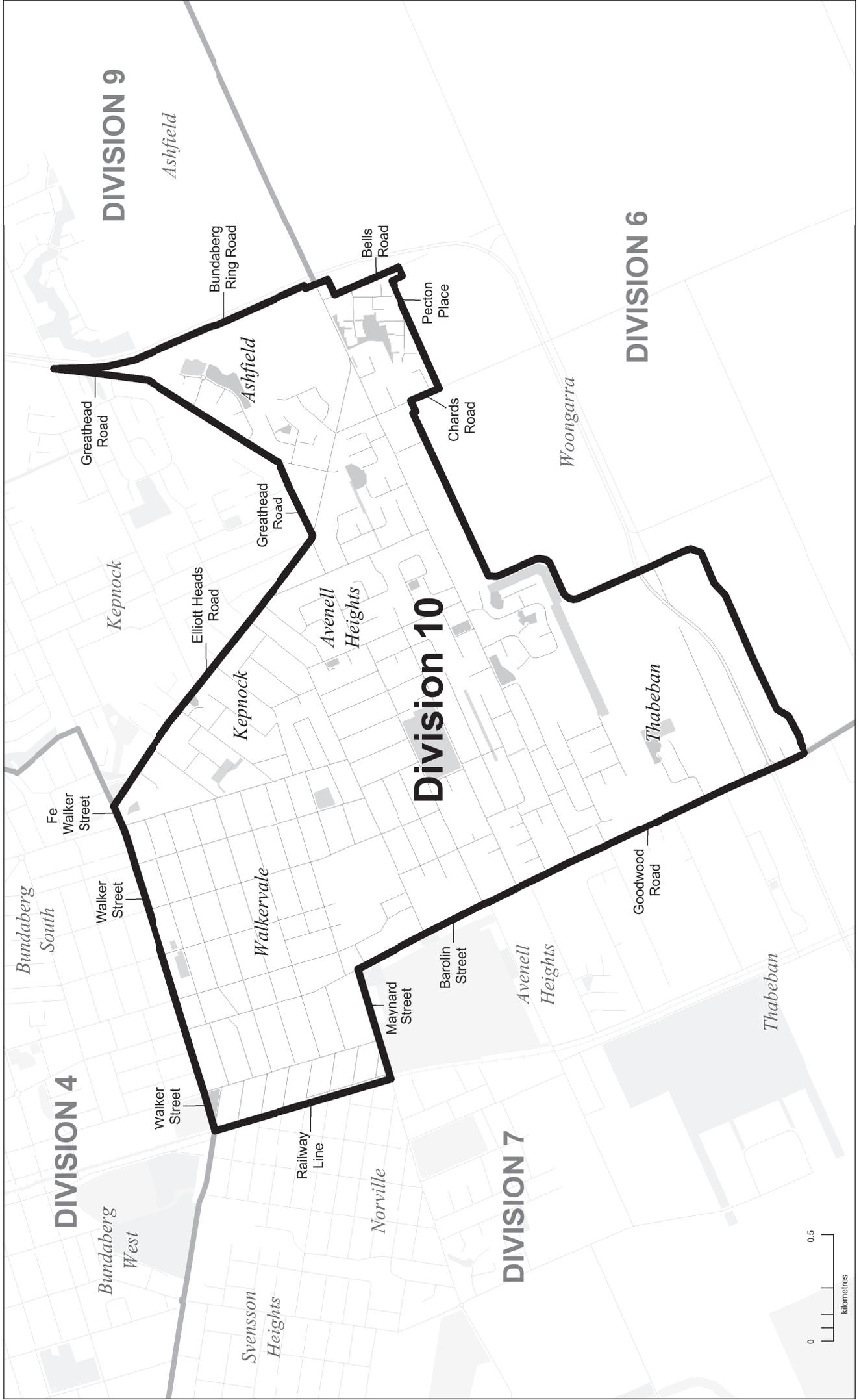


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