

# 2023-24 BUDGET



REVENUE STATEMENT



# Revenue Statement 2023-2024

## 1. PURPOSE

The Revenue Statement outlines the revenue measures adopted in Council's budget and is required to accompany the budget each year.

## 2. SCOPE & AUTHORITY

This policy applies to the financial operations of the Balonne Shire Council for the 2023/24 financial year. The Revenue Statement is to be read in conjunction with the Revenue Policy. The following are responsible for the implementation and compliance with the Revenue Statement:

- all Councillors;
- all Council employees;
- all business units;
- and/or controlled entities except where specifically excluded by other Council policy.

This is a legislative policy required in accordance with Section 104 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and S169 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012*. This document should be read in conjunction with the Council's Revenue Policy.

The Revenue Statement for a financial year is required by legislation to include certain information for the Financial Year: -

**Local Government Act 2009** - Section 104(5) of the *Local Government Act 2009* outlines Council's requirement to have financial management documents:

**104 (5)** *The system of financial management established by a local government must include—*

(a) *The following financial planning documents prepared for the local government –*

- A 5 year corporate plan that incorporates community engagement;*
- A long- term asset management plan;*
- A long-term financial forecast;*
- An annual budget including revenue statement;*
- An annual operational plan.*

**Local Government Regulation 2012** - Section 172 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* outlines the requirements of the revenue statement:

### **172 Revenue statement**

(1) *The revenue statement for a local government must state—*

(a) *if the local government levies differential general rates—*

- the rating categories for rateable land in the local government area; and*
- a description of each rating category; and*

(b) *if the local government levies special rates or charges for a joint government activity—a summary of the terms of the joint government activity; and*



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- (c) *if the local government fixes a cost-recovery fee—the criteria used to decide the amount of the cost-recovery fee; and*
- (d) *if the local government conducts a business activity on a commercial basis— the criteria used to decide the amount of the charges for the activity's goods and services.*
- (2) *Also, the revenue statement for a financial year must include the following information for the financial year—*
  - (a) *an outline and explanation of the measures that the local government has adopted for raising revenue, including an outline and explanation of—*
    - (i) *the rates and charges to be levied in the financial year; and*
    - (ii) *the concessions for rates and charges to be granted in the financial year.*
  - (b) *whether the local government has made a resolution limiting an increase of rates and charges.*

### 3. POLICY STATEMENT

The Revenue Statement is required to be prepared and adopted for each financial year. The Revenue Statement and the revenue measures adopted in Council's budget are made with regard to the local government principles outlined in section 4(2) of the *Local Government Act 2009*. Revenue in Council's budget comprises of rates and charges imposed by the Council, Commonwealth and State Government; grants and subsidies for operational works and capital projects; external works for reimbursement and other miscellaneous income.

Council's estimated revenue for the budgeted financial year is:-

- Set at a level which considers the current economic climate;
- Set at a level which considers the services which are to be provided to the community; and
- Set at a level which is considered fair and equitable.

The Revenue Statement is based on a combination of special charges and differential rates to provide the most equitable and rational basis for raising revenue.

### 4. GENERAL RATE OR DIFFERENTIAL GENERAL RATES

General rates are for services, facilities and activities that are supplied or undertaken for the benefit of the community in general (rather than a particular person). The Council is required to raise an appropriate amount of revenue to maintain assets and provide services to the Shire as a whole. In deciding how the revenue is raised Council considered:

- The rateable value of the land and the equity or otherwise of the level of rates which would be payable if only one general rate were adopted.
- Relative valuations of various types of land.
- The approach to general rating adopted by the Balonne Shire Council for the financial year.
- The level of services provided to that land and the cost of providing the services compared to the rate burden that would apply under a single general rate.
- The demand that some land uses place on the services which Council is required to provide.



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## 4.1 Objection against Categorisation

Pursuant to section 88 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* the owners of rateable land will be informed that they have the right of objection to the category their land is included in. All objections shall be to the Chief Executive Officer of the Balonne Shire Council and the only basis for objection shall be that at the date of issue of the rate notice, the owner considers land should belong to a different rating category. All objections will be dealt with pursuant to the relevant sections of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. In accordance with section 90(5)(a) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* objection notices must be received within 30 days after the day when the rate notice was issued.

## 4.2 Differential General Rate Categories

Pursuant to section 80 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will adopt a differential general rating scheme. Pursuant to section 81 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, the categorisation of land is as per Column 1 of the table below and the description of those categories is as per Column 2 of the table below. The Council delegates to the CEO the power of identifying the rating category to which each parcel of rateable land belongs. In carrying out this task, the CEO may have regard to the guidance provided by Column 3 of the table below. The Council sets the Differential General Rates at its Budget Meeting.

### 4.2.1 Residential

Differential Category	Description	Identification
4A - Residential Large Residential Multi Residential Less than \$15000	Residential Less than \$15,000	All land, which is not otherwise categorised, is less than 1 Ha in size and to which the following primary land use codes apply: 01 & 02 – Vacant, Single Unit Dwelling 03 – Multi unit dwelling (flats) 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 06 – Outbuildings 07 – Guest House 08 – Outbuildings & Buildings Units 21 – Residential Institutions (Non-Medical Care) 61 – 67– Sheep and Cattle Grazing 72 – Section 25 Valn 73 – 84 – Agricultural 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98 General Vacant
4B - Residential Large Residential Multi Residential Grater than \$15000	Residential Greater than \$15,000	01 & 02 – Vacant, Single Unit Dwelling 03 – Multi unit dwelling (flats) 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 06 – Outbuildings 07 – Guest House 08 – Outbuildings & Buildings Units 21 – Residential Institutions (Non-Medical Care) 61 – 67– Sheep and Cattle Grazing 72 – Section 25 Valn 73 – 84 – Agricultural 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98 – General Vacant



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## 4.2.2 Commercial and Industrial

Differential Category	Description	Identification
11 –Retail Business and Commercial	Land used for retail business, commercial purposes and other similar purposes	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 10-20 & 22-27 – Retail Businesses /Commercial 41, 44 - 46 – Special Uses
12 - Other Commercial	Land used for other commercial purposes, excluding category 11 land, such as, for example sports clubs and similar facilities	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 48 – Sports Clubs / Facilities 50 – 59 – Special Uses 96 – 97 – General
13 - Transformers	Land use for the housing of transformers	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 91 – Transformers
14 - Industrial	Land used for industrial purposes	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 28 – 34 – Transport & Storage 35 – 37 – Industrial
15 – Hotels and other Accommodation	Land used for hotels, motels, caravan parks, licensed clubs and other similar commercial and accommodation uses	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary land use codes apply: 42 & 43 – Hotel / tavern, Motel 47 & 49 – Licenced Club, Caravan Park



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## 4.2.3 Intensive Industry

Differential Category	Description	Identification
16 Intensive Rural Industry	Land used for high intensity rural - industrial purposes	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has development approval for a high intensity rural - industrial purpose over any land use code.
21 - Commercial Bulk Grain Depots	Land used as a commercial bulk grain depot, excluding where such storage occurs as part of farm bulk storage.	All land approved for use as a commercial bulk grain depot or land that forms part of a commercial bulk grain depot which is a lawful nonconforming use. This category excludes land used for on farm bulk grain storage. This category includes but is not limited to assessments A3119, A1842, A1843, A2103, A2106, A2312, A2663, A2856, A2869, A1724.
22- Cotton Gins	Land used as a Cotton Gin	All land approved for use as for Cotton Ginning and associated purposes. This category includes but is not limited to assessments A1794, A2263, A2537.
25 - Extractive Industry < 5,000 tonnes	Land used for the purpose of conducting an industry involving the dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth (other than mining) classified under Schedule 2 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulation 2008</i> for less than 5,000 tonnes production.	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth (other than mining) classified under Schedule 2 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulation 2008</i> for less than 5,000 tonnes production
26 - Extractive Industry >5,000 & <100,000 Tonnes	Land used for the purpose of conducting an industry involving dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth (other than mining) classified under Schedule 2 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulation 2008</i> for greater than 5,000 to 100,000	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth (other than mining) classified under Schedule 2 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulation 2008</i> for greater than 5,000 to 100,000 tonnes production.



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	tonnes production.	
27 - Extractive Industry > 100,000 tonnes	Land used for the purpose of conducting an industry involving dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth classified under Schedule 2 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulation 2008</i> for greater than 100,000 tonnes production	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for the purpose of conducting an industry which may involve dredging, excavating, quarrying, sluicing or other mode of winning materials from the earth classified under Schedule 2 of the <i>Environmental Protection Regulation 2008</i> for greater than 100,000 tonnes production
31 - Petroleum Leases < 1,000 Ha	Land the subject of a Petroleum Lease having an area of less than 1000 hectares	All Petroleum Leases issued within the Council area of less than 1,000 hectares.
32 - Petroleum Leases >=1,000Ha < 10,000 Ha	Land the subject of a Petroleum Lease having area of 1000 hectares or more, but less than 10,000 hectares	All Petroleum Leases issued within the Council area of equal to and greater than 1,000 hectares but less than 10,000 hectares.
33 - Petroleum Leases => 10,000 Ha	Land the subject of a Petroleum Lease having area of 10,000 hectares or more	All Petroleum Leases issued within the Council area of 10,000 hectares or more.



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34 - Petroleum Other < 400Ha	Land used or intended to be used primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction/processing such as water storage, pipelines), excluding petroleum leases, with an area of less than 400 hectares.	All land, within the Council, used or intended to be used primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction/processing such as water storage, pipelines), excluding petroleum leases, with an area of less than 400 hectares.
35 - Petroleum Other = > 400Ha	Land used or intended to be used primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction / processing such as water storage, pipelines), excluding petroleum leases, with an area of 400 hectares or more.	All land, within the Council, used or intended to be used primarily for gas and/or oil extraction and/or processing (or for purposes ancillary or associated with gas and/or oil extraction/processing such as water storage, pipelines), excluding petroleum leases, with an area of 400 hectares or more.
41 - Mining Leases < 50 FTE	Land the subject of a Mining Lease at which there are least than 50 full-time equivalent employees and/or contractors	All Mining Leases issued within the Council area that have less than 50 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees and/or contractors.
42 - Mining Leases > 50 FTE	Land the subject of a Mining Lease at which there are 50 or more full-time equivalent employees and/or contractors	All Mining Leases issued within the Council area that have 50 or more Full Time Equivalent (FTE) employees and/or contractors.
45 - Intensive Accommodation 100+persons	Land used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 100 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers based on farms) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, used for providing intensive accommodation for more than 100 people (other than the ordinary travelling public or itinerant farm workers based on farm) in rooms, suites, or caravan sites specifically built or provided for this purpose. Land within this category is commonly known as "workers accommodation", "single persons quarters", "work camps", "accommodation village" or "barracks"





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	specifically built or provided for this purpose.	
46 - Noxious Industry- Abattoirs	-Land used in whole or in part for an abattoir or other similar noxious industry	Land used whole or part, within the Council area, for Noxious Industry, primarily used as an Abattoir.

## 4.2.4 Rural

Differential Category	Description	Identification
100 – Grain & Grazing	Rural land having an area of 1000 Hectares or more used for growing of grain, sheep grazing, cattle grazing or other similar activities	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised, is 1000Ha or greater and has the following primary land use codes apply: 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 60 – 63 – Sheep Grazing 64 –70– Cattle Grazing 73 – Grain 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98– General Vacant
200 - Combined land use including cotton	Rural land used for mixed use cropping including Cotton	All Land that has or should have a land use code with a primary and secondary combination including: 77 – Cotton
300 – Sole land use Cotton	Rural land used for the growing of cotton, regardless of size	All Land that has or should have a primary land use code and no secondary combination of: 77 – Cotton
500 – Rural and small crops	Rural land regardless of size having an area > 20 Hectares but less than 1000 Hectares used for sheep grazing, cattle grazing, or similar activities and rural land used as vineyards or for small cropping	All Land, regardless of size, which is not otherwise categorised is 20Ha or greater and less than 1000Ha in size and has the following primary land use codes apply: 01 & 72 – Vacant Urban Land, Section 25 Valn 04 & 05 – Large Home Site Dwelling/Vacant 06 – Outbuildings 61 –70– Sheep and Cattle Grazing 73 – 84 – Agricultural 85 – 89 and 93 – 95 – Other Rural Uses 98 – General Vacant And; All Land, regardless of size and has the following primary land use codes apply: 82 – Vineyards 83 – Small Crops & Fodder Irrigation 84 – Small Crops & Fodder Non – Irrigation



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76 – Reservoirs	Land use for storage of water in reservoirs or dams, or the extraction of water via bores, or for other similar storage and/or extraction purposes	All Land, which is not otherwise categorised and has the following primary or secondary land use code: 95 – Reservoir, dam, bores
79 - Intensive Animal Industry Feedlot 1,001 – 5,000 SCU	Land used in whole or part for feed lotting of animals with an approved capacity of between 1,001 and 5,000 equivalent to standard cattle units	Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry – Feedlot requiring approval by Council, or requiring licensing as an Environmental Relevant Activity with an approved capacity of 1,001 – 5,000 equivalent Standard Cattle Units (SCU)  All land within the Council area, which has a state registered license to operate a feedlot or development approval.  Sheep 10:1 SCU; Goats 10:1 SCU
80 - Intensive Animal Industry Feedlot 5,001 - 10,000 SCU	Land used in whole or part for feed lotting of animals with an approved capacity of between 5,001 and 10,000 equivalent to standard cattle units	Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry – Feedlot requiring approval by Council, or requiring licensing as an Environmental Relevant Activity with an approved capacity of 5,001 - 10,000 equivalent Standard Cattle Units (SCU)  All land within the Council area, which has a state registered license to operate a feedlot or development approval.  Sheep 10:1 SCU; Goats 10:1 SCU
81 - Intensive Animal Industry Feedlot > 10,000 SCU	Land used in whole or part for feed lotting of animals with an approved capacity of between more than 10,000 equivalent standard cattle units	Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry – Feedlot requiring approval by Council, or requiring licensing as an Environmental Relevant Activity with an approved capacity of > 10,000 equivalent Standard Cattle Units (SCU)  All land within the Council area, which has a state registered license to operate a feedlot or development approval.  Sheep 10:1 SCU; Goats 10:1 SCU
85 - Intensive Animal Industry Piggery > 400 SPU	Land used in whole or part for a piggery with an approved capacity of greater than 400 standard pig units	Land used whole or part for Intensive Animal Industry - Piggery with an approved capacity of greater than 400 Standard Pig Units (SPU)  All land within the Council area, which has a Primary Land Use Code of 85



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## 4.2.4 Other

90 - Solar Farm <50 MW	Land used in whole or in part for as a Solar Farm with an output capacity of less than 50 megawatts.	Land used for solar power generation and transfer to the grid of <50 MW
91 - Solar Farm >= 50 MW	Land used in whole or in part for as a Solar Farm with an output capacity of 50 megawatts or more	Land used for solar power generation and transfer to the grid of => 50 MW
95 – Carbon Farming	Land for activities upon which its owner has received Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU)	Land for activities upon which its owner has received Australian Carbon Credit Units (ACCU)

## 5 MINIMUM GENERAL RATE

Council adopts a minimum general rate for each differential rate category in accordance with Section 77 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*. The minimum general rate is specified annually in dollar terms at the Council's budget meeting.

Rateable lands which attract the minimum general rate are those lands whose charging value (V) are so low as to result in a calculated levy (L) less than the adopted minimum rate when the following formula is applied:-

$$L = V \times R$$

where R is the adopted general rate.

## 6 LIMITING INCREASE IN RATES AND CHARGES

Council may decide at its annual budget meeting to provide limitation of increases in general rates to certain differential categories in response to substantial impacts such as land valuation changes. These limitations will not apply to properties in a year where:

- a) When properties have been amalgamated; or
- b) Where properties have changed rating categories.

Where there have been successful objections to land valuation decisions limitations may no longer apply at the time of adjustment back to the Valuer General's nominated valuation date.

For the 2023/2024 financial year, Council will be passing a resolution pursuant to s116 of the *Local Government Regulation*



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2012 limiting the increase in rates or charges.

## 7 SEPARATE RATES AND CHARGES

Council does not presently levy separate rates and charges.

## 8 SPECIAL RATES AND CHARGES

### 8.1 Special Charge – Balonne Shire Wild Dog Exclusion Fence Scheme

Pursuant to section 94 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 94 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, Council will make and levy in future budget meetings a special charge to be known as the Balonne Shire Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme Special Charge of varied amounts for certain rural properties in the local government area, to which the overall plan applies, to fund the provision of wild dog exclusion fencing. The amount of special charge shall differ according to the level of benefit that the property receives from the provision of the exclusion fencing. Once all fencing has been installed the level of benefit shall be determined according to the costs associated with borrowing, the purchase of materials and construction of fencing to be repaid over 20 years (Round 1 – 01/07/2019 – 30/06/2041) and (Round 2 – 01/07/2020 – 30/06/2042). To determine the amount of special charge it will generally be the total cost divided by the repayment years noting that the first 2 years are no repayments; the following 3 years will be interest only then principal and interest for the remaining 15 years. No discount will apply.

The overall plan for the Balonne Shire Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme Special Charge was adopted by Council at its 27 June 2019 budget meeting and amended on 24 June 2021. Council set an administration fee of 3% of the total cost of the fencing project including loan administration fees in its 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 fees and charges schedule, to be paid by approved landholders in the first two years. The fee will no longer apply in 2023/24.

1. In summary, the service, facility or activity for which the plan is made is Council borrowing the funds to implement the Balonne Shire Wild Dog Exclusion Fencing Scheme;
2. Council considers that the rateable land or its occupier specially benefits from the service, facility or activity funded by the special charge because the provision of the exclusion fencing empowers a landholder or group of landholders to develop and integrated property pest management plan involving baiting, trapping and shooting to control pest animals and improve the economic viability of the grazing industry;
3. The estimated cost of carrying out the overall plan is \$4.695m (including capitalised interest)

The estimated time for carrying out the overall plan, is an estimated twenty-one (21) years (Round 1 – 01/07/2019 – 30/06/2040) and (Round 2 – 01/07/2020 – 30/06/2041). The Annual Implementation Plan for Round 1 2023/24 financial year will include final inspections, some variations and practical completion of all fencing projects and for Round 2 2023/24 monitoring construction, inspections, some variations, and practical completion of the exclusion fencing on each property approved under the scheme.

### 8.2 Thallon Rural Fire Levy



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To fund the operation of the Thallon Town Rural Fire Brigade, Council has resolved to levy a special charge on those rateable properties contained in the benefited area. This special charge shall be levied on the property assessment and not individual land parcels. Properties will be classified in the same manner as that utilised by the Queensland Emergency Management Levy Scheme and detailed in the *Fire and Emergency Service Act 1990* and the *Fire and Emergency Service Regulation 2011*, applicable to the relevant financial year. The following table details the charging units applicable to each property classification:-

Queensland Emergency Levy Property Classification	Charging Units
Group 1	10
Group 2	37
Group 3	90
Group 4	180
Group 5	295
Group 6	531
Group 7	867
Group 8	1327
Group 9	2355

Council, at its budget meeting, will set an annual per unit charge for the Thallon Town Rural Fire Brigade. Net funds (after discount) raised from the levy, less an administration charge, will be remitted to the Thallon Town Rural Fire Brigade who will apply such funds towards the continued operation of their service including maintenance, administration and capital replacement. The administration charge will be set by Council in accordance with The Fire and Emergency Services Regulation 2011, Part 3 - Funding. Interest will be charged on overdue balances and retained by the Balonne Shire Council to offset the cost of debt recovery. See Appendix A.

### 8.3 Feral Animal Management Special Rate

Council will levy a special rate on all rateable assessments in Rating Categories Cat 100, 79,80,81 and all properties greater than or equal to 1000 Hectares in Cat 200 and Cat 300 within the Balonne Shire Council boundary. Council, at its budget meeting will set an annual rate in the dollar on land value (a determined pursuant to the *Land Valuation Act 2010*). Funds raised from the special rate, will be applied toward the continued operation of Feral Animal Management services or activities in the Shire. Interest will be charged on overdue balances and retained by the Balonne Shire Council to offset the cost of debt recovery.

### 8.4 Urban Animal Management Special Charge

Council will levy a special charge on all rateable assessments in Rating Categories 4A – 4B, within the Balonne Shire Council boundary. Council, at its budget meeting will set an annual fixed rate charge. Funds raised from the special charge, will be applied toward the continued operation of Domestic Animal Management services or activities in the Shire. Interest



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will be charged on overdue balances and retained by the Balonne Shire Council to offset the cost of debt recovery.

## 9 UTILITY CHARGES

### 9.1 WATER UTILITY CHARGES

#### 9.1.1 Base Water Charge

In accordance with section 94 of the Local Government Act 2009 and section 99 of the Local Government Regulation 2012 (subject to the qualification and exceptions in the following paragraphs) Council will levy on every individual parcel in its land record a base charge for water:

- if a parcel of land is located within Council's declared water area, and
- where Council is prepared to supply water, together with any land already connected to the Council water supply system.

A specific number of "charging units" is assessed for each category of land use and a dollar charge per unit is set by the Council annually at its budget meeting.

Council will apply utility charge/s for water based on the type of service defined in the tables below. The charge is made up of:

- a fixed base charge for using the infrastructure that supplies water to a consumer; and
- a variable excess charge based upon the amount of water in excess of the allocation identified in sections 9.1.3 and 9.1.4 and 9.1.5.

For properties in the urban or rural residential area shown in Appendix B the rate notice will itemise the base water charge as bore and/or river water connections. Bore water connection and allocation will represent 30% and river water connections and allocation will represent 70% of the base water charge. The same split will apply for unconnected services where applicable.

#### 9.1.2 Base Water Allocation (excluding Mungindi)

Each premises in a defined water supply area which has a metered water supply is assessed on the basis of its land use and is granted a base water allocation expressed in kilolitres per year per charging unit. (Refer to below table at 9.1.9 for charging units). This allocation is set annually by Council at its budget meeting.

#### 9.1.3 Bore Water Charge Units and Water Allocations - St George

Details of Council's current assessment of charging units for bore water in the town of St George are included in the following tables:-

Type of Service	Units	Annual Bore Water Allocation (Kl per unit)	Annual Bore Water Allocation (Kilolitres)
Airports	45	3	135
Any Other Building	57	3	171
Any Sawmill	360	3	1080



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Boarding Schools/Student Hostels	180	5	900
<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Annual Bore Water Allocation (KI per unit)</b>	<b>Annual Bore Water Allocation (Kilolitres)</b>
Bore Water Connection Only (St. George)	35	8	280
Bowling Club	264	3	792
Butcher Shop	103	3	309
Café	103	3	309
Caravan Parks/Work Camps	10 units per serviced site. 200 units minimum	3	
Rental Accommodation with shared facilities	32 units per accommodation unit	3	
Church or Meeting Room	41	5	205
Cordial Factory	103	3	309
Council Depots	45	3	135
Fire Fighting Service	15	n/a	
Flat/Unit	98	3	294
Government Department	57	3	171
Hall (Council)	100	3	300
Hospitals plus additional charges for residences/units	515	3	1545
Hostel not being used as such	51	3	153
Hotels/Motels	376	3	1128
Kindergartens	45	5	225
Land used for Commercial Gardening Purposes	153	n/a	
Laundry and/or Dry Cleaning	103	3	309
Licensed Club	275	3	825
Other Business	57	3	171
Park or Camp	261	3	783
Pre-Schools	45	5	225



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Public Swimming Pool	314	5	1570
<b>Type of Service</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Annual Bore Water Allocation (KI per unit)</b>	<b>Annual Bore Water Allocation (Kilolitres)</b>
Racecourse/Tennis Courts	45	3	135
Residence (Private)	98	3	294
Retirement Villages	376	5	1880
Schools	275	5	1375
Community Education Facility (Skill Centre)	275	5	1375
Showgrounds	313	3	939
Slaughter Yard	149	3	447
Sporting Ground (St. Patricks School, St. George)		n/a	
Sports Centre	205	3	615
Vacant Land (with Connection)	98	3	294
Unconnected	21	n/a	n/a

## 9.1.4 River Water Charge Units and Water Allocations - St George Urban

The annual base charge as defined in clause 9.1.1 plus excess water charges defined in council's utility charges will apply to residential properties within the urban residential area of St George as follows:  
 (Appendix B St George Urban – Residential – Rural Residential – excluding 9.1.5)

Type of Service	Units	Annual River Water Allocation (KI per unit)	Annual River Water Allocation (Kilolitres)
Residential river water supply	100	15.31	1500
Unconnected	21	n/a	n/a

## 9.1.5 River Water Charge Units and Water Allocations –St George Rural Residential Water Charging Area

Charging for the low-pressure supply of river water by Council to defined developments within the rural residential locality shown in Appendix B Map 3 defined as the Rural Residential Water Charging Area (including **Willowthal and Rhea Roads**) will comprise an annual base water charge as defined in clause 9.1.1 plus excess water charges as defined in the table below.





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Type of Service	Units	Annual River Water Allocation(Kl per unit)	Annual River Water Allocation (Kilolitres)
Rural Residential low pressure river water supply (constant flow system)	100	15.31	1794
Unconnected	21	n/a	n/a

## 9.1.6 Excess Water Charge

An excess water charge is assessed annually by Council at its budget meeting and is set at a level which will discourage excessive water usage. The excess water charge is expressed in terms of price per kilolitre of water used in excess of the base water allocation as defined in clause 9.1.1, 9.1.2, 9.1.3, 9.1.4 and 9.1.5.

A separate excess water charge may apply for each of the following types of water supply:-

- Untreated bore water
- Untreated river/creek water
- Treated water
- Blended treated/untreated bore water

As a consequence of properties having access to bore water supply only, water consumption in excess of the standard allocations for the towns of Bollon, Hebel, and Thallon, shall not attract excess water charges.

Water usage is determined based on meter readings as recorded by the meter connected to the property. Where a meter reading is not able to be obtained, an estimate based on past readings will be used. In accordance with s102 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, it is resolved that a meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts two (2) weeks before and ends two (2) weeks after the day on which the meter is actually read. Excess water charges will be levied annually after the final meter readings for the year which will take place on or about 30 June. The excess water levy notice will be included with the first moiety rate notice.

## 9.1.7 Excess charges – St George River Water Charging Area

Council will set annual excess river water charges at its annual budget meeting. Charges will be based on an incremental basis over the base allocation as follows: This charge and allocation is for residential and rural residential properties shown in Appendix B Map 2 of the Revenue Statement and defined in 9.1.4 above (excluding 9.1.5).

Water Allocation	Usage charge step 1	Usage charge step 2	Usage charge step 3
< 1500KL	>1501KL - <2000KL	>2001KL - <2500KL	>2501KL
As per 9.1.1 above			



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## 9.1.8 Excess charges – St George Rural Residential River Water Charging Area

Council will set annual excess river water charges at its annual budget meeting. Charges will be based on an incremental basis over the base allocation. This charge and allocation is for rural residential properties as shown in Appendix B Map 2 of the Revenue Statement (including Willowthal and Rhea Roads) defined at 9.1.5 above.

Water Allocation	Usage charge step 1	Usage charge step 2	Usage charge step 3
< 1794KL	>1794KL - <2294KL	>2295KL - <2794KL	>3294KL
As per 9.1.1 above			

## 9.1.9 Water Charge Units and Water Allocations - Towns of Dirranbandi, Bollon, Thallon and Hebel

Details of Council's current assessment of charging units for the townships of Dirranbandi, Bollon, Thallon and Hebel are included in the following tables:-

Type of Service	Units	Water Allocation (kl)	
		Per unit	Per annum
Airports	45	10	450
Any Other Building	57	10	570
Any Sawmill	360	10	3600
Boarding House	121	10	1210
Bowling Club-	264	10	2640
Butcher Shop	103	10	1030
Caravan Parks/Work Camps	units per serviced site 200 units minimum	10	
Rental Accommodation with shared facilities	32 units per accommodation unit	10	
Café	103	10	1030
Church or Meeting Room	41	15	615
Cordial Factory	103	10	1030
Council Depots	45	10	450
Fire Fighting Service	15	10	150
Flat/Unit	98	10	980



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Type of Service	Units	Water Allocation (kl)	
		Per unit	Per annum
Government Department	57	10	570
Hall (Council)	100	10	1000
Hostel not being used as such	51	10	510
Land used for Commercial Gardening Purposes	153	10	1530
Laundry and/or Dry Cleaning	103	10	1030
Licensed Club	275	10	2750
Other Business	57	10	570
Park or Camp	261	10	2610
Private Post Office	44	10	440
Racecourse/Tennis Courts	45	10	450
Residence (Private)	98	10	980
Showgrounds	313	10	3130
Slaughter Yard	149	10	1490
Sports Centre	205	10	2050
Vacant Land (with Connection)	98	10	980
Unconnected	21	n/a	n/a

Thallon	Units	Water Allocation (kl)	
		Per unit	Per annum
Hotels / Motels	269	10	2690
Schools (Bore Water)	191	15	2865
Railway Depot	57	10	570
Park (Bore Water)	98	10	980
Park (Raw Water)	163	30	4890
Showgrounds (Bore Water)	98	10	980



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Showgrounds (Raw Water)	163	30	4890
<b>Dirranbandi</b>			
Hotels / Motels	376	10	3760
Kindergarten	45	15	675
Schools (Treated Water)	275	15	4125
Bowling Club (Treated Water)	98	10	980
Bowling Club (Raw Water)	166	30	4980
Hospital (Treated Water) Plus Additional Charges for Residences/Units	245	10	2450
Hospital (Raw Water)	146	30	4380
Swimming Pools – Public	314	15	4710
Pony Club	45	10	450
Showgrounds (Treated Water)	98	10	980
Showgrounds (Raw Water)	215	30	6450
<b>Bollon</b>			
Hotels / Motels	269	10	2690
Schools (Bore Water)	121	15	1815
Schools (Raw Water)	70	30	2100
Tennis Club (Bore Water)	98	10	980
Boarding House	90	15	1350
Park (Bore Water)	98	10	980
Park (Raw Water)	163	30	4890
<b>Hebel</b>			
Hotels / Motels	113	10	1130
Schools ( Bore Water)	75	15	1125



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## 9.1.10 Mungindi Water Charge

The basis of the water charges for the township of Mungindi within the Balonne Shire Council boundary, shall be an annual infrastructure charge which applies to each rateable property in the defined water supply area, including properties whereby a property is not connected to the water supply but is located within the water supply area.

## 9.1.11 Mungindi Water Consumption

The basis of the water consumption for the township of Mungindi within the Balonne Shire Council boundary, shall be calculated on a biannual basis with meters to be read on 30 June and 31 December each year.

In accordance with s102 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, it is resolved that a meter is taken to have been read during the period that starts two (2) weeks before and ends two (2) weeks after the day on which the meter is actually read.

Consumption charges will be levied on the biannual rate notice issued in August and February.

Mungindi Water Consumption
Water Consumption per kilolitre – 0 to 750kl
Water Consumption per kilolitre – above 751 kl
Water Consumption per kilolitre – above 8,000kl

## 9.1.12 Unconnected Property Charge

For the purposes of clause 9.1.6, the term “property” means each separate parcel of land. An “Un-connected property” water charge shall apply to a property where such property is not connected to the water supply but is located within the water supply area and is able to be connected to the water supply.

The following classes of property shall be exempt from the “Un-connected property” water charge:-

- a. Charitable, Not-for-Profit, Religious and Educational facilities including Aged and Child Care facilities, Student Hostels; and
- b. For a period of three (3) full financial years commencing after the date of registration of the survey plan, those lots of land in a development where the water supply reticulation was provided by the original developer and where such lots remain unsold by the original developer.
- c. Where a building from a neighbouring property encroaches on the unconnected property.
- d. Where the property has no legal access.
- e. Where the property is of such a small size and/or irregular shape that, in the opinion of the Council, it could not be sold and used for any purpose consistent with the area.

A specific number of "charging units" (Refer to above tables) is assessed for un-connected properties and a dollar charge per unit is set by Council annually at its budget meeting.



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## 10 WASTE WATER UTILITY CHARGE

### 10.1 WASTE WATER CHARGE

These charges apply only to the towns of St. George, Dirranbandi, and Bollon (Appendix C) which are supplied by a Council provided Waste Water system. Premises in the towns of Thallon, Mungindi and Hebel have septic systems (on site Waste Water treatment systems) in use. There are no utility charges levied in respect of premises serviced by septic systems. Charges will be determined at the annual Council budget meeting.

A Waste Water charge will be levied on each rateable property, both vacant and occupied, that Council has or is able to provide with Waste Water services. The charge will be levied in those areas where construction of the service infrastructure has commenced but access is not yet available to the Waste Water service.

A system of full cost recovery will apply to the Waste Water scheme, comprising an access cost to cover the fixed items within the Waste Water scheme, such as capital expenditure, interest and redemption, and operating costs based on pedestals and covering ongoing maintenance and operation of the schemes.

The Waste Water utility charges will be levied in accordance with the following principles:

- Capital Costs- Each property within the sewerage area that has the potential to be connected to the Waste Water scheme will contribute towards the capital costs of the scheme.
- Operating Costs – Each pedestal (including urinal cistern) connected to the Waste Water scheme will contribute to the annual operating costs associated with the scheme.
- A standard residential dwelling will incur one Connected Charge (Capital + Operating Costs), whereas multi-unit dwellings or flats will incur a Connected Charge for each dwelling.
- Non-residential properties will incur an initial Connected Charge and then for each additional pedestal, grouped in blocks, the Operating Costs plus a percentage of the Capital Costs.

### 10.2 WASTE WATER CHARGE – UNCONNECTED PROPERTY

For the purposes of clause 10.1.1, the term “property” means each separate parcel of land. An “Unconnected property” Waste Water charge shall apply to a property where such property is not connected to the Waste Water system but is located within the sewerage area and is able to be connected to the waste water system.

The following classes of property shall be exempt from the “Un-connected property” Waste Water charge:-

- a. Charitable, Not-for-Profit, Religious and Educational facilities including Aged and Child Care facilities, Student Hostels; and
- b. For a period of three (3) full financial years commencing after the date of registration of the survey plan, those lots of land in a development where the Waste Water reticulation was provided by the original developer and where such lots remain unsold by the original developer.
- c. Where a building from a neighbouring property encroaches on the unconnected property.



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- d. Where the property has no legal access.
- e. Where the property is of such a small size and/or irregular shape that, in the opinion of the Council, it could not be sold and used for any purpose consistent with the area.

## 10.3 WASTE WATER CHARGE – CONNECTED CHARGE

For the purposes of clause 10.1.2, a “Connected Charge” shall apply as follows:

- One (1) per annum charge for each single unit residential dwelling,
- One (1) per annum charge for each accommodation unit in Other Residential Premises;
  - Other Residential Premises may include:
    - Multi-unit dwellings (flats),
    - Guest houses;
    - Work Camps;
    - Building and Standard Format Plans;
- One (1) per annum charge for each pedestal in a Public Hospital;
- 1 charge for the initial pedestal in any other premises.

## 10.4 WASTE WATER CHARGE – ADDITIONAL NON-RESIDENTIAL PEDESTAL

For the purposes of clause 10.1.2, an “Additional Non-Residential Pedestal Charge” shall apply as follows:

- One Connected Charge per annum and one standard charge per additional Non-Residential pedestal. (note: A pedestal includes a urinal or bidet).

## 11 CLEANSING CHARGE

The purpose of this Charge is to fund the collection, operation and maintenance of Council’s waste disposal service. Charges will be determined at the annual Council budget meeting.

This charge is made and levied for the purposes of providing for the collection and disposal of refuse from all land in actual occupation or with a structure upon it, within the serviced area that waste collection is provided a roadside collection (Appendix D). Where there is more than one structure or land capable of separate occupation, a charge will be made for each structure. Such charge shall apply whether or not a service is utilised.

A cleansing charge shall apply to all occupied properties within the benefited boundaries of all towns (including Hebel) to recover part of the costs associated with operating refuse tips.

All towns, with the exception of Hebel, are provided with a door-to-door cleansing service. The minimum number of cleansing services provided to a particular premise is determined on the basis of an annual assessment by the Council. A door-to-door cleansing service is defined as the collection and disposal of one (1) or more standard rubbish bins per week. The owner of a premise has the right to request additional cleansing services which will be supplied at the appropriate charge depending on whether the request is for a regular or once-off service.



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Details of Council's current assessment of cleansing charge units are included in the following tables:-

Land Use	Minimum General Services George	Minimum Recycle Services St George	Minimum General Services Other Towns (excluding Mungindi and Hebel) (One pickup per week)	Minimum Recycle Services Other Towns (excluding Mungindi and Hebel)
01- Vacant Land, 04 - Large Home site – Vacant, 06 – Outbuilding	0	0	0	0
Land Use	Minimum General Services George	Minimum Recycle Services St George	Minimum General Services Other Towns (excluding Mungindi and Hebel) (One pickup per week)	Minimum Recycle Services Other Towns (excluding Mungindi and Hebel)
02 - Residential Single Unit Dwelling, 05 - Large Home site – Dwelling 11 & 25 - Shop – Single, Offices 24 - Sales Area – Outdoor 29 & 31 - Transport Terminal, Oil Depots 34 - Cold Store/Ice Works 37 - Noxious/Offensive Industry 45 & 46 - Theatres/Cinemas 48 - Sports Clubs/Facilities 50 - Other Clubs - Non-Business 51 - Special Uses – Religious 55 - Library 56 - Showgrounds/Racecourses/Airfields 57 - Parks & Gardens 82 83 & 84 – Vineyards, Small Crop - Fodder Irrigated 99 - Community Protection Centre	1	1	1	1
17 – Restaurant 28 - Transport & Storage Warehouse and Bulk Store 30 - Service Stations 33 - Builder's Yard/Contractor's Yards 35 & 36 -Industrial/General Industry, Light Industry	2	2	1	1
10 - Combined Multi Dwelling - Shops	2	2	2	2
42 - Hotel/Tavern 47 - Licensed Clubs	4	4	2	2
03 - Multiple Dwelling (Flats)	1 per Dwelling Unit	1 per Dwelling Unit	1 per Dwelling Unit	1 per Dwelling Unit
13 - Shopping Group (2 to 6 shops)	1 per shop	1 per shop	1 per shop	1 per shop





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07 - Guest House/Private Hotel 21 - Residential Institutions (Non-Medical Care) 27 - Hospitals, Aged Peoples Home, Nursing Home 43 - Motel 96 - General Public Hospital	1 per 3 rooms or part thereof	1 per 3 rooms or part thereof	1 per 3 rooms or part thereof	1 per 3 rooms or part thereof
49 - Caravan Parks / Work Camps	1 per 4 Serviced Caravan/Camp Sites	1 per 4 Serviced Caravan/Camp Sites	1 per 4 Serviced Caravan/Camp Sites	1 per 4 Serviced Caravan/Camp Sites
<b>Land Use</b>	<b>Minimum General Services St. George</b>	<b>Minimum Recycle Services St George</b>	<b>Minimum General Services Other Towns (excluding Mungindi and Hebel) (One pickup per week)</b>	<b>Minimum Recycle Services Other Towns (excluding Mungindi and Hebel)</b>
58 - Educational (Schools, Kindergartens, Community Education Facilities)	1 per 20 students (rounded) or Minimum of 1 service	1 per 20 students (rounded) or Minimum of 1 service	1 per 20 students (rounded) or Minimum of 1 service	1 per 20 students (rounded) or Minimum of 1 service

Council resolves to levy a cleansing charge on Residents in the town of Mungindi (within the Balonne Shire Council boundary), that are provided with door-to-door cleansing services consistent with the charge that Moree Plains Shire Council levies Balonne Shire for the provision of the service. The charge for residents of Mungindi is based upon the collection of domestic waste and recycling bins and a green organics bin.

- Waste Charge
- Domestic Waste
- Domestic Waste Collection
- Domestic Waste – Additional Services
- Upgrade – Domestic Large Bin (240L)
- Upgrade – Recycle Bin (360L)
- Additional Service – Green Bin (240L)
- Additional Service – Recycle (240L)
- Additional Service – Recycle (360L)
- Bin Replacement
- Non Domestic Waste
- Commercial Waste Collection
- Additional service – Waste (240)
- Upgrade - Recycle Bin (360)
- Request Organic Bin (240)
- Other Waste Charges
- Waste Management Levy
- Urban Rate Payers Waste Management Levy



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Rural Rate Payers Waste Management Levy  
Vacant Waste Management Levy

## 11.1 MUNGINDI WASTE MANAGEMENT UTILITY CHARGE

Council will levy a utility charge on all rateable assessments in the township of Mungindi, within the Balonne Shire Council boundary (Appendix D&E). Council, at its budget meeting will set an annual charge, based on budgetary information received from Moree Plains Shire Council. Net funds (after discount) raised from the charge, will be remitted to the Moree Plains Shire Council who will apply such funds toward the continued operation of its landfill in the Moree Plains Shire Council boundaries. Interest will be charged on overdue balances and retained by the Balonne Shire Council to offset the cost of debt recovery.

## 11.2 ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIAL CHARGE

Council will levy a utility charge on all rateable assessments as per the attached maps (Appendix F), within the Balonne Shire Council boundary. Council, at its budget meeting will set an annual charge. Funds raised from the charge will be applied towards the continued operation of Council's landfills or transfer stations in St George, Dirranbandi, Bollon, Thallon, Hebel and Nindigully. Interest will be charged on overdue balances and retained by the Balonne Shire Council to offset the cost of debt recovery.

## 12 LEVYING OF RATES AND UTILITY CHARGES

### 12.1 RATES AND UTILITY CHARGES (OTHER THAN EXCESS WATER CHARGES)

Council levies its rates and utility charges in two (2) moieties each financial year. The first moiety will be issued in August and the second in February. The amounts levied in respect of rates and utility charges for each moiety, represent one half of the amounts to be levied for the full financial year.

Base water charges for new connections will be levied on a pro-rata basis from the date of connection.

Waste Water charges for new connections will be levied on a pro-rata basis from the date of connection to the Waste Water system.

Cleansing charges for new services / additional bins will be levied on a pro-rata basis from the date of delivery of the bin/s or the commencement of the service.

### 12.2 LEVY THRESHOLD

Due to the costs associated with issuing notices and receiving payments, Council will apply the following threshold minimums:-

(1) Where an account for utility charges (base water, waste water or cleansing) arises as a result of a pro-rata supply of services less than \$50.00, a levy notice will not be created.

(2) Where a valuation changes, which results in a change to the calculated general levy of less than \$50.00, a notice will not be created.



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## 12.3 DISCOUNT FOR PROMPT PAYMENT

It is the policy of Council that one (1) discount period will apply for each rate moiety. The discount period will commence on the date of notice and extend for a period of no less than 30 days for the rates effective 1 July 2023 (August Levy) and no less than 30 days for the rates effective 1 January 2024 (February levy). Discounts, at the rates and for the periods set by the Council at its annual budget meeting, are granted for prompt payment of:-

- Differential General Rates; and
- Water Charges incl. Consumption; and
- Rural Residential Water Charges; and
- Waste Water Charges; and
- Cleansing Charges; and
- Thallon Town Rural Fire Brigade Levy.

Payments received prior to 5:00 pm on the discount date (i.e., last day of discount period) for each moiety will attract a percentage discount at the full rate. Discount will not be allowed on payments received after the discount date applicable to each moiety unless the Council is satisfied that payment was not made by the due date because of circumstances outside the ratepayer's control.

No discount will be allowed if, after payment of current rates / charges, overdue rates / charges remain on the land.

## 12.4 COLLECTION OF OUTSTANDING RATES AND CHARGES

Council's rate recovery policy is to be read in conjunction with the collection of outstanding rates and charges.

## 12.5 INTEREST ON OVERDUE RATES

In accordance with s133 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*, council can continue to apply the interest rate applicable to overdue rates and charges, as previously decided by it, for previous financial years that remain outstanding for sixty (60) days after the date of issue for the August levy and February levies. Interest will be charged daily at 11.64% per annum effective from 1 July 2023 in accordance with the amendments to Section 133 of the *Local Government Regulations 2012* for the 2023/24 financial year. Council defines an overdue rate as those rates remaining unpaid at the end of each discount period.

Interest will be charged by Council on the following overdue rates/charges:

- General Rates;
- Water Charges incl. Excess Water Charges and Consumption Charges;
- Rural Residential Water Charges including Excess Water Charges;



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- Waste Water Charges;
- Cleansing Charges;
- Thallon Town Rural Fire Brigade Levy;
- Feral Animal Management Special Rate;
- Urban Animal Management Special Charge;
- Environmental Special Charge;
- Charges on Land/Legal Fees; and
- Qld Emergency Management Levy.

Compounding interest on outstanding rates and charges will be suspended subject to the following:

- a payment arrangement has been entered into and agreed to in writing;
- payments are being received as outlined in the payment arrangement

Should payment not be received in accordance with the payment arrangement interest will be charged back to the date of the last payment received in accordance with the approved payment arrangement.

## 12.6 TIME WITHIN WHICH RATES MUST BE PAID

Rates and charges must be paid within thirty (30) clear days after the date of issue for the August levy and February levies or at the expiry of any extended discount period that Council by resolution, allow. The due date for payment is to be clearly shown upon the rate notice prepared as per s104 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

## 12.7 REMISSION FOR OCCUPANCY/OWNERSHIP BY PENSIONERS

Section 122 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* empowers Council, if it so desires, to remit the whole or part of unpaid rates applicable to any land within its area. Section 123 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* empowers Council to allow, if it so desires, a remission of rates on land wholly or partially occupied but not owned by pensioners.

The dictionary of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* defines pensioner as “means a person who is the holder of a pensioner concession card issued by the department of the Commonwealth responsible for administering the *Social Security Act 1991* (Cwlth) or the *Veterans’ Entitlements Act 1986* (Cwlth). Council grants an annual remission of rates for land owned or occupied either fully or partially by a pensioner provided that the land is the principal place of residence for the pensioner. This pensioner remission is applied as a percentage of the general rate only. The maximum allowable remission is set by Council annually at its Budget Meeting.

Partial ownership or occupancy of the land will result in a proportional remission being granted except where the co- owners are:-

- (a) an approved pensioner and his/her spouse (including defacto relationships as recognised by the Commonwealth



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Departments of Social Security and Veterans' Affairs); or

- (b) an approved pensioner and a bank, other financial institution, or government department where the latter hold joint title for debt security purposes and has no responsibility for rates, charges or other costs of maintaining the property.

In either of these situations, the tenure may be treated as sole ownership and the remission approved in full.

It is not a requirement for the spouse/de-facto spouse to also reside at the property, but it must be established in these cases that the approved pensioner is wholly responsible for the payment of all rates and charges levied in respect of the property. The approved pensioner's responsibility for payment of all rates and charges in this circumstance must be established to the satisfaction of the Local Government by sighting and placing on file a copy of a court order or statutory declaration completed by the applicant.

Pensioner remissions are granted even if there are overdue rates on the land. This situation will be reviewed annually by the Council.

Council will also provide administrative support to the State Government Pensioner Rate Subsidy Scheme.

## 12.8 PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Council understands that from time to time, ratepayers will request to pay accounts by instalments.

Council will allow property owners who are unable to pay their rates by the due date to enter into an arrangement to pay by instalments according to an agreed schedule, with no recovery action being taken while the arrangement is being maintained.

As a general guide, Council will accept any 'reasonable offer' for periodic payments or limited deferral of rates awaiting sale of agricultural produce. A 'reasonable offer' for a payment arrangement will generally result in all overdue rates and charges, including the rate levy within the arrangement period, being paid in full within 26 weeks of the arrangement being made. Payment arrangements can be weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Council, through its Chief Executive Officer (or delegate) may exercise discretion to enter into payment arrangements that: -

- Single or multiple payments surrounding a payment proposal submitted by a property owner e.g. sale of agricultural produce;
- Extend the period of the payment arrangement beyond 26 weeks (but not exceeding 12 months) in the circumstances of exceptional hardship.

In the event that a payment arrangement is not maintained within the agreed terms, compounding interest will be charged in accordance with clause 12. above and recovery action will continue. Ratepayers can request further arrangements, but a maximum of three (3) arrangements will be given before no further arrangements will be considered by Council.

## 12.9 PAYMENTS IN ADVANCE

Council accepts payments in advance by lump sum or periodic payment. Interest is not paid on any credit balance held. Council strongly encourages property owners to review their rate notice on receipt, to ensure that any debit balance is paid



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prior to the due date to be eligible to receive discount.

## 12.10 REFUND OF RATES

Refunds due as a result of sales, valuation changes or errors will be applied to the rate assessment as a credit against the next period of rating unless a request for a cash refund is made. While Council makes every effort to ensure that the services charged are correct, it is encouraged that the ratepayer review the rates notice to confirm the correct services are being charged. If there is a requirement to refund any overpayment due to incorrect services being charged, Council will refund those amounts for the current financial year only.

## 12.11 PAYMENT METHODS

Council offers a variety of payment options which may vary from time to time. Ratepayers are notified of all available payment options in writing at the time of receiving rate notices. Ratepayers, who enter into an agreed payment arrangement, will be offered all available payment options that Council accepts for rate payments.

## 12.12 COST RECOVERY FEES

Cost Recovery fees shall be determined according to the following criteria:

- It is not Council's intention to generate revenue from these fees greater than the costs associated with the service or work for which the charges are imposed.
- As a general principle, the Council's policy is to structure cost recovery fees so that the costs of each service, facility or activity provided are recovered.
- Fees for development approvals shall be set at a level designed to fully recover, as far as practicable, costs associated with the approval.
- Fees intended to facilitate compliance with the provisions of the local laws are set at a level that encourages voluntary participation.
- Other fees are set at a level considered to approximate the cost of providing the service, facility, or activity.
- Any shortfall in revenue raised in funding costs of general charges shall be made up from general revenue.
- Fees as prescribed by a regulation shall apply unless Council decides to reduce or waive the fee by resolution or delegated authority.

## 13 BUSINESS ACTIVITY FEES

Council has the power to conduct business activities and make business activity fees for services and facilities it provides on this basis. Business activity fees are made where Council provides a service and the other party to the transaction can choose whether or not to avail itself of the service. Business activity fees are a class of charge, which are purely commercial in application and are subject to the Commonwealth's Goods and Services Tax.

Business activity fees include, but are not confined to:- rents, plant hire, private works and hire of facilities.



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## 14 RESPONSIBILITIES

All Councillors and council employees

Must undertake any dealings with customers in relation to Rates and charges or recovery of same, in compliance with this Statement and relevant policies.

## 15 RISK

This policy aims to address the risks that Council is unable to raise revenue within its legislative requirements that would impact council operations and financial sustainability. It addresses this by outlining how Council will raise revenue consistently and ethically, consistent with the provisions of the Local Government Act and Regulations.

## 16 IMPACTS

**Corporate Plan** – Goal 5 – Governance Program Areas – 5.4 High levels of accountability and compliance; 5.5 Financial management for long term sustainability

**Human Rights Compatibility Statement** – This Policy has been assessed as compatible with the Human Rights protected under the Human Rights Act 2019.

## 17 RELATED LAWS

Queensland Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulation 2012 (Qld)

## 18 RELATED COUNCIL DOCUMENTS

Revenue Policy

Rate Recovery Policy

Rating Strategy

Community Rate Support Program

## 19 REVISION HISTORY

Revokes Revenue Statement adopted by council 28/06/2023

Review: 30/06/2024

## 20 DEFINITIONS

### Land Use Codes

The land use codes referred to in the differential rates column 3 are based on the primary land use code system by used by the Department of Resources. The land use codes, and their definitions are provided in the table on page 3.

### SCU



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SCU means standard cattle unit and has the same meaning as that stated in the *Environmental Protection Regulation 2008*

## **Valuation**

Valuation means site valuation and unimproved valuation as supplied by the Department administering the *Land Valuation Act 2010* or future legislation that may supersede that Act.

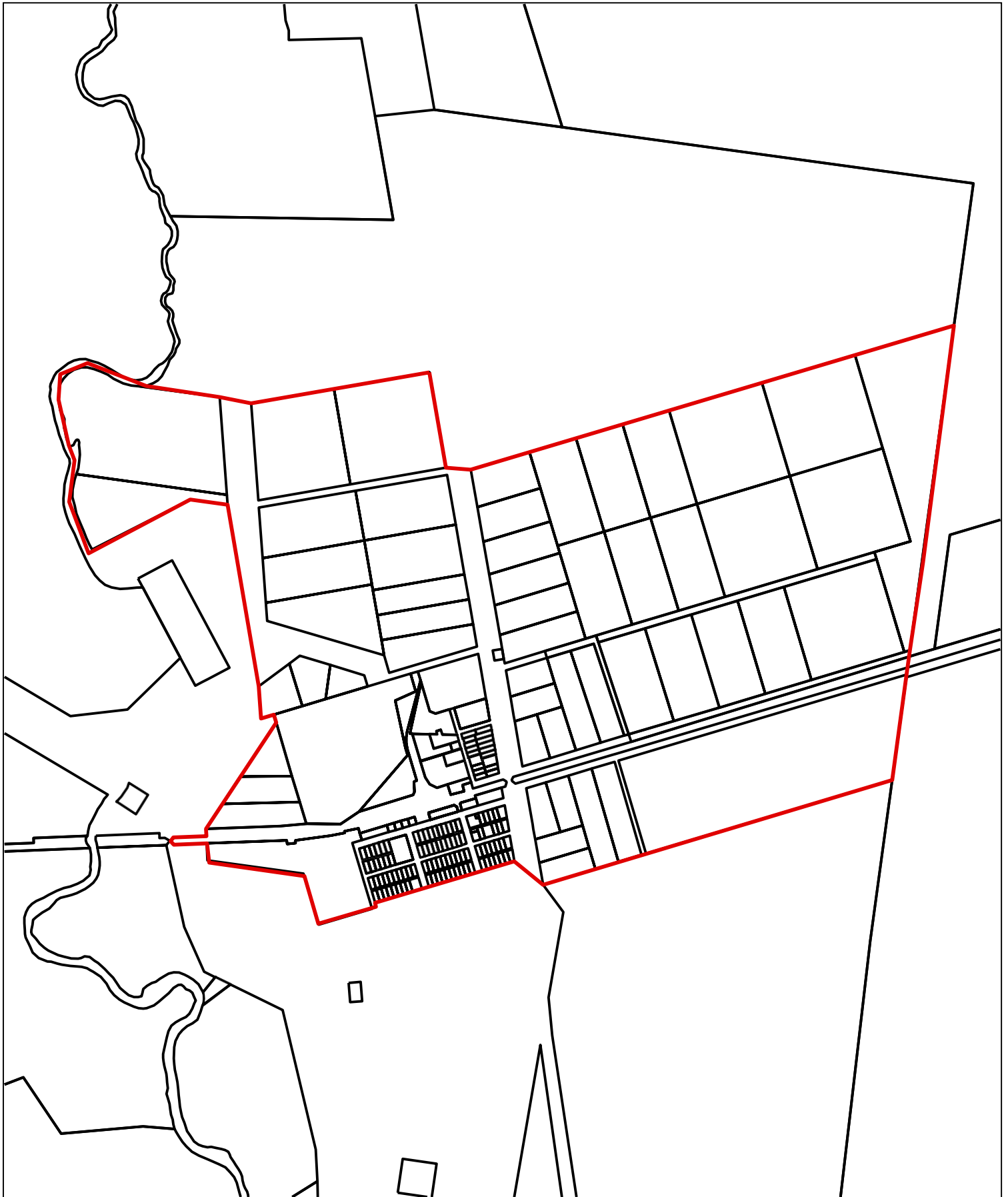




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## **Appendix A**



Thallon Town Rural Fire Brigade Area



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## Thallon Rural Fire Brigade Area

-  Thallon Rural Fire Brigade Area
-  DCDB

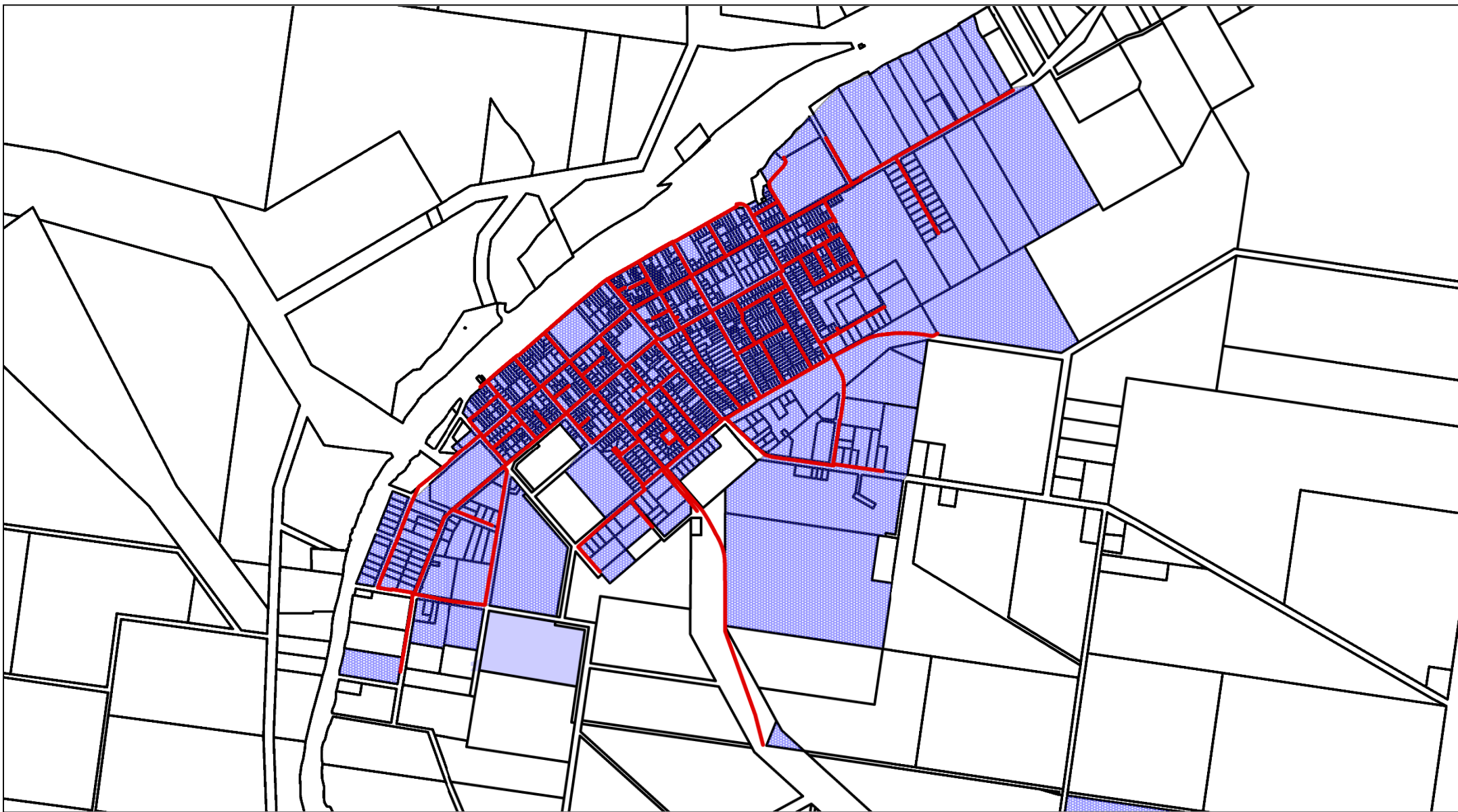




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## **Appendix B**

1. St George Potable Water Area
2. St George River Water Area
3. Dirranbandi Potable Water Service Area
4. Bollon Potable Water Service Area
5. Thallon Potable Water Service Area
6. Thallon River Water Area
7. Hebel Potable Water Service Area
8. St George Rural Residential Water Supply Area
9. Mungindi Water Service Area



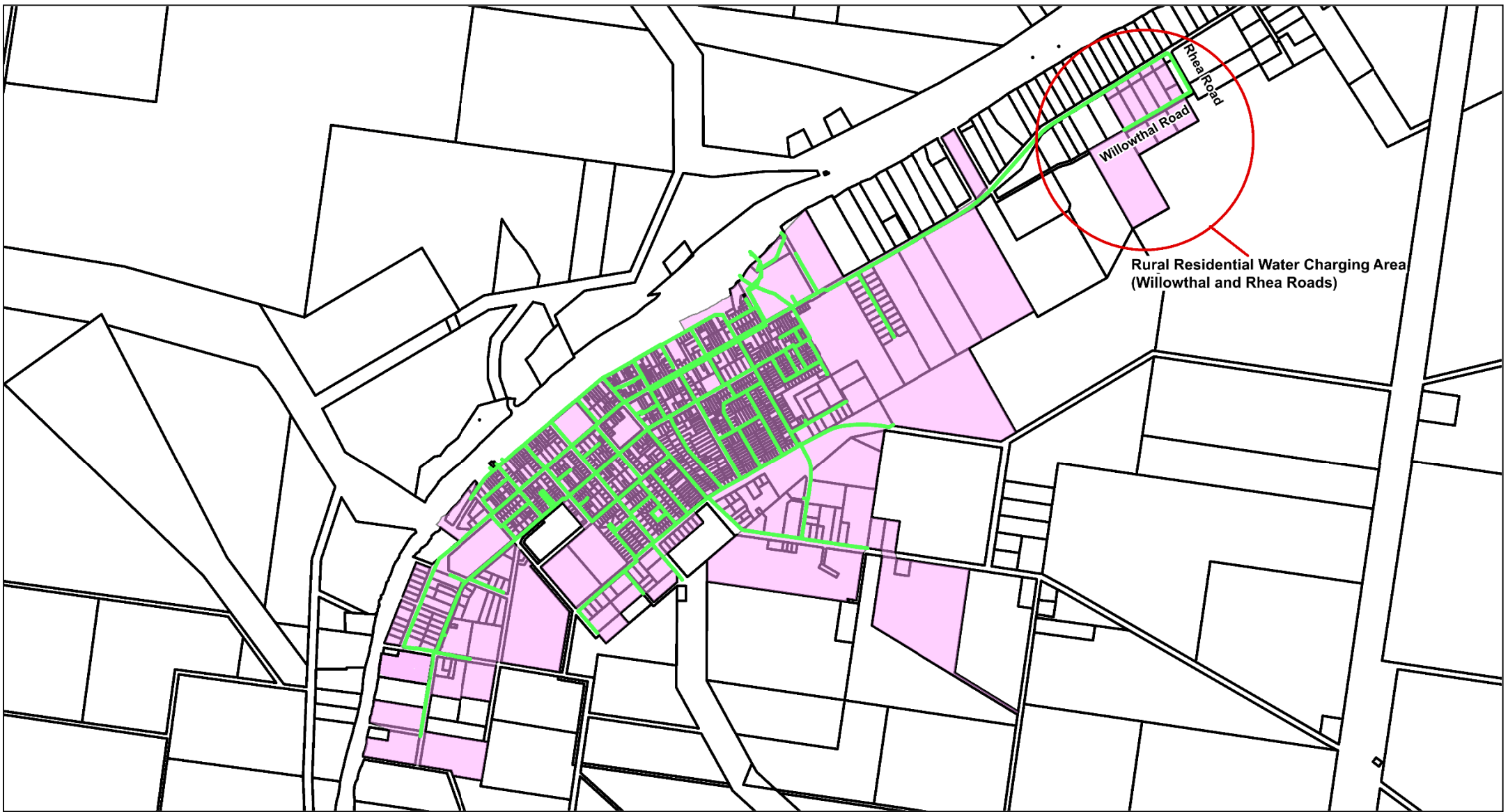
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## St George Bore Water Charging Area

- Bore Water Main
- Bore Water Charging Area


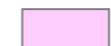




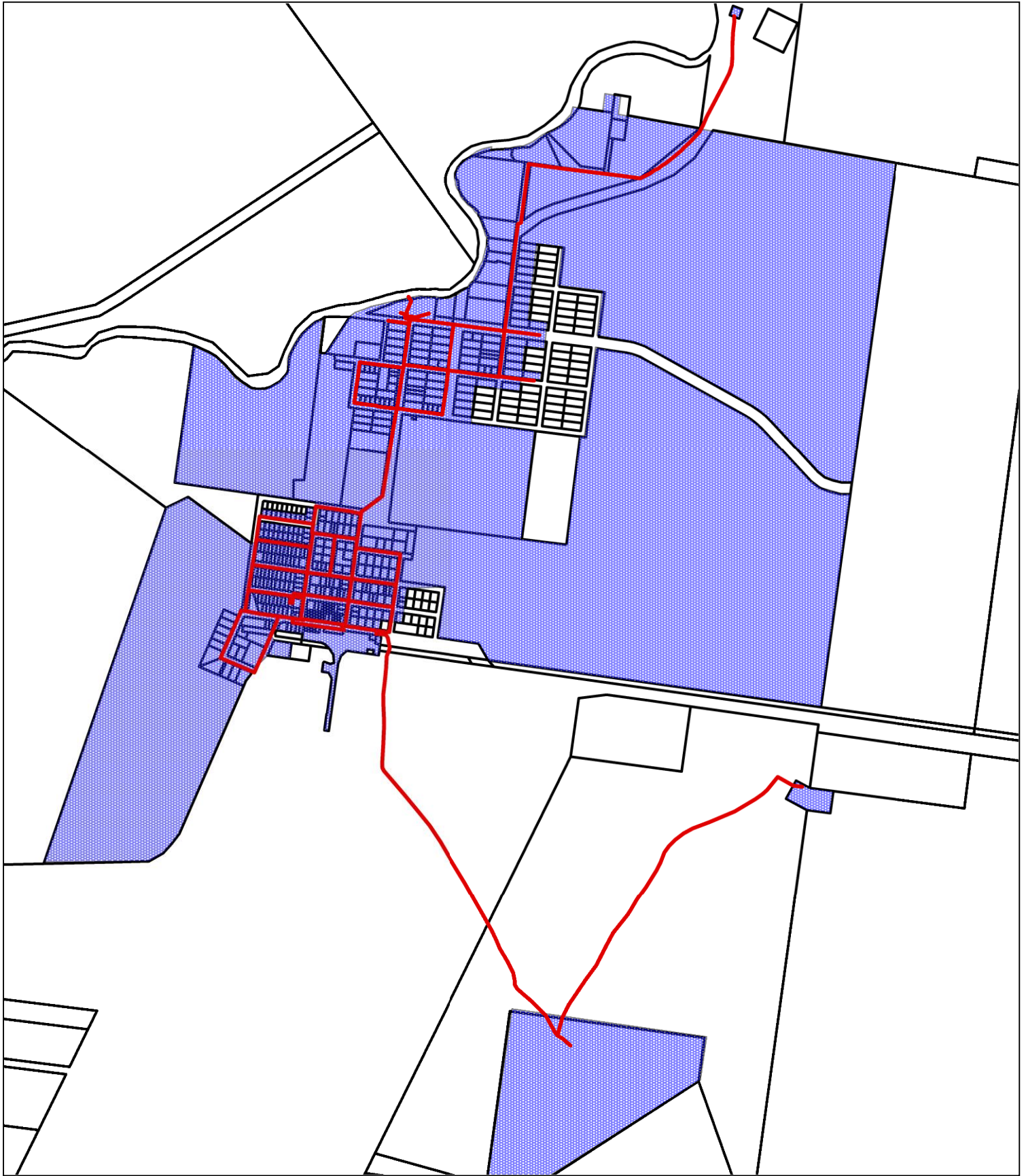
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## St George River Water Charging Area

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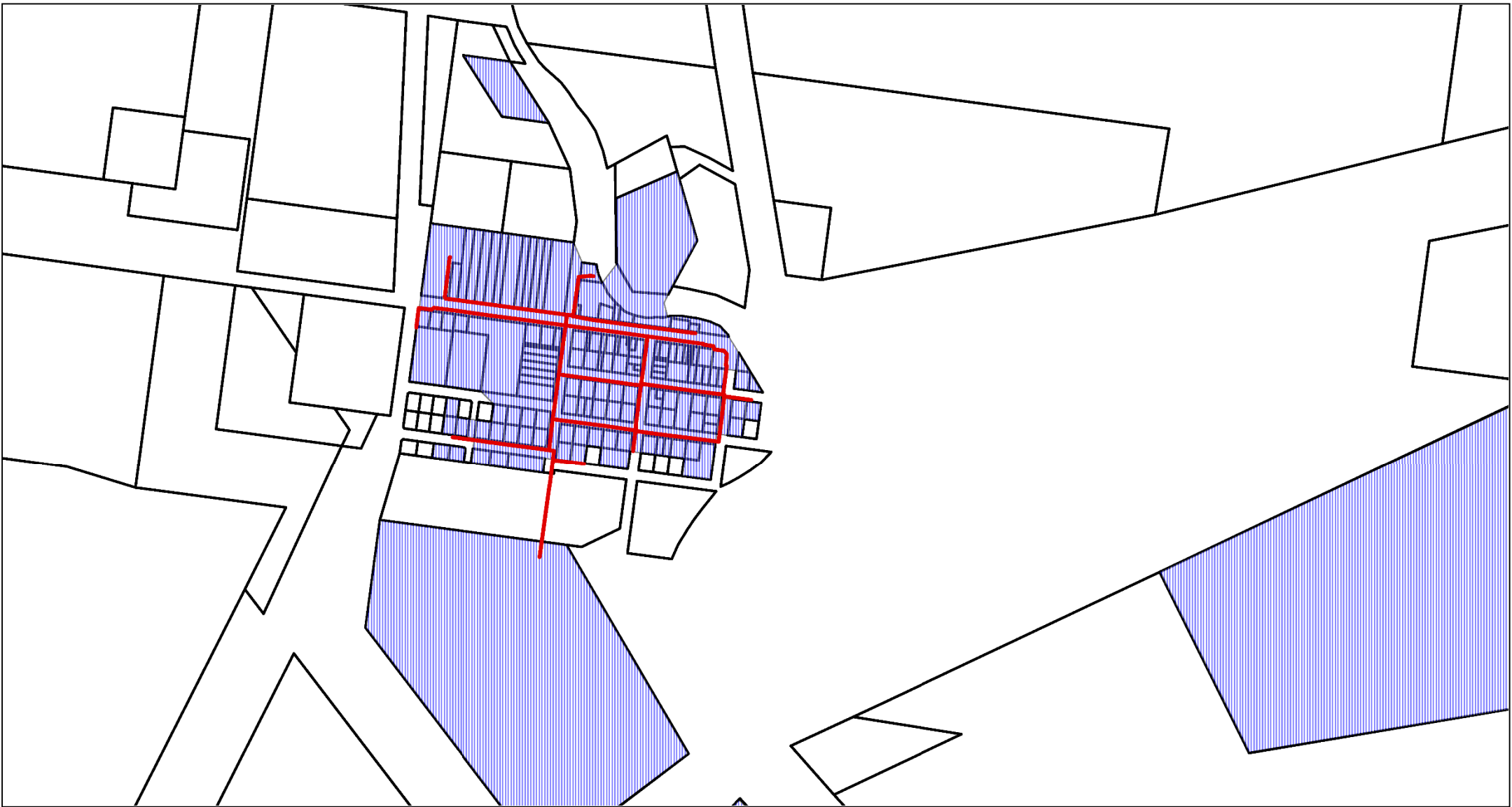
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## Dirranbandi Bore Water Charging Area

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- Bore Water Charging Area







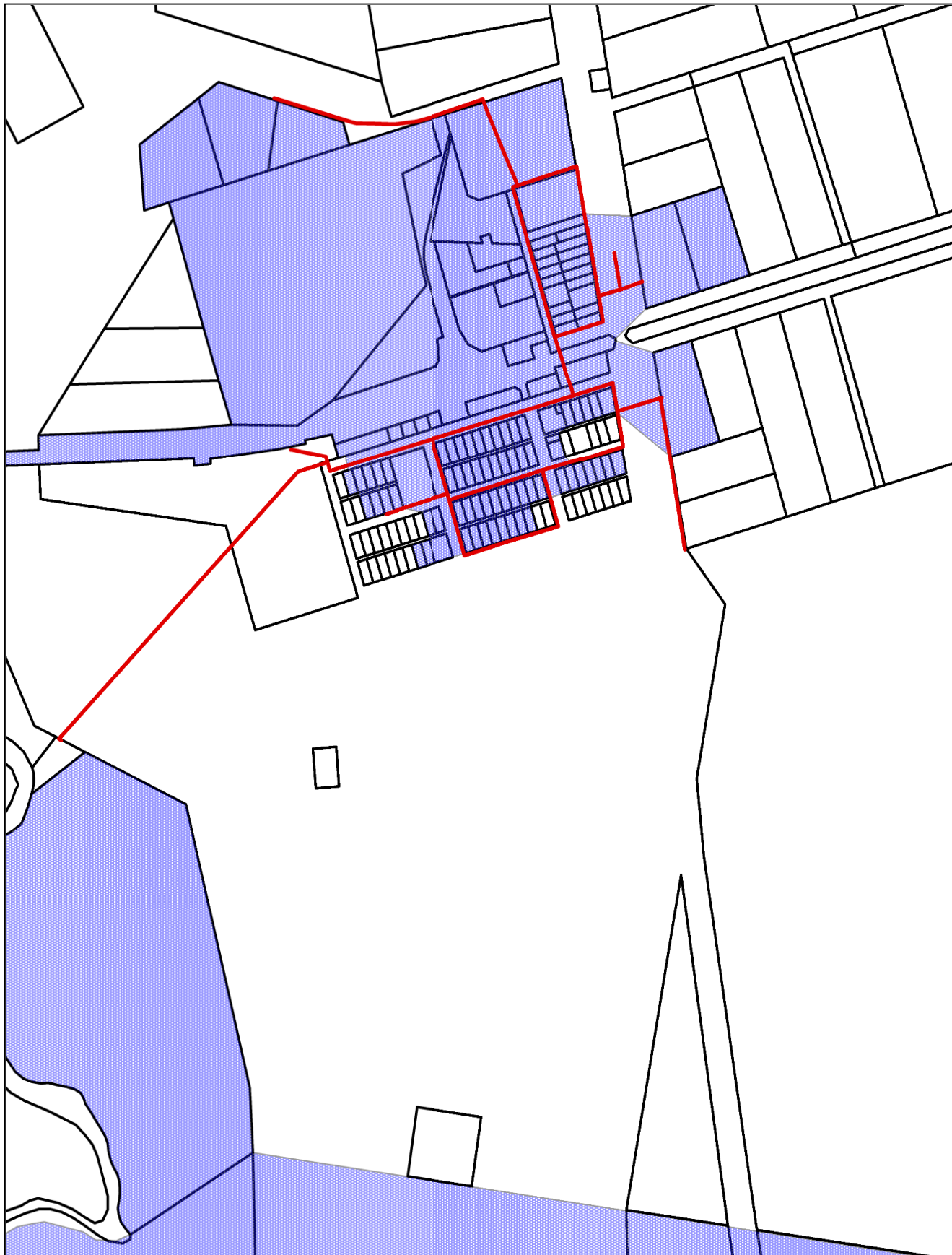
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## Bollon Bore Water Charging Area

-  Bore Water Main
-  Bore Water Charging Area

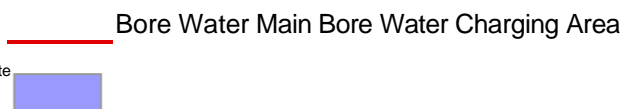




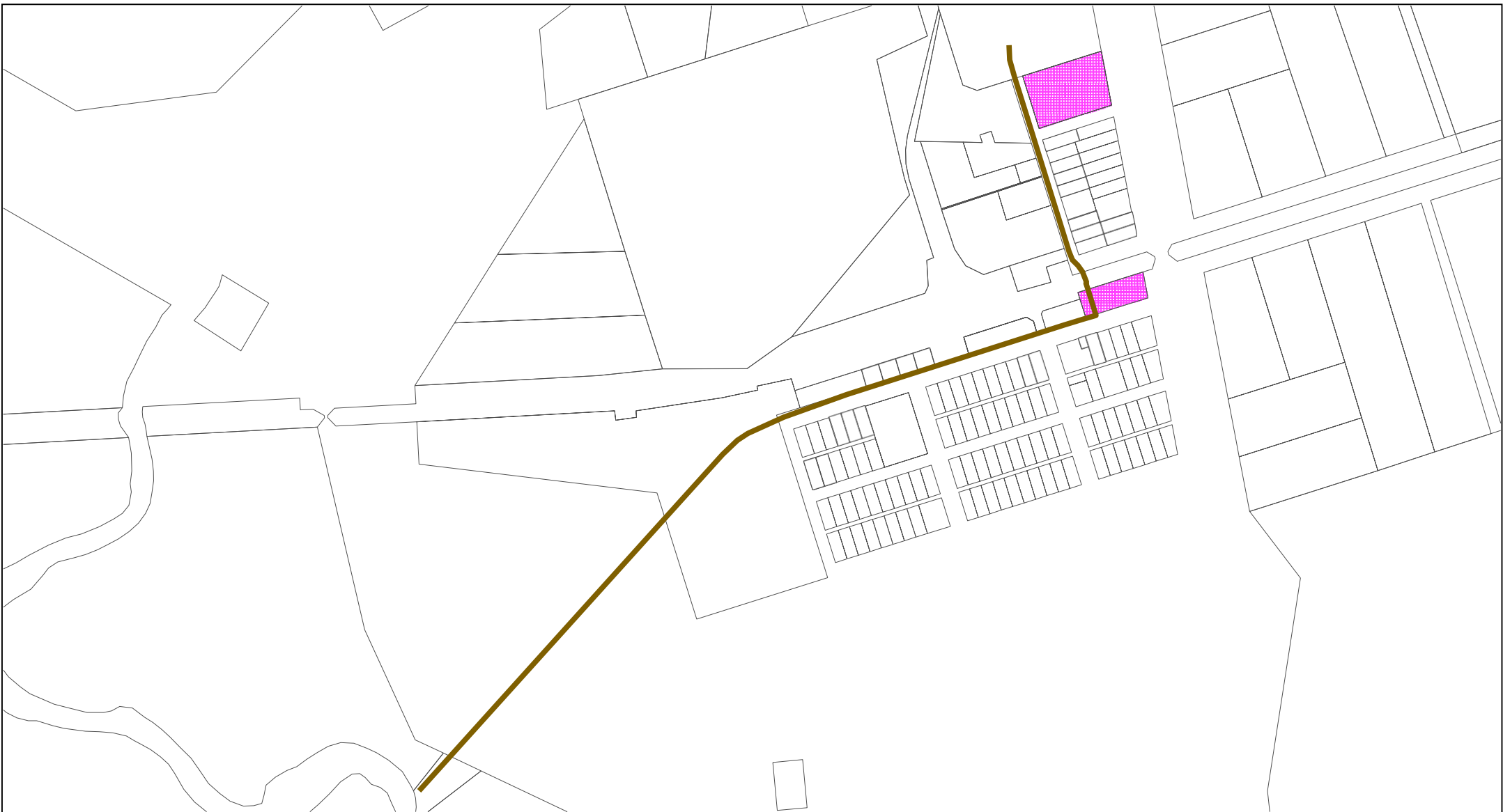
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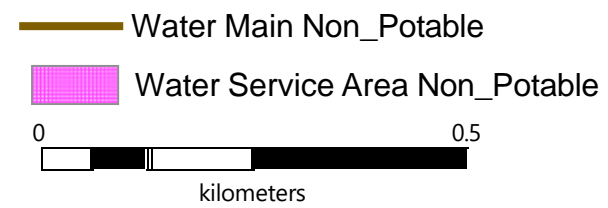


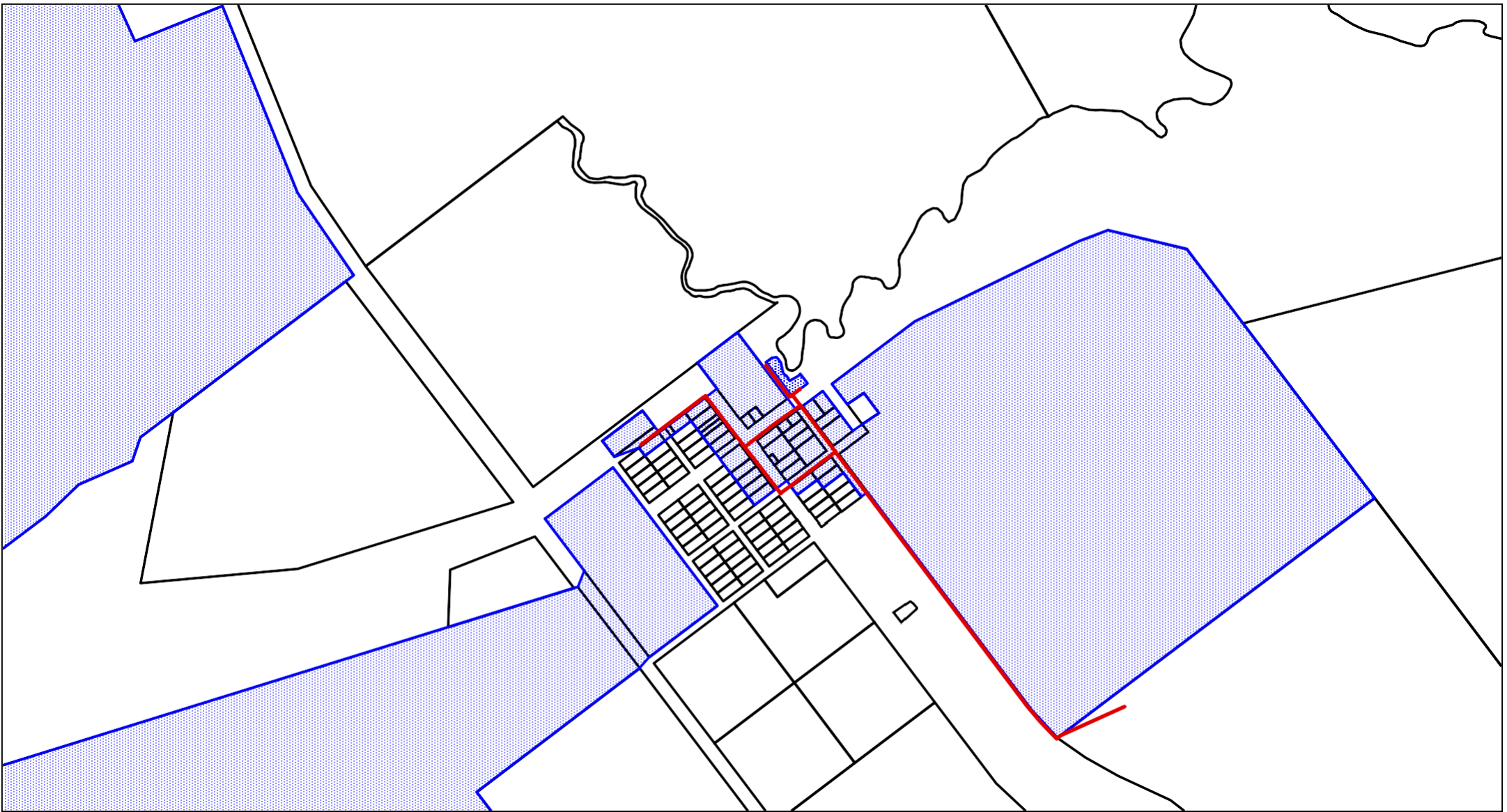




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## Hebel Bore Water Charging Area

-  Bore Water Main
-  Bore Water Charging Area








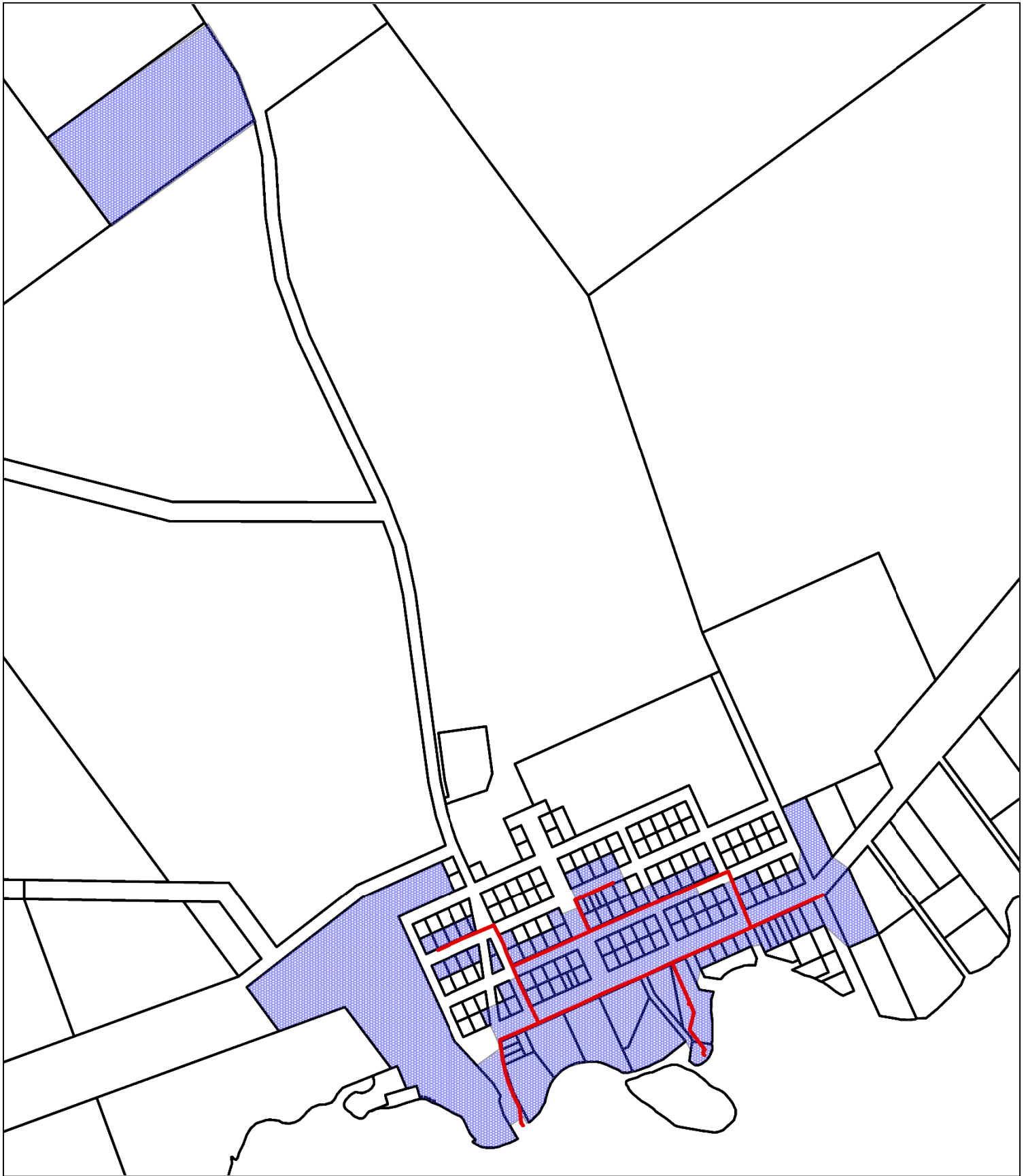
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## St George Rural Residential River Water Charging Area

-  River Water Main
-  River Water Charging Area
-  DCDB





## Mungindi Bore Water Charging Area

- Bore Water Main
- Bore Water Charging Area



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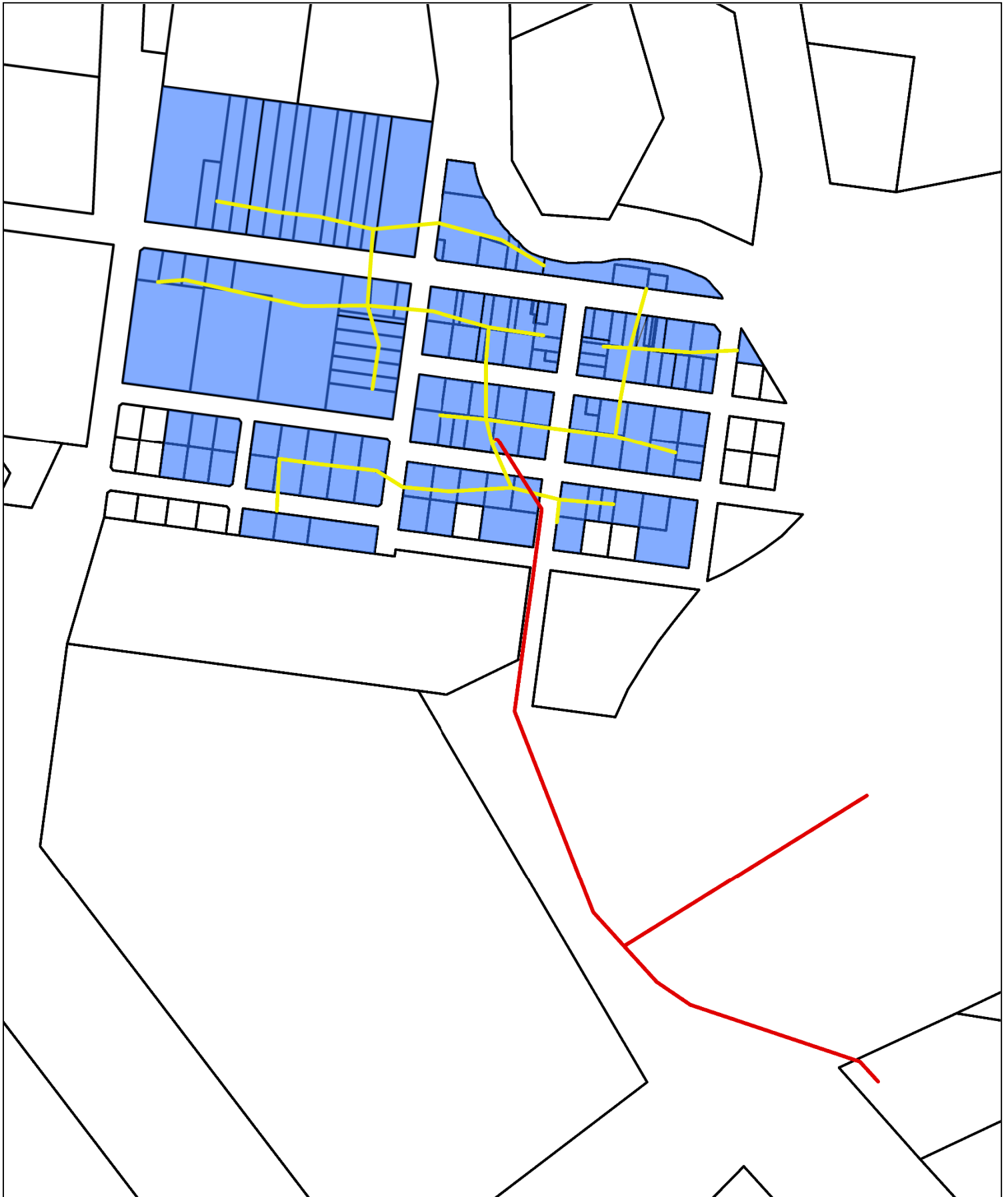
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## **Appendix C**

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2. Dirranbandi Waste Water Collection Service Area
3. Bollon Waste Water Collection Service Area



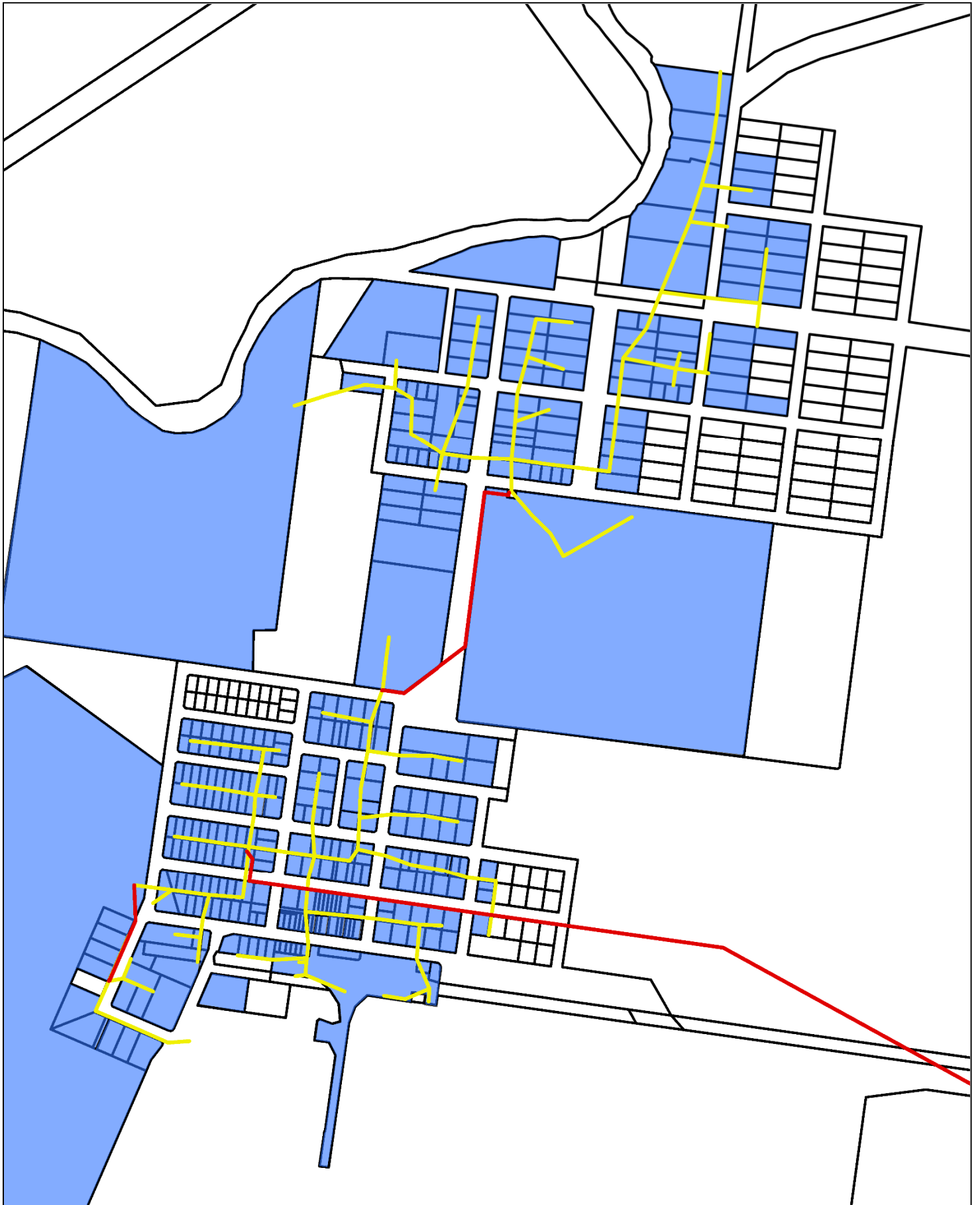
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## Bollon Waste Water Charging Area

-  Sewer Rising Mains
-  Sewer Gravity Mains
-  Sewer Charging Area





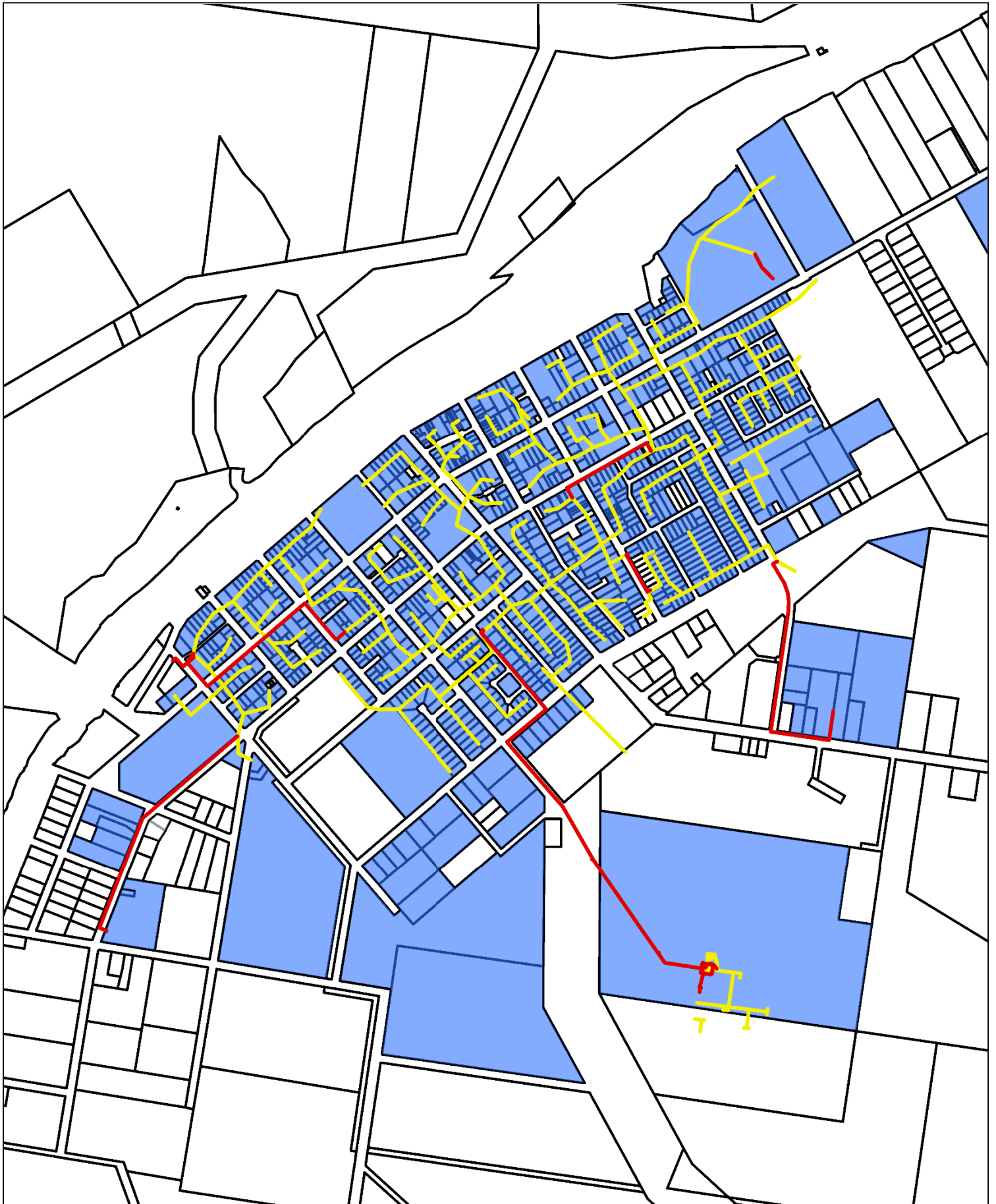
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- Sewer Rising Mains
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## St George Waste Water Charging Area

- Sewer Rising Mains
- Sewer Gravity Mains
- Sewer\_Service\_Area



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## **Appendix D**

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5. Nindigully Garbage Collection Service Area
6. Mungindi Garbage Collection Service Area

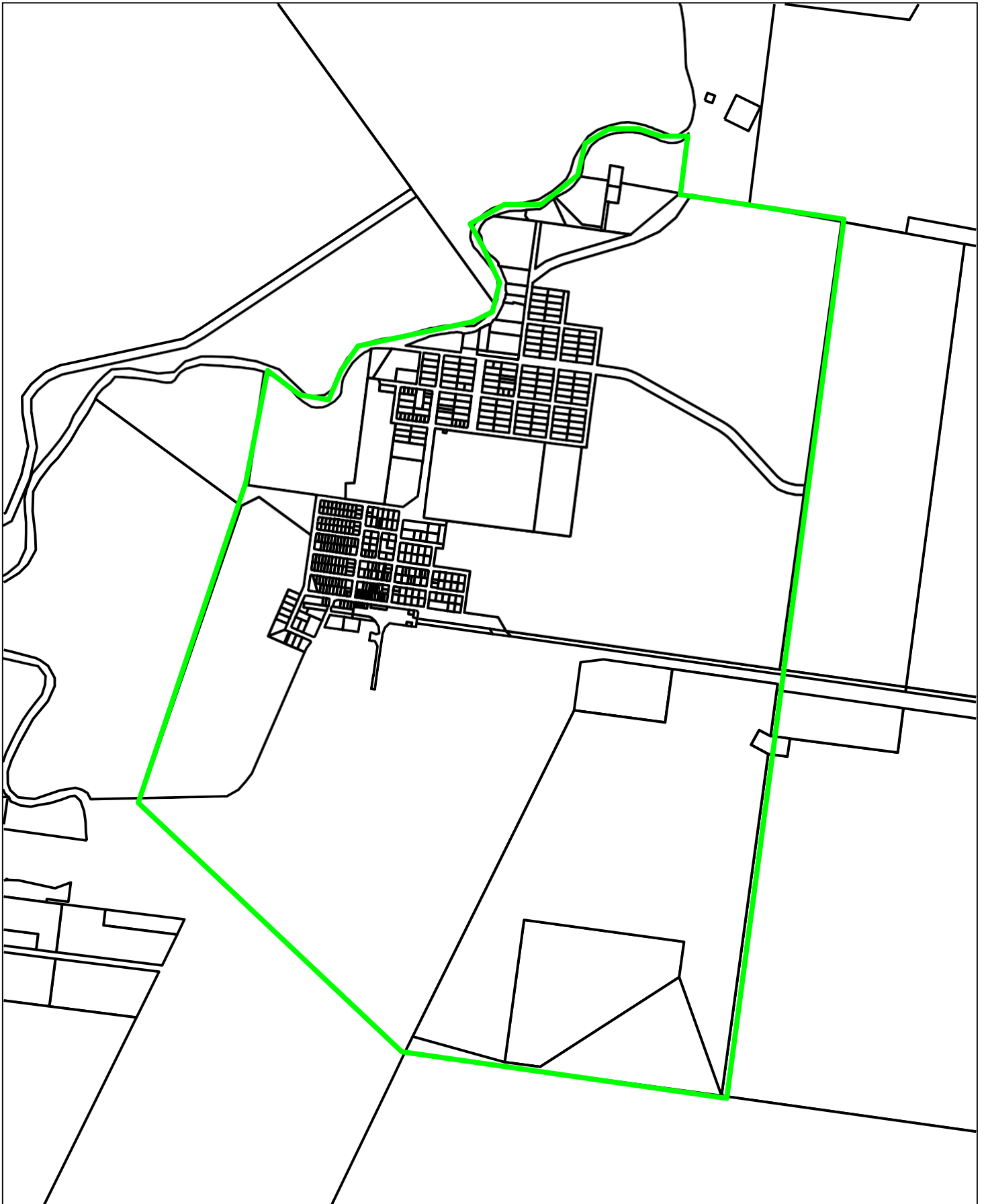


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## St George Garbage Collection Service Area



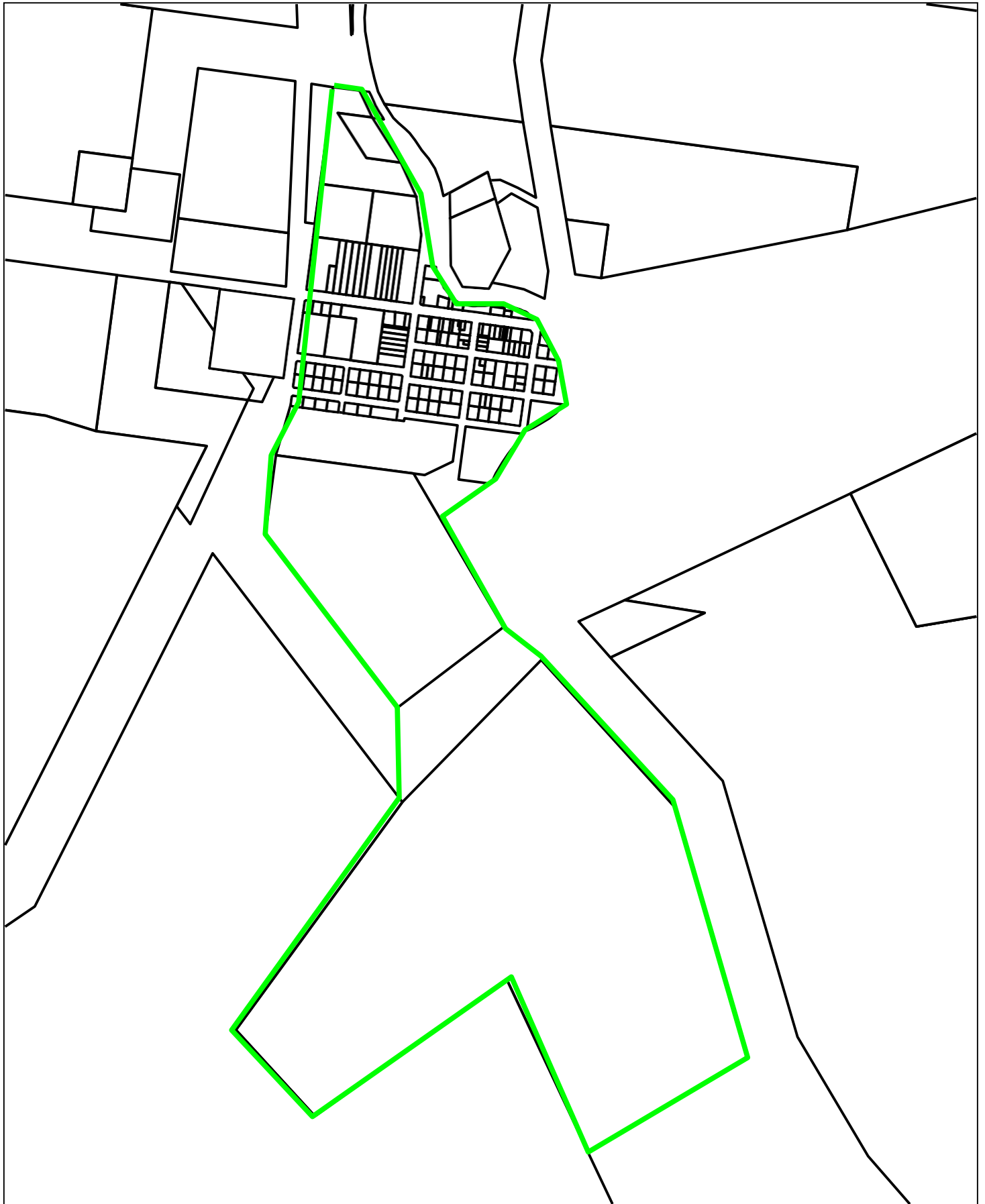


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## Dirranbandi Garbage Collection Service Area



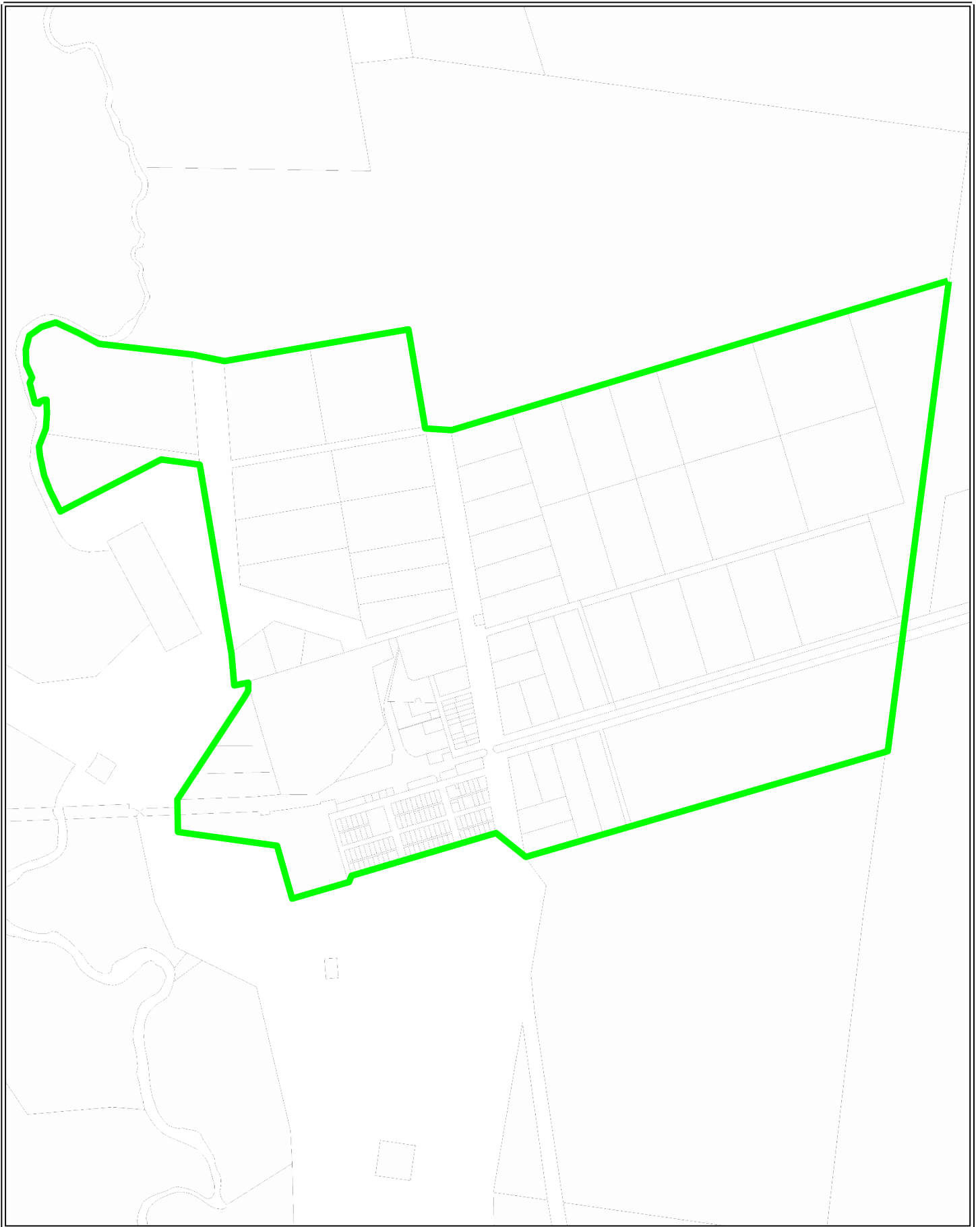


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## Bollon Garbage Collection Service Area





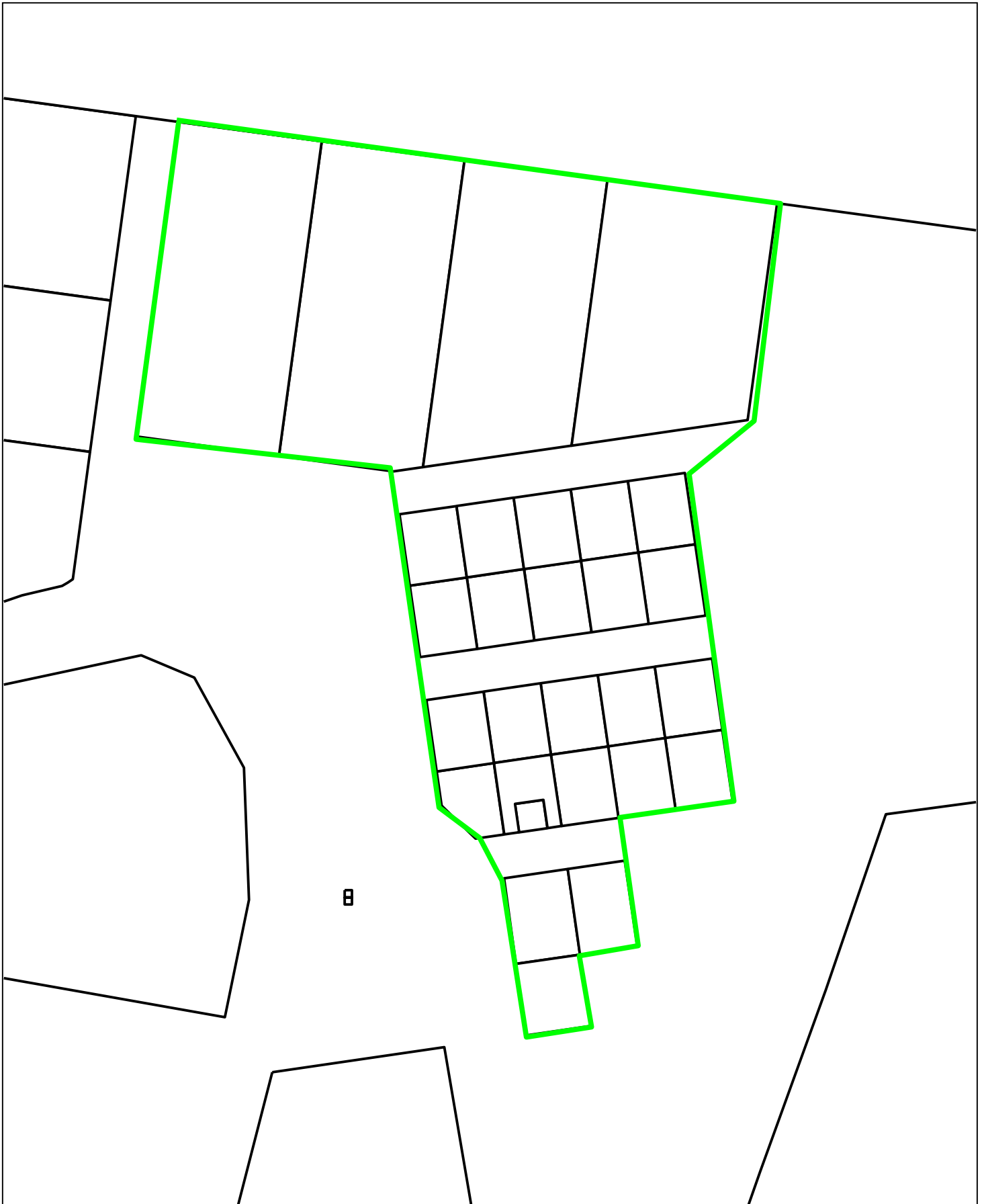
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## Thallon Garbage Collection Service Area

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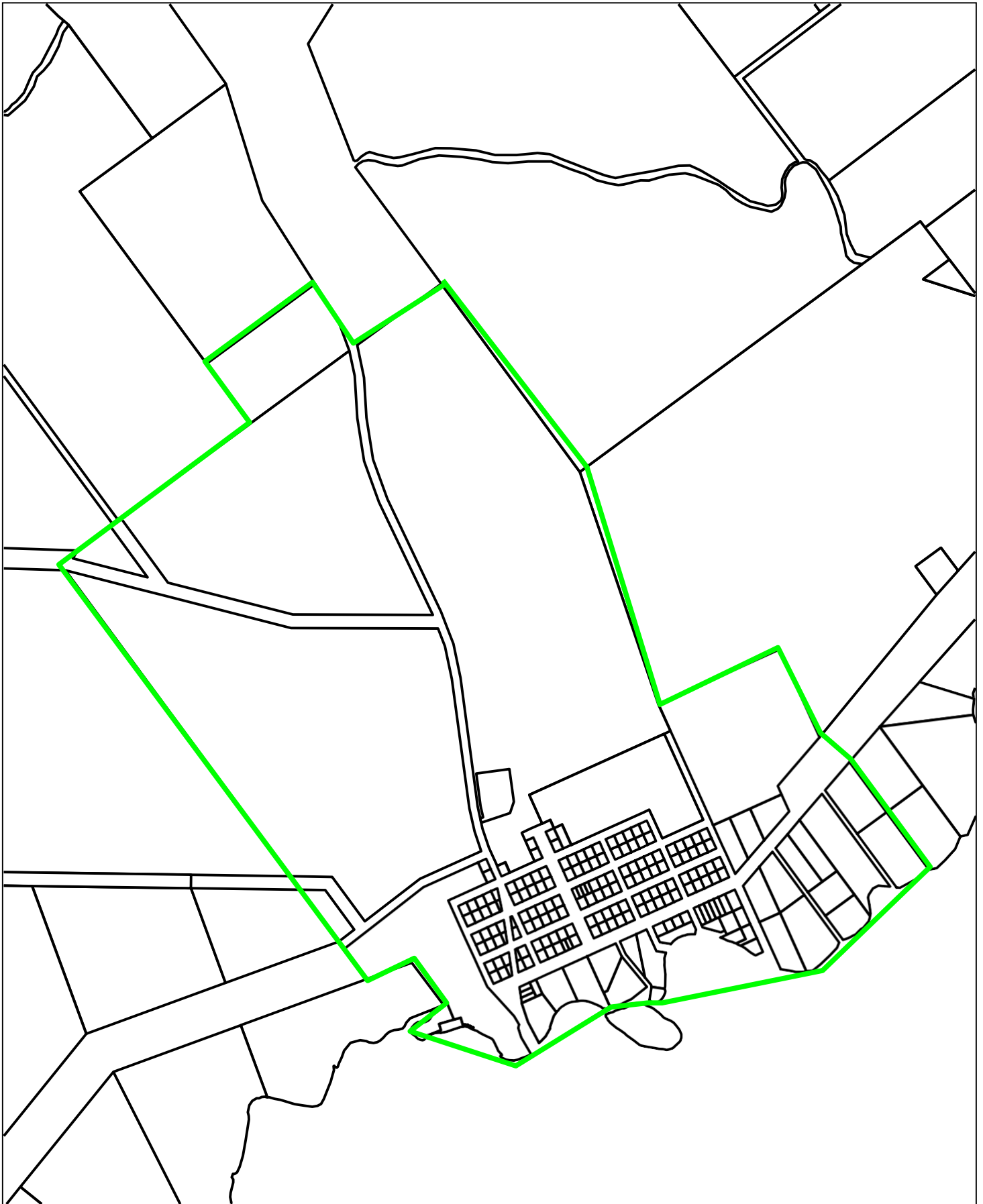


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## Mungindi Garbage Collection Service Area



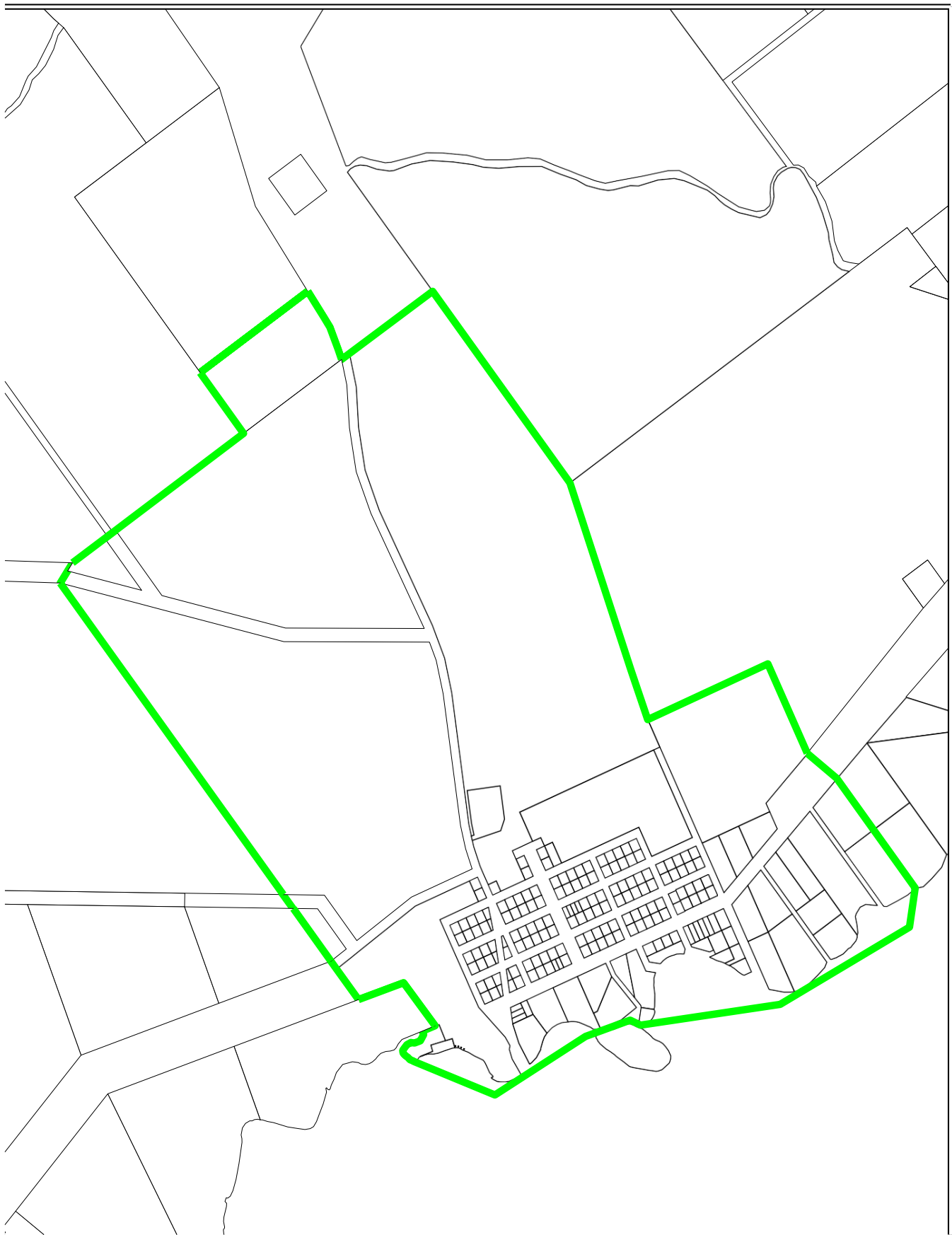


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## **Appendix E**

Mungindi Waste Environmental Management Levy Area





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## Mungindi Environmental Waste Management Levy

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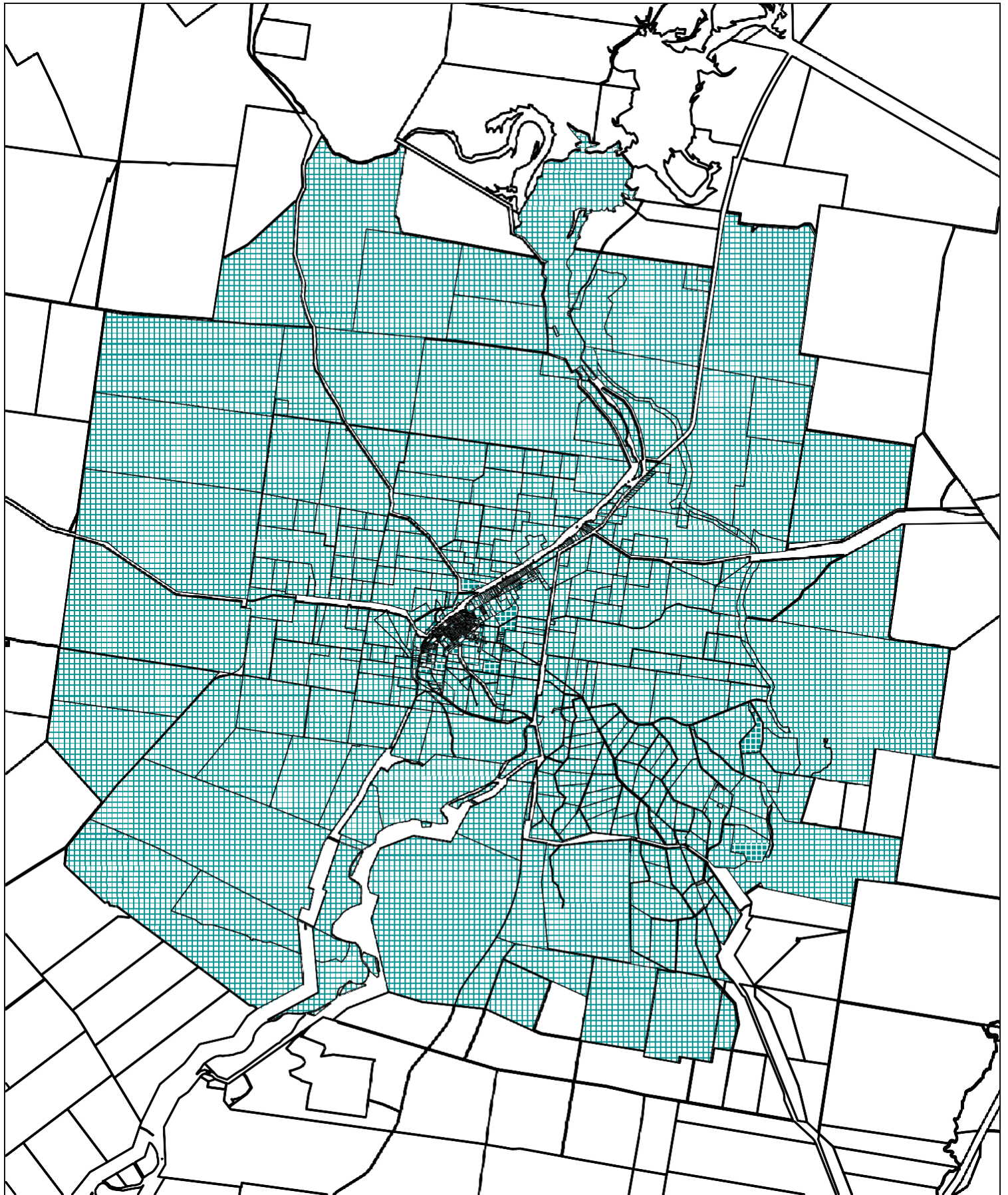
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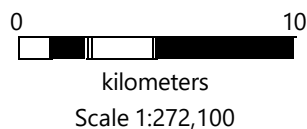
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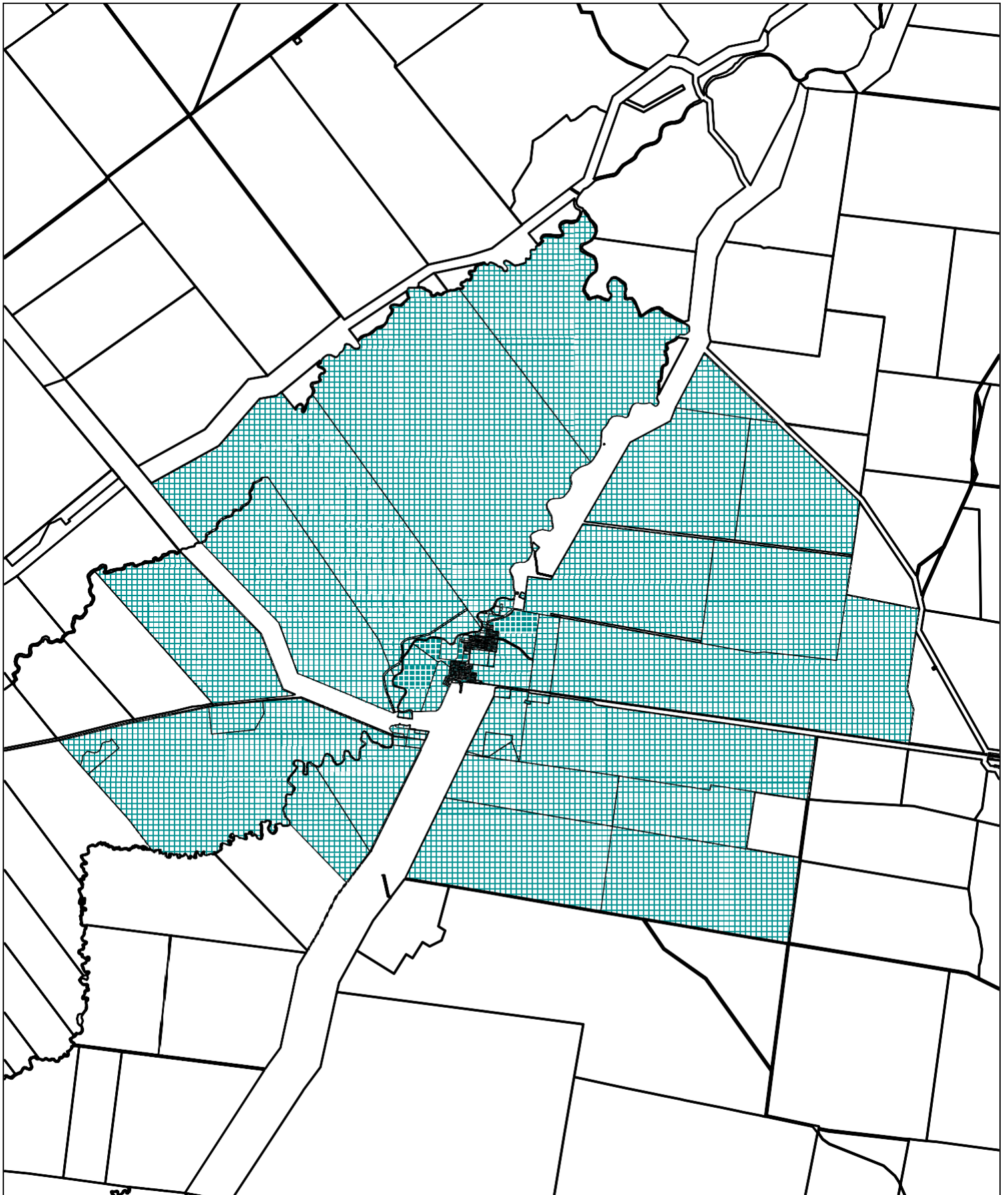


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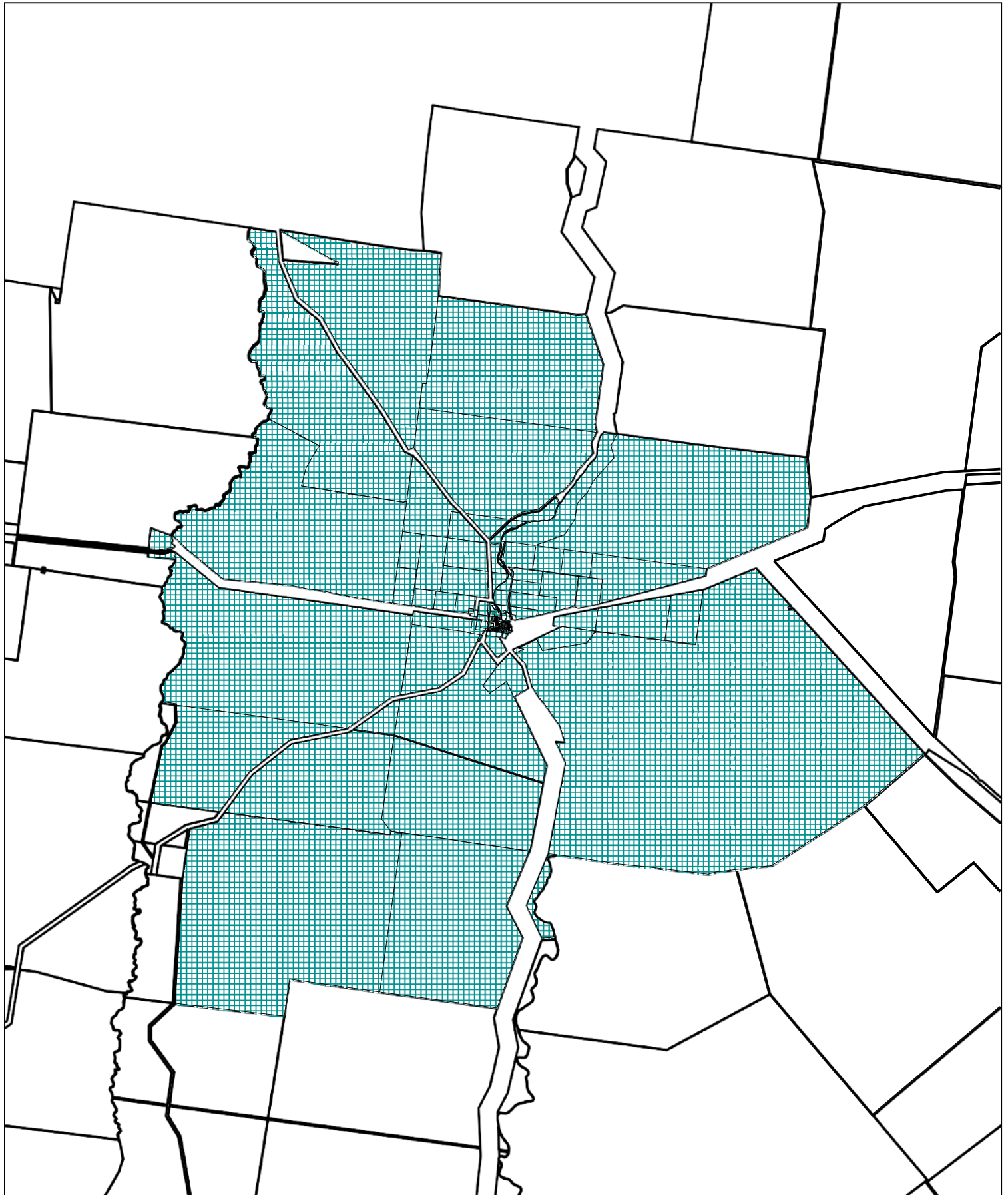
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## Dirranbandi Environmental Management Area



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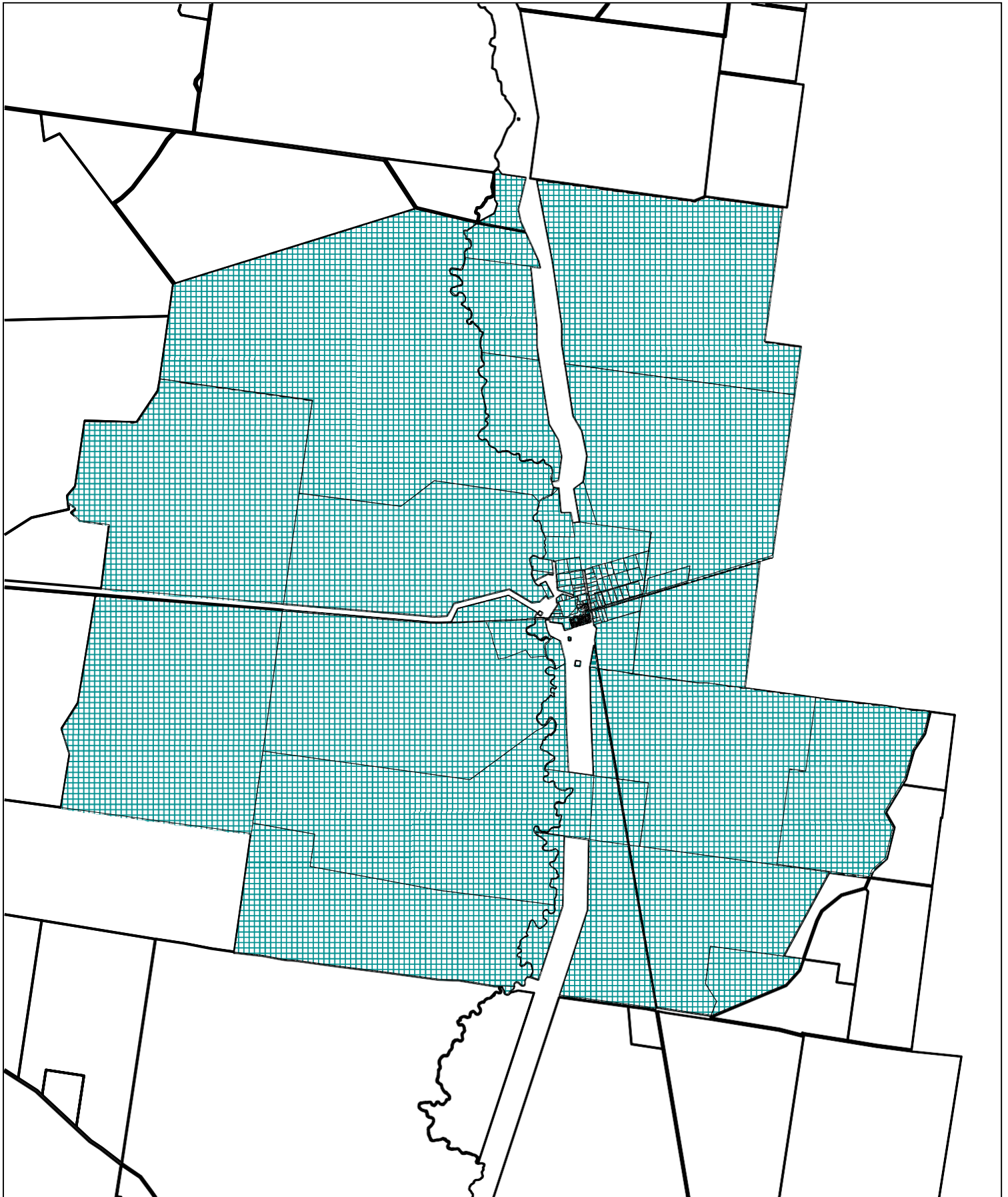
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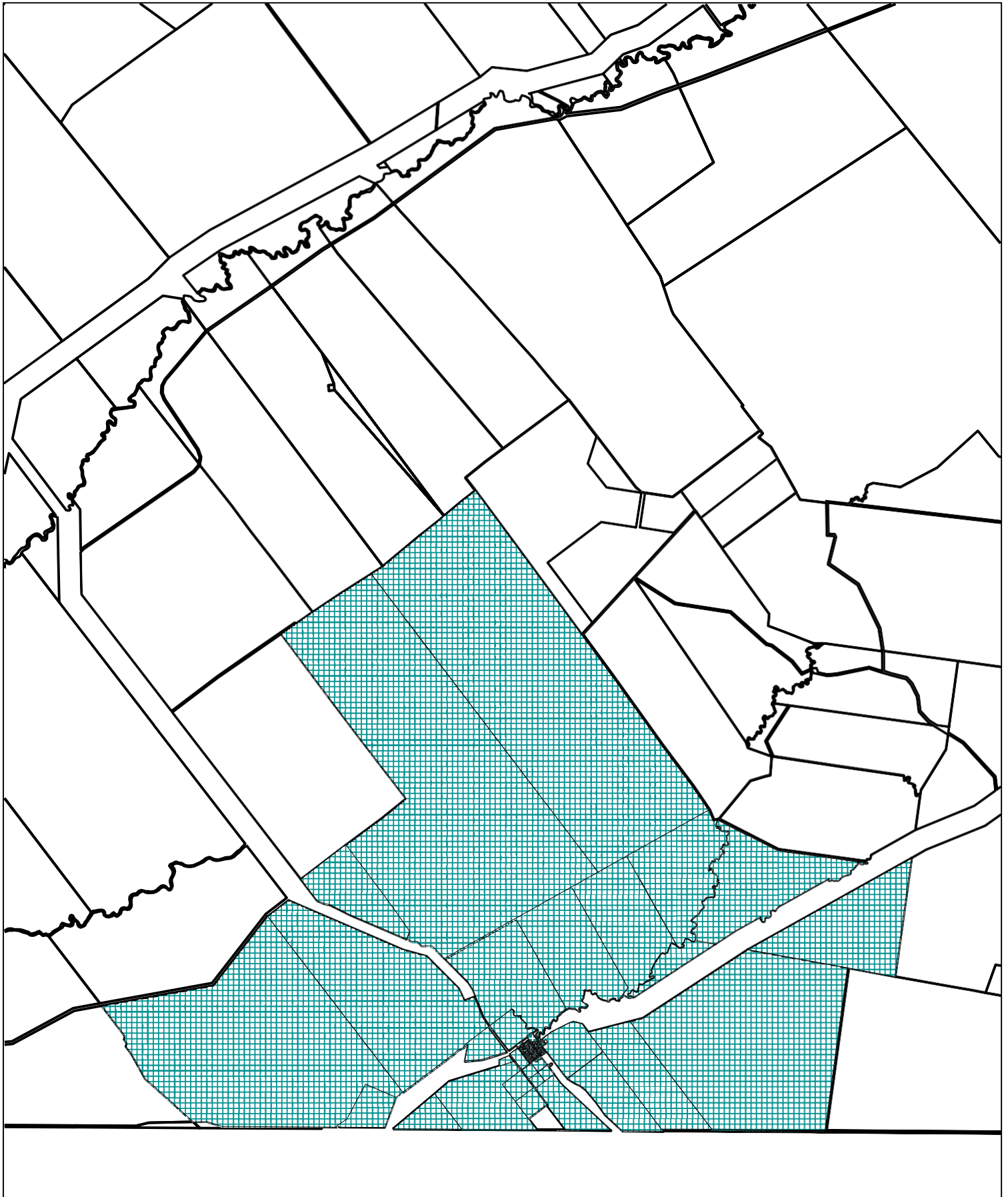
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## Thallon Environmental Management Area



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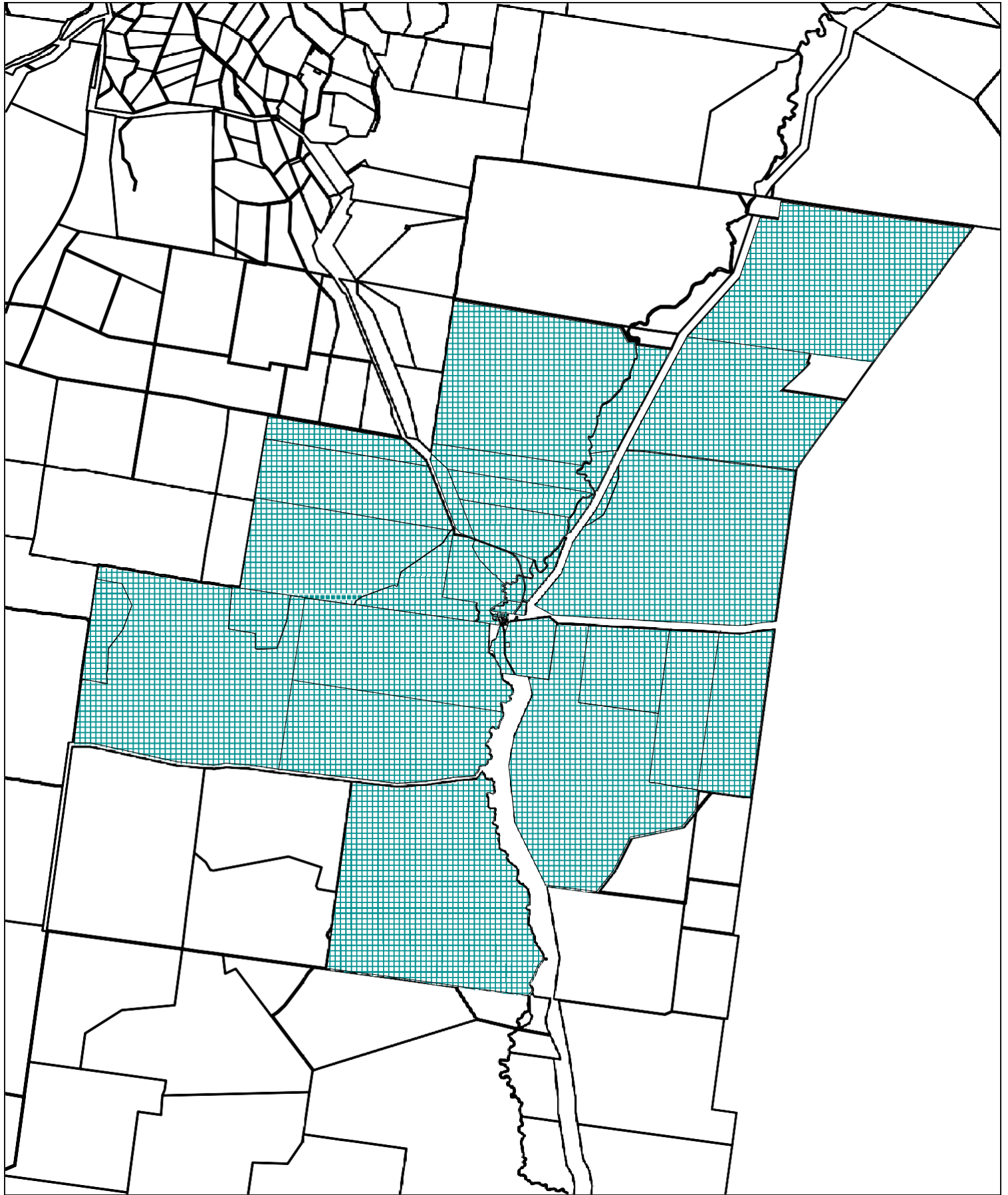
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## Nindigully Environmental Management Area



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