Australian Government
Department of the Environment and Energy

VARIATION OF CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO APPROVAL

Scenic Rim Trail – Thornton Trailhead to Spicers Canopy Nature Reserve, Queensland (EPBC 2016/7847)

This decision to vary conditions of approval is made under section 143 of the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act).

Approved action

Person to whom the approval is granted	Spicers Retreats Hotels and Lodges Pty Ltd ACN: 137 592 593
Approved action	To construct and operate a five to six day supervised bushwalk trail and four associated campsites from Mt Mistake to Spicers Peak Nature Refuge, within and adjacent to the Main Range National Park, Queensland. [See EPBC Act referral 2016/7847] subject to the variation of the action accepted by the Minister under section 156B on 2 July 2019.

Variation

Variation of conditions attached to approval	The variation is: Delete attachments 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 attached to the approval and substitute with the attachments specified below.
Date of effect	This variation has effect on the date the instrument is signed

Person authorised to make decision

Name and position	Greg Manning Assistant Secretary Assessments and Post Approvals Branch
Signature	
Date of decision	10/3/2020

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Original dated 18/1/2019	1. The approval holder must: a. not clear more than 0.16 hectares of vegetation for the construction of the **Woodcutters Ecocamp**; b. not clear more than 0.16 hectares of vegetation for the construction of the **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp**; c. not establish more than one crossing at **Blackfellow Creek** and one crossing at **Dalrymple Creek** by **new trails**; d. construct **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp** and **new trails** within the sites indicated in Attachments 2 and 6.
Original dated 18/1/2019	2. Prior to **commencement of the action**, the approval holder must: a. ensure a **suitably qualified person** has completed and fully documented a survey of **Mountain Frog** habitat along the proposed alignment of all **new trails** that occur within 250 metres of the location of any **BAAM** record or **ALA** record; b. ensure a **suitably qualified person** has completed and fully documented a survey of **Rainforest Spinach** within 50 metres of the proposed alignment of all **new trails**; and c. submit to the **Department** a georeferenced map, shapefile and reports showing all **Fleay's Frog** habitat and records, and all **Mountain Frog** habitat and records, and the locations of any **Rainforest Spinach** identified under 2.a. and 2.b.
Original dated 18/1/2019	3. The approval holder must: a. ensure that the construction of **new trails** does not clear, disturb or otherwise result in impacts on **Mountain Frog** habitat or **Fleay's Frog breeding habitat** with the exception of the portions of **new trails** that cross **Blackfellow Creek** and **Dalrymple Creek**; and b. ensure that the construction and operation of **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp**, including onsite disposal of sewage and wastewater, does not result in impacts on **Mountain Frog** habitat or **Fleay's Frog breeding habitat** or the world heritage values of the **GRAWHP.**
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Baseline data** 4. No less than 20 **business days** prior to **commencement of the action**, the approval holder must submit a Baseline Data Collection Plan (BDCP) to the **Minister**. The approval holder must: a. ensure the BDCP is peer reviewed by a **suitably qualified independent expert** who must provide a written report that evaluates the adequacy of the monitoring proposed in the BDCP, includes a statement that endorses the BDCP and confirms that the BDCP will meet the aims and requirements set in condition 8; and b. publish the peer reviewed BDCP, written report and statement and all **baseline data** on its website, prior to the **commencement of the action**, and ensure these remain available on the website for the life of the approval; c. within 10 days after publishing the BDCP, report and statement, notify the **Department** of the actual date of publication; d. The BDCP must be implemented prior to **commencement of the action**, subject to condition 6.

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Original dated 18/1/2019	5. Within 20 **business days** of receipt of a BDCP required under condition 4 the **Minister** may provide a notice to the approval holder that the BDCP requires approval by the **Minister**.
Original dated 18/1/2019	6. If notice is provided under condition 5, condition 4.d. no longer applies.
Original dated 18/1/2019	7. If the **Minister** provides notice under condition 5 the approval holder must: a. not **commence the action** until the **Minister** has approved the BDCP in writing; and b. implement the BDCP approved by the **Minister**.
As varied on 02/07/2019	8. The BDCP required under conditions 4-7 must outline the methods (including survey methodology, effort, timing, frequency, and responsibility) for the collection of: a. **baseline population data** for **Hastings River Mouse** within 100 metres of **Woodcutters Ecocamp**; b. **baseline population data** for **Fleay's Frog** and **Mountain Frog** within 100 metres upstream and downstream of each crossing of the **new trails** at **Blackfellow Creek** and **Dalrymple Creek**; c. **baseline water quality data** within 100 metres upstream and downstream of each crossing of the **new trails** at **Blackfellow Creek** and **Dalrymple Creek;** and d. **baseline riparian habitat quality data** within 100 metres upstream and downstream of each crossing of the **new trails** at **Blackfellow Creek** and **Dalrymple Creek**.
As varied on 02/07/2019	8A. The approval holder must not implement any onsite disposal of sewage or wastewater until the **Minister** has approved a Sewage and Wastewater Monitoring Plan (SWMP) specifying the methods (including survey methodology, effort, timing, frequency and responsibility) that will be implemented for the collection and analysis of data regarding soil quality, water quality and riparian habitat quality to establish the baseline and subsequently detect any change from baseline outside the boundaries of the **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp** attributable to onsite disposal of sewage or wastewater. The SWMP must be reviewed by a **suitably qualified independent expert** and, when submitted to the **Department** for approval, accompanied by the written report of the **suitably qualified independent expert** that evaluates the adequacy of the proposed data collection and analysis methods and a signed certification by the **suitably qualified independent expert** that the proposed data collection methods are capable of detecting any change attributable to onsite disposal of sewage and wastewater. The SWMP must specify methods for collection and analysis of the following: a. **soil quality data** of soil profiles within the boundaries of **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp** and within all areas proposed for disposal of treated sewage and waste water and all areas within 50 metres of the **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp**; b. **water quality data** including surface water and groundwater underlying **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamps** and all drainage channels and downstream water bodies outside of the boundaries of **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp** with potential hydraulic connectivity with sewage and waste water disposal areas; and c. **riparian habitat quality data** for all drainage channels outside of the **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness**

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	Ecocamp likely to be hydraulically connected with sewage and waste water disposal areas. The approval holder must implement the approved SWMP. The approval holder must publish the approved SWMP on its website within 10 **business days** of receiving the **Minister**'s approval. The approved SWMP must remain on the website for the life of the approval.
As varied on 02/07/2019	9. The approval holder must not **commence the action** at: a. **Woodcutters Ecocamp,** until the collection of the **Hasting River Mouse baseline population data** (condition 8.a.), has been completed in accordance with the approved BDCP; and b. **new creek trails,** until the collection of the **baseline data** (conditions 8.b., 8.c. and 8.d.), has been completed in accordance with the approved BDCP.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Scenic Rim Trail Management Plan** 10. No less than 20 **business days** prior to **commencement of the action**, the approval holder must submit a Scenic Rim Trail Management Plan (SRTMP) to the **Minister**. The approval holder must: a. ensure the SRTMP is peer reviewed by a **suitably qualified independent expert** who must provide a written report that evaluates the adequacy of the 10 year ongoing monitoring, mitigation and management measures of the SRTMP and includes a statement that endorses the SRTMP and confirms that the SRTMP will meet the aims and requirements set in condition 14; b. publish the peer reviewed SRTMP, written report and statement on its website, prior to the **commencement of the action**, and ensure these remain available on the website for the life of the approval; c. within 10 days after publishing the SRTMP, report and statement, notify the **Department** of the actual date of publication; d. The SRTMP must be in place prior to **commencement of the action**, subject to condition 12; and e. The SRTMP must be implemented, subject to condition 12.
Original dated 18/1/2019	11. Within 20 **business days** of receipt of a SRTMP required under condition 10 the **Minister** may provide a notice to the approval holder that the SRTMP requires approval by the **Minister**.
Original dated 18/1/2019	12. If notice is provided under condition 11, condition 10.e. no longer applies.
Original dated 18/1/2019	13. If the **Minister** provides a notice under condition 11 the approval holder must: a. not **commence the action** until the **Minister** has approved the SRTMP in writing; and b. implement the SRTMP approved by the **Minister**.
As varied on 02/07/2019	14. The SRTMP required under conditions 10-13 must: a. describe measures to be implemented for the duration of the approval to: i. minimise vegetation clearance for the construction of **new trails**;

ii. minimise, manage and remediate erosion along the **Scenic Rim Trail**;

iii. reduce the risk of spread of existing vertebrate pests, weeds and pathogens, including chytrid fungus;

iv. reduce the risk of introduction and establishment of new vertebrate pests, weeds and pathogens, including chytrid fungus;

v. control any new and existing weeds and pathogens outside of the Main Range National Park along the **Scenic Rim Trail** and at any **camps**;

vi. ensure trail guides are trained to identify any new or existing invasive species of weeds;

vii. report any new or existing invasive species of weeds, pests or pathogens to the Queensland Government agency responsible for the management of the Main Range National Park;

viii. establish and implement a shoe cleaning and sterilisation facility at the **entry** point and protocols for **staff** and clients entering the **Scenic Rim Trail**;

ix. minimise the impact of artificial light and noise on the **Hastings River Mouse** at **Woodcutters Ecocamp**;

x. remove food waste and litter from the **Scenic Rim Trail** and at **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp** to outside of the **GRAWHP** and Main Range National Park.

b. specify protocols to ensure that any observations of vertebrate pests or weeds, or evidence of pathogens along or in the vicinity of the Scenic Rim Trail are recorded and reported to the approval holder and subsequently to the Queensland Government agency responsible for the management of the Main Range National Park;

c. specify the details of a 10 year annual ongoing monitoring program (including methodology, effort, timing, frequency and responsibilities) capable of predicting and detecting:

i. a decrease of the population of **Hastings River Mouse** at the **Woodcutters Ecocamp** compared to the baseline population established under condition 8.a.;

ii. a decrease of the population of **Fleay's Frog** and **Mountain Frog** at each crossing of the **new trails** at **Blackfellow Creek** and **Dalrymple Creek** compared to the baseline population established under condition 8.b.;

iii. changes in water quality compared to the baseline established under condition 8.c. at either crossing of the **new trails** at **Blackfellow Creek** and **Dalrymple Creek**; and

iv. a decrease of riparian habitat quality at either crossing of the **new trails** at **Blackfellow Creek** and **Dalrymple Creek** compared to the baseline established under condition 8.f.

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	d. specify criteria that will trigger corrective action and indicative correction measures, if any decrease or change in water quality, populations or riparian habitat quality referred to in condition 14.c. is detected; e. include an assessment of potential risks that may prevent successful implementation of the management measures, detail the control measures that will be implemented to mitigate these risks, and assess residual risk ratings; f. take account of relevant conservation advice, recovery plans and threat abatement plans for **Hastings River Mouse** and **Fleay's Frog** and provide information (for example in a table) as to where this has been addressed; and g. take account of all relevant **management plans** for managing the **GRAWHP**.
As varied on 02/07/2019	15. Revoked
As varied on 02/07/2019	15A. The approval holder must not implement any onsite disposal of sewage or wastewater until the **Minister** has approved a Plan for Wastewater and Sewage Management (PWaSM). The PWaSM must be reviewed by a **suitably qualified independent expert** and, when submitted to the **Department** for approval, accompanied by the written report of the **suitably qualified independent expert** that evaluates the adequacy of the PWaSM and a signed certification by the **suitably qualified independent expert** that the PWaSM is appropriate for the purposes specified below. The PWaSM must specify: a. the measures to be implemented for the duration of the approval to: i. ensure that all sewage and wastewater to be disposed of to land within the boundaries of the **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp** is treated to **advanced secondary** standard to produce **class A** quality effluent, in accordance with the *Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code* (2017) (as replaced or amended from time to time); ii. ensure that treated sewage and wastewater is only disposed of to the sub-surface of land within the boundaries of the **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp** as defined on the map at Attachment 2; iii. minimise the volume of treated sewage and wastewater disposed of from the **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp**; iv. ensure that there are no adverse changes from baseline soil and water quality and riparian habitat quality outside the boundaries of the **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp** as a result of disposal to land of treated sewage and wastewater; v. ensure that the disposal of treated sewage and wastewater does not introduce new pathogens or increase the extent of existing pathogens or invasive species of weeds, both within and outside the boundaries of the **Woodcutters Ecocamp** and **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp**; and vi. ensure on-site staff are appropriately trained in the monitoring, maintenance and emergency response measures for the sewage and wastewater treatment system; and

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	b. the details of a sampling program for treated effluent to ensure it meets the standard specified in condition 15A.a.i. before disposal to land; c. corrective actions and subsequent further correction measures to be implemented if samples from the program required under condition 15A.b. do not meet the specified standard and/or contain contaminants that could harm the **Hastings River Mouse**, **Fleay's Frog** or the world heritage values of the **GRAWHP**, including the **Mountain Frog**; and d. the protocols, corrective actions and subsequent further correction measures that will be implemented in the event that the onsite sewage and wastewater treatment monitoring and diagnostic system triggers an alarm or in the event that the treatment system experiences a failure. Interim measures to manage sewage and wastewater to prevent contamination of soil or water, or habitat for the **Hastings River Mouse**, **Fleay's Frog**, and **Mountain Frog**, must be included.
As varied on 02/07/2019	**Corrective Action Plan** 16. If, at any time during the life of the approval, the approval holder detects that a decrease in a population, or change in soil, water or habitat quality referred to in condition 8A, 14.c. or 15A has occurred or is likely to occur, the approval holder must report this to the **Department** within 5 **business days** of being detected.
Original dated 18/1/2019	17. Within 40 **business days** of making such a report under condition 16, the approval holder must submit to the **Department** a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) for approval by the **Minister**. The CAP must provide details of the detected or predicted decrease in a population, or change in soil, water or habitat quality, the cause of the change and the corrective actions to be taken (including timeframes for reporting the outcomes of those actions to the **Department**), the measures to be implemented to prevent subsequent decreases in a population or change in soil, water or habitat quality and justification for these measures referring to the most likely cause(s) of the decrease in a population or change in soil, water or habitat quality
Original dated 18/1/2019	18. The approval holder must publish the CAP and outcomes on its website within 10 **business days** of receiving the **Minister**'s approval in accordance with condition 17. The CAP must remain on the website for the life of the approval.
Original dated 18/1/2019	19. The approved CAP must be implemented.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Administration** 20. Within 20 **business days** following **commencement of the action**, the approval holder must advise the **Department** in writing of actual date of **commencement of the action**.
As varied on 02/07/2019	21. The approval holder must maintain accurate records substantiating all activities associated with or relevant to the conditions of approval, including measures taken to implement the management plans required by this approval and results of the CAP, SRTMP, SWMP, PWaSM and BDCP, and make them available upon request to the **Department**. Such records may be subject to audit by the **Department** or an independent auditor in accordance with section 458 of the **EPBC Act** or used to verify compliance with the conditions of approval.

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	Summaries of audits will be posted on the **Department's** website. The results of audits may also be publicised through general media.
As varied on 02/07/2019	**Annual Compliance Reporting** 22. Within 60 **business days** of every 12 month anniversary of **commencement of the action**, or as otherwise agreed to in writing by the **Minister**, the approval holder must publish a report on its website addressing compliance with each of the conditions, and any data, reports and analyses arising from the implementation of the SRTMP and BDCP and any other management plans as specified in the conditions. Documentary evidence providing proof of the date of publication and non-compliance with any of the conditions of this approval must be provided to the **Department** at the same time as the compliance report is published. Reports must remain on the website for the life of this approval. The **Minister** may provide written consent to the approval holder to cease reporting under this condition if satisfied additional reports are not warranted. **Note**: The first compliance report may report a period of less than 12 months so that it and subsequent compliance reports align with the similar requirement under state approval.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Reporting non-compliance** 23. The approval holder must notify the Department in writing of any: incident; non-compliance with the conditions; or non-compliance with the commitments made in plans. The notification must be given as soon as practicable, and no later than 2 **business days** after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance. The notification must specify: a. the condition which is or may be in breach; and b. a short description of the **incident** and/or non-compliance.
Original dated 18/1/2019	24. The approval holder must provide to the Department the details of any incident or non-compliance with the conditions or commitments made in plans as soon as practicable and no later than 10 **business days** after becoming aware of the incident or non-compliance, specifying: a. any corrective action or investigation which the approval holder has already taken or intends to take in the immediate future; b. the potential impacts of the **incident** or non-compliance; and c. the method and timing of any remedial action that will be undertaken by the approval holder.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Independent audit** 25. Upon the direction of the **Minister**, the approval holder must ensure that an independent audit of compliance with the conditions is conducted and a report submitted to the **Minister**. The independent auditor and criteria must be approved by the **Minister** prior to the commencement of the audit. The audit report must address the criteria to the satisfaction of the **Minister**.
As varied on 02/07/2019	26. The BDCP, the SRTMP, the SWMP, the PWaSM and the CAP prepared under these conditions must be consistent with the Department's **Environmental Management Plan Guidelines**.
As varied on 02/07/2019	27. The approval holder may choose to revise a management plan prepared in accordance with condition 4, 8A, 10 or 15A, if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised management plan would not be likely to have a **new or increased impact**. If the approval holder makes this choice they must:

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	a. notify the **Department** in writing that the management plan has been revised and provide the **Department** with an electronic copy of the revised management plan; b. implement the revised management plan from the date that the management plan is submitted to the **Department**; and c. for the life of this approval, maintain a record of the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the revised management plan would not be likely to have a **new or increased impact**.
As varied on 02/07/2019	28. If, under condition 5 or 11, a management plan was prepared in accordance with condition 4 or condition 10 was required to be approved by the **Minister**; and in respect of a plan prepared under condition 8A or condition 15A; the approval holder may choose to revise an approved management plan without submitting it for approval under section 143A of the **EPBC Act**, if the taking of the action in accordance with the revised management plan would not be likely to have a **new or increased impact**. If the approval holder makes this choice they must: a. notify the **Department** in writing that the approved management plan has been revised and provide the **Department** with an electronic copy of the revised management plan; b. implement the revised management plan from the date that the management plan is submitted to the **Department**; and c. for the life of this approval, maintain a record of the reasons the approval holder considers that taking the action in accordance with the revised management plan would not be likely to have a **new or increased impact**.
As varied on 02/07/2019	29. If under condition 5 or 11, a management plan was required to be approved by the **Minister**; and in respect of a plan prepared under condition 8A or condition 15A; the approval holder may revoke their choice under condition 28 at any time by notice to the **Department**. If the approval holder revokes the choice to implement a revised management plan, without approval under section 143A of the **EPBC Act**, the approval holder must implement the action management plan in force immediately prior to the revision undertaken under condition 28.
Original dated 18/1/2019	30. Within 20 **business days** of receipt by the Department of a revised management plan under condition 27 or 28, the **Minister** may provide a notice to the approval holder that the revised management plan requires approval by the **Minister** on the basis that the **Minister** is satisfied that the revised management plan would be likely to have a **new and increased impact**.
Original dated 18/1/2019	31. If the Minister gives a notice to the approval holder under condition 30 then: condition 27 or condition 28 (whichever is relevant) does not apply, or ceases to apply, in relation to the revised management plan. To avoid any doubt, this condition does not affect any operation of conditions 27 and 28 in the period before the day the notice is given. At the time of giving the notice the **Minister** may also notify that for a specified period of time that condition 27 or condition 28 does not apply for one or more specified management plans required under the approval.
As varied on 02/07/2019	32. If the approval holder proposes to amend a management plan prepared in accordance with condition 4, 8A, 10 or 15A, that the approval holder thinks that taking the action in accordance with the revised management plan would be likely to have a **new or increased impact**, the revised management plan must

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	be submitted to the **Minister** for approval at least 20 **business days** before the revised plan is proposed to be implemented.
Original dated 18/1/2019	33. If condition 31 or 32 applies, the approval holder must: a. ensure the management plan is peer reviewed by a **suitably qualified independent expert** who must provide a report to the approval holder that evaluates the adequacy of the revised management plan and who must endorse the revised management plan; b. publish the revised management plan, peer review report, written statement of endorsement and all supporting data on its website prior to the implementation of the revised management plan, and ensure these remain available on the website for the life of the approval; c. within 10 days after publishing the revised management plan, report and statement, notify the **Department** of the actual date of publication; d. not implement the revised management plan until the **Minister** has approved the plan in writing; and e. implement the revised management plan approved by the **Minister**.
Original dated 18/1/2019	34. Conditions 27 to 33 are not intended to limit the operation of section 143A of the **EPBC Act** which allows the approval holder to submit a revised management plan to the **Minister** for approval.
Original dated 18/1/2019	35. If, at any time after five (5) years from the date of this approval, the approval holder has not **commenced the action**, then the approval holder must not **commence the action** without the written agreement of the **Minister**.

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Original dated 18/1/2019	**Advanced secondary**: means treatment of effluent to meet the standard specified for Advanced Secondary in 'Appendix 1 –Effluent Quality' of the *Queensland Plumbing and Wastewater Code* (2017) (as replaced or amended from time to time), and including nutrient removal and disinfection using irradiation with ultraviolet light (not chlorination).
Original dated 18/1/2019	**ALA**: means an Atlas of Living Australia **Mountain Frog** observation record shown as 'ALA records' in the maps at Attachment 1.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp**: the area marked as 'Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp' in Attachment 2.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**BAAM record**: means a Biodiversity Assessment and Management Pty Ltd (BAAM) **Mountain Frog** observation record shown as 'BAAM records' in the maps at Attachment 1.
As varied on 02/07/2019	**Baseline data**: means all **baseline habitat data, baseline population data, baseline water quality data** and **baseline riparian habitat quality data**.
As varied on 02/07/2019	**Baseline Soil quality data: Revoked**
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Baseline water quality data**: means data including, but not limited to, pH, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, electrical conductivity and total suspended solids as determined and collected by a **suitably qualified person** over a timeframe that serves as a sound basis for comparison to data acquired after **commencement of the action**.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Blackfellow Creek**: the creek marked as 'Blackfellow Creek' in Attachment 3.

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Original dated 18/1/2019	**Business days**: a day other than a Saturday or a Sunday or a day which is a public holiday for the whole of Queensland.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Camps**: Mt Mistake Farmhouse and Canopy Ecocamp shown at Attachment 5.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Class A**: means recycled water produced to the standard prescribed in Division 2 - 18AF and Schedule 3D of the *Queensland Public Health Regulation 2005,* as replaced or amended from time to time.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Class 3 track**: a formed track with hardened natural surfaces to prevent erosion, no more than 2.5 metres wide.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Class 4 track**: a rough track without major modification to the ground.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Class 5 track**: a rough unformed track with minimal to no modification of the natural environment, no more than 60cm wide.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Commence the action/Commencement of the action**: the first clearing of any native vegetation, major works, minor works and preparatory works.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Dalrymple Creek**: the creek marked as 'Dalrymple Creek' at Attachment 4.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Department**: the Australian Government Department responsible for administering the **EPBC Act.**
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Entry**: the entry point to the **Scenic Rim Trail** located at Thornton Trailhead.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**EPBC Act**: the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cth).
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Environmental Management Plan Guidelines**: the Department's Environmental Management Plan Guidelines available on the **Department's** website.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Fleay's Frog**: the Fleay's Frog (*Mixophyes fleayi*) listed as a threatened species under the **EPBC Act.**
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Fleay's Frog breeding habitat:** sites where tadpoles occur in pools, and riffle zones used in breeding, as indicated in maps at Attachment 1.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**GRAWHP**: the Gondwana Rainforest of Australia World Heritage property inscribed on the World Heritage List in 1986 and extended in 1994.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Hastings River Mouse**: the Hastings River Mouse (*Pseudomys oralis*) listed as a threatened species under the **EPBC Act**, with species habitat and records as indicated in maps at Attachment 6.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Management Plans:** means any management plan adopted by an Australian or Queensland government department or agency that is applicable to the **GRAWHP**, including: a. Strategic overview for management of the World Heritage Central Eastern Rainforest Reserves of Australia / CERRA. Canberra: Dept of the Environment and Heritage, 2000. b. Main Range National Park and Spicers Gap Road Conservation Park Management Statement 2013: Qld Department of National Parks, Recreation, Sport and Racing.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Minister**: the Australian Government Minister responsible for administering the **EPBC Act** and includes a delegate of the **Minister**.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Mountain Frog**: the Mountain Frog (*Philoria kundagungan*).

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Original dated 18/1/2019	**New or increased impact**: means a new or increased environmental impact or risk relating to any **protected matter**, when compared to the likely impact of implementing the action management plan that has been approved by the **Minister** under condition 10, including any subsequent revisions approved by the **Minister,** as outlined in the *Guidance on 'New or Increased Impact' relating to changes to approved management plans under EPBC Act environmental approvals (2017).*
Original dated 18/1/2019	**New creek trails**: the portion of new trails situated within a 100 m of **Blackfellow Creek** crossing and **Dalrymple Creek** crossing.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**New trails**: means any trail not in existence at the date of approval, including: a. 5.7 km of **Class 5 track**, and All Terrain 4WD access to the Ecocamps, via the retired section of the **Winder Forestry Track**. This includes two **Class 5 tracks** that deviate parallel to **Winder Forestry Track** to access sites of amenity; b. 2.76 km of track, principally **Class 5 track**, linking the **Winder Management Track** to the **Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp**. This track may cross **Blackfellow Creek**. Sections of **Class 3 track** may be constructed in the descent to and ascent from **Blackfellow Creek**; c. 4.5 km of track, principally **Class 5 track**, linking Mt Castle Lookout and the Cascades Trail. This track may cross **Dalrymple Creek** at its upper source. Sections of **Class 3 track** may be constructed in the descent to and ascent from the creek; d. 1.7 km of track, principally **Class 5 track**, linking Sylvester's Lookout and the Bare Rock Trail. This section is to be used as the most direct access south for people who will not be using **Woodcutters Ecocamp**. A section of **Class 3 track** may be constructed for the descent to and ascent from the creek; e. 4.9 km of track, mainly **Class 4 track**, linking the Banshee Fire Line to Bare Rock; f. 0.5 km upgrade to **Class 3 track** of Mt Mitchell Track to Spicers Peak Nature Reserve; and g. the trails shown in and designated 'New' in the Legend of Attachment 5 and **Winder Forestry Track**.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Rainforest Spinach**: the Rainforest Spinach (*Elatostema reticulatum*).
As varied on 02/07/2019	**Riparian habitat quality data**: means data including but not limited to, stream bank and stream bed condition, and terrestrial flora composition and quality as determined and collected by a **suitably qualified person**.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Scenic Rim Trail**: includes **new trails**, the 'Existing Winder Road' and the trails marked as 'Existing Northern Fire Line'; 'Trail to Canopy Ecocamp' and 'Existing QPWS Trail' shown at Attachment 5.
As varied on 02/07/2019	**Soil quality data**: means data collected by a **suitably qualified person** including, but not limited to, BOD5, suspended solids, coliform counts, nitrogen and phosphorus.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Staff**: persons employed or contracted, including interns and volunteers, by the approval holder.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Suitably qualified independent expert**: a person, independent from the approval holder and the writer of the plans, who has professional qualifications, training skills and or experience related to the matter of concern, and who can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis using the relevant current protocols, standards, methods, and or literature.

Date of decision	Definitions attached to approval
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Suitably qualified person**: a person who has professional qualifications, training, skills or experience relevant to the matter of concern, and who can give authoritative assessment, advice and analysis using relevant protocols, standards, codes of conduct, methods or literature.
As varied on 02/07/2019	**Water quality data**: means data collected by a **suitably qualified person** including, but not limited to, pH, turbidity, dissolved oxygen, electrical conductivity and total suspended solids.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Winder Forestry Track**: the track marked as 'Reopened Winder Road' in Attachment 5.
Original dated 18/1/2019	**Woodcutters Ecocamp**: the area marked as 'Woodcutters Ecocamp area' in Attachment 2.

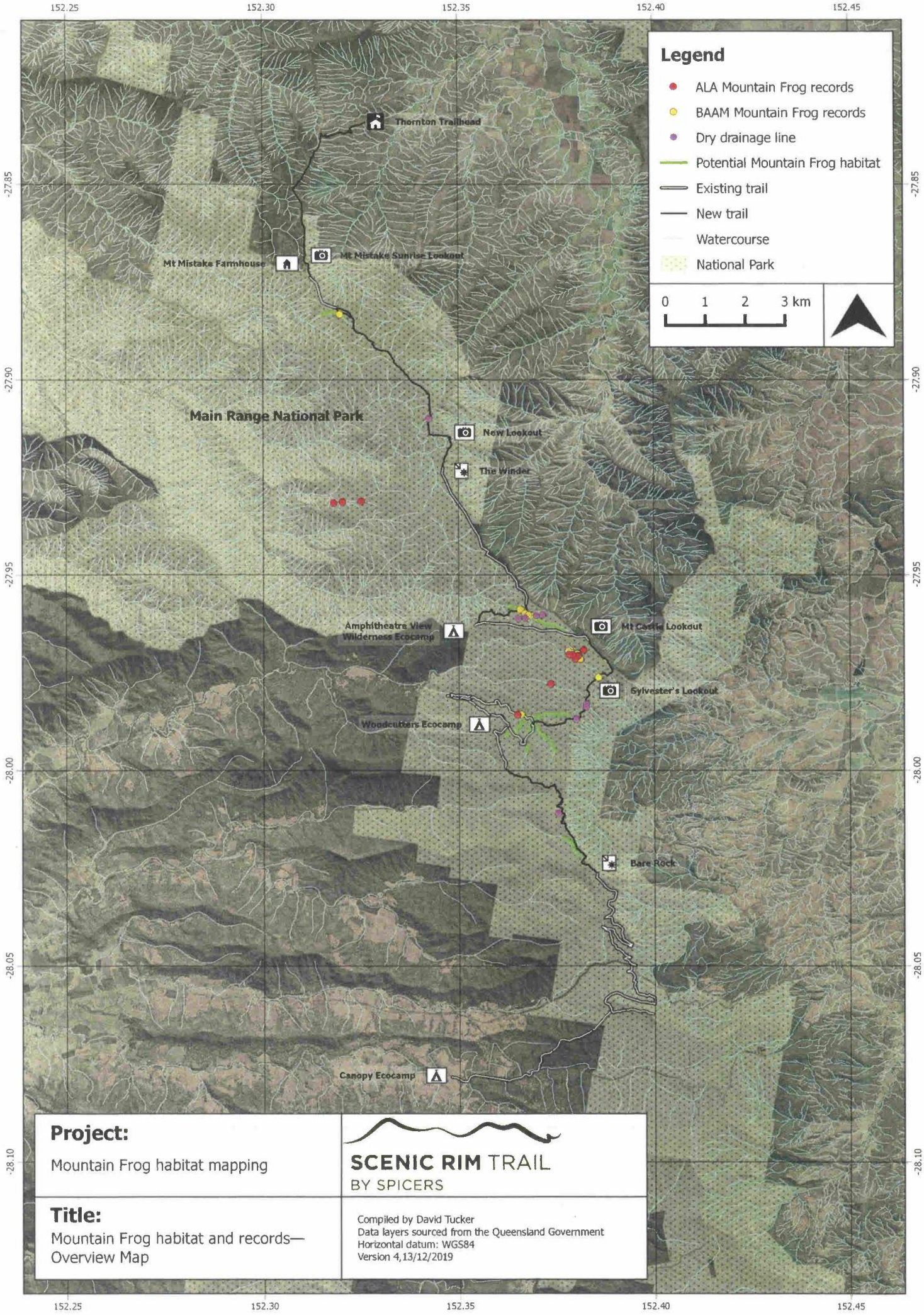
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As varied on the date this instrument was signed	**Attachment 6**: Maps of suitable habitat for the Hastings River Mouse near Woodcutters Ecocamp

Attachment 1

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Attachment 1: Map of Mountain Frog habitat and capture locations - overview map and Fleays Bar Frog habitat and capture locations - overview map

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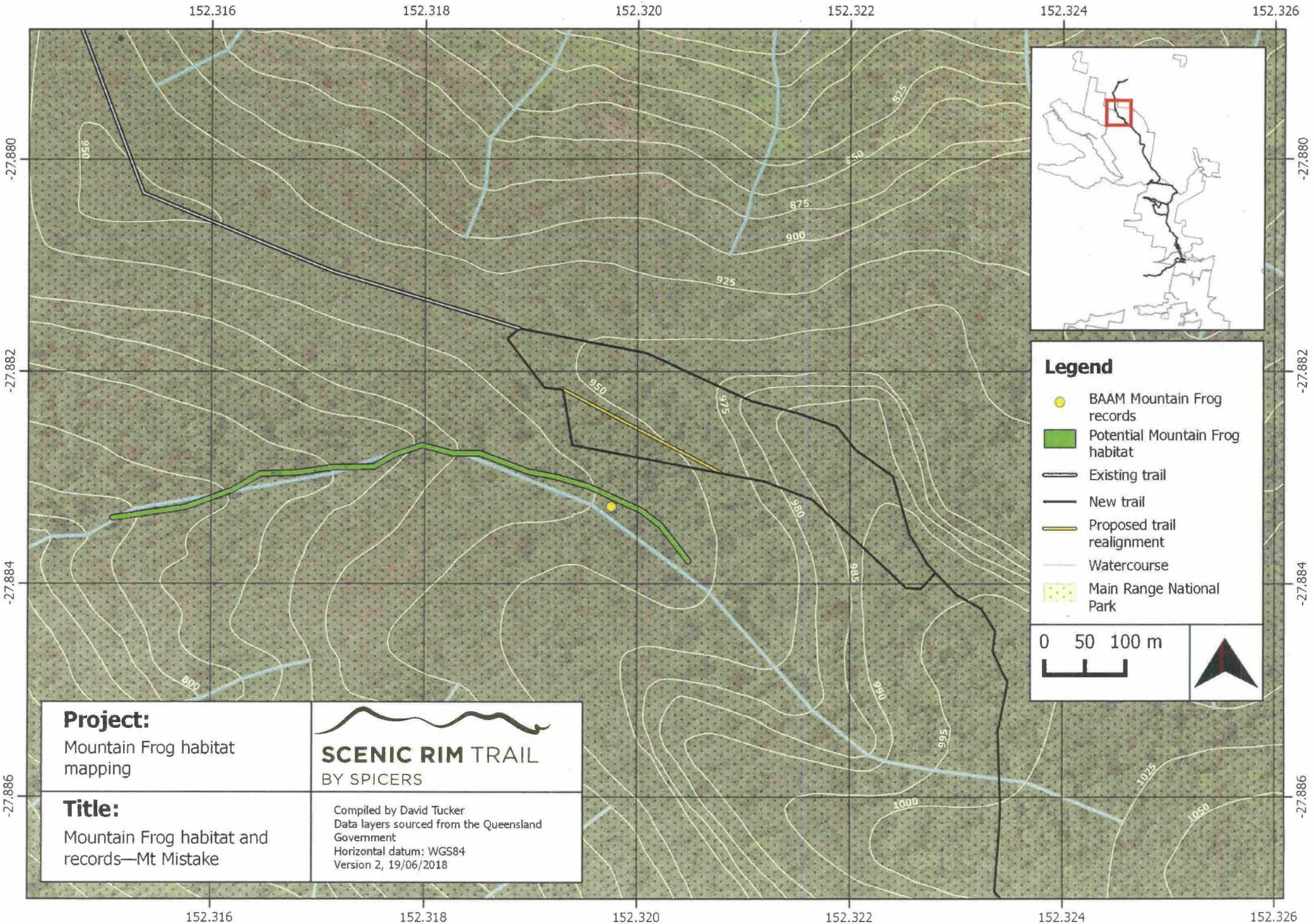


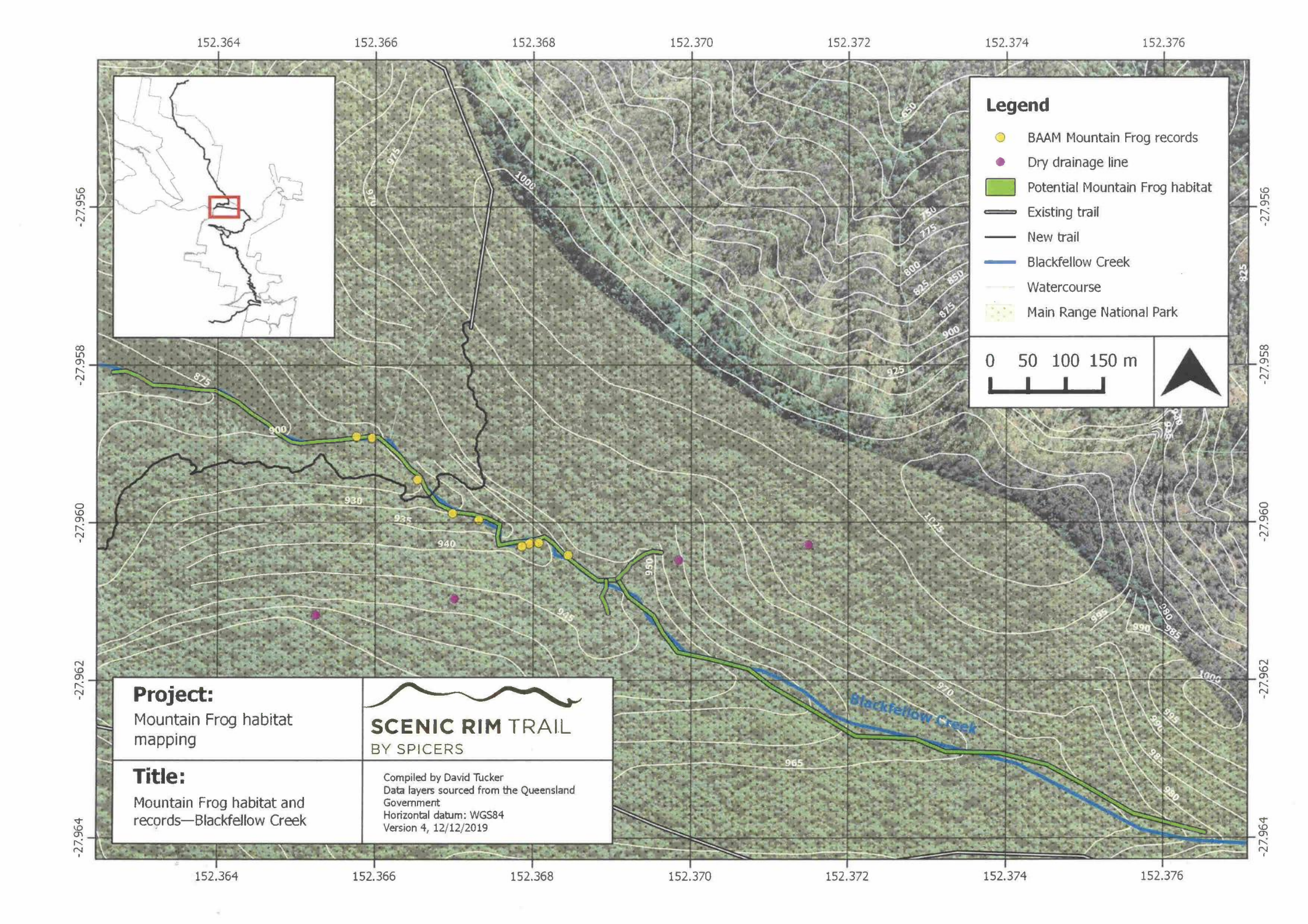
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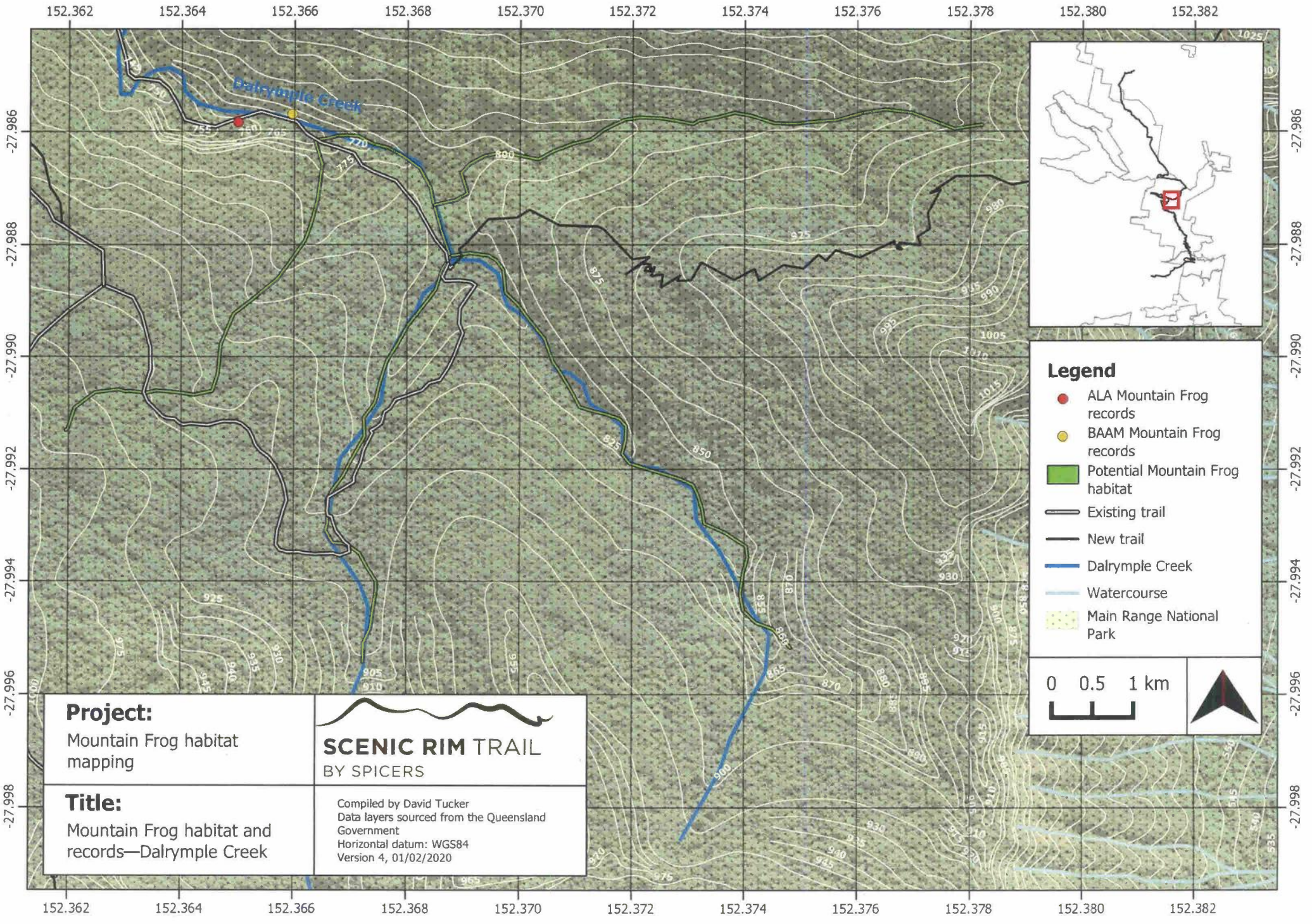
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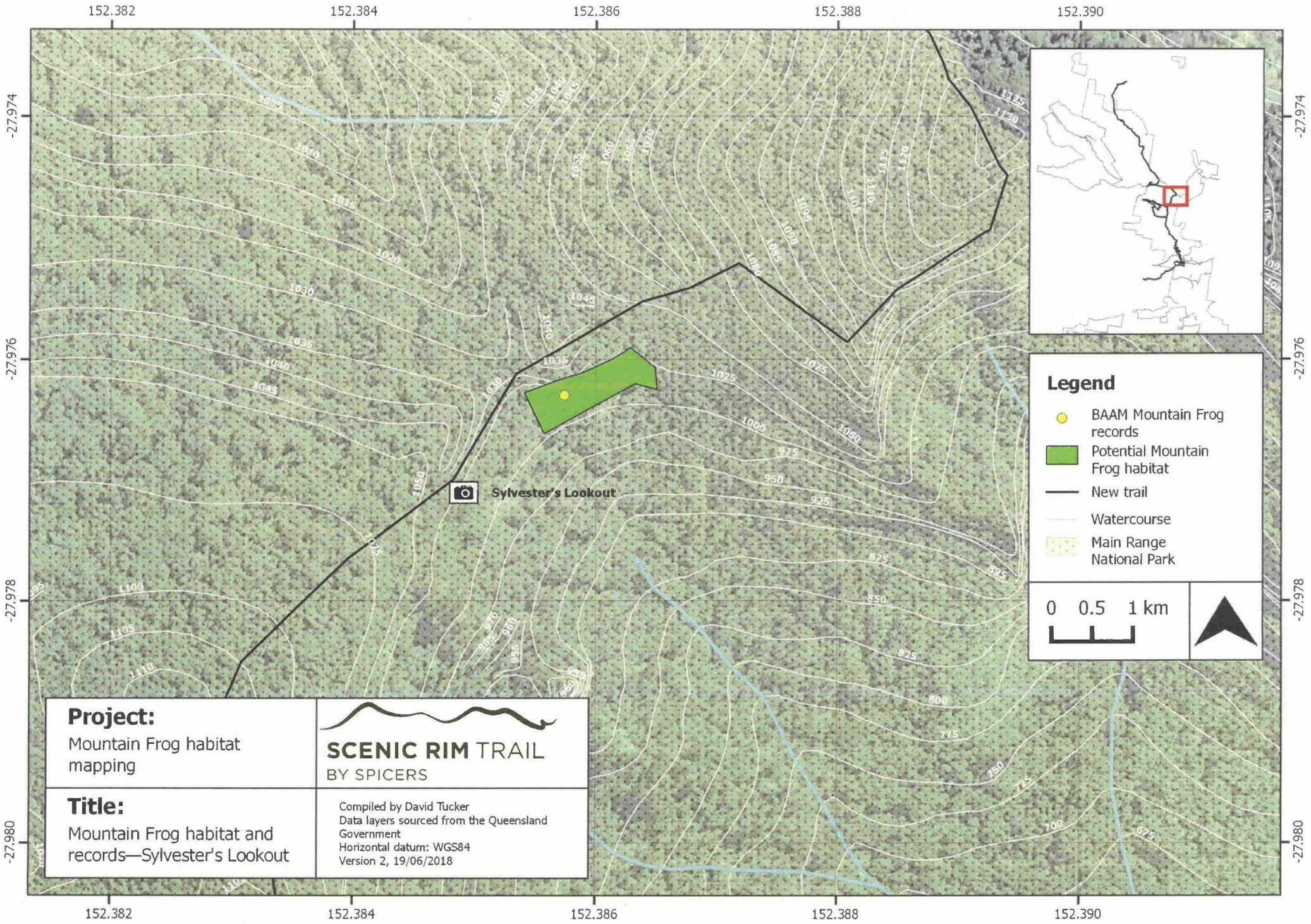
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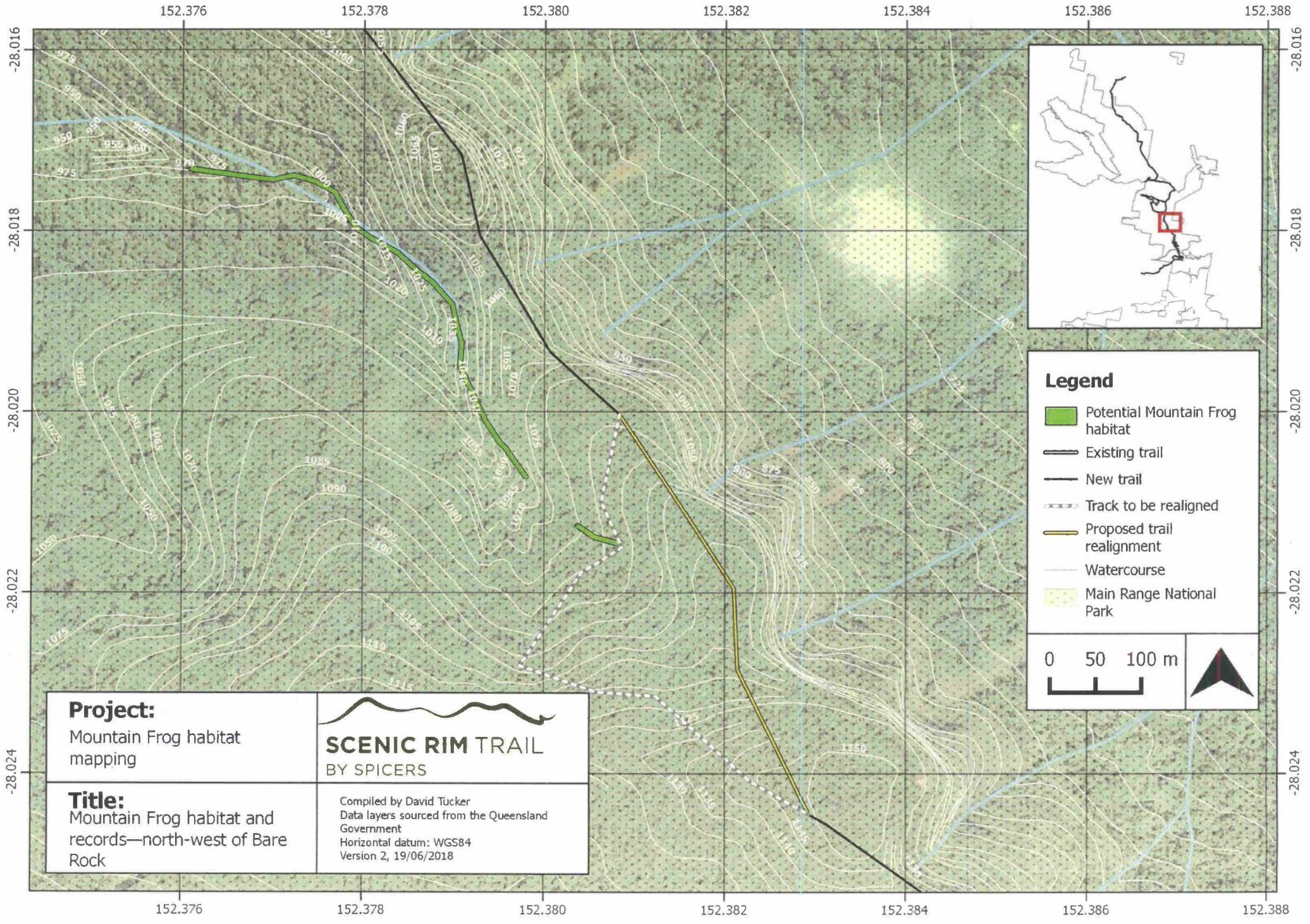
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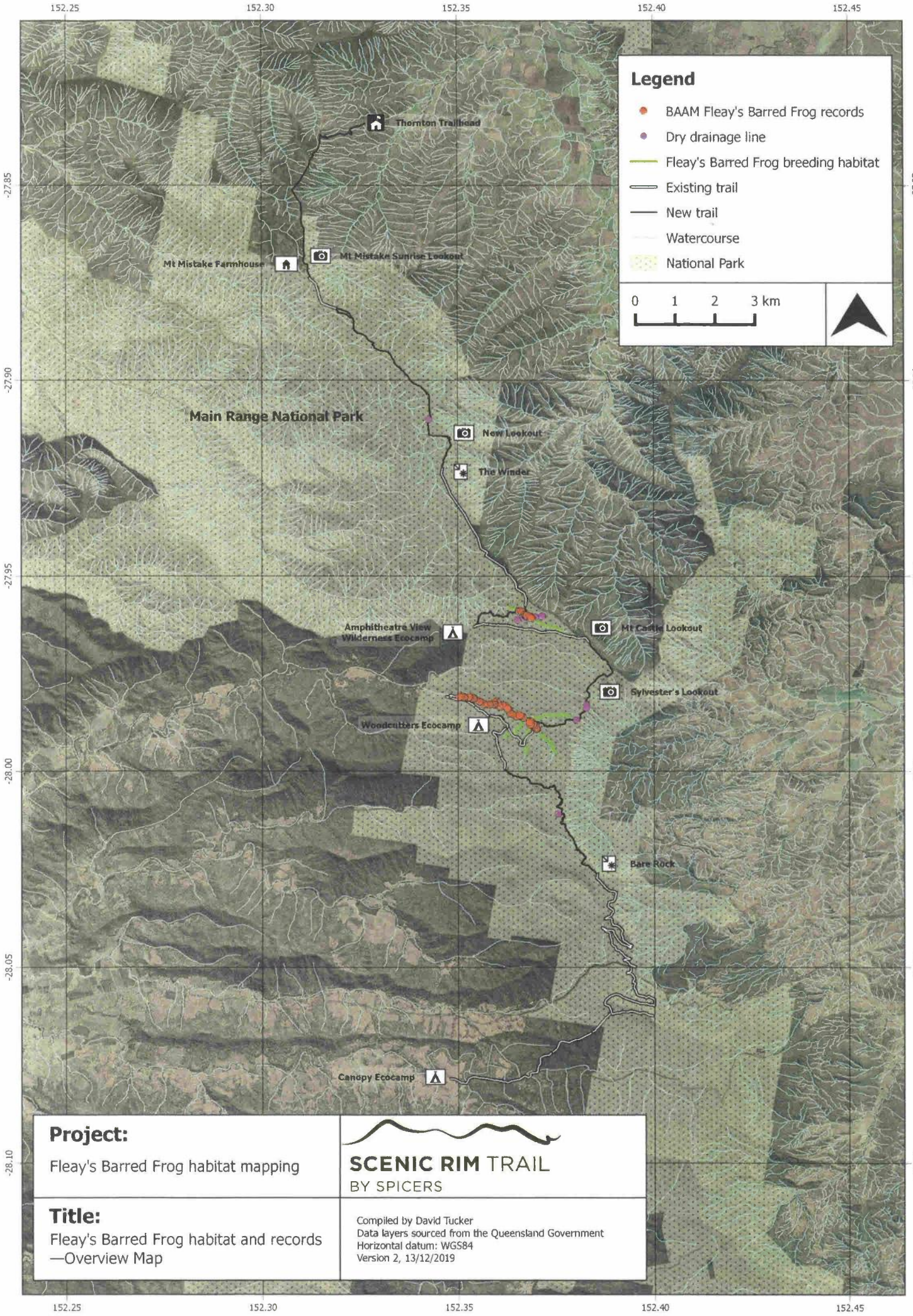

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Potential Mountain Frog habitat
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Watercourse
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Proposed trail realignment
Watercourse
Main Range National Park
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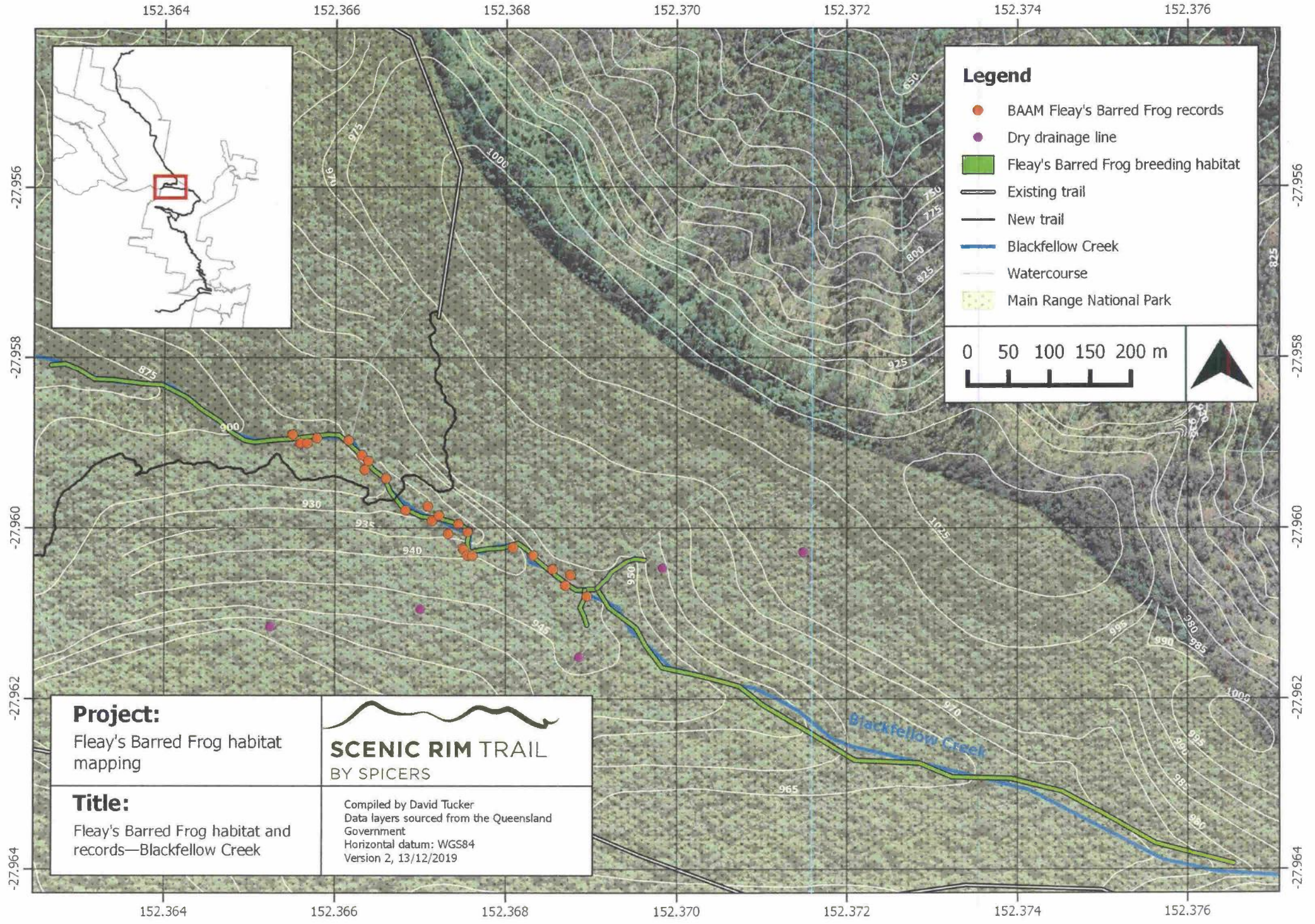


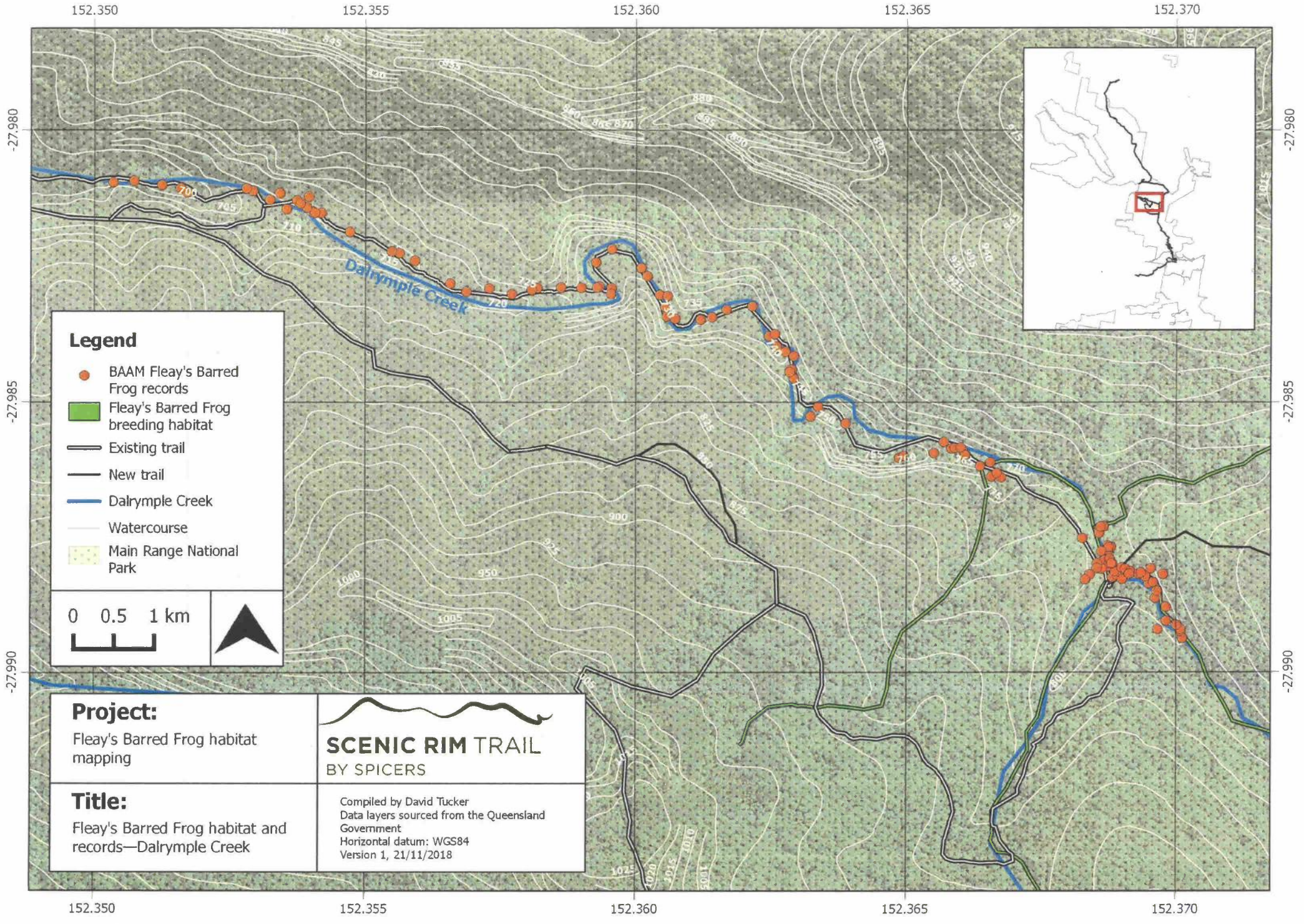
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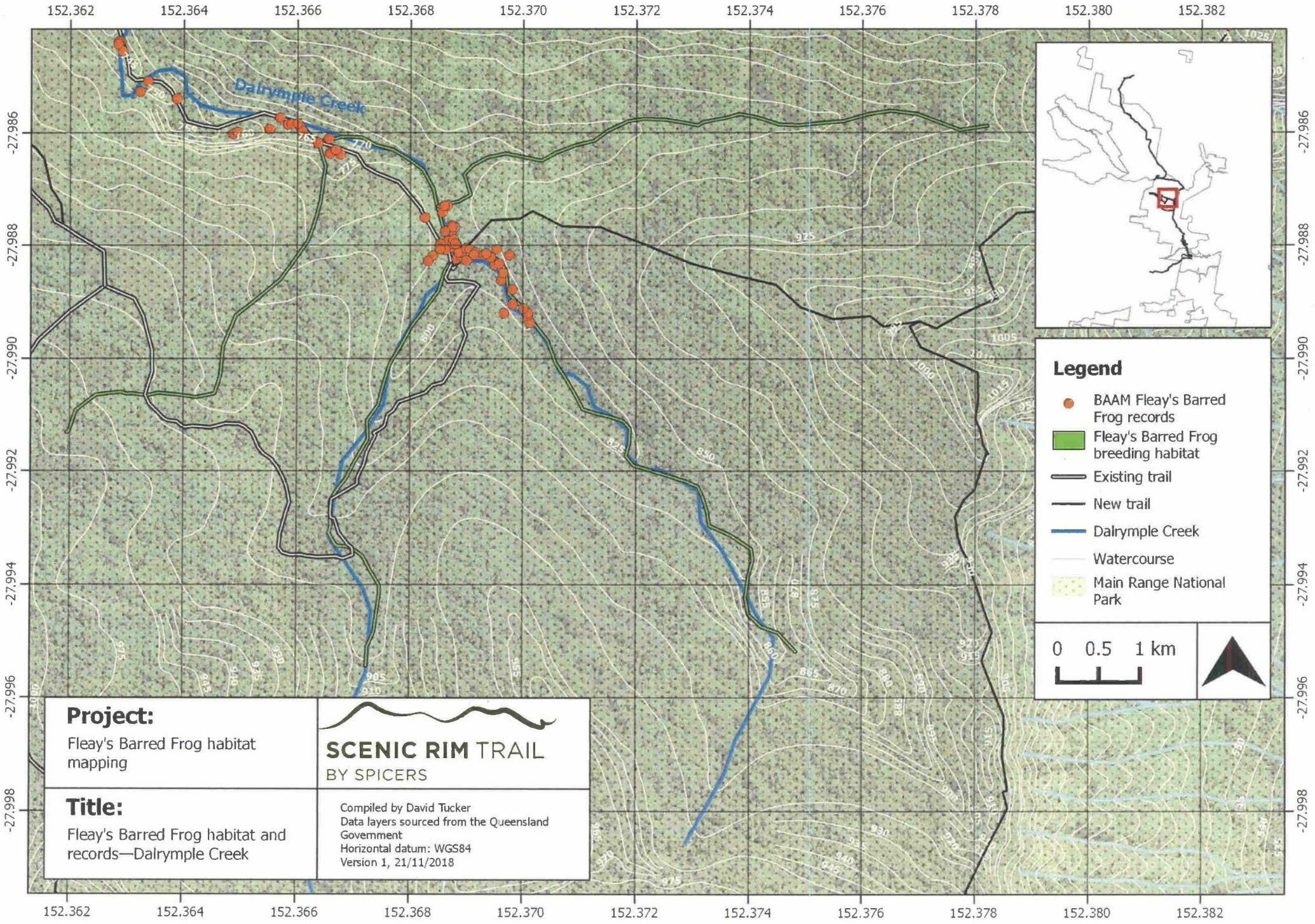
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Existing trail
New trail
Blackfellow Creek
Watercourse
Main Range National Park
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Fleay's Barred Frog habitat mapping
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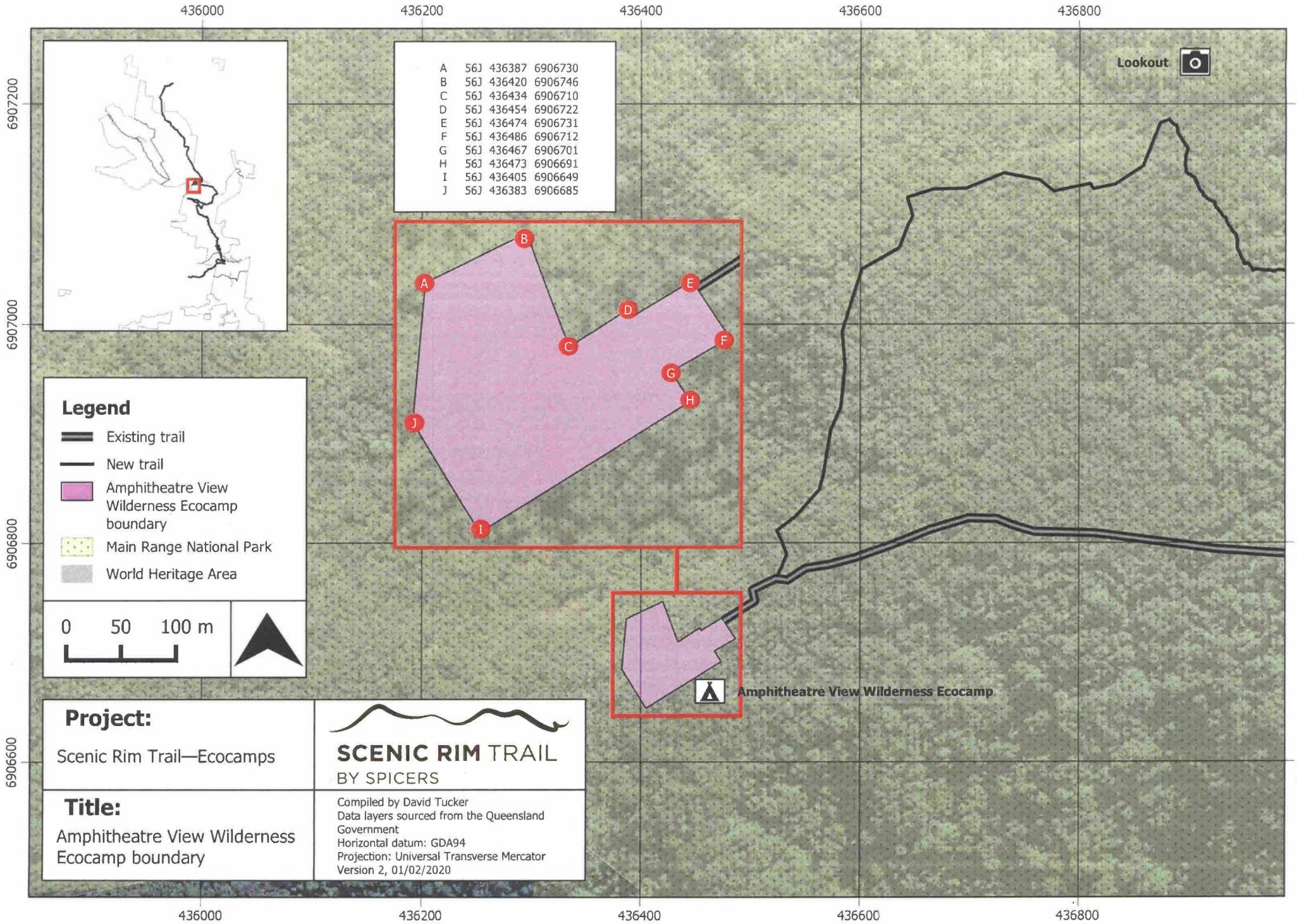

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Existing trail
New trail
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Watercourse
Main Range National Park
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Project:
Fleay's Barred Frog habitat mapping
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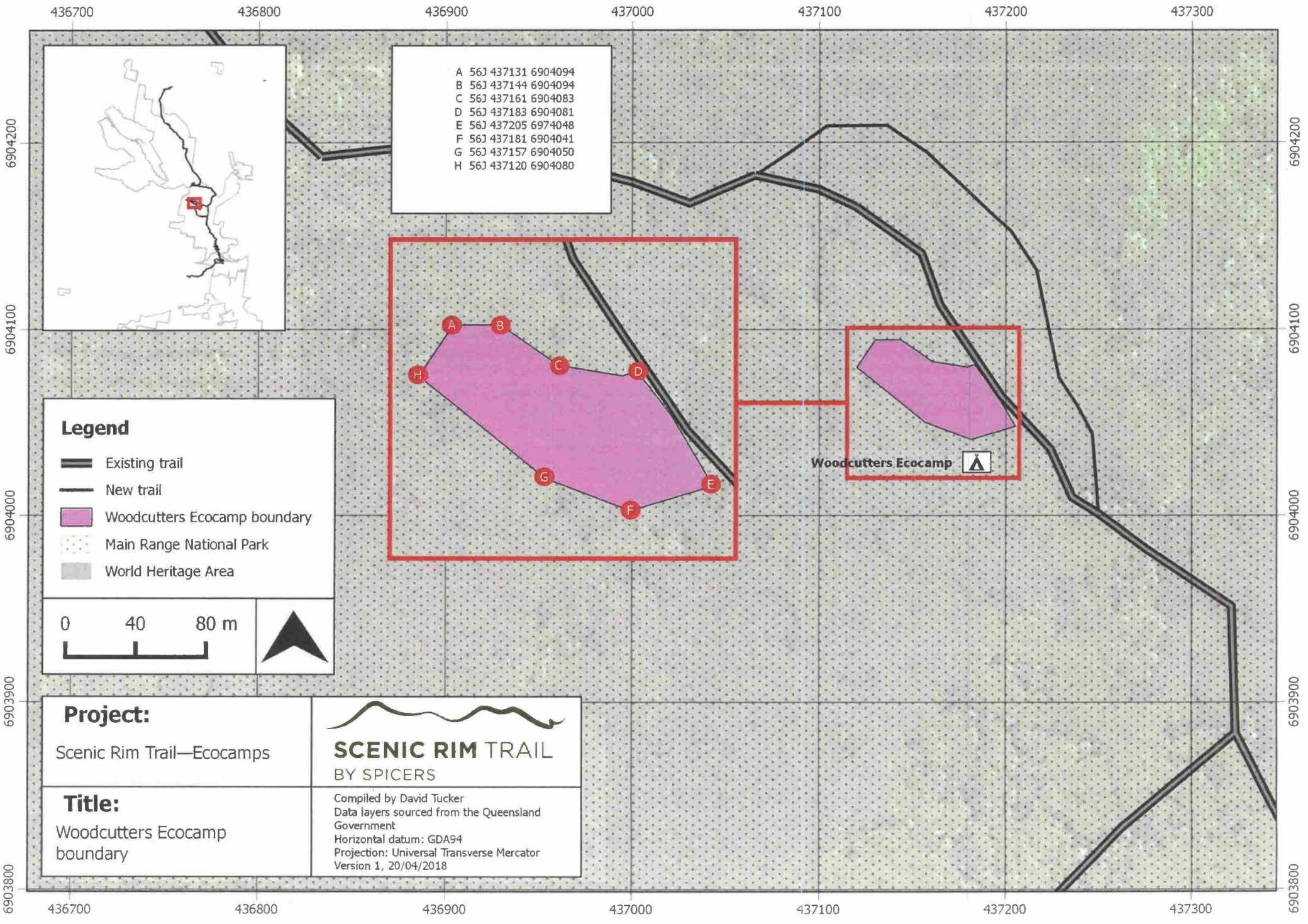

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Existing trail
New trail
Dalrymple Creek
Watercourse
Main Range National Park
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Project:
Fleay's Barred Frog habitat mapping
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Attachment 2

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Attachment 2: Maps of the Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp boundary and Woodcutters Ecocamp boundary


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Lookout
Legend
Existing trail
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Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp boundary
Main Range National Park
World Heritage Area
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Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp
Project:
Scenic Rim Trail—Ecocamps
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BY SPICERS
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Version 2, 01/02/2020

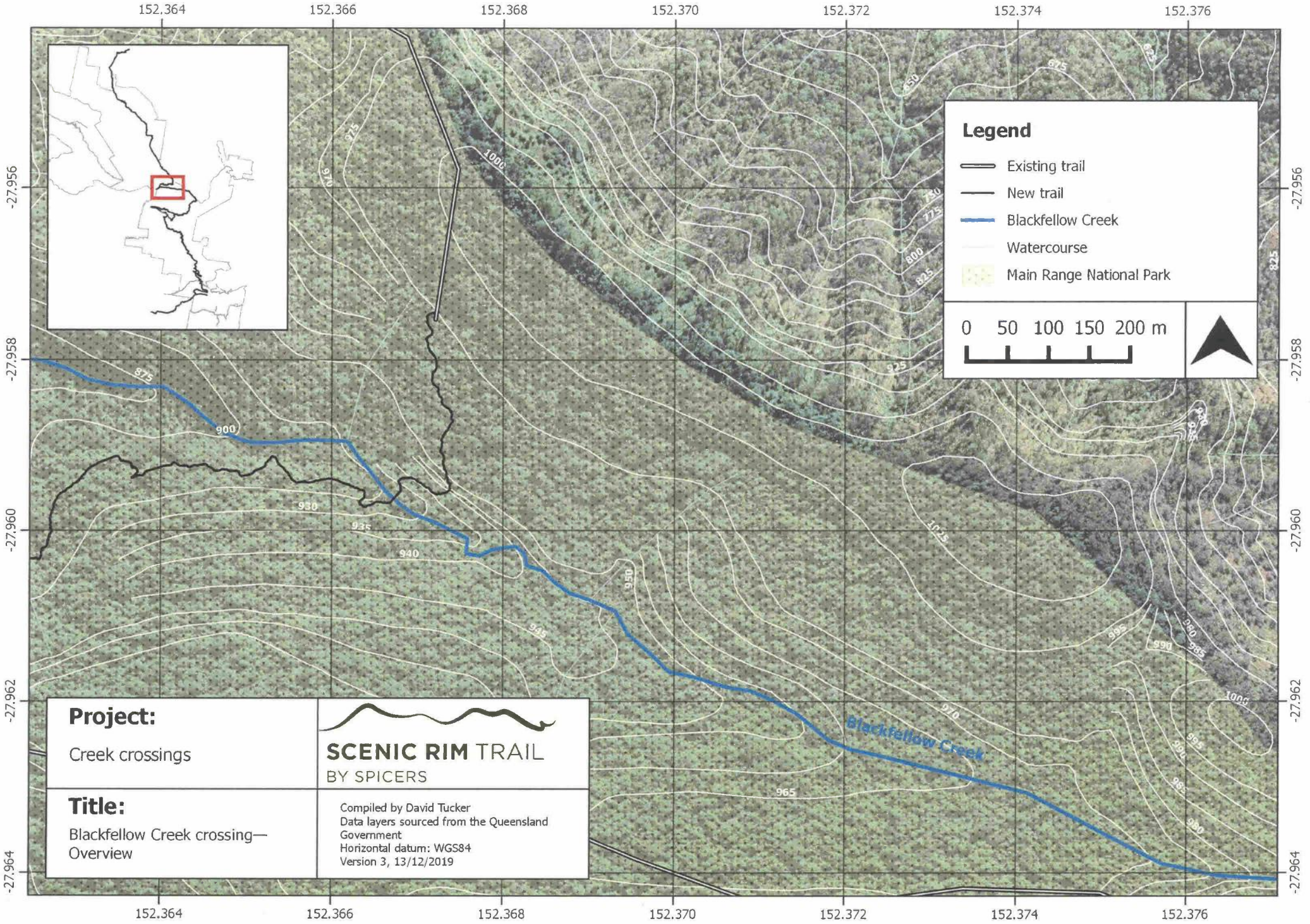

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Woodcutters Ecocamp
Legend
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New trail
Woodcutters Ecocamp boundary
Main Range National Park
World Heritage Area
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80 m
Project:
Scenic Rim Trail—Ecocamps
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BY SPICERS
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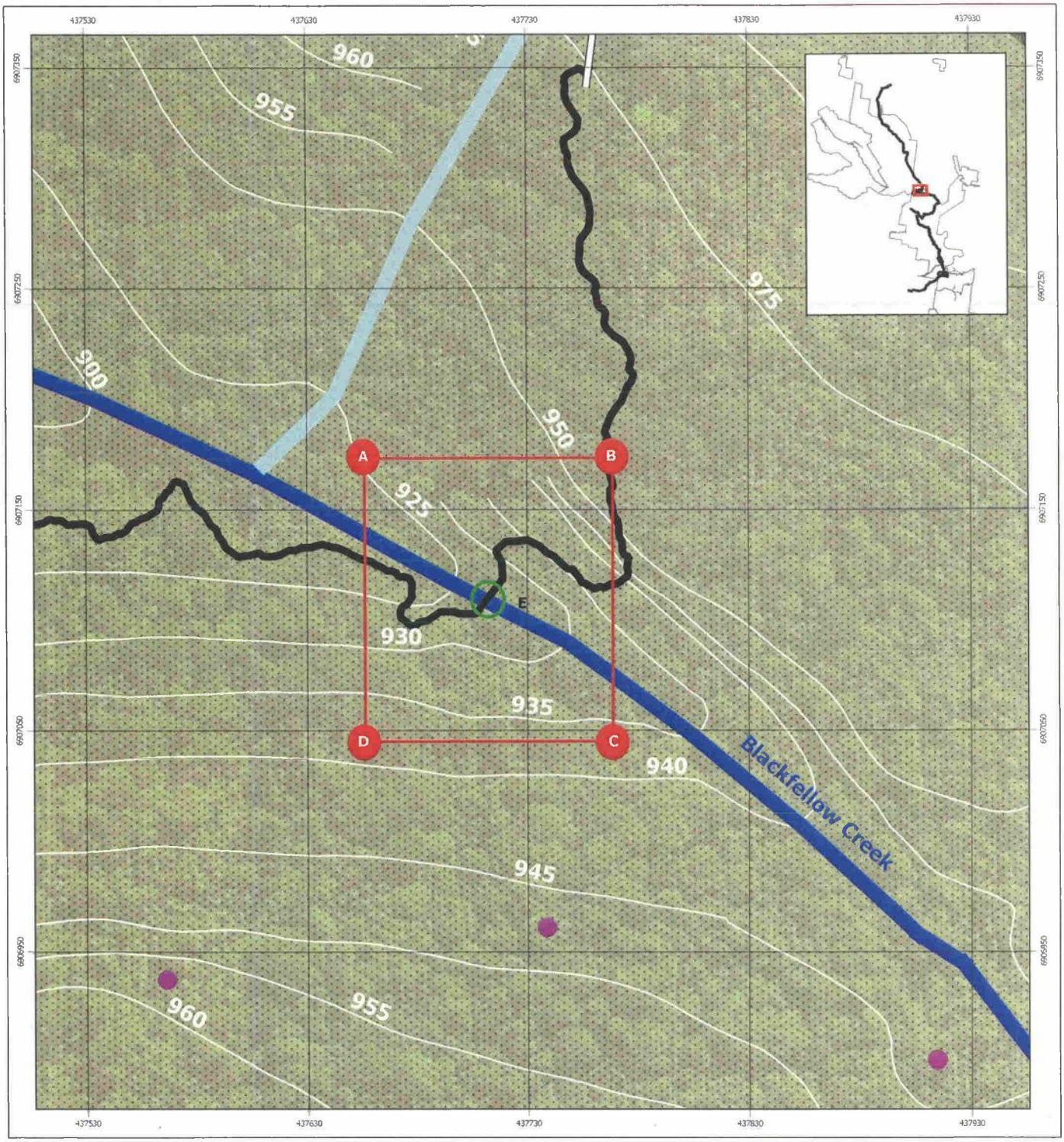
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Attachment 3: Maps of Scenic Rim Trail-Blackfellow Creek Crossing

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Blackfellow Creek
Watercourse
Main Range National Park
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Blackfellow Creek
Project:
Creek crossings
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BY SPICERS
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Blackfellow Creek crossing—
Overview
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Data layers sourced from the Queensland Government
Horizontal datum: WGS84
Version 3, 13/12/2019

Scenic Rim Trail—Blackfellow Creek Crossing



Legend

- Proposed new walking trail
- Existing QPWS trail
- Blackfellow Creek
- Watercourse
- Dry drainage line
- Main Range National Park

A: 56J 437650 6907185
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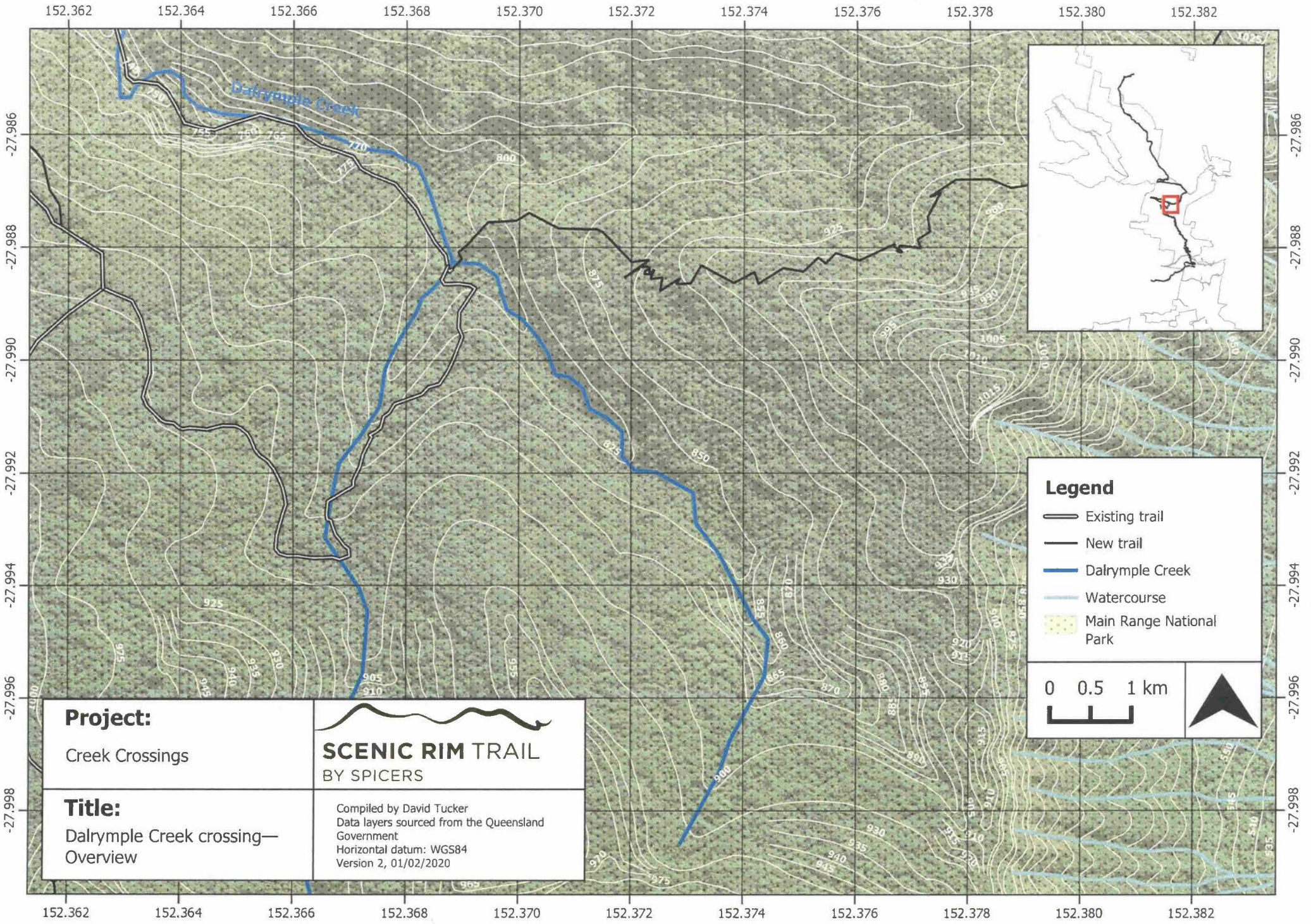
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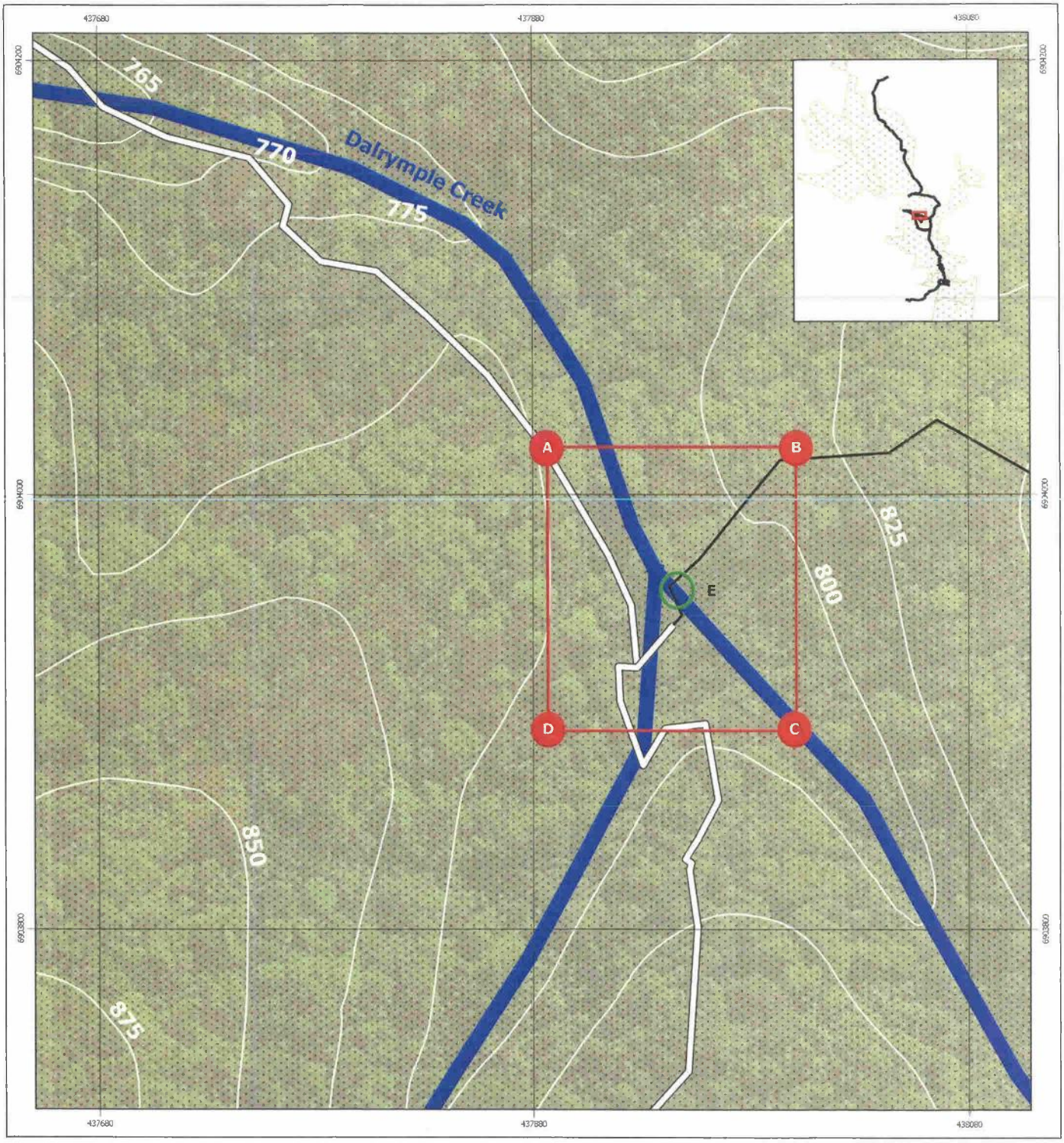
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Dalrymple Creek
Watercourse
Main Range National Park
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Title:
Dalrymple Creek crossing—Overview
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Version 2, 01/02/2020

Scenic Rim Trail—Dalrymple Creek Crossing



Legend

- Proposed new walking trail
- Existing QPWS trail
- Watercourse
- Main Range National Park

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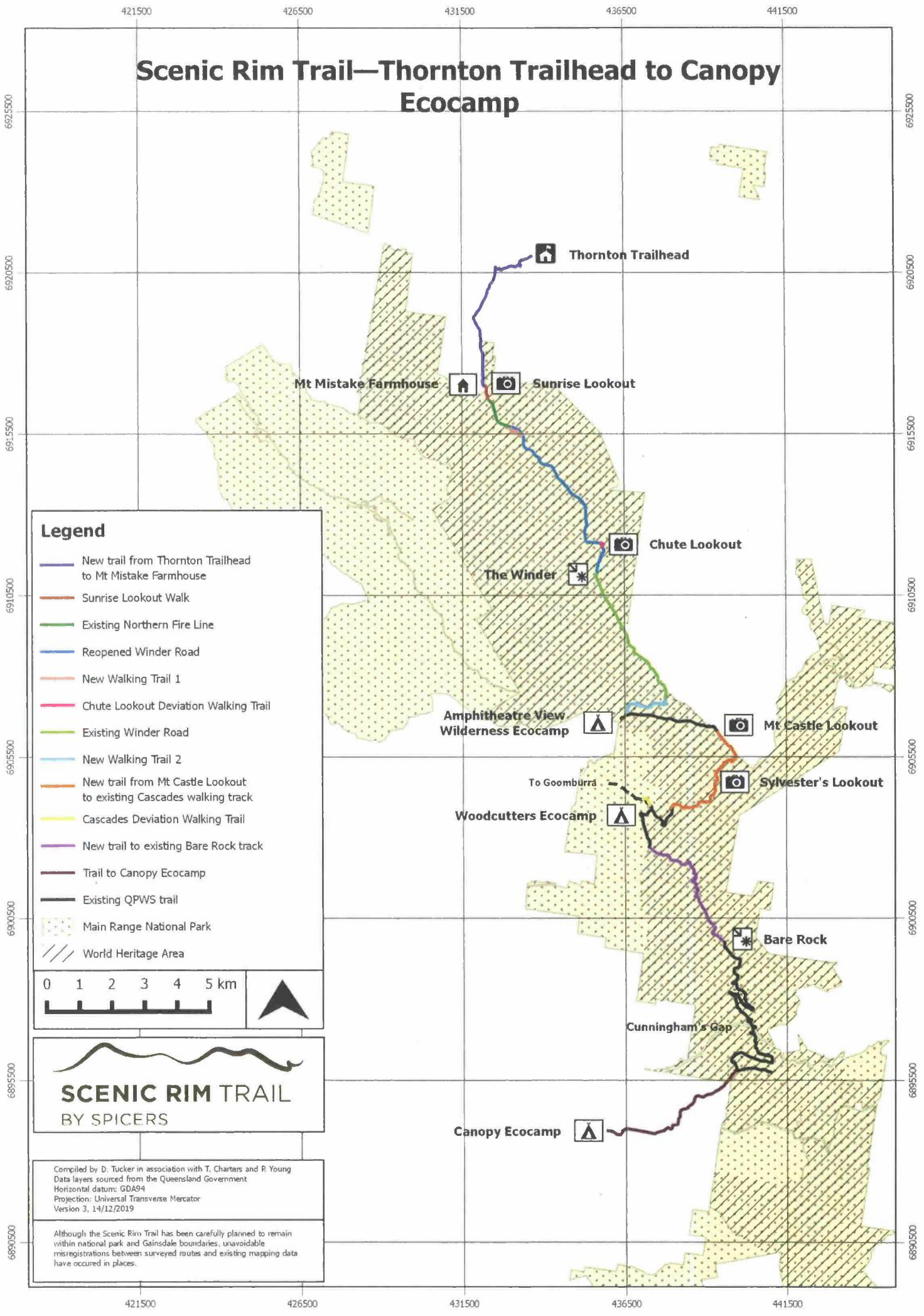
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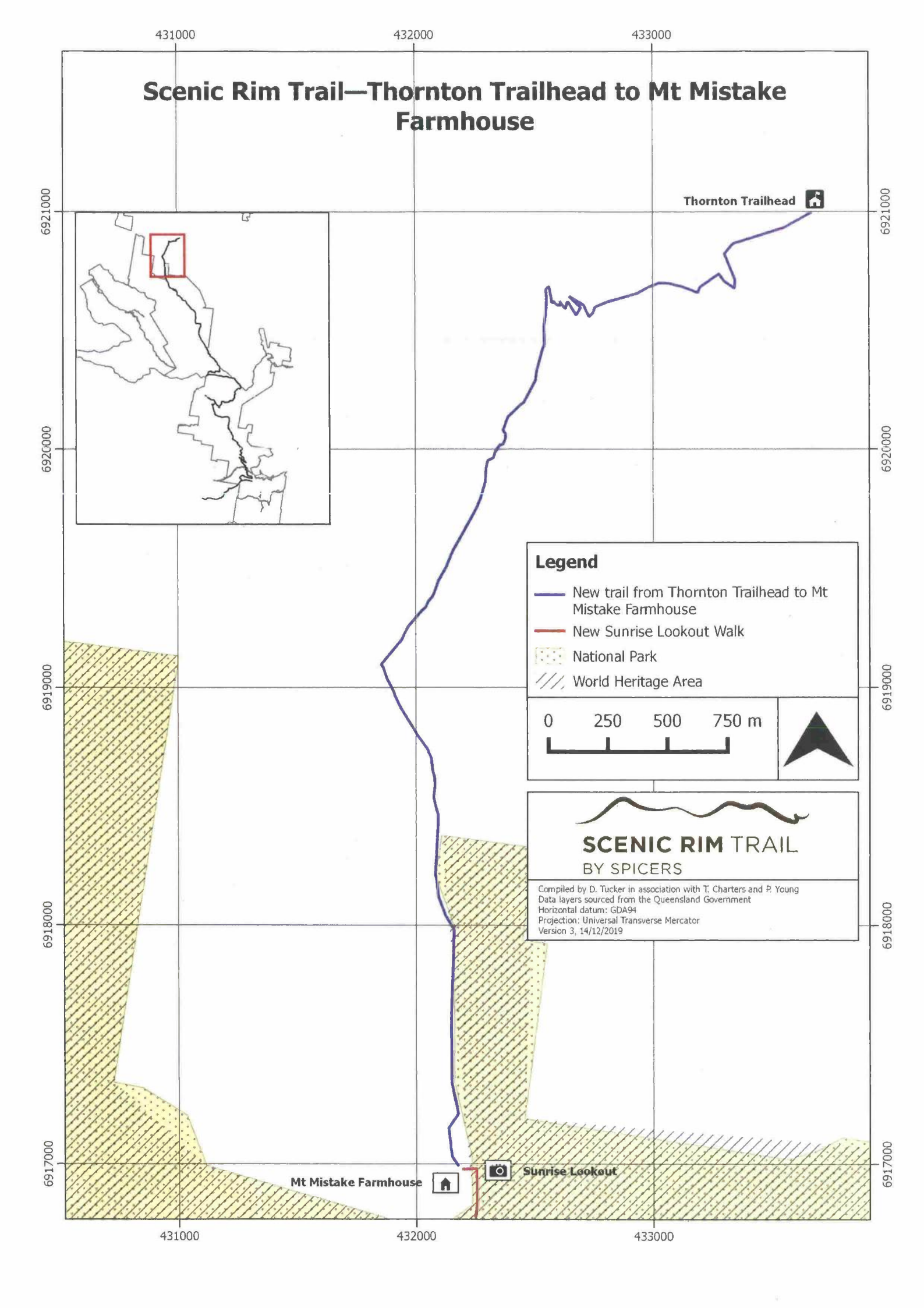
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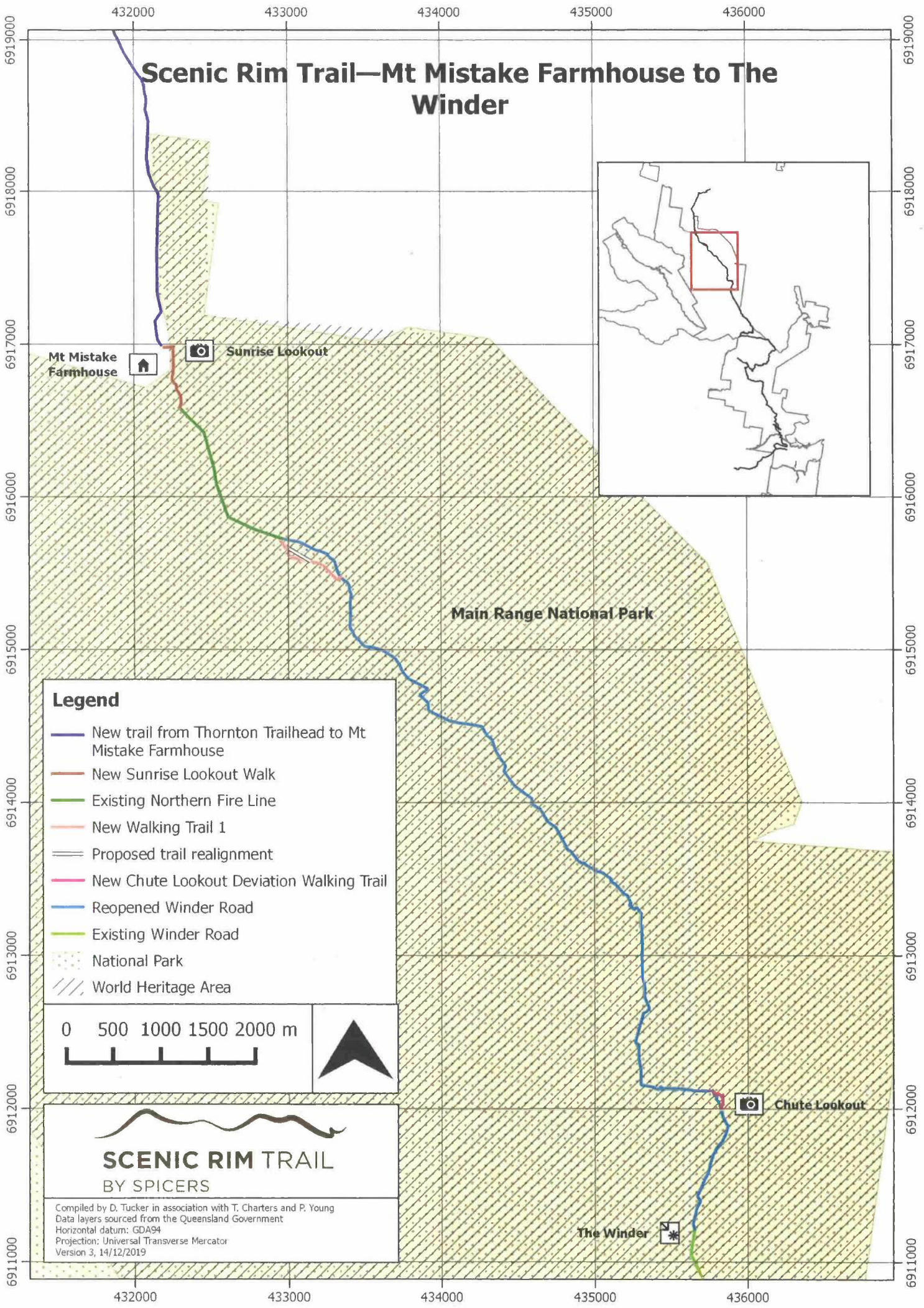
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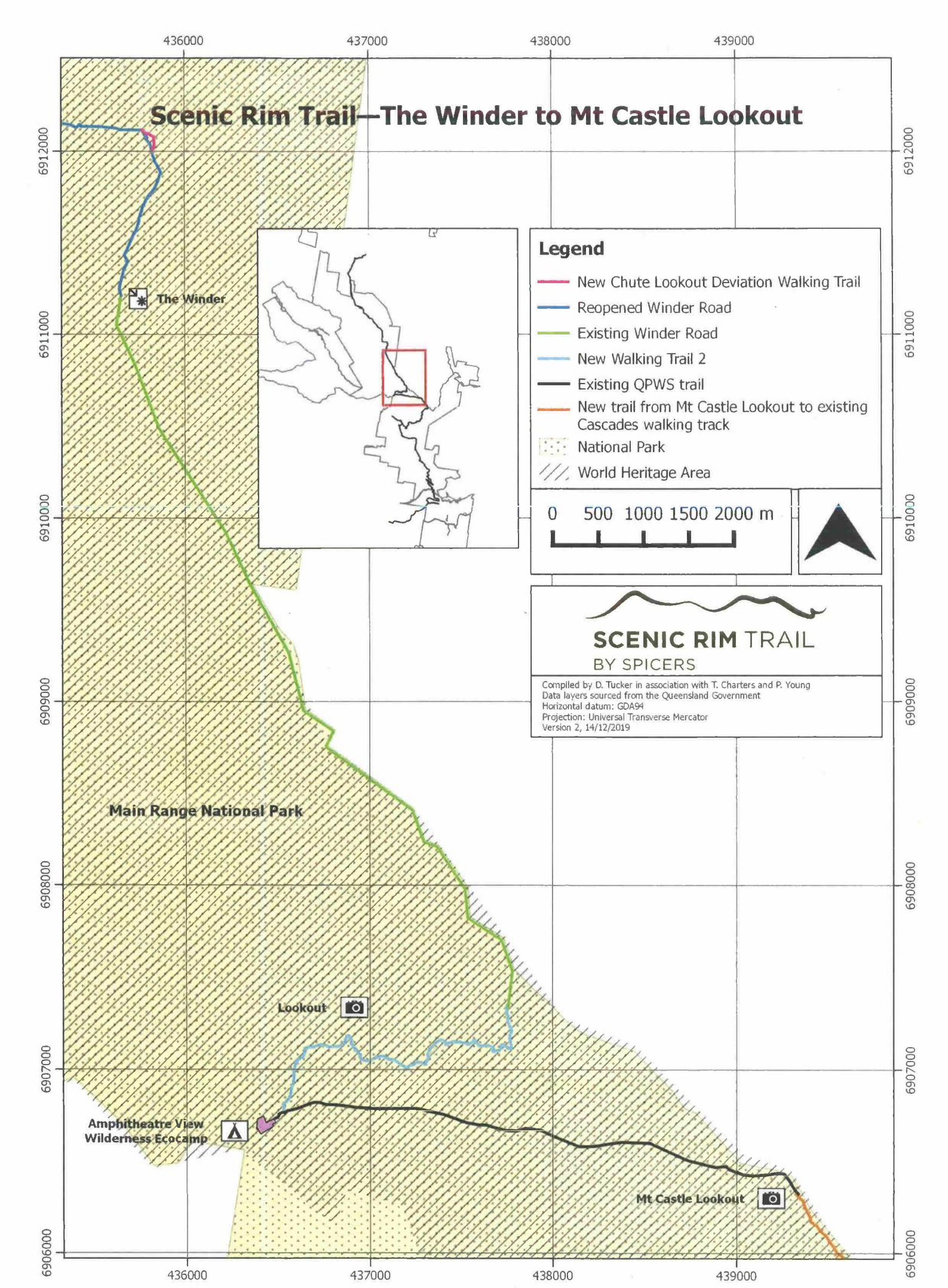
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Thornton Trailhead
Mt Mistake Farmhouse
Sunrise Lookout
Chute Lookout
The Winder
Amphitheatre View Wilderness Ecocamp
Mt Castle Lookout
To Goomburra
Sylvester's Lookout
Woodcutters Ecocamp
Bare Rock
Cunningham's Gap
Canopy Ecocamp
Legend
New trail from Thornton Trailhead to Mt Mistake Farmhouse
Sunrise Lookout Walk
Existing Northern Fire Line
Reopened Winder Road
New Walking Trail 1
Chute Lookout Deviation Walking Trail
Existing Winder Road
New Walking Trail 2
New trail from Mt Castle Lookout to existing Cascades walking track
Cascades Deviation Walking Trail
New trail to existing Bare Rock track
Trail to Canopy Ecocamp
Existing QPWS trail
Main Range National Park
World Heritage Area
0 1 2 3 4 5 km
SCENIC RIM TRAIL
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Data layers sourced from the Queensland Government
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Although the Scenic Rim Trail has been carefully planned to remain within national park and Gainsdale boundaries, unavoidable misregistrations between surveyed routes and existing mapping data have occured in places.

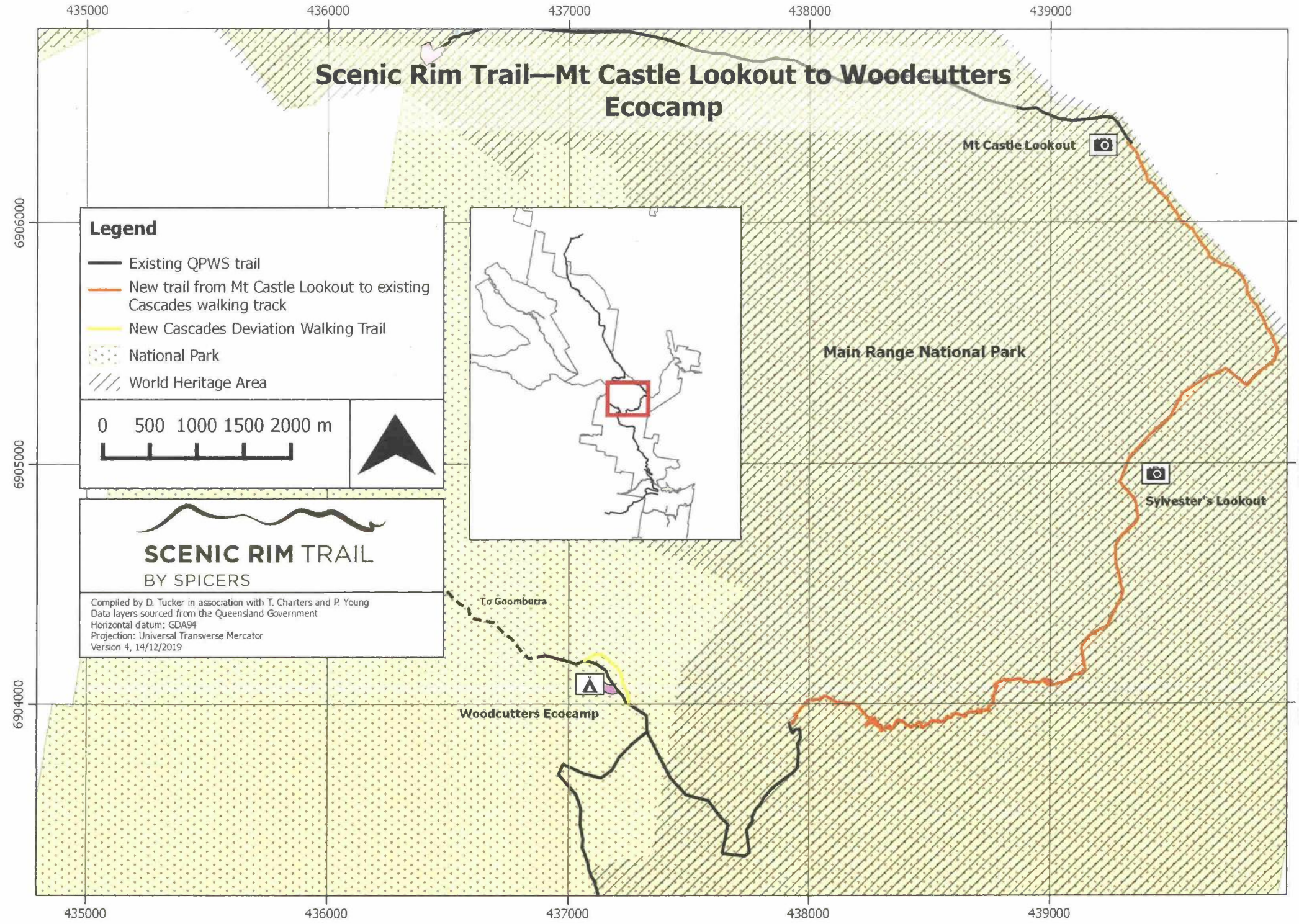
Scenic Rim Trail—Thornton Trailhead to Mt Mistake Farmhouse



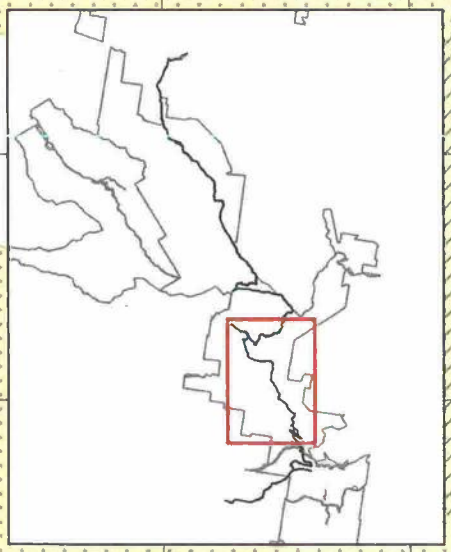

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Mt Mistake Farmhouse
Sunrise Lookout
Main Range National Park
Chute Lookout
The Winder
Legend
New trail from Thornton Trailhead to Mt Mistake Farmhouse
New Sunrise Lookout Walk
Existing Northern Fire Line
New Walking Trail 1
Proposed trail realignment
New Chute Lookout Deviation Walking Trail
Reopened Winder Road
Existing Winder Road
National Park
World Heritage Area
0 500 1000 1500 2000 m
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Scenic Rim Trail—The Winder to Mt Castle Lookout
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The Winder
Main Range National Park
Lookout
Amphitheatre View
Wilderness Ecocamp
Mt Castle Lookout
Legend
New Chute Lookout Deviation Walking Trail
Reopened Winder Road
Existing Winder Road
New Walking Trail 2
Existing QPWS trail
New trail from Mt Castle Lookout to existing Cascades walking track
National Park
World Heritage Area
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Scenic Rim Trail—Mt Castle Lookout to Woodcutters Ecocamp



Scenic Rim Trail—Woodcutters Ecocamp to Cunningham's Gap



Woodcutters Ecocamp

Main Range National Park

Bare Rock

Cunningham's Gap

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Legend

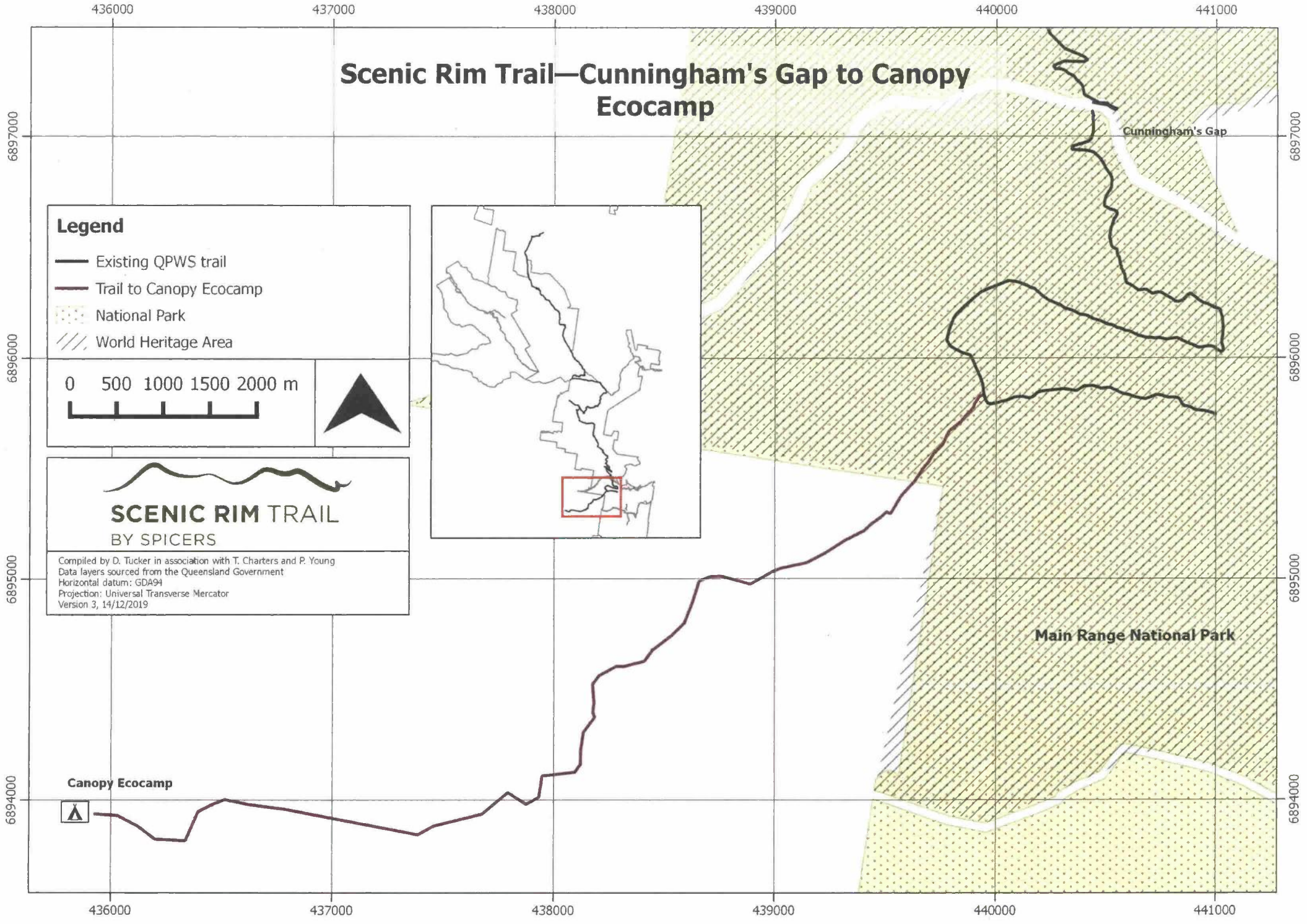
- New trail from Mt Castle Lookout to existing Cascades walking track
- Existing QPWS trail
- New Cascades Deviation Walking Trail
- New trail to existing Bare Rock track
- National Park
- World Heritage Area

0 500 1000 1500 2000 m

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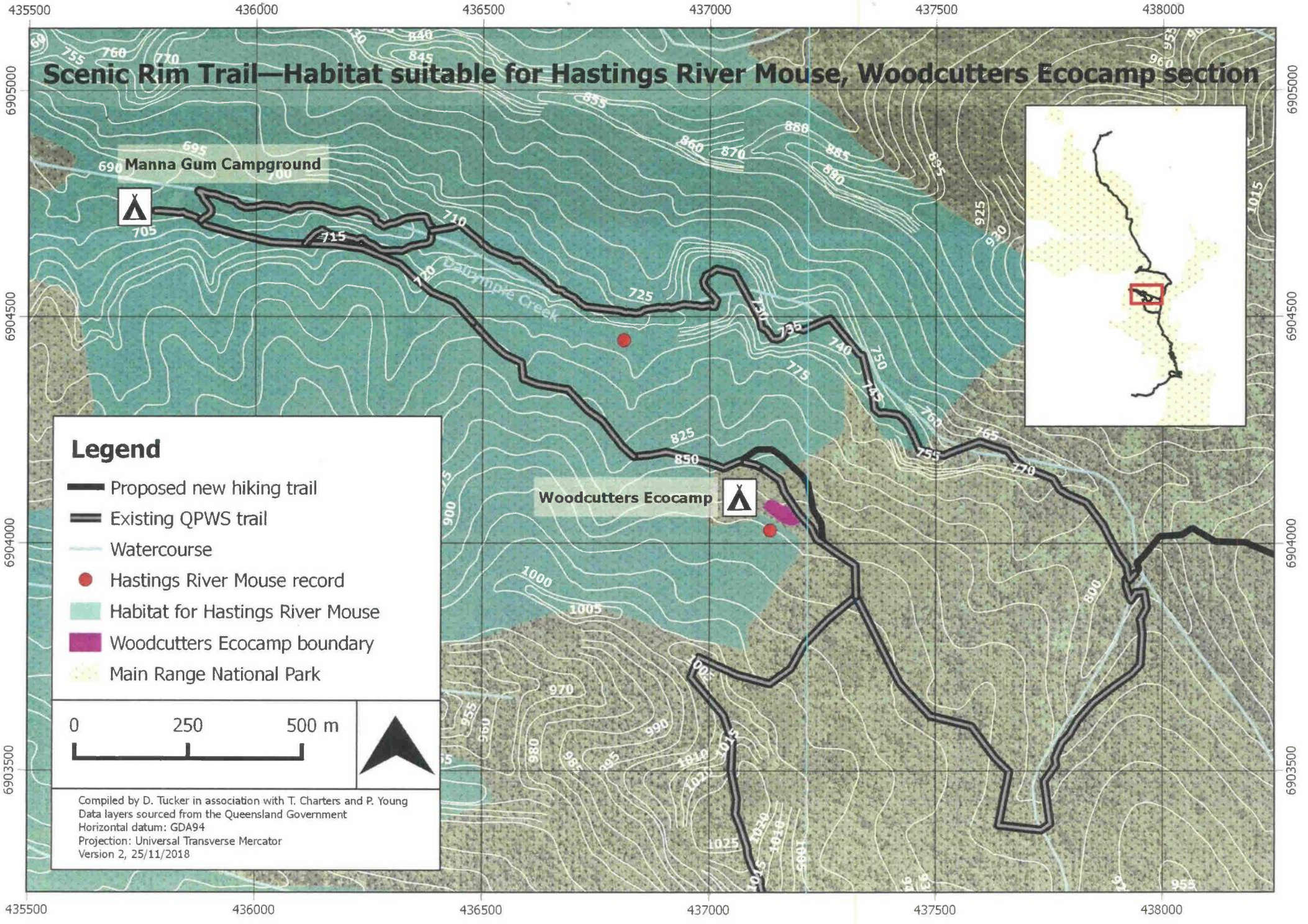
Scenic Rim Trail—Cunningham's Gap to Canopy Ecocamp

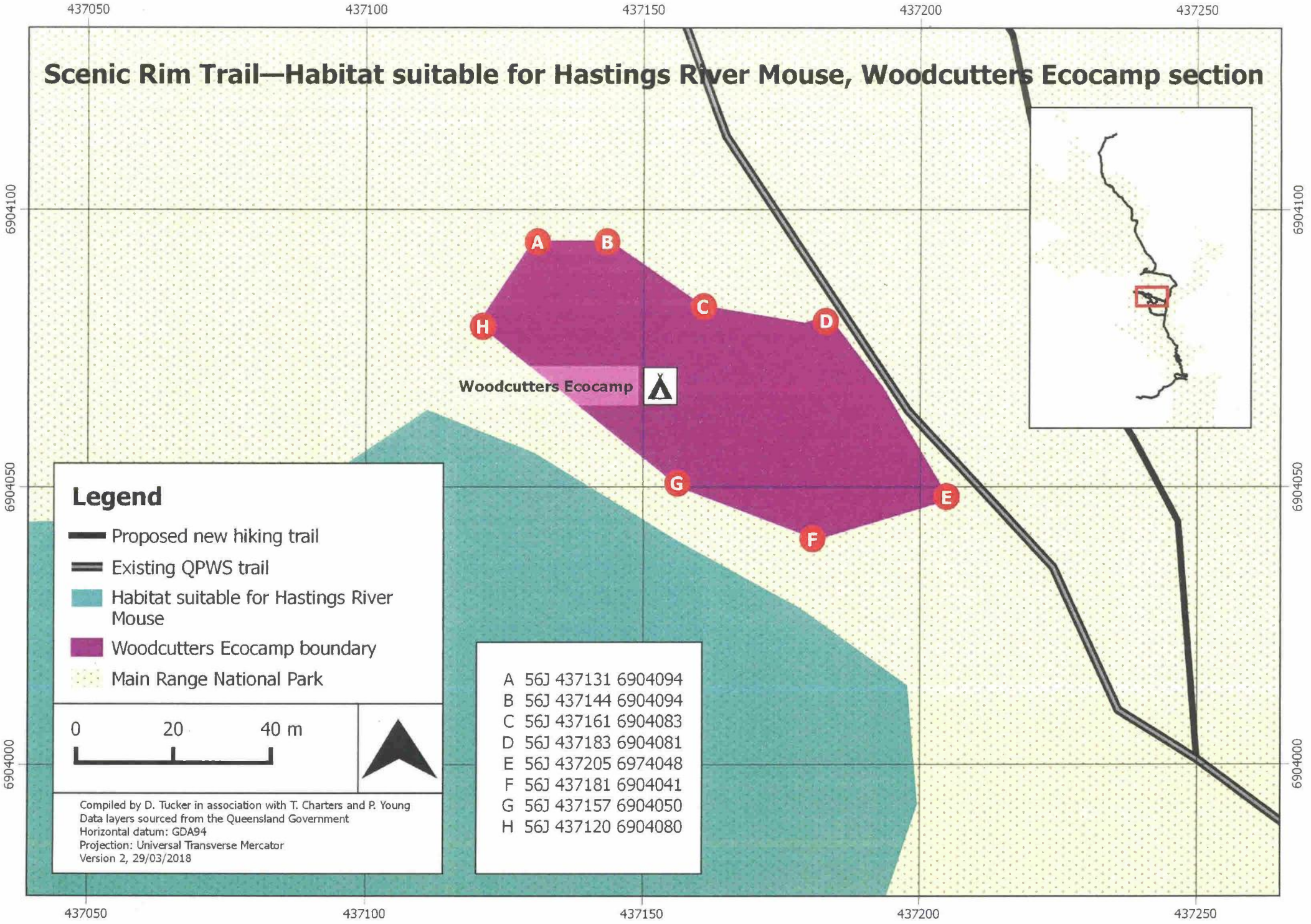


Attachment 6

As varied on the date of this decision

Attachment 6: Maps of suitable habitat for the Hastings River Mouse near Woodcutters Ecocamp


Scenic Rim Trail—Habitat suitable for Hastings River Mouse, Woodcutters Ecocamp section
435500
436000
436500
437000
437500
438000
6905000
6904500
6904000
6903500
Manna Gum Campground
Woodcutters Ecocamp
Dalrymple Creek
Legend
Proposed new hiking trail
Existing QPWS trail
Watercourse
Hastings River Mouse record
Habitat for Hastings River Mouse
Woodcutters Ecocamp boundary
Main Range National Park
0
250
500 m
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Scenic Rim Trail—Habitat suitable for Hastings River Mouse, Woodcutters Ecocamp section
437050
437100
437150
437200
437250
6904100
6904050
6904000
A
B
C
D
E
F
G
H
Woodcutters Ecocamp
Legend
Proposed new hiking trail
Existing QPWS trail
Habitat suitable for Hastings River Mouse
Woodcutters Ecocamp boundary
Main Range National Park
0
20
40 m
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A 56J 437131 6904094
B 56J 437144 6904094
C 56J 437161 6904083
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