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Summary

Biosis Pty Ltd (Biosis) was commissioned by the Department of Education (DoE) to undertake an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for the proposed Melrose Park High School at 37 Hope Street, Melrose Park, NSW (Lot 201 DP1265603) (the study area). The study area is located approximately 8 kilometres east of Paramatta and approximately 14.3 kilometres north-west of the Sydney Central Business District (CBD).

The future development of the site will involve ground disturbing works that will have the potential to impact known and unknown Aboriginal heritage constraints that may be present within the study area. The project is to be assessed as a Review of Environmental Factors (REF) under Part 5 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

Biosis completed a Preliminary Indigenous Heritage Assessment and Impact Report (PIHA) for the study area in June 2024. Further assessment was required in the form of an ACHA to undertaken Aboriginal community consultation.

Consultation

The Aboriginal community was consulted regarding the heritage management of the project throughout its lifespan. Consultation has been undertaken as per the process outlined in the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (DECCW 2010a) (consultation requirements) (Appendix 1). The appropriate government bodies were notified, and advertisements placed in the Daily Telegraph newspaper (September 13 2024), which resulted in the following Aboriginal organisations registering their interest (Table 1) (one group has been listed as a confidential party as they requested that their details are not recorded):

Table 1 List of registered Aboriginal parties and group contact

No.	Organisation	Contact person
1	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	-
2	Yulay Cultural Services	Arika Jalomaki
3	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Philip Boney
4	Gadhungal Marring	Nigel Milgate
5	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Lilly Carroll
6	Confidential Party #1	-
7	Long Gully Cultural Services	Ethan Trewlynn
8	Pearl Depoma	-
9	Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Justine Coplin
10	Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation	Jennifer Beale
11	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Phil Khan
12	Thomas Dahlstrom	-
13	Widescope Indigenous Group	Steve & Donna Hickey
14	Ginninderra Aboriginal Corporation	Steven Johnson

No.	Organisation	Contact person
15	Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation	Tiarna Bird

A search conducted by the Office of the Registrar, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* listed no Aboriginal Owners with land within the study area. A search conducted by the National Native Title Tribunal (NNTT) listed no Registered Native Title Claims, Unregistered Claimant Applications or Registered Indigenous Land Use Agreements within the study area.

Upon registration (Appendix 2), the Aboriginal parties were invited to provide their knowledge on the study area and on the proposal provided in Methodology (Appendix 3). The responses identify the study area as an area of low significance. Responses from the Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) are included Appendix 3.

Site officers from elected RAPs participated in the field investigation and provided comment on the study area with regard to the proposal. Jordan Mahi from the Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC) noted that there was no cultural importance in the study area.

The outcome of the consultation process was that the RAPs considered the study area to have a low level of cultural significance. The results of the consultation process are included in this document Appendix 4.

The recommendations that resulted from the consultation process are provided below.

Results

The ACHA undertook background research for the proposed study area. Key considerations arising from the background research include:

- The study area is located within the Cumberland Plain, consisting of low lying, gently undulating plains and low hills comprised of Wianamatta Group shales and sandstones, with a dense drainage net of predominately northward flowing channels. The study area is situated entirely within the Hawkesbury Sandstone formation.
- The study area is located in an urban environment developed for industrial use, with extensive vegetation clearance and ground disturbances occurring since pre-1940s. The study area is located within the Lucas Heights soil landscape, a residual landscape situated on flat to gently sloping plateaus of greater than 10% and low relief of up to 30 metres.
- The closest permanent watercourse is the Parramatta River, located 270 metres south of the study area. Archer Creek, a second order non-perennial stream that is a tributary of Parramatta River, is located 337 metres west of the study area.
- There are 101 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites registered with the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) register, in the vicinity of the study area (Client Service ID: 905888; search date 1 July 2024). None of these sites are located within the study area.

Biosis undertook an archaeological survey in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW* (DECCW 2010b) (the Code) as part of the Archaeological Report (AR) (Appendix 5) which accompanies this ACHA. No Aboriginal sites, objects or areas of archaeological potential were identified as part of the archaeological survey and subsequent archaeological assessment. The proximity to Parramatta River indicates that the study area is part of a wider resource and cultural landscape, which has been used by Aboriginal people. The study area may have been a transitory corridor between resources or cultural sites.

Management recommendations

Subject to implementing the recommendations set out in Section 7 and mitigation measures in Section 6.4 of this report, the conclusion is that the proposed activity is not likely to significantly affect the environment in relation to Aboriginal heritage.

Prior to any development impacts occurring within the study area, the following is recommended:

Recommendation 1: No further assessment required; works may proceed with caution

No Aboriginal sites, objects or areas of archaeological potential were identified as part of this assessment. Therefore, the works may proceed with caution. This recommendation is conditional upon Recommendation 2 to 4.

Recommendation 2: Consultation with the registered Aboriginal stakeholders

As per the consultation requirements, a copy of the final ACHA should be provided to RAPs for their records. Should any sites be identified during the remainder of this assessment or during the proposed works, the proponent should continue to inform these groups about the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the study area throughout the life of the project.

Recommendation 3: Discovery of unanticipated Aboriginal objects

All Aboriginal objects and Places are protected under the *National Parks Wildlife Act 1974* (NPW Act). It is an offence to knowingly disturb an Aboriginal site without a consent permit issued by NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (NSW DCCEEW), Heritage NSW (Heritage NSW). Should any Aboriginal objects be encountered during works associated with this proposal, works must cease in the vicinity and the find should not be moved until assessed by a qualified archaeologist. If the find is determined to be an Aboriginal object, the archaeologist will provide further recommendations. These may include notifying Heritage NSW and Aboriginal stakeholders.

Recommendation 4: Discovery of human remains

Human remains may be found in a variety of landscapes in NSW, including middens and sandy or soft sedimentary soils. If any suspected human remains are discovered during any activity, you must:

1. Immediately cease all work at that location and not further move or disturb the remains.
2. Notify the NSW Police and Heritage NSW' Environmental Line on 131 555 as soon as practicable and provide details of the remains and their location.
3. Not recommence work at that location unless authorised in writing by Heritage NSW.

Glossary

ACHA	Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment
ADDA	Aboriginal Due Diligence Assessment
AHIMS	Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System
AR	Archaeological Report
BP	Before Present
Biosis	Biosis Pty Ltd
Consultation requirements	<i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010</i>
Cth DCCEEW	Australian Commonwealth Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
COLA	Covered outdoor learning area
NSW DCCEEW	NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
DoE	Department of Education
DP	Deposited Plan
EP&A Act	<i>Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979</i>
ESD	Ecologically Sustainable Development
REF	Review of Environmental Factors
GLS	General Learning Spaces
GPS	Global Positioning System
GSV	Ground Surface Visibility
Heritage NSW	Heritage NSW, NSW Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water
ICOMOS	International Council on Monuments and Sites
LALC	Local Aboriginal Land Council
LEP	Local Environmental Plan
JMCHM	Jo McDonald Cultural Heritage Management
LGA	Local Government Area
NPW Act	<i>National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974</i>
NPWS	National Parks and Wildlife Service
NSW	New South Wales
NTSCORP	Native Title Services Corporation
PAD	Potential Archaeological Deposit
PIHAI	Preliminary Indigenous Heritage Assessment and Impact Report
RAP	Registered Aboriginal Party
SEPP	State Environmental Planning Policy
SINSW	State Infrastructure NSW

Study area	Defined as the corner of Wharf Road and Hope Street, Melrose Park (Lot 201 DP1265603)
the Code	<i>Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW</i>

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1 Introduction and Declaration

1.1 Project background

This ACHA has been prepared by Biosis on behalf of the DoE to assess the potential environmental impacts that could arise from the construction and use of the new Melrose Park High School project (the activity) at 37 Hope Street, Melrose Park (Lot 201 DP1265603)(study area) (Figure 1). The report supports the assessment of the proposed activity under Part 5 of the EP&A Act. The activity is proposed by the DoE to meet the growth in educational demand in the Melrose Park precinct.

This report details the investigation, consultation and assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage undertaken for the study area. The AR in Appendix 5 details the findings of the archaeological investigations conducted as part of the ACHA. As required under Section 2.3 of the Code, the AR provides evidence about the material traces of Aboriginal land use to support the conclusions and management recommendations in the ACHA.

1.2 Study area

The site is located at 37 Hope Street, Melrose Park within the Parramatta Local Government Area (LGA). The school covers an approximate area 9,500m² and is generally rectangular in shape. The site is currently clear and vacant. The study area is located within Lot 201 DP 1265603 and is approximately 8 kilometres east of Paramatta and approximately 14.3 kilometres north-west of the Sydney CBD (Figure 1). . The study area Lot 201 DP1265603, and is bounded by Hope Street to the south, Wharf Road to the east, Lot 11 DP 787611 to the north Lot 6 DP 232929 and Lot F DP 376231 to the west (Figure 2).

The study area is within the:

- City of Parramatta LGA.
- Parish of Field of Mars.
- County of Cumberland.

1.3 Proposed development

The proposed activity involves the construction and use of a new high school in two stages for approximately 1,000 students. Stage 1 of the proposed activity includes the following:

- Site preparation works.
- Construction of Block A – a six-storey (with additional roof/plant level) school building in the south-western portion of the site containing staff rooms and General Learning Spaces (GLS).
- Construction of Block B – a one storey (double height) hall, gymnasium, canteen and covered outdoor learning area (COLA) building in the south-eastern portion of the site.
- Construction of Block C – a single storey plant and storage building at the north-eastern portion of the site.
- Associated landscaping.
- Construction of on-site car parking.
- Provision and augmentation of services infrastructure.

- Associated public domain infrastructure works to support the school, including (but not limited to):
 - Provision of kiss and drop facilities along Wharf Road and widening of the Wharf Road footpath.
 - Raised pedestrian crossings on Wharf Road and Hope Street (Figure 3).

Stage 2 of the proposed activity includes the following:

- Construction of Building D – a five-storey (with additional roof/plant level) school building in the north-western portion of the site containing staff rooms and GLS:
 - Additional open play spaces within the terrace areas of Building D.
 - Minor layout amendments to Block A.

1.4 Planning approvals

The proposed development will be assessed against Part 5 of the EP&A Act. Other relevant legislation and planning instruments that will inform the assessment include:

- NPW Act.
- *National Parks and Wildlife Amendment Act 2010* (NSW).
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Transport and Infrastructure) 2021*.
- *State Environmental Planning Policy (Industry and Employment) 2021*.
- *Parramatta Local Environmental Plan 2023*.
- *Parramatta Development Control Plan 2023*.

1.5 Restricted and confidential information

Appendix 5 in the AR contains AHIMS information which is confidential and not to be made public. This is clearly marked on the title page for the Attachment.

1.6 Aboriginal cultural heritage

1.6.1 General description

According to (Allen & O'Connell 2003), Aboriginal people have inhabited the Australian continent for the last 50,000 years. New evidence out of the Northern Territory has pushed this date back with the Malakanunja II rock shelter dated at around 65,000 years before present (BP) (Clarkson et al. 2017). In NSW, according to Bowler et al. (2003), Aboriginal people have occupied the land for over 42,000 years.

Without being part of the Aboriginal culture and the productions of this culture, it is not possible for non-Aboriginal people to fully understand the meaning of site, objects and places to Aboriginal people – only to move closer towards understanding this meaning with the help of the Aboriginal community. Similarly, definitions of Aboriginal culture and cultural heritage without this involvement constitute outsider interpretations.

With this preface Aboriginal cultural heritage broadly refers to things that relate to Aboriginal culture and hold cultural meaning and significance to Aboriginal people (DECCW 2010a, p. 3). There is an understanding in Aboriginal culture that everything is interconnected. In essence Aboriginal cultural heritage can be viewed as

potentially encompassing any part of the physical and/or mental landscape, that is, 'Country' (DECCW 2010a, p. iii).

Aboriginal people's interpretation of cultural value is based on their 'traditions, observance, lore, customs, beliefs and history' (DECCW 2010a, p. 3). The things associated with Aboriginal cultural heritage are continually and actively being defined by Aboriginal people (DECCW 2010a, p. 3). These things can be associated with traditional, historical or contemporary Aboriginal culture (DECCW 2010a, p. 3).

1.6.2 Tangible Aboriginal cultural heritage

Three categories of tangible Aboriginal cultural heritage may be defined:

- Things that have been observably modified by Aboriginal people.
- Things that may have been modified by Aboriginal people, but no discernible traces of that activity remain.
- Things never physically modified by Aboriginal people (but associated with Dreamtime Ancestors who shaped those things).

1.6.3 Intangible Aboriginal cultural heritage

Examples of intangible Aboriginal cultural heritage would include memories of stories and 'ways of doing', which would include language and ceremonies (DECCW 2010a, p. 3).

1.6.4 Statutory

Currently Aboriginal cultural heritage, as statutorily defined by the NPW Act, consists of objects and places which are protected under Part 6 of the Act.

Aboriginal objects are defined as:

any deposit, object or material evidence...relating to the Aboriginal habitation of the area that comprises NSW, being habitation before or concurrent with (or both) the occupation of that area by persons of non-Aboriginal extraction, and includes Aboriginal remains

Aboriginal places are defined as a place that is or was of special Aboriginal cultural significance. Places are declared under Section 84 of the NPW Act.

1.6.5 Values

Aboriginal cultural heritage is valued by Aboriginal people as it is used to define their identity as both individuals and as part of a group (DECCW 2010a, p. iii). More specifically it is used:

- To provide a:
 - 'Connection and sense of belonging to Country' (DECCW 2010a, p. iii).
 - Link between the present and the past (DECCW 2010a, p. iii).
- As a learning tool to teach Aboriginal culture to younger Aboriginal generations and the general public (DECCW 2010a, p. 3).
- As further evidence of Aboriginal occupation prior to European settlement for people who do not understand the magnitude to which Aboriginal people occupied the continent (DECCW 2010a, p. 3).

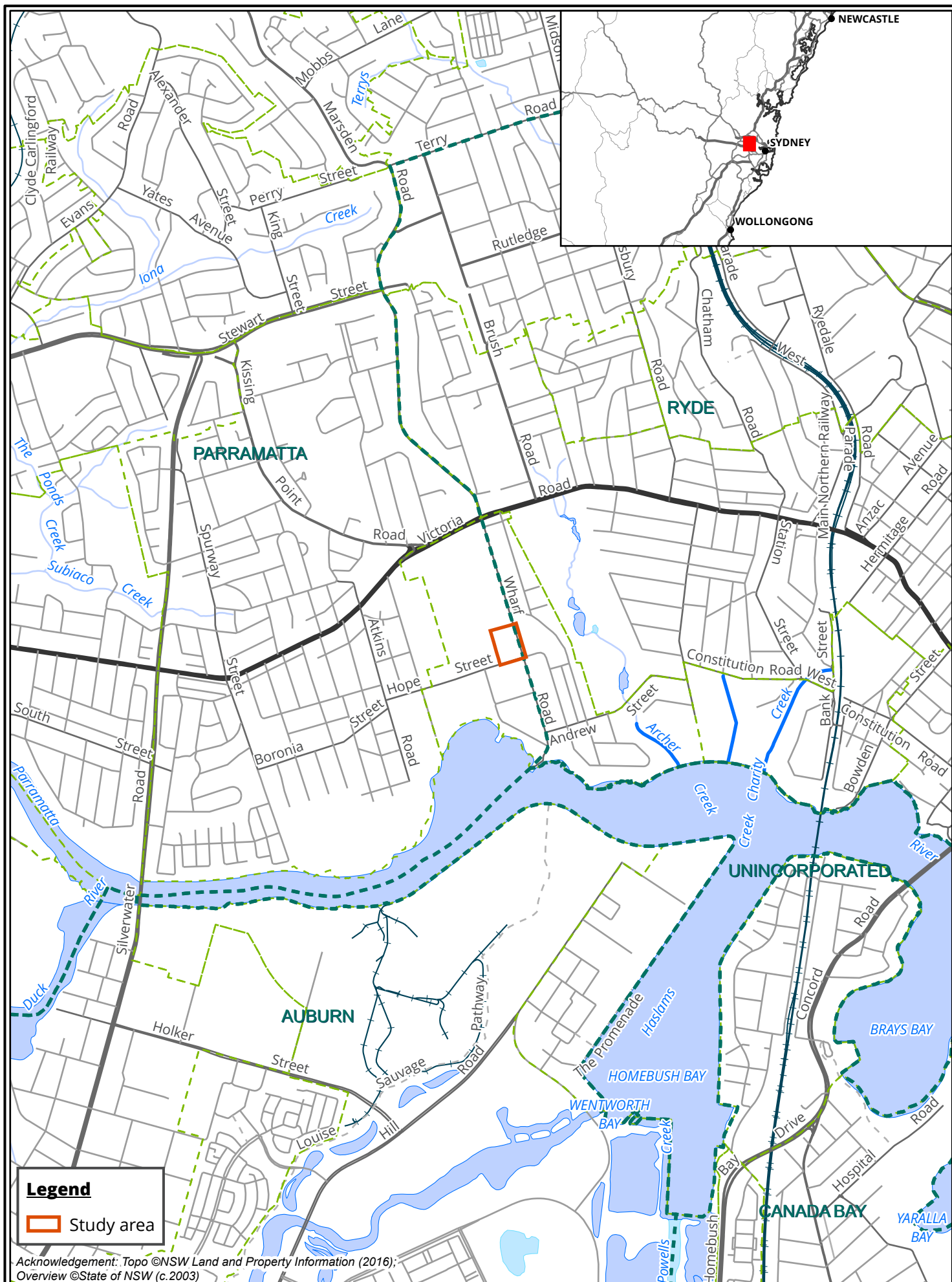
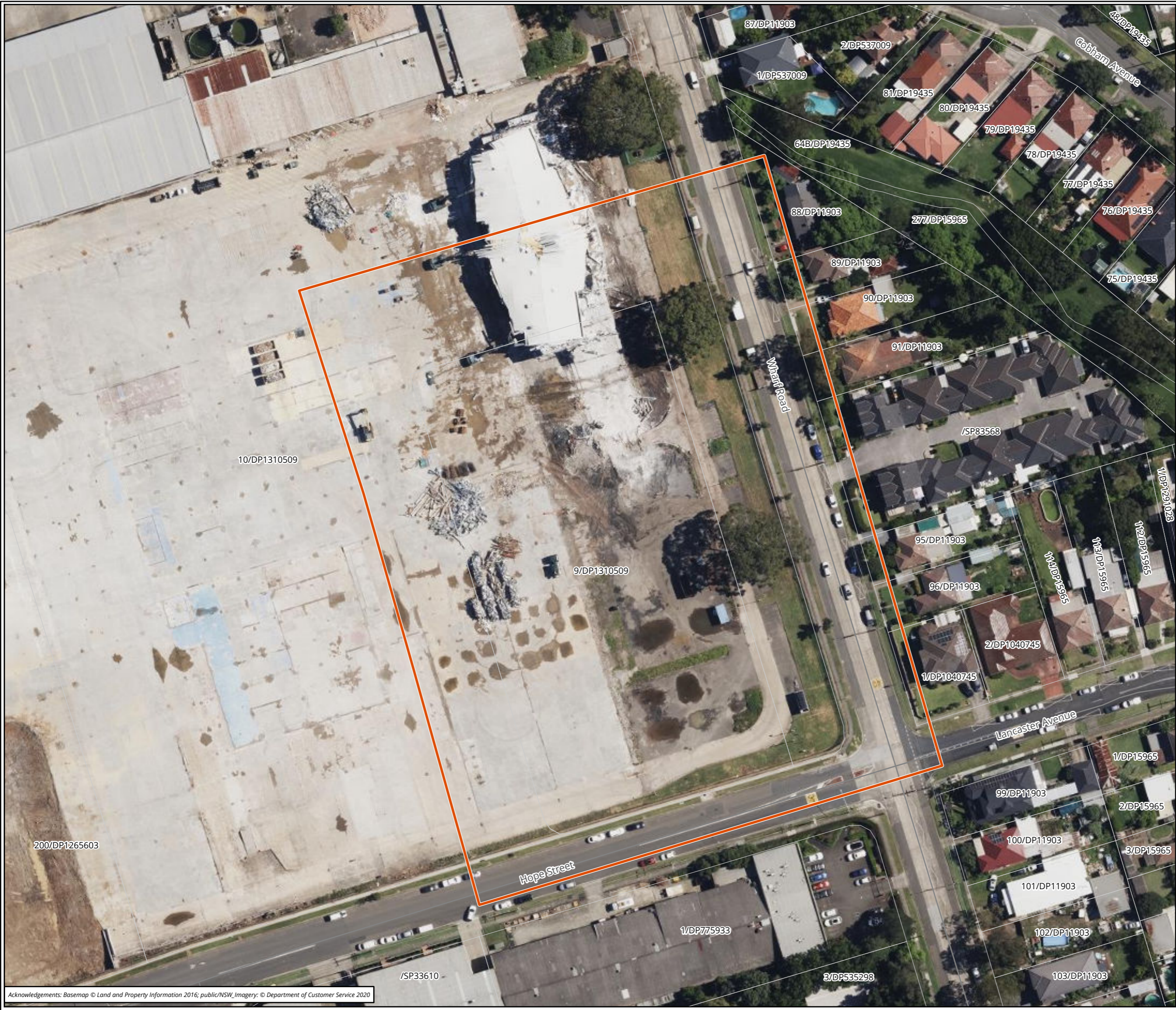


Figure 1 Location of the study area

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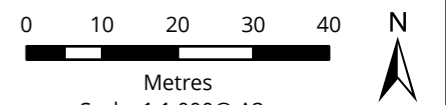




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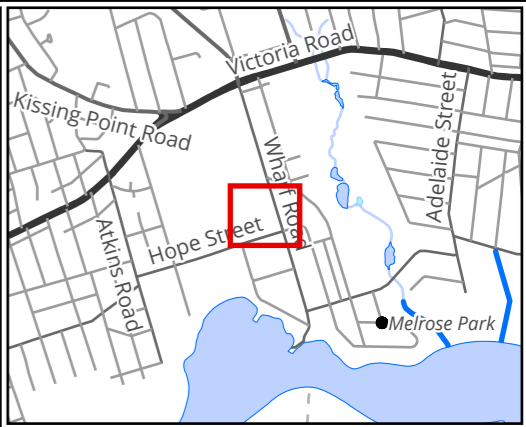
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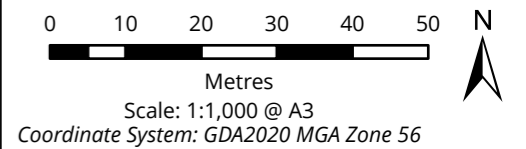
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Figure 3 Proposed works



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2 Study area context

This section discusses the study area in regard to its landscape, environmental and Aboriginal cultural heritage context. This section should be read in conjunction with the AR attached in Appendix 5. The background research has been undertaken in accordance with the Code.

2.1 Geology, topography and hydrology

The study area is in an urban environment that has been developed for industrial use within the Cumberland Plain, falling between the Hornsby Plateau to the north and the Woronora Plateau to the south. The Cumberland Plain consists of low lying, gently undulating plains and low hills comprised of Wianamatta Group shales and sandstones, with a dense drainage net of predominantly north-ward flowing channels (Bannerman & Hazelton 1990, p. 2). The study area is situated entirely within the Hawkesbury Sandstone formation. Due to the level of modification within the study area, such features associated with these site types are likely to have been destroyed, should they have been present.

There are no watercourses located within the study area. The closest permanent watercourse is the Paramatta River, located approximately 270 metres south of the study area. Archer River, a second order stream that branches from the Paramatta River is located approximately 337 metres west of the study area. There is also Powells Creek, a second-order perennial creek line located 1.9 kilometres east of the study area. These waterlines would have provided an abundant supply of food and material resources which would have been exploited by Aboriginal people, increasing the likelihood that the study area would have been utilised.

2.2 Soil landscapes

The study area is located within the Lucas Heights soil landscape (Chapman et al. 1989, p. 26). The Lucas Heights soil landscape is characterised as a residual landscape situated on flat to gently sloping plateaus of greater than 10% and local relief of up to 30 metres. Soils are generally moderately deep, with depths ranging between 50 to 150 centimetres (Chapman et al. 1989, pp. 26–27). Residual soils form due to the *in-situ* weathering of parent material and will therefore preserve archaeological deposits provided soils remain undisturbed. However, soils in the Lucas Heights landscape can be susceptible to movement by erosion due to the low organic content and small particle size of soils, resulting in poor preservation of archaeological sites (Chapman et al. 1989, p. 27).

For additional information refer to Section 3.1.2 of the AR.

2.3 Climate and rainfall

Climate and rainfall data provide useful environmental evidence that can be used to extrapolate potential human occupation patterns of a site or area. Often, changes in climatic pattern will affect the presence or likelihood that people would occupy a specific area. This data has been supplied by the Australian Government Bureau of Meteorology from the Sydney Olympic Park weather station, located 4.8 kilometres south of the study area (Bureau of Meteorology 2024).

- The mean maximum average temperature is highest in January when it reaches 28.9 degrees Celsius.
- The lowest mean maximum temperature is in June at 13.7 degrees Celsius.

- The mean minimum temperature is highest in January at 19.4 degrees Celsius and lowest in July at 6.6 degrees Celsius.
- The average rainfall is highest in March at 181.1 millimetres and lowest in September at 45.3 millimetres.

Based on modern climate data it is likely the study area would have provided a temperate area with high average rainfalls and proximity to permanent water sources, making it likely the area was seasonally occupied. However, it should be noted that the natural landscape and associated climate would have been very different thousands of years ago, so modern data cannot provide a definitive assumption of likely Aboriginal land use.

2.4 Landscape resources

The diverse natural environment would have provided vast and plentiful floral and faunal resources and the temperate climate would have made the area suitable for year-round occupation. Although extensively cleared today, the Lucas Heights soil landscape featured eucalypt open-forests and low eucalypt woodland with understories tolerant to dryness and heat. This landscape would have typically supported Turpentine *Syncarpia glomulifera*, Smooth-Barked Apple *Angophora costata*, Red Bloodwood *Eucalyptus gummifera*, Thinleaved Stringybark *E. eugenioides* and Scribbly Gum *E. haemastoma* (DPIE 2015).

Given the proximity to the Iron Cove and Parramatta River, fish, eel, ducks, crayfish, shellfish, molluscs, and turtles would have formed an important part of people's diets. Middens in the area have confirmed that cockles, mud whelks, oysters, winks and horn shells were also eaten (Casey & Lowe Pty Ltd 2005, p. 55). Aquatic species such as freshwater crayfish, fish and eels would have been easily accessible in larger waterways, such as the Parramatta River (Rosen 1995). In addition to marine resources, terrestrial and avian resources were not only used for food, but also provided a significant contribution to the social and ceremonial aspects of Aboriginal life through their use as ritual implements or even simply through fashioning as personal adornments (Attenbrow 2010, pp. 107–110).

2.5 European land use history

Historical aerial imagery allows for modern developments and land use to be identified within the study area. Imagery dated to 1943 shows that the study area has been extensively cleared of vegetation and primarily had been used for low grade agricultural purposes and the development of market gardens towards the northern extent of the study area. Some residential structures were present at the eastern boundary and towards the centre of the study area (Photo 3 in the AR).

Little change occurred to the study area until 1965 when warehousing structures first appear with further significant development not occurring in the study area until 1986. Landscaping works are seen to have commenced on the eastern boundary of the lot and access roads were constructed to run parallel to Wharf Road (Photo 4 and 5 in the AR).

The 1994 aerial reflect the extension of warehousing space to the western extent of the study area as the final construction activity to have taken place (Photo 6 in the AR). Currently the study area has been levelled to the point where only remnant landscaping can be observed (Figure 2). Such significant and long-standing modification throughout the entirety of the study area is likely to have resulted in the destruction of any artefacts or sites within the study area.

3 Aboriginal cultural heritage context

3.1 Ethnohistory

It is generally accepted that people have inhabited the Australian landmass for the last 65,000 years (Clarkson et al. 2017). Dates of the earliest occupation of the continent by Aboriginal people are subject to continued revision as more research is undertaken. The timing for the human occupation of the Sydney Basin is still uncertain. While there is some possible evidence for occupation of the region around 40,000 years ago, the earliest known radiocarbon date for the Aboriginal occupation of the Sydney Basin is associated with a cultural / archaeological deposit at Parramatta, which was dated to $30,735 \pm 407$ BP (JMCHM 2005a, JMCHM 2005b, JMCHM 2006).

Archaeological research has suggested long term occupation of the Parramatta area by Aboriginal people as far back as 15,000 to 22,000 years BP. Stone tools found in the larger Parramatta region provide insight into the time depth of occupation by Aboriginal people within the study area. Steele (2002, p. 22) notes that Aboriginal people were observed using ground edge artefacts at the time of colonisation, and that these artefacts occur within the archaeological record as far back as 4,000 years. The occurrence of backed artefacts at nearby Parramatta Park suggests that Aboriginal people have consistently used the area for between 5,000 and 1,500 years BP (Austral Archaeology 2007, p. 9).

Our knowledge of Aboriginal people and their land-use patterns and lifestyles prior to European contact is mainly reliant on documents written by non-Aboriginal people. These documents are affected by the inherent bias of the class and cultures of their authors, who were also often describing a culture that they did not fully understand - a culture that was in a heightened state of disruption given the arrival of settlers and disease. Early written records can however be used in conjunction with archaeological information and surviving oral histories from members of the Aboriginal community in order to gain a picture of Aboriginal life in the region.

Prior to the arrival of British colonists in 1788, Parramatta was occupied by the *Burramatta*, a clan of the Dharug people. The Burramatta people have also been referred to as the *Boromedegal*, *Boora me di-gal*, *Booramedegal* and *Burramedegal* (DSCA 2002, p. 30). The exact boundaries of the Burramatta clan's estate (the area over which a local descent group exercises primary spiritual and occupation rights) are unclear. Steele (DSCA 2002, p. 19) suggests that the eastern boundary into lands belonging to the neighbouring Wangal clan may have been somewhere in the Homebush Bay area. Attenbrow (2010, p. 26) records the Burramatta camping at Duck Creek as late as the 1830s, asserting that this site is within their land. The Burramatta's western boundary with its Cammergal neighbours is also unclear (DSCA 2002, p. 22).

British colonists documented Aboriginal occupation of Parramatta from 1788 on as they searched for fertile soils suited to growing crops. Governor Arthur Phillip reported seeing Aboriginal bark huts, fire places, collected fern root and shells, animal bones and the fur of a 'flying squirrel' or possum at a campsite at Parramatta (then called Rose Hill) (Attenbrow 2010, p. 48). On another instance Phillip also noted that '*...these parts are frequented by the natives... undeniably proved by the temporary huts which were seen in several places. Near one of these huts, the bones of kangaroo were found...*' (Stockdale 1789, quoted in Artefact Heritage 2014, p. 8).

Despite a proliferation of Aboriginal heritage sites there is considerable ongoing debate about the nature, territory and range of pre-contact Aboriginal language groups in the greater Sydney region. These debates have arisen largely because, by the time colonial diarists, missionaries and proto-anthropologists began making detailed records of Aboriginal people in the late nineteenth century; pre-European Aboriginal groups had been broken up and reconfigured by European settlement activity. The following information relating to

Aboriginal people on the Cumberland Plains is based on such early records.

There is some confusion relating to group names, which can be explained by the use of differing terminologies in early historical references. Language groups were not the main political or social units in Aboriginal life. Instead, land custodianship and ownership centred on the smaller named groups that comprised the broader language grouping. There is some variation in the terminology used to categorise these smaller groups; the terms used by Attenbrow (2010) will be used here.

The broader Sydney region is the home of a number of language groups. Owing to the displacement of Aboriginal people caused by the arrival of Europeans, there is still much debate around the exact nature of different language groups and their boundaries; however, they are characterised by Attenbrow as:

- *Darug, coastal dialect/s - the Sydney Peninsula (north of Botany Bay, south of Port Jackson, west to Parramatta), as well as the country to the north of Port Jackson, possibly as far as Broken Bay.*
- *Darug, hinterland dialect - on the Cumberland Plain from Appin in the south to the Hawkesbury River in the north; west of the Georges River, Parramatta, the Lane Cove River and Berowra Creek.*
- *Dharawal - from south side of Botany Bay, extending south as far as the Shoalhaven River; from the coast to the Georges River and Appin, and possibly as far west as Camden.*
- *Gundungurra - southern rim of the Cumberland Plain west of the Georges River, as well as the southern Blue Mountains. (Attenbrow 2010, p. 34).*

Two groups were described by early European observers as living in the Parramatta area, the Boromedegal and Wangal (Attenbrow 2010). Table 2 provides a description of these clan areas as recorded by early European inhabitants in the late eighteenth century.

Table 2 Names and descriptions of Aboriginal groups inhabiting the Parramatta area (Attenbrow 2010, pp. 24–26)

Group name	Description and reference
Boromedegal	No locality given explicitly by any of the sources but associated with place name Parramatta (Tench 1793, pp. 201–202), Par-ra-mata (King in Hunter 1793) and Paramat in (Dawes 1790, pp. 806–808) on pronunciation.
Wangal	Wann, the south side of the harbour from the cove adjoining this settlement to Rose Hill (Phillip 1789). Wanne extended along the south side of the harbour from Long Cove (Darling Harbour) to Rose Hill, which the local inhabitants called Parramatta (King in Hunter 1793).

After the arrival of European settlers, the movement of Aboriginal people became increasingly restricted. European expansion along the Cumberland Plain was swift and soon there had been considerable loss of land to agriculture. This led to violence and conflict between Europeans and Aboriginal people as both groups sought to compete for the same resources (Brookes & Associates et al. 2003, p. 16). At the same time diseases such as smallpox were having a devastating effect on the Aboriginal population. Death, starvation and disease were some of the disrupting factors that led to a reorganisation of the social practices of Aboriginal communities after European contact. The formation of new social groups and alliances were made as Aboriginal people sought to retain some semblance of their previous lifestyle.

3.2 Interpretation of past Aboriginal land use

A desktop review of the landscape context of the study area has determined that Aboriginal people may have used the landscape prior to European settlement. The study area is located within a gently sloping landscape

within 270 metres of the Parramatta River and 340 metres of, Archer Creek, a second-order tributary of the Parramatta River. The Parramatta River was a source for a range of terrestrial and marine resources that would have typically provided local populations inhabiting the Melrose Park locality. The Lucas Heights soil landscape, is associated with moderately deep but loose soils that can be prone to mass movement. It is therefore typically not conducive to the retention and preservation of archaeological sites. The Hawksbury Sandstone unit which dominates the study area has been associated with art, shelter, and grinding groove sites in previous assessment. However, the lack of outcroppings and overhangs available within the study area indicates such site types will not be present.

A search of the AHIMS database identified 102 Aboriginal archaeological sites recorded within a 11 square kilometre search area, centred on the study area. None of these AHIMS sites are located within the study area or in the immediate vicinity. The nearest AHIMS sites are shell sites AHIMS 45-6-4078/Ermington SHL 01, AHIMS 45-6-4079/Ermington SHL 02, and AHIMS 45-5-1961/Ermington 1 detected within the foreshore of the Parramatta River approximately 600 metres south of the study area. These sites are located within a relatively undisturbed context, which are not present within the study area.

Smith (1989) undertook a comprehensive survey of Aboriginal sites on the Cumberland Plain to assess the impact of ongoing urban development upon cultural and material heritage in the area. The results of this research indicated that the availability of water and raw materials influenced both site types and densities (Comber 2007, p. 9). JMCHM (2005c) expanded upon Smith's (1989) research, asserting that site types were more complex around permanent water sources, and establishing a tentative model for dating sites in the area. Furthermore, McDonald identified areas around higher order streams as an indicator of campsite locations.

Of particular importance is JMCHM's (2005a) work within the Parramatta Sand Sheet (PSS), where excavations indicated intermittent occupation of the area as far back as approximately 32,000 years. Subsequent analysis of the PSS by Archaeological & Heritage Management Solutions (AHMS) has led to an assessment that it was deposited between 10,000 to 20,000 years ago, and that the archaeological deposits within it are highly localised (AHMS 2016, p.30). The PSS State Heritage Listing dates the deposit to 50,000 to 58,000 years ago, with deeper sand potentially relating to a period of higher sea levels dating to 120,000 years ago (Heritage Office 2018). This ongoing body of research indicates the depth of long term occupation of the Parramatta area.

While the study area does possess some characteristics, such as proximity to a significant creek line, which could be indicators of previous Aboriginal use or occupation, a review of the aerial imagery for the study area indicates substantial development has occurred within it. This would have resulted in a high level of disturbance that would have displaced and/or destroyed any potential archaeological deposits within the study area. This aligns with other studies that have been conducted within the Parramatta region across similar landforms and areas of disturbance (Urbis 2016, Artefact Heritage 2016, Biosis 2019a, Biosis 2019b)



4 Aboriginal community consultation

Consultation with the Aboriginal community has been undertaken in compliance with the consultation requirements as detailed below. A consultation log of all communications with RAPs is provided in Appendix 1.

4.1 Stage 1: Notification of project proposal and registration of interest

4.1.1 Identification of relevant Aboriginal stakeholders

In accordance with the consultation guidelines, Biosis notified the following bodies regarding the proposal:

- National Native Title Tribunal
- Native Title Services Corporation
- Office of the Registrar Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983
- Heritage NSW
- Greater Sydney Local Land Services
- City of Paramatta
- Metropolitan LALC

A list of known Aboriginal stakeholders in the Parramatta LGA was provided by Heritage NSW (a copy of these responses are provided in Appendix 2 and include:

- Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council
- A1 Indigenous Services
- Amanda Hickey Cultural Services
- Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments
- Anthony Williams
- B.H. Heritage Consultants
- Badu (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Barraby Cultural Services
- Bidjawong Aboriginal Corporation
- Bilinga (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation
- Clive Freeman
- Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation
- Cullendulla (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments
- Darug Aboriginal Land Care
- Darug Boorooberongal Elders Aboriginal Corporation
- Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation
- Darug Land Observations
- Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Dharug (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Dharug Ngurra Aboriginal Corporation
- Dhinawan Culture & Heritage Pty Ltd
- Didge Ngunawal Clan
- DJMD Consultancy
- Galamaay Cultural Consultants (GCC)

- Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council
- Gilay Consultants
- Ginninderra Aboriginal Corporation
- Goobah Development PTY LTD (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Goodradigbee Cultural & Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- Gulaga
- Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation
- Gunyuu (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Holroyd City Council Advisory Committee
- HSB Consultants; HSB Heritage Consultants
- Jerringong (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Julia Narayan
- Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group
- Konanggo Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services
- Koori Digs Services
- Minnamunnung
- Munyunga (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Mura Indigenous Corporation (icn:8991)
- Muragadi Heritage Indigenous Corporation
- Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation
- Murramarang (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Murrumbul (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Ngambaa Cultural Connections
- Nundagurri (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Parramatta City Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee
- Pemulwuy (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Rane Consulting
- Thauaira
- Thomas Dahlstrom Offers ACH value by using 3D Laser and Drone technology
- Thoorga Nura
- Scott Franks on the behalf of the Wonnarua PBC
- Yarrawalk Pty Ltd
- Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation
- Wailwan Aboriginal Group
- Walbunja (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Walgalu (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Warragil Cultural Services
- Widescope Indigenous Group
- Wingikara (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Woka Aboriginal Corporation
- Wori Wooleywa
- Wullung (Murrin Clan/Peoples)
- Wurrumay Culture Heritage Consultants
- Yerramurra (Murrin Clan/Peoples) and Taste of Tradition Native Aboriginal Corporation
- Yulay Cultural Services
- Yurrandali
- Bariyan Cultural Connections
- Wallanbah Aboriginal Site Conveyancing
- RAW Cultural Healing
- Dharramalin
- Ninnun

- Long Gully Cultural Services
- Guthers Aboriginal Corporation
- Damo digs
- Gadu chts
- Pearl Depoma
- Nattai Aboriginal Culture & Heritage Consultation Service
- Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation
- Julie-Ann Christian
- Barabirang Projects
- Tara Maree Lloyd
- Yerrowah
- Debbie Moon
- Darug Aboriginal Resource Centre
- Wallangang Aboriginal Corporation
- Ross Tangye
- Paul Webb
- Gadhungal Marring

A search conducted by the Office of the Registrar, *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983* (NSW) listed no Aboriginal Owners with land within the study area. A search conducted by the NNTT listed no Registered Native Title Claims, Unregistered Claimant Applications or Registered Indigenous Land Use Agreements within the study area.

4.1.2 Public notice

In accordance with the consultation guidelines, a public notification was placed in the Daily Telegraph on 13 September 2024.

The advertisement invited Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge to register their interest in a process of community consultation to provide assistance in determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or places in the vicinity of the study area. A copy of the public notice is provided in Appendix 2.

4.1.3 Registration of Aboriginal parties

Aboriginal groups identified in Section 4.1.1 were sent a letter inviting them to register their interest in a process of community consultation to provide assistance in determining the significance of Aboriginal object(s) and/or places in the vicinity of the study area. In response to the letters and public notice, a total of 15 groups registered their interest in the project. One group has been listed as a confidential party as they requested that their details are not recorded. Responses to registration from Aboriginal parties are provided in Appendix 3. A full list of Aboriginal parties who registered for consultation is provided below:

Table 3 List of registered Aboriginal parties

No.	Organisation	Contact person
1	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	-
2	Yulay Cultural Services	Arika Jalomaki
3	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	Philip Boney
4	Gadhungal Marring	Nigel Milgate
5	Didge Ngunawal Clan	Lilly Carroll
6	Confidential Party #1	-

No.	Organisation	Contact person
7	Long Gully Cultural Services	Ethan Trewlynn
8	Pearl Depoma	-
9	Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	Justine Coplin
10	Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation	Jennifer Beale
11	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	Phil Khan
12	Thomas Dahlstrom	-
13	Widescope Indigenous Group	Steve & Donna Hickey
14	Ginninderra Aboriginal Corporation	Steven Johnson
15	Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation	Tiarna Bird

4.2 Stage 2: Presentation of information about the proposed project

On 3 October 2024 Biosis provided RAPs with details about the proposed development works (project information pack). A copy of the project information pack is provided in Appendix 3.

A total of three responses were received.

Ethan Trewlynn from Long Gully Cultural Services [7] stated that:

"I agree with the methodology. I've been involved with many projects in the area and there's a lot of middens in the surrounding area and a supposed midden site but we couldn't find it."

Lilly Carroll from Didge Ngunawal Clan [5] stated that they are happy with the methodology.

One additional response was received in confidentiality noting agreement with the proposed methodology.

4.3 Stage 3: Gathering information about cultural significance

4.3.1 Archaeological assessment methodology information pack

On 3 October 2024, Biosis provided each RAP with a copy of the project methodology pack outlining the proposed ACHA process and methodology for this project. RAPs were given 28 days to review and prepare feedback on the proposed methodology. A copy of the project methodology pack is provided in Appendix 3.

No comments from RAPs were received at this stage of consultation regarding cultural significance.

4.3.2 Information gathered during fieldwork

Site officers from elected RAPs participated in the field investigation and provided comment on the study area with regard to the proposal. Jordan Mahi from the Metropolitan LALC noted that there was no cultural importance in the study area.

4.4 Stage 4: Review of draft ACHA report

On 17 December 2024, Biosis provided each RAP with a copy of the draft ACHA. RAPs were given 28 days (extended over the Christmas/New Year period) to review and prepare feedback on the report. A reminder email was also sent out on 17 January 2025. A copy of the emails sent out is provided in Appendix 4.

In total two responses were received.

Justine Coplin from Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation [9] stated that:

"Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation agree with the recommendation set out in this report."

Phil Khan from Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group [11] responded:

"Thank you for your Draft ACHAR/AR for Melrose Park High School, we would like to agree and support your recommendations."

No additional comments were received.

5 Aboriginal cultural significance assessment

The two main values addressed when assessing the significance of Aboriginal sites are cultural values to the Aboriginal community and archaeological (scientific) values. This report will assess the cultural values of Aboriginal sites in the study area. Details of the scientific significance assessment of Aboriginal sites in the study area are provided in Appendix 5.

5.1 Introduction to the assessment process

Heritage assessment criteria in NSW fall broadly within the significance values outlined in the Australia International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) *Burra Charter: The Australia ICOMOS Charter for Places of Cultural Significance* (Australia ICOMOS 2013) (the Burra Charter). This approach to heritage has been adopted by cultural heritage managers and government agencies as the set of guidelines for best practice heritage management in Australia. These values are provided as background and include:

- **Historical significance** (evolution and association) refers to historic values and encompasses the history of aesthetics, science and society, and therefore to a large extent underlies all of the terms set out in this section. A place may have historic value because it has influenced, or has been influenced by, a historic figure, event, phase or activity. It may also have historic value as the site of an important event. For any given place the significance will be greater where evidence of the association or event survives in situ, or where the settings are substantially intact, than where it has been changed or evidence does not survive. However, some events or associations may be so important that the place retains significance regardless of subsequent treatment.
- **Aesthetic significance** (Scenic/architectural qualities, creative accomplishment) refers to the sensory, scenic, architectural and creative aspects of the place. It is often closely linked with social values and may include consideration of form, scale, colour, texture, and material of the fabric or landscape, and the smell and sounds associated with the place and its use.
- **Social significance** (contemporary community esteem) refers to the spiritual, traditional, historical or contemporary associations and attachment that the place or area has for the present-day community. Places of social significance have associations with contemporary community identity. These places can have associations with tragic or warmly remembered experiences, periods or events. Communities can experience a sense of loss should a place of social significance be damaged or destroyed. These aspects of heritage significance can only be determined through consultative processes with local communities.
- **Scientific significance** (Archaeological, industrial, educational, research potential and scientific significance values) refers to the importance of a landscape, area, place or object because of its archaeological and/or other technical aspects. Assessment of scientific value is often based on the likely research potential of the area, place or object and will consider the importance of the data involved, its rarity, quality or representativeness, and the degree to which it may contribute further substantial information.

The cultural and archaeological significance of Aboriginal and historic sites and places is assessed on the basis of the significance values outlined above. As well as the Burra Charter significance values guidelines, various government agencies have developed formal criteria and guidelines that have application when assessing the significance of heritage places within NSW. Of primary interest are guidelines prepared by the Australian

Government, Heritage NSW and the Heritage Branch, and the NSW Department of Planning and Environment. The relevant sections of these guidelines are presented below.

These guidelines state that an area may contain evidence and associations which demonstrate one or any combination of the Burra Charter significance values outlined above in reference to Aboriginal heritage. Reference to each of the values should be made when evaluating archaeological and cultural significance for Aboriginal sites and places.

In addition to the previously outlined heritage values, the Heritage *NSW Guidelines to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011) also specify the importance of considering cultural landscapes when determining and assessing Aboriginal heritage values. The principle behind a cultural landscape is that 'the significance of individual features is derived from their inter-relatedness within the cultural landscape'. This means that sites or places cannot be 'assessed in isolation' but must be considered as parts of the wider cultural landscape. Hence the site or place will possibly have values derived from its association with other sites and places. By investigating the associations between sites, places, and (for example) natural resources in the cultural landscape the stories behind the features can be told. The context of the cultural landscape can unlock 'better understanding of the cultural meaning and importance' of sites and places.

Although other values may be considered – such as educational or tourism values – the two principal values that are likely to be addressed in consideration of Aboriginal sites and places are the cultural/social significance to Aboriginal people and their archaeological or scientific significance to archaeologists and the Aboriginal community. The determinations of archaeological and cultural significance for sites and places should then be expressed as statements of significance that preface a concise discussion of the contributing factors to Aboriginal cultural heritage significance.

5.2 Cultural (social significance) values

Cultural or social significance refers to the spiritual, traditional, historical and/or contemporary associations and values attached to a place or objects by Aboriginal people. Aboriginal cultural heritage is broadly valued by Aboriginal people as it is used to define their identity as both individuals and as part of a group (DECCW 2010a, p. iii). More specifically it provides:

- A 'connection and sense of belonging to Country' (DECCW 2010a, p. iii).
- A link between the present and the past (DECCW 2010a, p. 3).
- A learning tool to teach Aboriginal culture to younger Aboriginal generations and the general public (DECCW 2010a, p. 3).
- Further evidence of Aboriginal occupation prior to European settlement for people who do not understand the magnitude to which Aboriginal people occupied the continent (DECCW 2010a, p. 3).

It is acknowledged that Aboriginal people are the primary determiners of the cultural significance of Aboriginal cultural heritage. During the field investigation Jordan Mahi from the Metropolitan LALC noted that there was no cultural importance in the study area. During consultation no cultural values were raised by the RAPs for the study area, however Ethan Trewlyn from Long Gully Cultural Services noted there were middens located in the surrounding area.

5.3 Historic values

Historic significance refers to associations a place or object may have with a historically important person, event, phase or activity to the Aboriginal and other communities. The study area is not known to have any historic associations.

5.4 Archaeological (scientific significance) values

An archaeological scientific assessment was undertaken for the study area and is presented in detail as part of the attached AR (Appendix 5).

5.5 Aesthetic values

There is a diverse yet accessible literature regarding the identification of aesthetic values and determining aesthetic significance (Burke & Smith 2004, pp. 248–249). It is generally agreed that aesthetic values are an important part of cultural heritage significance; however, they are dependent on an individual's sensory response, which means determining aesthetic value is fraught with difficulty, and should be applied on a case-by-case basis as it is not always a value applicable to archaeological sites. However, when dealing with some types of sites aesthetic values and landscape context are an important consideration. The question 'does the place have a relationship between its parts and the setting which reinforces the quality of both', while originally proposed in an architectural context (Kerr 2013, p. 15), is relevant also for many sites in a local setting—such as in forests, deserts, or coastlines, where there is often an important relationship between cultural sites and the natural environment, which contribute to the values of a 'sense of place'.

The study area is extremely disturbed as is not representative of its natural context. There are low aesthetic values present in the study area.

5.6 Statement of significance

The significance of sites was assessed in accordance with the following criteria:

- Requirements of the Code.
- The Burra Charter.
- Guide to Investigating and Reporting on Aboriginal Heritage.

The combined use of these guidelines is widely considered to represent the best practice for assessments of Aboriginal cultural heritage. The identification and assessment of cultural heritage values includes the four values of the Burra Charter: social, historical, scientific and aesthetic values. The resultant statement of significance has been constructed for the study area based on the significance ranking criteria assessed in Table 5.

5.6.1 Statement of significance for the study area

The study area is located on a modified flat landform 270 metres south of the Parramatta River, within the Lucas Heights soil landscape. There has been significant development and disturbances to the study area and landforms present since the early 1940s. From the 20th century, development accelerated substantially, with there being a high likelihood that A horizon soils have been removed across the entire study area. Given the distance to watercourses the study area may have been a transitory location, with activity and occupation likely more focused closer to these resource locations. No Aboriginal sites or areas of archaeological potential

were identified as part of this assessment. This assessment has determined that the study area has low scientific significance. During consultation, there was no indication of the study area having cultural significance, although one comment received noted the wider region was known to contain shell midden sites. The study area does not have any direct historical associations. The study area is considered to have low aesthetic significance due to the significant development by industrial operations in the surrounding area and the modification of natural landforms that have occurred.

Table 4 Significance assessment criteria for the study area

Criteria	Ranking
Cultural – discussions with the local Aboriginal communities reflect that the study area is low in value.	Low
Historical – the site is not connected to any historical event or personage.	Low
Scientific – the site possesses low archaeological values due to significant disturbances that are likely to have impacted soils and removed any potential archaeological sites.	Low
Aesthetic – the study area is located in an urbanised suburb of Melrose Park. It is surrounded by various residential and industrial buildings which have impacted on the natural aesthetic values that were present. The site is also heavily modified and disturbed and has low aesthetic value.	Low

6 Development limitations and mitigation measures

Within the study area, there are no recorded Aboriginal sites that may be subject to harm. It is expected that the potential of harm to Aboriginal archaeological sites from development within the study area ranges from negligible to low. Strategies to avoid or minimise harm to Aboriginal heritage in the study area are discussed below.

Subject to implementing the recommendations set out in Section 7 and mitigation measures in Section 6.4 of this report, the conclusion is that the proposed activity is not likely to significantly affect the environment in relation to Aboriginal heritage.

6.1 Potential risks to Aboriginal cultural heritage

The proposed activity involves the construction and use of a new high school in two stages for approximately 1,000 students. Stage 1 of the proposed activity includes the following:

- Site preparation works.
- Construction of Block A – a six-storey (with additional roof/plant level) school building in the south-western portion of the site containing staff rooms and General Learning Spaces (GLS).
- Construction of Block B – a one storey (double height) hall, gymnasium, canteen and covered outdoor learning area (COLA) building in the south-eastern portion of the site.
- Construction of Block C – a single storey plant and storage building at the north-eastern portion of the site.
- Associated landscaping.
- Construction of on-site car parking.
- Provision and augmentation of services infrastructure.
- Associated public domain infrastructure works to support the school, including (but not limited to):
 - Provision of kiss and drop facilities along Wharf Road and widening of the Wharf Road footpath.
 - Raised pedestrian crossings on Wharf Road and Hope Street (Figure 3).

Stage 2 of the proposed activity includes the following:

- Construction of Building D – a five-storey (with additional roof/plant level) school building in the north-western portion of the site containing staff rooms and GLS:
 - Additional open play spaces within the terrace areas of Building D.
 - Minor layout amendments to Block A.

The proposed works are presented in Figure 3.

6.2 Avoiding harm to Aboriginal heritage

The study area does not contain any recorded Aboriginal sites and was assessed with low archaeological potential due to disturbances observed in the study area following a survey.

6.3 Ecologically Sustainable Development

One of the primary aims of the NPW Act is the 'conservation of objects places and features ... of cultural value within the landscape, including ... places, objects and features of significance to Aboriginal people ...' ((s.2A(1)(b)(i)). The *Operational Policy: Protecting Aboriginal Cultural Heritage (Version 2)* (DECC NSW 2011) provides guidance to proponents in term of Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD).

ESD has been defined in Part 3, 6. (2) Objective of the Authority of the *Protection of the Environment Administration Act 1991* (NSW). This outlines that the ESD requires the integration of economic and environmental considerations (including cultural heritage) in the decision-making process. Regarding Aboriginal cultural heritage, ESD can be achieved by applying the principle of intergenerational equity and the precautionary principle.

"Intergenerational equity"

The principle of intergenerational equity states that the present generation should make every effort to ensure the health, diversity and productivity of the environment – which includes cultural heritage – for the benefit of future generations.

In terms of Aboriginal cultural heritage, intergenerational equity can be considered in terms of the 'cumulative impacts' of any proposal to Aboriginal objects and places. For example, if few Aboriginal objects and places remain in a region (because of harm authorised under previous AHIPs), fewer opportunities remain for future generations of Aboriginal people to enjoy the cultural benefits of those Aboriginal objects and places.

Information about the significance of Aboriginal cultural heritage values associated with the Aboriginal objects and places proposed to be harmed will be relevant to the consideration of intergenerational equity and an understanding of the cumulative impacts of a proposal.

Where there is uncertainty, the precautionary principle should also be followed (see below).

The precautionary principle

The precautionary principle states that the lack of full scientific certainty about the threat of harm should not be used as a reason for not taking measures to prevent harm from occurring.

In applying the precautionary principle, decisions should be guided by:

- *a careful evaluation to avoid, wherever practicable, serious or irreversible damage to the environment (which includes cultural heritage)*
- *an assessment of the risk-weighted consequences of various options.*

The precautionary principle is relevant to Heritage NSW consideration of potential harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage where:

- *the proposal involves a risk of serious or irreversible harm to Aboriginal objects or places or to the value of those objects or places, and*
- *there is a lot of uncertainty about the significance of Aboriginal cultural heritage values of the Aboriginal objects or places proposed to be harmed.*

Where this is the case, a precautionary approach should be taken and all cost-effective measures implemented to prevent or reduce harm to the Aboriginal objects/place (DECC NSW 2011, p. 26)."

6.4 Management and mitigation measures

Ideally, heritage management involves conservation of sites through the preservation and conservation of fabric and context within a framework of 'doing as much as necessary, as little as possible' (Australia ICOMOS 2013). In cases where conservation is not practical, several options for management are available. For sites, management often involves the salvage of features or artefacts, retrieval of information through excavation or collection (especially where impact cannot be avoided) and interpretation.

Avoidance of impact to archaeological and cultural heritage sites through the design of the development is the primary mitigation and management strategy and should be implemented where practicable.

As part of the management and mitigation measures for the proposed works, an ACHA including an archaeological survey and consultation with the Aboriginal community was undertaken. This was done to determine the presence and nature of any potential Aboriginal sites so that appropriate management could be undertaken. The survey did not identify the presence of any Aboriginal sites and the study area was assessed as holding low potential. This was based on its environmental context and the significant existing disturbances which have likely resulted in the removal of A horizon soils which have the capacity to accumulate cultural deposits.

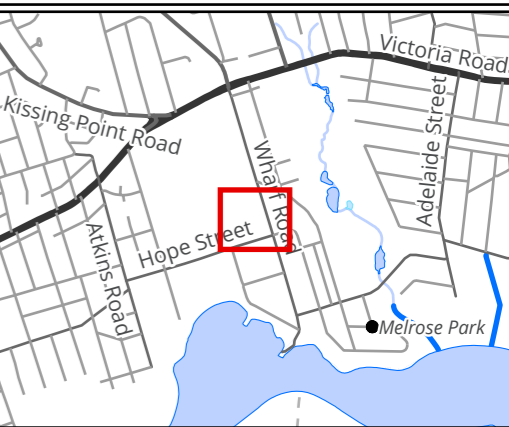
The following mitigation measures should be implemented as part of these works:

6.4.1 No further archaeological work required; works may proceed with caution

No Aboriginal sites, objects or areas of archaeological potential were identified as part of this assessment. Therefore, the works may proceed with caution. This recommendation is conditional upon the recommendations outlined in this report.

6.4.2 Continued consultation with the registered Aboriginal stakeholders

As per the consultation requirements, a copy of the final ACHA should be provided to RAPs for their records. The proponent should continue to inform these groups about the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the study area throughout the life of the project, should any sites be identified during the remainder of this assessment or during the proposed works.



Legend

Study area

Archaeological potential

Low

Figure 5 Impact assessment

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Metres
Scale: 1:1,000 @ A3
Coordinate System: GDA2020 MGA Zone 56



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7 Recommendations

Subject to implementing the recommendations and mitigation measures set out in Section 6.4 and Section 7 of this report, the conclusion of this assessment is that the proposed activity is not likely to significantly affect the environment in relation to Aboriginal heritage matters.

The recommendations below respond specifically to the wishes of the RAPs. Recommendations regarding the archaeological value of the site, and the subsequent management of Aboriginal cultural heritage is provided in the AR (Appendix 5).

Recommendation 1: No further assessment required; works may proceed with caution

No Aboriginal sites, objects or areas of archaeological potential were identified as part of this assessment. Therefore, the works may proceed with caution. This recommendation is conditional upon Recommendation 2 to 4.

Recommendation 2: Consultation with the registered Aboriginal stakeholders

As per the consultation requirements, a copy of the final ACHA should be provided to RAPs for their records. Should any sites be identified during the remainder of this assessment or during the proposed works, the proponent should continue to inform these groups about the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage sites within the study area throughout the life of the project,

Recommendation 3: Discovery of unanticipated Aboriginal objects

All Aboriginal objects and Places are protected under the NPW Act. It is an offence to knowingly disturb an Aboriginal site without a consent permit issued by Heritage NSW. Should any Aboriginal objects be encountered during works associated with this proposal, works must cease in the vicinity and the find should not be moved until assessed by a qualified archaeologist. If the find is determined to be an Aboriginal object, the archaeologist will provide further recommendations. These may include notifying Heritage NSW and Aboriginal stakeholders.

Recommendation 4: Discovery of human remains

Human remains may be found in a variety of landscapes in NSW, including middens and sandy or soft sedimentary soils. If any suspected human remains are discovered during any activity, you must:

1. Immediately cease all work at that location and not further move or disturb the remains.
2. Notify the NSW Police and Heritage NSW' Environmental Line on 131 555 as soon as practicable and provide details of the remains and their location.
3. Not recommence work at that location unless authorised in writing by Heritage NSW.

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Appendices

Appendix 1 Consultation log

Stage 1: Notification of project proposal and registration of interest

Step 1: Identification of Aboriginal people/parties with an interest in the proposed study area.

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Heritage NSW	26/08/2024 – Email	5/09/2024 – Email	Heritage NSW Parramatta Stakeholder list
Native Title Services CORP Limited	26/08/2024 – Email	28/08/2024 – Email	No native title claims.
Office of the Registrar	26/08/2024 – Email	27/08/2024 – Email	No Registered Aboriginal Owners.
Greater Sydney Local Land Services	26/08/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	26/08/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Parramatta Council	26/08/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response

Step 2: Public advertisement

The public notice was published in the Daily Telegraph on 13 September 2024. A copy of the advertisement is provided in Appendix 2.

Step 3: Registration of interest.

The registration period ran from the 12 September to 26 September 2024. Leeway was given to Aboriginal parties/groups who provided responses shortly after the close of this period and they have been registered as Aboriginal parties for consultation.

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
A1 Indigenous Services	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Amanda Hickey Cultural Services	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Anthony Williams	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
B.H. Heritage Consultants	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Badu (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Barraby Cultural Services	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Bidjawong Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Bidjawong Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Bilinga (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	16/09/2024 – Email	Registered
Clive Freeman	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Cullendulla (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments	12/09/2024 – Registered Post	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Darug Aboriginal Land Care	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Darug Boorooberongal Elders Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	13/09/2024 – Email	Registered
Darug Land Observations	12/09/2024 – Email & registered post	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Dharug (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Dharug Ngurra Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Dhinawan Culture & Heritage Pty Ltd	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Didge Ngunawal Clan	12/09/2024 - Email	12/09/2024 – Email	Registered
DJMD Consultancy	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Galamaay Cultural Consultants (GCC)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Gilay Consultants	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Ginninderra Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	18/09/2024 – Email	Registered
Goobah Development PTY LTD (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Goodradigbee Cultural & Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Gulaga	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Gunyu (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Holroyd City Council Advisory Committee	12/09/2024 – Registered Post	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
HSB Consultants; HSB Heritage Consultants	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Jerringong (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Julia Narayan	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	12/09/2024 - Email	18/09/2024 – Email	Registered
Konanggo Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Koori Digs Services	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Minnamunnung		N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Munyunga (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Mura Indigenous Corporation (icn:8991)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Muragadi Heritage Indigenous Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Murramarang (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Murrumbul (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Ngambaa Cultural Connections	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Nundagurri (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Parramatta City Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee	12/09/2024 – Registered Post	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Pemulwuy (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Rane Consulting	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Thauaira	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Thomas Dahlstrom Offers ACH value by using 3D Laser and Drone technology	12/09/2024 - Email	16/09/2024 – Email	Registered
Thoorga Nura	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Scott Franks on the behalf of the Wonnarua PBC	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Yarrowalk Pty Ltd	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Wailwan Aboriginal Group	12/09/2024 - Email	12/09/2024 – Email	Registered
Walbunja (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Walgalu (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Warragil Cultural Services	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Widescope Indigenous Group	12/09/2024 - Email	20/09/2024 – Email	Registered
Wingikara (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Woka Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Wori Woilywa	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Wullung (Murrin Clan/Peoples)	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Wurrumay Culture Heritage Consultants	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Yerramurra (Murrin Clan/Peoples) and Taste of Tradition Native Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response

Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
Yulay Cultural Services	12/09/2024 - Email	13/09/2024 – Email	Registered
Yurrandaali	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Bariyan Cultural Connections	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Wallanbah Aboriginal Site Conveyancing	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
RAW Cultural Healing	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Dharramalin	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Ninum	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Long Gully Cultural Services	12/09/2024 - Email	12/09/2024 – Email	Registered
Guthers Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Damo digs	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Gadu chts	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Pearl Depoma	12/09/2024 - Email	13/09/2024 – Email	Registered – Finished two connection to country workshops with school infrastructure NSW on this site.
Nattai Aboriginal Culture & Heritage Consultation Service	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	18/09/2024 – Email	Registered
Julie-Ann Christian	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Barabirang Projects	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Tara Maree Lloyd	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Yerrowah	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Debbie Moon	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Darug Aboriginal Resource Centre	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Wallangang Aboriginal Corporation	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Ross Tangye	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Paul Webb	12/09/2024 - Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
Gadhungal Marring	12/09/2024 - Email	12/09/2024 – Email	Registered

Stage 2 & 3: Presentation of information about the proposed project and gathering information about cultural significance

Step 1: Provision of project information pack and project methodology

A copy of the information pack and project methodology is provided in Appendix 3 and a copy of the covering email is provided following.

No.	Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
1	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
2	Yulay Cultural Services	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
3	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
4	Gadhungal Marring	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
5	Didge Ngunawal Clan	3/10/2024 – Email	3/10/2024 – Email	<i>“...We are happy as was been given to us towards your methodology..”</i>
6	Confidential Party #1	3/10/2024 – Email	7/10/2024 – Email	<i>“...We support Melrose Park High School: Stage 2 and 3 Aboriginal Community Consultation and recommend testing as it's the only chance we have.”</i>
7	Long Gully Cultural Services	3/10/2024 – Email	8/10/2024 – Email	<i>“...I agree with the methodology. I've been involved with many projects in the area and there's a lot of middens in the surrounding area and a supposed midden site but we couldn't find it...”</i>
8	Pearl Depoma	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
9	Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
10	Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
11	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
12	Thomas Dahlstrom Offers ACH value by using 3D Laser and Drone technology	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
13	Widescope Indigenous Group	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
14	Ginninderra Aboriginal Corporation	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response

No.	Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
15	Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation	3/10/2024 – Email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response

Stage 4: Review of draft report

No.	Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
1	Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
2	Yulay Cultural Services	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
3	Wailwan Aboriginal Group	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
4	Gadhungal Marring	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
5	Didge Ngunawal Clan	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
6	Confidential Party #1	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
7	Long Gully Cultural Services	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
8	Pearl Depoma	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
9	Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	20/01/2025 – Email	<i>“Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation agree with the recommendation set out in this report.”</i>
10	Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
11	Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	23/01/2025 – Email	<i>“Thank you for your Draft ACHAR/AR for Melrose Park High School, we would like to agree and support your recommendations.”</i>

No.	Organisation contacted	Date and type of contact	Date and type of response	Response details
12	Thomas Dahlstrom Offers ACH value by using 3D Laser and Drone technology	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
13	Widescope Indigenous Group	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
14	Ginninderra Aboriginal Corporation	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response
15	Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation	17/12/2024 – Email 17/01/2025 – Reminder email	N/A – No response	N/A – No response

Appendix 2 Stage 1: Notification of project proposal and registration of interest

Molly Crissell

From: Molly Crissell
Sent: Monday, 26 August 2024 4:51 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: 40105- Stage 1.1 Consultation -Melrose Park High School ACHA
Attachments: PDFMailer.pdf

Hi,

Biosis Pty Ltd (Biosis) is currently undertaking an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA) for School Infrastructure New South Wales (SINSW) to inform the development of a new high school at the corner of Wharf Road and Hope Street, Melrose Park (Lot 201 DP1265603), within the Paramatta Local Government Area, New South Wales (NSW) (the project).

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Search Results

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- 1. Register of Native Title Claims
- 2. Native Title Determinations
- 3. Indigenous Land Use Agreements (Registered and notified)

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201//DP1265603	FREEHOLD	8/03/2024	0.0534	No overlap			-	0.00%

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Yours sincerely



Molly Crissell
Heritage Consultant

26 August 2024

Metropolitan LALC
PO Box 1103,
Strawberry Hills, NSW 2012

Dear

Melrose Park High School: Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment — Notification to Agencies

Our Ref: Matter: 40105

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The purpose of Aboriginal community consultation is to provide sufficient information for the assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage values, and to assist the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in their consideration and determination of the application. The project will be undertaken in accordance with the *National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974*.

As per Section 4.1 of the consultation requirements, Biosis wish to invite Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council to register an interest in the project. Biosis is seeking to identify Aboriginal people who may have an interest in the study area and hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the Melrose area. If you could please provide contact details for any such Aboriginal people or organisations by **5:00PM 10 September 2024** it would be greatly appreciated.

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In accordance with Section 4.1.3 (a) of the consultation requirements, please note that the relevant client contact for this project is:

SINSW

schoolinfrastructure@det.nsw.edu.au

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Good morning Molly

Please find attached the response from the Office of the Registrar, ALRA to your email and letter of 26 August 2024 regarding the proposed development of Melrose Park High School at the corner of Wharf Road and Hope Street Melrose Park NSW, as part of an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment (ACHA).

Please note, we now have an Aboriginal Owners email mailbox to which such requests can be sent in future. Please email your ACHA requests to [REDACTED]

Kind regards

The Aboriginal Owners team

Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

[REDACTED] E [REDACTED]
www.oralra.nsw.gov.au

PO Box 787
PARRAMATTA NSW 2124

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The Office of the Registrar stands on Aboriginal land. We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land and we show our respect for Elders past, present and emerging through thoughtful and collaborative approaches to our work, seeking to demonstrate our ongoing commitment to supporting the return of land to Aboriginal people as compensation for past dispossession; and to support self-determination through participation and representation in the land council network.

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Sent: Tuesday, 27 August 2024 12:22 PM
To: Molly Crissell
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Your ref: *Matter no. 40105* **Our ref:** *SR24/1441*

Dear Molly

Thank you for your search request, please find your results below.

Search Results

The results provided are based on the information you supplied and are derived from a search of the following Tribunal databases:

- Schedule of Native Title Determination Applications
- Register of Native Title Claims
- Native Title Determinations
- Indigenous Land Use Agreements (Registered and notified)

Results for overlapping native title matters in NSW:

Feature ID	Tenure	Cadastre Data As At	Feature Area SqKm	Overlapping I	
201//DP1265603	FREEHOLD	8/03/2024	0.0534	NNTT File Number	Name
				No overlap	

For more information about the Tribunal's registers or to search the registers yourself and obtain copies of relevant register extracts, please visit our [website](#).

Information on native title claims and freehold land can also be found on the Tribunal's website here: [Native title claims and freehold land](#) .

Please note: There may be a delay between a native title determination application being lodged in the Federal Court and its transfer to the Tribunal. As a result, some native title determination applications recently filed with the Federal Court may not appear on the Tribunal's databases.

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the areas described are in fact subject to claim, you need to refer to the “Area covered by claim” section of the relevant Register Extract or Schedule Extract and any maps attached.

Search results and the existence of native title

Please note that the enclosed information from the Register of Native Title Claims and/or the Schedule of Applications is **not** confirmation of the existence of native title in this area. This cannot be confirmed until the Federal Court makes a determination that native title does or does not exist in relation to the area. Such determinations are registered on the National Native Title Register.

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Regards,

Geospatial Searches

National Native Title Tribunal | Perth

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Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment – proposed development of Melrose Park High School at the corner of Wharf Road and Hope Street Melrose Park NSW: request for list of potential Aboriginal stakeholders

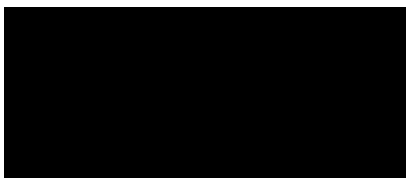
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Under Section 170 of the *Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983 (NSW)*, the Office of the Registrar is required to maintain the Register of Aboriginal Owners (RAO) for New South Wales. A search of the RAO has shown that there are currently no Registered Aboriginal Owners in the project area.

The proposed development falls within the boundaries of Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council (LALC). We suggest you contact Metropolitan LALC (contact details provided below), as they may wish to participate or contribute.

Yours sincerely

Karen Carter
Project Officer
Office of the Registrar, Aboriginal Land Rights Act 1983

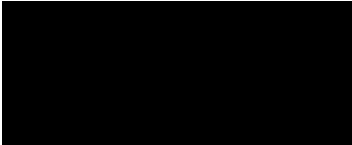


From: [REDACTED]
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Subject: Aboriginal stakeholder list for Melrose Park High School - Corner of Wharf Road and Hope Street, Melrose Park – Parramatta.
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[Heritage NSW Aboriginal stakeholder list for - Parramatta LGA.docx](#)
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**LIST OF ABORIGINAL STAKEHOLDERS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT (DPE) HELD BY DPE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE OEH
ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PROPONENTS 2010**

The purpose of this letter is to assist you as the proposed applicant in undertaking Aboriginal community consultation in accordance with the relevant legislation and guidelines.

The consultation process involves getting the views of, and information from, Aboriginal people and reporting on these. It is not to be confused with other field assessment processes involved in preparing a proposal and an application. Consultation does not include the employment of Aboriginal people to assist in field assessment and/or site monitoring. Aboriginal people may provide services to proponents through a contractual arrangement however, this is separate from consultation. The proponent is not obliged to employ those Aboriginal people registered for consultation. Consultation as per these requirements will continue irrespective of potential or actual employment opportunities for Aboriginal people.

In accordance with Clause 60 (10) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019, where an agreement of the kind listed below specifies or identifies a modified or alternative consultation process for the purposes of Part 6 of the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974, the applicant is to undertake consultation in accordance with the modified or alternative process. The applicable agreements are:

- a) a registered Indigenous Land Use Agreement under the Native Title Act 1993 of the Commonwealth entered into between an Aboriginal community and the State,
- b) a lease entered into under Part 4A of the Act,
- c) an agreement entered into by the Secretary and a board of management reserved under Part 4A of the Act that has the consent of Aboriginal owner board members for the land concerned,
- d) an agreement entered into between an Aboriginal community and the Department of Planning, Industry and the Environment.

Where you believe your application is wholly or partially located within an area subject to any of the above agreements, please provide further correspondence (including mapping, if required) detailing the applicable agreement and its relationship to the application area to heritagemailbox@environment.nsw.gov.au. Heritage NSW will respond with further advice.

Where the above does not apply, please proceed with consultation in accordance with the Clause 60 (1-9) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019 and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (the "Consultation Requirements"). A copy of the Consultation Requirements can be found on the OEH website at: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/resources/cultureheritage/commconsultation/09781ACHconsultreq.pdf>.

Under the Consultation Requirements, a proponent is required to provide Aboriginal people who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places as relevant to the proposed project area, with an opportunity to be involved in consultation. Section 3.3.1 of the Consultation Requirements states that Aboriginal people who can provide this information are, based on Aboriginal lore and custom, the traditional owners or custodians of the land that is the subject of the proposed project.

The Consultation Requirements also state that:

Traditional owners or custodians with appropriate cultural heritage knowledge to inform decision making who seek to register their interest as an Aboriginal party are those people who:

- continue to maintain a deep respect for their ancestral belief system, traditional lore and custom

- recognise their responsibilities and obligations to protect and conserve their culture and heritage and care for their traditional lands or Country
- have the trust of their community, knowledge and understanding of their culture, and permission to speak about it.

This list is provided to proponents in accordance with Clause 60(2)(a)(i) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019 and section 4.1.2 of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010.

The stakeholders identified on this list may have an interest in the proposed project area and may hold knowledge relevant to determining the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places.

How to use this list

- Contact the organisations/individuals who have indicated an interest in the relevant LGA/s and invite them to register an interest in your project.
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- Note that the provision of this Aboriginal stakeholder list does not override a proponent's requirement to also advertise in the local newspaper and to seek from other sources the names of any other Aboriginal people who may hold cultural knowledge as required under clause 60 (2) of the National Parks and Wildlife Regulation 2019.
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Last updated August 2024

Our reference: Doc24/710286

Melrose Park High School, Wharf Road and Hope Street, Melrose Park

Aboriginal Stakeholders – Parramatta Local Government Area.

A1 Indigenous Services		-
Amanda Hickey Cultural Services		-
Anthony Williams		-
Aragung Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Site Assessments		-
B.H. Heritage Consultants		Nola and Ralph would BOTH like to be notified of all projects
Badu (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Barraby Cultural Services		-
Bidjawong Aboriginal Corporation		Prefer email contact
Bilinga (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Butucarbin Aboriginal Corporation		Preferred contact via email

Clive Freeman		-
Corroboree Aboriginal Corporation		-
Cullendulla (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Darug Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessments		-
Darug Aboriginal Land Care		-
Darug Boorooberongal Elders Aboriginal Corporation		-
Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation		-
Darug Land Observations		-
Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council		-
Dharug (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Dharug Ngurra Aboriginal Corporation		-

Dhinawan Culture & Heritage Pty Ltd		-
Didge Ngunawal Clan		-
DJMD Consultancy		-
Galamaay Cultural Consultants (GCC)		-
Gandangara Local Aboriginal Land Council		-
Gilay Consultants		-
Ginninderra Aboriginal Corporation		-
Goobah Development PTY LTD (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		confirm email
Goodradigbee Cultural & Heritage Aboriginal Corporation		-
Gulaga		-
Gunjeewong Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation		-
Gunyuu (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-

Holroyd City Council Advisory Committee		-
HSB Consultants; HSB Heritage Consultants		-
Jerringong (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Julia Narayan		-
Kamilaroi Yankuntjatjara Working Group		-
Konanggo Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services		-
Koori Digs Services		-
Minnamunnung		-
Munyunga (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Mura Indigenous Corporation (icn:8991)		-
Muragadi Heritage Indigenous Corporation		-
Murra Bidgee Mullangari Aboriginal Corporation		-

Murramarang (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Murrumbul (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Ngambaa Cultural Connections		-
Nundagurri (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Parramatta City Council Aboriginal Advisory Committee		-
Pemulwuy (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Rane Consulting		-
Thauaira		-

Thomas Dahlstrom Offers ACH value by using 3D Laser and Drone technology		-
Thoorga Nura		-
Scott Franks on the behalf od the Wonnarua PBC Yarrowalk Pty Ltd		-
Waawaar Awaa Aboriginal Corporation		-
Wailwan Aboriginal Group		-

Walbunja (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Walgalu (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Warragil Cultural Services		-
Widescope Indigenous Group		-
Wingikara (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Woka Aboriginal Corporation		-
Wori Woilywa		-
Wullung (Murrin Clan/Peoples)		-
Wurrumay Culture Heritage Consultants		-
Yerramurra (Murrin Clan/Peoples) and Taste of Tradition Native Aboriginal Corporation		-
Yulay Cultural Services		-
Yurrandaali		-

Bariyan Cultural Connections	
Wallanbah Aboriginal Site Conveyancing	
RAW Cultural Healing	
Dharramalin	
Ninum	
Long Gully Cultural Services	
Guthers Aboriginal Corporation	
Damo digs	
Gadu chts	

Pearl Depoma	
Nattai Aboriginal Culture & Heritage Consultation Service	
Mura Gadi Aboriginal Corporation	
Julie-Ann Christian	
Barabirang Projects	
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Yerrowah	
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Paul Webb	
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Dear Korri

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73 Russell Street
Emu Plains, NSW 2750

Dear Steven & Donna

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From [REDACTED] >
Date Mon 2024-09-16 10:59 PM
To Luci Kumar Sharma <lkumarsharma@biosis.com.au>

Good evening,

On behalf of Butucarbin, I would like to register for this project.

Kind regards,
Jenny

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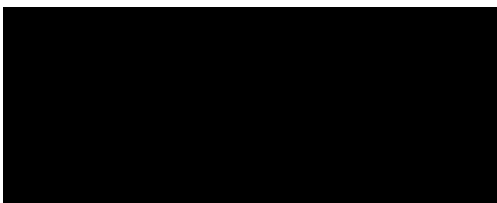
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Thu 2024-09-12 1:34 PM

To: Luci Kumar Sharma <lkumarsharma@biosis.com.au>

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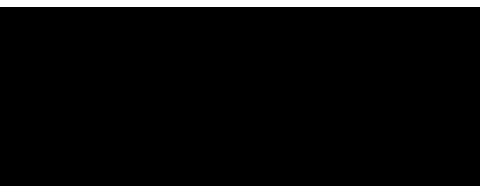
Corroborree Aboriginal Corporation Registration of interest as required under Heritage NSW Aboriginal Cultural heritage

We at Corroborree Aboriginal Corporation are identified First Nations people who hold cultural knowledge relevant to this project area and we wish to register an interest in the process of community consultation. We employ numerous clans for the betterments of our people. As such we send the relevant clan members to the relevant project areas. Baring in mind that as per legislation as long as we are Aboriginal and hold our culture connections and knowledge, etc, to the areas, as such we are stakeholders. We support participation of our stakeholders/members by providing employment in this field of employ on these projects that we have connections to and knowledge. As part of our registering we look forward to the opportunity to provide culturally appropriate information and to comment on the cultural heritage significance of Aboriginal Culture and heritage We are registering Corroborree Aboriginal Corporation in a full capacity. We have worked on a vast number of projects as Cultural Heritage Officers in the project area. We are currently involved on many projects in the subject area. My family and other family members have lived in the area and family currently reside in the surrounding areas.

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Contact is preferred via email: [REDACTED] The contact number, email and contact person is also listed in the signature.

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9/13/24, 8:52 AM

Email - Luci Kumar Sharma - Outlook

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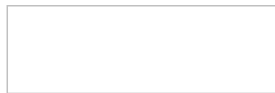
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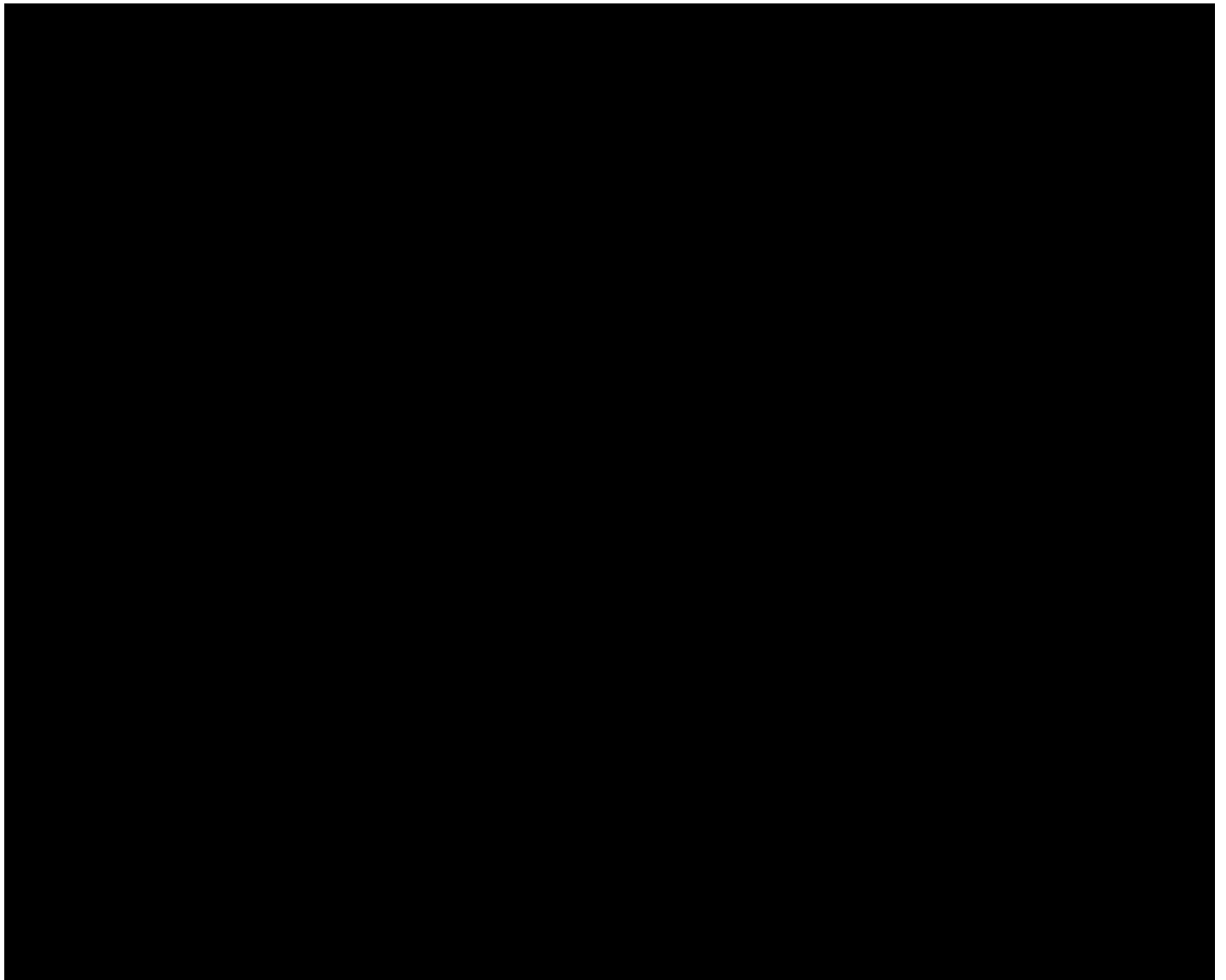
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In accordance with the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010 (DECCW 2010), Biosis invites Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge in determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the vicinity of the above area to register their interest in a process of community consultation.

The purpose of Aboriginal community consultation is to provide sufficient information for the assessment of Aboriginal cultural heritage values, and to assist the Secretary of the Department of Planning, Housing and Infrastructure in their consideration and determination of the application. The project will be undertaken in accordance with the National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974 and assessed as State Significant Development under Part 4.36 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

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The planning pathway is not certain but is likely to be assessed as a State Significant Development (SSD) under Part 4.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

The purpose of the ACHA is to determine the impacts the proposed development will have on any Aboriginal heritage values present within the study area. The ACHA will also assist SINSW in developing their plans in order to minimise the impacts the works will have on Aboriginal heritage values.

The following project information and assessment methodology has been provided in accordance with Section 4.2 and Section 4.3 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (DECCW 2010a) (consultation requirements). The aim of this letter is to provide you with information about the project and the proposed ACHA process, and to seek your feedback to inform the ACHA.

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Stage 2 – Project information

The aim of the Stage 2 document is to provide Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) with information about the scope of the project, and the proposed cultural heritage assessment process, and to seek their feedback on the project.

The project

SINSW are in the process of preparing planning reports that include:

- Masterplan for a small high school with teaching spaces, staff facilities, hall, library and outdoor spaces.

Biosis has been engaged by SINSW to undertake the ACHA to support the potential SSD application for the high school and to inform the proposed works design for the study area. The ACHA will be prepared in accordance with the *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011). It includes an Archaeological Report (AR) prepared in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW 2010b) (the Code) and consultation with Aboriginal community in accordance with the consultation requirements. The ACHA will inform SINSW of any potential for the project to impact on or expose Aboriginal objects or sites. Biosis will provide recommendations based on the outcomes of the ACHA.

Study area

The study area is located within the City of Parramatta Local Government Area, Parish of Field of Mars, County of Cumberland (Figure 1). The study area is part of Lot 2 DP1303954 and is bounded by Hope Street to the south, Wharf Road to the east, Lot 1 DP1303954 to the north and west. The study area encompasses approximately 1 hectares of private land (Figure 2).

Background

Biosis conducted an Aboriginal Due Diligence Assessment (ADDA) for the study area on 29 March 2024. A search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) database (Client Service ID: 905888) identified 102 Aboriginal archaeological sites within a 11 by 11 kilometre search area, centred on the study area (Figure 3). None of these sites are located within the study area. The nearest AHIMS sites are shell sites AHIMS 45-6-4078/Ermington SHL 01, AHIMS 45-6-4079/Ermington SHL 02, and AHIMS 45-5-1961/Ermington 1, 500 metres south from the study area.

There are no watercourses located within the study area. The closest water source is the main branch of the Paramatta River, located approximately 270 metres south of the study area and the Archer River, a second order stream that branches from the Paramatta River, located approximately 337 metres west of the study area. The closest permanent water course is Parramatta River, a fourth-order creek line located 500 metres east of the study area. These waterlines would have provided an abundant supply of food and material resources which would have been exploited by Aboriginal people, increasing the likelihood that the study area would have been utilised.

The study area is located in a flat urban environment previously developed for industrial use within the Cumberland Plain. The Cumberland Plain consists of low lying, gently undulating plains and low hills comprised of Wianamatta Group shales and sandstones, with a dense drainage net of predominantly northward flowing channels. The study area is situated entirely within the Hawkesbury Sandstone formation. Due to the level of modification within the study area, such features associated with these site types such as artefacts are likely to have been destroyed, should they have been present. Previous archaeological investigations undertaken in the local region concluded that landform and distance from water had an impact on site distribution. Although artefacts are found on all landforms, the landform type influences artefact distribution. Within the local region, the areas likely to withhold Aboriginal sites would be slightly elevated, well-drained areas in the lower parts of valleys. It is unlikely that Aboriginal sites would remain *in situ*, this creating a low potential for archaeological sites.

A field investigation consisting of a pedestrian survey of the study area was conducted on 29 March 2024 to identify any previously unrecorded Aboriginal objects, sites, or areas of potential. During the field investigation no previously unrecorded Aboriginal sites areas or areas archaeological were identified within the study area.

Project schedule

The proposed schedule and time allocations for the consultation stages are summarised below.

Action	Timeframe	Potential constraints and limitations
Commencement of Aboriginal community consultation – advertising of project and notification to stakeholders	Completed	Project advertised in the Daily Telegraph 13 September 2024.
Notices sent to identified Aboriginal parties	Completed 26 August 2024	N/A
Aboriginal stakeholder registration period	13 September 2024 to 27 September 2024	Registration period expired on 27 September 2024.
Field investigation	TBC	Land access, RAP availability.
Archaeological test excavations (if required)	TBC	TBC
Information gathering	Continuous	N/A
Review of draft report	TBC	28 days review time allowed under the consultation guidelines.
Final report	TBC	TBC

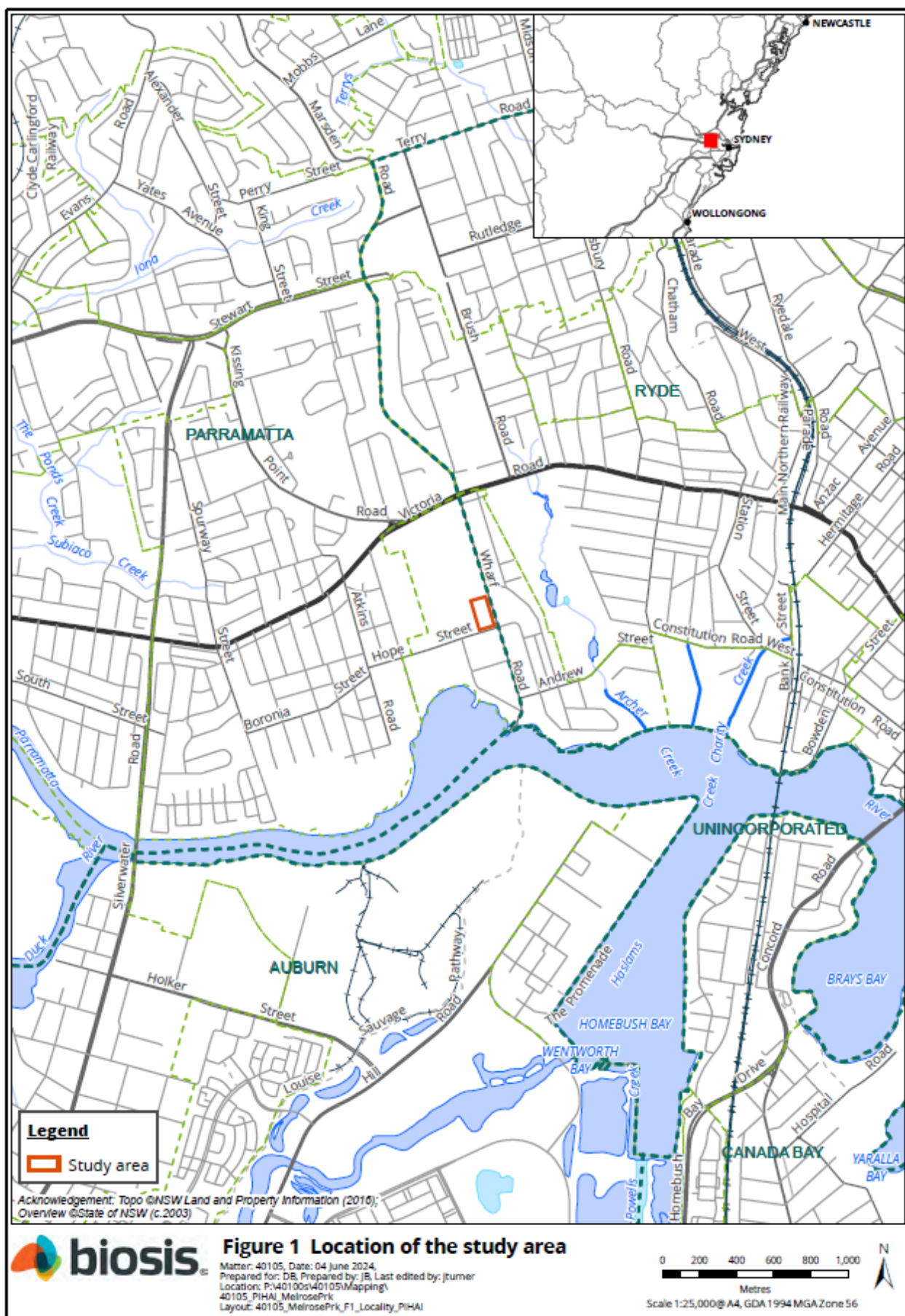
Responsibilities and roles

As part of the consultation process, RAPs will be provided the opportunity to offer input into regulatory processes, contribute to decision making by proponents and government authorities, respond to requests for cultural information and comment on draft reporting, as appropriate. This will be undertaken in accordance with their role specified in Section 5 of the consultation requirements.

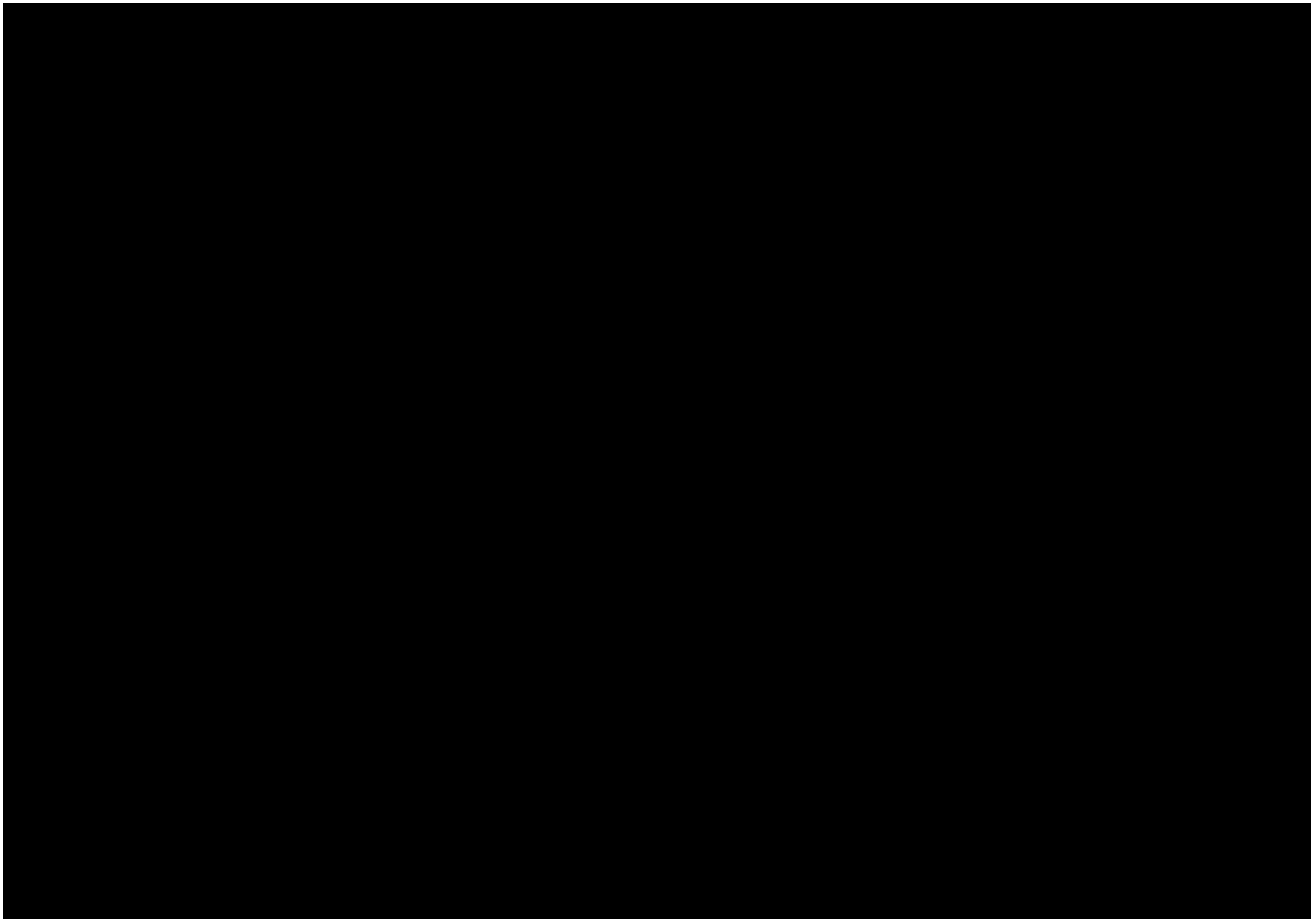
Biosis and the proponent, in accordance with their role under Section 5 of the consultation requirements, will consult with the Aboriginal community by:

- Displaying a meaningful appreciation, understanding and respect for the belief system, spiritual connection and sense of belonging that Aboriginal people have to their land, people and environment, which includes plants, animals, waterways, sacred sites and other places of cultural significance and importance.
- Upholding and respecting the traditional rights, obligations and responsibilities of Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge in accordance with traditional lore and custom, particularly as these relate to the cultural business of men and women.
- Encouraging active participation of culturally experienced and appropriate Aboriginal people who hold cultural knowledge in the consultation process.
- Encouraging opportunities for the effective transfer of cultural knowledge from older to younger generations in accordance with traditional lore and custom through the consultation process.
- Have an awareness and understanding of how colonisation has impacted the Aboriginal people of Australia.
- Supply suitable project information and provide the opportunity for Aboriginal stakeholders to provide input into the heritage management process (DECCW 2010a).

Each section of the ACHA methodology will be undertaken in consultation with the RAPs for the project. Biosis invites RAPs to provide culturally appropriate information via mail, email or phone with regards to this project.







Stage 3 – Gathering information about cultural significance

The aims of Stage 3 of the consultation process is to facilitate a process where RAPs for the project can:

- Contribute to culturally appropriate information gathering and the research methodology.
- Provide information that will enable the cultural significance of Aboriginal objects and/or places in the proposed study area to be determined.
- Have input into the development of any cultural heritage management options (DECCW 2010a, p. 12).

The purpose of the Stage 3 document below is to provide RAPs with information about the proposed ACHA methodology for the project, including the survey strategy and test excavation (if required) methodology and to seek feedback on the Aboriginal cultural values present within the study area.

The assessment methodology includes the following tasks:

Background research

This task will identify known Aboriginal sites, areas of potential archaeological sensitivity and previous disturbance, and inform the predictive modelling for the study area. The following steps will be undertaken:

- A search of the AHIMS database will be completed to identify registered sites in the vicinity of the study area. The results of the AHIMS search will be used to obtain relevant site cards and relevant previously completed Aboriginal cultural heritage assessments.
- A review of relevant reports identified through the AHIMS search.
- A review of aerial photographs and other resources to gauge the existing landscape and previous history of land disturbance.
- A review of the historical heritage databases.
- A brief summary of the historical uses of the study area will be developed.

Consultation with the Aboriginal community

This task will provide the Aboriginal community with the opportunity to participate in decisions regarding the management of their cultural heritage by providing proponents information regarding cultural significance and opportunities to input into management options.

Aboriginal community consultation will be undertaken in accordance with the consultation requirements, which includes:

- COMPLETED. Biosis ascertained the names of Aboriginal people or groups who may hold cultural knowledge relevant to determining the significance of Aboriginal objects and/ or places within the study area.
- COMPLETED. Aboriginal stakeholders were provided with notification by letter of the project on 13 September 2024 via Biosis on behalf of SINSW and given the opportunity to be involved in consultation.

- This document outlines the details of the project and proposed archaeological testing methodology. If required. The RAPs must be given an opportunity to review and provide feedback to the proponent within a minimum of 28 days of Biosis providing the methodology document.
- The draft ACHA and AR will be provided to all RAPs for comment – the proponent must allow 28 days for comment. All comments and correspondence sent and received regarding the project will be included in the final report in an appendix.

Culturally sensitive material

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Cultural information provided will be recorded in the Aboriginal consultation log and discussed in the report. If the information is regarded as too sensitive to be made public then RAPs should advise Biosis and identify the nature of the sensitivity. Biosis will then arrange for the recording of the information in accordance with its sensitivity. Documents which hold sensitive information will clearly list, on the front cover, who can have access to the document. These documents will be stored securely.

Field investigation

An archaeological survey of the study area was conducted on 29 March 2024 by Bronte Baonza (Biosis, Heritage Consultant) to identify any previously unrecorded Aboriginal objects, sites, or areas of potential. During the field investigation no previously unrecorded Aboriginal sites or objects were identified. High levels of previous ground disturbance were present and included initial vegetation clearance, the construction and demolition of buildings, and the study area being used as a carpark. These would have likely resulted in poor preservation of archaeological material and would have destroyed any *in situ* archaeological deposits within the study area. This determined that there is low potential for Aboriginal sites to be located within the study area.

An additional survey of the study area will be undertaken with participation of Aboriginal representatives.

Recording during the field investigation will follow Requirements 5 to 10 of the Code and industry best practice. Information recorded will include:

- Aboriginal objects or sites present in the study area during the investigation.
- Survey coverage.
- Any resources that may have potentially been exploited by Aboriginal people.
- Landforms.
- Photographs of the site indicating landform.
- Evidence of disturbance.
- Aboriginal artefacts, culturally modified trees or any other Aboriginal sites.

Where possible, Identification of natural soil deposits within the study area will be undertaken. Representative photographs of survey units, landform, vegetation coverage, ground surface visibility will be undertaken.

Detailed results of the field investigation will be provided in the draft ACHA and AR.

Reporting

Biosis will prepare an ACHA and AR for the project. The ACHA will document the findings of the assessment and detail the consultation process. The AR will be included as an appendix to the ACHA and will document the desktop assessment, field investigation, and test excavation results.

The main aim of the report is to document the assessment of potential development related impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage and to formulate strategies to manage these impacts. Reporting will follow the guidelines of Heritage NSW, in particular the consultation requirements, the Code and the *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011).

The ACHA will contain:

- Details of the Aboriginal consultation process undertaken as part of the assessment.
- A review and summary of the environmental context of the study area.
- A review and summary of the Aboriginal archaeological context of the study area.
- Aboriginal site significance assessment.
- Impact assessment.
- Management strategies.
- Maps detailing any Aboriginal sites identified during the assessment process.

The RAPs will be provided with the draft ACHA and AR, and their comments on the report content sought. Comments on the report's content are to be provided to Biosis by the party's respective nominated spokesperson(s). All comments not provided in writing will be recorded in an informal logbook by Biosis. These comments and responses to these comments will be documented in the final ACHA.

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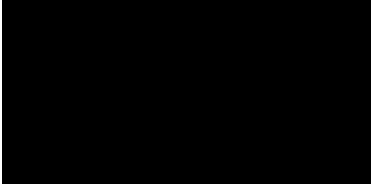
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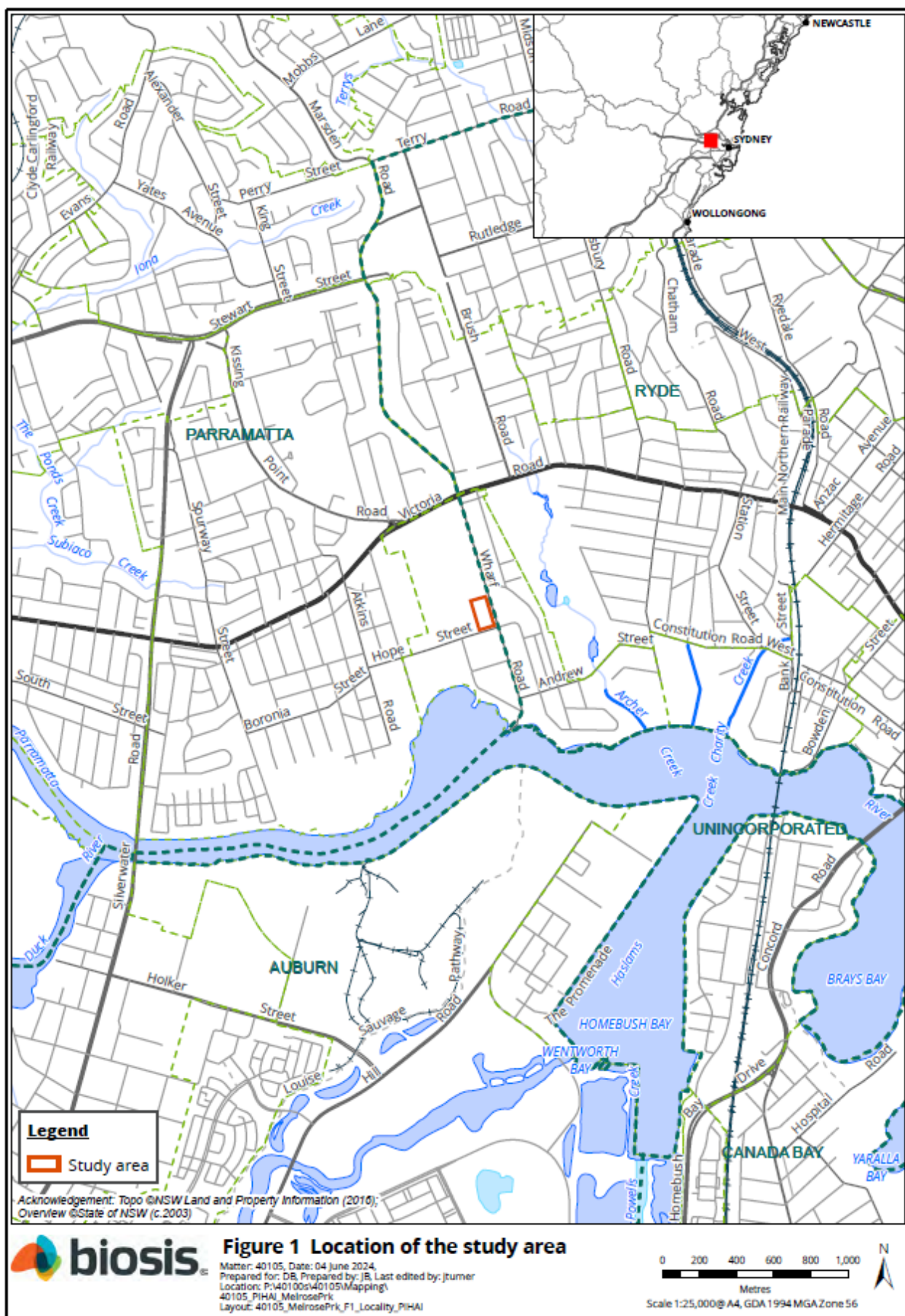
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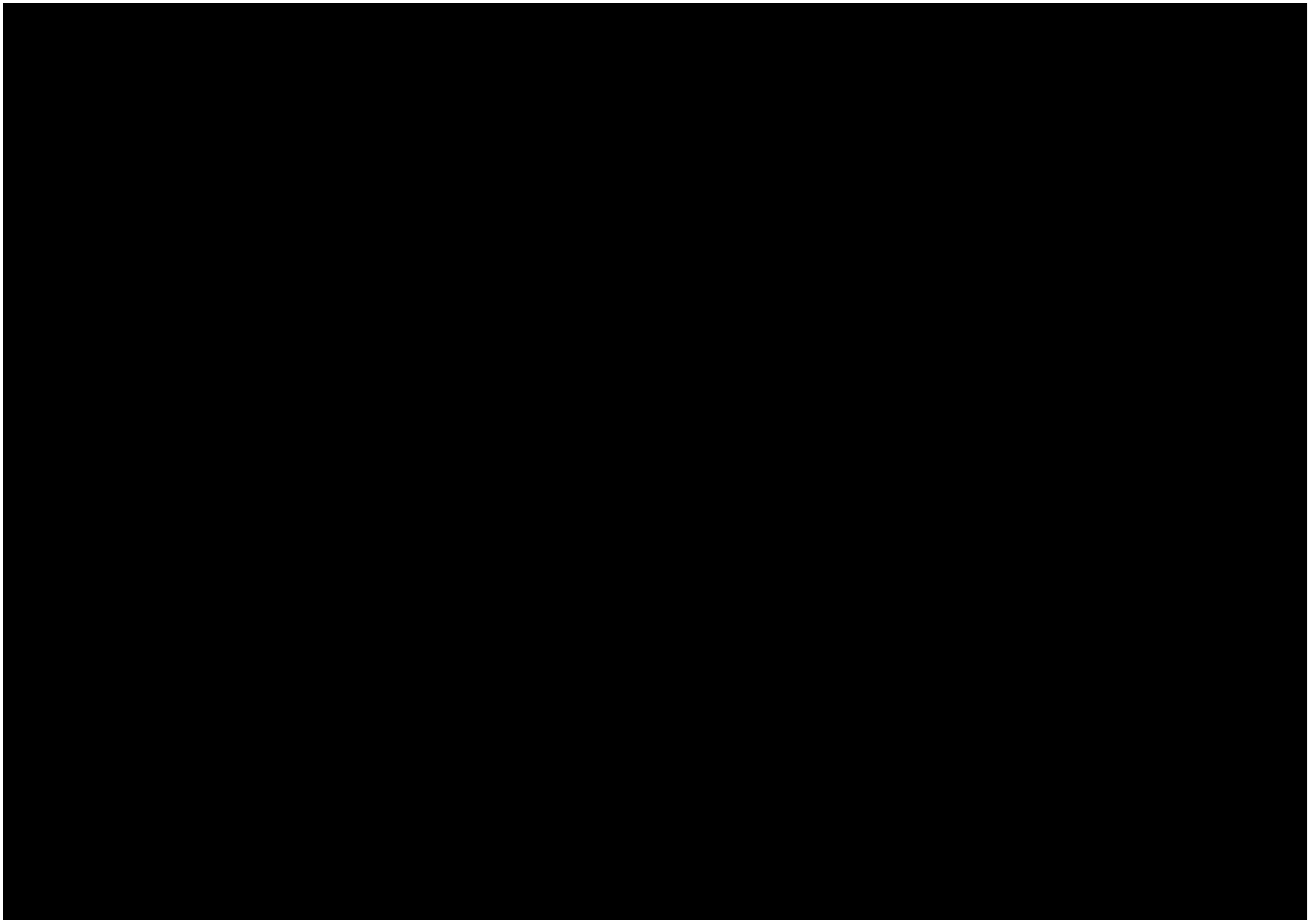
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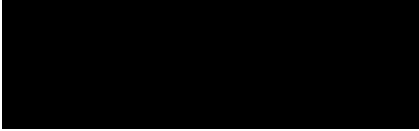
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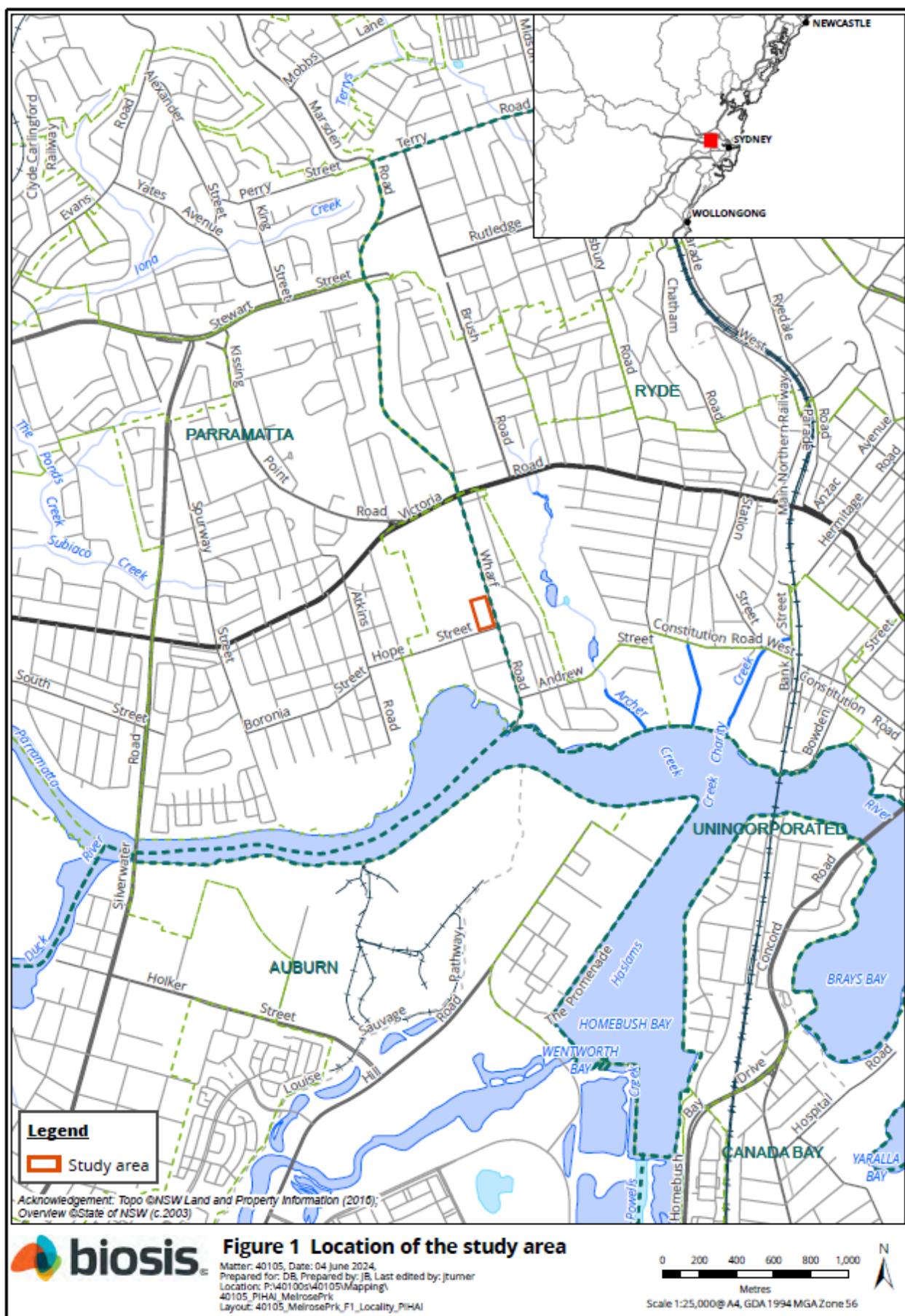
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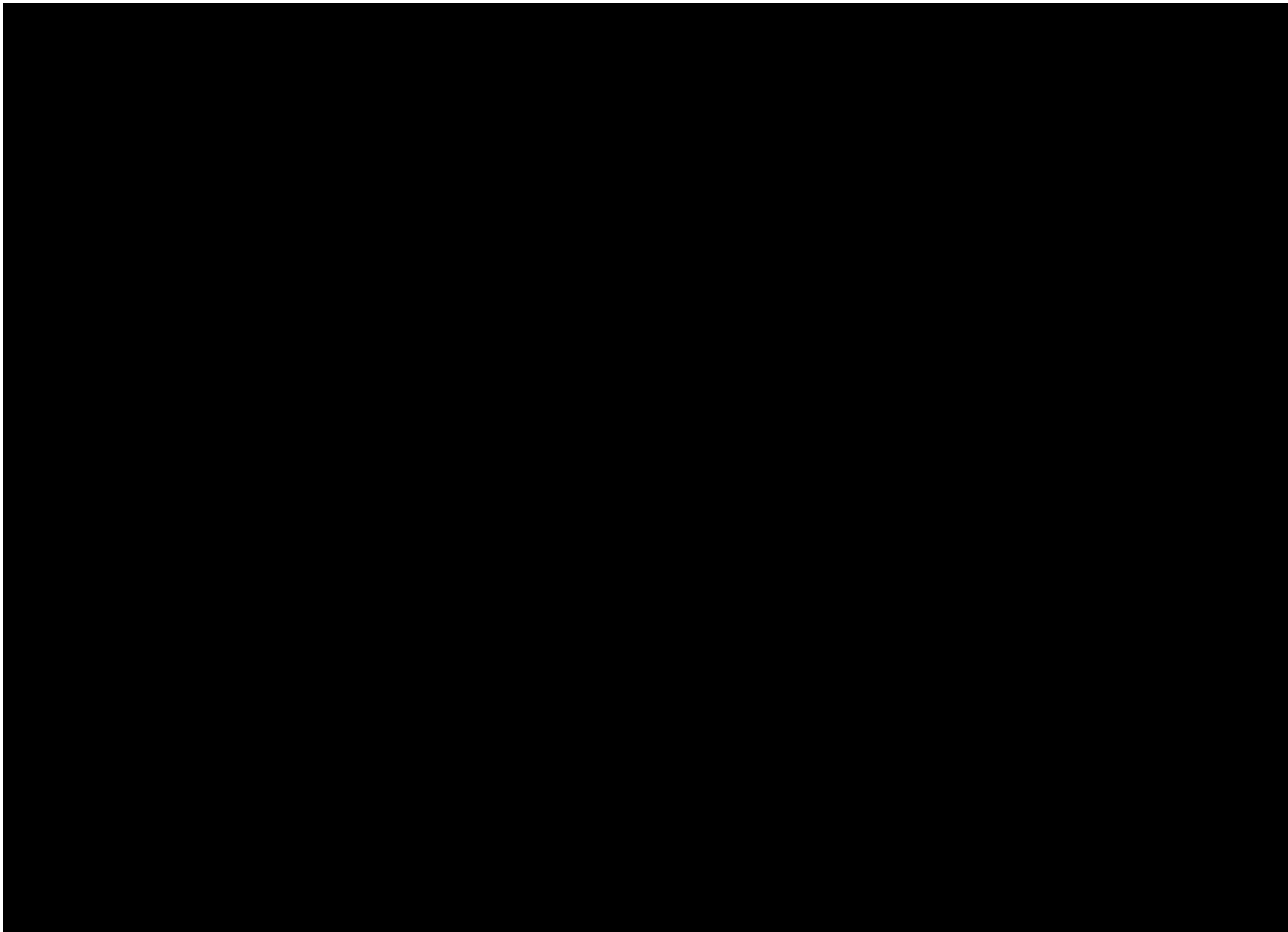
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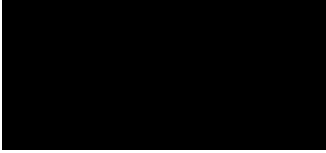
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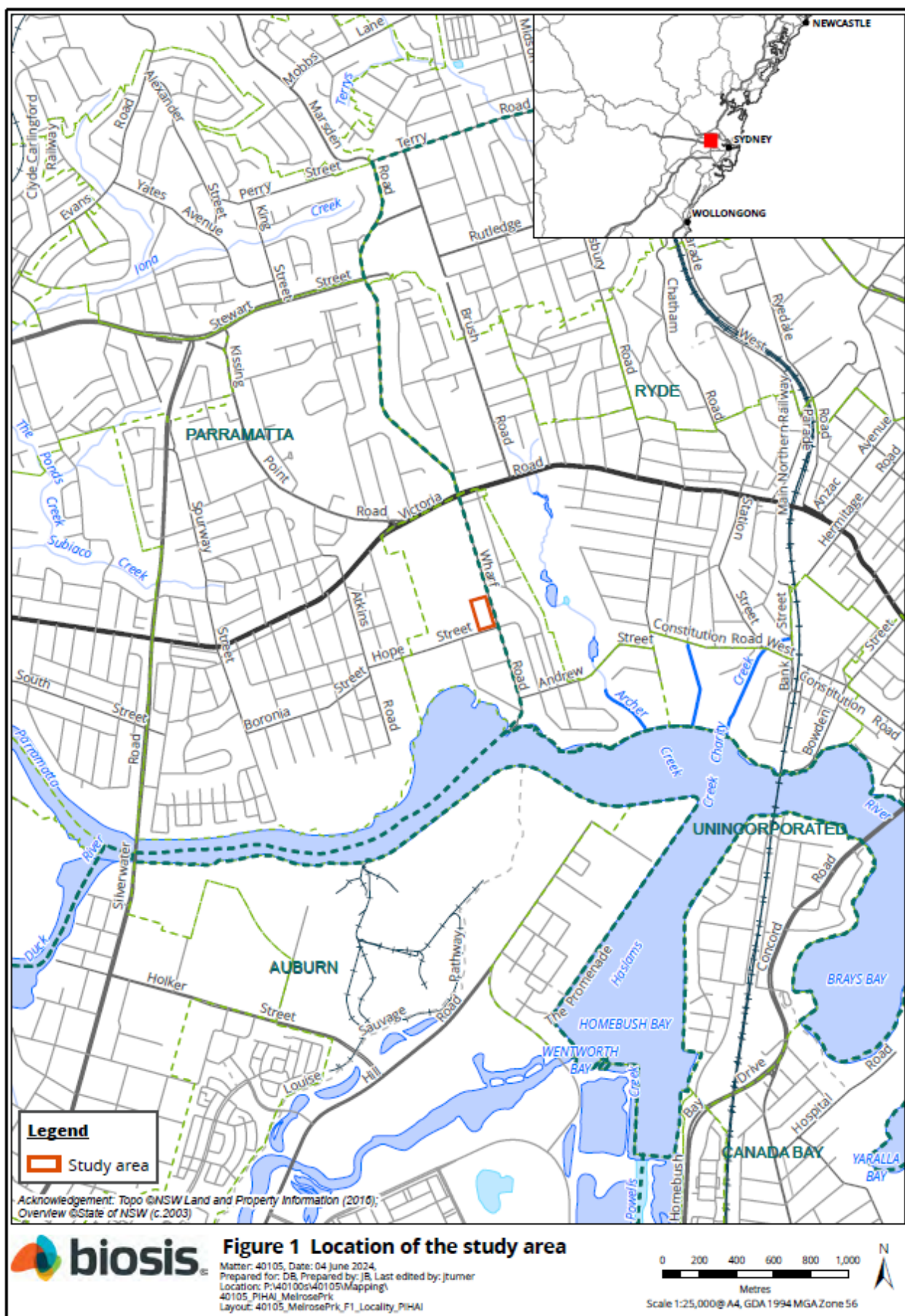
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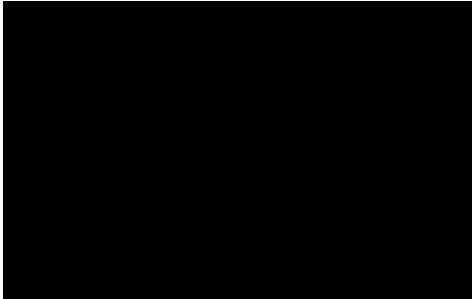
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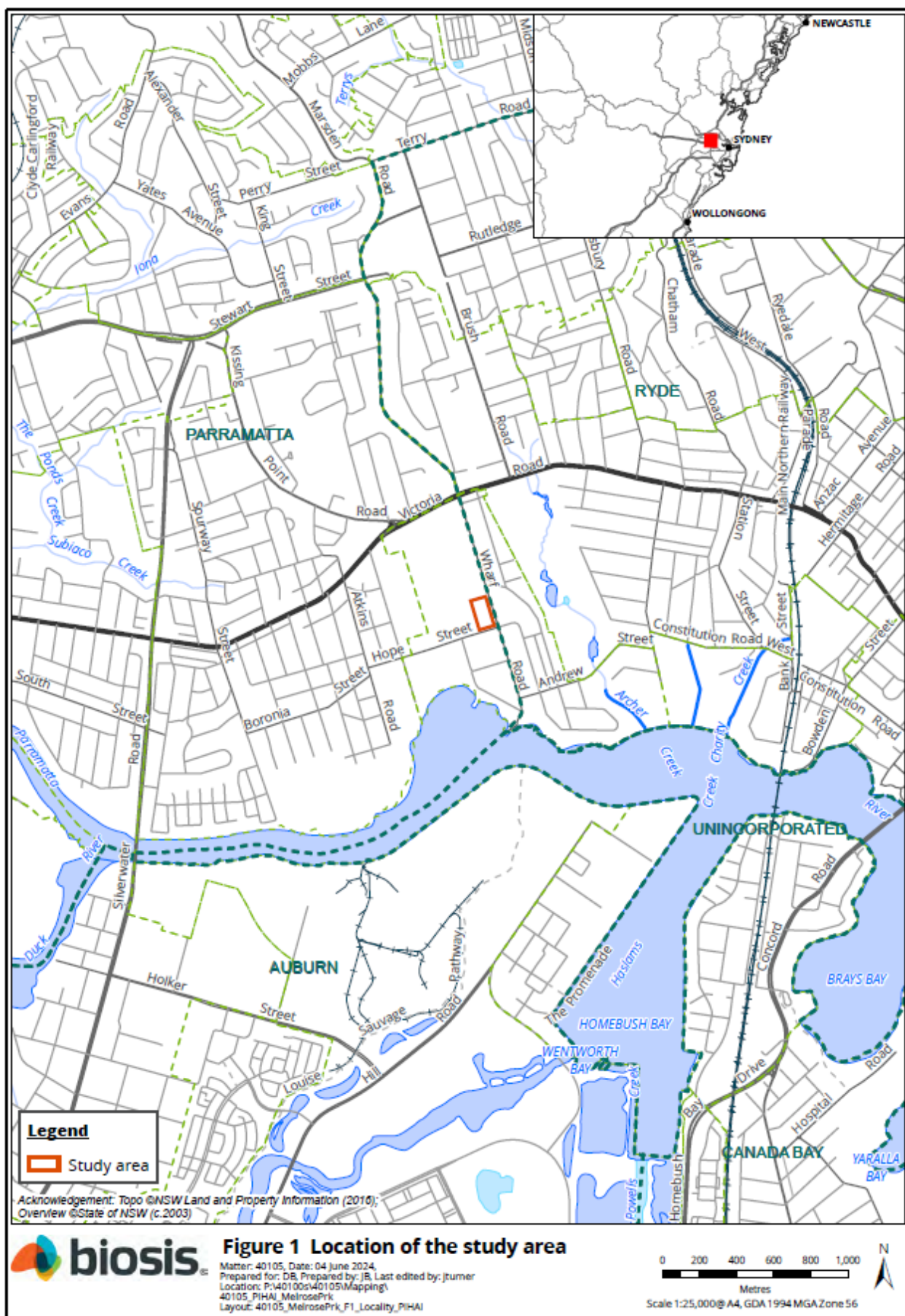
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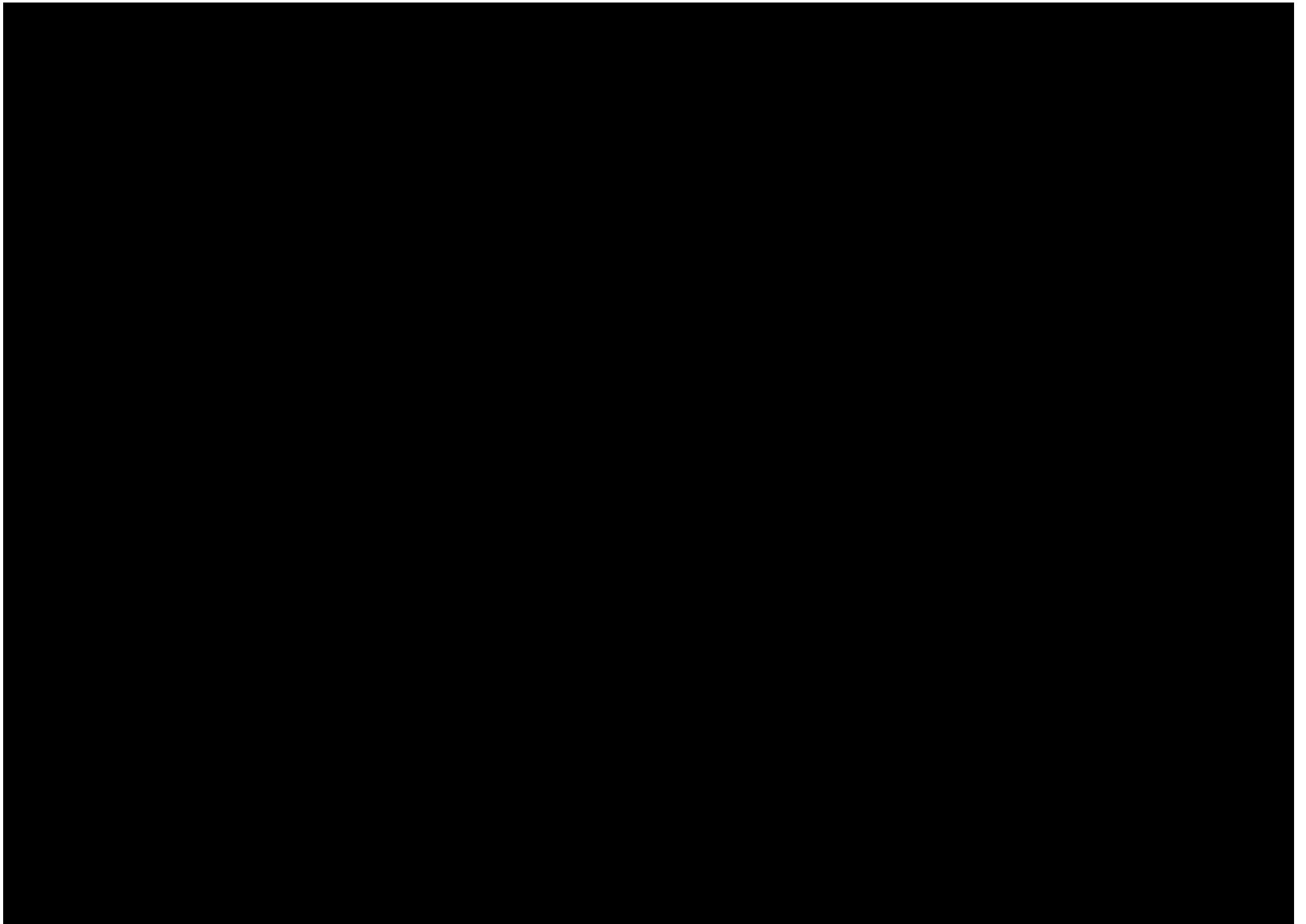
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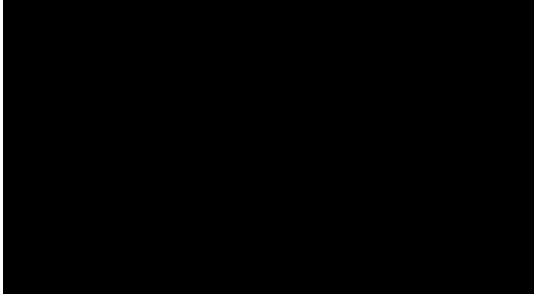
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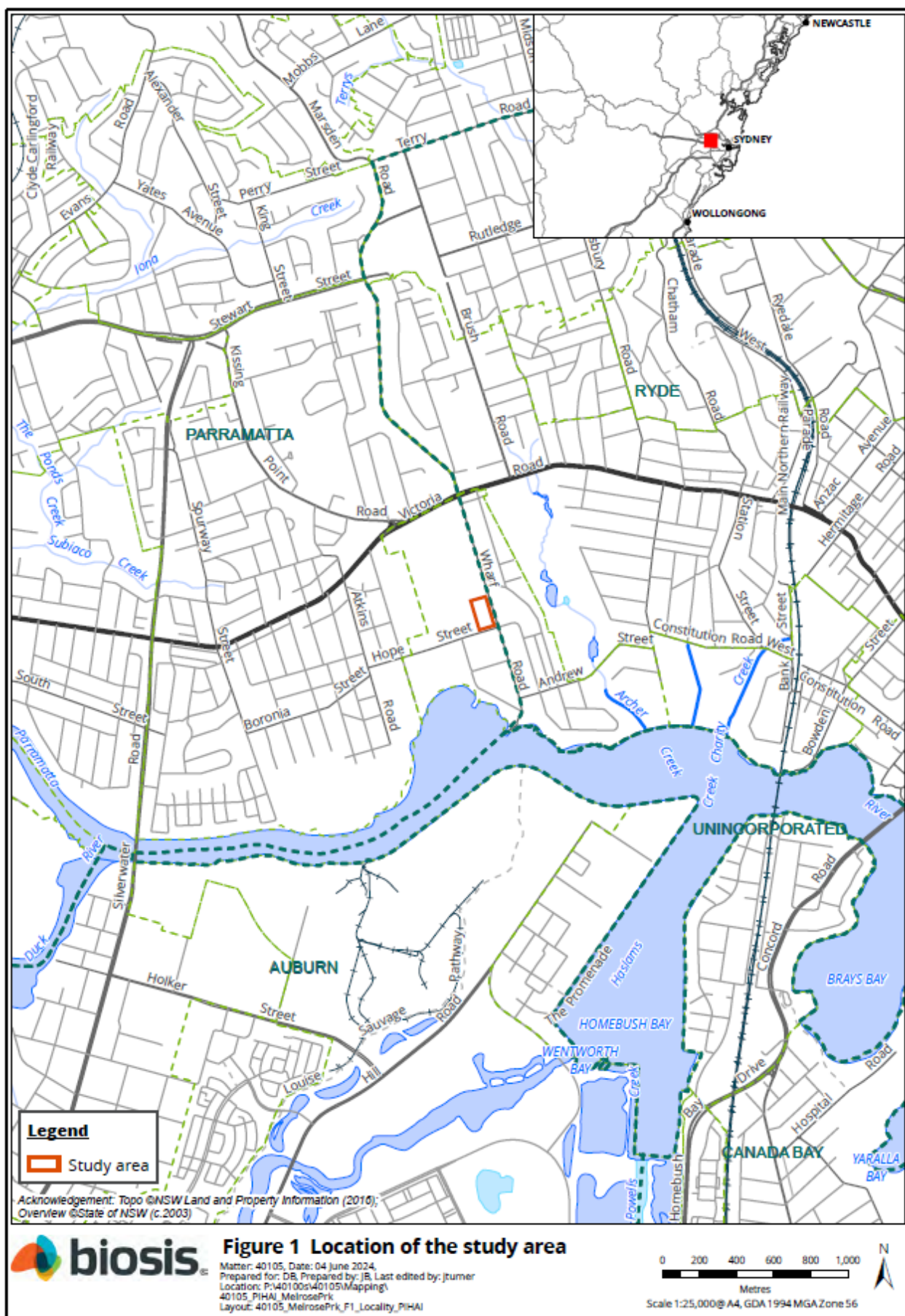
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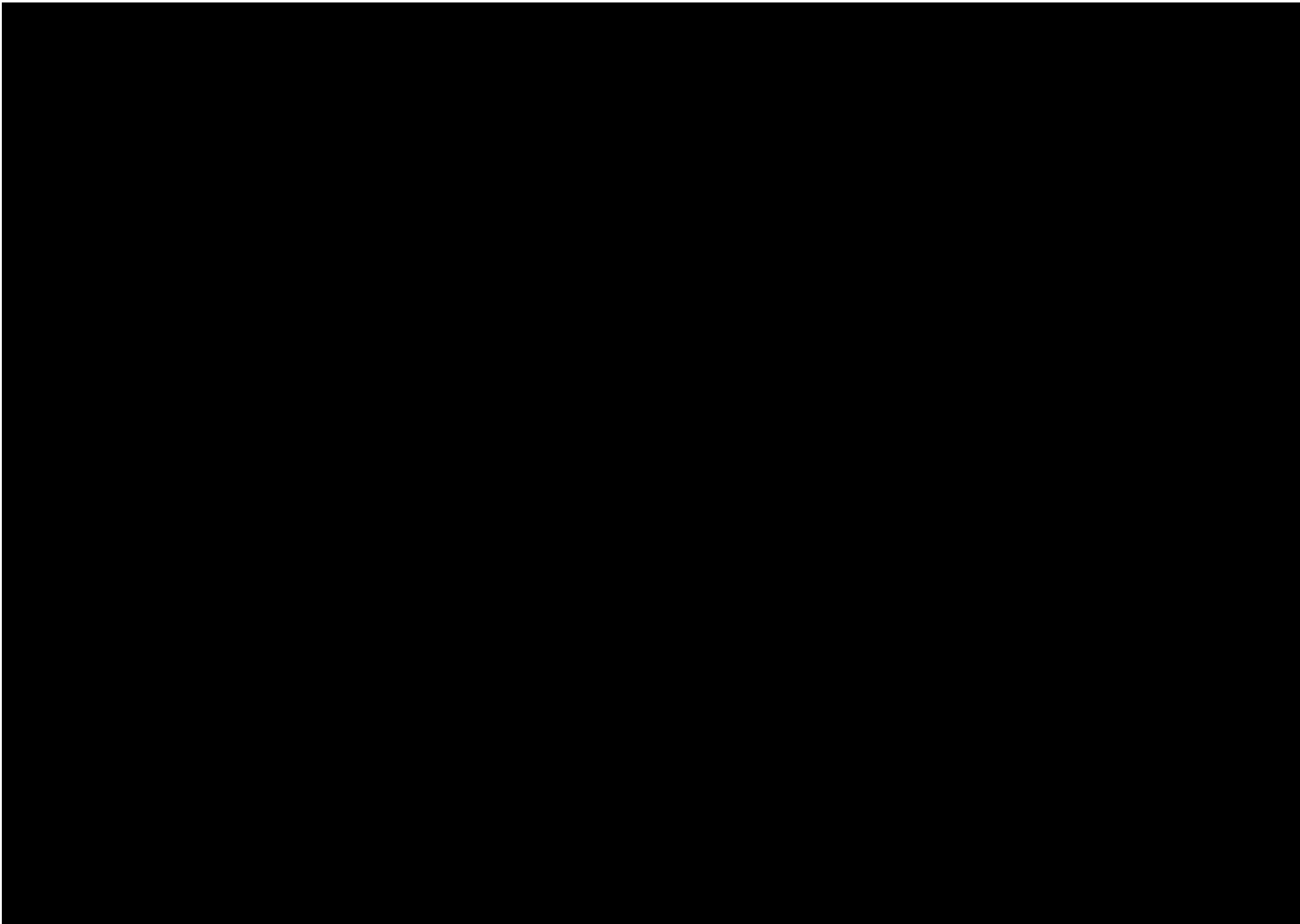
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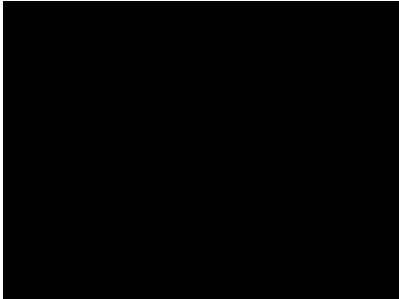
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3 October 2024



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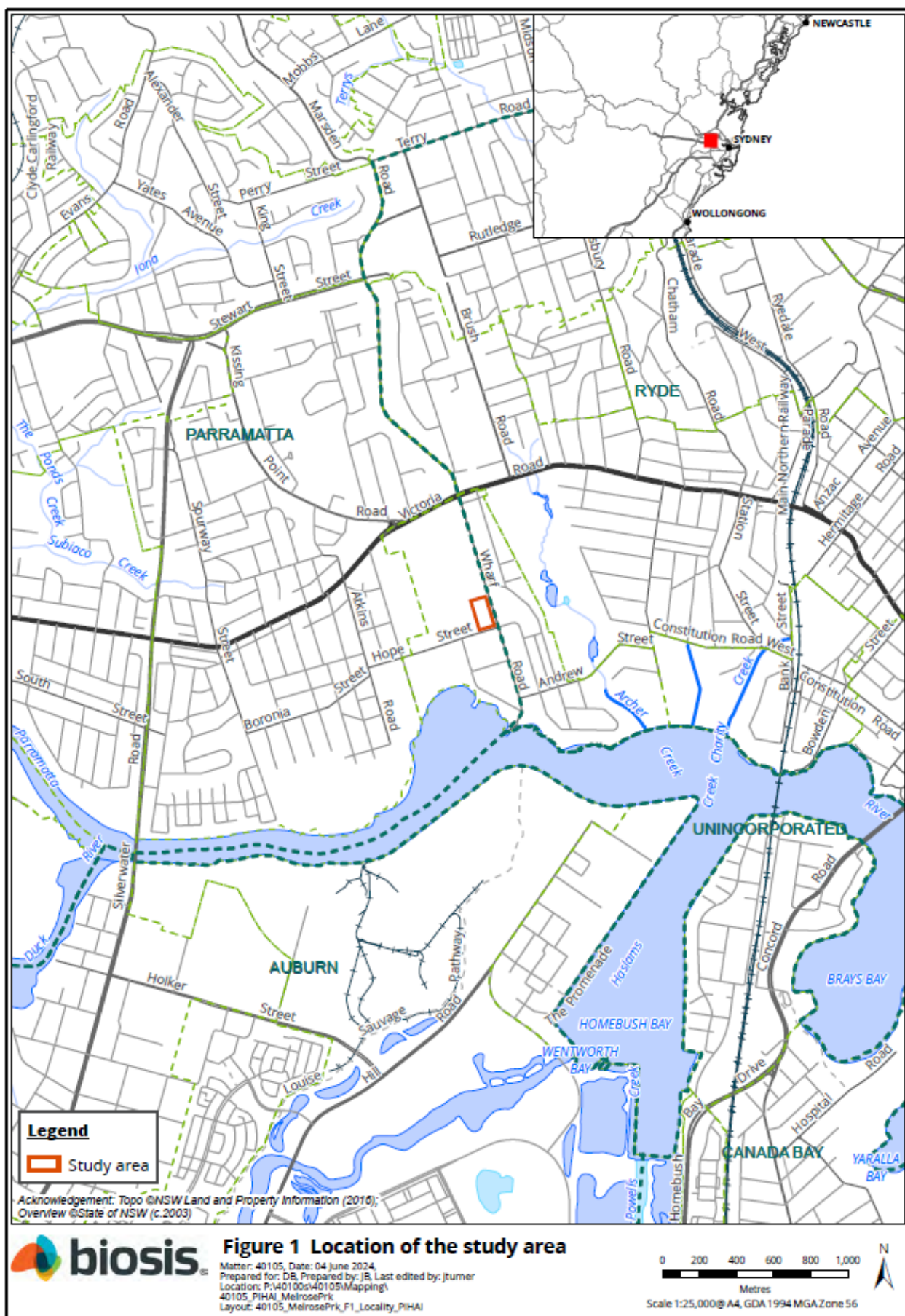
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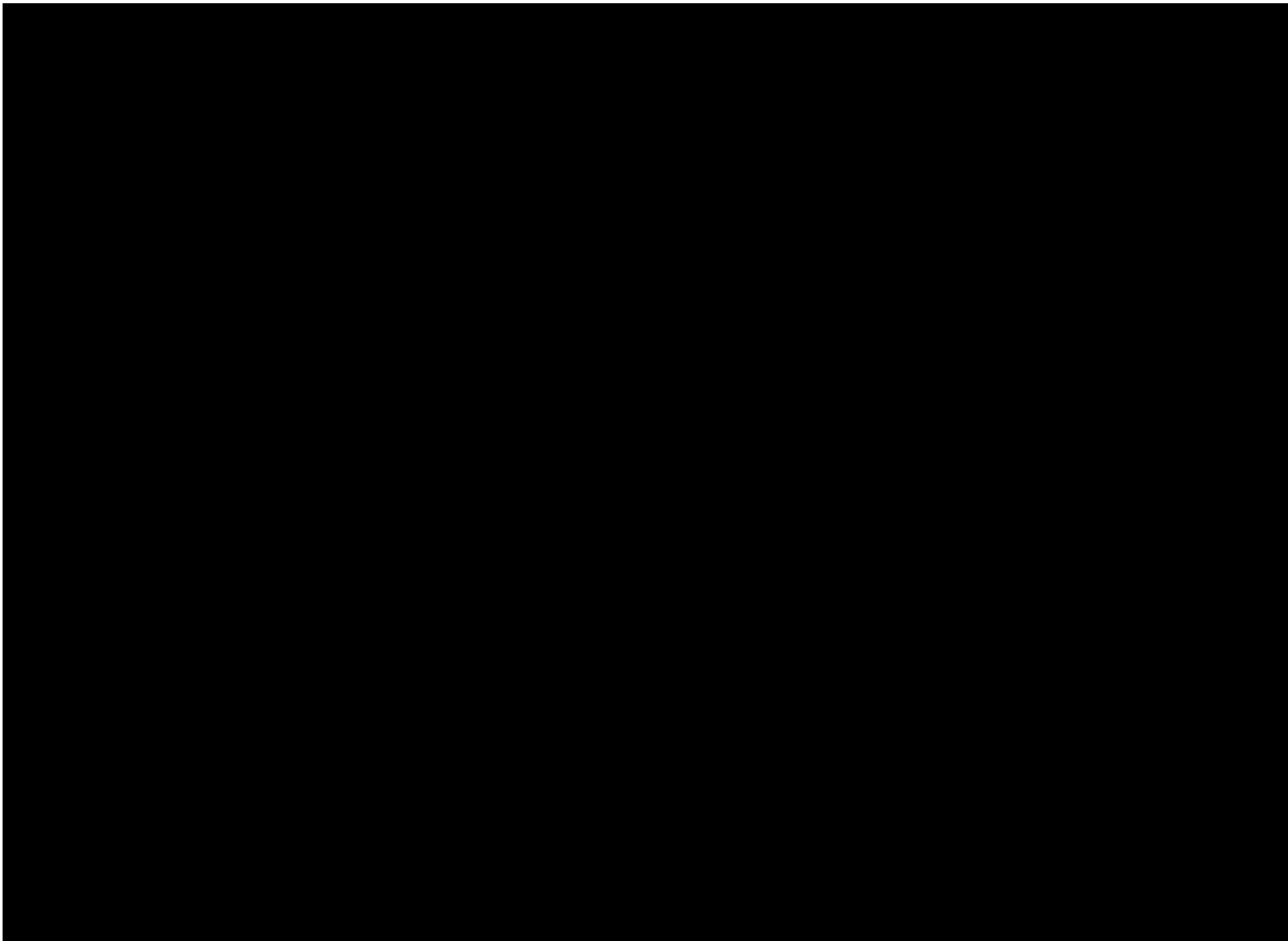
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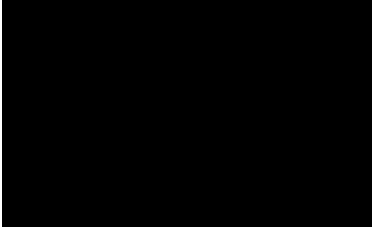
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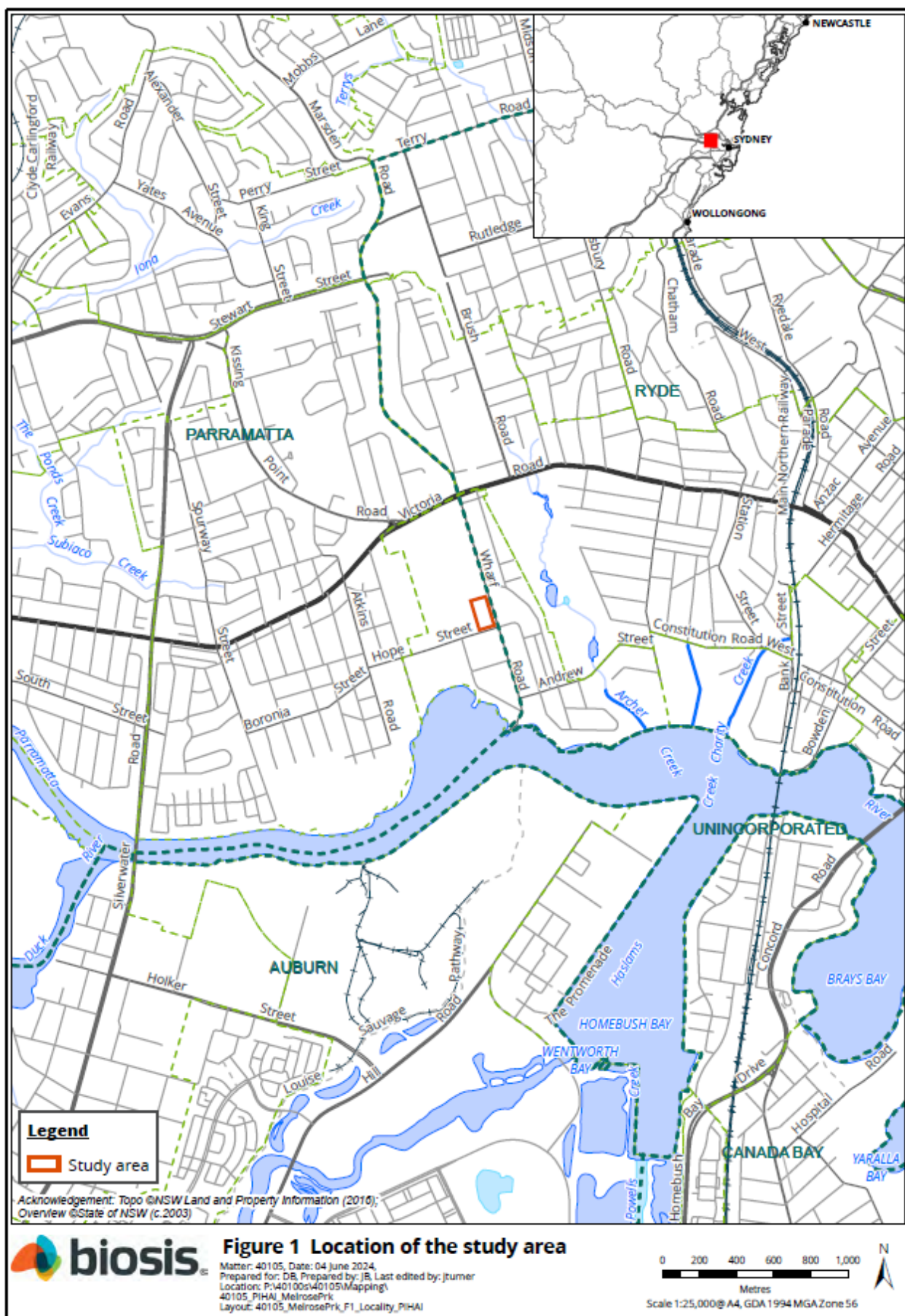
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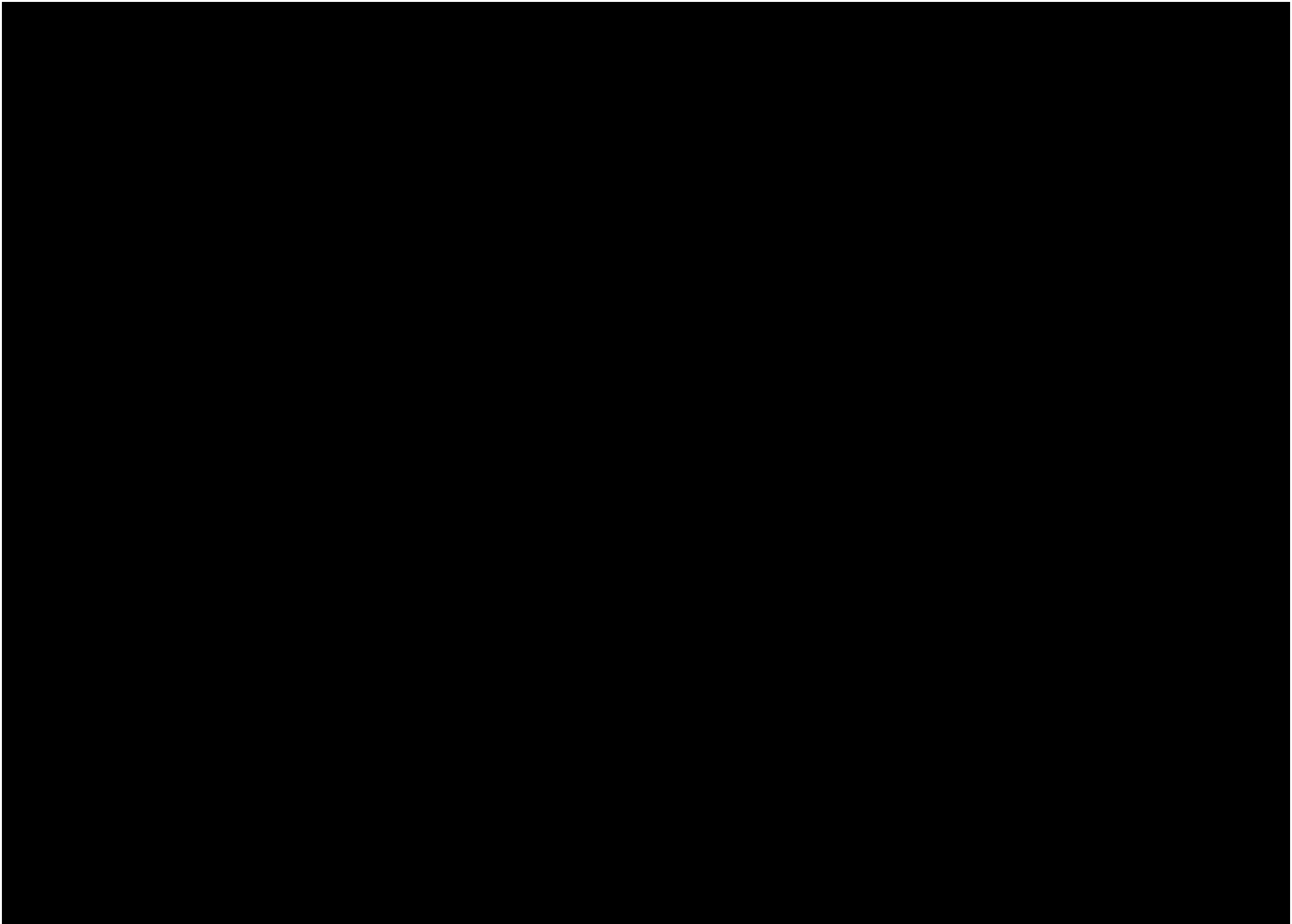
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3 October 2024



Melrose Park High School: Stage 2 and 3 Aboriginal Community Consultation Wharf Road and Hope Street, Melrose Park

Our Ref: Matter: 40105

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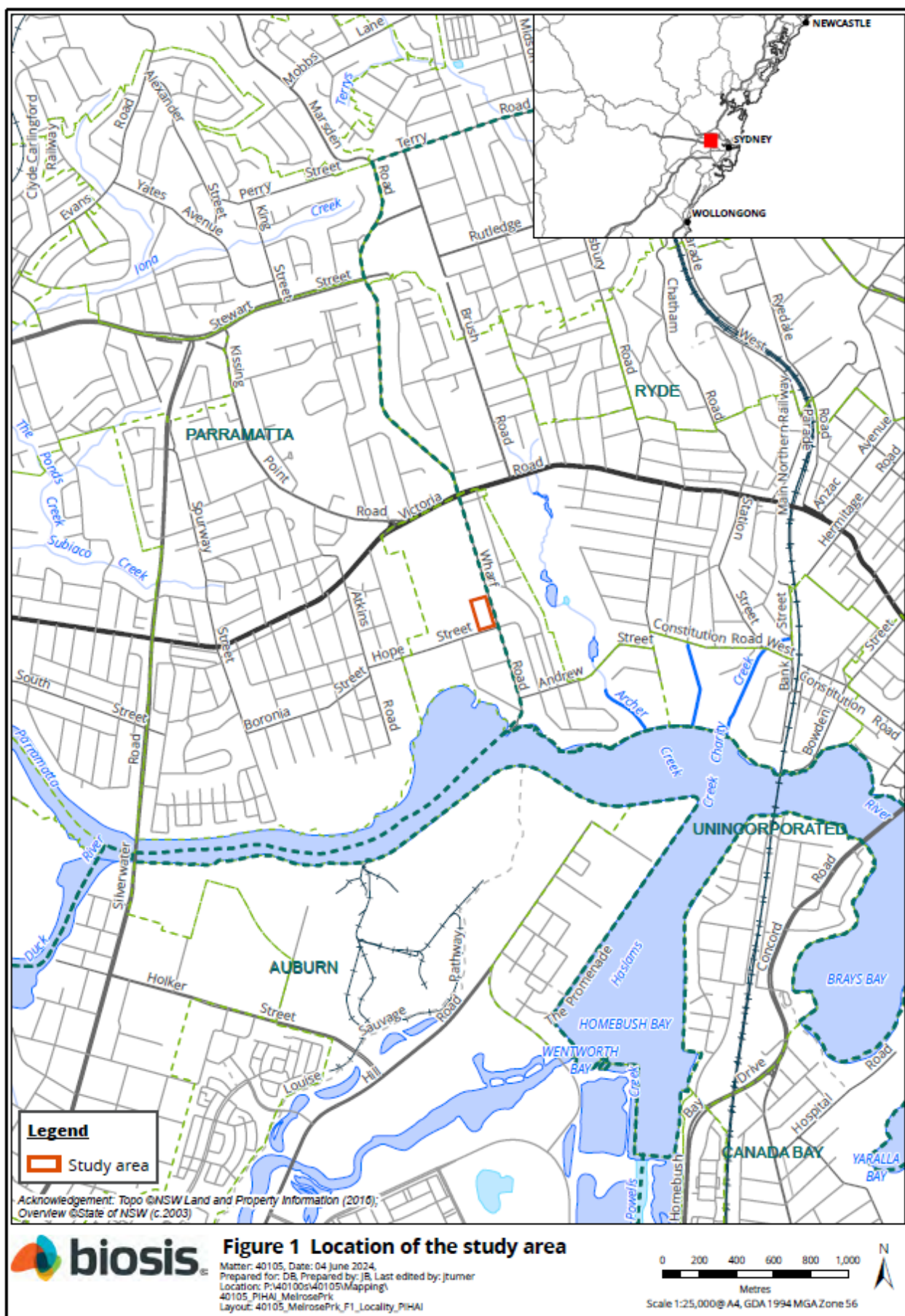
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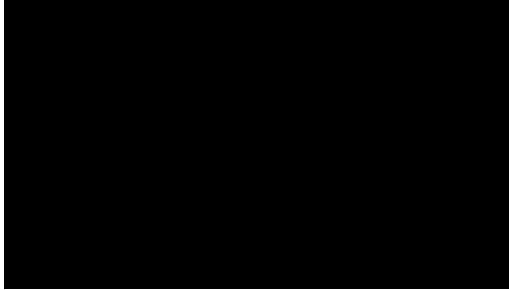
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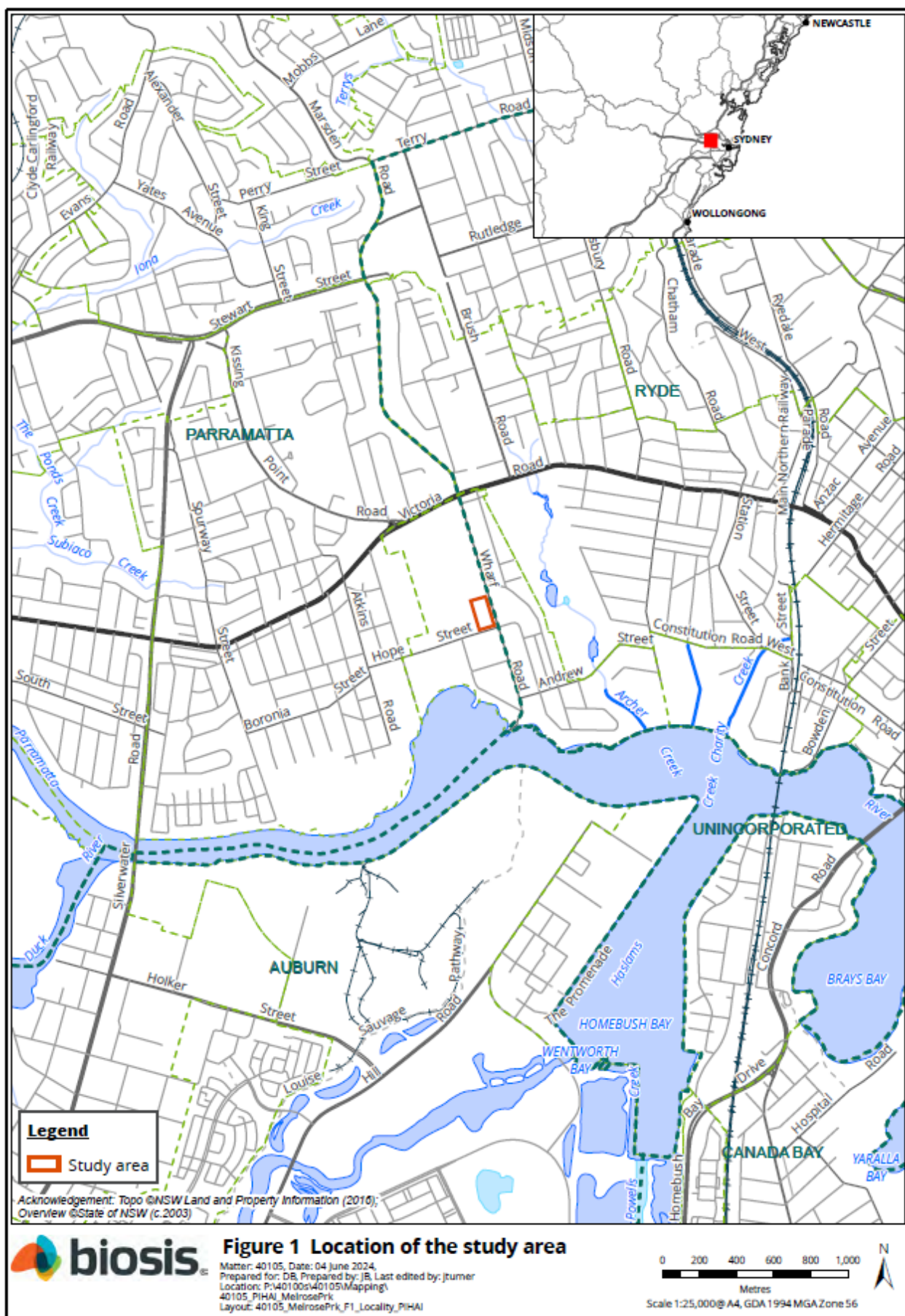
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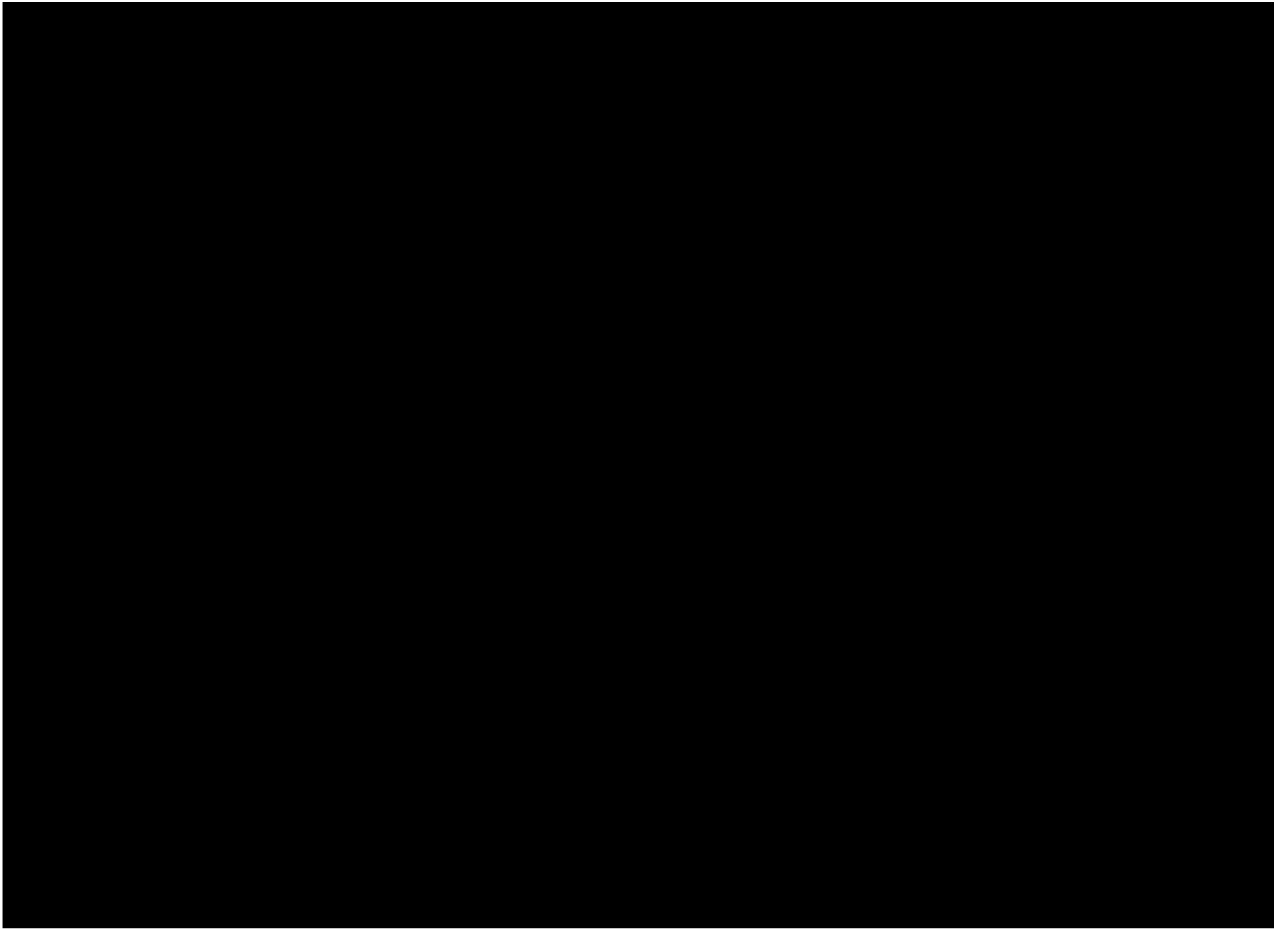
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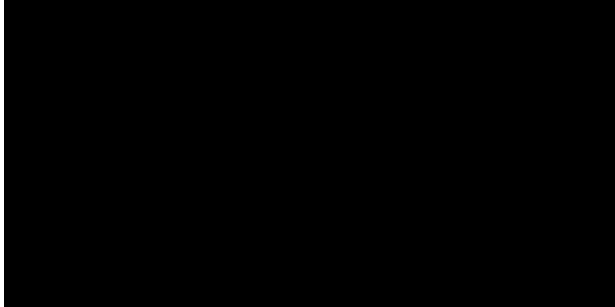
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3 October 2024



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Our Ref: Matter: 40105

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The project

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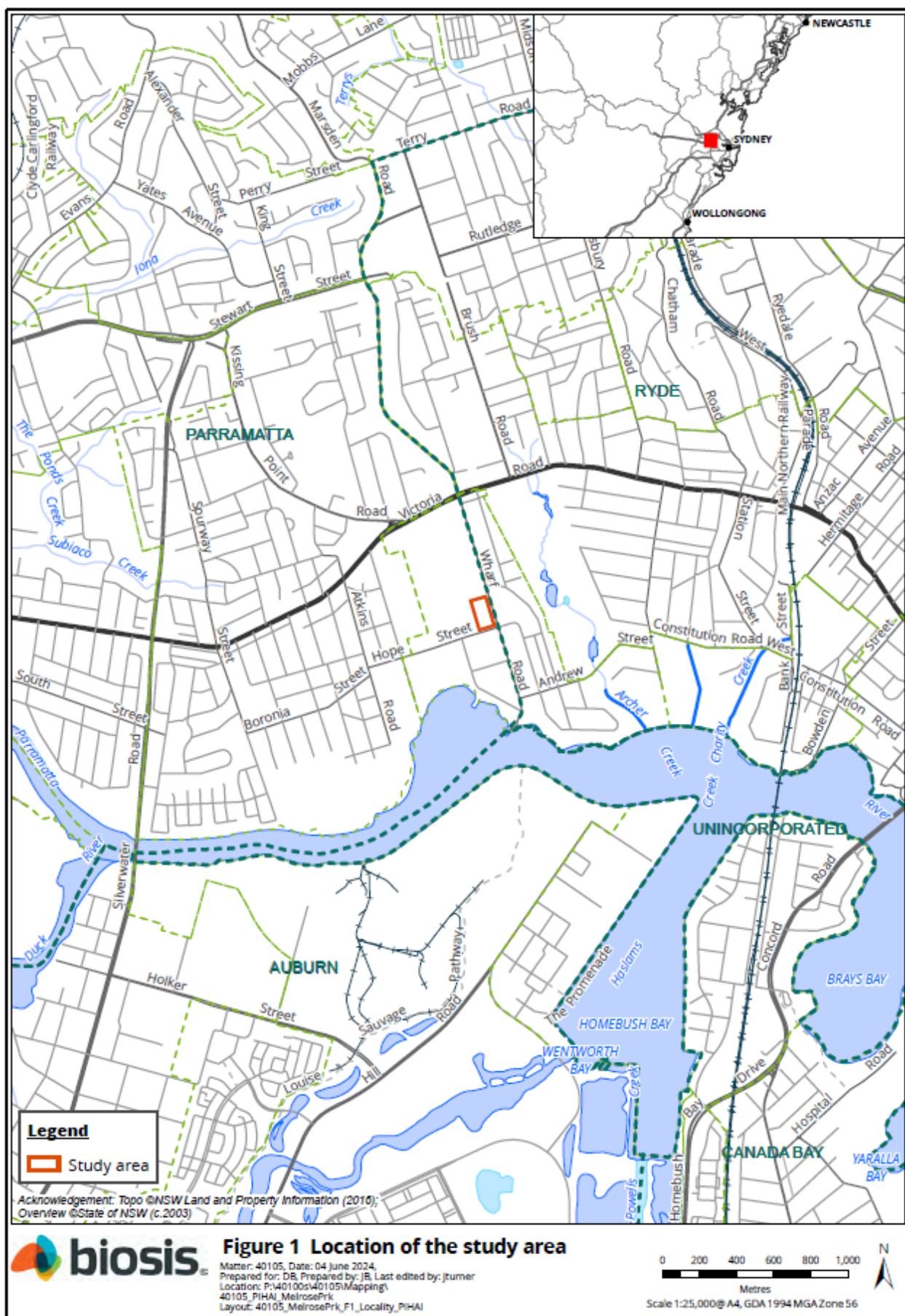
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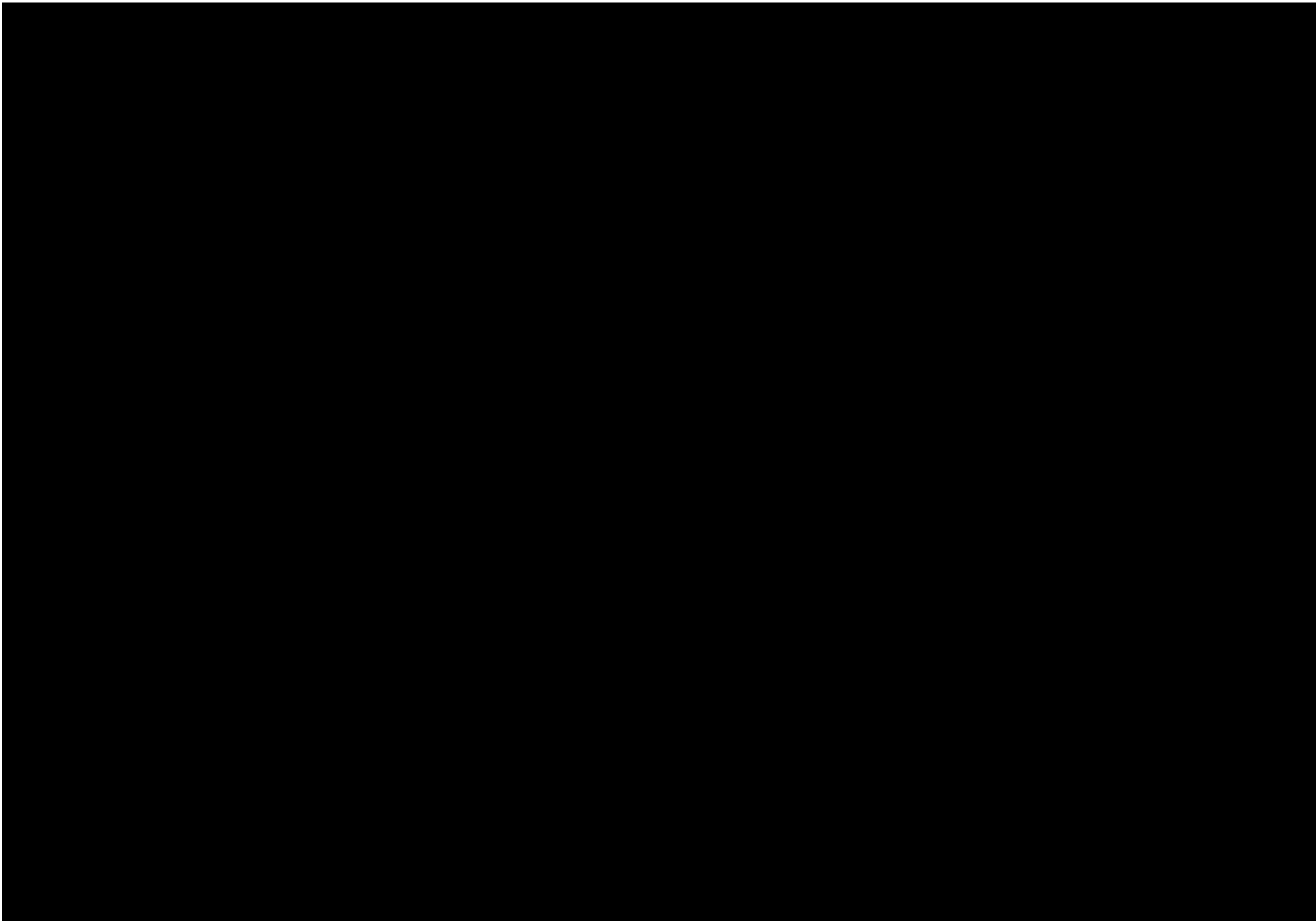
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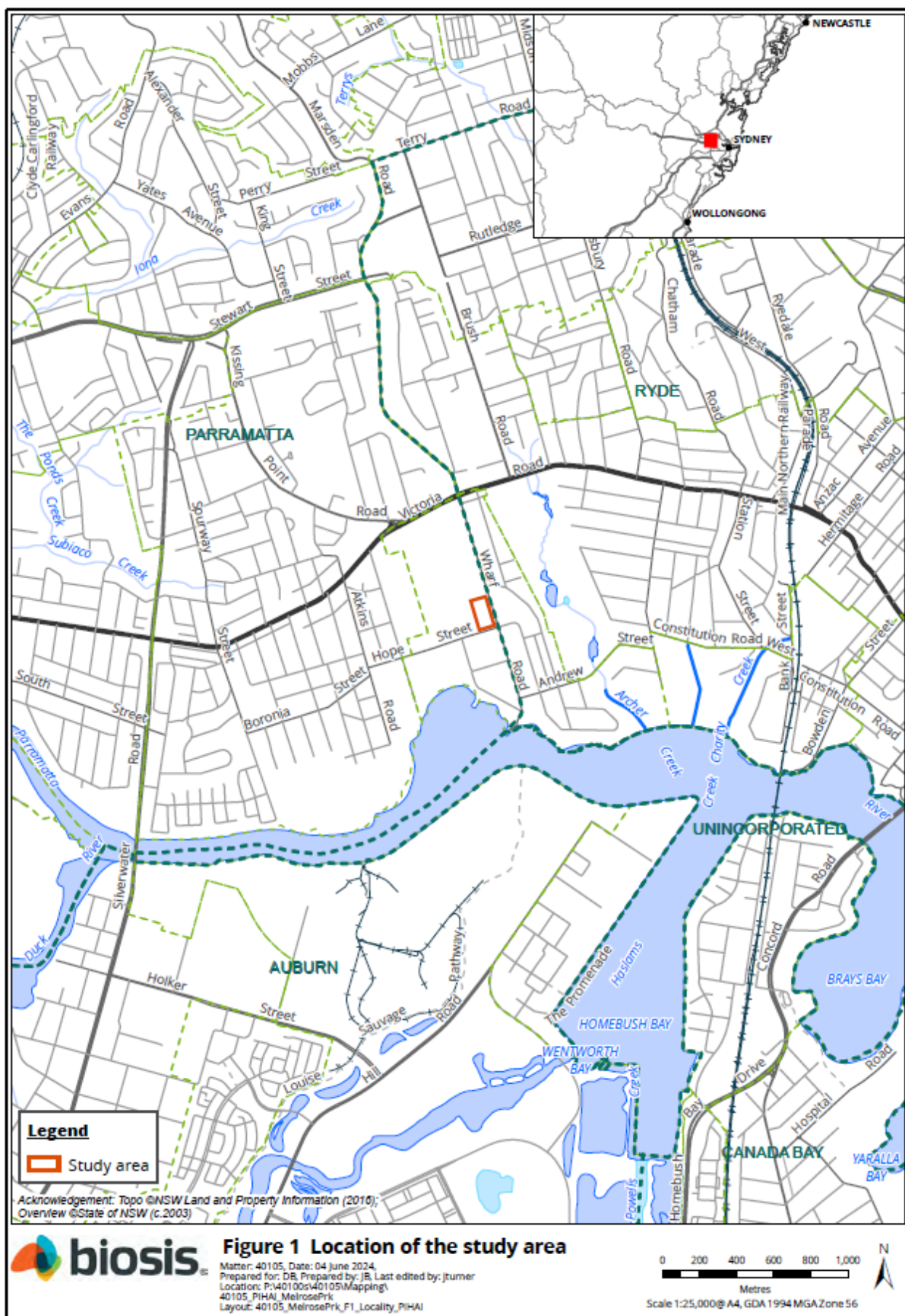
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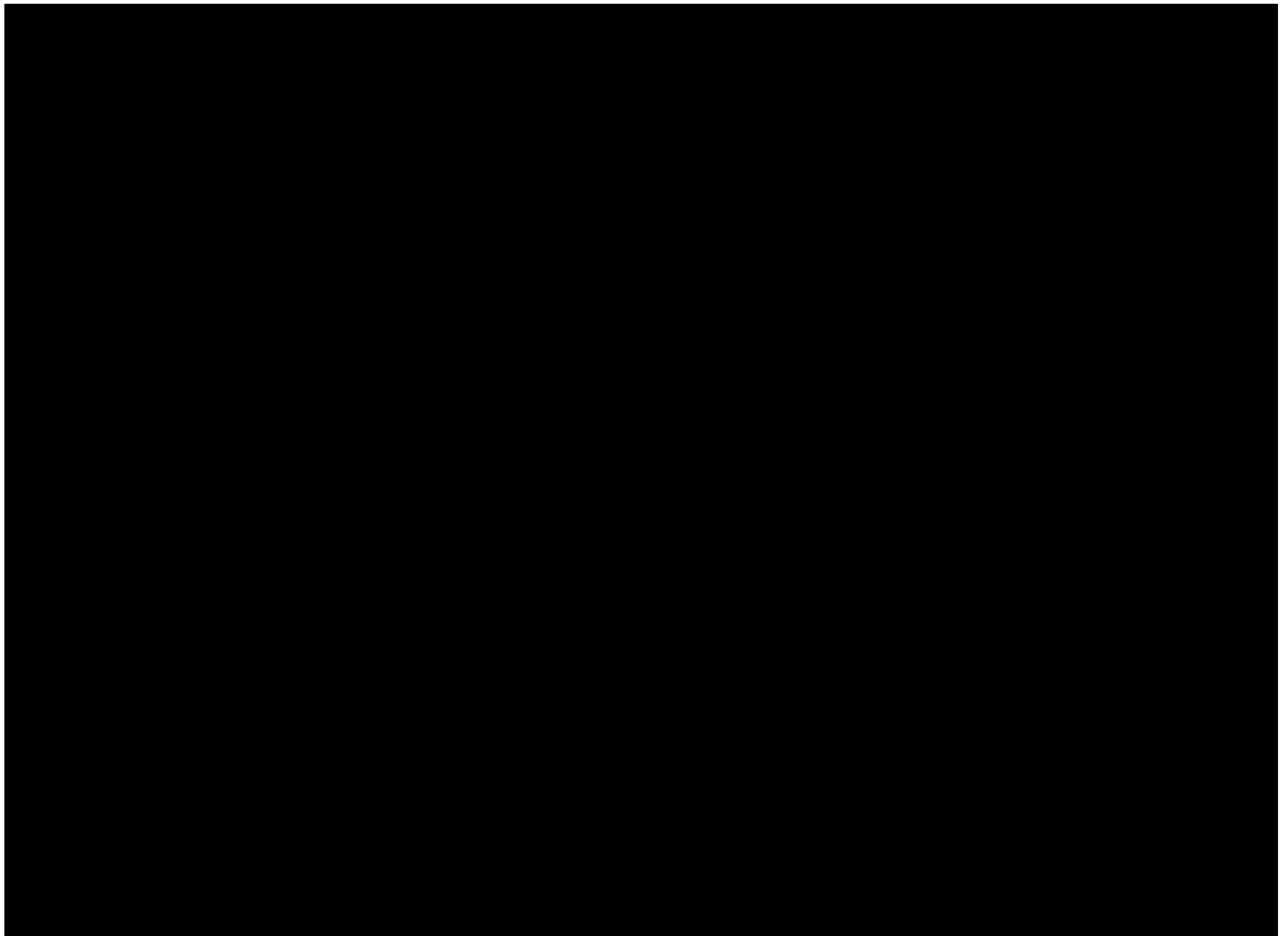
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3 October 2024



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Our Ref: Matter: 40105

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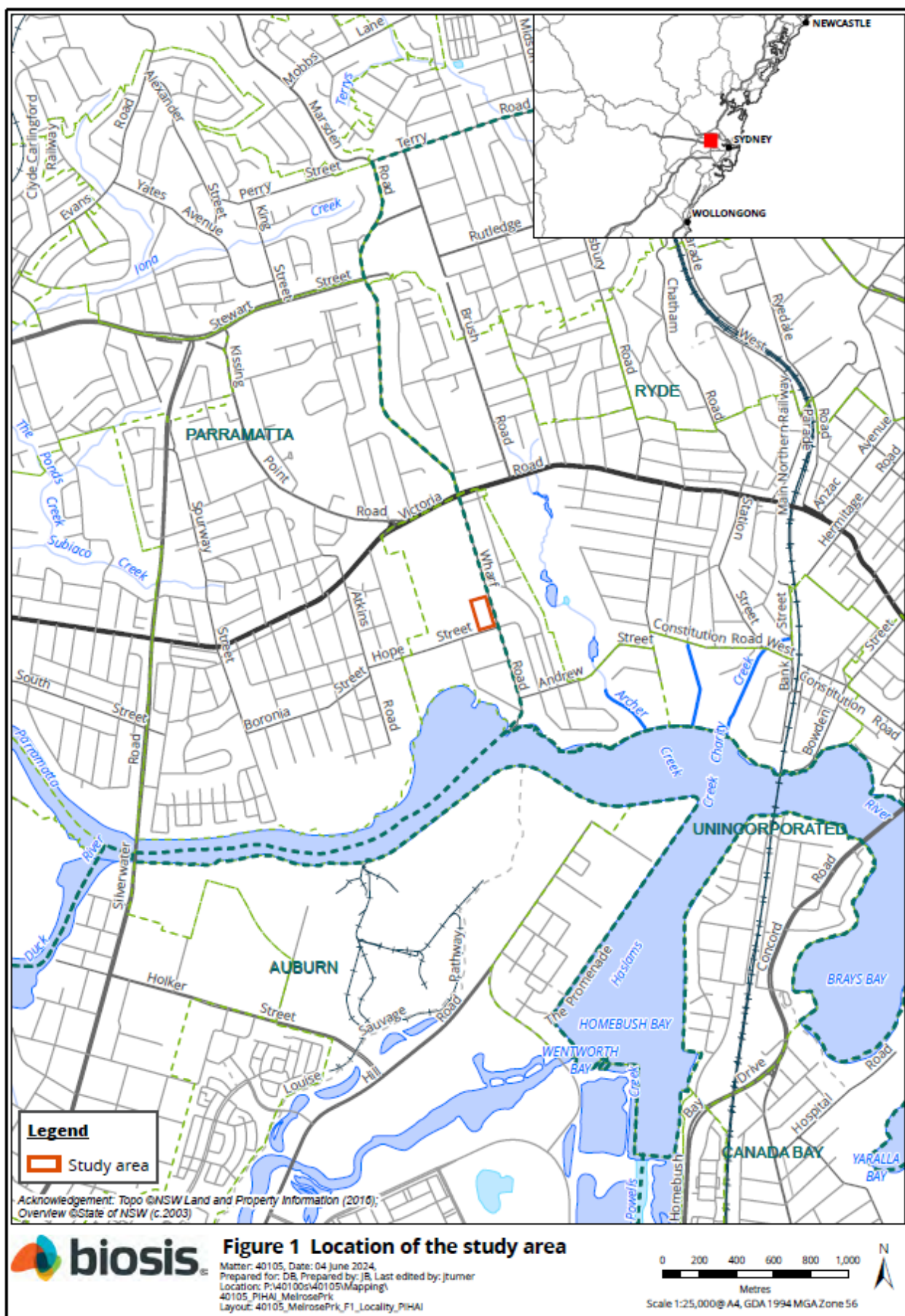
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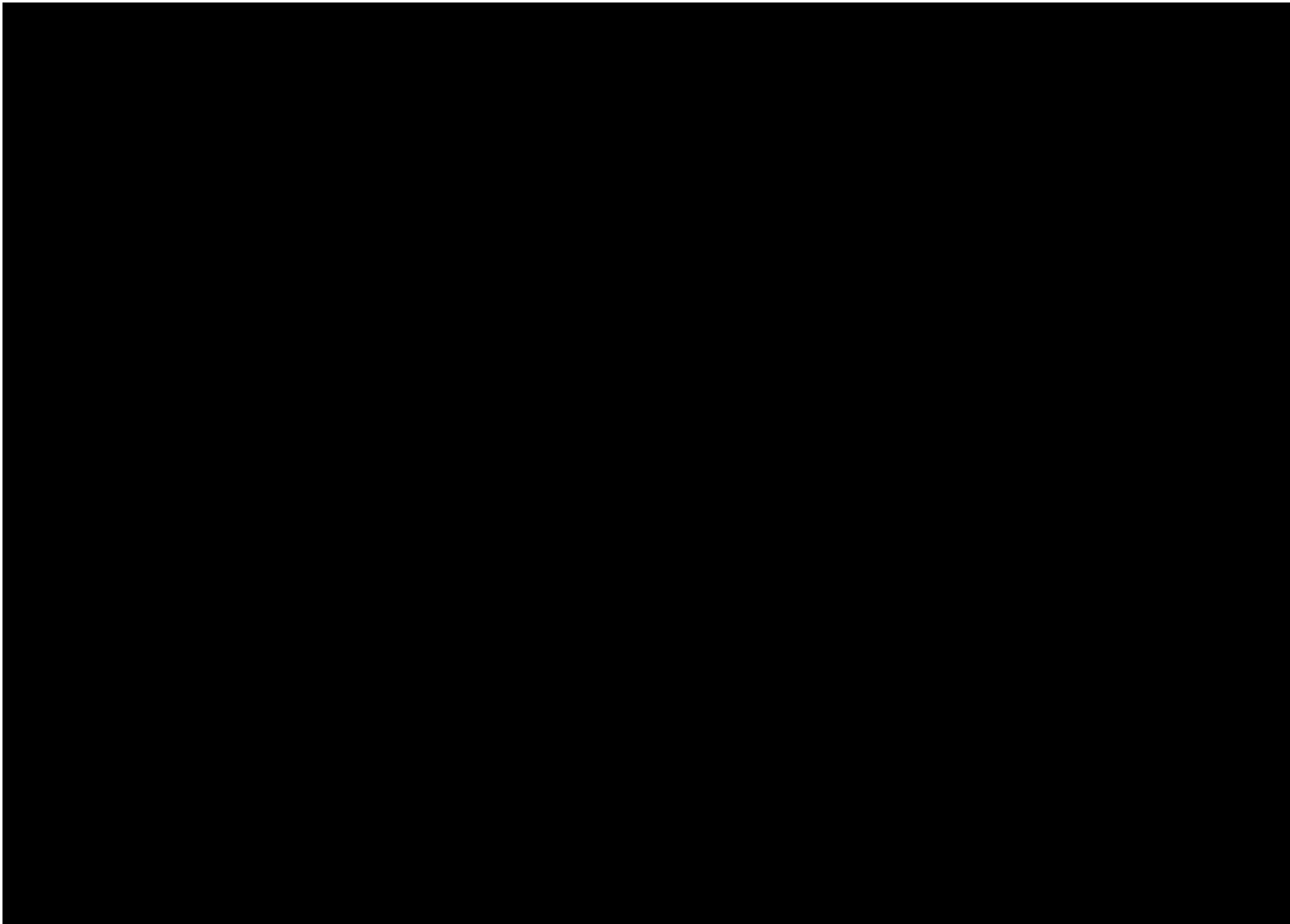
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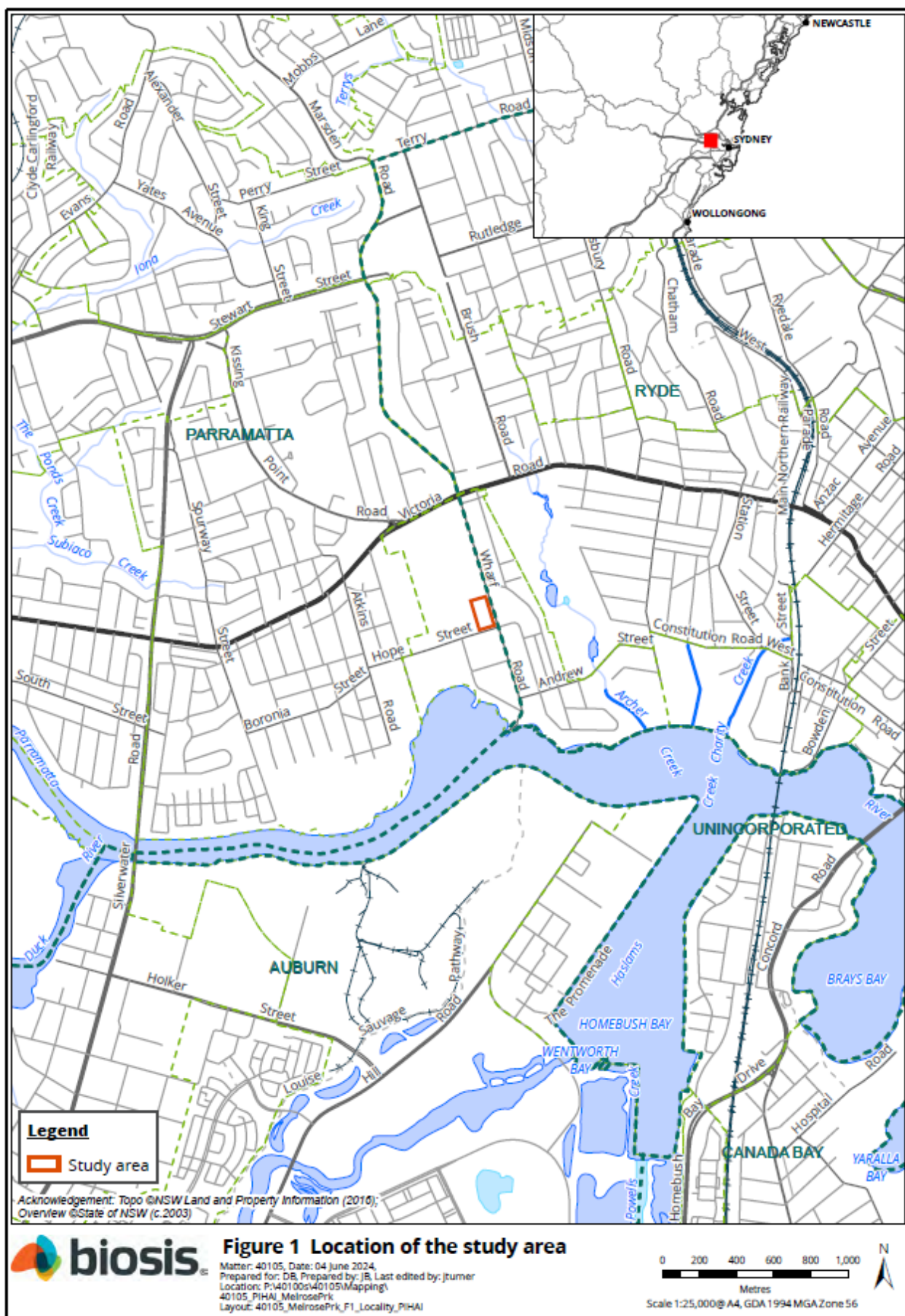
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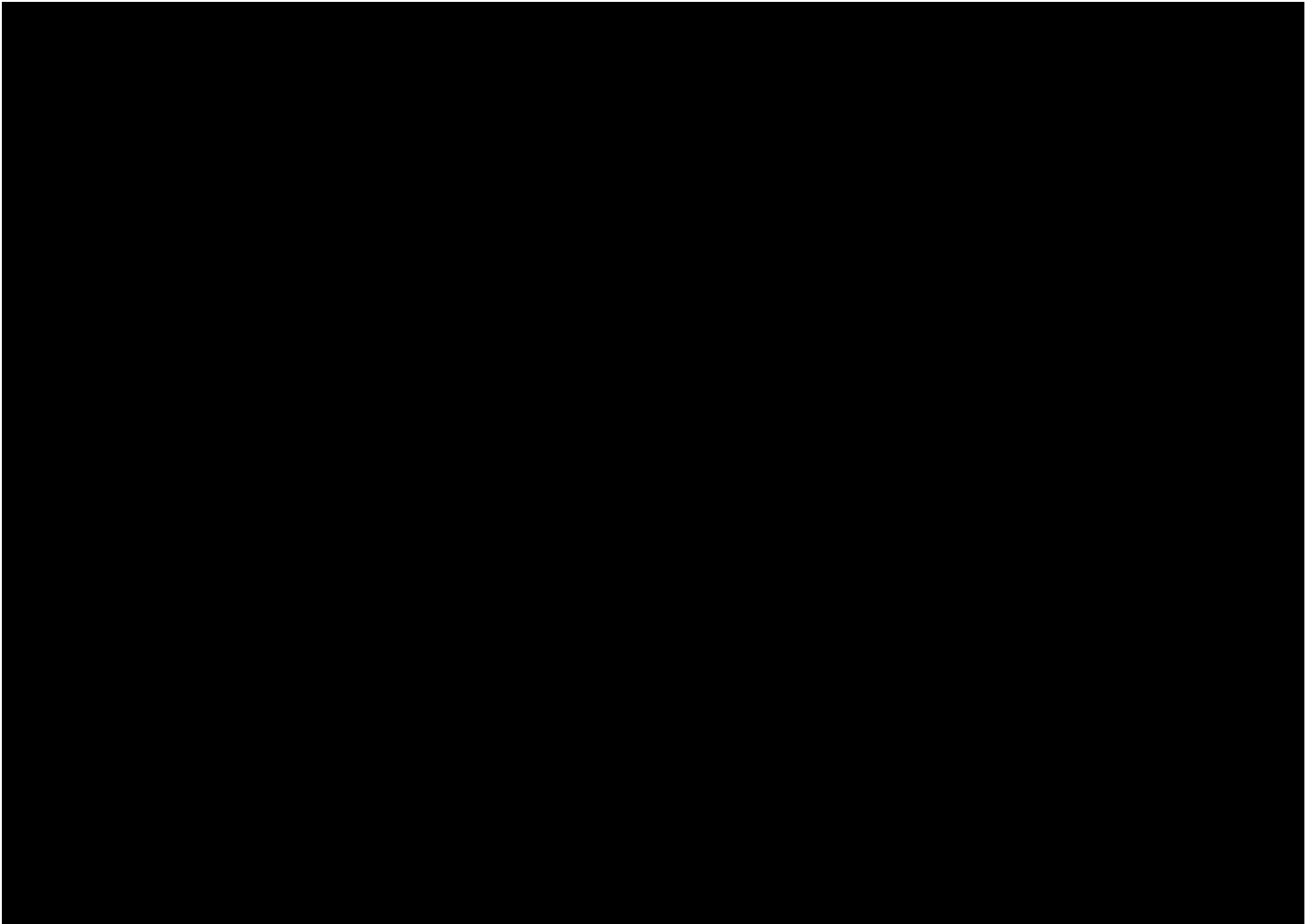
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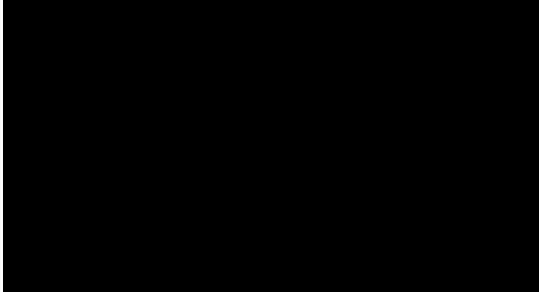
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3 October 2024



Melrose Park High School: Stage 2 and 3 Aboriginal Community Consultation Wharf Road and Hope Street, Melrose Park

Our Ref: Matter: 40105

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The planning pathway is not certain but is likely to be assessed as a State Significant Development (SSD) under Part 4.36 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* (EP&A Act).

The purpose of the ACHA is to determine the impacts the proposed development will have on any Aboriginal heritage values present within the study area. The ACHA will also assist SINSW in developing their plans in order to minimise the impacts the works will have on Aboriginal heritage values.

The following project information and assessment methodology has been provided in accordance with Section 4.2 and Section 4.3 of the *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Consultation Requirements for Proponents 2010* (DECCW 2010a) (consultation requirements). The aim of this letter is to provide you with information about the project and the proposed ACHA process, and to seek your feedback to inform the ACHA.

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Bronte Baonza
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Stage 2 – Project information

The aim of the Stage 2 document is to provide Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs) with information about the scope of the project, and the proposed cultural heritage assessment process, and to seek their feedback on the project.

The project

SINSW are in the process of preparing planning reports that include:

- Masterplan for a small high school with teaching spaces, staff facilities, hall, library and outdoor spaces.

Biosis has been engaged by SINSW to undertake the ACHA to support the potential SSD application for the high school and to inform the proposed works design for the study area. The ACHA will be prepared in accordance with the *Guide to Investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW* (OEH 2011). It includes an Archaeological Report (AR) prepared in accordance with the *Code of Practice for Archaeological Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in New South Wales* (DECCW 2010b) (the Code) and consultation with Aboriginal community in accordance with the consultation requirements. The ACHA will inform SINSW of any potential for the project to impact on or expose Aboriginal objects or sites. Biosis will provide recommendations based on the outcomes of the ACHA.

Study area

The study area is located within the City of Parramatta Local Government Area, Parish of Field of Mars, County of Cumberland (Figure 1). The study area is part of Lot 2 DP1303954 and is bounded by Hope Street to the south, Wharf Road to the east, Lot 1 DP1303954 to the north and west. The study area encompasses approximately 1 hectares of private land (Figure 2).

Background

Biosis conducted an Aboriginal Due Diligence Assessment (ADDA) for the study area on 29 March 2024. A search of the Aboriginal Heritage Information Management System (AHIMS) database (Client Service ID: 905888) identified 102 Aboriginal archaeological sites within a 11 by 11 kilometre search area, centred on the study area (Figure 3). None of these sites are located within the study area. The nearest AHIMS sites are shell sites AHIMS 45-6-4078/Ermington SHL 01, AHIMS 45-6-4079/Ermington SHL 02, and AHIMS 45-5-1961/Ermington 1, 500 metres south from the study area.

There are no watercourses located within the study area. The closest water source is the main branch of the Paramatta River, located approximately 270 metres south of the study area and the Archer River, a second order stream that branches from the Paramatta River, located approximately 337 metres west of the study area. The closest permanent water course is Parramatta River, a fourth-order creek line located 500 metres east of the study area. These waterlines would have provided an abundant supply of food and material resources which would have been exploited by Aboriginal people, increasing the likelihood that the study area would have been utilised.

The study area is located in a flat urban environment previously developed for industrial use within the Cumberland Plain. The Cumberland Plain consists of low lying, gently undulating plains and low hills comprised of Wianamatta Group shales and sandstones, with a dense drainage net of predominantly northward flowing channels. The study area is situated entirely within the Hawkesbury Sandstone formation. Due to the level of modification within the study area, such features associated with these site types such as artefacts are likely to have been destroyed, should they have been present. Previous archaeological investigations undertaken in the local region concluded that landform and distance from water had an impact on site distribution. Although artefacts are found on all landforms, the landform type influences artefact distribution. Within the local region, the areas likely to withhold Aboriginal sites would be slightly elevated, well-drained areas in the lower parts of valleys. It is unlikely that Aboriginal sites would remain *in situ*, this creating a low potential for archaeological sites.

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Project schedule

The proposed schedule and time allocations for the consultation stages are summarised below.

Action	Timeframe	Potential constraints and limitations
Commencement of Aboriginal community consultation – advertising of project and notification to stakeholders	Completed	Project advertised in the Daily Telegraph 13 September 2024.
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Field investigation	TBC	Land access, RAP availability.
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Final report	TBC	TBC

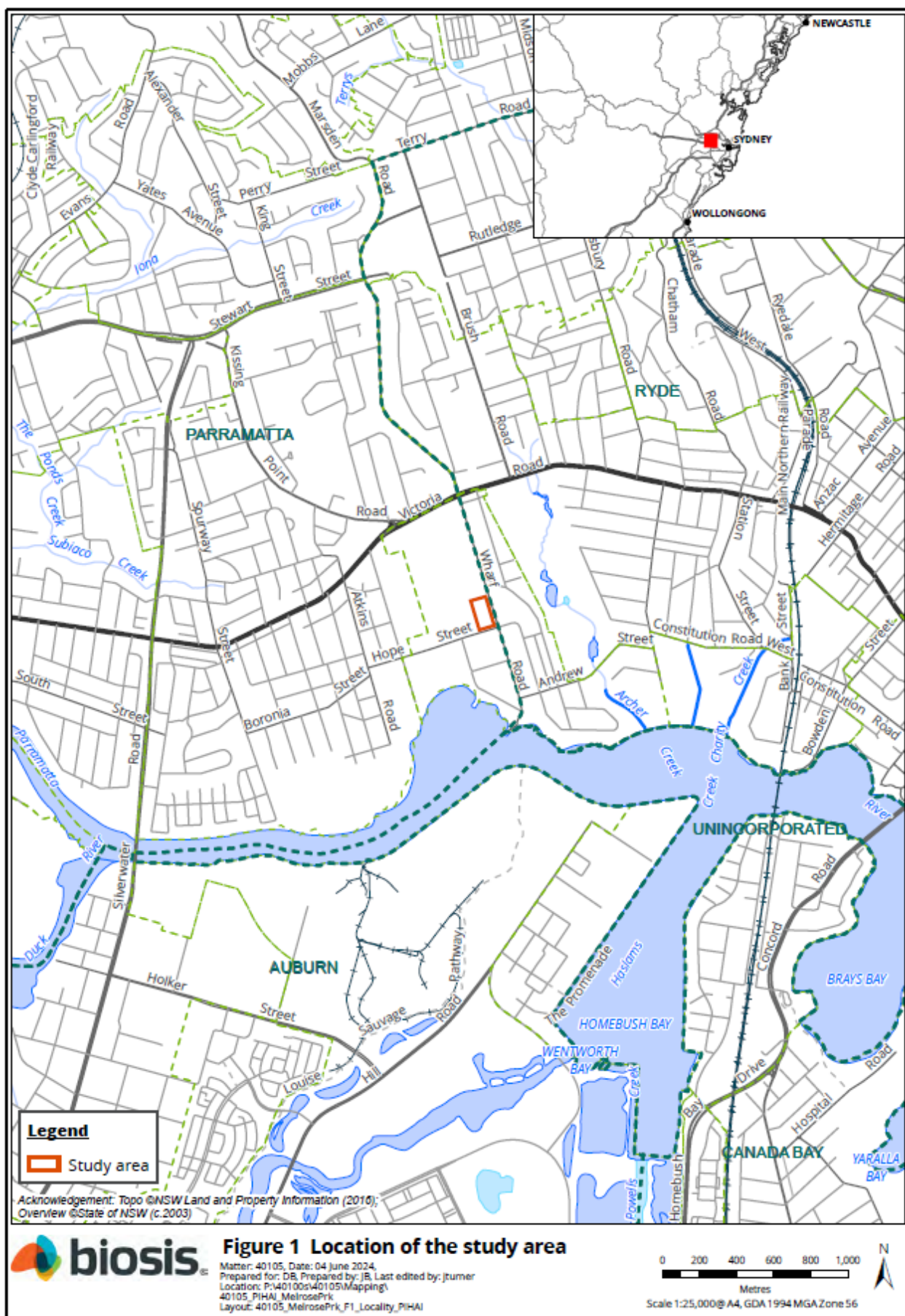
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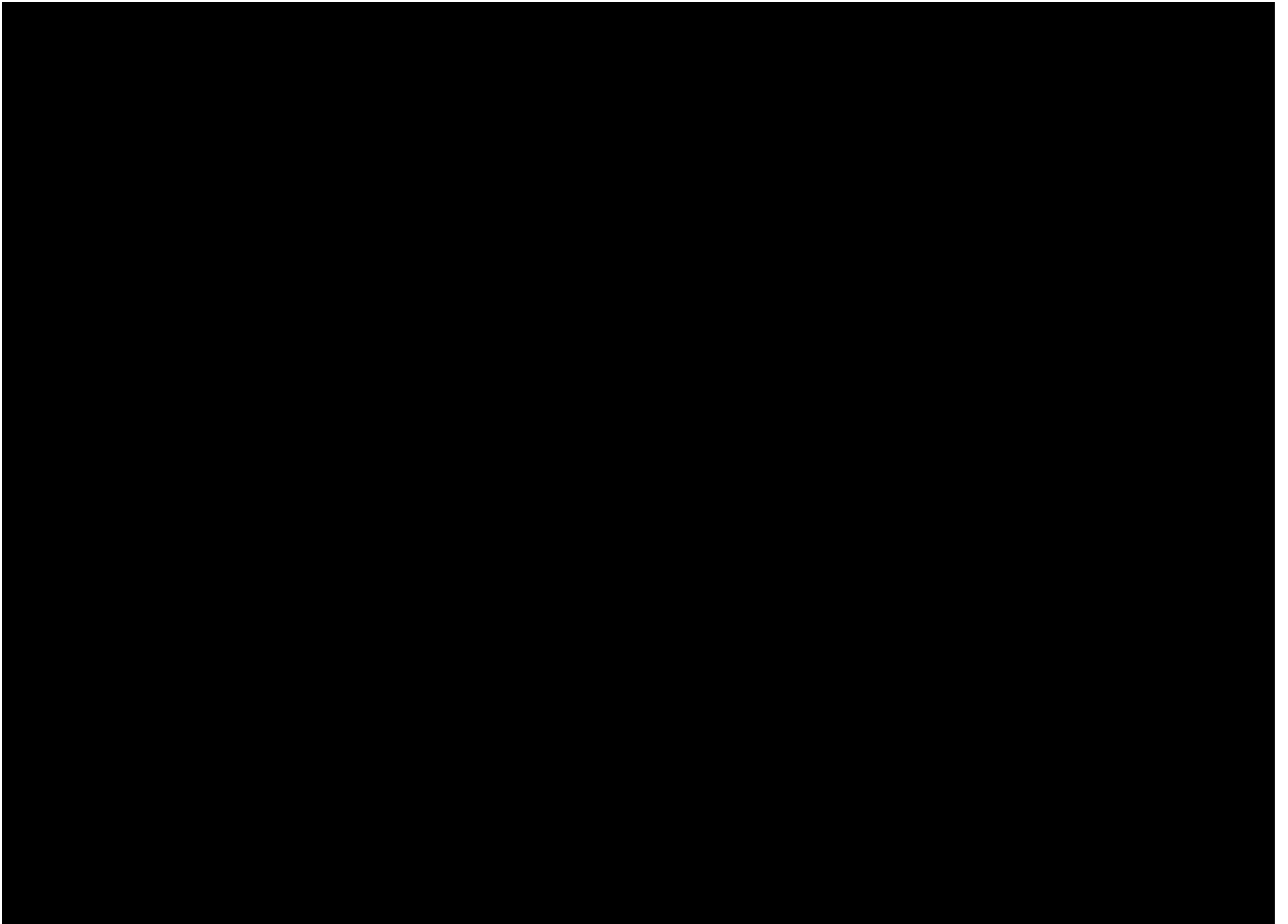
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Stage 3 – Gathering information about cultural significance

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Good morning Bronte,

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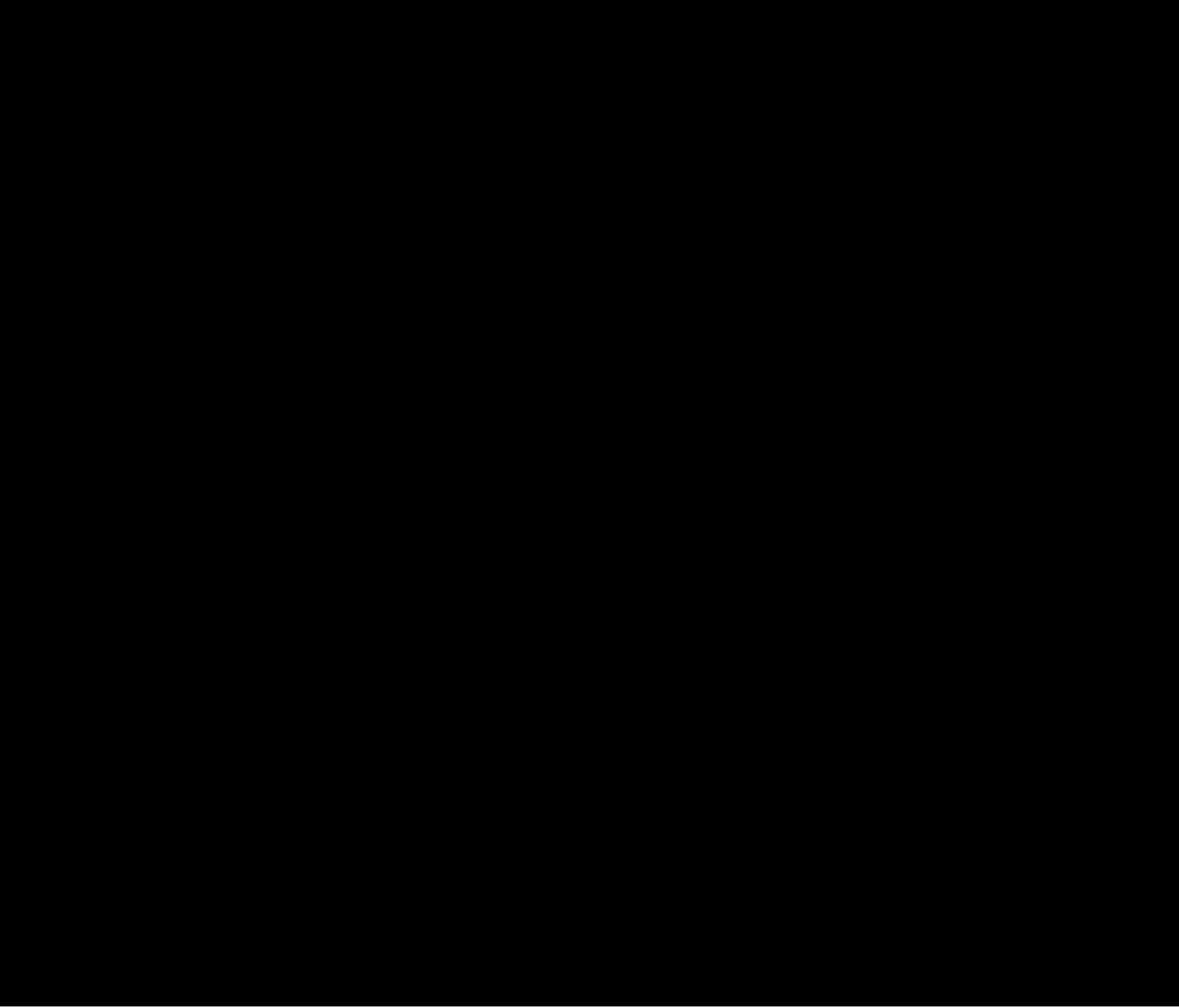
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Good afternoon,

Thank you for your registration in the Melrose Park High School project.

The draft ACHA and AR is now available for your review here: <https://we.tl/t-4ugGu60P1j>

Please provide any comments or feedback to myself by 5:00 PM 24 January 2025 through the details below.

Let me know if you have any issues accessing the reports at your earliest convenience.

Have a lovely holiday season,

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Appendix 5 Archaeological report

