



# ATTACHMENTS

## EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL

6 March 2025

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## FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN

### 1. DETAILS

#### Forest Management Plan Details

Name:	Stoiche		
Address	Barber Road		
Locality:	Ringbark	Nearest town:	Manjimup
Local Government Authority:	Shire of Manjimup		
Local Fire Brigade:	Ringbarkers		

#### Owner's Details

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## 2. CODE OF PRACTICE PROTOCOL COMPLIANCE<sup>1</sup>

Protocol Criteria	Recommended Content	Check
Plantation Map:	<p>A map of the plantation should provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• plantation manager details;</li> <li>• an area statement showing plantation categories and areas;</li> <li>• a locality plan and access roads;</li> <li>• cadastral information;</li> <li>• known environmental and OHS hazards;</li> <li>• improvements:</li> <li>• buildings;</li> <li>• roads, tracks, firebreaks, bridges, creek crossings;</li> <li>• fences, gates, utilities, water points;</li> <li>• natural features:</li> <li>• watercourses and wetlands;</li> <li>• areas of native vegetation; and</li> <li>• significant values.</li> </ul>	Complies.
Establishment Plan:	<p>This should outline the following topics and how they are to be managed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• areas of native vegetation and significant values;</li> <li>• setback distances to watercourses, wetlands, reservoirs and significant values;</li> <li>• statutory setback distances to dwellings and gazetted infrastructure;</li> <li>• management of harvest residue;</li> <li>• control of declared animals, declared plants and other pest plants;</li> <li>• areas to be planted, compartment sizes;</li> <li>• species to be planted;</li> </ul>	Complies.

<sup>1</sup> The Code states "A plantation management plan is prepared to provide relevant information in respect of the way in which plantations are developed and managed, and to demonstrate the means by which the principles of environmental care, cultural, heritage social and economical management objectives are achieved. Plantation management plans are dynamic documents and may change from time to time as a result of new information, new or revised laws, or for strategic or operational imperatives. Plantation management plans are recommended content; however land managers/owners and/or plantation owners may have other requirements."



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• direction of planting lines in relation to contours and natural drainage;</li> <li>• description of soil preparation methods;</li> <li>• pest and weed control prescription;</li> <li>• planting prescription;</li> <li>• access and firebreaks</li> <li>• fertilising prescription;</li> <li>• sensitive neighbours;</li> <li>• sensitive property; and</li> <li>• security management</li> </ul>	
Maintenance Plan:	<p>This should outline the following management activities to be conducted during the rotation of the plantation and how they intend to be managed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• native vegetation management;</li> <li>• pruning and thinning regimes;</li> <li>• control of declared animals, declared plants and other pest plants;</li> <li>• weed and pest control prescription;</li> <li>• fertilising prescription;</li> <li>• access and firebreak maintenance;</li> <li>• grazing strategy;</li> <li>• inventory;</li> <li>• bio-security issues;</li> <li>• infrastructure maintenance; and</li> <li>• significant feature management.</li> </ul>	Complies.
Fire Management Plan:	<p>The fire management plan should contain the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plantation manager's telephone numbers;</li> <li>• names and addresses of local fire control agencies;</li> <li>• locality plans showing access roads, firebreaks, water points etc.;</li> <li>• methods of access and firebreak maintenance;</li> <li>• specific measures to protect services (e.g. power lines and gas pipelines);</li> <li>• a fire fighting equipment register for the locality and details of cooperative arrangements;</li> <li>• direction indicators to water points, road signs and other features;</li> <li>• details of coordination and cooperation between plantation managers, local</li> </ul>	Provided separately.



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	<p>government authorities, local volunteer fire brigades, State agency in fire prevention, detection and suppression activities.; and</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a fuel reduction program, if applicable.</li> </ul>	
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### 3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this forest management plan (**Plan**) is to outline the key features and characteristics of the property and document the sustainable forest management practices to be utilised in undertaking the development and ongoing management.

### 4. SCOPE

The Plan has been developed in accordance with the Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in Western Australia (**Code**) and the Department of Fire and Emergency services (DFES) Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection (**Guidelines**). The Plan is specific for the property and any surrounding areas detailed within. The scope of use shall include but not limited to site preparation, plantation establishment, ongoing management, thinning and clear fell harvest of a softwood *Pinus radiata* pine plantation.

### 5. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT

The establishment and harvesting of a *P. radiata* softwood plantation to supply forest products to domestic and international markets. The Australian Bureau of Agricultural and Resource Economics and Sciences (ABARES) reported in its 'Australian plantation statistics 2023 update', that Australia's total plantation area had decreased by 15% (304,200 hectares) between 2008–09 and 2021–22. Over the same period, Western Australia's plantation estate decreased by 134,469 hectares (contributing to 44% of the national decrease).

As a result of the reduction in plantation area and the under investment in plantation development reported by ABARES, the Australian Forest Products Association (AFPA) and Master Builders Australia (MBA) are predicting a 250,000



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timber house frame supply gap by 2035<sup>2</sup>. Furthermore, in Western Australia, AFPA and MBA are expecting a supply gap of 40,855 timber house frames - the number of house frames to build a city the size of Bunbury. AFPA and MBA predict Australia will need to increase the area of plantations by 400,000 ha to meet the looming national supply deficit. The 400,000 ha represents one tenth of one percent of the land used for agriculture in Australia and is essentially replacing the plantation area which has been recently lost during the period between 2008–09 and 2021–22 reported by ABARES. The development will also contribute to Australia reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 43% below 2005 levels by 2030 and achieving net zero emissions by 2050 by sequestering carbon in trees, soil, and forest products.

### 6. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Planning	
Title Information:	Lot 6196 on Deposited Plan 225713 Lot 4156 on Deposited Plan 135276
Address:	Barber Road, Manjimup
Planning Scheme:	Shire of Manjimup Scheme No. 4
Planning Zone:	General Agriculture
Planning Overlays:	Public Drinking Water Supply Area
Existing Land Use:	Grazing livestock
Proposed Use:	Plantation

The plantation is located in the General Agriculture zone in the Shire of Manjimup and is surrounded by other extensive primary production land uses (see Attachment 1&6). The plantation setbacks are designed to minimise the risk of any adverse impact to surrounding land uses. In determining the setbacks in this Plan, we have considered the risk of bushfire, off-site movement in the use of chemicals/fertilisers, and encroachment of machinery into sensitive areas (refer Attachment 2).

Furthermore, there are additional measures which can be taken to minimise the

<sup>2</sup> [https://ausfpa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/220804\\_250000\\_house\\_frames\\_short\\_by\\_2035\\_new\\_report\\_confirms\\_looming\\_cliff\\_without\\_new\\_plantings\\_.pdf](https://ausfpa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/220804_250000_house_frames_short_by_2035_new_report_confirms_looming_cliff_without_new_plantings_.pdf)



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risk of bushfire and any adverse impacts to surrounding land uses such as operational planning, standard operating procedures, training and competency assessments, supervision, and buffers.

Plantation Design Setbacks	
Public Roads:	15 m minimum
Title Boundary:	15 m minimum
Compartment Boundary:	6 m minimum
Remnant Vegetation:	6 m minimum
Watercourses:	6 m minimum
Dwellings	100 m minimum
Buildings	50 m minimum
Powerlines	20 m minimum

## 7. SITE DESCRIPTION

The property lies within a high rainfall area which combined with the flat to gentle slopes and soils found on the property gives the property a low-moderate erosion risk rating<sup>3</sup>. Nonetheless, planting and cultivation will be aligned off contour to slow the rate of fall and accumulation of water where required (refer Attachment 7a&b).

Site Features	
Mean Annual Rainfall:	845 mm
Geology:	Granite and gneiss
Land Units:	Corbalup subsystem, Collis subsystem, Yarnup subsystem
Soils:	Sandy and loamy gravels, deep sands and sandy duplexes
Topography:	Flat (0-5%)
Catchment	Warren

### Biodiversity and Conservation Values

There are limited to no areas with biodiversity and conservation value (refer

<sup>3</sup> 1A Method of Assessing Water Erosion Risk in Land Capability Studies – Swan Coastal Plain and Darling Range. Resource Management Technical Report No.73: 1998. Department of Agriculture Western Australia.





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Attachment 3).

The property resides in the Warren River catchment which is a highly degraded river in poor health. The Warren River has high salinity due to extensive clearing for agriculture. The establishment of a plantation in the Wilgarrup River subcatchment will help improve the salinity and water quality of the Warren River and aid in its recovery plan.

Biodiversity and Conservation Features	
Vegetation Types:	Medium to tall marri and jarrah forests
Threatened Species:	Western Ringtail Possum
TEC <sup>4</sup> :	Nil
Vegetation Condition:	Good to poor

### Water Management

The property resides in the Wilgarrup River subcatchment which feeds into the Warren River. Surface water interception and water usage by a deep-rooted, multi-rotation plantation forest (including firebreaks, buffers and setbacks) will be commensurate with the native vegetation which previously occupied the site. The clearing of the land for agriculture has increased the level of surface water that reaches the waterways. While there are some benefits of increased flow rates with land clearing, it comes with trade-offs such as elevation of water tables, salinisation, erosion and the runoff of sediment, nutrients and other pollutants into waterways and rivers. Carefully prepared and managed, the plantation will moderate surface water flow towards waterway systems via drainage or cultivation which will fall at 1:100 or 1% (refer Attachment 4).

### Water Management

The use of chemicals on the property are regulated by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority. Chemical use is in accordance with the label rates and applied by licenced and appropriately qualified contractors.

Our chemical use within the plantation is generally limited to the first 18 months of the plantation and targeted to the planting strip. For example, for commonly

<sup>4</sup> Threatened ecological community.



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used chemical in forestry plantations and canola cropping, the plantation use is less than 1% when compared to canola over a full rotation. The setbacks and buffers in the Plan take into consideration the low level of chemical input and the ground-based, targeted nature of their application.

The short rooted annual pasture species on the property are subject to annual inputs of phosphorus and nitrogenous fertilisers. Trees have developed mechanisms quite different to short-rooted annuals to deal with pulses of nutrient availability (e.g., deep roots, internal storage processes for nutrient uptake over and above their requirements, mycorrhizal associations) and nutrient cycling in plantation forests is highly conserved unlike short-rooted annual species found in cropping and pasture systems (i.e., limited export of nutrients off site).

Soil and foliar tests will be undertaken to determine the requirement for any fertiliser applications to remediate any nutrient deficiencies or imbalances. The plantation industry in conjunction with leading forest scientists have developed novel decision support tools to guide nutrition management in plantations. Given the property's recent history, it is expected there will be no requirement to use any fertiliser at establishment or during maintenance of the plantation. Nonetheless, whilst remote, the Plan assumes fertiliser may be applied during the plantation's life cycle, and such the buffers and setbacks set out in Attachment 5 are designed to minimise the risk of any potential offsite movement, especially to the local swamps. No chemicals or fertilisers will be stored at the property.

### Cultural Heritage

#### Cultural Heritage Features

Representatives:	South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council
ILUA <sup>5</sup> :	South West Boojarah #2
Regional Corporation:	Karri Karrak

No records of cultural heritage have been found and are aware of our obligations under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*.

<sup>5</sup> Indigenous Land Use Agreement



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### Stakeholders and Land Use

Neighbouring stakeholders are listed below. Delta Forestry maintains a database of neighbours which will be used for the communication and management of sensitive operations (e.g., aerial spraying, vermin control, harvesting). For privacy reasons, names and contact details of private residence have been omitted.

Stakeholders		
Property identification	Contact	Land use
27390 South Western Highway, Ringbark		Grazing
27306 South Western Highway, Ringbark		Forest
270 Kimber Road, Ringbark		Grazing
19 Luke Road, Ringbark		Grazing
Lot 6197 Barber Road, Ringbark		Grazing

### Forest Description

Forest Area Statement (ha)	
Plantation:	82
Native Vegetation:	10
Buffers and Water Courses:	6
Firebreaks and Tracks:	12
Dams:	5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>115</b>

## 8. SILVICULTURE AND MANAGEMENT REGIME

Regime		
Measure	Un-thinned	Thinned
Type:	Pulp/house frame	House frame
Species:	<i>P. radiata</i>	<i>P. radiata</i>
Initial Stocking:	800 stems/ha	1,100 stems/ha
Thinning Year:	None.	10-14
Clear Fell Year:	25-30	20-30

Many management activities are reactive and therefore not determined by a prescriptive schedule in a long-term forest management plan (as described in the following management plan). To cope with the reactive nature of operations, planning is broken down into the following categories:

- long-term or strategic plans (20+ years horizon);
- tactical plans (3-5 year horizon); and
- operational plans (1 year horizon).

The level of detail in operational planning increases as the planning horizon becomes less. The Plan is considered a long-term or strategic plan and does not have the specificity of an operational plan.



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Management schedule		
Activity	Year	Description
Road Infrastructure:	<1	Where possible, existing access points and roads will be used to minimise disturbance. Where required, new access points and roads will be established to allow for the safe access and egress through the plantation.
Weed Management:	<2	Generally, occurs in the first 18 months of plantation establishment, weeds will be managed to minimise competition within the tree crop using appropriately qualified organisations and operators and will comply with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority regulations. Firebreaks may be sprayed annually using the same techniques.
Site Preparation:	<1	Planting lines will be designed to follow closely to the contour at 4 m intervals using either rip/mound or straight rip soil amelioration techniques. Site preparation is required to optimise tree growth.
Planting:	<1	Seedlings will be planted by hand using spades or planting tubes during the winter period.
Pest Management:	As required	Undertaken where plantation damage is occurring that will lead to economic loss. Applications will be ground based.
Monitoring:	<6 months weekly and at least quarterly thereafter	Access, hazards, weeds, pests and diseases, survival, firebreaks, and water points.
Nutrition:	As required	Based on precision forestry principles the nutrition status will be monitored and any economic imbalances remedied by the application of fertiliser.
Road Maintenance:	As required	Roads will be inspected and maintained to ensure access and to minimise any adverse impacts (e.g., erosion, poor drainage).
Firebreak Maintenance:	Annual	Firebreaks will be maintained in accordance with this Plan and the relevant firebreak and fuel reduction notice published by the Local Government Authority.
Declared Plants and Animals:	As required	Declared plants and animals will be identified through monitoring and declarations and control will be in



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		accordance with the Biosecurity and Agricultural Management Act 2007.
Wildling Control	As required	Volunteer pine seedlings will be monitored and controlled outside of the plantation area,
Inventory:	>10	Undertaken to monitor plantation performance and forward planning.

**Standard Prescriptions**

Standard Prescriptions	
Pre-Plant Broad Spray:	2-5 L/ha biactive glyphosate (Roundup), 5-15 g/ha metsulfuron methyl (Brush Off) plus suitable wetting agent. Applied to pasture after autumn break.
Site Preparation:	Rip-mound to 1 m, rip only to 1 m, no mound or rip. Prescription tailored to soil and topography. Mounds usually orientated along contour with a 1:100 fall to minimise risk of erosion.
Pre-Plant Strip Spray:	2-5 L/ha biactive glyphosate, 20 g/ha metsulfuron methyl (Brush Off) plus suitable wetting agent. Applied to planting strip at least three weeks prior to planting.
Post-Plant Spray:	11-15 L/ha hexazinone (Velpar). Applied to planting strip or broad sprayed one month after planting. Only applied if there is a spring flush of competitive weeds along the strip spray lines.
Establishment Fertiliser:	100-150 g/seedling diammonium phosphate granules or compound blend depending on foliar or soil analysis buried within 10 cm of planted seedling. Generally, not required on fertile ex-pastured sites.
Maintenance Fertiliser:	100-300 kg/ha diammonium phosphate or urea or compound blend depending on foliar or soil analysis. Can occur at anytime not less than 10 years prior to harvest. Generally, not required on fertile ex-pastured sites.
Firebreaks:	2-5 L/ha biactive glyphosate (Roundup), 5-15 g/ha metsulfuron methyl (Brush Off) plus suitable wetting agent. Applied to pasture after autumn break. Mechanical grading.
Vermin Control	Trapping, baiting and professional shooting.
Grazing:	None after establishment.
Fencing:	Internal fencing removed and external fences maintained. Expenses shared with neighbours.
Access and Security:	Permits or licences. Locked gates. Cameras.



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### Water Supplies and Use

The property is in a proclaimed area under the *Rights and Water Irrigation Act 1914*. The property has several water points strategically located across the land for the purpose of watering grazing animals. These water points have a combined estimated capacity of 16,800 kilolitres. The Owner's use of the water supply will be restricted to limited quantities for ordinary and domestic purposes (<5,000 L/annum over the life of the plantation), and fire-fighting.

There is no requirement for a water licence for the planned sources and uses of water. There is no requirement for a bed and banks permit to undertake the development.

### Harvest

The intent is to deploy a cut-to-length harvest system to produce logs for delivery to local and export markets. Prior to any harvest operations a harvest management plan will be developed for endorsement by the local government authority and communication to stakeholders. The harvest management plan shall include appropriate water, dust and noise management plans to adequately manage potential adverse impacts to the environment and stakeholders.

Around the final clear-felling of the plantation an assessment will be made on the future use of the property including the appropriate management of harvest residue.

## 9. HAULAGE AND MARKET INFORMATION

The property has direct access to Barber Road allowing for the efficient haulage of logs to key markets via the preferred haulage route found in Attachment 8. Prior to any haulage operations a haulage and traffic management plan will be developed for endorsement by the Local Government Authority and communication to stakeholders.



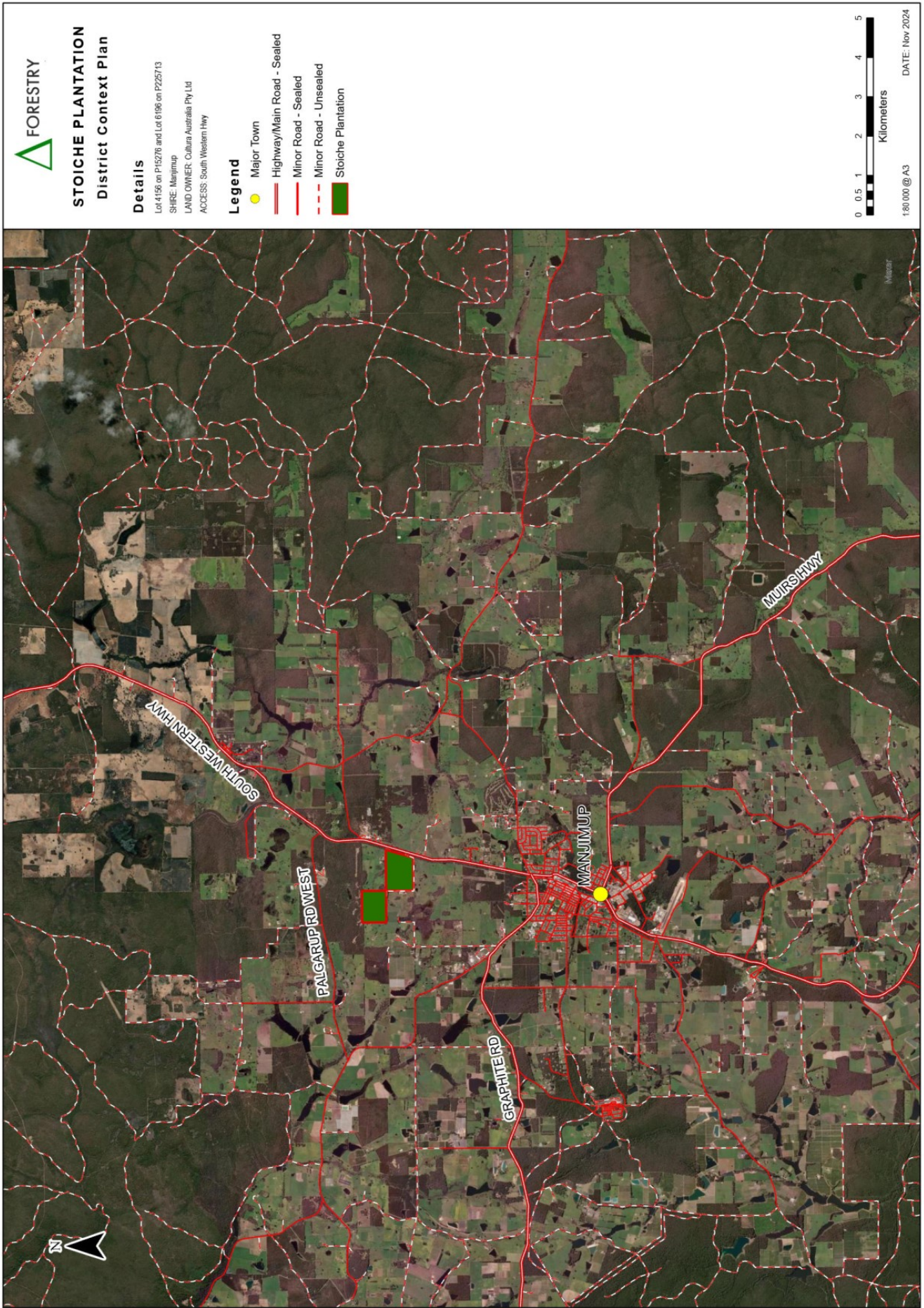


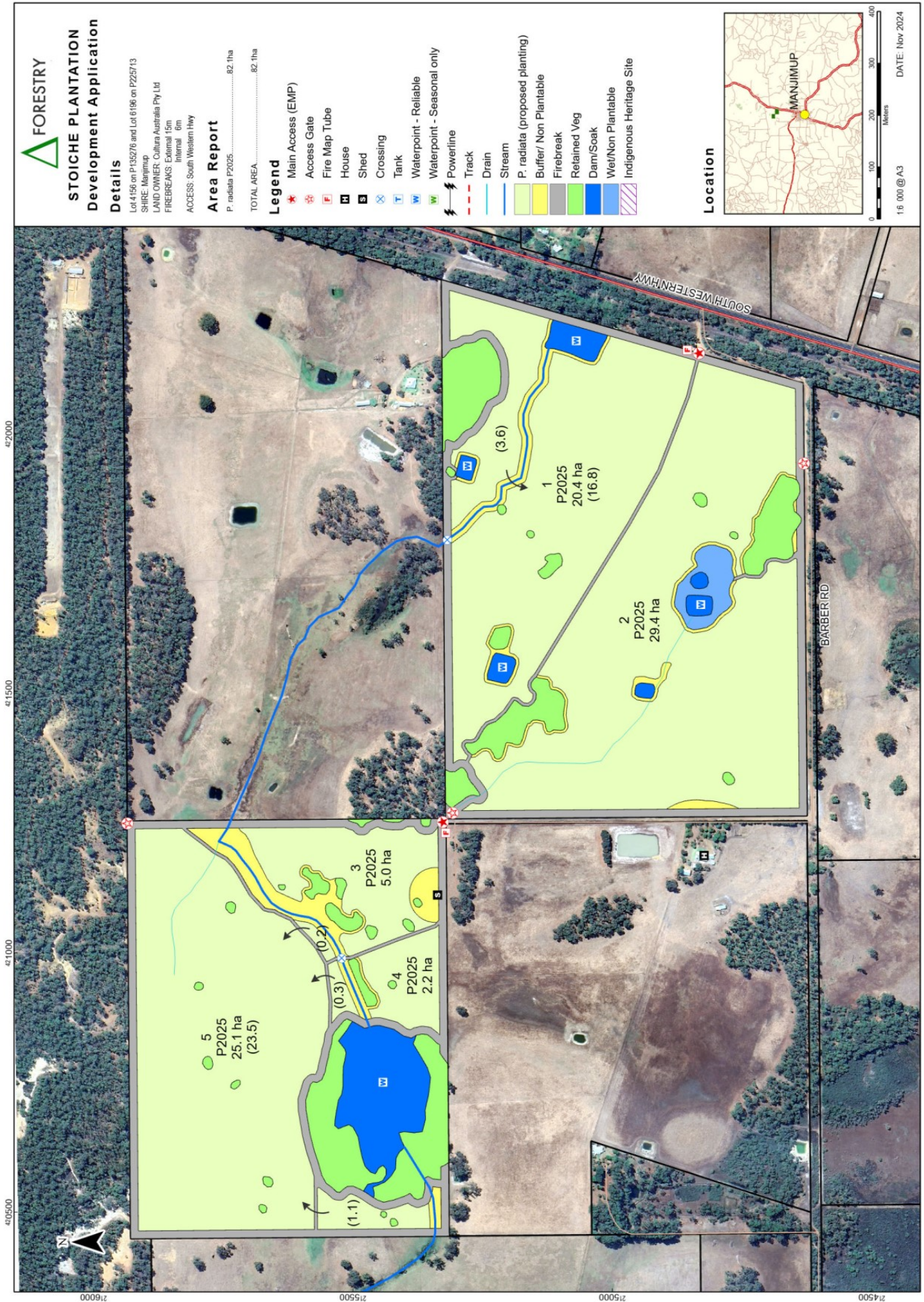
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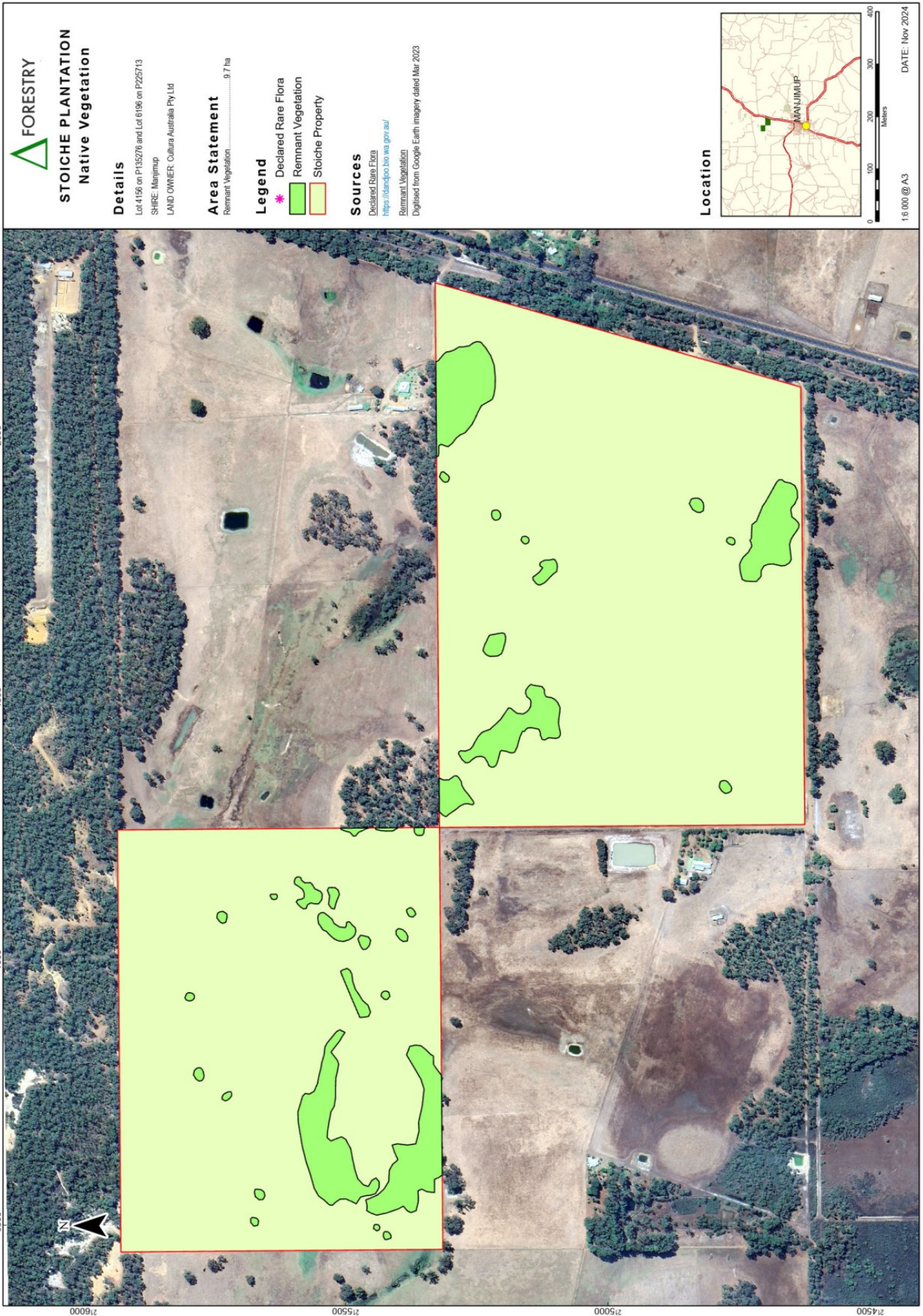
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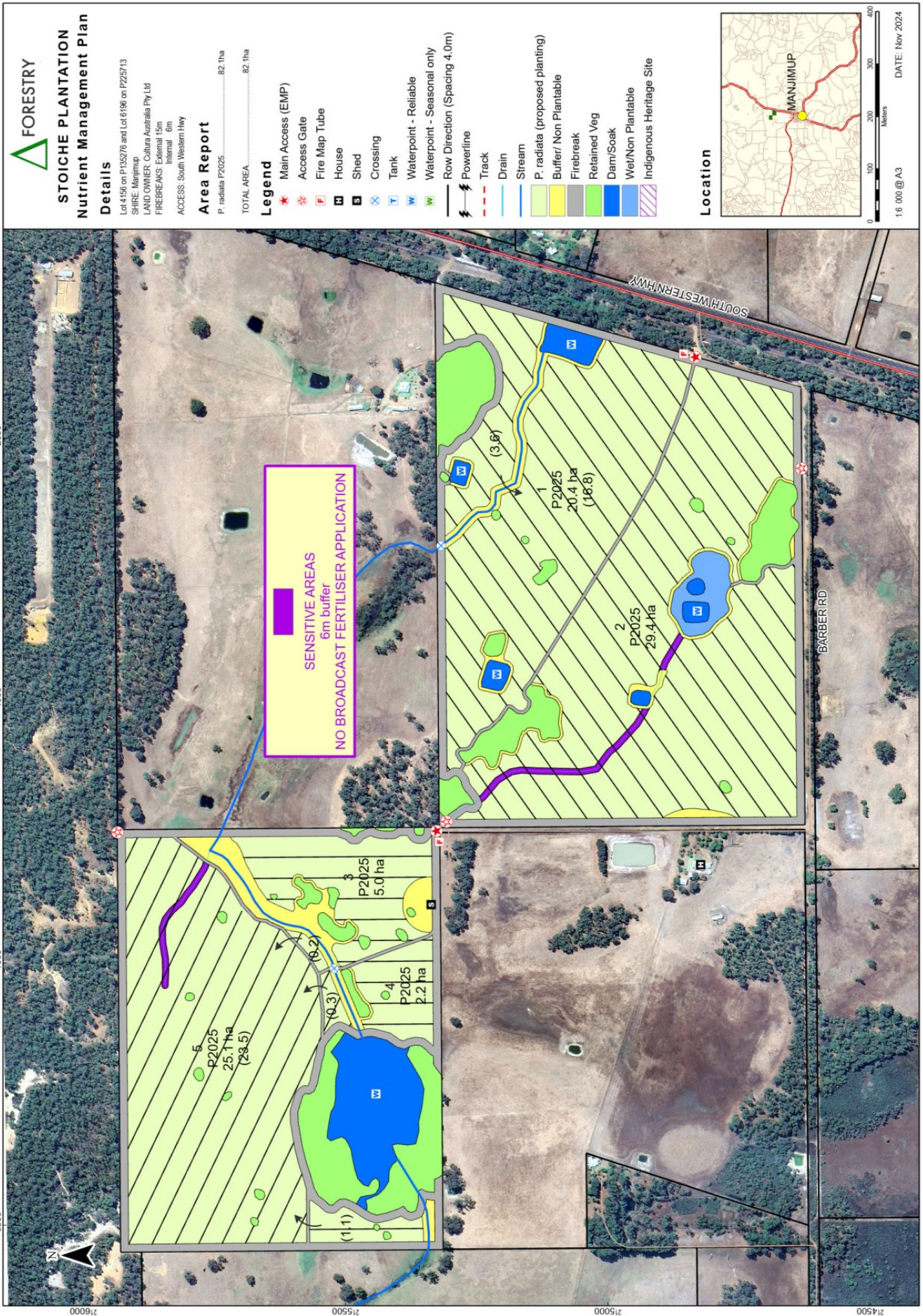
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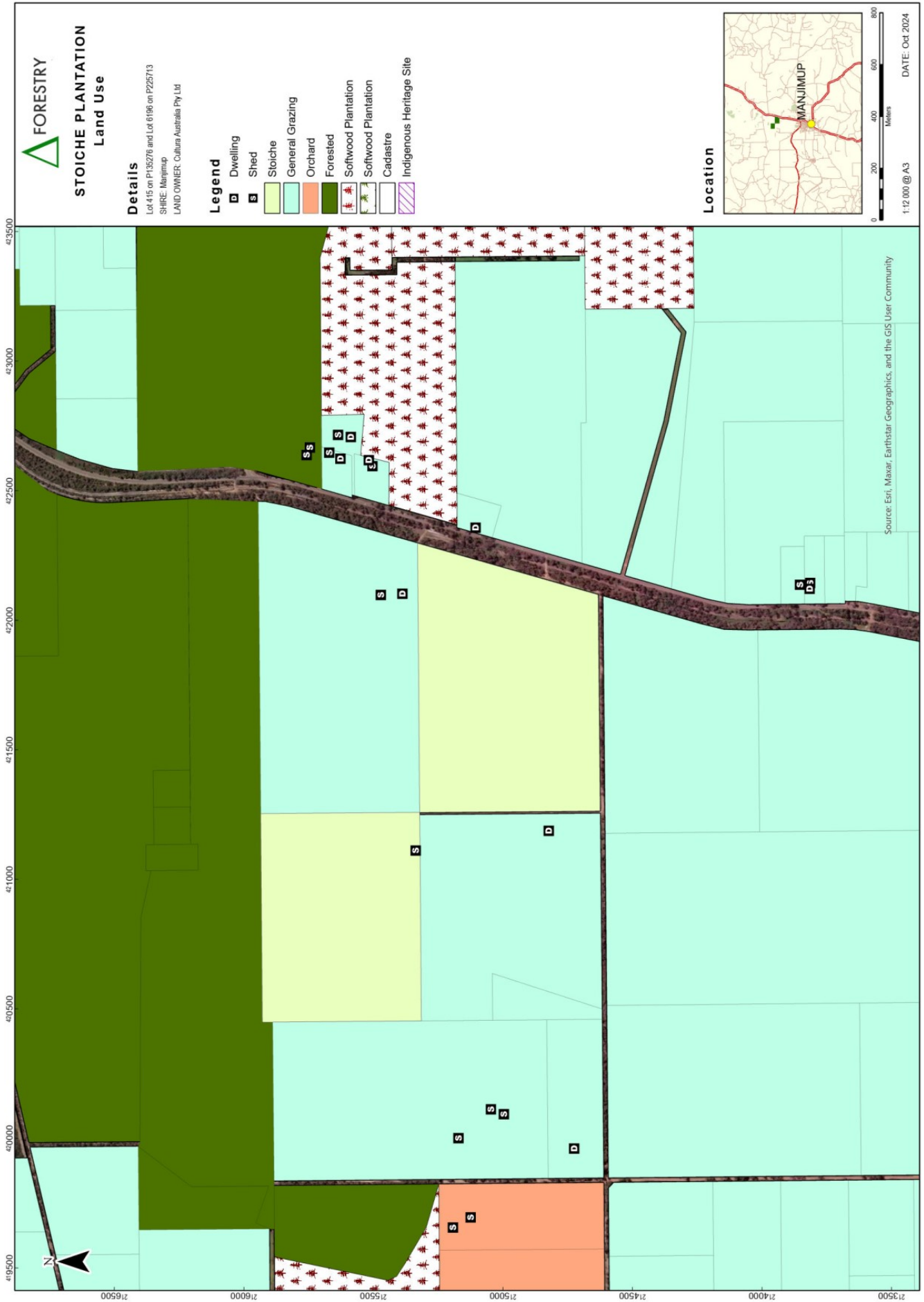






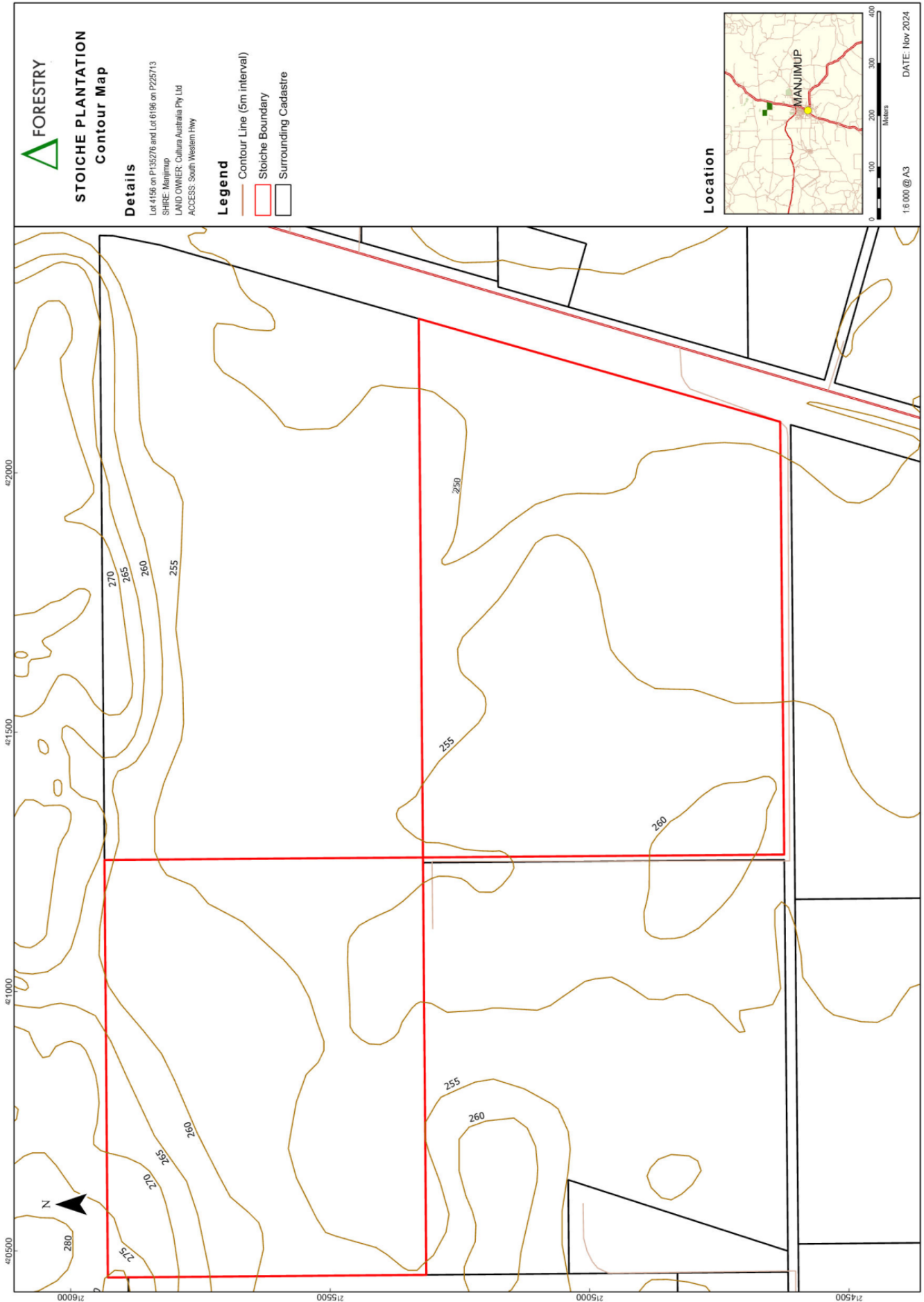










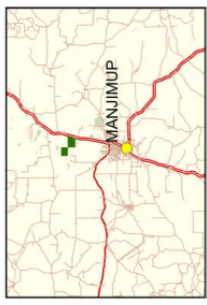


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**STOICHE PLANTATION**  
**Contour Map**

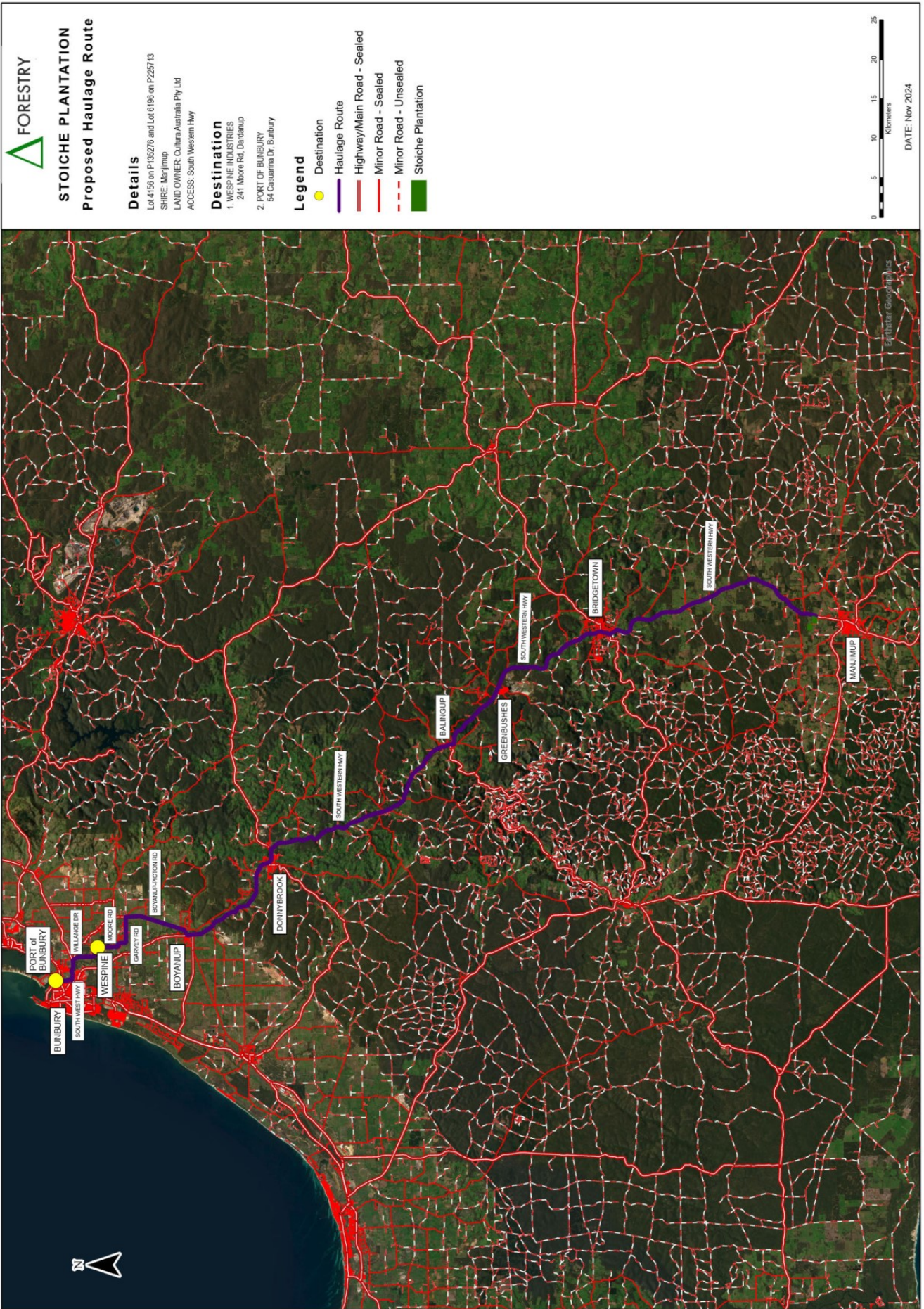
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 Lot 4156 on P135276 and Lot 6196 on P225713  
 SHIRE: Manjimup  
 LAND OWNER: Cultiva Australia Pty Ltd  
 ACCESS: South Western Hwy

- Legend**
- Contour Line (5m interval)
  - ▭ Stoiche Boundary
  - ▭ Surrounding Cadastral

**Location**



1:6 000 @ A3  
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#### Search Criteria

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#### South West Settlement ILUA Disclaimer

Your heritage enquiry is on land **within or adjacent to** the following Indigenous Land Use Agreement(s): South West Booijarah #2 Indigenous Land Use Agreement.

On 8 June 2015, six identical Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs) were executed across the South West by the Western Australian Government and, respectively, the Yued, Whadjuk People, Gnaala Karla Boojja, Ballardong People, South West Booijarah #2 and Wagyl Kaip & Southern Noongar groups, and the South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council (SWALSC).

The ILUAs bind the parties (including 'the State', which encompasses all State Government Departments and certain State Government agencies) to enter into a Noongar Standard Heritage Agreement (NSHA) when conducting Aboriginal Heritage Surveys in the ILUA areas, unless they have an existing heritage agreement. It is also intended that other State agencies and instrumentalities enter into the NSHA when conducting Aboriginal Heritage Surveys in the ILUA areas. It is recommended a NSHA is entered into, and an 'Activity Notice' issued under the NSHA, if there is a risk that an activity will 'impact' (i.e. by excavating, damaging, destroying or altering in any way) an Aboriginal heritage site. The Aboriginal Heritage Due Diligence Guidelines, which are referenced by the NSHA, provide guidance on how to assess the potential risk to Aboriginal heritage.

Likewise, from 8 June 2015 the Department of Energy, Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety (DEMIRS) in granting Mineral, Petroleum and related Access Authority tenures within the South West Settlement ILUA areas, will place a condition on these tenures requiring a heritage agreement or a NSHA before any rights can be exercised.

If you are a State Government Department, Agency or Instrumentality, or have a heritage condition placed on your mineral or petroleum title by DEMIRS, you should seek advice as to the requirement to use the NSHA for your proposed activity. The full ILUA documents, maps of the ILUA areas and the NSHA template can be found at <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments-of-the-premier-and-cabinet/south-west-native-title-settlement>.

Further advice can also be sought from the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage via <https://achknowledge.dph.wa.gov.au/ach-enquiry-form>.

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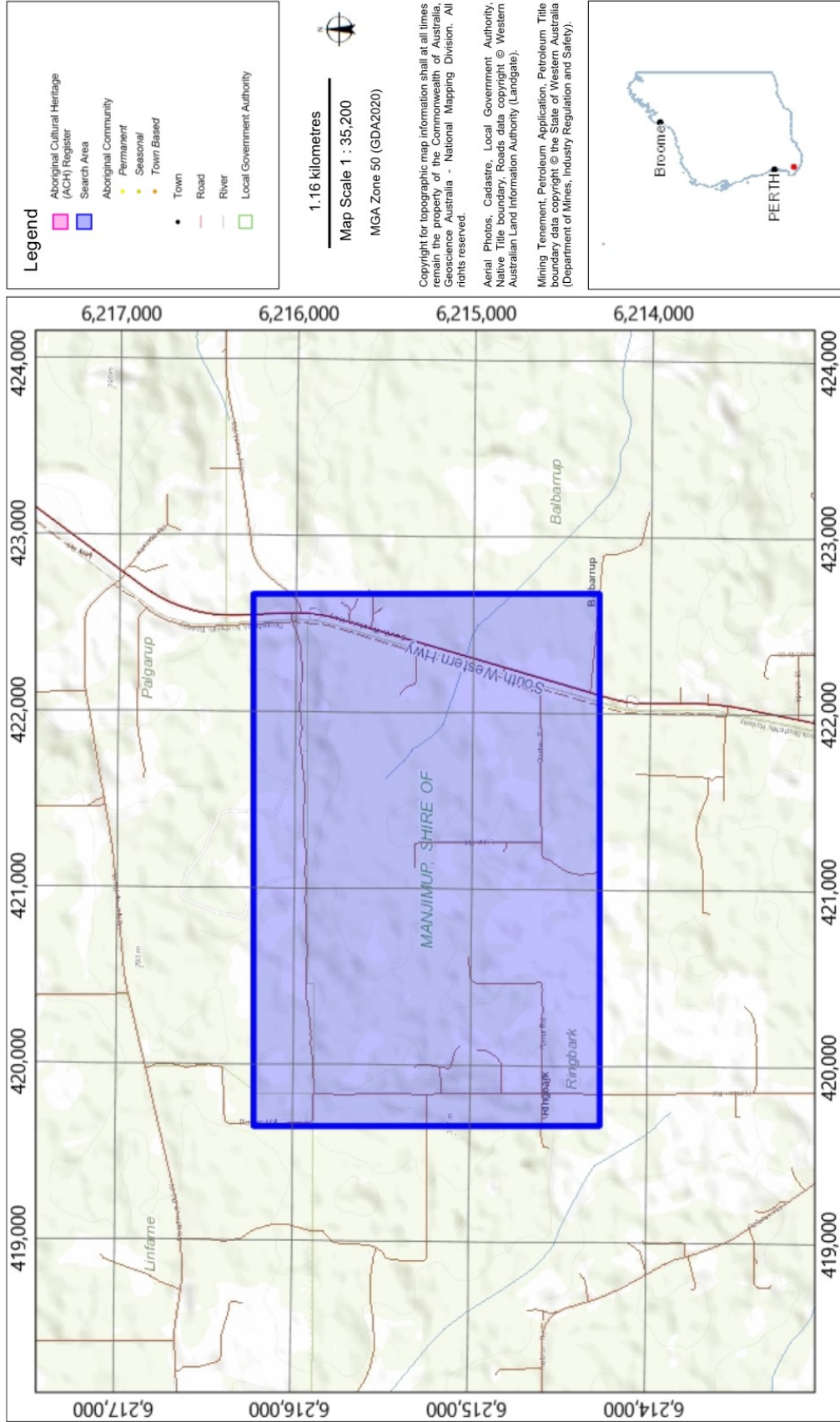
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## FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN

### 1. DETAILS

Fire Management Plan Details			
Plantation:	Stoiche		
Address	Barber Road		
Locality:	Ringbark	Nearest town (distance):	Manjimup (3km)
Species:	<i>Pinus radiata</i>	Area:	82 ha
Fire Weather District	Southern Forests		
Local Government Authority:	Shire of Manjimup		
Local Fire Brigade:	Ringbarkers		

Owner's Details			
Name:	Cultura Australia Pty Ltd		
Primary Contact Number:	0493 166 159		
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### 2. PREAMBLE

The Stoiche property, being Lot 6196 and 4156 Barber Road, Ringbark, is subject to a conditional purchase agreement between the current proprietor and Cultura Australia Pty Ltd, to be managed by Delta Forestry. The Purchase Agreement is



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conditional upon obtaining development approval for the establishment of a *Pinus radiata* plantation on the property. This fire management plan (**Plan**) is provided in support of this, as part of the separate Forest Management Plan.

The farm has been planned by experienced foresters and with specific regard to the Code of Practice for Timber Plantations in WA (Code) which sets out goals and guidelines for good plantation management, and particularly the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection (DFES Guidelines). The DFES Guidelines establish industry best practice fire risk management protocol for Tree Farms in WA.

### 3. GUIDELINES FOR PLANTATION FIRE PROTECTION COMPLIANCE<sup>1</sup>

Criteria	Check
Landowner and/or occupier information such as identification of the plantation company and all relevant contact details, including 24 hour fire contact phone number:	Complies.
A firefighting equipment register and details of any cooperative arrangements:	Complies.
Plantation species, area, layout including compartment size:	Complies.
Fire protection measures such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fire detection and reporting mechanisms.</li> <li>• Initial response and attack of fires, including resource dispatch and communication with relevant authorities.</li> <li>• Identification of potential ignition sources.</li> <li>• Access in and around the plantation.</li> <li>• Access roads in and around the plantation.</li> <li>• Access roads must be clearly signed.</li> <li>• Methods of firebreak maintenance.</li> <li>• Measures to protect services (e.g., power lines and gas pipelines).</li> <li>• Water supplies and approximate capacities of these supplies.</li> <li>• Surrounding vegetation type, age since last burn and the site is being effectively managed, if available.</li> <li>• Sites fire history, where available.</li> <li>• Harvesting procedures and other measures used to reduce hazards (e.g., slashing and thinning programs).</li> </ul>	Complies.

<sup>1</sup> Department of Fire and Emergency Services Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection 2011.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fuel reduction program, if applicable, including herbicide weed control and controlled grazing.</li> </ul>	
<p>Surrounding local features including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing plantations.</li> <li>Proximity to towns/settlements.</li> <li>Remnant vegetation.</li> <li>Significant values relevant to site.</li> </ul>	Complies.
<p>Provision of a map at a suitable scale:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plantation maps must be provided to local government and to DFES, and provide additional maps if requested by DFES or the local government.</li> <li>These maps are to held in suitable containers and sign posted at the main property entrances or other local government approved locations for use by personnel attending a fire.</li> <li>Plantations managers must check and update these maps annually to ensure their quality and accuracy, dates on the maps may assist with this.</li> </ul>	Complies.
<p>Fire management maps will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Compartment boundaries and size.</li> <li>Water supplies including irrigation channels and dams.</li> <li>Emergency access/egress (fire breaks).</li> <li>Structures houses, sheds etc.</li> <li>Significant features e.g., creek crossings, dead end access tracks, areas of remnant vegetation.</li> </ul>	Complies.
<p>Standardised map legends are to be applied across the plantation industry:</p>	Does not comply. Standard has not been developed.

### 4. PURPOSE

The purpose of this fire management plan is to outline the response and protection measures to be implemented at the property to respond to fire and minimise the fire risk to the plantation whilst protecting human life and local community assets.

### 5. SCOPE

The Owner and Forest Management are obligated under the *Bush Fires Act 1954* to, upon becoming aware of a bushfire, to take all possible measures to extinguish the fire. The Plan has been developed in accordance with the Code of Practice for





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Timber Plantations in Western Australia (**Code**) and the Department of Fire and Emergency services (DFES) Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection (“Guidelines”). The Plan is specific for the property and any surrounding areas detailed within. The scope of use shall include but not limited to fire risk management, plantation design and access, fuel and firebreak management, fire identification and response, water resources and availability, firefighting resources and availability, stakeholder communication, emergency contacts, and cooperative fire management measures.

### 6. PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

Particulars	
Title Information:	Lot 6196 on Deposited Plan 225713 Lot 4156 on Deposited Plan 135276
Planning Scheme:	Shire of Manjimup Scheme No. 4
Planning Zone:	General Agriculture
Planning Overlays:	Bushfire Prone
Existing Land Use:	Grazing livestock
Land Units:	Corbalup subsystem, Collis subsystem, Yarnup subsystem
Topography:	Flat (0-5%) (See Appendix 1 – Topographical Information)
Soil Types:	Deep sands, loamy to sandy gravels, sandy duplexes

### 7. ACCESS DESCRIPTION

The Stoiche property is situated approximately 3 kilometres north of the Manjimup townsite and is accessed via South-West Highway. (See Appendix 2).

#### Main Access

The main access point is via South Western and Barber Road to the property access gate. Travel distance along South Western Highway is approximately 3 kilometres on a sealed road. Travel distance along Barber Road is approximately 50 metres on a formed gravel road.

#### Secondary Access

The secondary access point is via South-West, Barber Road and Luke Road to the



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property access gate. Travel distance along South-West Highway is approximately 3 kilometres on a sealed road. Travel distance along Barber Road is approximately 1 kilometre on a formed gravel road. Travel distance along Luke Road is approximately 0.7 kilometres on a formed gravel road.

### Internal Access

The plantation is well serviced by an internal road network and firebreak systems that has been strategically incorporated into the landscape to reduce navigation uncertainty, provide ease of access for light vehicles and heavy fire equipment. All firebreaks can exceed a 15 tonne load limit during the restricted and prohibited burning periods.

Where a firebreak crosses a gully or stream, piping and/or hard surfacing material will be applied to the crossover point to ensure these areas are trafficable during the restricted and prohibited burning periods and shall be compliant with minimum 15 tonne load limits (See Attachment 3 - Roads and Firebreaks).

Emergency access and egress roads and tracks are shown on the Fire Management Plan and direct internal plantation traffic to designated Access Gateways on Barber and Luke Road (See Attachment 4 - Emergency Access and Egress Roads and Tracks).

All internal fencing will be removed as part of the plantation development to allow for unimpeded fire access. External boundary fencing will be maintained for security purposes.

## 8. PLANTATION SPECIES AND DESIGN

The plantation will be established to *P. radiata* (softwood pine) at 1,100 stems per hectare. The site will be prepared using two different establishment methods. These being:

- Rip and mounding
- Ripping only

Both establishment methods will be at 4 metre intervals and the spacing of tree



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seedlings will be at approximately 2.2 metres along the rows to achieve an 1100 stems per hectare standing stocking level. (See Appendix 5 – Plantation Design Plan)

Access within the confines of the planted compartment area will be limited by the establishment method. The very nature of rip/mounding creates barriers for fire appliance vehicles traversing internally through the compartment. In a fire event, Fire Controllers should be made aware of the rip/mounding impediments and use nominated firebreak accessways as primary traffic ways through and around the plantation area.

Plantation setbacks are designed to minimise the risk of any adverse bushfire impact to surrounding land uses and conversely protect the plantation from external risk factors. In determining the setbacks in this Plan, we have considered the risk of bushfire from internal and external sources of ignition including the DBCA managed crown land and state forest.

Plantation Design Setbacks	
Public Roads:	15 m
Title Boundary:	15 m
Compartment Boundary:	6 m
Remnant Vegetation:	6 m minimum
Watercourses:	6 m minimum
Dwellings	100 m
Buildings	50 m
Powerlines	20 m minimum

### Biodiversity and Conservation Values

There is a degraded watercourse running through the property, isolated stands of medium marri and jarrah forest in various states of condition, and a wetland. These areas can be managed for their conservation and biodiversity values with the exclusion of grazing animals and potential of reintroduction of controlled burning to stimulate recruitment and germination of native species. Appropriate plantation design and fire management will enhance the biodiversity and conservation values of the property.



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Biodiversity and Conservation Features	
Vegetation Types:	Medium jarrah and marri
Threatened Species:	Western Ringtail Possum
TEC <sup>2</sup> :	Nil
Vegetation Condition:	Good to poor

### 9. STAKEHOLDERS, LAND USE AND FIRE HISTORY

Neighbouring stakeholders are listed below. Delta Forestry maintains a database of neighbours which will be used for the communication and management of sensitive operations (e.g., fire, aerial spraying, vermin control, harvesting). For privacy reasons, names and contact details of private residences have been omitted. It appears a section of 27306 South Western Highway burnt during 2018.

Stakeholders			
Property identification	Contact	Land use	Last Fire
27390 South Western Highway, Ringbark		Grazing	Unknown
27306 South Western Highway, Ringbark		Forest	2018
270 Kimber Road, Ringbark		Grazing	Unknown
19 Luke Road, Ringbark		Grazing	Unknown
Lot 6197 Barber Road, Ringbark		Grazing	Unknown

### 10. FOREST DESCRIPTION

Forest Area Statement (ha)	
Plantation:	82
Native Vegetation:	10
Buffers and Water Courses:	6
Firebreaks and Tracks:	12
Dams:	5
<b>Total:</b>	<b>115</b>

<sup>2</sup> Threatened ecological community.

## 11. SURROUNDING FEATURES

Direction	Feature
South	Adjoining – Grassed pastures.
West	Adjoining – Grassed pastures.
North	Adjoining - Grassed pastures/native forest Beyond – Native forest vegetation types.
East	Adjoining - Native forest vegetation types (depth 100 metres) Beyond – Grassed pastures.

## 12. RISK TO WIDER COMMUNITY

The level of risk to the wider community is not any greater than currently observed. The general Stoiche agricultural area is isolated and land parcels surrounded by Native Forest. The risk levels associated with the surrounding lands are recognised by the local community and land management agencies.

In the immediate surrounds adjoining the plantation, the risk is managed by identification, compliance and regulation. There are significant areas of defensible space between the plantation boundary and surrounding property dwellings in addition to the 15 metre external firebreak network around the plantation edge.

### 13. FIRE CONTACT INFORMATION

#### Key Contact Information

Fire Emergency:	000
Delta Forestry (24 hr)	08 9778 9995

Entity	Name	Contact number
DFES	Lower South West	(08) 9771 6800
DFES Duty Officer		1800 512 111
Shire Fire Duty Officer		0427 913 252
CBFCO	Remo Pessotto	0427 270 714
DCBFCO	Brad Wren	0427 959 431
Ringbarkers FCO	Paul Tempra	0417 095 899
Ringbarkers FCO	Frank Shaw	0473 371 185
DBCA Manjimup		08 9771 7988
Shire of Manjimup		08 9771 7777
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### 14. FIRE DETECTION AND INITIAL RESPONSE

Protecting the plantation from fire is critical given *P. radiata* is not tolerant of severe fire. An overarching annual fire management plan will be prepared for the fire control activities within plantations and activities undertaken will comply with:

- The Guidelines;
- Shire of Manjimup Firebreak and Fuel Hazard Reduction Notice; and
- The Code.

Fire events within the plantation area are likely to be detected by Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attraction's (DBCA) aerial fire surveillance, neighbouring landowners and members of the public passing by the property.

Plantation GIS data sets will be supplied to DFES and DBCA for inclusion in emergency service directories and for fire co-ordination centres. Maps and our overarching annual fire management plan will be provided to local government



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when requested. In addition, plantation signposting will have relevant fire contact information and location details for efficient fire notifications.

In the event of a wildfire within the plantation area, the following suppression methods will be considered by the Forest Manager along with fire suppression priority values.

Fire Response Matrix		
Fire danger index	Suppression type	Management unit
Low:	Direct attack on head fire and flank fire – earthmoving	Small fire area confined within a compartment cell
Low – Mod:	Flank fire attack – earthmoving machine and aerial water bombing assisted	Fire area confined to a single compartment cell
Mod – High:	Tail fire suppression – earthmoving machine and, aerial water bombing assisted	Fire area confined to multiple compartment cells or perimeter breaks
High:	Aerial water bombing and machine assisted suppression	Fire area confined to low fuel areas within or outside the plantation area

Should a plantation fire occur, the Forest Manager will respond to suppress the fire on behalf of the Owner and will be responsible for mop up and ongoing monitoring within the property boundaries once the wildfire has been brought under control and running fire is contained with mineral earth firebreaks.

### 15. FIRE FIGHTING RESOURCES

The Forest Manager will have the following resources available to respond to fire.

Resource	Location
500 litre slip on	Manjimup/Busselton
400 litre slip on	Dardanup
2 x 2,300 litre contract Heavy Tankers	Manjimup

The Forest Manager will review its resourcing requirements from time to time and may engage the services of third-party providers to increase the number and availability of resources during the fire season. Future resourcing will be detailed



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in our overarching annual fire management plan.

### 16. FIRE REPOSE

There will be a 30-minute response time from the closest available resource from the property.

### 17. FIREBREAK AND FUEL MANAGEMENT

Firebreaks will be inspected annually and maintained in a trafficable condition cleared of all flammable material in line with the annual Manjimup Shire Annual Compliance Notice. Firebreaks at a minimum shall have a clearance of 15 metres in width for external breaks and 6 metres in width internal breaks and 6 metres in vertical height, allowing the safe passing of fire-fighting appliances. Firebreaks will be maintained by either herbicide application preceding the onset of the fire season and/or firebreak grading to remove flammable material.

Annual grass inspections will be carried out prior to the commencement of the Restricted Fire Season to ascertain whether controls are needed to reduce potential fire spread risk. As the plantation achieves tree canopy closure, grasses will be shaded out of the plantation area. Grasses will therefore predominately frequent areas outside of the tree crop area along firebreaks and within non plant areas where they are able to be managed effectively using herbicides and/or mechanical treatments.

Building setbacks will be observed for outbuildings. There is no dwelling on the Stoiche property.

There is no power supply line on the property. No flammable hydrocarbons are to be stored on the property.

### 18. FUEL REDUCTION CONSIDERATIONS

As detailed in the development application, the property has a long history of grazing which has led to the decline in understorey native vegetation species and a structure change to predominately grasslands with mixed upper canopy forest types. By removing grazing animals, it is likely that there will be a return to of





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some native understorey species within remnant native vegetation islands within the confines of the plantation. Remnant vegetation areas will be closely monitored and measured and should fuel levels exceed 8 tonnes/hectare, some means of fuel reduction will be contemplated. This could be in the form of prescribed burning however, where prescribed burning is a "fire risk" (potential destruction or damage that would deem the plantation to be unmerchantable) to the plantation then herbicide treatments or mechanical fuel mitigation will be used as an alternative.

### 19. OTHER MEASURES TO REDUCE FUEL LOADS

Plantation firebreak edge trees will be assessed annually to determine whether there is limb intrusion into the firebreak accessway. Tree limbs encroaching into the firebreak will be pruned to maintain vertical height specifications as detailed in the Local Authority's Firebreak Orders.

Where there is a potential ignition point fire risk, Fuel Reduced Buffers (FRB's) may be installed. FRB's may be in the form of

- Low pruning pine trees at 5 years to 10 years of age to 2.1 metres in height to a depth of 20.0 metres from the plantation edge.
- Low pruning pine trees at 5 years to 10 years of age to 2.1 metres in height to a depth of 20.0 metres at road and firebreak intersections and internal strategic firebreaks.

**20. POTENTIAL IGNITION SOURCES**

Ignition Point	Likelihood	Controls
1. Within Plantation – normal operations	Unlikely	Access via firebreaks and roads only.
2. Within Plantation – harvest - powerline	Unlikely Possible	Implement harvest bans on high fire danger index. Harvest equipment fitted with suppression systems. One fire unit for each harvester onsite during operational hours. Powerline easements to be treated with herbicides or by mechanical means to limit fire spread in the event of a downed powerline or pole fire.
2. Roadside fire	Possible	Firebreaks well managed.
3. Neighbouring property activity or fire escape	Unlikely	Firebreaks well managed. Consider fuel loads along connected forest corridors. Participate in interagency prescribed burning activities in high fuel loads outside the plantation area on DBCA, local government or local government land tenures
4. Fire escape DBCA managed land (Forest, Reserves or National Park)	Possible	Be aware of fuel reduction burning in the general vicinity. Assist with prescribed burning where land unit adjoins property boundary.
6. Lightning Strike	Unlikely	Monitor weather. Strategic positioning of Plantation Management staff and contractors for fire monitoring.
7. Arson and illegal activities	Possible	Firebreaks well managed. Security, surveillance and monitoring. Liaison with government agencies, neighbours and local police.



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Likelihood
<b>Very Unlikely</b> - Rare / not expected but remotely possible
<b>Unlikely</b> - Improbable but could happen / not expected
<b>Possible</b> - Could happen or plausible
<b>Likely</b> - Will probably happen / is likely to happen
<b>Certain</b> - 100% likely / almost 100% likely

### 21. WATER SUPPLIES

Water point location information is shown on the FMP and identified by a “W” symbol contained within fine blue line work. The property has several water points strategically located across the land for the purpose of watering grazing animals. These water points have a combined estimated capacity of 16,800 kilolitres. Accessways from firebreaks or compartment boundaries will be installed to access these reliable water points for fire control purposes. The water point volume, access and egress will be monitored prior to and during each fire season. Reliable water points are be marked on maps and by signage on the property.

### 22. FIRE DANGER PERIODS

Alertness will be increased as required during bushfire season, particularly on extreme and catastrophic fire danger rating days. Our response to increased risk may include standby of additional fire suppression resources (Asset Land Management Pty Ltd), fire detection patrols and stand down of contractors operating within the plantation area. The landowner, Plantation Manager and Contractors will comply with Total Fire Bans or Movement Bans. (See Appendix 7 – Fire Danger Rating Operation Restrictions).

### 23. FIRE MAPS

Fire management maps will be prepared and reviewed annually to reflect the current forest condition and the latest contact information. Fire maps will be made available to DFES, DBCA, Forest Industries Federation of Western Australia (FIFWA) Fire Co- operative Group through map revisions and GIS sharing and local volunteer fire brigades. Fire maps will also be held at the property’s main entrance point in red coloured waterproof fire tubes at the property access points.

## 24. SIGNPOSTING

Plantation management signage will be placed at plantation entry points and will provide relevant plantation details and contact numbers for fire control purposes.

## 25. FIRE FIGHTING TRAINING

Plantation operational field staff and contractors used for fire control activities will have attained a Basic Fire Fighter training level or better.

## 26. HARVEST

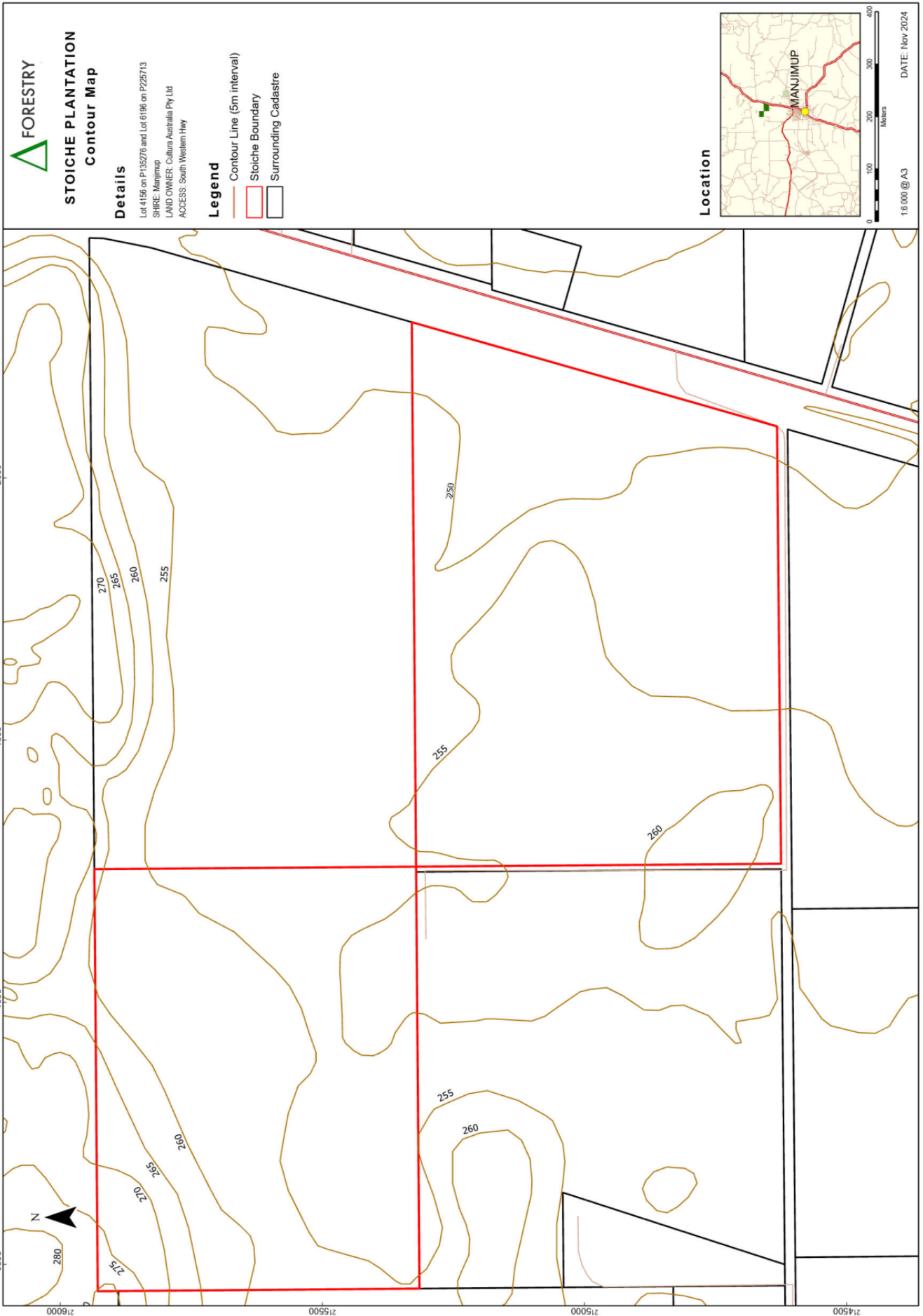
The intent is to deploy a cut-to-length harvest system to produce logs for delivery to local and export markets. Prior to any harvest operations a harvest management plan will be developed for endorsement by the local government authority and communication to stakeholders. The harvest management plan shall include a section on harvest residue management to adequately manage fire risk, include additional resources to managed heightened risk of fire from machinery, and all operations will comply with harvest and vehicle movement bans. A decision to continue with the plantation use or otherwise will be made after the clearfell harvest noting the management of stump residues will need to be incorporated into any plans if an alternative land use is contemplated.

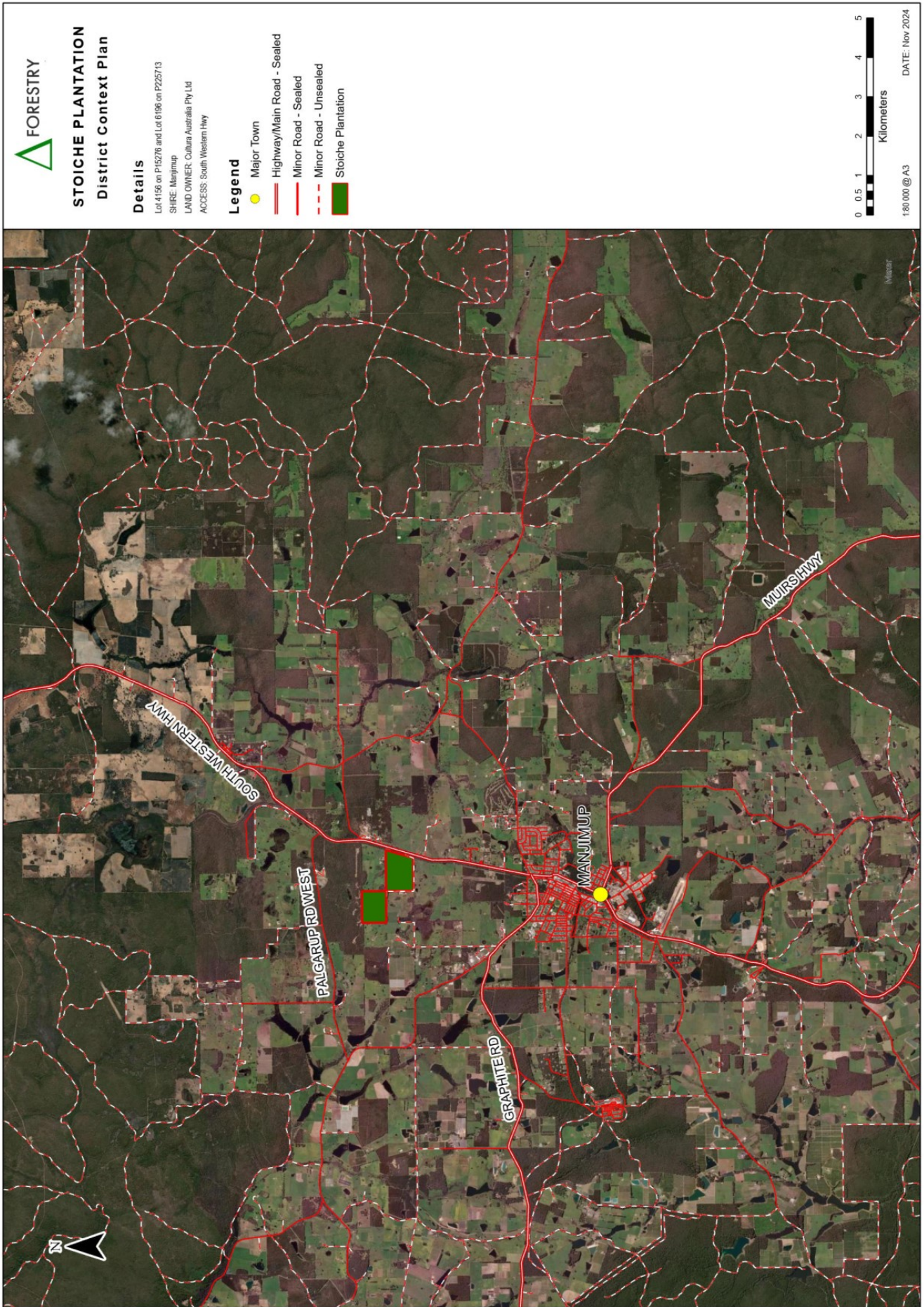


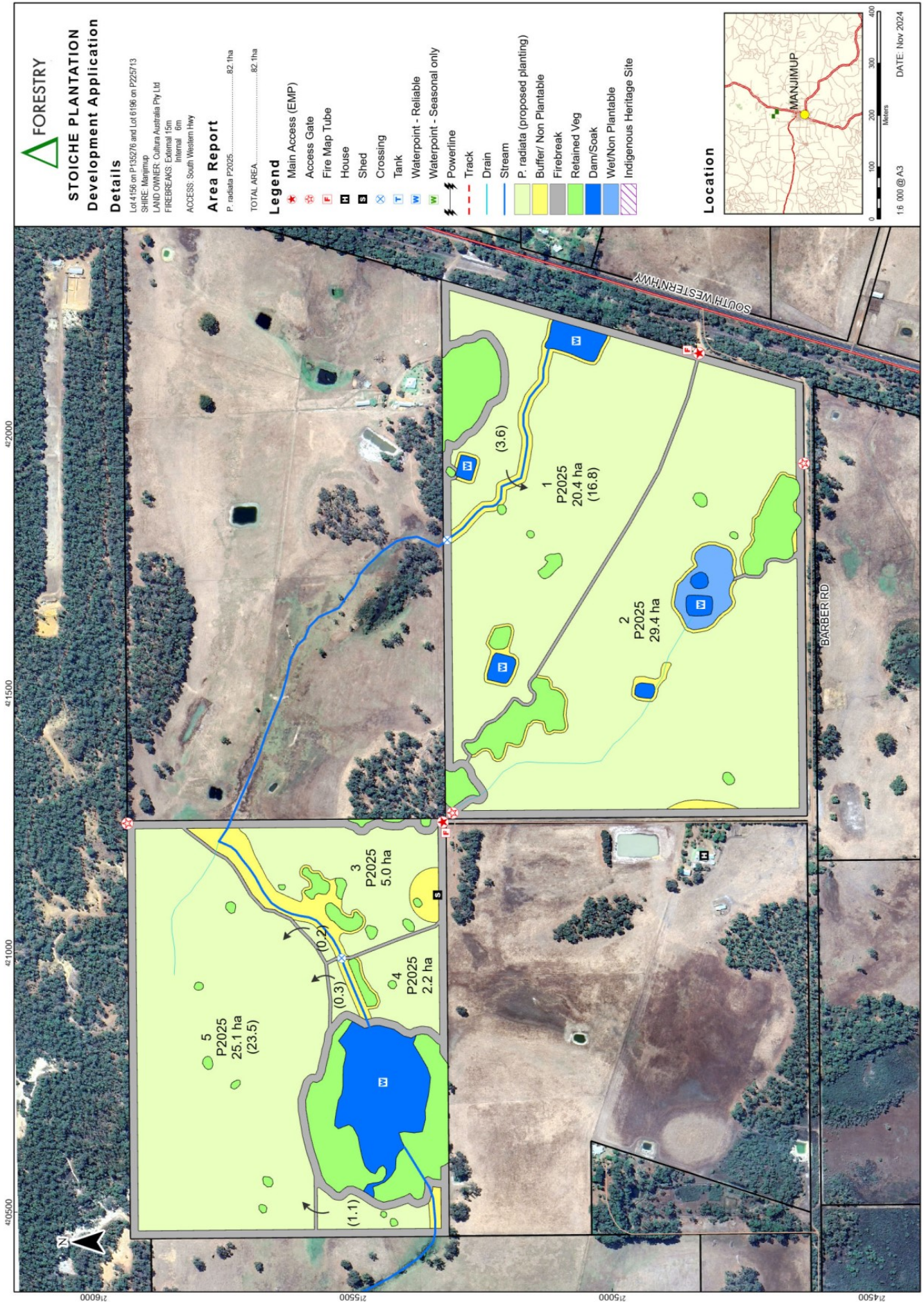
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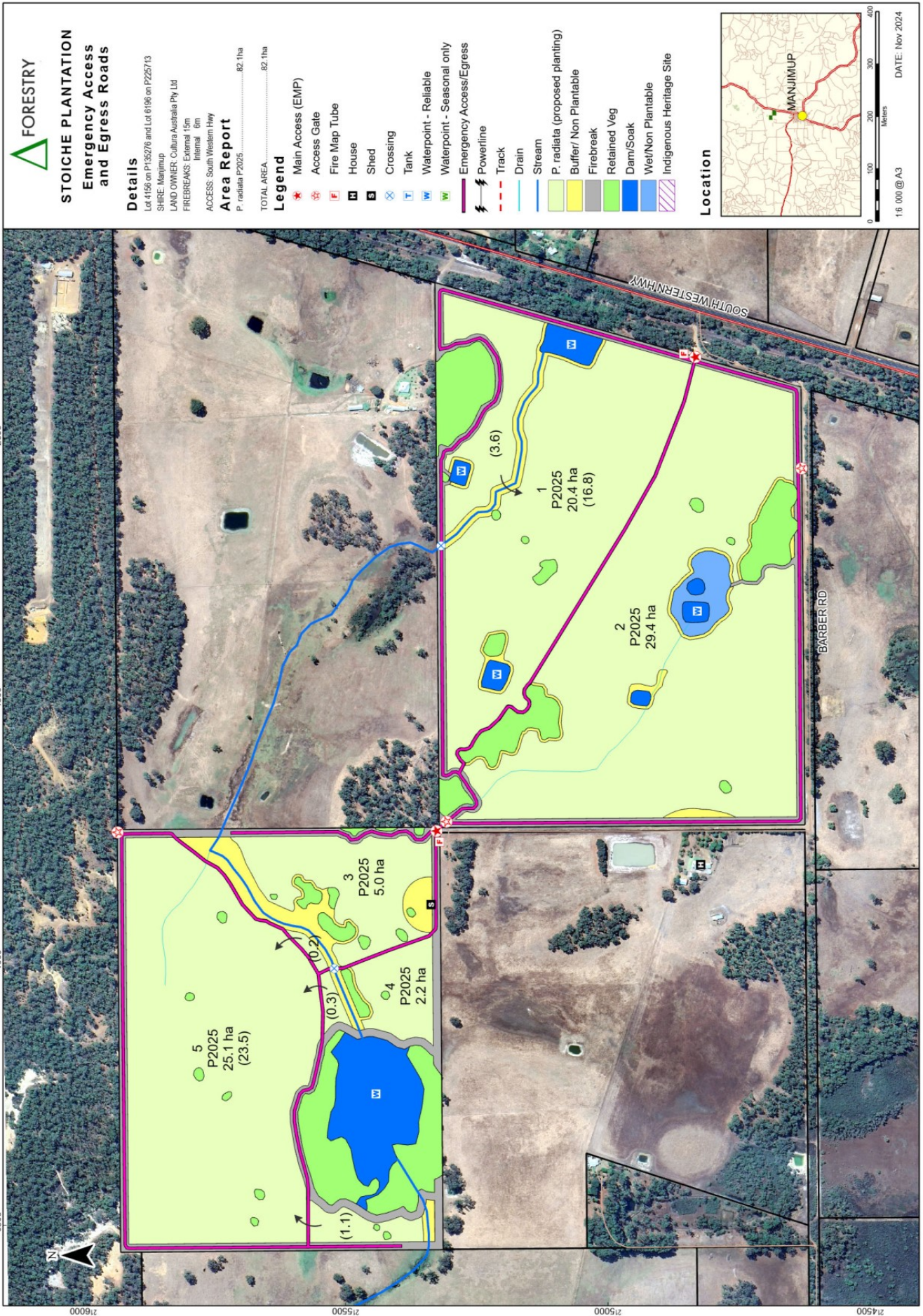
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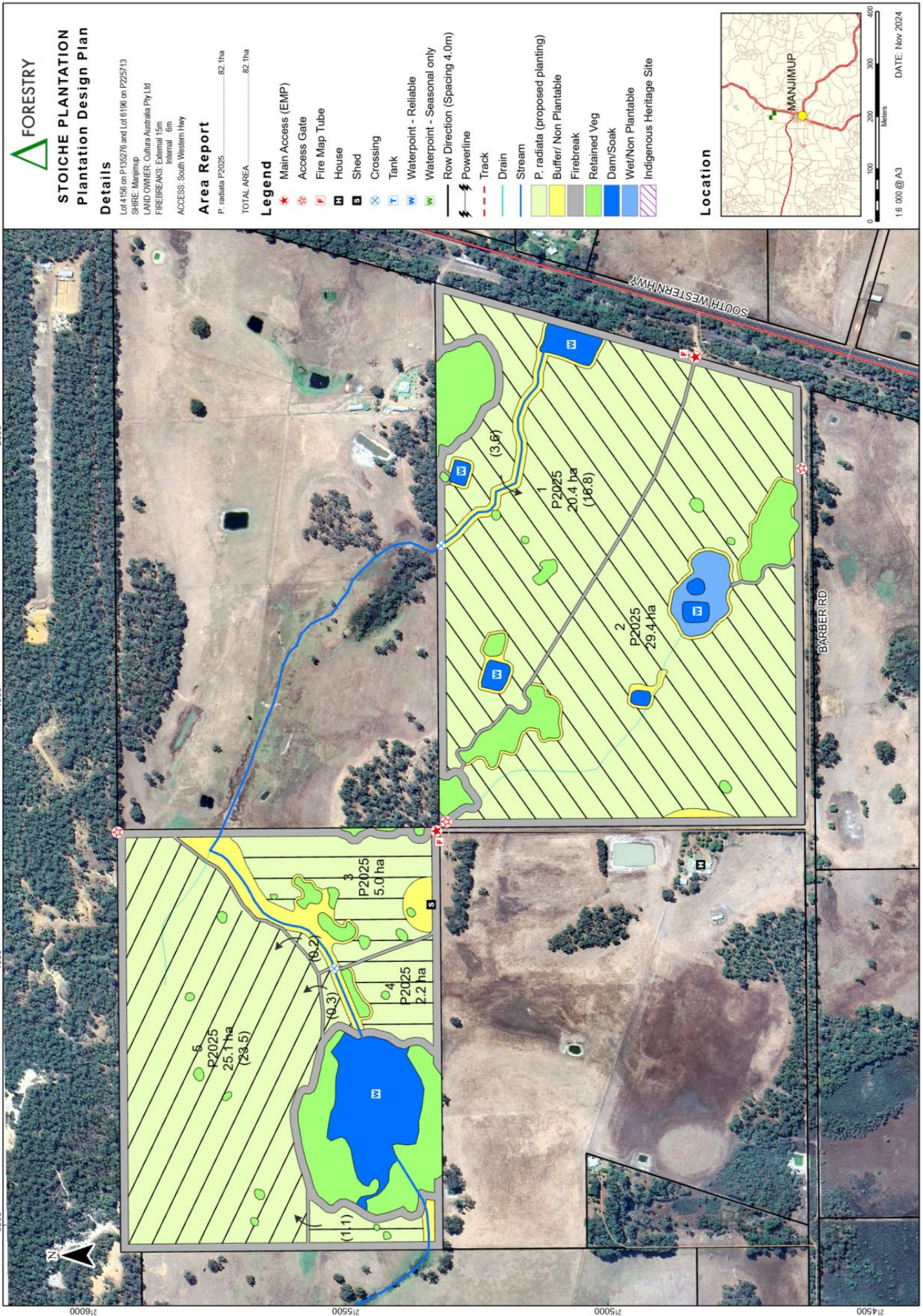


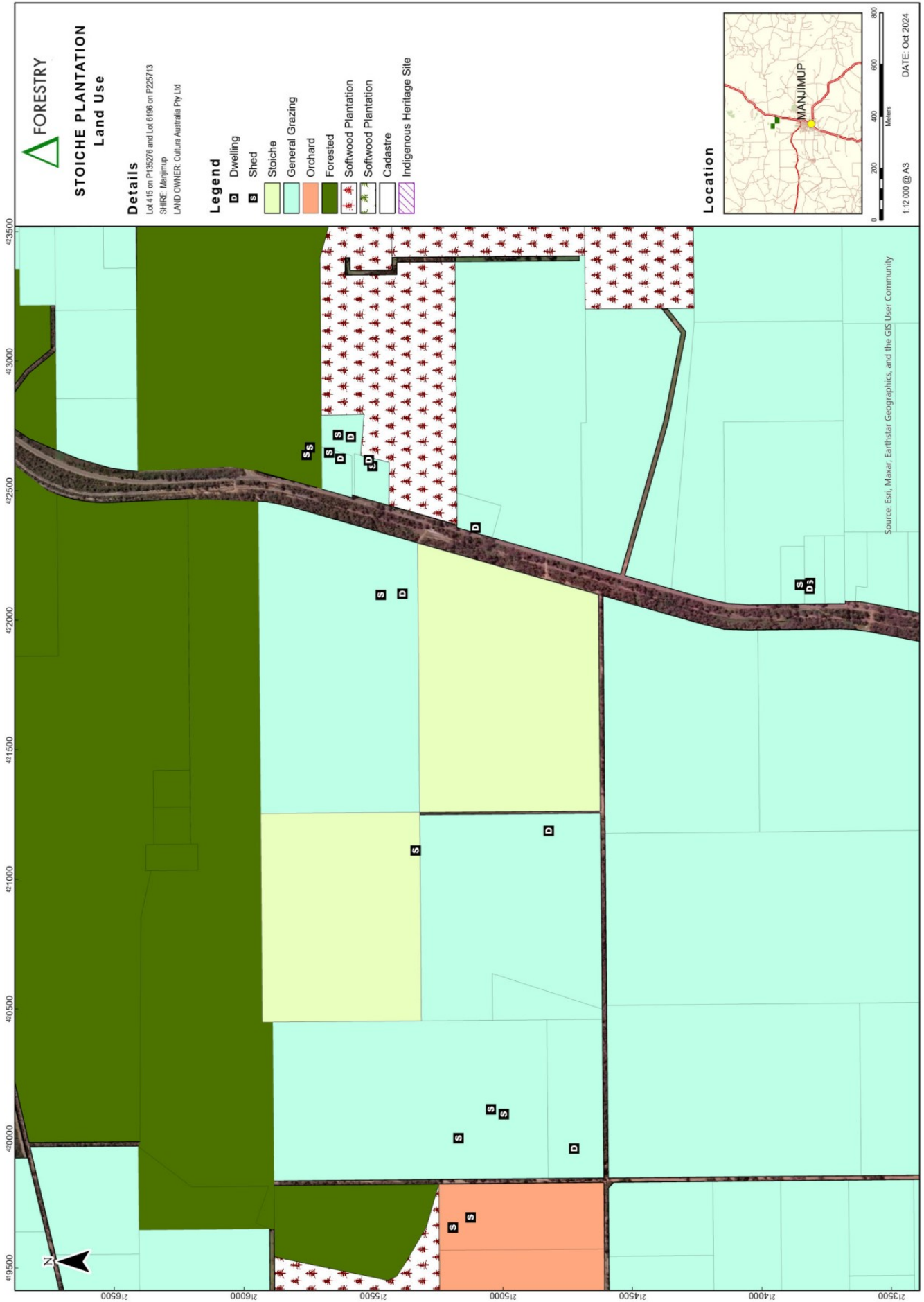












Delta Forestry Operation Restrictions during Fire Danger Period

Region	Operation	Forecast Fire Danger Ratings (Fire Behaviour Index)			
		<12 No rating	12-23 Moderate	24-49 High	50-99 Extreme
	All operations within the managed estate.	No restrictions required.		The fire risk of all operations should be considered in the regions. Managers should consider ceasing operations by 1500 hours or earlier if the Fire Behaviour Index is expected to be >=40.	No Total Fire Ban in place, operations cease 1200 hours. Operations suspended for all 24hrs of the Total Fire Ban. No approval will be given to return to work until after the Total Fire Ban is over.
Blackwood				Operations can continue beyond 1200 hrs where local weather conditions are recorded and considered satisfactory.	Operations can continue beyond 1200 hrs where local weather conditions are recorded and considered satisfactory by the Forest Manager in consultation with the Duty Officer.
Capes				Operations can continue beyond 1200 hrs where local weather conditions are recorded and considered satisfactory.	Operations can continue beyond 1200 hrs where local weather conditions are recorded and considered satisfactory by the Forest Manager in consultation with the Duty Officer.
Southern Forests				Operations can continue beyond 1200 hrs where local weather conditions are recorded and considered satisfactory.	Operations can continue beyond 1200 hrs where local weather conditions are recorded and considered satisfactory by the Forest Manager in consultation with the Duty Officer.
Stirling West				Operations can continue beyond 1200 hrs where local weather conditions are recorded and considered satisfactory.	Operations can continue beyond 1200 hrs where local weather conditions are recorded and considered satisfactory by the Forest Manager in consultation with the Duty Officer.

All operations subject to declared harvest and vehicle movement bans.

The Chief Executive Officer,  
Shire of Manjimup,  
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**RE: Comment on Development proposal Lot 4156 Luke Rd Ringbark and 6196 Barber Rd, Ringbark**

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on the proposed development on both the north and east sides of our property.

We object most strongly to the proposed development for the following reasons:

**Fire management.**

The Forest Management Plan provided by the proponent shows an area immediately east of our property of nearly fifty hectares of *P. radiata* (pine). The Plan shows a setback in the plantation to comply with the plantation standard of 100m buffer from structures that relates to our home. Given that prevailing summer winds are easterly and pine as a species are prone to burn hot and fierce in wildfire conditions we think that the proposed setback to our property is completely inadequate.

Section 12 of the Forest Management Plan states that "The level of risk to the wider community is not any greater than currently observed." We believe that this is an inaccurate claim. The level of risk to us at present is one of being subject to what amounts to a grass fire from the east with flame heights of two to three metres. If this plantation is approved, we will have the threat of fire coming at us from trees up to forty metres high with a flame height of up to twenty metres above that. With a setback of only 100m we have little chance of surviving that intensity of heat. The fire management plan concedes that "given *P. radiata* is not tolerant of severe fire." (Section 14). In plain English this means they burn hot and fiercely!

It is our contention that the proposed plantation poses an unacceptable danger to our survival in the event of a fire.

**Emergency egress.**

The District Context Plan (As part of the Plantation Management Plan) shows, quite rightly that Luke and then Barber Roads are our only egress to South West Highway to escape any fire approaching from the east. Given the comments above on potential fire behaviour in pine, that route, in a fire situation would be suicidal. We would, in effect, be trapped in our house 100m from an inferno with no options for escape.

It is our contention that the plantation in relation to our property and the road access available will put us in extreme danger in the event of fire.

**Fire water**

The Fire Management Plan indicates that the property has “water points have a combined estimated capacity of 16,800 kilolitres”. This estimate is in all likelihood of peak water holding at the end of spring. By later in summer, after wildlife and evaporation have reduced that amount, there may be only half that amount during the hot, fire danger months of January and February. This may be further reduced by silvicultural practices of weed spraying, undertaken in spring that will erode the water supply further.

While this water supply would be adequate in the early years of the plantation, any review of plantations after some years will show that with lowering of the water table and reduced surface run off will leave most dams in plantations either at very low levels or indeed even dry.

It is our contention that the properties do not contain adequate water on site for fire suppression in the future.

#### **Reduced water availability**

With the proposed plantation within 50m of our main water supply dam, we have major concerns about the impact of future availability of water. In a drying climate our dam has failed to fill in recent years and with the proposed plantation lowering the surrounding water table we have grave fears for availability of water for our farming operations in future years.

Section 7 of the Forest Management Plan discussing water management on the site is carefully worded to avoid mentioning the inevitable lowering of the water table that will affect surrounding farms (including ours) ability to harvest water for farming operations. As discussed above, the experience of other plantations is that not only is surface water flow reduced substantially, but so is the local water table.

It is our contention that this plantation over the long term will adversely affect the water table level, and impact severely on our ability to maintain farming operations on our property.

#### **Feral species.**

The nature of plantations allows for the buildup of vermin species. Shelter, food and lack of control by absent management means that in most cases species like kangaroos, foxes, rabbits and now even pigs multiply in numbers in the plantation. Once feed and water supplies are exhausted within the plantation these animals seek neighbouring properties for their needs. This can cause an explosion of unwanted animals destroying fences, eating pasture and hunting farm stock. The Forest Management Plan under Section 8 suggests that vermin control will be carried out by “Trapping, baiting and professional shooting.” Evidence from other landowners adjoining plantations suggest that the management of feral species by plantation management is either very poor or non-existent.

It is our contention that plantations established on two sides of our property will significantly increase the need for vermin control by those of us that actually live here.

#### **Conclusion**

We believe that the proposed development will negatively impact the quiet enjoyment we are entitled to on our property. We further believe that in the event of fire we will be exposed to unreasonable and horrific danger due to the nature of the proposed development.

We respectfully request that our objections are noted by the Shire planning staff when developing their recommendation to Council and that a copy of our objection is made available to all Councillors.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours Sincerely,

Ryan & Narelle Bosley

20<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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 PO Box 1  
 Manjimup WA 6258

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25<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**RE: Comment on Development proposal Lot 4156 Luke Rd Ringbark and 6196 Barber Rd, Ringbark**

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on the proposed development on east side of our property. We object most strongly to the proposed development for the following reasons:

**Reduced water availability**

With the proposed plantation within meters of current drainage to stock dams and underground water supply, we have major concerns about the impact of future availability of water (Figure 1). So much so we have commissioned a geophysical baseline survey as a baseline study in this area as well as the area to the west where water bores support avocado irrigation in lieu of dam and surface water. In a drying climate our dam has failed to fill in recent years and with the proposed plantation lowering the surrounding water table we will have baseline data to document availability of water for our farming operations in future years.

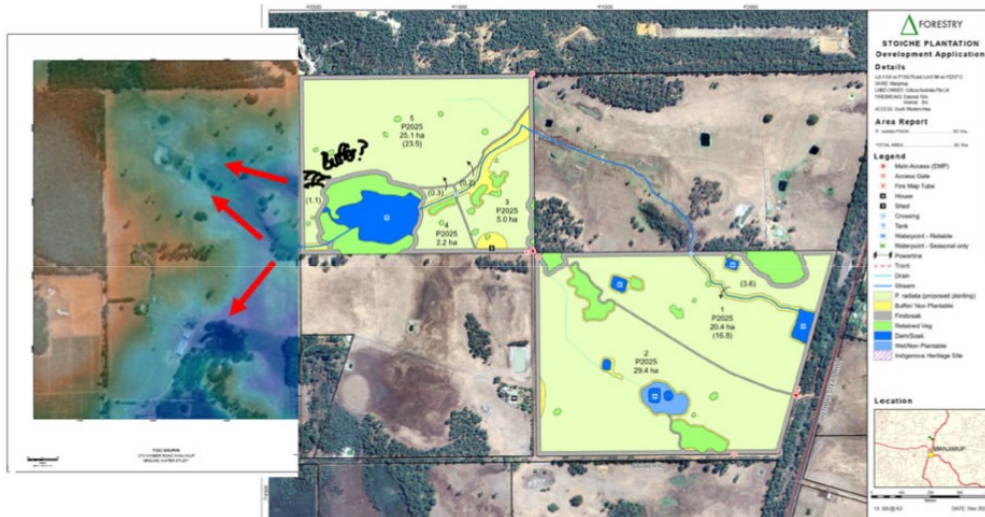


Figure 1 – Proposed planation plan with water drainage effecting Bourne property.



Section 7 of the Forest Management Plan discussing water management on the site doesn't mention lowering of the water table that will affect surrounding farms' ability to harvest water for farming operations. As discussed above, the experience of other plantations is that not only is surface water flow reduced substantially, but so is the local water table. The plan even fails restrict plantation on water migration pathways.

It is our contention that this plantation over the long term will adversely affect the water table level, and impact severely on our ability to maintain the current capacity of farming operations on our property. We are so concerned that a baseline geophysical study has already been completed by Terra Resources Pty Ltd.

#### **Fire management.**

The Forest Management Plan provided by the proponent shows an area immediately east of our property of nearly fifty hectares of *P. radiata* (pine). Given that prevailing summer winds are easterly and pine as a species are prone to burn hot and fierce in wildfire conditions, we think that the proposed standard firebreak adjacent to our property is completely inadequate. Section 12 of the Forest Management Plan states that "The level of risk to the wider community is not any greater than currently observed." We believe that this is an inaccurate claim.

It is our contention that the proposed plantation poses an unacceptable danger to our property in the event of a fire.

#### **Fire water**

The Fire Management Plan indicates that the property has "water points have a combined estimated capacity of 16,800 kilolitres". This estimate is in all likelihood of peak water holding at the end of spring. By later in summer, after wildlife and evaporation have reduced that amount, there may be only half that amount during the hot, fire danger months of January and February.

While this water supply would be adequate in the early years of the plantation, any review of plantations after some years will show that with lowering of the water table and reduced surface run off will leave most dams in plantations either at very low levels or indeed even dry.

It is our contention that the properties do not contain adequate water on site for fire suppression in the future.

#### **Feral species.**

The nature of plantations allows for the buildup of vermin species. Shelter, food and lack of control by absent management means that in most cases species like kangaroos, foxes, rabbits and now even pigs multiply in numbers in the plantation environment. Once feed and water supplies are exhausted within the plantation these animals seek neighbouring properties for their needs. This can cause an explosion of unwanted animals destroying fences, eating pasture and hunting farm stock. The Forest Management Plan under Section 8 suggests that vermin control will be carried out by "Trapping, baiting and professional shooting." Evidence from other landowners adjoining plantations suggest that the management of feral species by plantation management is either very poor or non-existent.

It is our contention that plantations established adjacent to our property will significantly increase the need for vermin control by those of us that live here.

**Conclusion**

We believe that the proposed development will negatively impact on water availability and the future commercial viability of our property. We further believe that in the event of fire we will be exposed to unreasonable and danger due to the nature of the proposed development.

We respectfully request that our objections are noted by the Shire planning staff when developing their recommendation to Council and that a copy of our objection is made available to all Councillors.

Thank you for your consideration,

Yours Sincerely,

Trevor and Carmel Bourne

19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

The Chief Executive Officer  
Shire of Manjimup  
PO Box 1  
Manjimup WA 6258

Dear Sir

**RE: COMMENT ON DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL LOT 4156 LUKE ROAD, RINGBARK AND 6196 BARBER ROAD, RINGBARK**

Thank you for the opportunity to make comment on the above proposal.

Our farm borders the south and west side of the proposed plantation.

I am writing to express my growing concern regarding the proposed plantation project that is planned to take place next door to our property. As a long-time resident of this area, I have witnessed significant changes in the local environment, particularly with regards to water resources, and I am deeply worried about the potential impact this project may have on the already strained water levels.

Over the past few years, I have observed a troubling trend where our dams have been gradually drying up. In recent years, the water levels in our dams have steadily decreased, and despite our best efforts to manage and conserve water, the situation appears to be worsening. The reduced rainfall have only exacerbated the issue, and there is a real concern that further stress on the local water supply could have serious consequences for both the natural environment and our farming.

Given that large-scale plantations can require significant amounts of water for irrigation and maintenance, I fear that this new project could place even more pressure on the already limited water resources. The potential impact of this plantation is a matter of great concern, and I believe it warrants careful consideration.

I kindly request that you take into account the current water shortages and the delicate balance of our local water systems before proceeding with the project.

We request that our objections are noted by the Shire planning staff when developing their recommendations to Council and that a copy of our objection is made available to all Councillors.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Graham Chatley

**Jocelyn Baister**

**From:** Corridor Planning <corridorplanning@arcinfra.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 January 2025 11:28 AM  
**To:** Kelli Summerfield  
**Subject:** FW: Referral for advice for Development Application DA24/208  
**Attachments:** Arc Infrastructure Referral.pdf; Fire Management Plan - Redacted.pdf; Forest Management Plan - Redacted.pdf

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Hi Kelli,

Arc has no comment as this line is non-operational.

Kind regards

**Liz Bryant**  
 Commercial & Contracts Officer

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**From:** Kelli Summerfield <[kelli.summerfield@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:kelli.summerfield@manjimup.wa.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 January 2025 4:17 PM  
**To:** Communications <[Communications@arcinfra.com](mailto:Communications@arcinfra.com)>  
**Subject:** Referral for advice for Development Application DA24/208

Good afternoon,

Please find attached a referral for advice for Development Application DA24/208 – Proposed New Plantation – Lot 4156 Luke Road, Ringbark, and Lot 6196 Barber Road, Ringbark.

Kind regards,

**Kelli Summerfield**  
 Planning Administration Officer



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*The Shire of Manjimup respectfully acknowledges the Noongar people as the Traditional Custodians of the lands in which we work throughout the region and we pay our respects to their Elders, past and present.*



Our Ref: D37952  
Your Ref: DA24/208

Kelli Summerfield  
Shire of Manjimup  
[kelli.summerfield@manjimup.wa.gov.au](mailto:kelli.summerfield@manjimup.wa.gov.au)

Dear Ms Summerfield

**RE: LOT 4156 LUKE ROAD AND LOT 6196 BARBER ROAD, RINGBARK – PROPOSED NEW PLANTATION – DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION**

I refer to your email dated 8 January 2025 regarding the submission of a Forest Management Plan and a Fire Management Plan (FMP), both prepared by Delta Forestry, for the above development application.

This advice relates only to the FESA *Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection 2011* (Plantation Guidelines).

It is the responsibility of the proponent to ensure the proposal complies with relevant planning and building requirements. This advice does not exempt the applicant/proponent from obtaining approvals that apply to the proposal including planning, building, health or any other approvals required by a relevant authority under written laws.

**Assessment**

- DFES acknowledges that the development application seeks approval for the establishment of a *P. radiata* softwood plantation and the Shire of Manjimup is seeking comments of the technical details relating to bushfire.
- The plantation is partially located within an area designated as bushfire prone.
- The plantation is considered to involve an intensification of land use due to the change of use, presence of onsite workers and maturity of vegetation over long timeframes.
- Based on the submitted documentation, it is unclear whether the existing shed on the subject site is habitable. If the proposal contains any habitable buildings, then the requirements of *State Planning Policy 3.7: Bushfire* (SPP 3.7) and associated *Planning for Bushfire Guidelines* will need to be addressed.
- Further clarification is required within the FMP as outlined in our assessment below.

**Assessment against the Guidelines for Plantation Fire Protection 2011**

Topic	Assessment
<b>Plantation Fire Protection Specifications</b>	<p><b>4.3 Water Supplies</b></p> <p>The FMP states that the property has several water points including irrigation channels and dams, with a combined estimated capacity of 16,800 kilolitres and are labelled with 'W' on the plantation map. The plantation map further categorises these water points as 'reliable' and 'seasonal only'; however, the definition of 'reliable' has not been provided.</p>

	The use of a dam as a water source would not be supported as 'reliable' unless the proposal is accompanied by a hydrology report which demonstrates that the water level would be maintained above the highest fire brigade suction points in perpetuity.
<b>Equipment and Training</b>	<b>5.1 Equipment</b> The FMP states that it contains a firefighting equipment register that complies with the Plantation Guidelines. However, the equipment register does not appear to be included in the submitted documentation. DFES recommends that the firefighting equipment register be included in the FMP to remove any ambiguity.

**Recommendation - Compliance with Guidelines not demonstrated – modifications required**

Consideration should be given to modifying the FMP to comply with the Plantation Guidelines as listed in the above table. The FMP should provide a more detailed assessment of the following, to the satisfaction of the decision maker.

- Plantation Fire Protection Specifications.
- Equipment and Training

As per section 9.2 of the *Planning for Bushfire Guidelines*, could the Shire please inform the Office of Bushfire Risk Assessment (OBRM) at [obrm@dfes.wa.gov.au](mailto:obrm@dfes.wa.gov.au), of any approval of this development for consideration in the next revision of the Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas.

If you require further information, please contact Senior Land Use Planning Officer – Sean He on telephone number 9395 9702.

Yours sincerely



**Desmond Abel**  
**DIRECTOR LAND USE PLANNING**  
17 February 2025

**Jocelyn Baister**

**From:** Brendan Kelly <brendan.kelly@dwer.wa.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 February 2025 1:19 PM  
**To:** Info  
**Cc:** Jocelyn Baister  
**Subject:** Development Application - Proposed New Plantation - Lot 4156 Luke Road & Lot 6196 Barber Road, Ringbark, Shire of Manjimup

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5 February 2025

Our Reference: PA69394, DWERT920-2~119

Your Reference: DA24/208, TP2024/207, P56186

To: Shire of Manjimup

From: Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Attention: Jocelyn Baister

Dear Jocelyn,

RE: Development Application - Proposed New Plantation - Lot 4156 Luke Road & Lot 6196 Barber Road, Ringbark, Shire of Manjimup

Thank you for referring this Development Application (DA) for the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (Department) to consider.

It is noted that the DA is supported by documentation, including: *'Forest Management Plan (Stoiche Plantation), Delta Forestry, December 2024'* (DELTA).

The Department has identified that the proposal has the potential for impact on environmental and water resource values and management. Key issues and recommendations are provided below, and these matters should be addressed:

### 1. Issue: Native Vegetation

**Advice:** Under section 51C of the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act), clearing of native vegetation is an offence unless:

- it is undertaken under the authority of a clearing permit,

- it is done after the person has received notice under Section 51DA(5) that a clearing permit is not required,
- the clearing is subject to an exemption.

Exemptions for clearing that are a requirement of written law, or authorised under certain statutory processes, are contained in Schedule 6 of the EP Act. Exemptions for low impact routine land management practices outside of environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) are contained in the 'Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004' (the Clearing Regulations). Although it is understood that no native vegetation will be cleared to establish the proposed plantation, an Advice Note advising of the clearing Regulations is recommended.

**Comment:** The Clearing Regulations support the retention and protection of native vegetation. If further clarification is required, please contact the Department's Native Vegetation Regulation section by email [admin.nvp@dwer.wa.gov.au](mailto:admin.nvp@dwer.wa.gov.au) or by telephone 6364 7098.

## 2. Issue: Erosion & Sediment

**Advice:** It is recommended that the DA be conditioned to comply with the '*Forest Management Plan (Stoiche Plantation), Delta Forestry, December 2024*'.

**Comment:** DELTA specifies management criteria. The property has a low-moderate erosion risk rating and planting, and cultivation will be aligned 'off contour' to slow the rate of fall and accumulation of water where required. Best practise measures that prevent, erosion and the runoff of sediment, nutrients and other pollutants into waterways should apply in all site management.

In the event there are modifications to the proposal that may have implications on aspects of environment and/or water management, the Department should be notified to enable the implications to be assessed. Should you require any further information on the comments please contact Brendan Kelly on 97264194

**Brendan Kelly**  
 Senior Natural Resource Management Officer  
 Department of Water & Environmental Regulation,  
 Planning Advice, South West Region  
 Telephone: 08 97264194 | Mobile: 0407219515  
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*Work days are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, however I am available on the mobile most times.*

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## Floyd In The Forest

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### Floyd In The Forest

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### What to expect

Join us for a night under the Stars at Mudstone Spa Retreat as 'Comfortably Numb' performs the hits of Pink Floyd.

Bring your deck chairs or picnic blanket and grab a patch of lawn to enjoy this gorgeous outdoor concert surrounded by the grand Karri forests of the Warren National Park.

Mudstone Spa Retreat is just 12 minutes north of the beautiful townsite of Pemberton.

Entry to the Retreat is from 5pm via Hawke Road, off the Old Vasse Road. Sunset is at 6:30pm so please arrive early enough to park in daylight hours and setup your cozy area.

Band commences at 7pm for two epic 90minute sets. Drinks are not available on-site so 'BYO'. Some food vans will be available on-site for snacks but feel free to BYO food as well. Established in 2017, nine musicians set about recreating some of the classic tracks from British supergroup Pink Floyd!

The group consists of well known Perth guitarist Hans Francis on Lead guitar, Rob Pring on lead vocals, Nando Ellul on Saxophone, Gwyn Perrett on keyboards, Dave Alonso on drums, Serge Vujanovic on bass guitar, Andy Wiczorek on lead and acoustic guitars, Janis Cullen and Dee McIntyre on backing vocals. In 2021 they were joined by Lighting Designer and Production Manager, Graham Piper.

This band will take you back in time on an incredible musical journey with a Floydian light show that will leave you wanting more!



**EVENT DETAILS**

All images captured from Mudstone Spa Retreat's Facebook page.

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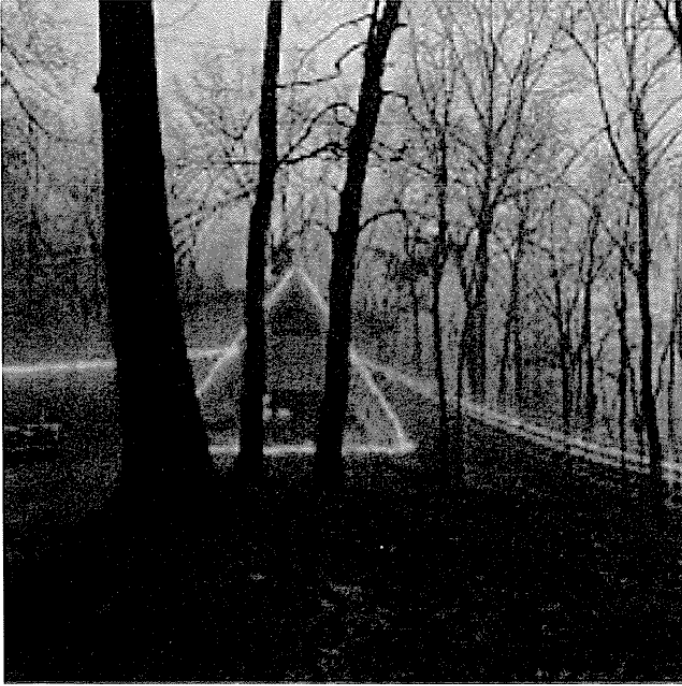
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**Detailed concerns regarding the “Floyd in the Forest” event being held by Greg and Joy Hamlin on 22 March (the “Event”) at Mudstone Spa Retreat, 21 Hawke Road, Yeagarup (the “Event Site”).**

**Noise Management - History**

Music from this year’s NYE event was audible by neighbours over 2km away until 3am in the morning. The music (particularly the base from the DJ set) from this year’s NYE event was so loud that pictures were rattling on our bedroom wall at 3am

**Noise Management – the Event**

Based on previous outdoor NYE events held at the property, it is clearly impossible for the noise from such events to be constrained to the Event Site.

Nuisance noise from the Event potentially includes:

- Bump-in (day prior/day of event):
  - Trucks arriving to deliver event equipment such as stages, marquees, temporary toilets, fencing (engines revving and idling, reverse beacons, lifting equipment).
  - Construction of temporary structures (stages, marquees, fences etc.).
  - Sound checks for the band.
  - Catering trucks set-up and food prep (generator/engines, cooking noise etc.).
- Event
  - Patron arrival/departure – cars, buses, limousines etc. idling in a queue to access the Event Site and park. Doors/boots slamming, patron voices.
  - Catering truck serving food (voices, generators/engines, cooking noise etc.).
  - Loud, amplified band/DJ music.
- After Party
  - Loud, amplified music from any potential ‘private’ after-party event with friends/performers etc.
- Bump-out (night of event/day after):
  - Trucks arriving to collect event equipment (engines revving and idling, reverse beacons, lifting equipment).
  - De-construction of temporary structures.
  - Event Site rubbish clean-up (glass container collection, bins/skips being filled/emptied etc.).

### **Odour Management**

Unpleasant odours from temporary toilets, smoking and catering trucks are likely to impact immediate neighbours that are down-wind.

### **Crowd Control/Anti-social Behaviour**

- The Event is advertised as BYO alcohol. Without the 'sale' of alcohol, the Event falls outside the scope of the Liquor Control Act 1988 and therefore does not have a legislative requirement for Responsible Service of Alcohol and harm reduction/management of intoxication.
- The Event Site is insecure with no permanent or naturally defined boundaries and it would be possible/plausible for:
  - large groups of un-ticketed gatecrashers to access the event; and
  - intoxicated patrons/gatecrashers to stray onto neighbouring properties (working farms with open dams) or onto unlit gravel roads.
- The Event Site is secluded, tucked away and 'out of sight', which (due to a perceived low risk of being caught) may embolden patrons to consume illicit drugs.
- Patrons littering the surrounding areas when leaving the Event Site.

### **Traffic Management**

- Lack of cleared space on property to provide adequate parking for [*currently unknown*] number of cars, buses, charter vehicles etc.
- Long queues of vehicles waiting to enter/exit the Event Site bottlenecking the intersection of Old Vasse Highway and Hawke Road, impacting resident access to their properties and prohibiting fast access for emergency service vehicles.

### **Emergency Management**

- The Event Site is situated in a designated Bushfire Prone Area and it and its surrounds are densely forested with thick undergrowth. There is a risk of patrons inappropriately discarding cigarette butts and starting a fire. This risk increases significantly with intoxicated persons.
- The location of the Event Site and potential for traffic bottlenecking at the Old Vasse Highway/Hawke Road intersection would make it difficult to evacuate large numbers of patrons in a timely manner. This congestion will also impede residents trying to evacuate and emergency services trying to access Old Vasse Highway/Hawke Road.
- Patrons transported to the Event Site in large busses or other commercial vehicles (that may not stay on the Event Site for the duration of the Event) will be a burden to

evacuate as will patrons who arrive on foot from surrounding accommodation and may be too intoxicated to drive themselves out safely.

- Lack of any street or other general lighting in the area increases the risk of accidents when evacuating.

#### **Moral/Ethical Integrity of the Event Hosts**

- Putting tickets up for sale to public prior to receiving Shire approval for the Event indicates a contempt for due process and the laws and regulations designed to ensure that events are appropriate and safe for patrons and the surrounding community.
- Putting tickets up for sale to the public without first speaking to neighbours indicates a complete disregard for the impact of their activities on other people/residents.

**Gail Ipsen Cutts**

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**From:** . . .  
**Sent:** Sunday, 19 January 2025 12:22 PM  
**To:** Samantha Royer  
**Subject:** Concern re advertised event

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
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Hello Samantha

My husband and I have concerns about an \$80 per head ticketed event we recently saw advertised through Facebook. The event is "Floyd in the Forest" [REDACTED] to [REDACTED]

Firstly, we question the impact on our local environment - fire risk, noise, pollution, traffic, alcohol consumption, camping in the forest, etc. A ticketed event held at the same location for New Year's Eve produced music till midnight the night before and music till about 3am following NYE - audible over 2km away. We also noted vehicles parked in bush and verges adjacent to the site. As a one-time celebration, we did not respond.

We are wondering if events at the Hawke Rd venue will be regular - how many and how frequently will they occur? Sadly, we and our immediate neighbours had no prior knowledge or forewarning of the "Floyd in the Forest" event till we saw it advertised - certainly no-one consulted or asked our opinions of it - to this day.

We hope that Shire will inform us if there are plans for any rezoning or regulatory changes that will affect us in this area.

Thank you for considering our concerns and we trust that you will maintain our confidentiality.

Best wishes



Samantha Royer

Shire of Manjimup

Events management team

Yeagarup WA 6260

Dear Samantha,

RE: Mudstone Day Spa musical events

We are writing to express our concerns about the rumour that 'Mudstone Day Spa' have plans to hold regular musical events at their property on Hawke Road Yeagarup. That an event has already been advertised 'Floyd in the Forest' without any consultation or approval from council or surrounding neighbours, seems to have mounting evidence (Facebook advertising and correspondence to council from our

As resident's on Hawke Road [REDACTED] we can clearly hear their loud music going on at their New Year's Eve annual event. We have double glazed windows and this year we could clearly hear the music distinctly within our home. Being only a once-a-year phenomenon we put up with it as a neighbourly gesture. The fact is if this were to become anything other than an annual event, council would have an obligation to provide infrastructure and safety protocols for the Hawke Road and Old Vasse Road residents.

This event overloads the limited resources in this area by the increase in car traffic and the subsequent population explosion. In previous years we have had 'strange' people ducking into the bush 'hiding' and people with campervans trying to access our property for accommodation sites. As we run an avocado orchard and truffle farm we have a heightened awareness for biosecurity risks which this seems to pose.

We are at a loss as to why the Pemberton Pool or Big Brook Dam are not considered to hold these types of events, being that many Pemberton citizens have worked very hard over the years to bring these venues to a level that accommodates such events.

We would like to convey our 'no' vote to holding any musical event at Mudstone Day Spa.

Yours sincerely

## Gail Ipsen Cutts

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 January 2025 7:25 PM  
**To:** Samantha Royer  
**Cc:** Gail Ipsen Cutts  
**Subject:** Event Objection - Mudstone Retreat (Floyd in the Forest) - 22 March 2025  
**Attachments:** Event Details.pdf; Detailed Concerns.pdf

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Hello Samantha,

Further to the email trail below and my conversation with Ms Ipsen-Cutts on Thursday 16 January, my husband and I would like to submit to the Shire our concerns regarding the "Floyd in the Forest" event being held by Greg and Joy Hamlin on 22 March (the "Event") at Mudstone Spa Retreat, 21 Hawke Road, Yeagarup (the "Event Site") (please see attached details of the event).

To date, we have not had any direct communication from the Hamlins regarding the Event and it is my understanding that a Temporary Event Application has not yet been received by the Shire. We can therefore only address our concerns in a general manner, based on information currently available to the public. For example, we do not know how many tickets are available/the number of patrons they are hoping will attend.

The Yeagarup neighbourhood of Old Vasse Highway and Hawke Road is a small hamlet zoned Priority Agriculture and is comprised of low impact tourist accommodation and farms. The area is bounded by national parks and is a very quiet, peaceful, serene and relaxing place to live. It's a place where residents do not feel the need to lock their doors at night and people live in gentle harmony with the natural forest surrounds.

We feel very strongly that any high-risk, loud and disruptive events held at the Event Site will have a grossly detrimental effect on the general amenity of the area. [REDACTED] it is **entirely unreasonable and untenable** for us to endure the impact of such events on any sort of regular or recurring schedule.

We further note that high-risk, loud and disruptive events are not an approved use under the Priority Agriculture zoning and are **entirely inconsistent** with the intent of this zoning category. Approval of the Event will set a precedent for approval of similar future events at the Event Site and at other inappropriate locations throughout the Shire.

We have attached a document which addresses our concerns in more detail and we respectfully thank you in advance for your time in considering our objection to the Event.

Yours sincerely,

YEAGARUP

**Gail Ipsen Cutts**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** Monday, 10 February 2025 9:17 PM  
**To:** Samantha Royer; Gail Ipsen Cutts  
**Subject:** Invitation to provide comment

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Hello Samantha & Gail

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to the proposal for "Floyd in the Forest" at Hawke Road.

Over the years music has been played on Greg Hamlyn's property and this has been tolerated knowing that it was only once a year and not a commercial business. The proposal does not state or make clear that this is a one-off event and that for the remainder of the year it will be quiet -just the way that some residents prefer.

Pemberton has natural venues to use for such events eg the football oval, the basketball courts in the sports club and the swimming pool area. If there is an issue about licensing alcohol, the sports club and oval would be suitable. Further to that these venues provide infrastructure which already exists; parking, toilets, security, proximity to police station, hospital and fire service.

I am happy to accept that this event is a one off and that there will be no further proposals being considered in the future.


I object to any further music applications other than the New Year's event.

Regards

Hawke Rd  
Pemberton

## Gail Ipsen Cutts

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**From:**   
**Sent:** Tuesday, 11 February 2025 3:09 PM  
**To:** Info  
**Subject:** Comment on event proposal Hawke Rd Yeagarup

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Attention Gail Ipsen Cutts

Dear Madam,

As a resident of Hawke Road, Yeagarup, I have recently been informed by the Shire of Manjimup that there is an event proposal at Mudstone Spa Retreat requested for 22 March 2025. I understand that they have applied for a temporary permit, and I hereby state my objections to this proposal.

1. Noise issues. The proposal states that the concert commences at 5pm and continues until 10pm.

The reality being that all concerts require setting up, therefore there will be noise associated with trucks, deliveries, staging, temporary toilets, food vans etc., the day of and most likely the days leading up to the concert. Then there is the bump-out, dismantling of equipment, removal of rubbish and other infrastructure, which could go on into the late hours of the evening and most likely the next day as well. So, lots of noise outside of the proposed times.

Also, I recently experienced a 'Mudstone New Years Eve' concert as a Neighbour. We were not notified about this event, which went on until 3 am with loud music. It was at such a level that we turned off our own music inside the house as we could not compete with theirs. I don't mind a private party, but that was loud! They again held a subsequent party the next night until after 12am. I am concerned that "Mudstone" aren't really considerate of their Neighbour's wellbeing at all.

2. Another concern is traffic management, and the impact of extra crowds and traffic. Their map shows limited parking, will there enough parking on site or would vehicles be spread along the roads surrounding? This could impact the natural environment and Neighbours' accessibility. There would be an increased risk of fire at such an event which could be disastrous in a Karri forest. How would this effect accessibility for Neighbours and patrons if there was any kind of emergency?
3. I have concerns regarding crowd control as BYO alcohol (as advertised), would mean no RSA which could result in anti-social behaviour which could affect the natural environment and Residents/Neighbours. It appears that if Mudstone were to succeed in getting a permit for this event, they no doubt intend to seek permits for future events. It appears that they intend to sell alcohol on site in the future as their Facebook page displays photos of their "New bar already under construction". This suggests an assumption by them that getting an event license could be a foregone conclusion.

4. All of this will have an undesirable effect on us as Neighbours. It will have a detrimental effect on the natural environment, disturbing valuable wildlife as the site is in close proximity to the Warren National Park and a farming community.
5. I question the integrity of the organisers who have advertised tickets for sale to the 'Floyd in the Forest' event prior to securing a temporary permit. I understand that a condition of a permit is that Residents/Neighbours must be consulted. We have not been informed or consulted about their previous events/parties. This signifies that they are not concerned about any inconvenience or disturbance to Residents/Neighbours or the natural environment.

I object to public events being held in this area so close to a National Park as it is entirely inappropriate for all the reasons mentioned above. I hope that the council will listen seriously to the concerns of rate-paying residents and not grant permits to Mudstone to hold this or any other regular events in our area. Thank you for your consideration of my objections.

Yours sincerely,



Yeagarup

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Dear Gail,

I know I'm a bit past the 5pm cutoff but I hope you'll listen anyway because I was at work. I know, should have handled it earlier in the week, Just busy.

I have no objection per se, because I know that this region relies on tourism, including some of my neighbours, and the visitors are always looking for interesting things to do. And one could argue a Pink Floyd concert event is cultural, and boy could the Shire use more of that.

I do however have a mild concern, which would be a big one if it comes to pass.

I can accept that on Saturday night, March 22nd it will be loud. Actually I've been neighbours with Greg Hamlyn for years and his New Years Even parties are local legend, if you're into that sort of thing, so having noisy events there has many precepts over the years. And I'm OK with that. Every night would be another matter of course, but once a year, I understand.

To my concern. Many non-locals will be here for the concert. Old Vasse Road is a very low crime area, as is true of most of the Manji Shire. Clean too, so bulk rubbish left around that place would be bad. But primarily, if during the event any of these just passing through were roaming around neighbouring properties, particularly with crime in mind, that would be a major concern for me and my family.

Thanks for listening.

Old Vasse Road (

Samantha Royer  
Shire of Manjimup  
Events management team

Yeagarup WA 6260

Dear Samantha,

RE: Mudstone – 'Floyd in the Forest'

I am writing to express my concerns about 'Mudstone's' plans to have regular events at their property on Hawke Road Yeagarup.

As a resident on Hawke Road [REDACTED] can clearly hear their very loud music going on to 3:00am in the morning and later on New Year's Eve. Being only once a year I put up with it but anymore would be unacceptable. By the way, I have never had an invitation to these events as stated by them (not that I would go!).

[REDACTED] and enjoy my peace and quiet.

PLEASE DO NOT LET THIS HAPPEN.

Yours sincerely,

PS On behalf of the Owl, Phascogale, Mardoo, Kangaroo, Emu and other bird species and animals residing on my property, they also voted NO!

Gail Ipsen-Cutts  
Director Community Services  
Shire of Manjimup  
PO Box 1 Manjimup WA 6258.

14<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

RESPONSE TO INVITATION TO COMMENT ON EVENT PROPOSAL: Lot 8201 (21)  
Hawke Road, Yeagarup – Mudstone Spa Retreat.

Thank you for the opportunity of commenting on the proposed 'Floyd in the Forest' music event at Mudstone Spa Retreat on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025.

We are adjacent to the site of Mudstone Spa Retreat, at Location 2121 (21) Hawke Road, Yeagarup.

The owners of lot 21 Hawke Road have held many music events over the last 10 or so years, including most recently on new years eve, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. We were not notified about the new years eve event, and we have not been notified about the proposed event on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2025. The new years eve event had loud and consistent music from early evening until around 3am on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025. The loud music kept us awake most of the night.

We do not mind the very occasional event or party at Mudstone Spa Retreat, if noise is limited and is finished by 10pm. We are a rural farming and lifestyle area and appreciate the quiet locale and safe nature of our neighbourhood. We are not in favour of the issuing of a temporary event licence for the proposed 22<sup>nd</sup> March



event. Large events, like the 'Floyd in the Forest' proposal, would be much better being held at places like the Manjimup Heritage Park or the Pemberton Pool.

We are also led to believe that the owners of the property may be intending to apply for a rezoning so that they can hold regular music festivals and events at the property. We feel that this will be entirely inappropriate for this quiet rural farming and lifestyle locality and do not support a rezoning proposal or any application for regular music or concert events at the property.

We are sure that many others, including Shire Councillors, would not be in favour of such events happening next to their properties.

Thank you.

Pemberton WA 6260

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Thank you for informing me about the application for the event on 22<sup>nd</sup> March at Lot 8201 Hawke Road. Due to the lack of detail in the Shire's letter and on the Shire's web page of the proposal, I have a few questions:

1. The Shire would have received the application about 1st November (90 work day pre-event notice required). I do find it strange that the Shire asks for comment via a letter sent 6th February 2025. (Received 9th February). Approximately 5 weeks before the planned event but 13 weeks after application. After receiving your letter and researching the planned event I see it's already been planned, advertised and promoted. To me it seems very late to ask for comment and acting on public comments. What weight or point is there in this public comment process?.
2. Is this a precedent for regular events?
3. Does event hosting conflict with zoning?

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4. Is this an alcohol fuelled event?

5. I live a few kilometres away so the Non Complying noise levels are not an issue but i imagine it could be uncomfortable to those closer. What are the sound levels allowed?

Yours  
19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2025

Perth WA 6260