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## FOREWORD

This report outlines the Final Determination for the redivision of electoral divisions within Fraser Coast 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 Fraser Coast 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 Fraser Coast 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 proposals were adopted unanimously at a meeting held on Wednesday 2 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. No public submissions were received.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council provided a written submission and maps on 24 April 2015. Council then expressed their support for the changes detailed in the Proposed Determination (see Appendix E). The Change Commission is appreciative of the Council for its submission and correspondence throughout this process.

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 Fraser Coast Regional Council from the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Minister responsible for Local Government (see Appendix B).

### LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

The Fraser Coast Regional Council has 69,374 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 Fraser Coast 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 Fraser Coast 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 24 April 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 Fraser Coast 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 Fraser Coast 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**

	<b>23 February 2015</b>	<b>31 March 2016</b>	<b>28 February 2019</b>
<b>Number of divisions</b>	10	10	10
<b>Enrolment</b>	69,374	70,500	74,090
<b>Average electors per division</b>	6,937	7,050	7,409
<b>Permitted Maximum Number (+10%) per division</b>	6,244	6,345	6,668
<b>Permitted Minimum Number (-10%) per division</b>	7,631	7,755	8,150

## CHAPTER 2 – THE REVIEW PROCESS

The Fraser Coast Regional Council is divided into 10 single-member divisions. By letter dated 27 February 2015, the Council advised the Minister that it had divisions that were out of quota. On the 24 April 2015, the Council forwarded their submission to the Change Commission advising Divisions 4 and 5 were out of tolerance. The Change Commission noted during the review process that Division 8 was also likely to exceed the acceptable quota before the 2020 election.

Based on 23 February 2015 enrolment data, the Change Commission calculated a quota (average enrolment) of 6,937, with a minimum of 6,244 (-10%) and an upper limit of 7,631 (+10%) electors permissible in each district.

The Fraser Coast Regional Council lodged a proposed solution on 24 April 2015 that involved changes to Divisions 1, 4, 5 and 8 within Council. Relevant correspondence is attached at Appendix B.

In accordance with Section 19 (4) of the Act, a public notice was published on 9 May 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 29 May 2015. No suggestions were received.

A second phase of consultation began on the 7 August 2015 following an advertised call for objections to the Change Commission's Proposed Determination (see Appendix E). Objections closed on the 28 August 2015. One submission supporting the Proposed Determination was received from the Fraser Coast Regional Council. No other comments were received.

In reaching its Final Determination the Change Commission took into account Council's submissions, 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 Fraser Coast Regional Council has a total of 69,374 enrolled electors spread across 10 divisions, with an average number of 6,937 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 6,244, with a maximum of 7,631.

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 for the 2016 election, identifying the significant growth factors that are likely to push divisions within the Fraser Coast Regional Council out of 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	6,649	-4.16	6,720	-4.68	7,084	-4.39
Division 2	6,914	-0.34	7,036	-0.2	7,305	-1.4
Division 3	6,850	-1.26	6,889	-2.28	6,962	-6.03
<b>Division 4</b>	6,091	<b>-12.2</b>	6,124	<b>-13.14</b>	6,169	<b>-16.74</b>
<b>Division 5</b>	7,719	<b>+11.27</b>	7,869	<b>+11.62</b>	8,238	<b>+11.19</b>
Division 6	7,136	+2.86	7,239	+2.68	7,545	+1.84
Division 7	6,944	+0.01	7,093	+0.61	7,450	+0.55
<b>Division 8</b>	7,438	+7.22	7,698	+9.19	8,853	<b>+19.49</b>
Division 9	6,712	-3.25	6,810	-3.4	7,235	-2.35
Division 10	6,921	-0.24	7,022	-0.4	7,249	-2.16

## PROPOSED DETERMINATION

The Change Commission received no response to its call for suggestions in early May 2015. Therefore the Change Commission formulated its Proposed Determination based on its own modelling and the proposal put forward by the Fraser Coast Regional Council.

The Change Commission adopted the majority of Council's proposal; making additional changes to Divisions 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, and 9 to ensure that they remain in quota for next year's election (see Appendix D).

## OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED DETERMINATION

The Council indicated its support for the Change Commission's Proposed Determination on 25 August 2015 (see Appendix E). Once again, no public comment was received.

## FINAL DETERMINATION

The Change Commission was satisfied that its proposal was well-reasoned and satisfied the need to bring the divisions of Fraser Coast Regional Council into quota for the 2016 election, while maintaining communities of interest.

The Change Commission recommends that its Proposed Determination formulated from the Council's proposal and additional changes by the Change Commission is to be the new divisional boundaries. Projected growth figures suggest these changes will bring all divisions within quota for the 2016 election after which a thorough review and consultation process with the Fraser Coast Regional Council will be undertaken to provide sustainable future boundaries 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 Fraser Coast 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**

<b>Division Name</b>	<b>Enrolment as at 23/02/2015</b>	<b>(%) Deviation from Quota</b>	<b>Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2016</b>	<b>(%) Deviation from Quota</b>	<b>Projected Enrolment as at 28/02/2019</b>	<b>(%) Deviation from Quota</b>
Division 1	6,713	-3.23	6,783	-3.79	7,149	-3.51
Division 2	6,914	-0.34	7,036	-0.2	7,305	-1.4
Division 3	6,604	-4.81	6,641	-5.8	6,710	-9.43
<b>Division 4</b>	6,556	-5.5	6,592	-6.5	6,642	<b>-10.35</b>
Division 5	7,236	+4.3	7,386	+4.77	7,750	+4.61
Division 6	7,136	+2.86	7,239	+2.68	7,545	+1.84
Division 7	6,841	-1.39	7,029	-0.3	7,720	+4.2
<b>Division 8</b>	7,410	+6.81	7,629	+8.21	8,444	<b>+13.97</b>
Division 9	7,043	+1.52	7,143	+1.32	7,574	+2.23
Division 10	6,921	-0.24	7,022	-0.4	7,249	-2.16

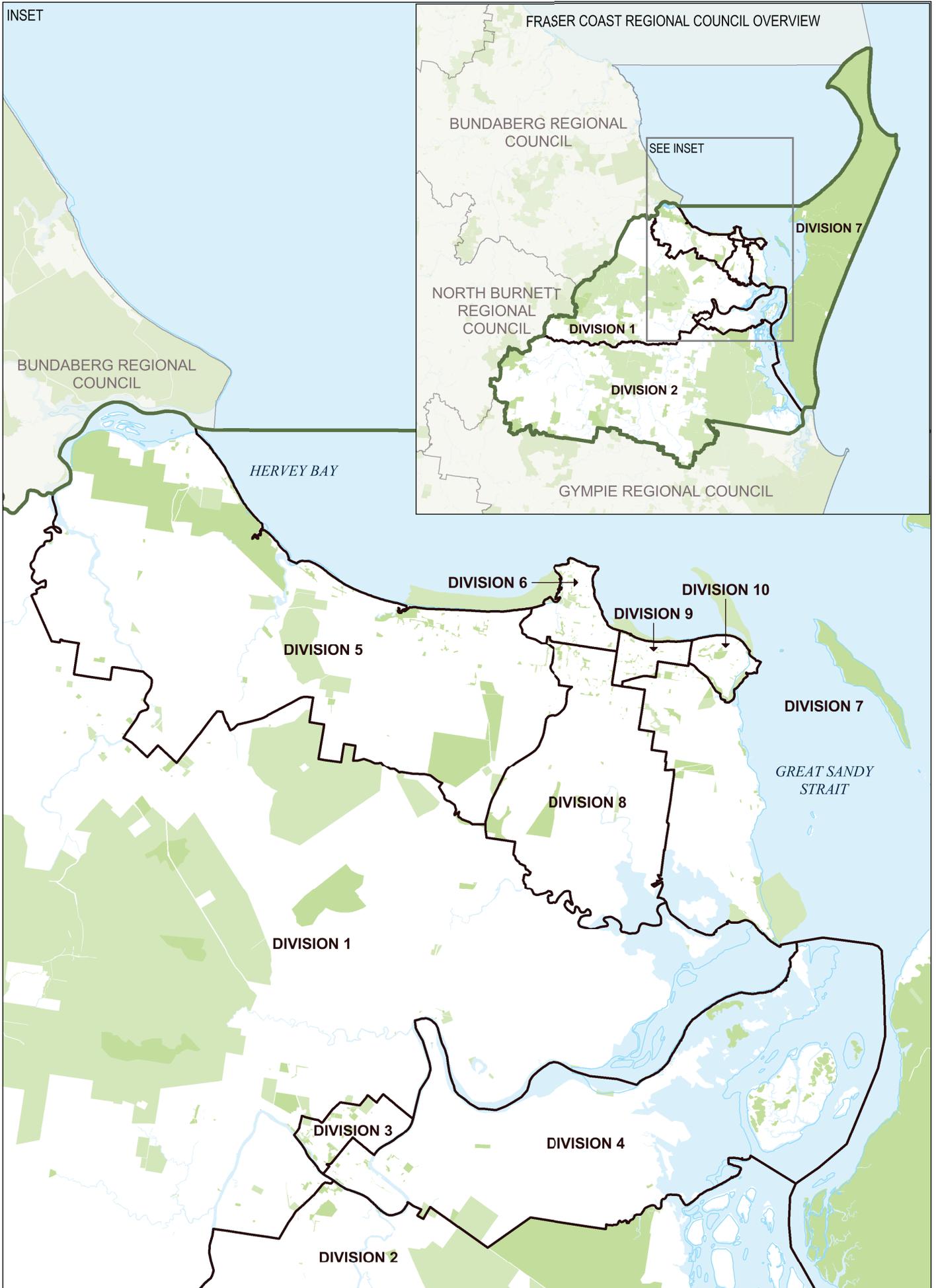


# **APPENDIX A**

## **Previous Electoral Divisions**



# FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL EXISTING ELECTORAL DIVISIONS



- Council Boundary
- Existing Division Boundary
- Adjacent Council
- Park / Reserve
- Watercourse / Waterbody





# **APPENDIX B**

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





# Hon Jackie Trad MP

Deputy Premier

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Local Government and Planning and Minister for Trade

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Our ref: MBN15/49

**- 2 APR 2015**

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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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Yours sincerely



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**DIVIDED LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – QUOTAS AND PROPOSED VOLUNTARY CHANGES**

<b><u>Local Government</u></b>	<b><u>Results of Review</u></b>	<b><u>No. of Divisions Out of Quota</u></b>	<b><u>Referral to Local Government Change Commission</u></b>
Banana Shire Council	Out-of-quota	2	Refer quota review
Bundaberg Regional Council	Out-of-quota	2	Refer: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• quota review</li> <li>• proposal to abolish divisions</li> <li>• proposal to incorporate unallocated area into local government area</li> </ul>
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"> <li>• quota review</li> <li>• proposal to renumber divisions</li> </ul>
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





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Dear Minister

**RE: 2016 Local Government Elections – Fraser Coast Regional Council**

I refer to the above matter and advise that Council, at its Meeting held on 11 February, 2015, resolved that in accordance with s45 of the *Local Government Electoral Act*, Council wishes to make application as follows relative to the conduct of the 2016 Local Government elections for the Fraser Coast Region:-

(a) Divisional versus non-divisional representation

Retention of the existing divided status with 10 Divisions for the Fraser Coast Region.

(b) Number of Councillors

Retention of the existing representation levels of 10 Divisions with one Councillor representative per division.

(c) Postal voting versus polling place voting

Conduct of the 2016 quadrennial election for Fraser Coast Regional Council by full postal ballot.

As you would be aware, the Local Government Electoral Act indicates that:-

*(1) A local government may apply to the Minister for a poll to be conducted by postal ballot if the local government's area includes a large rural sector, large remote areas or extensive island areas.*

The Local Government Electorate of Fraser Coast has a large rural sector, with large remote areas taking in the areas of Dunckinwilla, Gundgaloon, Doongul, Dumora, Yengarie, Grahams Creek, Mungar, Pilerwa, Yerra, Thinoomba, North Aramara, Aramara, Brooweena, Teebar, Boompa, Glenbar, Malarga, Gigoomgan, Marodian, Calgoa, Mount Utah, Munna Creek, Gundiah, Netherby, Bauple Talegalla Weir, Miva, Paterson, Theebine, Kanigan, Neerdie, St Mary, Pioneers Rest, Owanyilla, Magnolia and Tiaro.

The Fraser Coast Electorate also covers the entire area of Fraser Island.

At the 2012 local government election for Fraser Coast, more than 28% of all voters chose to vote either via postal ballot (7.22%) or via Pre Poll (20.85%).

The electorate of Fraser Coast also has a high percentage of 60+ aged residents with 29.4% of the Fraser Coast's electorate falling within this age bracket as at the 2011 census. This compares to a figure of 18.7% statewide. It may be reasonable to conclude that an ageing population favours the flexibility afforded by postal voting.

Postal ballots are less resource intensive and consequently are considered less a financial impost on Council and its ratepayers. The Electoral Commission Queensland has confirmed that a number of Councils undertook full postal ballot voting for the first time in their areas in the 2012 election. In the areas of Lockyer Valley, Mackay and Toowoomba Regional Councils, it was found that the overall costs associated with running the 2012 elections via full postal ballot were marginally less expensive than via traditional in person booth voting.

(d) Returning Officer

The appointment of the Electoral Commission Queensland (ECQ) as returning officer for the 2016 Local Government elections for the Fraser Coast Region.

(e) Division Quotas

As advised by the Department the Fraser Coast has Divisions which have quota variances and will require boundary realignments. Council has recently received electoral data from ECQ and will commence a review of the Divisional boundaries to meet quota limits. This information will be forwarded in due course.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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# **APPENDIX C**

**Invitation for Written Submissions**



# QUEENSLAND CHANGE COMMISSION FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

## INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Fraser Coast 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 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 29 May 2015**.

For the purpose of this review, the Commission has determined that the average number of enrolled electors for electoral divisions is 6,937. 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 more than 10%. Applying the specified level of tolerance means that the minimum number of electors in each division must be 6,244, with a maximum of 7,631. (These figures are as at 23 February 2015 and may need to be readjusted slightly depending upon population growth between now and the Local Government elections scheduled for March 2016.)

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 FRASER COAST REGIONAL and be lodged as follows:-

- by posting to  
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Local Government Change Commission  
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- by personal delivery, between the hours of 9.00 am and 5.00 pm to:  
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- by email to [frasercoastregionalcouncilreview@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:frasercoastregionalcouncilreview@ecq.qld.gov.au) or
- online form.

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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# **APPENDIX D**

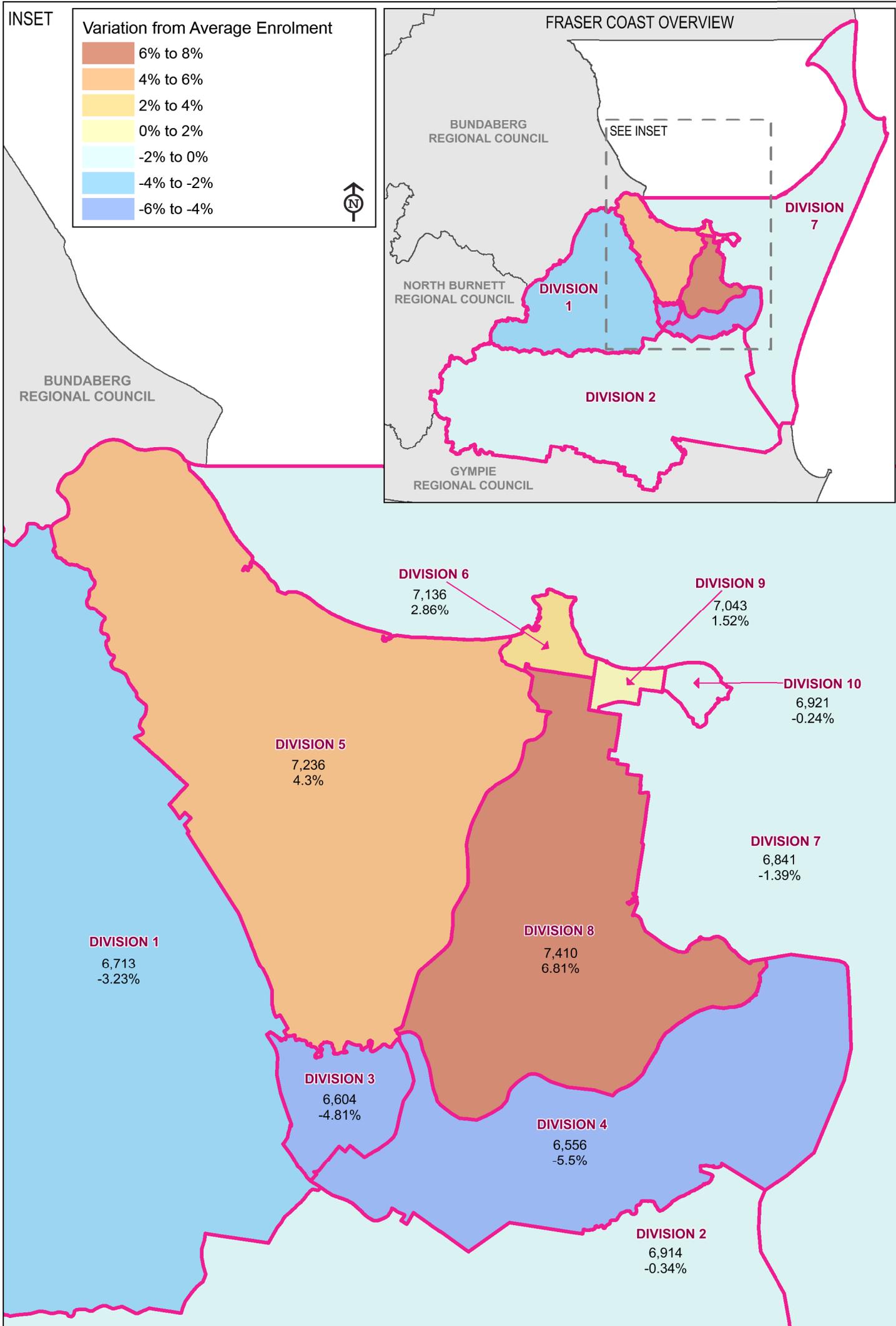
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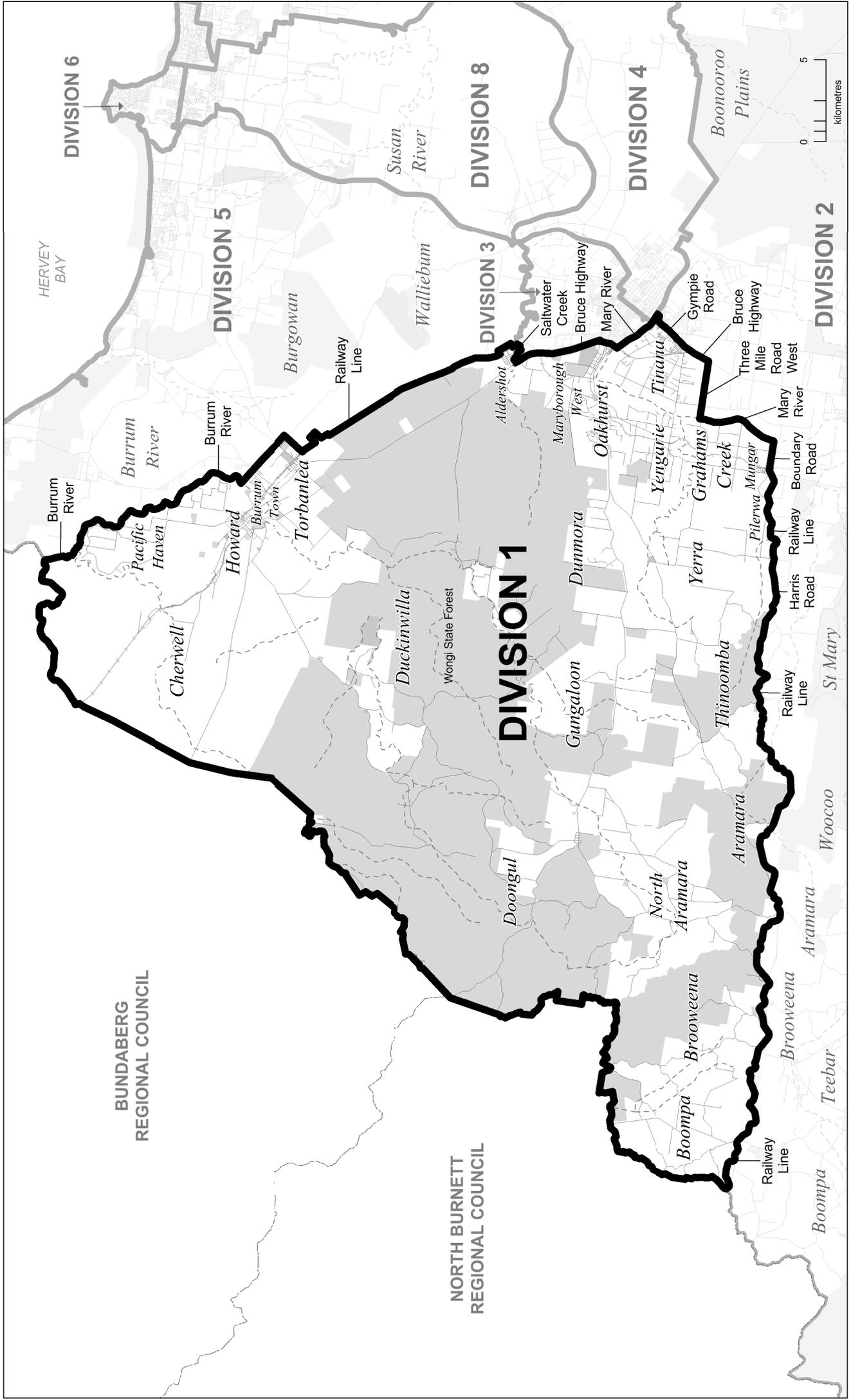
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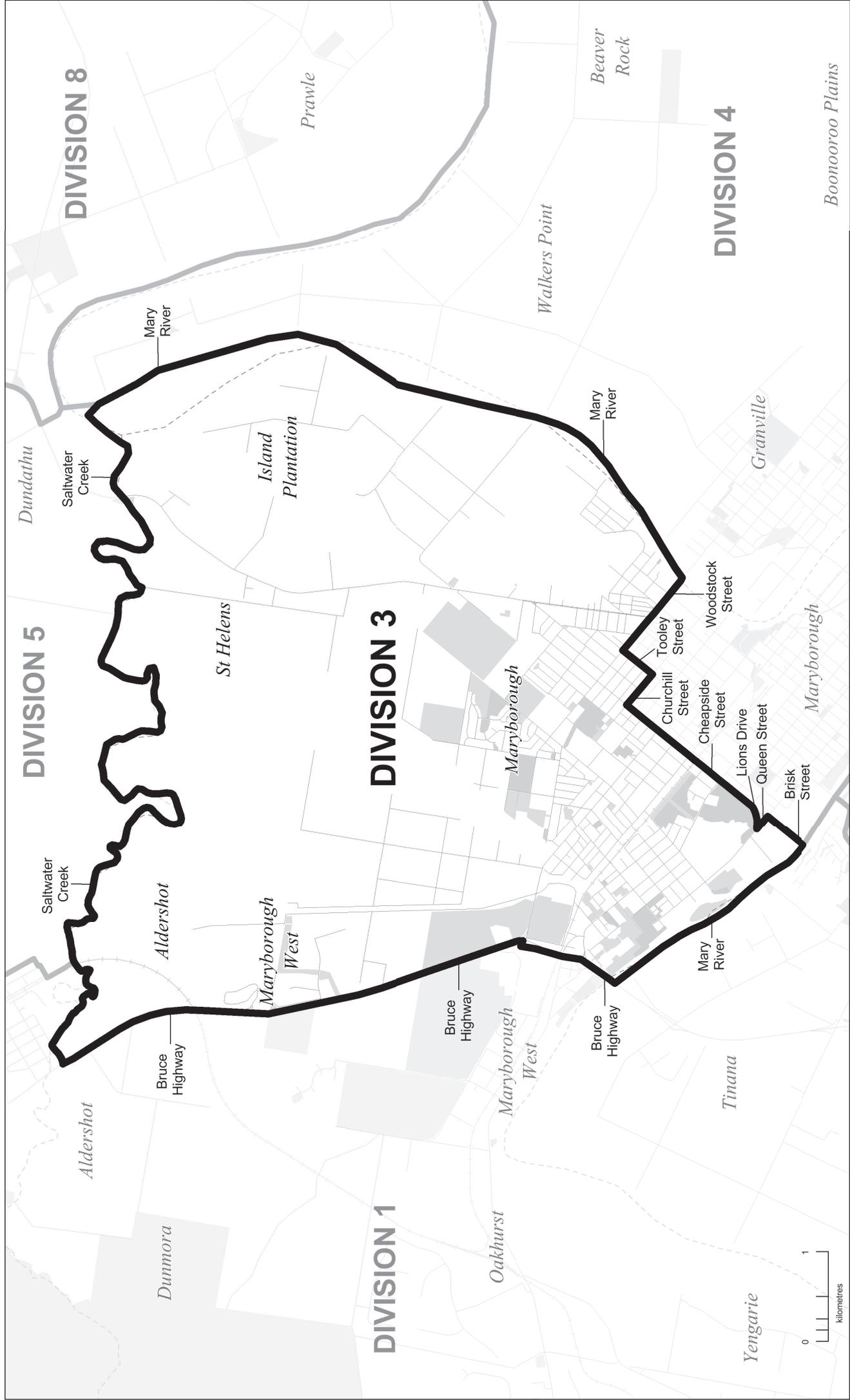
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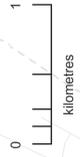


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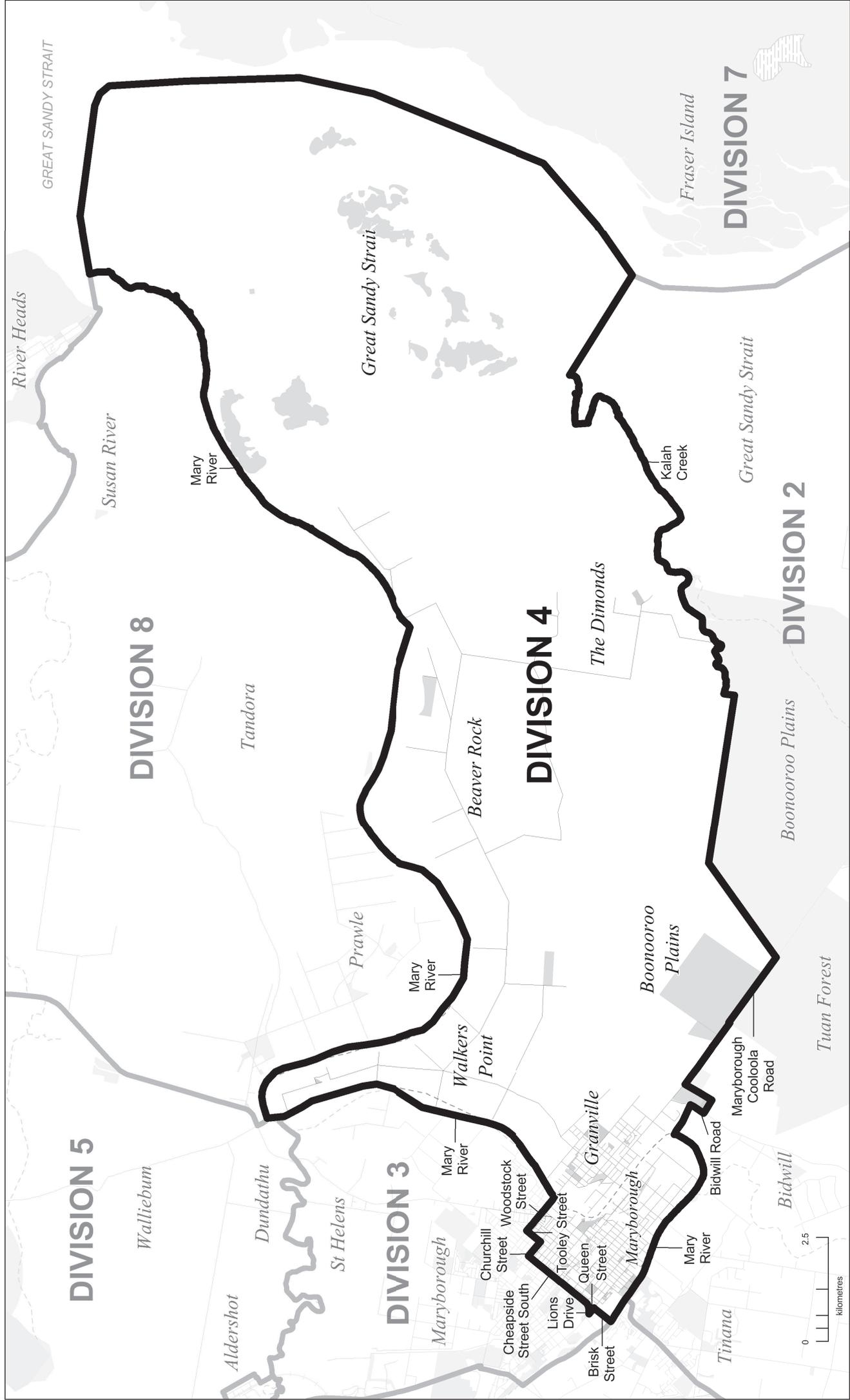
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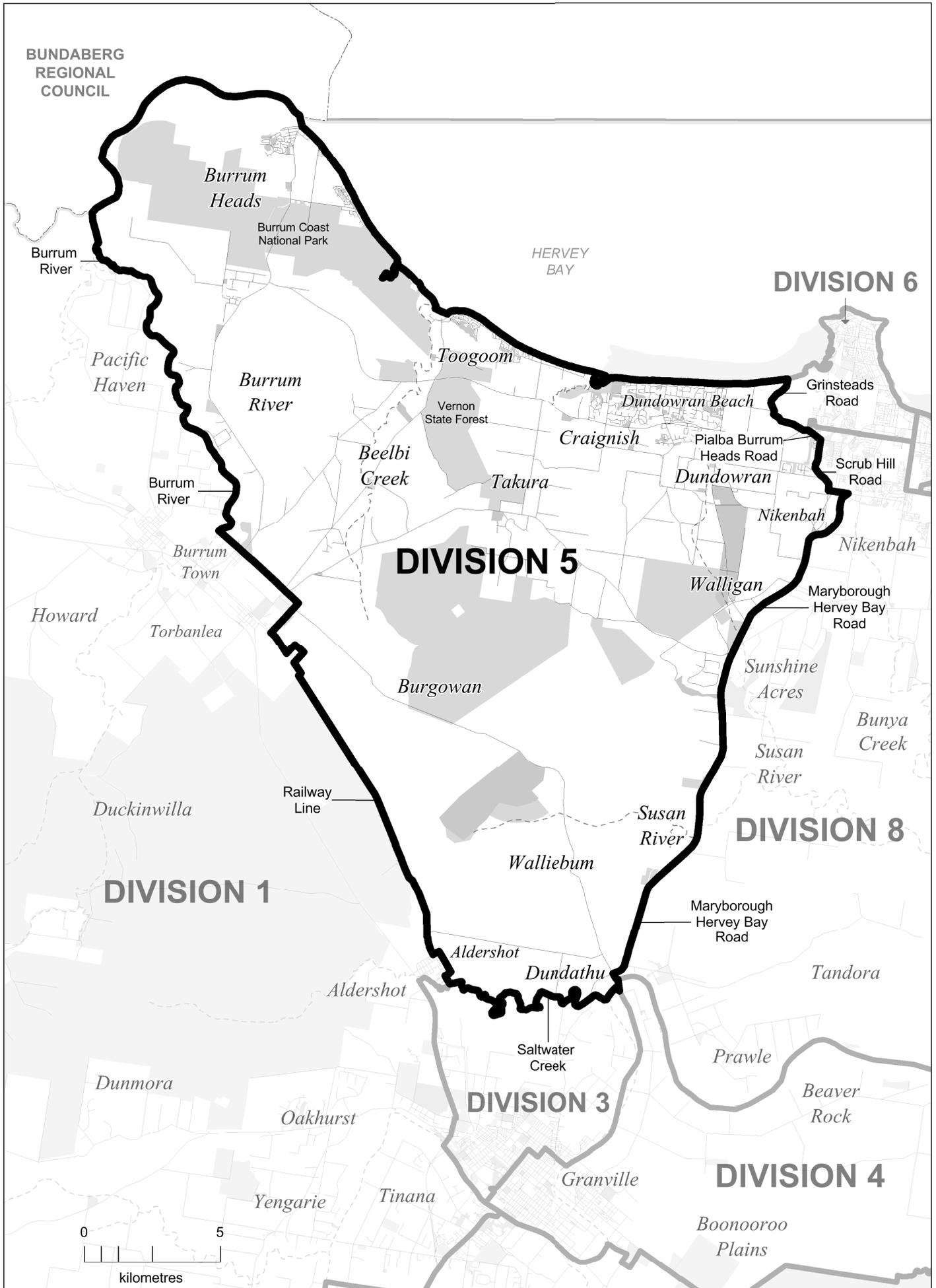


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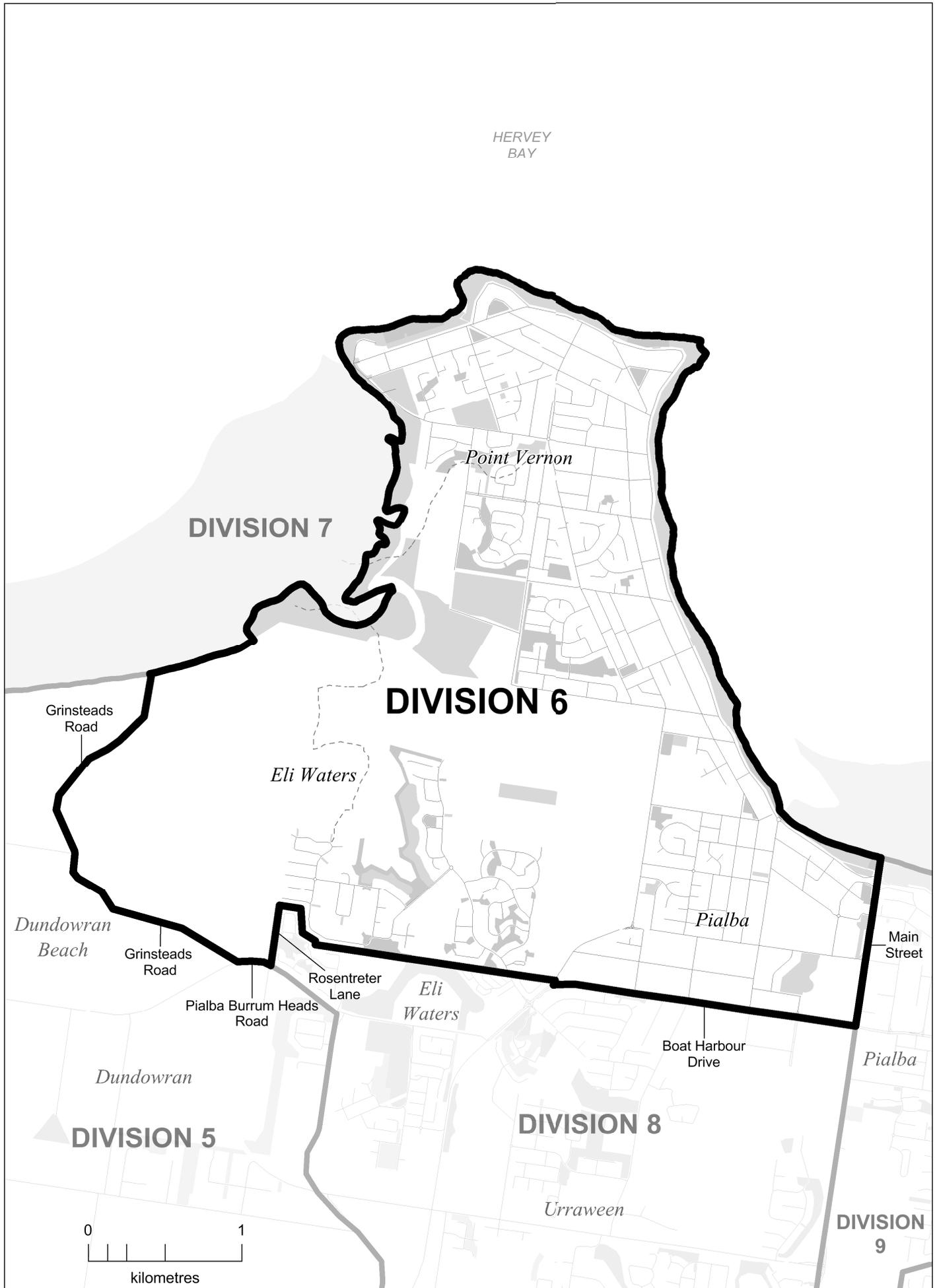


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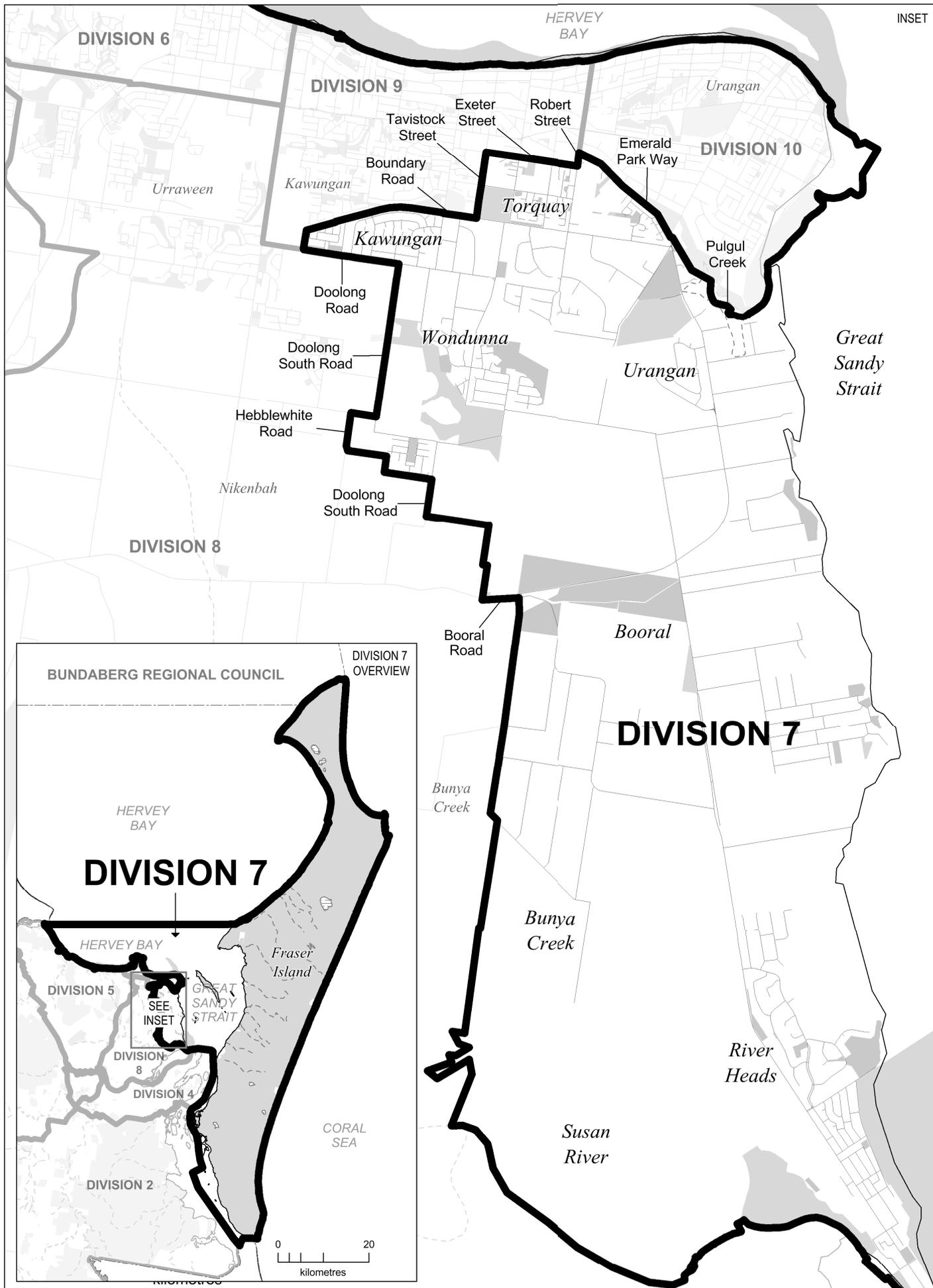
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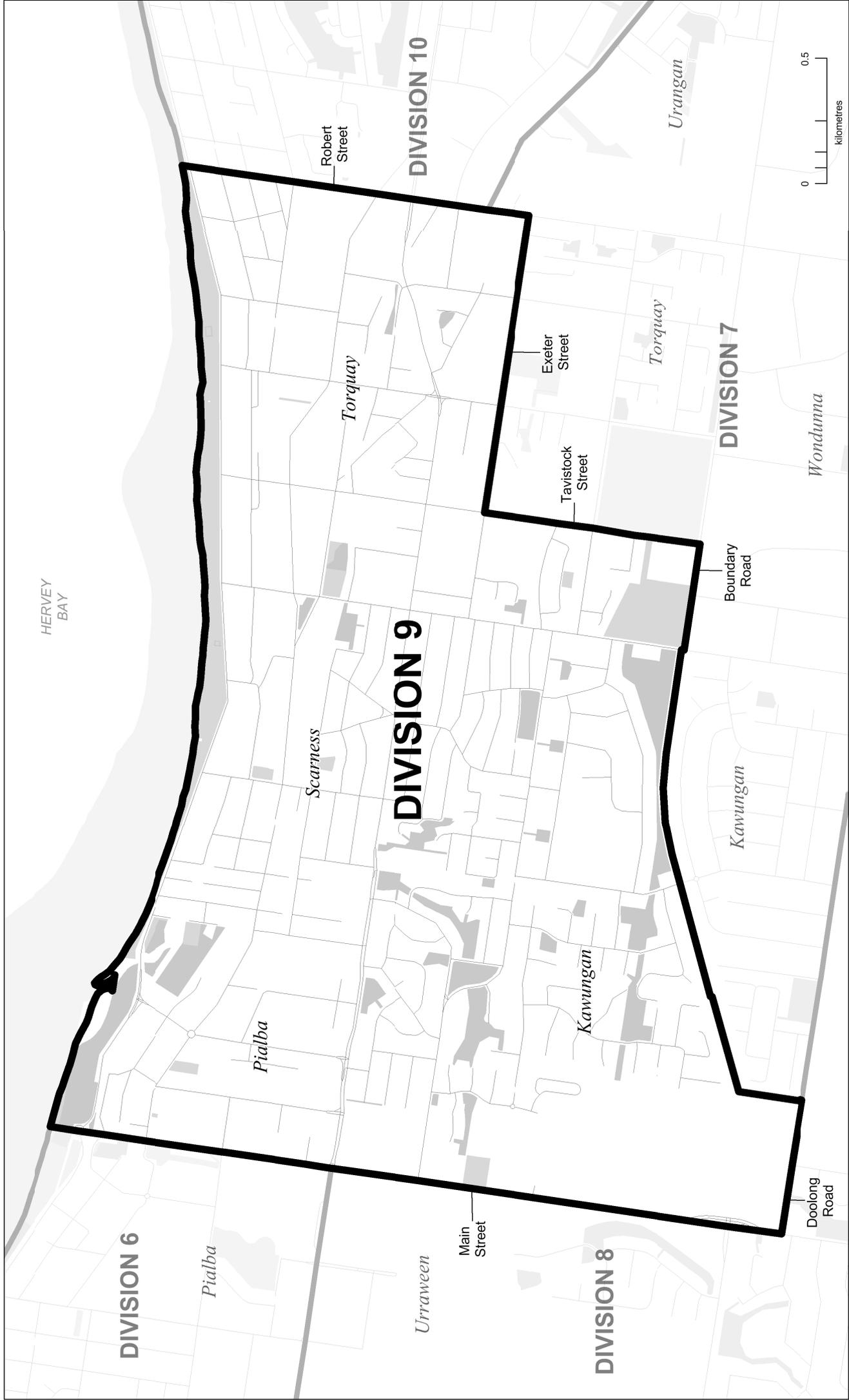
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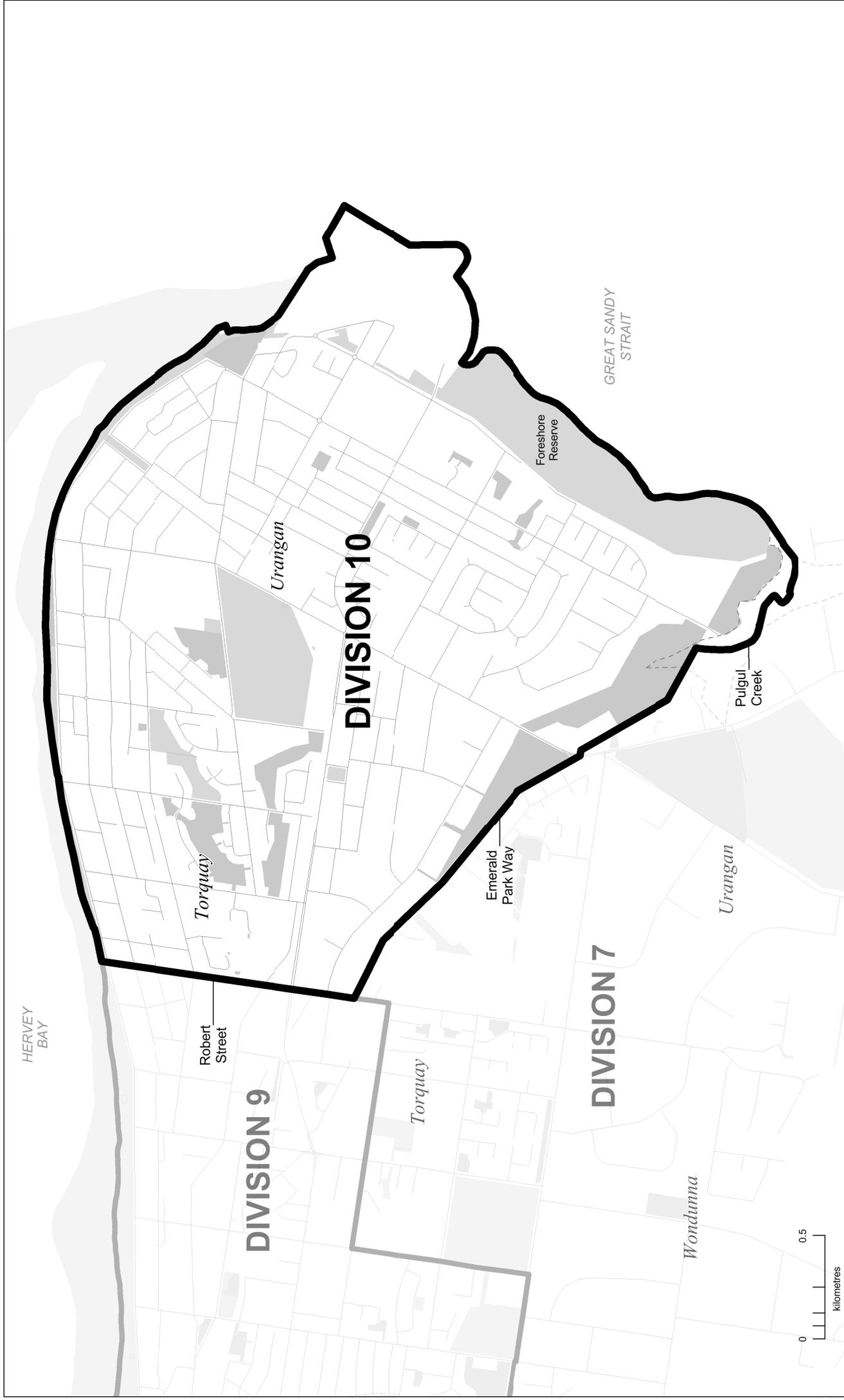
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# **APPENDIX E**

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



# LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

## INVITATION FOR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL

The Fraser Coast 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 28 August 2015**.

For this phase of the review, the enrolment for Fraser Coast Regional Council as at 23 February 2015 is being used. The total enrolment was 69,374. The Commission has determined that 6,937 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 6,244 and the maximum of 7,631. 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 Fraser Coast 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](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au)); under ELECTORAL DISTRICTS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEWS then click Fraser Coast 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 FRASER COAST 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: [frasercoastregionalcouncilreview@ecq.qld.gov.au](mailto:frasercoastregionalcouncilreview@ecq.qld.gov.au) or

- lodged via online form:

Which can be found on the ECQ website ([www.ecq.qld.gov.au](http://www.ecq.qld.gov.au)) under ELECTORAL DISTRICTS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEWS then click on Fraser Coast 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

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21 August, 2015

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Electoral Commission of Queensland

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Dear Sir

**RE: Local Government Change Review – Review of Internal Division Boundaries**

Thank you for your email of 3 August, 2015, in relation to the above matter.

I advise that Council has no objection to the proposed boundaries for the Local Government Area of Fraser Coast Regional Council.

Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Desmond".

Lisa Desmond  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**Contact Officer:** Lisa Desmond  
**Phone:** 07 4197 4305  
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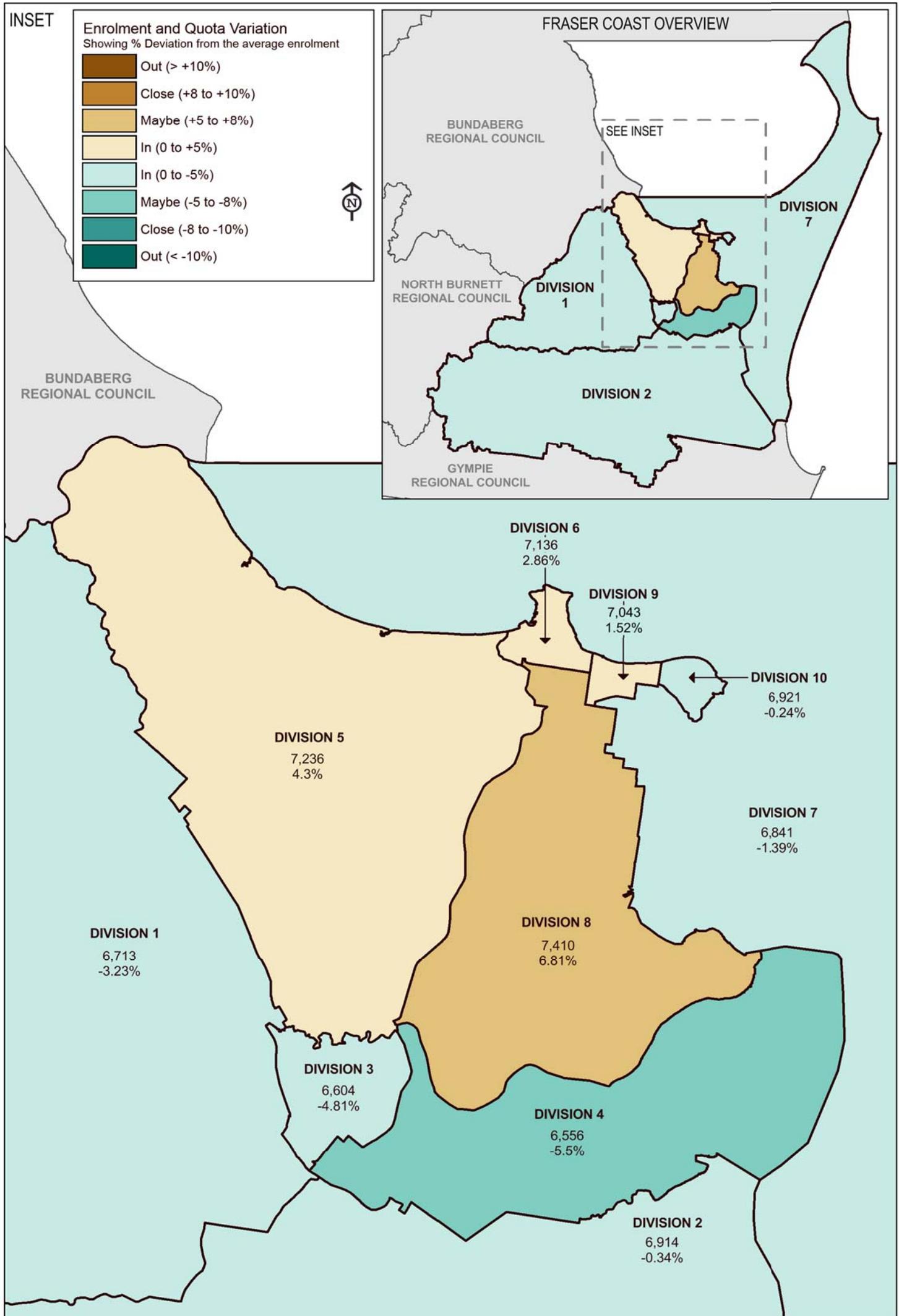


# **APPENDIX F**

**Maps of Council's Electoral  
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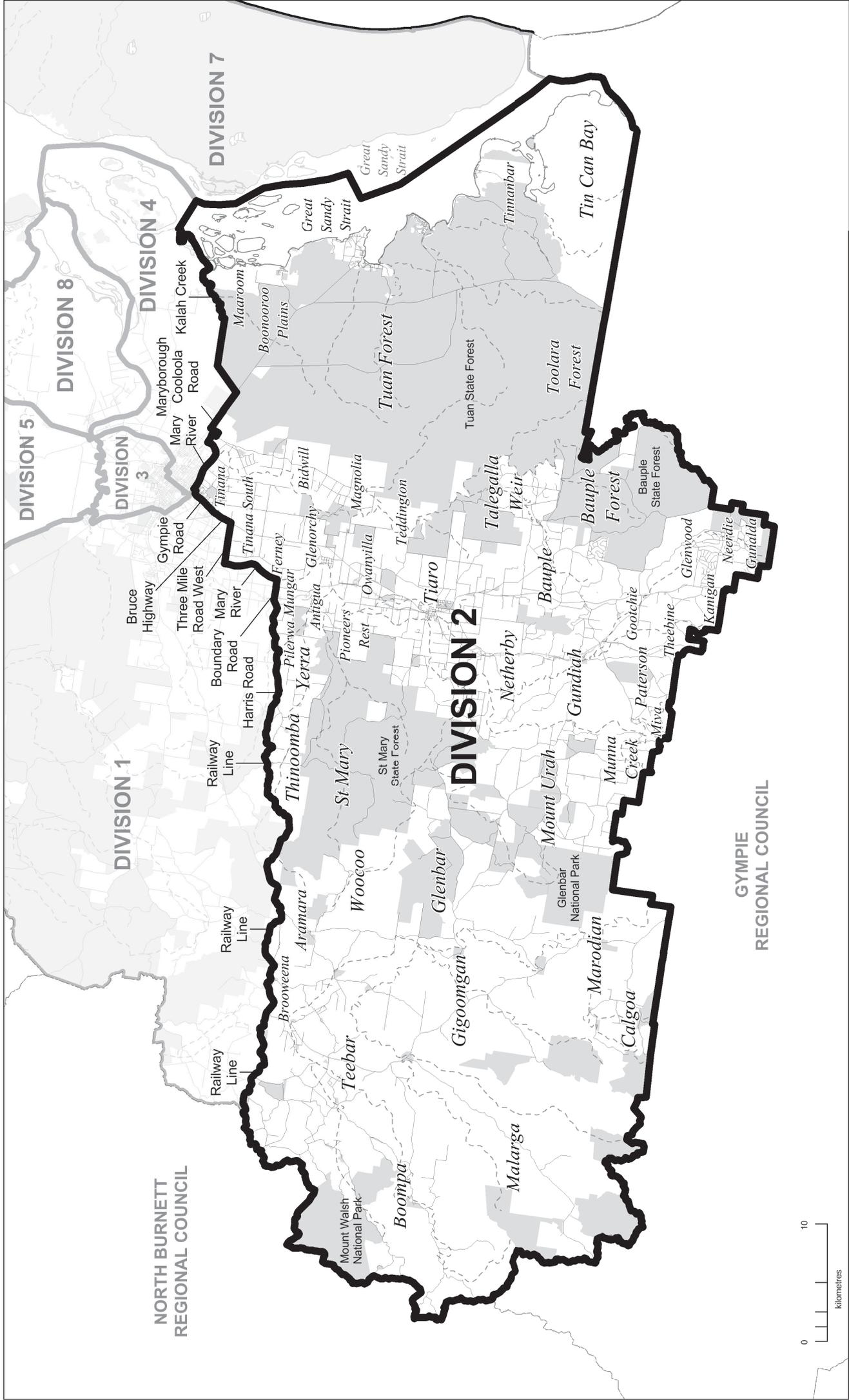
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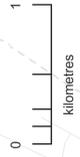
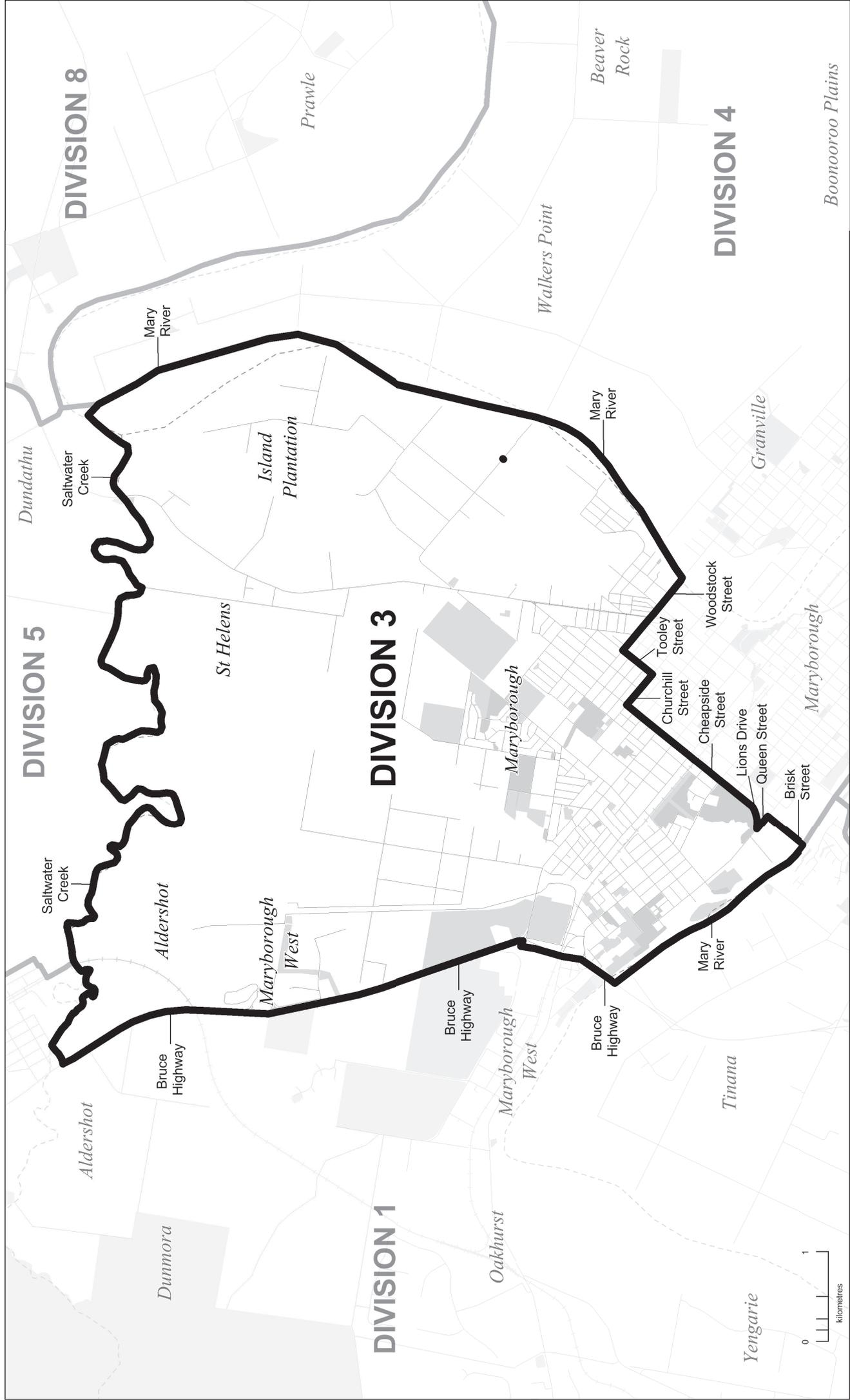


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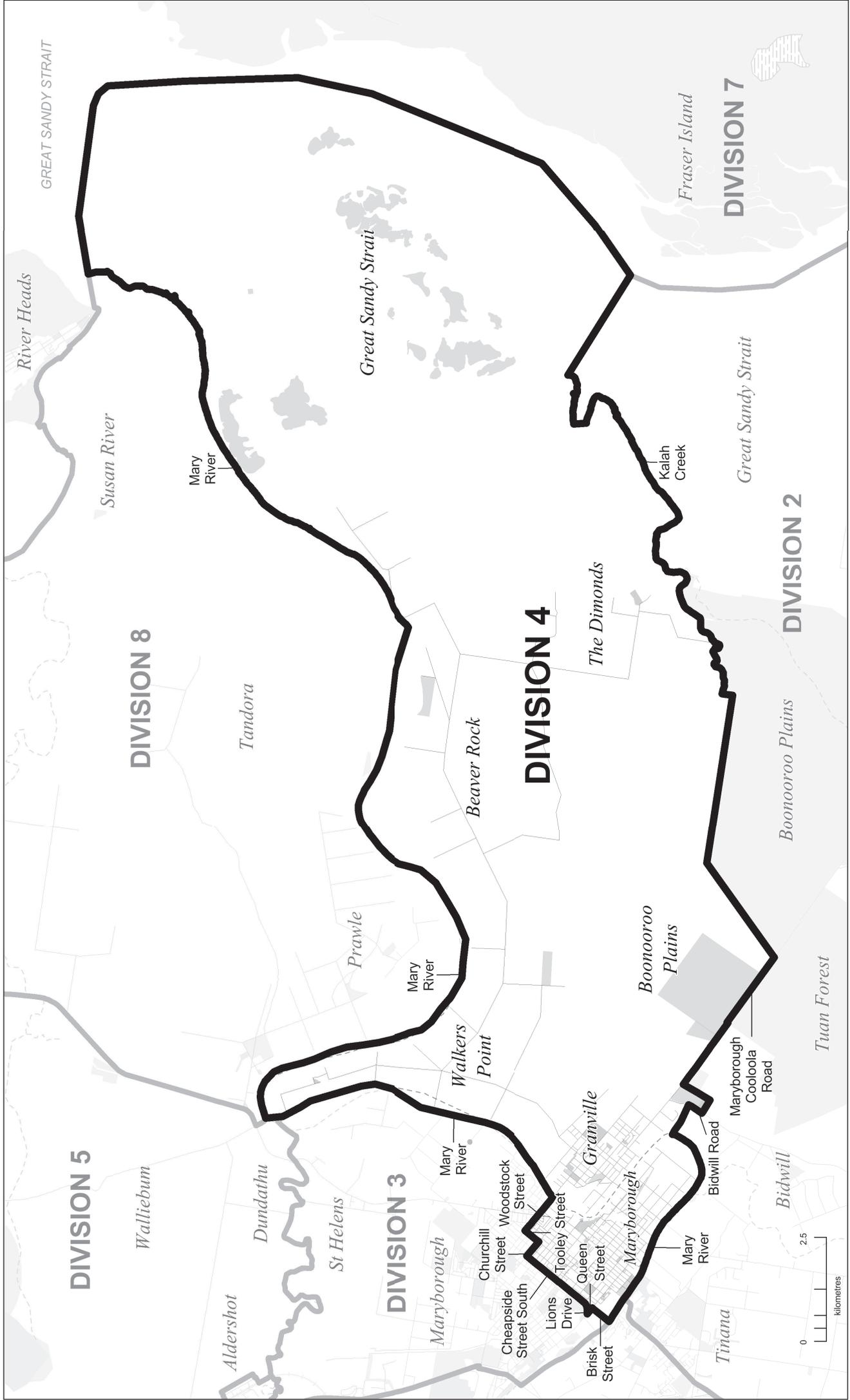


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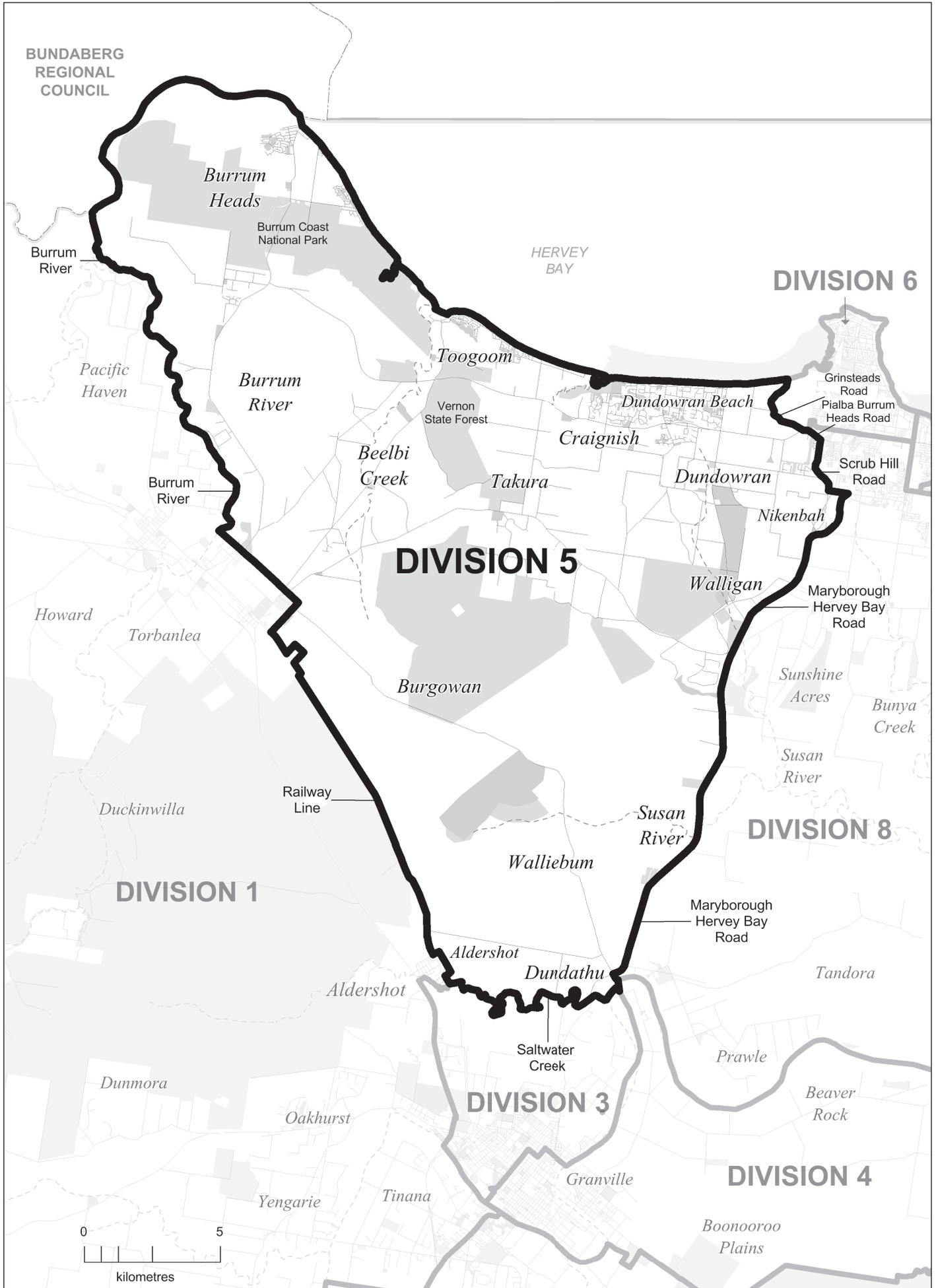
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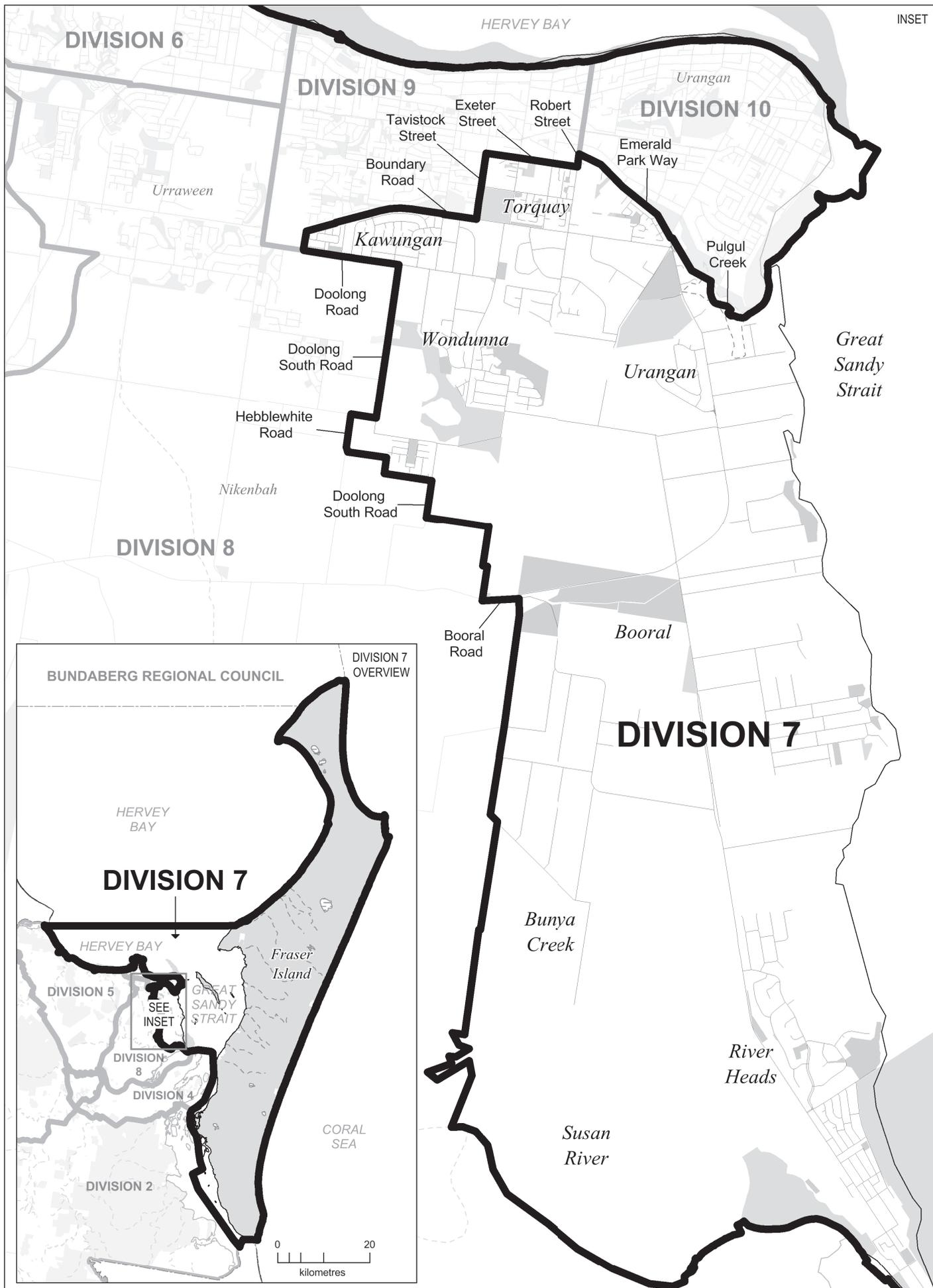
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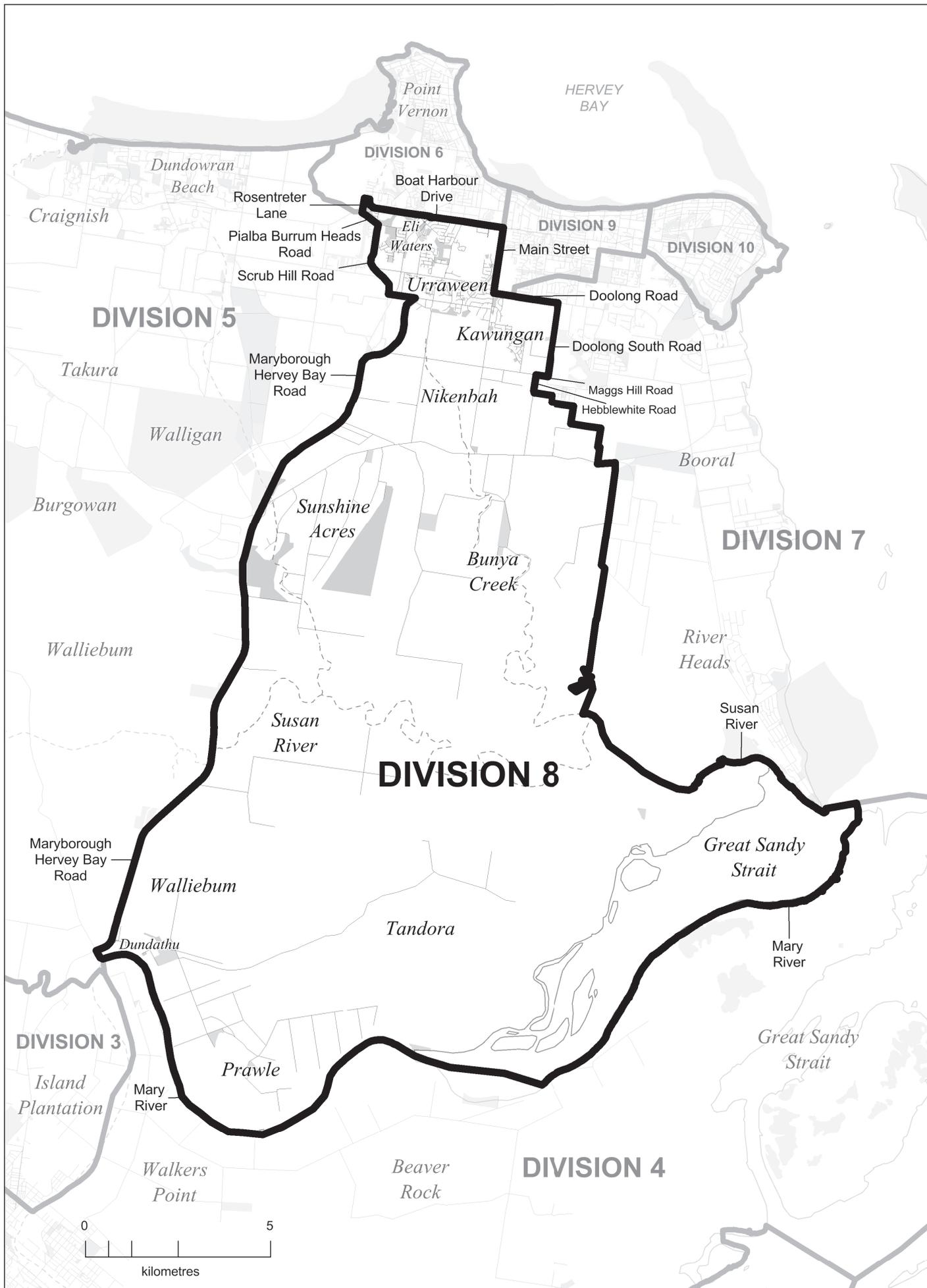
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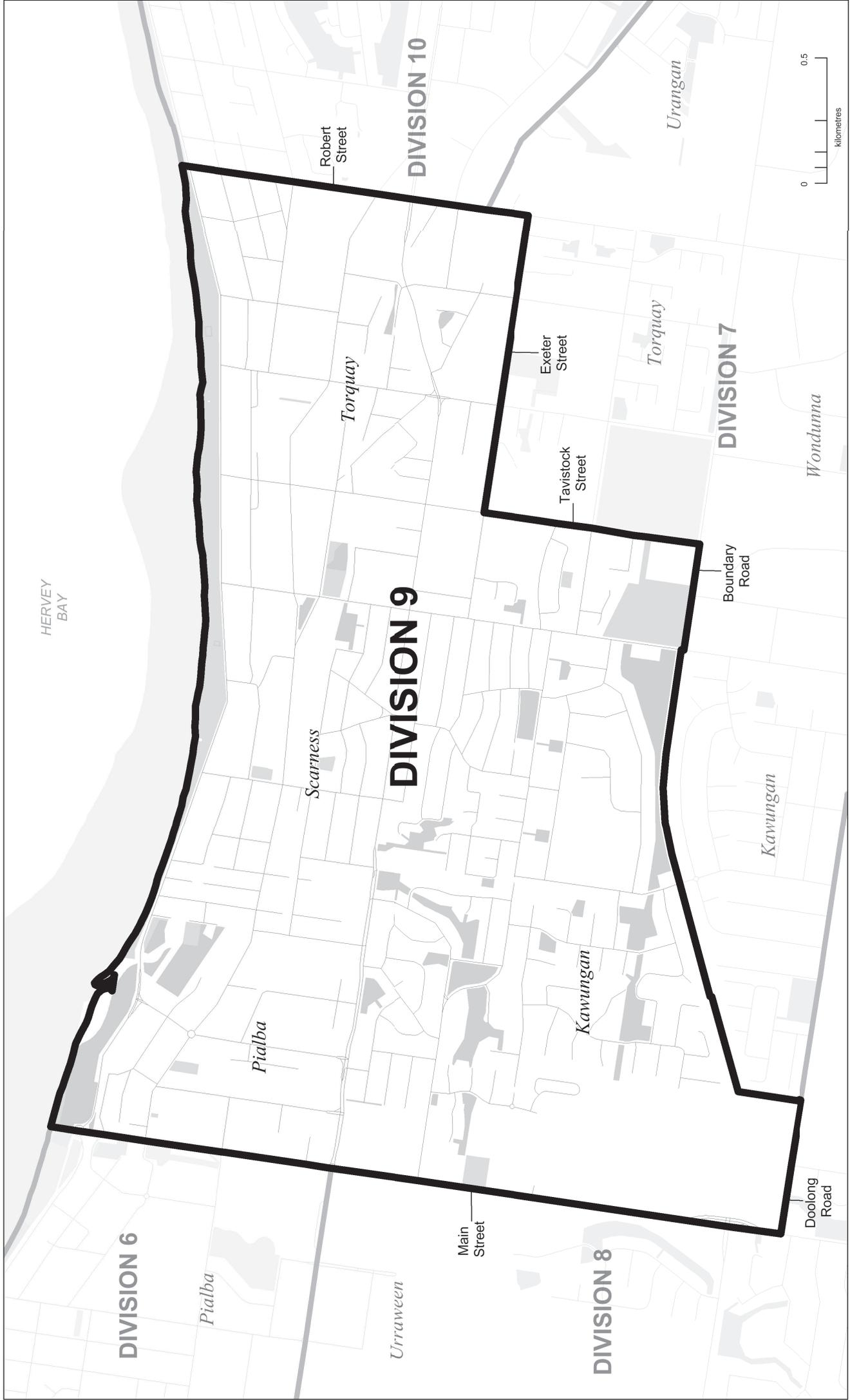


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