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FOREWORD

This report outlines the Final Determination for the redivision of electoral divisions within Sunshine 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 Sunshine 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 Sunshine 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 Friday 18 August 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 or objections were received.

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council provided a written submission and maps prior to the call for suggestions. 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 Sunshine Coast Regional Council from the Honourable Jackie Trad MP, Minister responsible for Local Government (see Appendix B).

LEGISLATIVE PROVISIONS

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council has 195,680 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 Sunshine 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 Sunshine 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 7 and 9) did not meet the reasonable proportion of elector's requirements on 26 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 Sunshine 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 Sunshine 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

	23 February 2015	31 March 2016	28 February 2019
Number of divisions	10	10	10
Enrolment	195,680	200,055	214,243
Average electors per division	19,568	20,006	21,424
Permitted Maximum Number (+10%) per division	17,611	18,005	19,282
Permitted Minimum Number (-10%) per division	21,525	22,006	23,567

CHAPTER 2 – THE REVIEW PROCESS

The Sunshine Coast Regional Council is divided into 10 single-member divisions. By letter dated 26 February 2015, the Council advised that Divisions 7 and 9 were out of tolerance.

Based on 23 February 2015 enrolment data, the Change Commission calculated a quota (average enrolment) of 19,568, with a minimum of 17,611 (-10%) and an upper limit of 21,525 (+10%) electors permissible in each district.

Accompanying its notice to the Minister, the Sunshine Coast Regional Council lodged a proposed solution that involved changes to all 10 divisions 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 25 July 2015 following an advertised call for objections to the Change Commission's Proposed Determination. Objections closed on the 14 August 2015. One submission supporting the Proposed Determination was received from the Sunshine Coast Regional Council. No other comments were received (see Appendix E).

In reaching its Final Determination the Change Commission took into account Council's support, 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 Sunshine Coast Regional Council has a total of 195,680 enrolled electors spread across 10 divisions, with an average number of 19,568 electors per division. Applying the plus or minus tolerance of 10 per cent allowed under the Act, the minimum number of electors required for each division is 17,611, with a maximum of 21,525.

As can be observed in Table 2, Divisions 7 and 9 are currently out of quota. Division 9 is over the maximum allowable number of electors, while Division 7 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, to keep all of the divisions within the Sunshine Coast 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	18,791	-3.97	19,449	-2.78	22,675	+5.84
Division 2	18,772	-4.07	19,063	-4.71	20,212	-5.66
Division 3	20,786	+6.22	21,186	+5.9	22,096	+3.14
Division 4	19,787	+1.12	20,068	+0.31	20,801	-2.91
Division 5	19,237	-1.69	19,590	-2.08	20,816	-2.84
Division 6	21,228	+8.48	21,969	+9.81	23,712	+10.68
Division 7	17,572	-10.2	17,911	-10.47	18,614	-13.12
Division 8	19,630	+0.32	19,994	-0.06	21,564	+0.65
Division 9	21,749	+11.15	22,340	+11.67	23,878	+11.45
Division 10	18,128	-7.36	18,485	-7.6	19,875	-7.23

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 Sunshine Coast Regional Council.

The Change Commission adopted the 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

The Council indicated its support for the Change Commission's Proposed Determination on 11 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 the Sunshine Coast Regional Council into quota, while maintaining communities of interest.

The Change Commission adopted the changes in the Proposed Determination, formulated from the Council's proposal, as 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 Sunshine 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

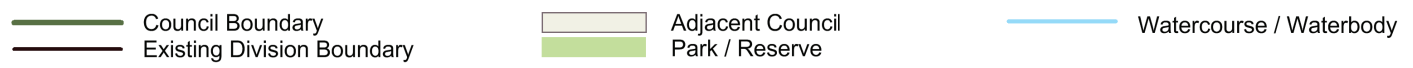
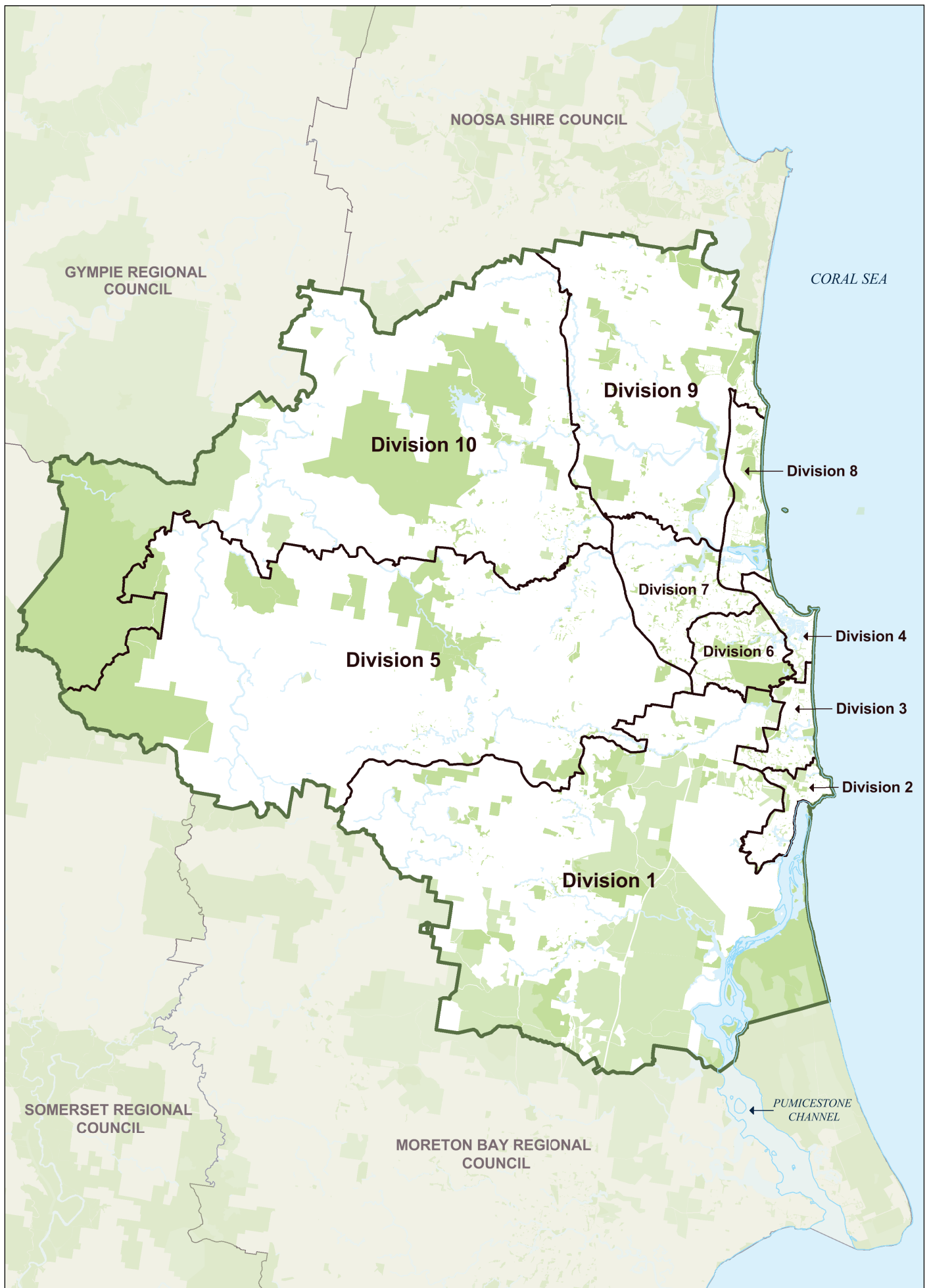
Division Name	Enrolment as at 23/02/2015	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 31/03/2016	(%) Deviation from Quota	Projected Enrolment as at 28/02/2019	(%) Deviation from Quota
Division 1	18,641	-4.74	19,268	-3.69	22,221	+3.72
Division 2	19,289	-1.43	19,587	-2.09	20,740	-3.19
Division 3	20,419	+4.35	20,844	+4.19	22,023	+2.79
Division 4	19,787	+1.12	20,068	+0.31	20,801	-2.91
Division 5	19,237	-1.69	19,590	-2.08	20,816	-2.84
Division 6	18,820	-3.82	19,511	-2.47	21,199	-1.05
Division 7	19,980	+2.11	20,369	+1.82	21,127	-1.39
Division 8	19,630	+0.32	19,994	-0.06	21,564	+0.65
Division 9	19,466	-0.52	20,030	+0.13	21,527	+0.48
Division 10	20,411	+4.31	20,794	+3.94	22,225	+3.74

APPENDIX A

Previous Electoral Divisions

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

EXISTING ELECTORAL DIVISIONS



APPENDIX B

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



Hon Jackie Trad MP

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

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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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

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Dear Sir

Re: Review of Sunshine Coast Council Divisional Boundaries

I refer to section 16 of the *Local Government Act 2009* (the Act) and outline below the results of Sunshine Coast Council's divisional boundary review and realignment recommendations in preparation for the 2016 quadrennial local government elections.

In accordance with section 16 of the Act, Sunshine Coast Council has reviewed the number of electors in each of its divisions based on data from the Queensland Electoral Commission as at 30 January 2015. The review has also considered factors such as communities of interest, population density, growth and future development, natural boundaries, the predictable pattern of boundaries to assist future changes, and Statistical Analysis (SA1) areas.

At its Ordinary Meeting on 26 February 2015, Council considered the issue of electoral boundaries and resolved as follows:

"That Council:

- (a) receive and note the report titled "2016 Local Government Elections – Divisional Boundary Review";
- (b) advise the Minister for Local Government and the Electoral Commissioner by 1 March 2015 that Sunshine Coast Council Divisions 7 and 9 do not comply with

quota specifications in section 15 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and recommends the following changes to divisional boundaries in order to meet the legislative quota requirements:

- (i) transfer from Division 6 to Division 7 – approximately 2,376 voters, refer to Appendix A;
 - (ii) transfer from Division 9 to Division 10 – approximately 2,220 voters, refer to Appendix B; and
- (c) advise the Minister for Local Government and the Electoral Commissioner also of the following recommended boundary changes:
- (i) transfer from Division 1 to Division 3 – minor variation with a very small, indeterminable number of voters, refer to Appendix C; and
 - (ii) transfer from Division 3 to Division 2 – approximately 536 voters, refer to Appendix D; and
- (d) advise the Minister for Local Government that Council has also considered its electoral arrangements and finds that the current arrangement of 10 single member divisions and one mayor is the most appropriate electoral representation for the Sunshine Coast community at this time.”

Appendices A, B, C and D as referred to above are attached to this letter.

In summary, the electoral boundaries review has identified that Division 9 is currently above quota while Division 7 is below quota. On this basis, Council has resolved to recommend changes to the divisional boundaries of Divisions 6, 7, 9 and 10 to bring the number of electors in the divisions within quota.

Further, a small area of new development in Division 1 sees it separated from the remainder of the development area in Little Mountain in Division 3. As such Council has resolved to recommend a minor boundary realignment to unite this community of interest.

In addition, to take account of elector transfers from Division 1, elector transfers from Division 3 to Division 2 have been recommended.

At the time of writing, detailed divisional voter enrolment data has not been received from the Queensland Electoral Commission (ECQ). As such, estimated voter transfer numbers have

been used in Council's submission based on voter enrolment figures for Statistical Analysis (SA1) areas as at 18 December 2014. It is believed that any changes in voter numbers between 18 December 2014 and 30 January 2015 are negligible with no impact on the outcome of this review.

Tables A and B below demonstrate the results of the review.

Table A – Existing Divisional Voter Numbers

Division	Electors at 30/01/2015	Average Enrolment	Low Quota	High Quota	% of Quota
1	18,729	19,520	17,568	21,472	-4.05
2	18,702	19,520	17,568	21,472	-4.19
3	20,738	19,520	17,568	21,472	6.24
4	19,747	19,520	17,568	21,472	1.16
5	19,231	19,520	17,568	21,472	-1.48
6	21,134	19,520	17,568	21,472	8.27
7	17,545	19,520	17,568	21,472	-10.12
8	19,569	19,520	17,568	21,472	0.25
9	21,660	19,520	17,568	21,472	10.96
10	18,142	19,520	17,568	21,472	-7.06
Total	195,197				

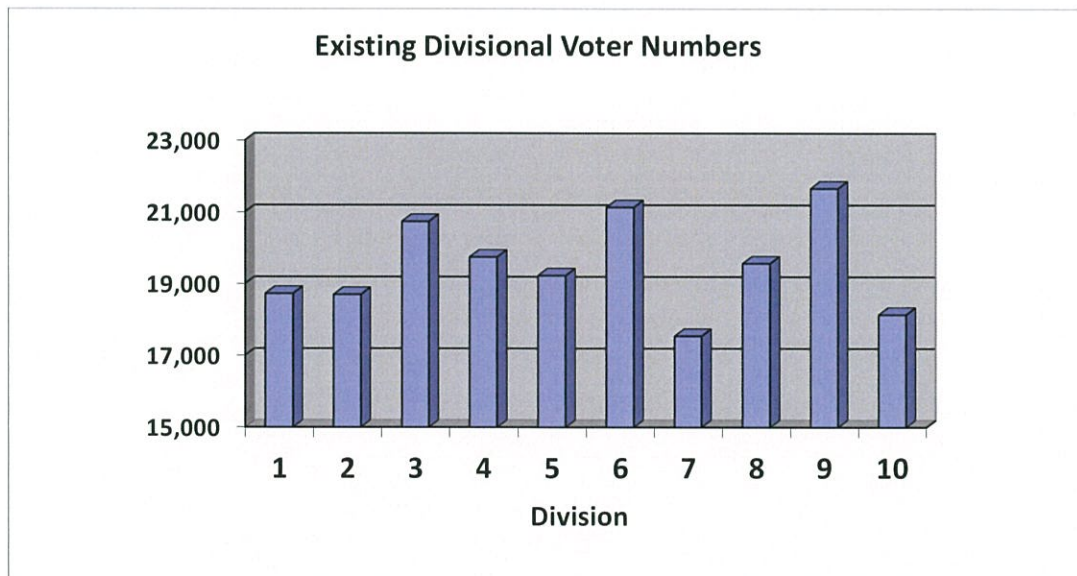
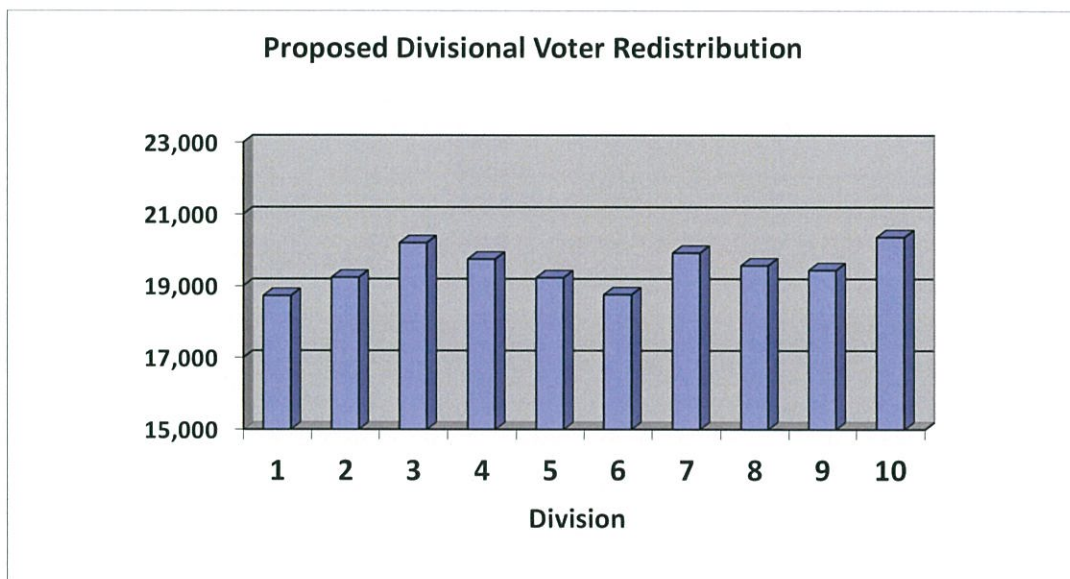


Table B over shows the number of electors by division taking account of the changes recommended by Council.

Table B – Proposed Divisional Voter Redistribution

Division	Electors at 30/01/2015	Average Enrolment	Low Quota	High Quota	% of Quota
1	18,729	19,520	17,568	21,472	-4.05
2	19,238	19,520	17,568	21,472	-1.44
3	20,202	19,520	17,568	21,472	3.50
4	19,747	19,520	17,568	21,472	1.16
5	19,231	19,520	17,568	21,472	-1.48
6	18,758	19,520	17,568	21,472	-3.90
7	19,921	19,520	17,568	21,472	2.06
8	19,569	19,520	17,568	21,472	0.25
9	19,440	19,520	17,568	21,472	-0.41
10	20,362	19,520	17,568	21,472	4.32
Total	195,197				



Results of the review

The following information supports Council's recommendation.

Division 6 to Division 7

To bring the number of electors in Division 7 within quota, it is proposed that approximately 2,376 electors transfer from Division 6 to Division 7. This proposal is shown as the shaded area on Map 1 (attached) and sees Division 7's western boundary at King Street move south east to sections of Stringybark Road, Cogill Road and Dixon Road. This movement transfers the following SA1 areas from Division 6 to Division 7: 3141435, 3141433*, 3141432, 3141426, 3141428, 3141425, 3141421 and 3141420.

Elector numbers

Division 6	21,134
Less transfers to Division 7	2,376
Division 6 total	18,758

Division 7	17,545
Plus transfers from Division 6	2,376
Division 7 total	19,921

*This proposed realignment deviates from the SA1 3141433 boundary in two places:

1. This SA1 runs through the undeveloped section of 15 Rainforest Sanctuary Drive. It is recommended that the proposed Division 7 boundary be extended south to incorporate all of this property.
2. This SA1 separates two properties on Stringybark Road from their neighbours. It is recommended that these two properties (108 and 114 Stringybark Road) in SA1 3141433 remain in Division 6.

Division 9 to Division 10

To bring the number of electors in Division 9 within quota, it is proposed that approximately 2,220 electors transfer from Division 9 to Division 10 (refer to shaded area in Map 2). This proposal would see Division 9's north western boundary move east, to include all of the following the SA1 areas: 3143120, 3143121, 3143122, 3143114, 3143106, 3143109, 3143110, 3143111, 3143119, 3143101, 3143117, 3143116 and 3143217.

This proposal unites the currently divided communities of Eumundi, North Arm, Ninderry, Bridges, Yandina and Kulangoor.

Elector numbers

Division 9	21,660
Less transfers to Division 10	2,220
Division 9 total	19,440

Division 10	18,142
Plus transfers from Division 9	2,220
Division 10 total	20,362

Division 1 to Division 3

During consultation, divisional councillors also recommended that the boundary between Divisions 1 and 3 be amended to bring the newly developed community of the Creekwood estate into Division 3. Creekwood is currently the only section of this Little Mountain community in Division 1. This boundary realignment affects SA1 3142009 by removing the Creekwood section at and along Corbould Way from the SA1 area and reconnecting to the existing boundary at Meridan Way. Refer to the area shaded in Map 3 attached.

No information is currently available at the time of writing about the number of voters to be transferred from the area, however, as this is a new development estate currently under construction, the number of voters to be transferred is very low, if any, but naturally will have increased by the 2016 local government elections.

Division 3 to Division 2

Divisional councillors also recommended that approximately 536 electors be transferred from Division 3 to Division 2. This boundary change would see the Division 2 / 3 boundary move north to Beerburum Street, along Coonowrin Street and along Buderim Street to the coast. These are three significant streets in the area and would form an easily recognisable boundary (refer to area shaded in Map 4). This recommendation takes account of proposed transfers from Division 1 and the ongoing rate of development in Division 3.

SA1 3142219 and 3142209, with the exception of the eight properties on the north eastern side of Buderim Street, are proposed as transfer areas. These eight properties lie in Currimundi while the remainder of SA1 3142209 lies in Dicky Beach.

Elector numbers

Division 3	20,738
Less transfers to Division 2	536
Division 3 total	<hr/> 20,202
Division 2	18,702
Plus transfers from Division 3	536
Division 2 total	<hr/> 19,238

Council recognises the significant development due to occur in Division 1 over the course of the next decade. However, this rapid population growth is expected to have little bearing on voter numbers at the coming local government elections.

Based on the findings of the electoral boundaries review and the resolution by Council, it is requested that the Minister and Electoral Commissioner give consideration to these proposed local government electoral boundary changes for the Sunshine Coast Council area.

In correspondence dated 24 September 2014, the then Minister for Local Government suggested councils review its current electoral arrangements to ensure the community has the most appropriate electoral representation. Sunshine Coast Council has considered its electoral arrangements and finds that the current arrangement of 10 single member divisions and one mayor to be the most appropriate electoral representation for the Sunshine Coast community at this time.

Further, Sunshine Coast Council does not meet the criteria for conducting its 2016 election by postal ballot and therefore does not intend applying for same.

This submission has also been sent to the Minister for Local Government in accordance with the *Local Government Act 2009*.

Please contact this office should you require any additional information in support of this submission.

Yours sincerely

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John Knaggs
Chief Executive Officer

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2016 Election - Divisional Boundary Review

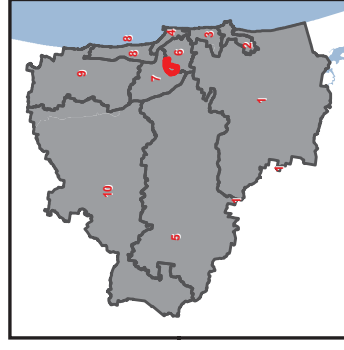


Map 1

Proposed boundary change Division 6 and Division 7

Legend

- Proposed Electoral Divisional Boundaries
- Highways and Motorways
- SA1 areas
- Current Electoral Divisional Boundaries
- Property Boundaries
- Railway Lines
- Protected Areas
- Localities



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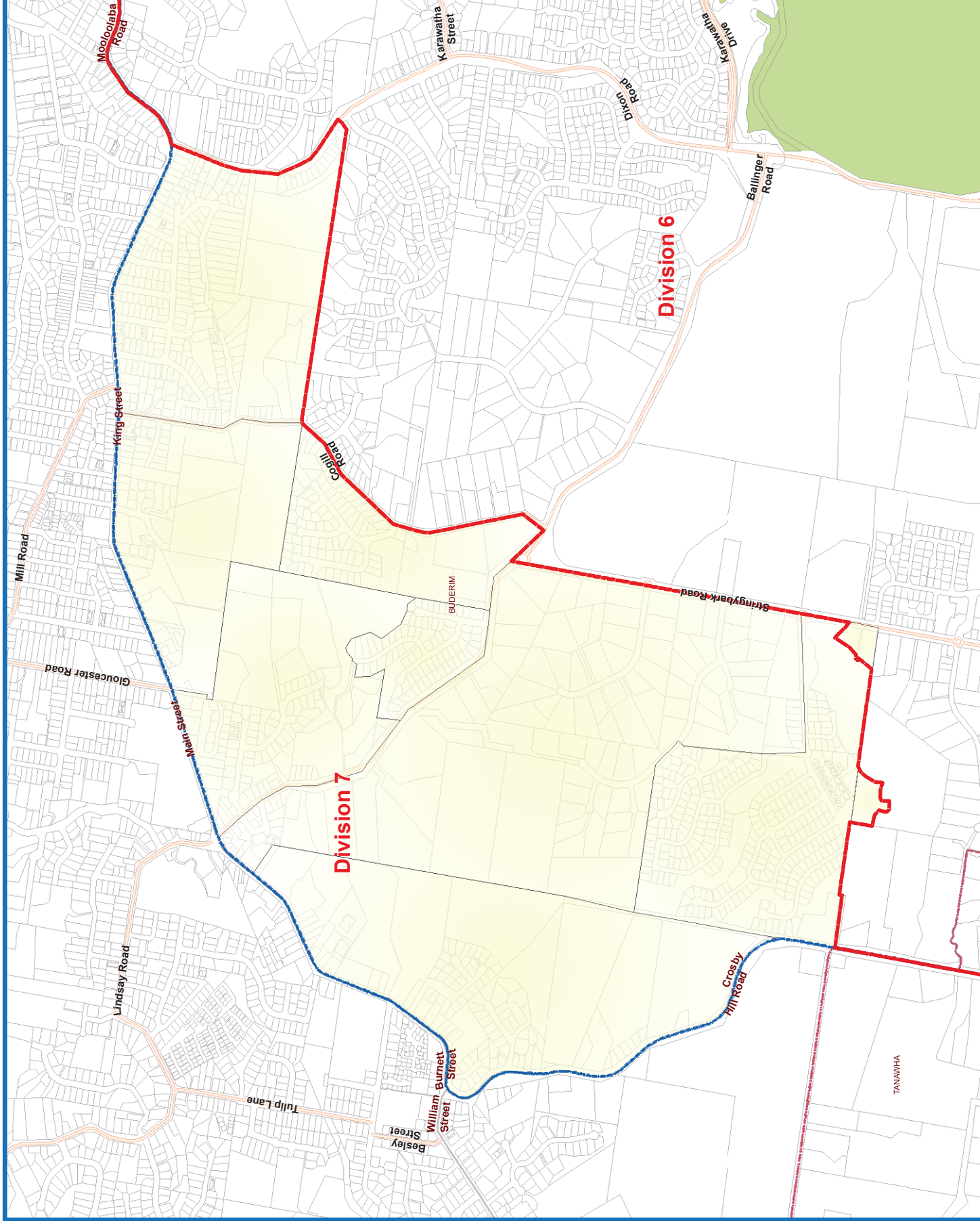
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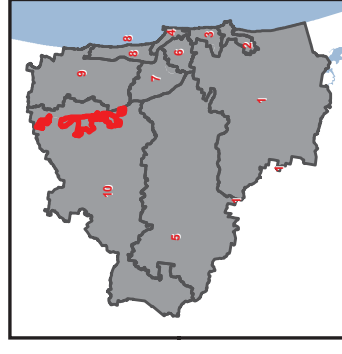


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Map 2 Proposed boundary change Division 9 and Division 10

Legend

- Proposed Electoral Divisional Boundaries
- Highways and Motorways
- SA1 areas
- Current Electoral Divisional Boundaries
- Property Boundaries
- Railway Lines
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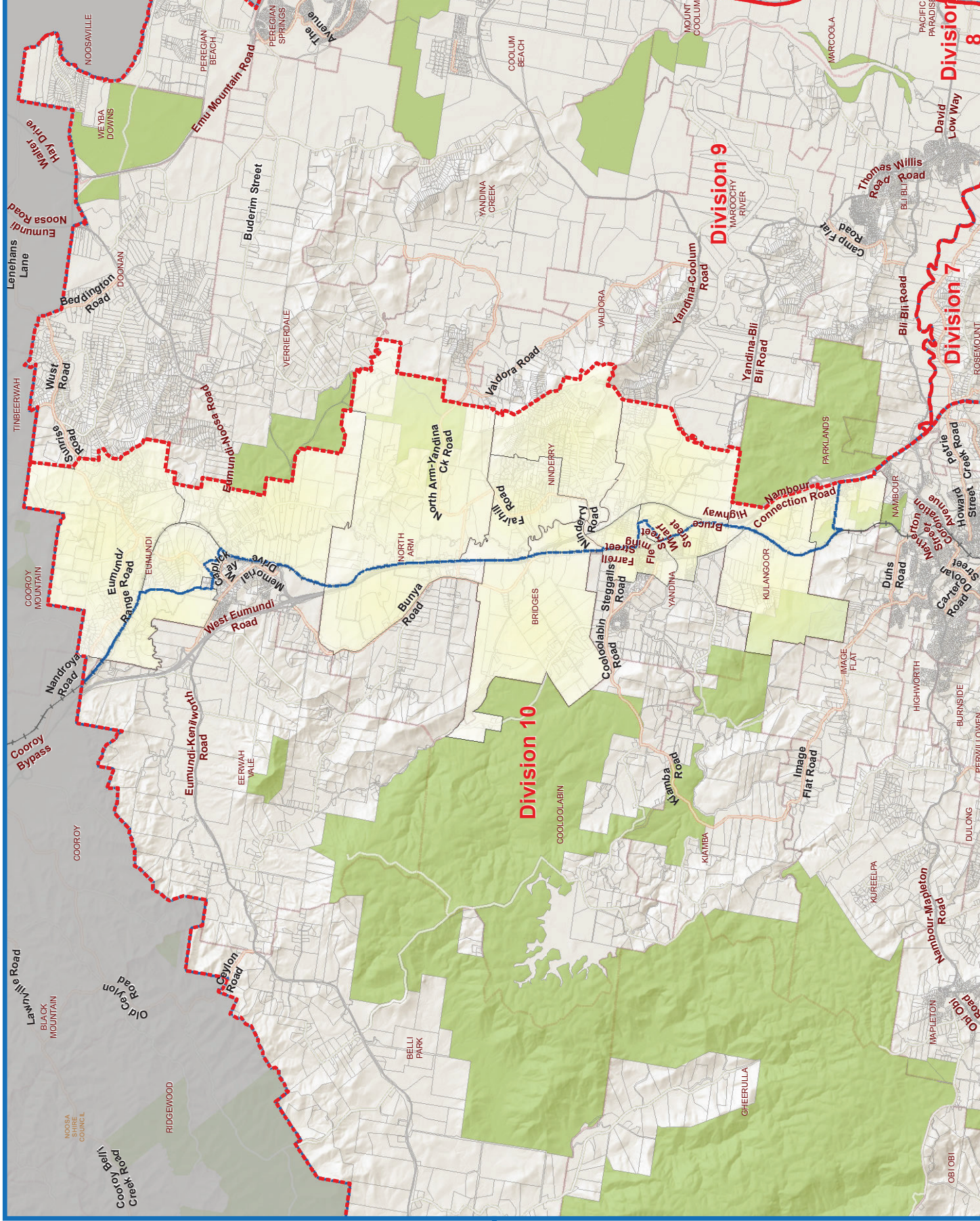
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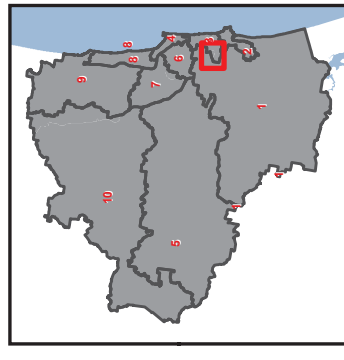
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Map 3 Proposed boundary change Division 1 and Division 3

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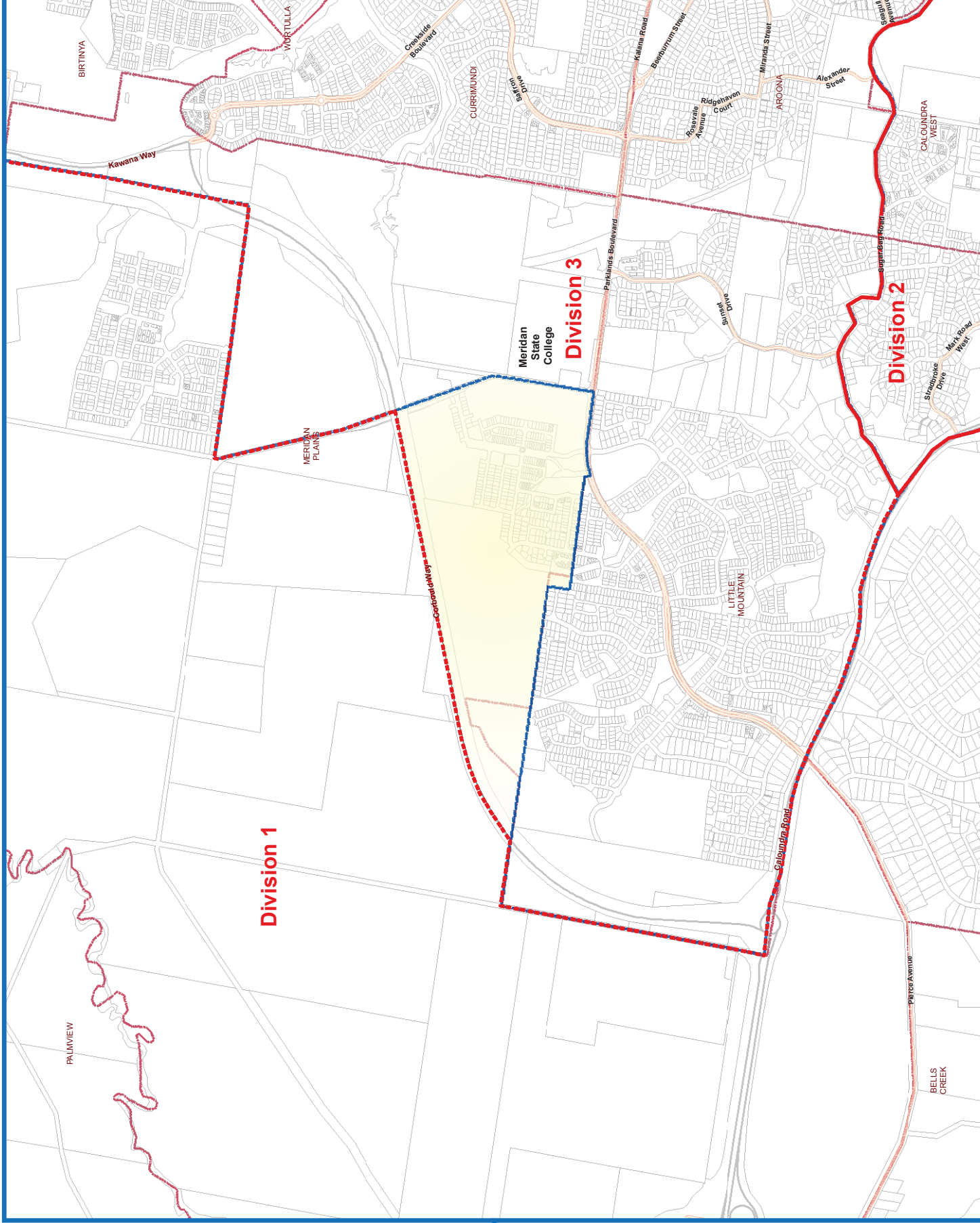


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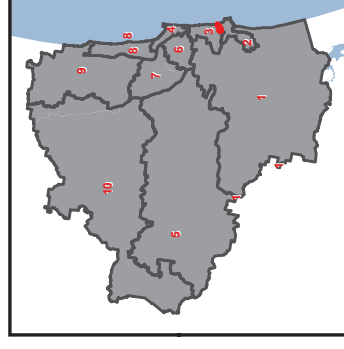


Map 4

Proposed boundary change Division 2 and Division 3

Legend

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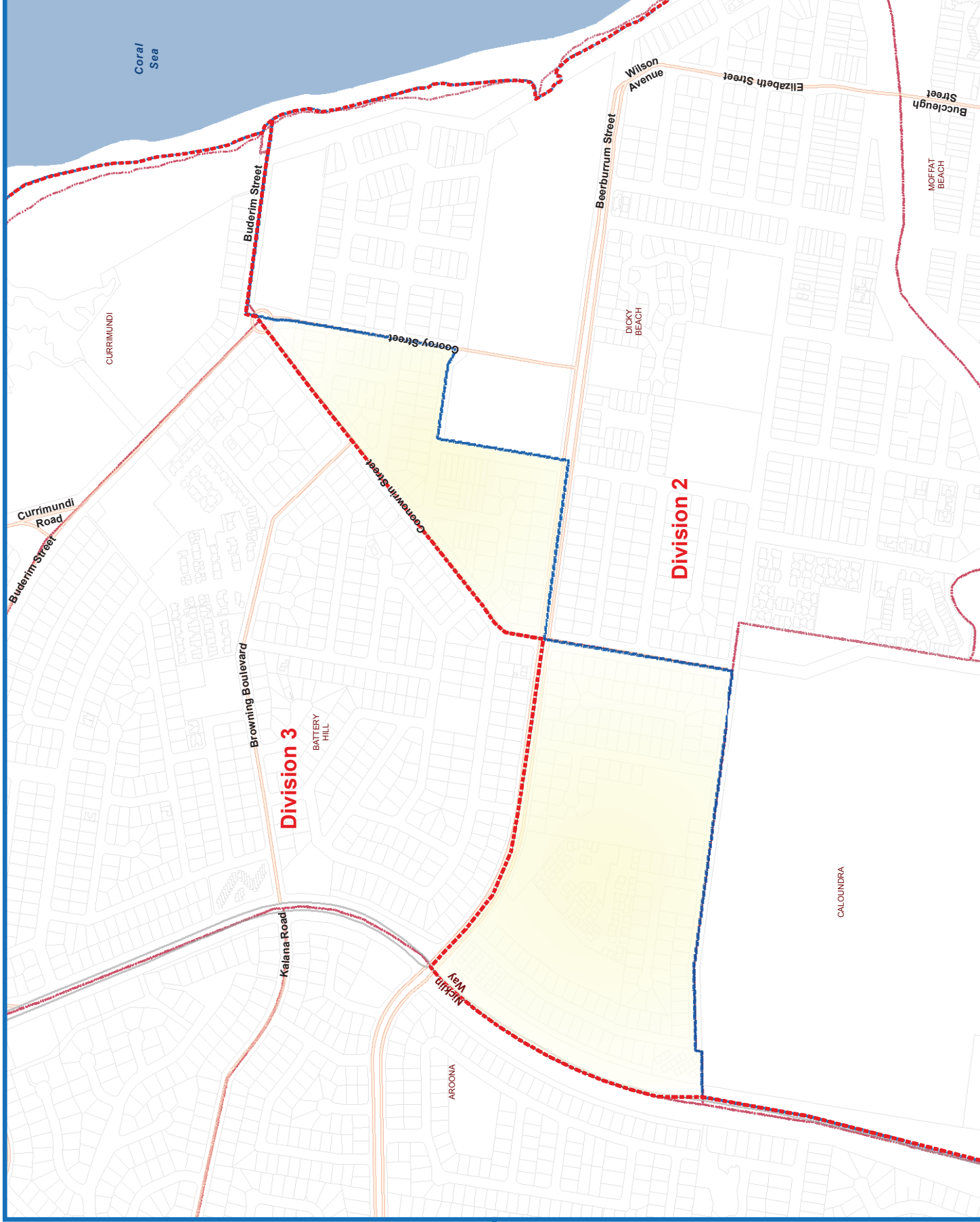
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APPENDIX C

Invitation for Written Submissions

QUEENSLAND CHANGE COMMISSION SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Sunshine 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 19,568. 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 17,611, with a maximum of 21,525. (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 SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL and be lodged as follows:-

- by posting to
Change Commissioner,
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 sunshinecoastregionalcouncilreview@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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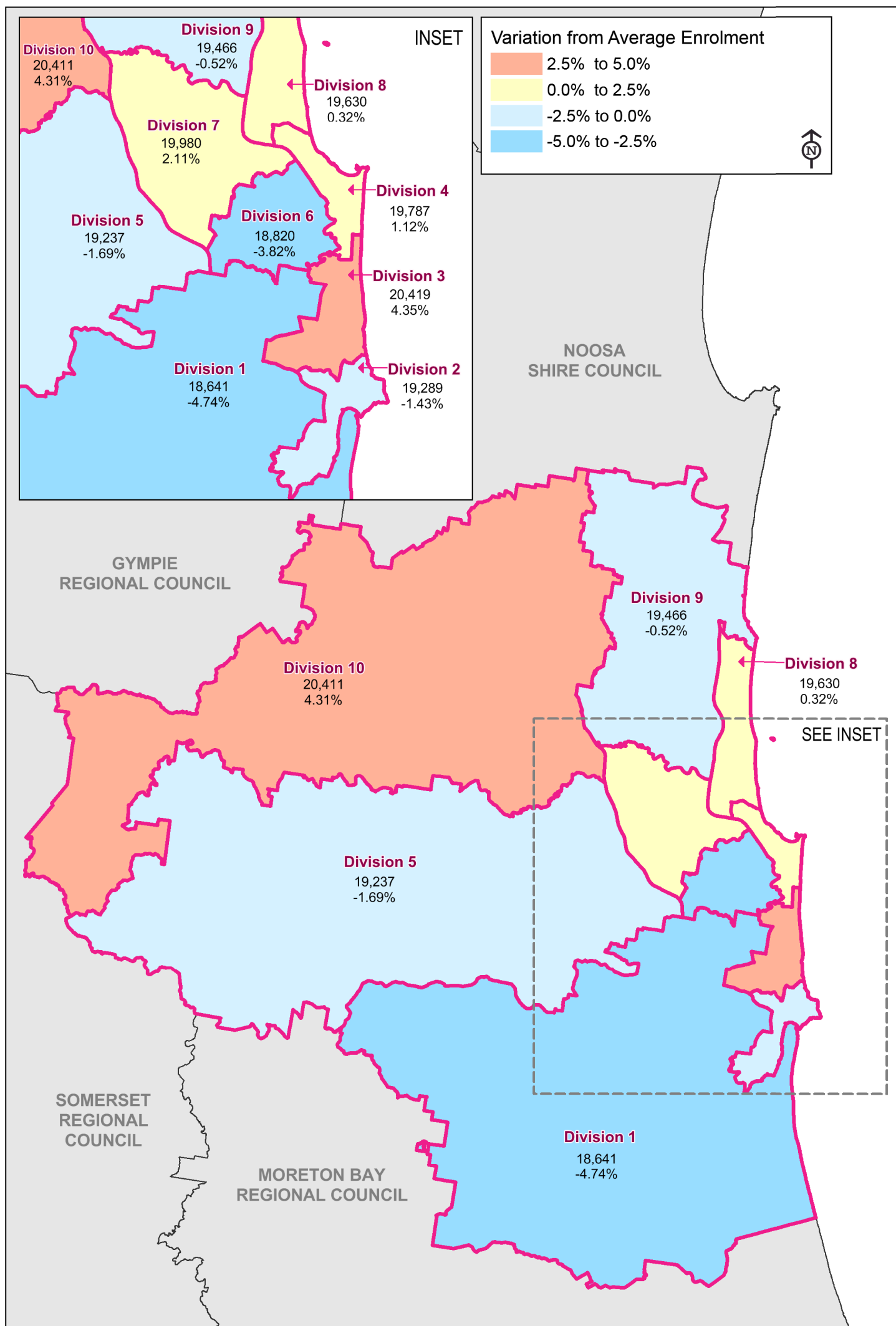
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Summary Report of Proposed Division's Enrolment Figures

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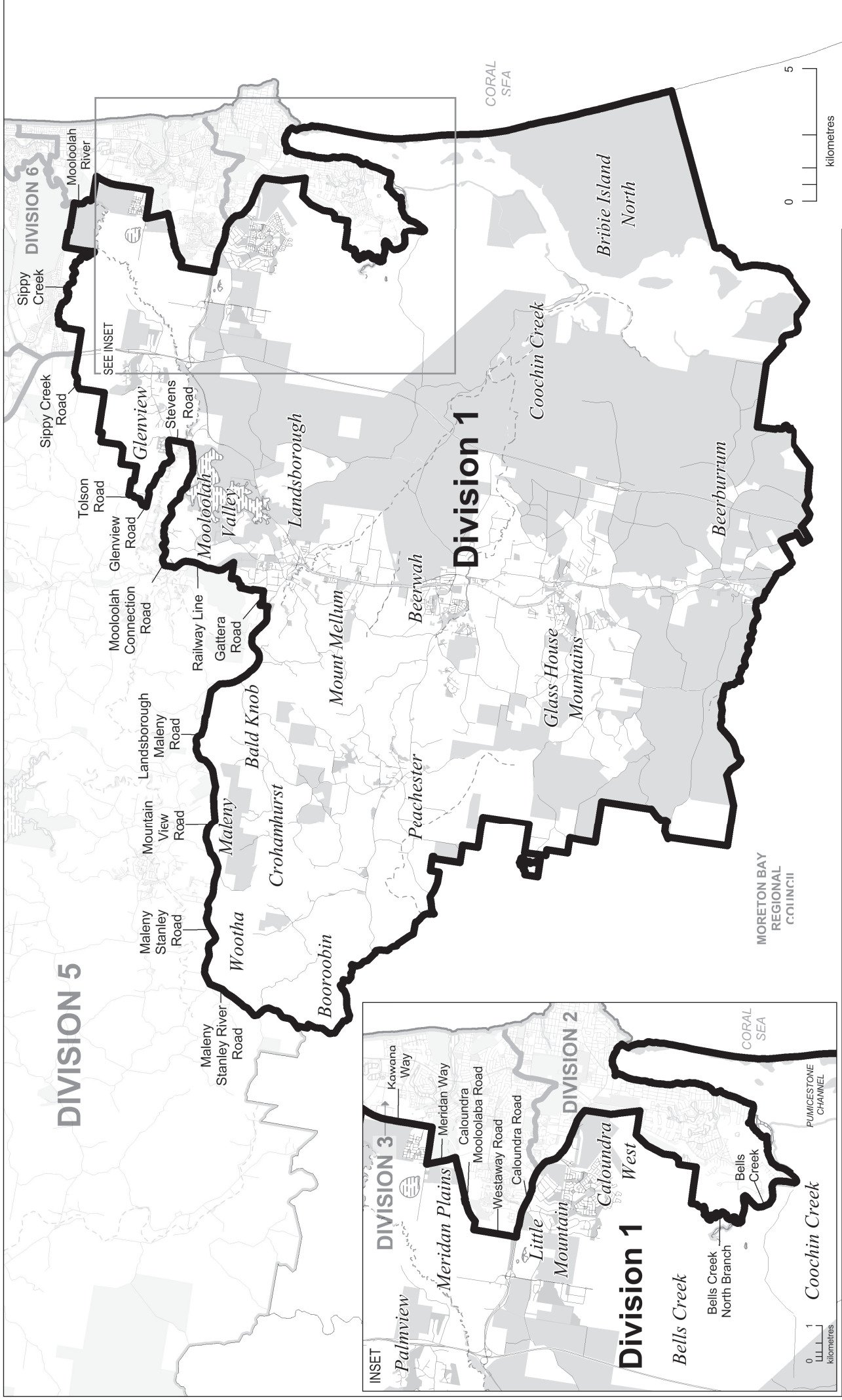
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DIVISION 1	18641	-4.737	In	19268	-3.687	In	22221	3.718	In
DIVISION 2	19289	-1.426	In	19587	-2.092	In	20740	-3.194	In
DIVISION 3	20419	4.349	In	20844	4.191	In	22023	2.794	In
DIVISION 4	19787	1.119	In	20068	0.312	In	20801	-2.91	In
DIVISION 5	19237	-1.692	In	19590	-2.077	In	20816	-2.84	In
DIVISION 6	18820	-3.823	In	19511	-2.472	In	21199	-1.052	In
DIVISION 7	19980	2.105	In	20369	1.816	In	21127	-1.388	In
DIVISION 8	19630	0.317	In	19994	-0.058	In	21564	0.652	In
DIVISION 9	19466	-0.521	In	20031	0.127	In	21528	0.484	In
DIVISION 10	20411	4.308	In	20794	3.941	In	22225	3.737	In
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SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED DIVISION BOUNDARIES



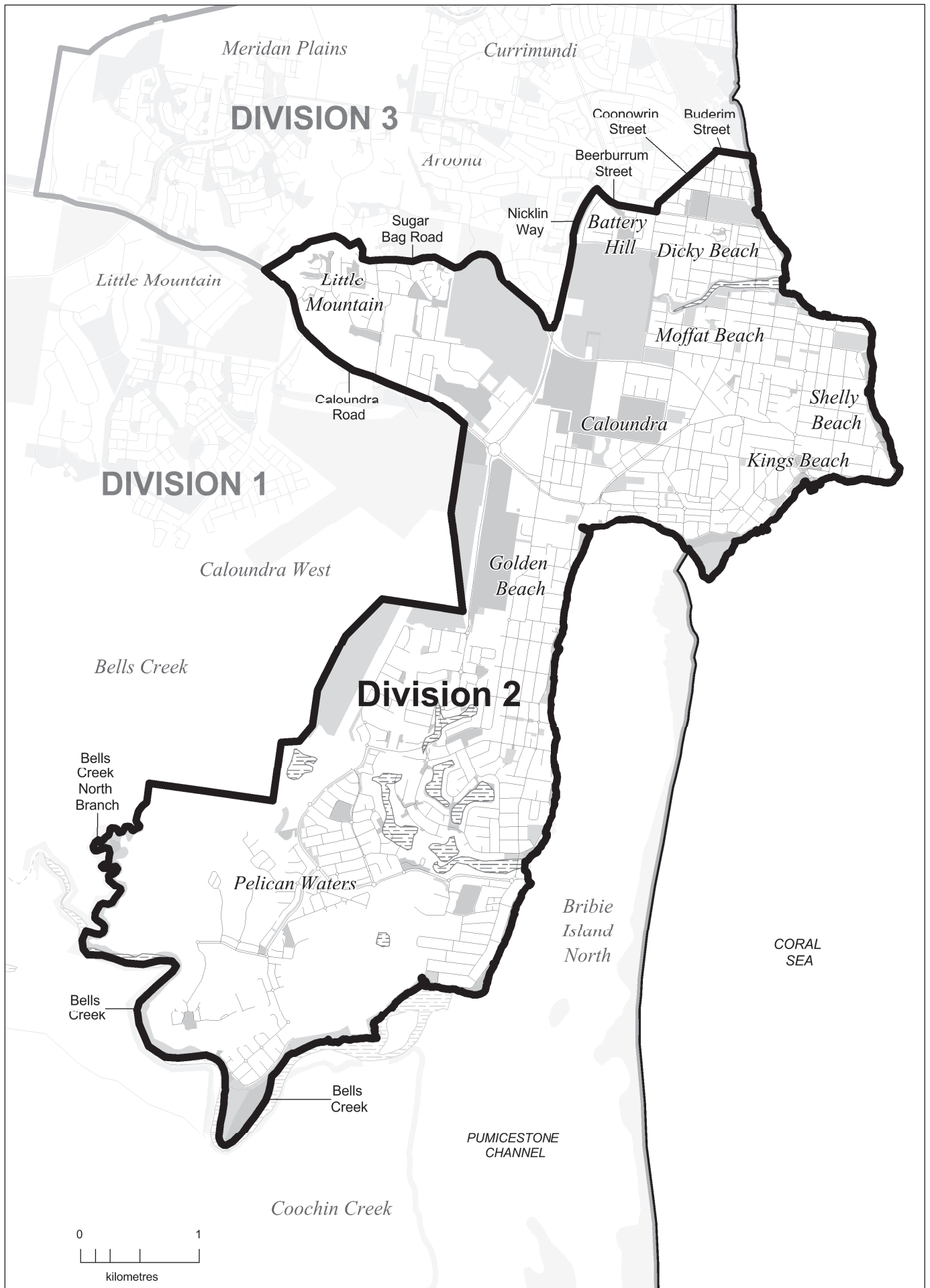
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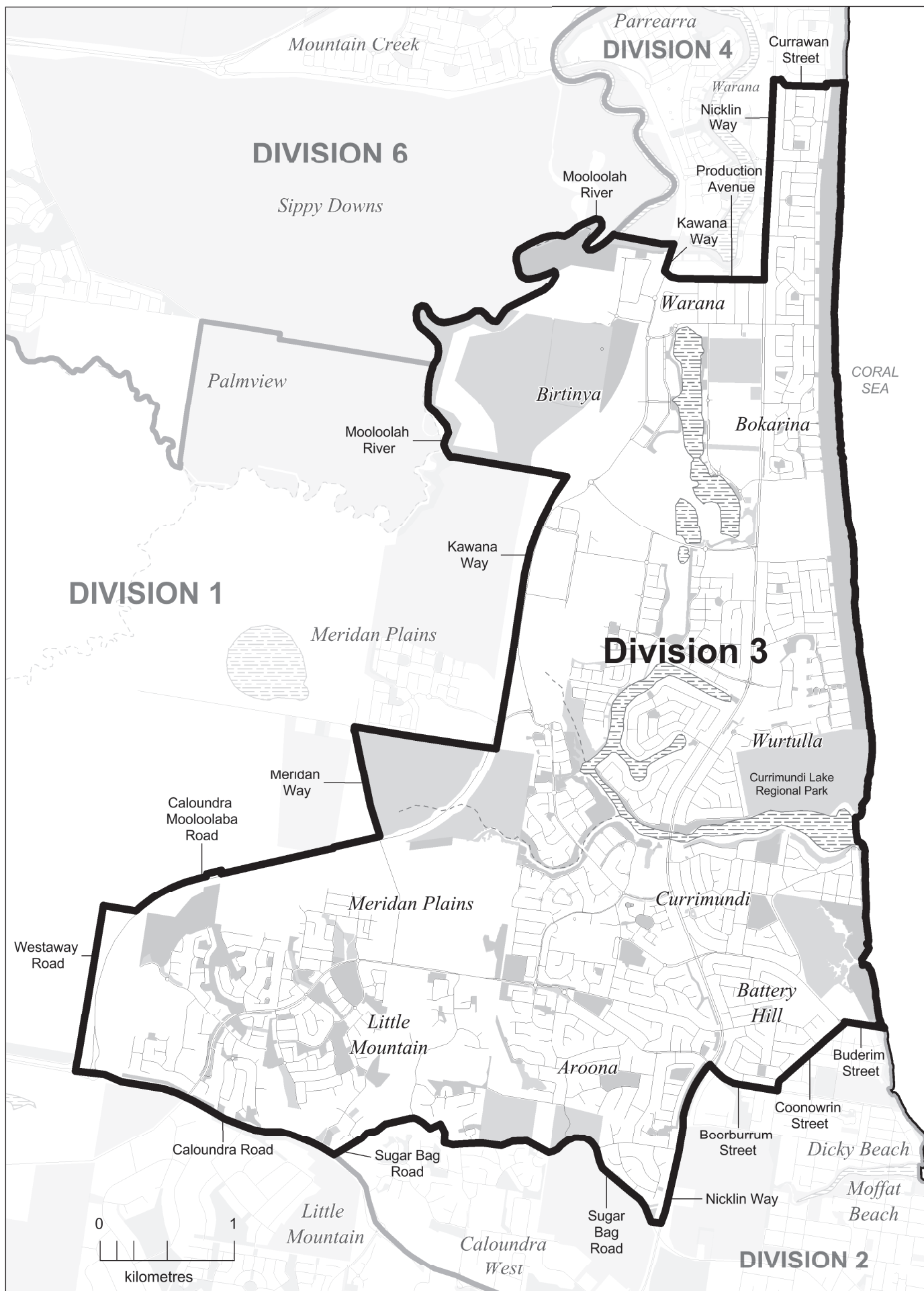
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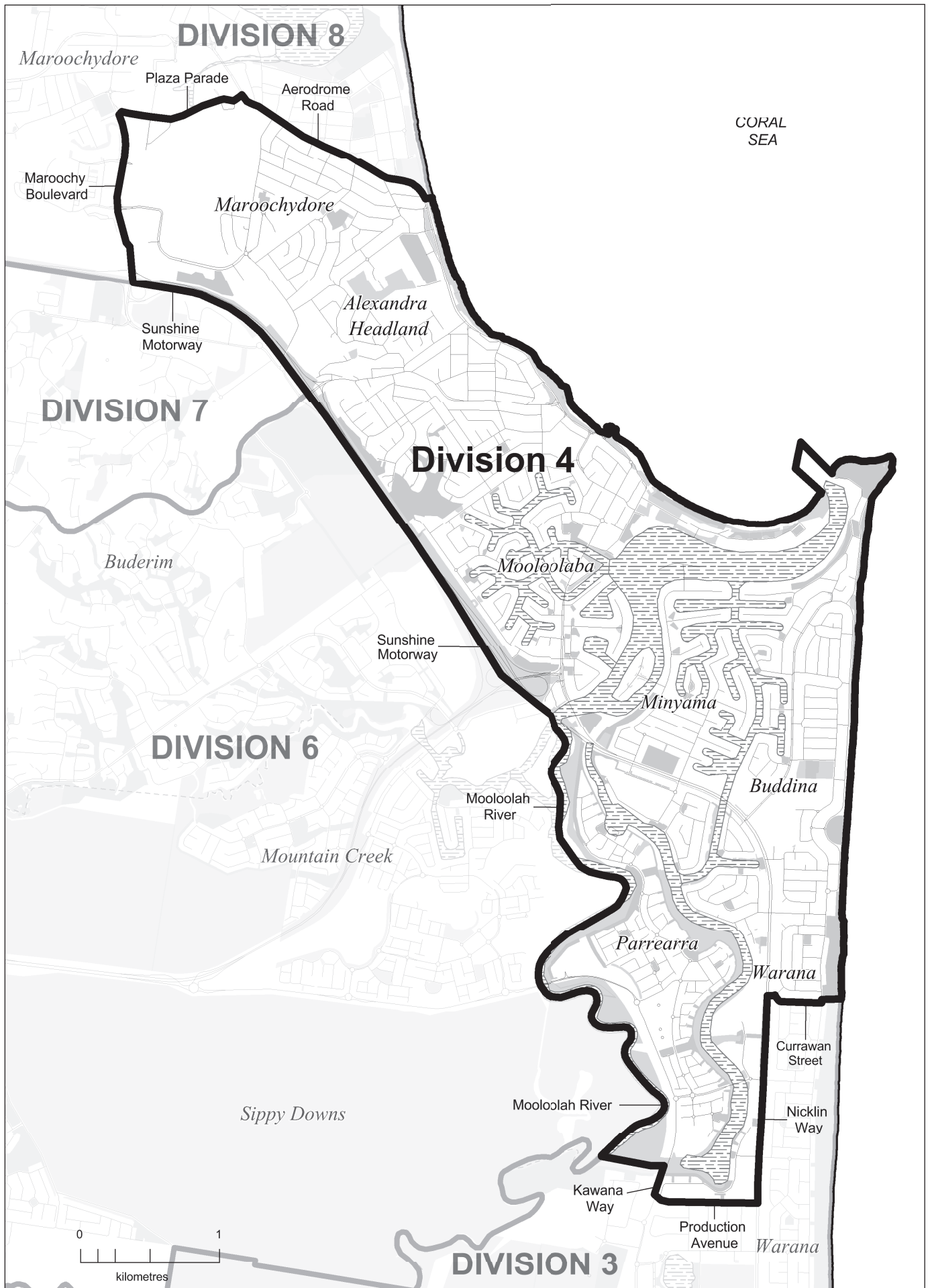
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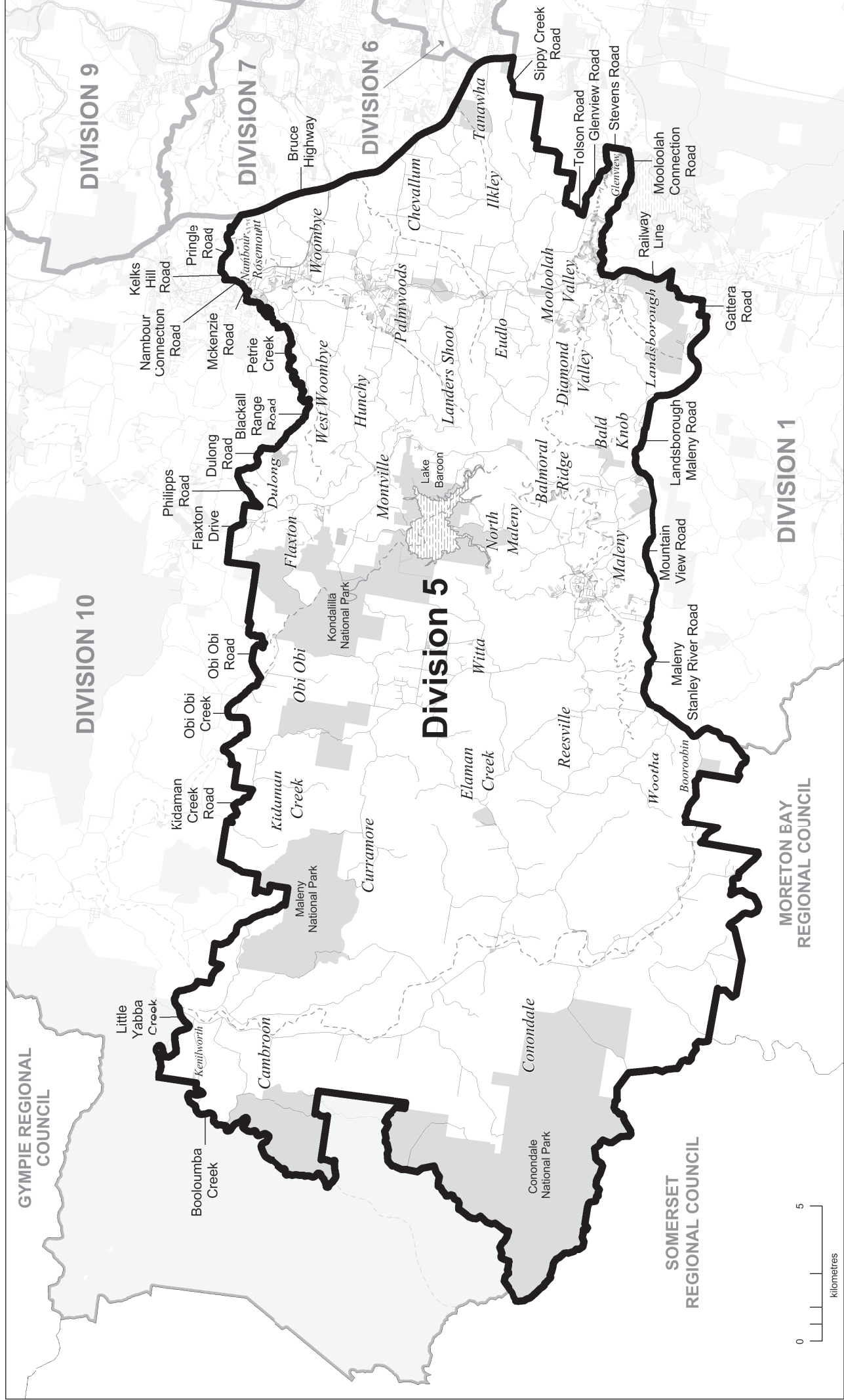
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DIVISION 4



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Proposed Division Boundary

Proposed Adjacent Division Boundary

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Waterbody

Park / Reserve

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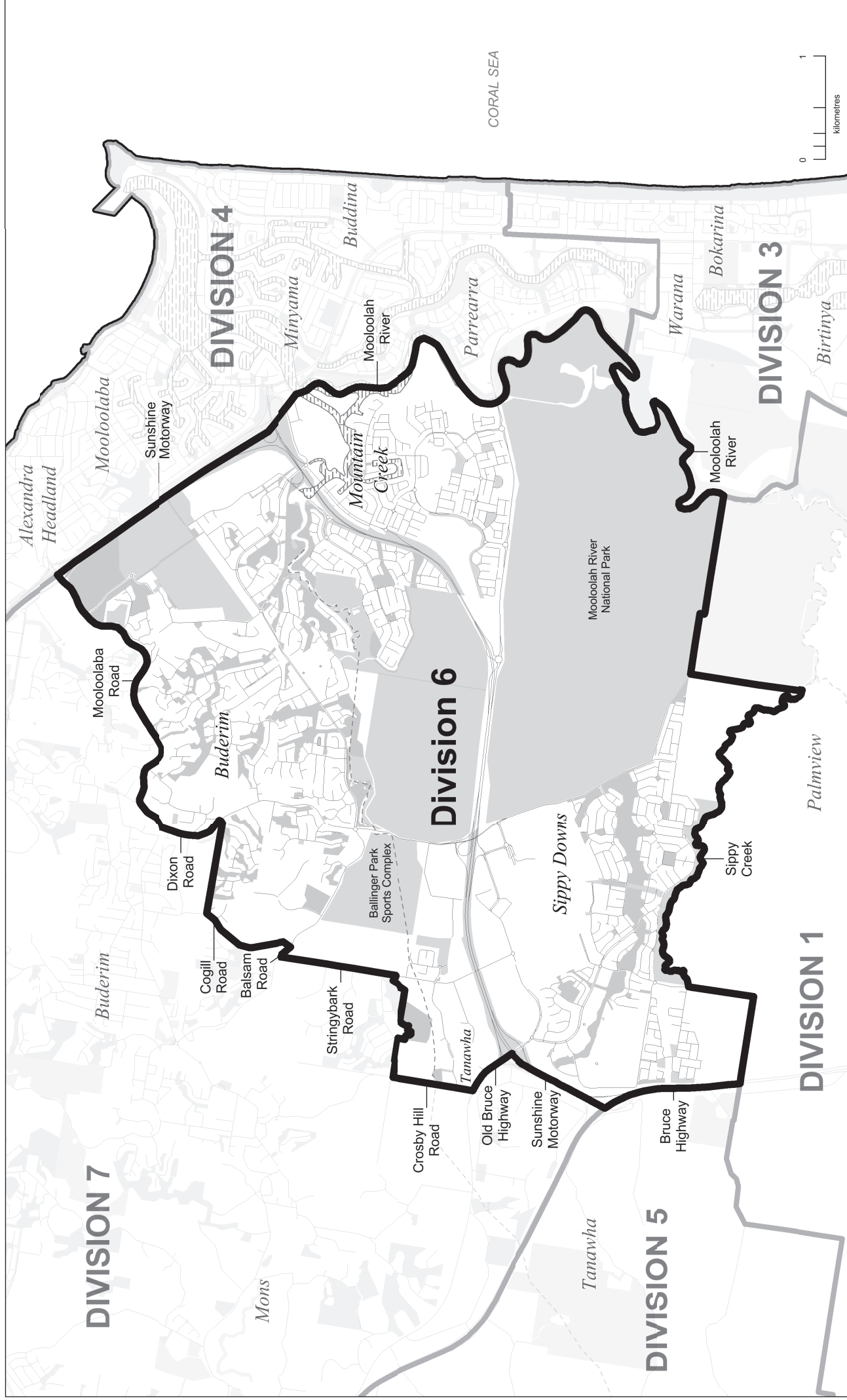
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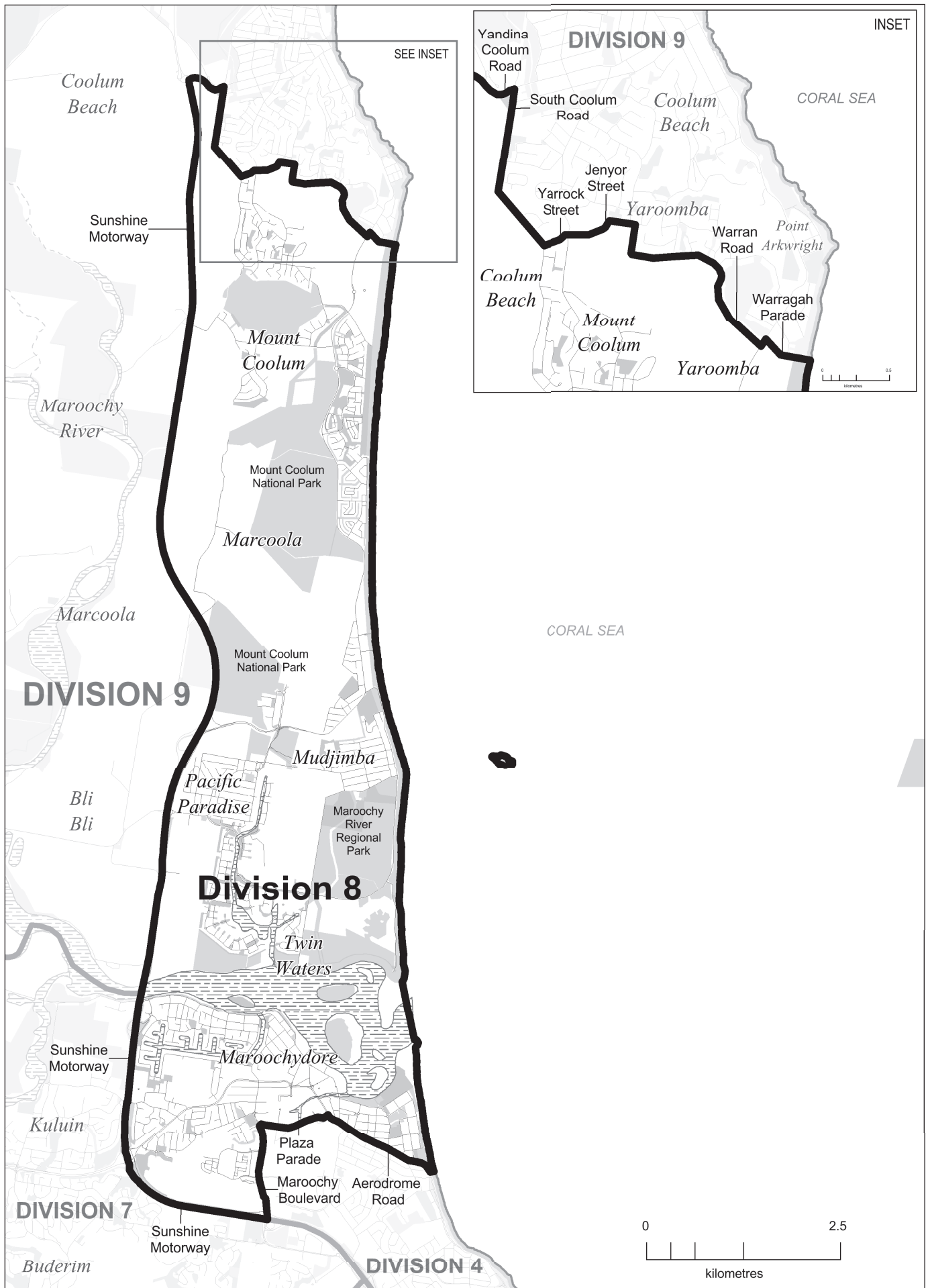
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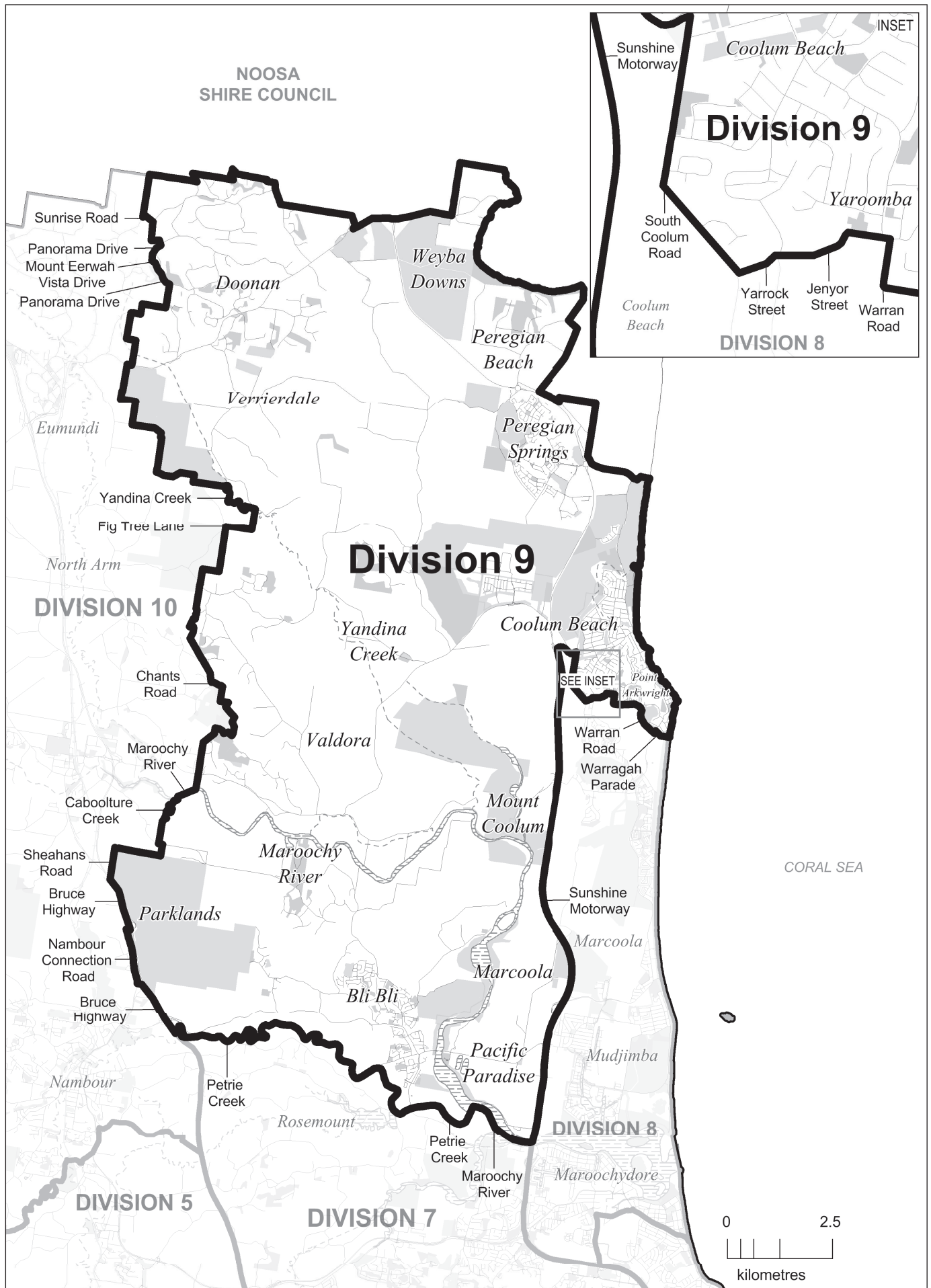
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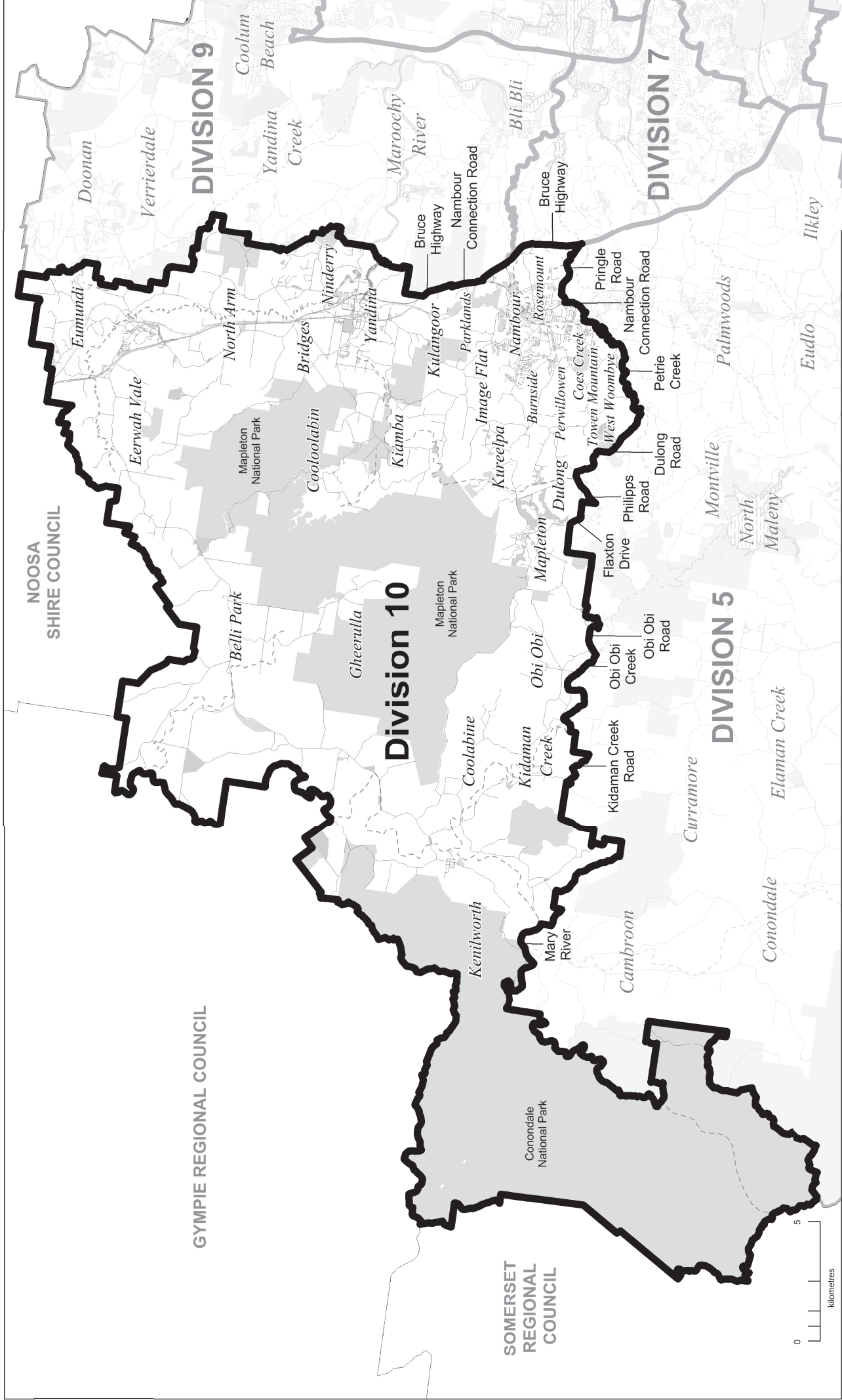
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DIVISION 9



2015 PROPOSED DIVISIONAL BOUNDARIES

DIVISION 10



APPENDIX E

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHANGE COMMISSION

SUNSHINE COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL

INVITATION FOR OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSAL

The Sunshine 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 14 August 2015**.

For this phase of the review, the enrolment for Sunshine Coast Regional Council as at 23 February 2015 is being used. The total enrolment was 195,680. The Commission has determined that 19,568 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 17,611 and the maximum of 21,525. 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 Sunshine 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); under ELECTORAL DISTRICTS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREAS then LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEWS then click Sunshine 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 SUNSHINE COAST 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: sunshinecoastregionalcouncilreview@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 Sunshine 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

**Change Commissioner
Electoral Commission of Queensland**

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Officer: Victoria Nelson
Direct telephone: 07 5441 8235
Email: victoria.nelson@sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au
Your ref: LG/000545

10 August 2015

Mr Gregory Rowe
Change Commissioner
Electoral Commission Queensland
GPO Box 1393
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Sir

Re: Review of Internal Division Boundaries

Thank you for your correspondence of 27 July 2015.

The Change Commission's proposed redivision of Sunshine Coast Council's internal boundaries is supported.

Please contact Victoria Nelson if you require any additional information.

Yours sincerely

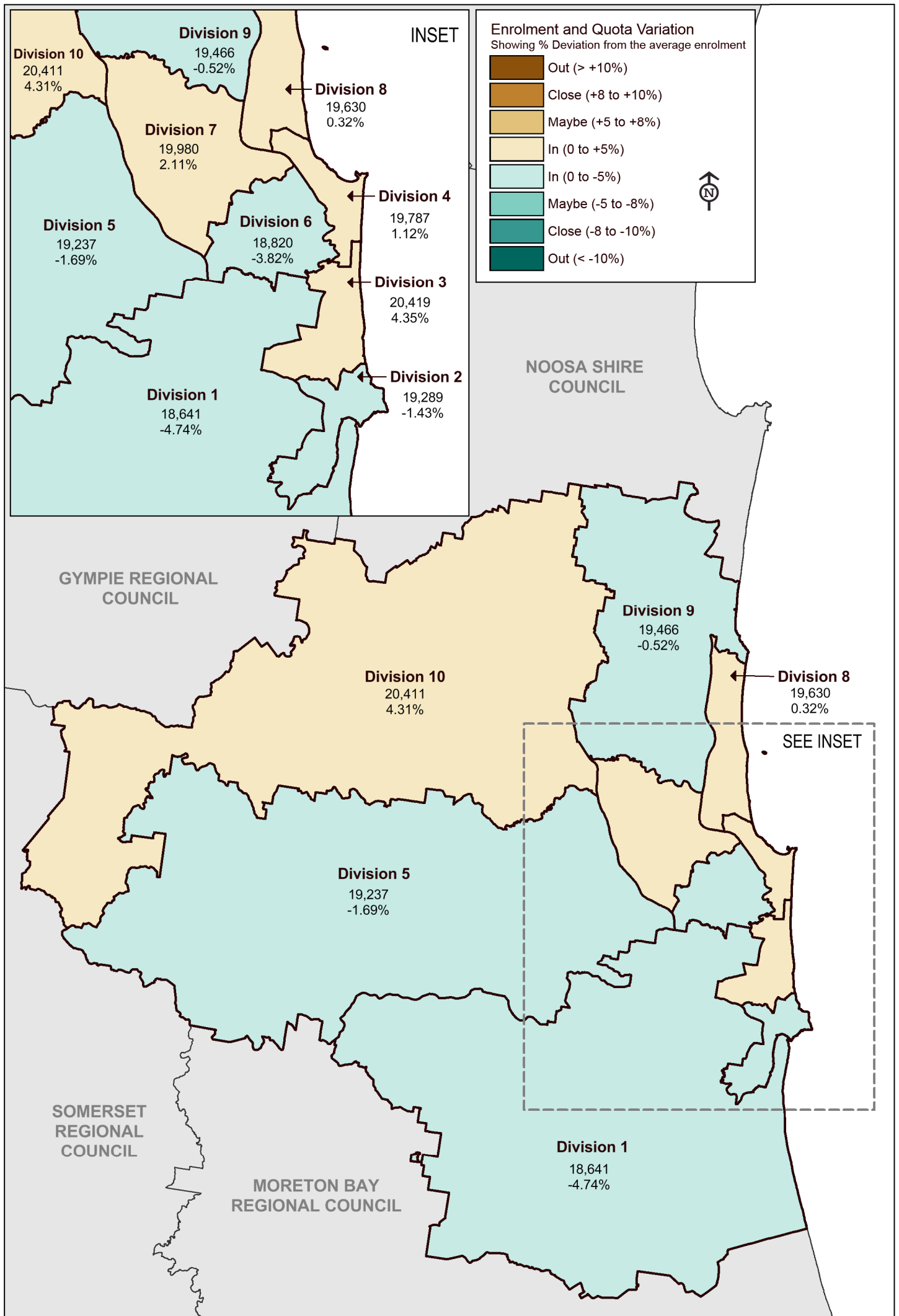


Ray Turner
Acting Chief Executive Officer

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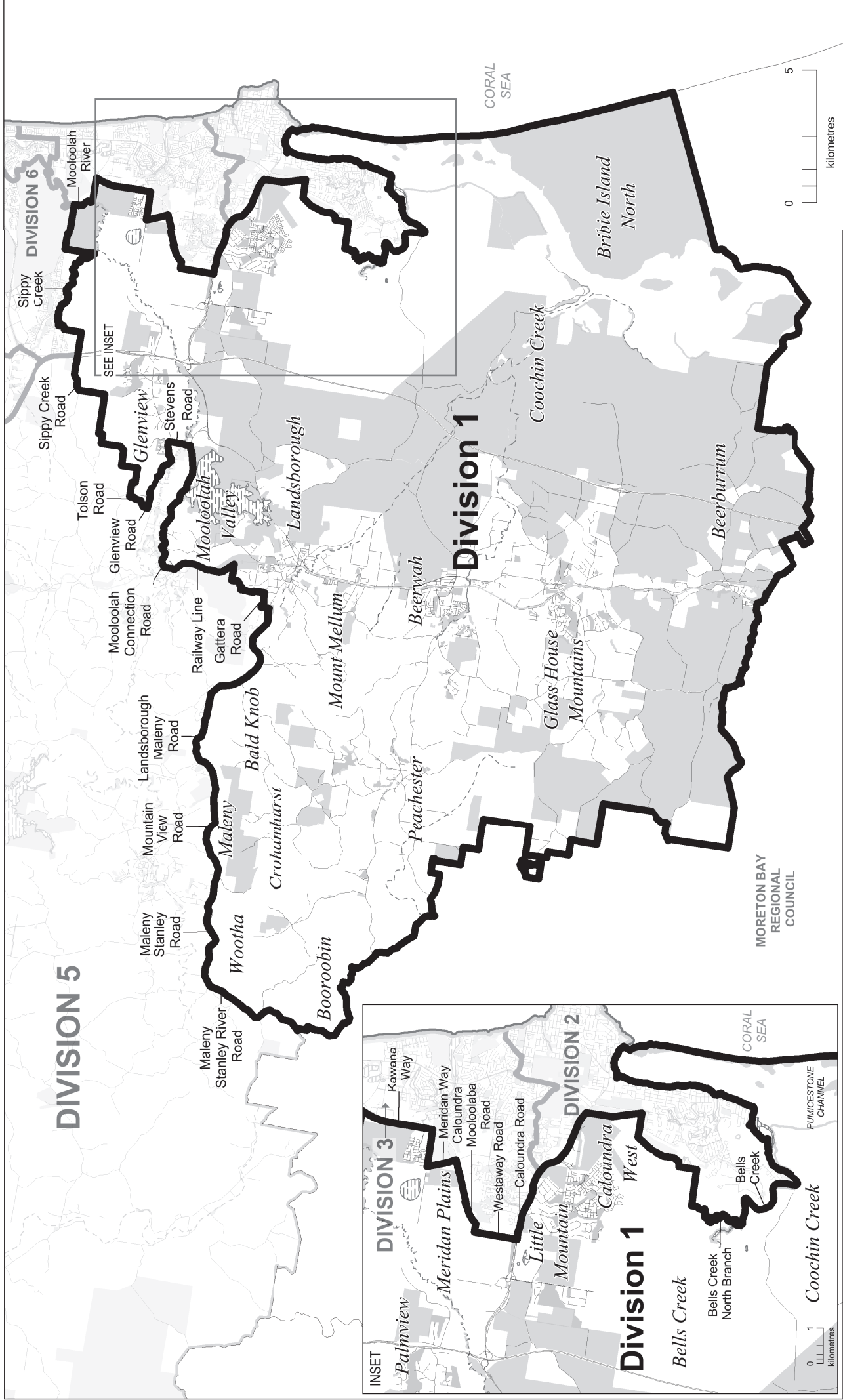
**Maps of Council's Electoral
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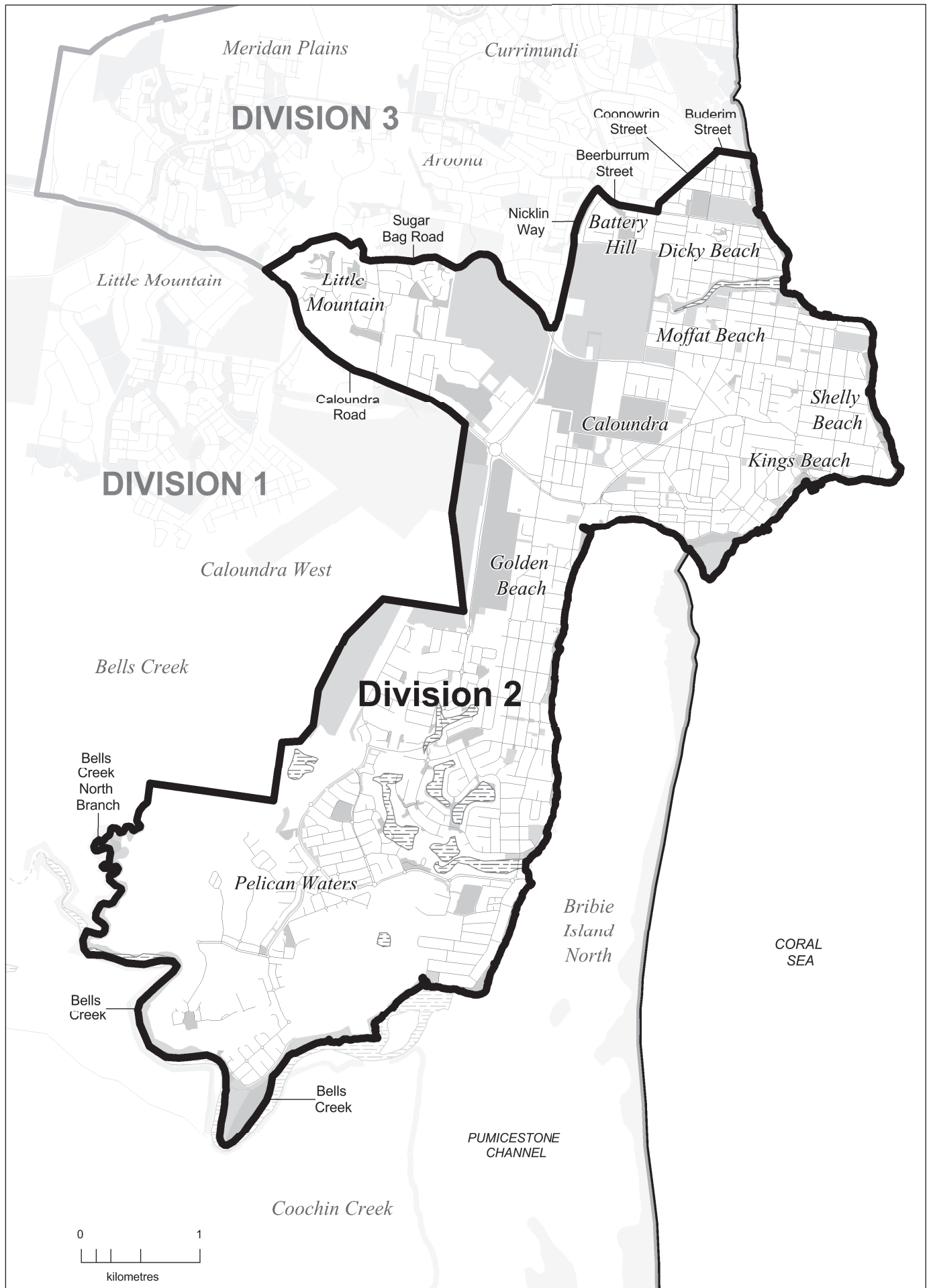
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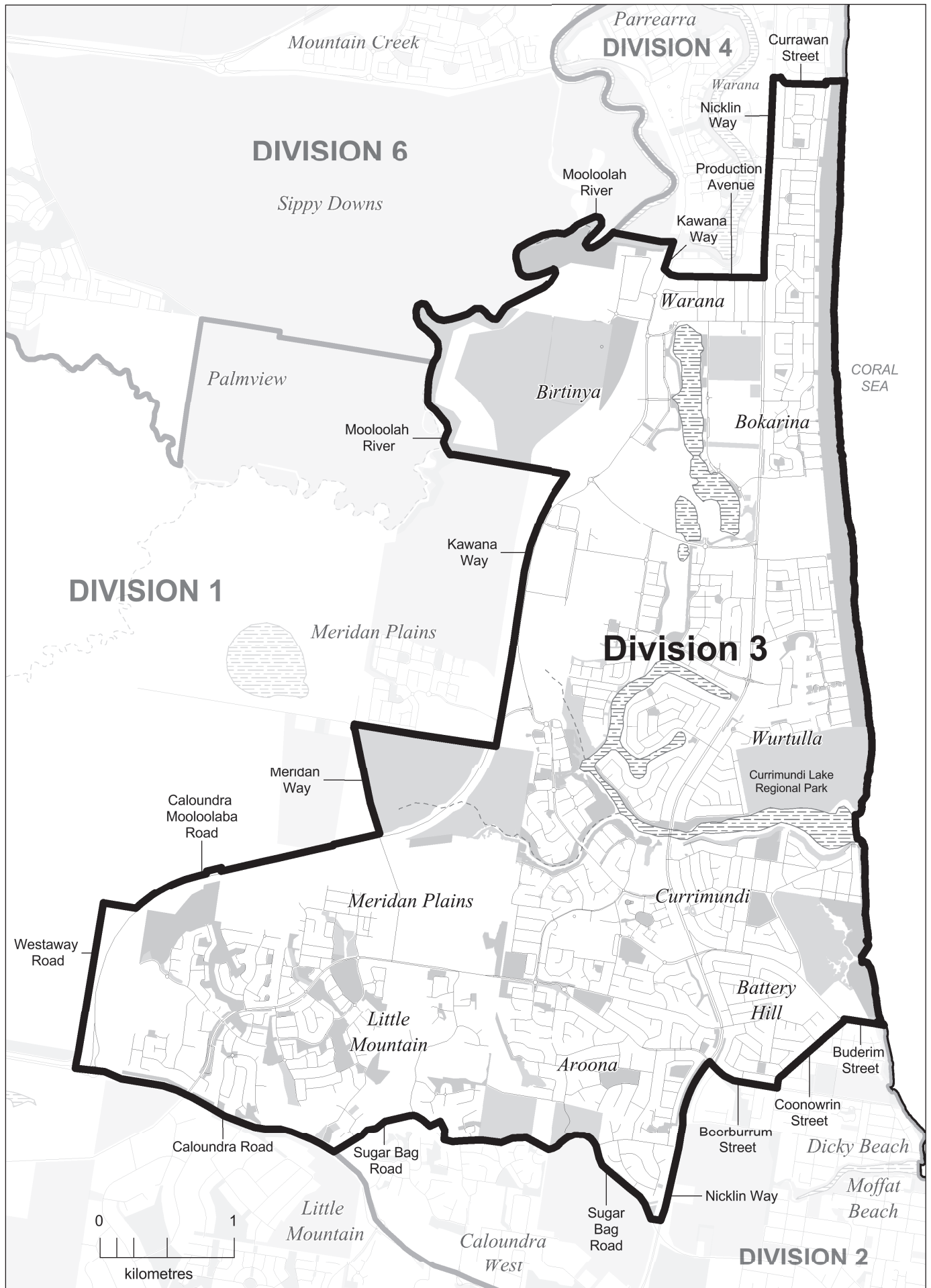
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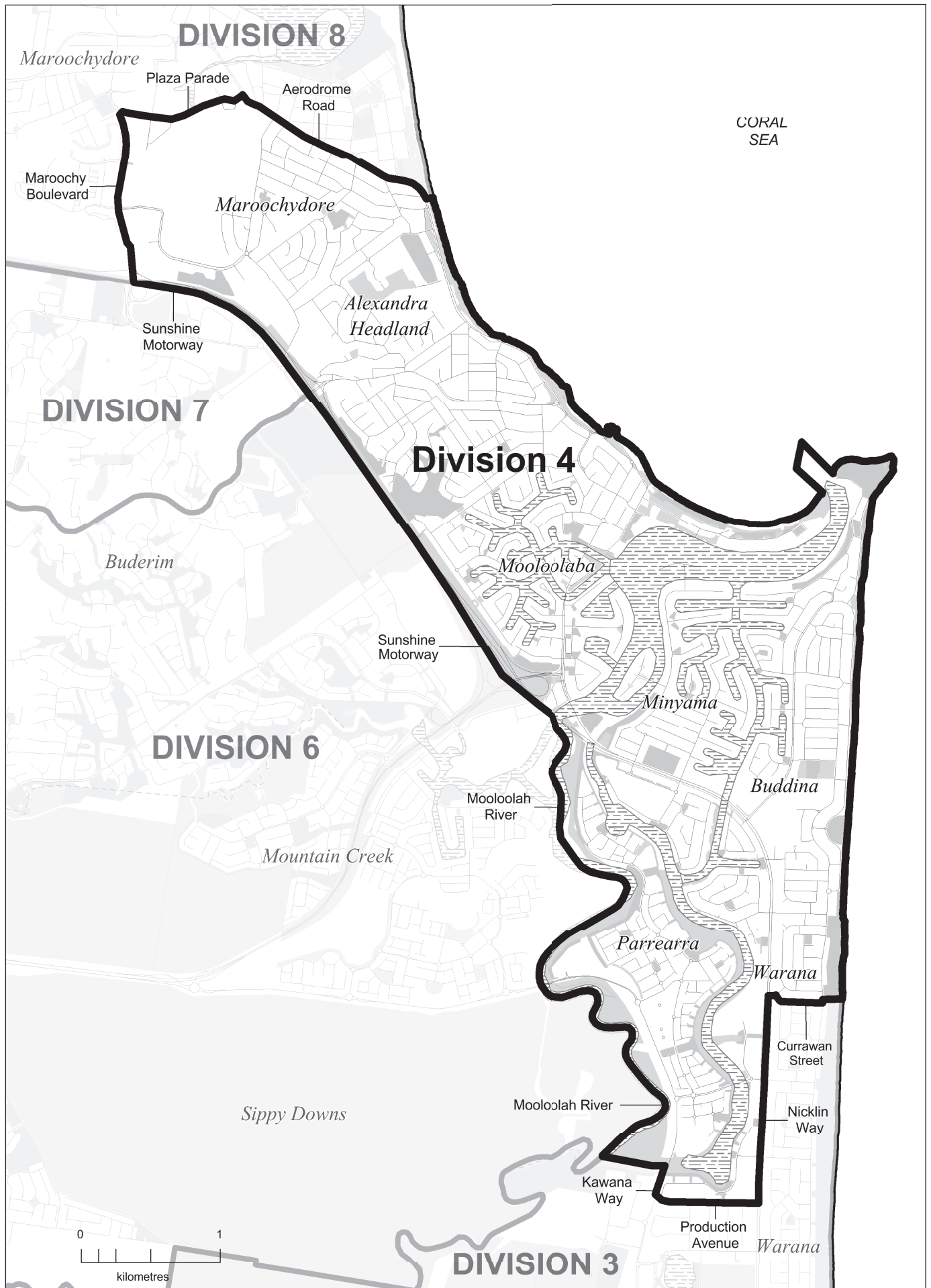
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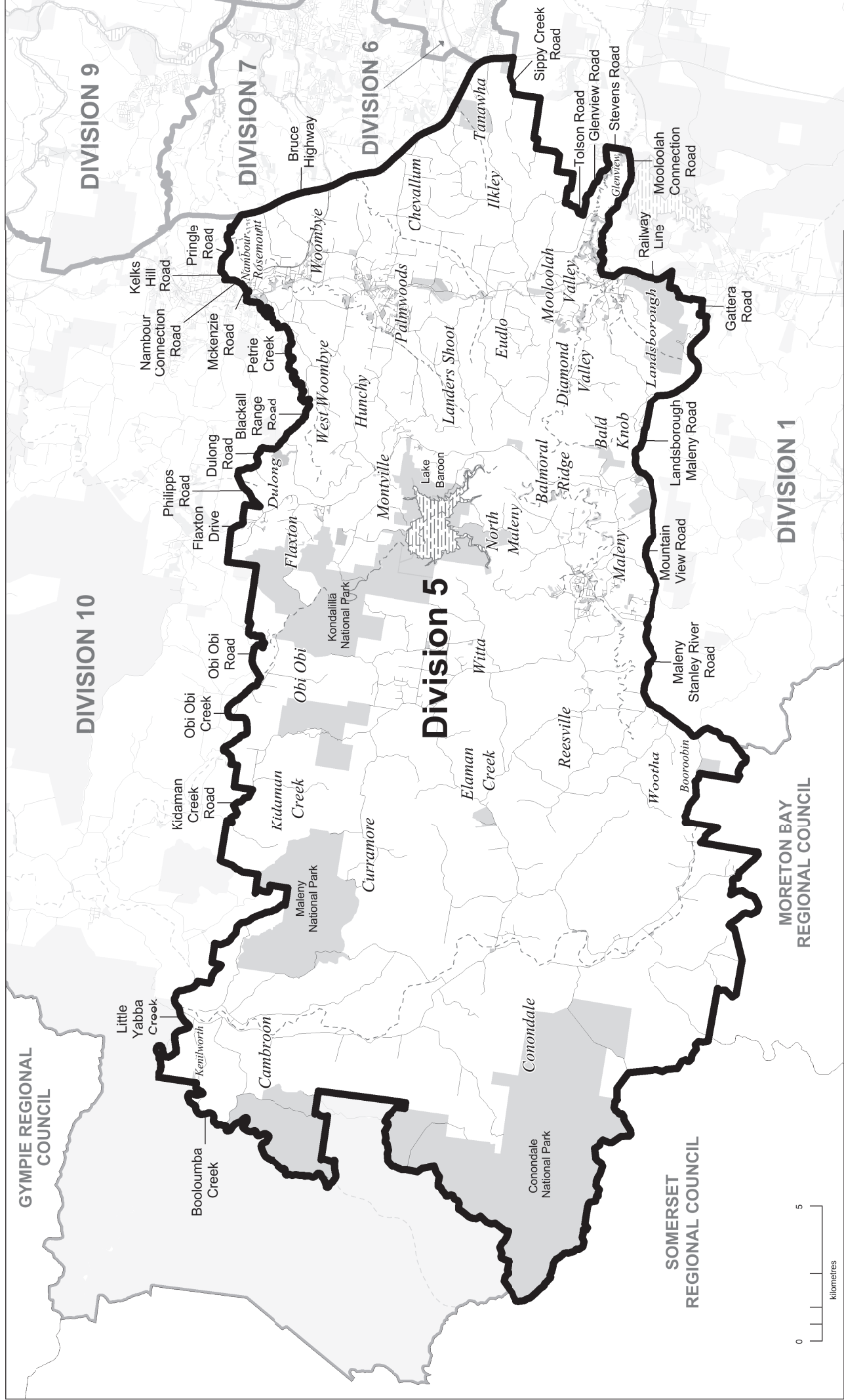
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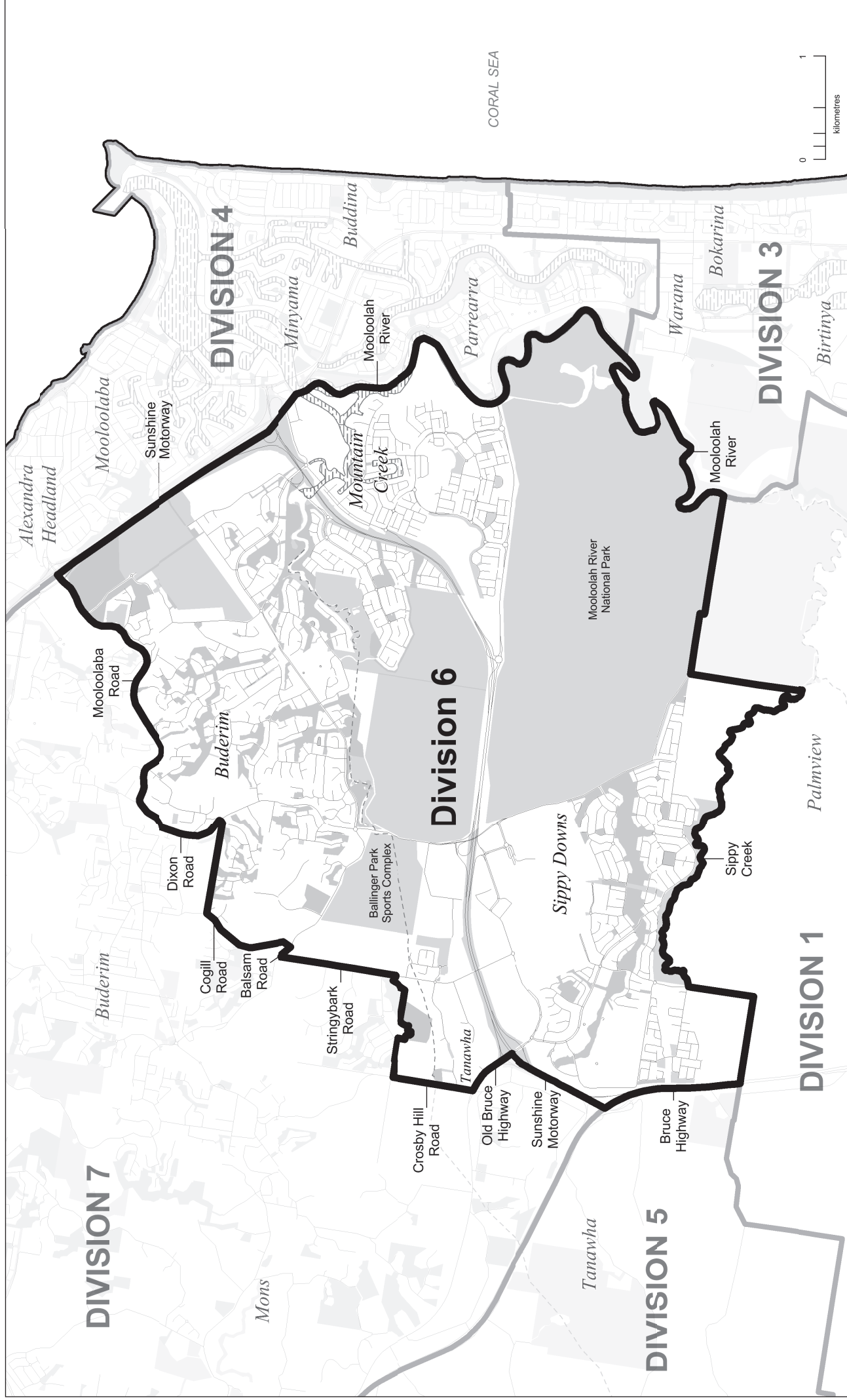
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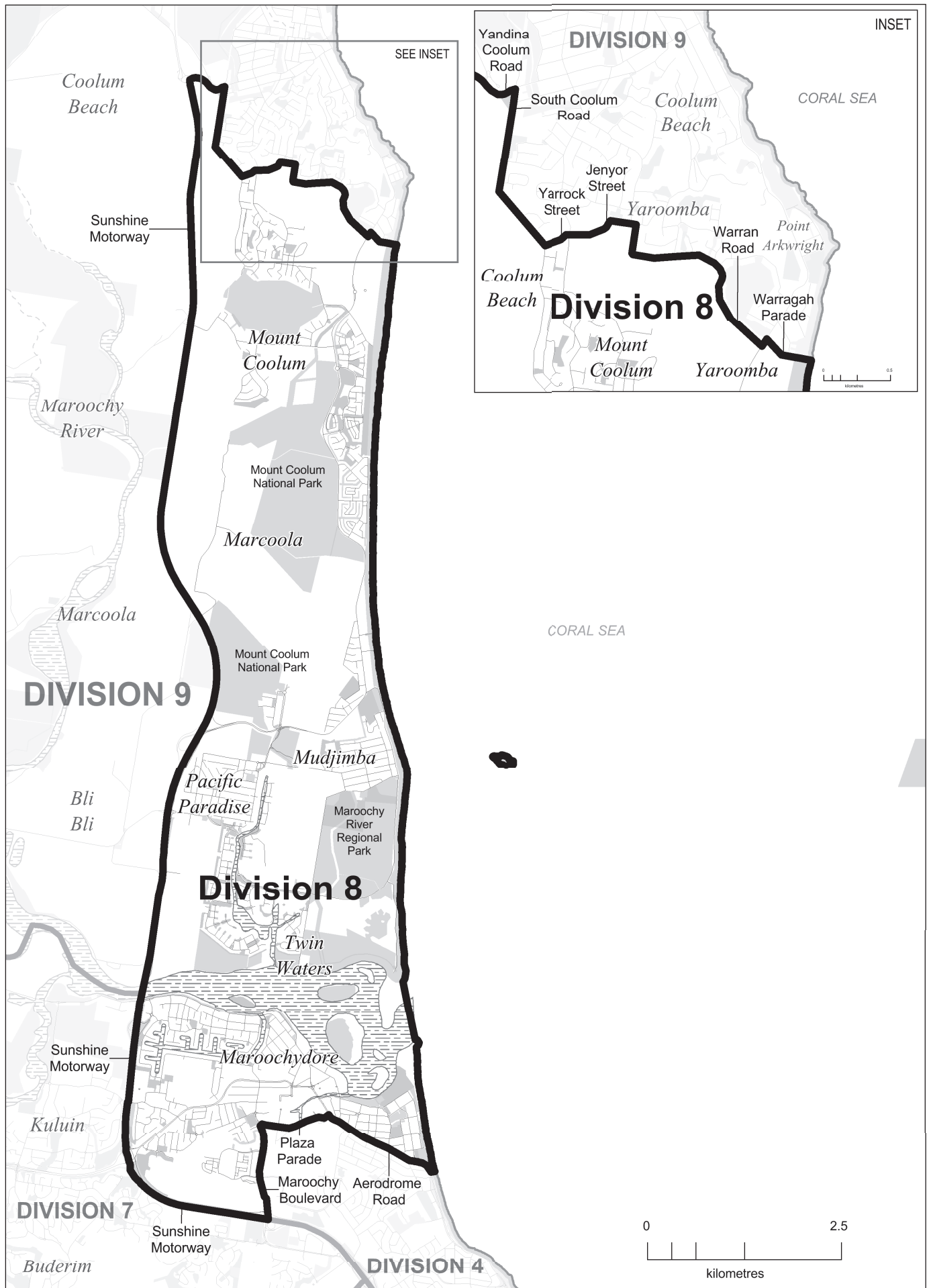
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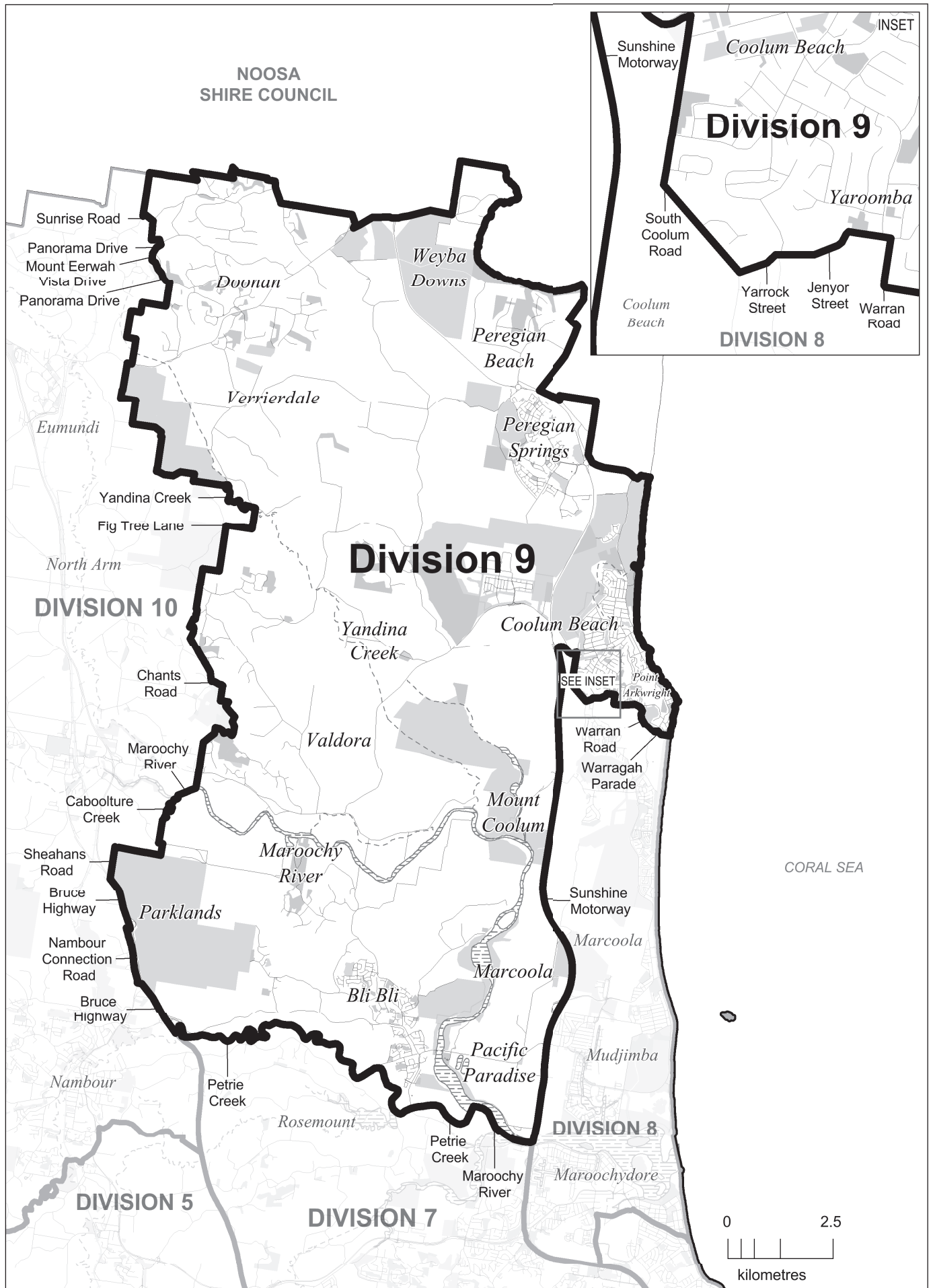
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