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ACRONYMS

The following acronyms, defined in Table 1, have been used throughout this Plan.

Table 1: Acronyms

Acronym	Definition
BMS	Business Management System
Cwlth	Commonwealth of Australia
DoEE	Department of the Environment and Energy
DWER	Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (formerly Office of the Environmental Protection Authority)
EMS	Environmental Management System
EPA	Environmental Protection Authority
EPA Services of the DWER	Environmental Protection Authority Services of the DWER
EP Act	Environmental Protection Act 1986
EPBC	Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999
GIS	Geographical Information Systems
HSE	Health Safety and Environment
LUC	Land Use Certificate
MS	Ministerial Statement
PaWS	Parks and Wildlife Service (within the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions)
PIMS	Project Information Management System
RASCI	Responsible Accountable Supported Consulted Informed Model



1. INTRODUCTION

Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) is an integrated business comprised of mine, rail and port operations based in the Pilbara region of Western Australia, with its head office located in Perth.

Detailed background information regarding the timing and nature of Fortescue's environmental approvals under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA), the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (Cwlth), details of the location and nature of current operations, environmental information relevant to these locations and plans for future expansion are contained in Appendix 1 and 2.

1.1 Requirement for Management Plan

The Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan (this Plan) is required by State and Commonwealth Government Ministers as part of development approval for Fortescues Iron Ore related infrastructure in the Pilbara approved under *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (WA):

- State Government approvals:
 - MS 690 Pilbara Iron Ore & Infrastructure Project: Port & North-South Railway (Stage A).
 - MS 899 (as amended by MS962 & 1010) Cloudbreak Life of Mine.
 - MS 1033 Christmas Creek Mine, East-West Railway and Mindy Mindy Mine
 - o MS 1062 Solomon Iron Ore Project Sustaining Production
 - Eliwana Mine and Rail Project (Currently under Public Environmental Review under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA).
- Commonwealth Government approvals:
 - EPBC 2005/2205 Cloudbreak Open Pit Iron Ore Mine.
 - EPBC 2010/5513 Additional Rail Infrastructure between Herb Elliot Port Facility and Cloudbreak Mine Site.
 - EPBC 2010/5567 Solomon Iron Ore Project.
 - EPBC 2013/7055 Christmas Creek Iron Ore Mine expansion project.
 - EPBC 2014/7275 Solomon Iron Ore Project Sustaining Production (submitted).

The State and Commonwealth Government approval conditions relevant to this Plan, and how they are addressed by this Plan, are detailed in Appendix 3.





The conditioned environmental objectives and targets for fauna management are outlined in Table 2.

In accordance with the EPA's *Instructions on how to prepare Environmental Protection Act 1986 Part IV Environmental Plans*, a Schedule has been developed for approval conditions relevant to this Plan under MS 1033 (Appendix 6), MS 1062 (Appendix 7) and Eliwana Mine and Rail Project currently under Public Environmental Review under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (Appendix 8).

1.2 Environmental Management Plan Provisions

The following Ministerial Statements contain management-based conditions for terrestrial fauna management at Fortescue controlled sites:

- Condition 7 of MS 690 (MS690) Pilbara Iron Ore & Infrastructure Project: Port & North-South Railway (Stage A).
- Condition 10 of MS 899 (MS899 as amended by MS962 & 1010)— Cloudbreak Life of Mine.
- Condition 6 and 8 of MS 1033 (MS1033) –Christmas Creek Mine, East-West Railway and Mindy Mine
- Condition 7 and 12 of MS 1062 (MS 1062) Solomon Iron Ore Project Sustaining Production.

1.3 Objective and Scope

This Plan addresses EPA's objective for the key environmental factor Terrestrial Fauna: "To protect terrestrial fauna so that biological diversity and ecological integrity are maintained."

The objective of this Plan is to identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna species and develop management and monitoring measures that maximize the ongoing protection and long term conservation of these species within and adjacent to Fortescue controlled sites¹.

This plan addresses management issues relevant to conservation significant fauna within Fortescue controlled sites as defined in Section 1.4 of this Plan.

¹ Fortescue controlled site means sites that are under the legislative control of Fortescue including exploration sites, sites under construction, operational sites (sites that are managed and operated by Fortescue and sites that are managed by Fortescue but operated by contractors) and the Perth offices.





The conditioned environmental objectives and targets for fauna management are outlined in Table 2.



Table 2: Conditioned environmental management objectives/ requirements and measures/targets

Approval	Condition Type	Conditioned Environmental Objectives/Requirements ²	Measure/ Target
MS690 Condition 7	Management	Condition: Conduct fauna surveys prior to ground-disturbing activities and if significant fauna are identified, do not disturb the land surface until significant fauna have been relocated or otherwise appropriately protected in accordance with a Site Fauna Management Plan. Objective 1: Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	100% of conservation significant fauna high risk areas are identified and available in the spatial system
		Objective 2: Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	No direct mortality to recorded conservation significant fauna within their recorded habitats as a result of ground disturbance activities within the project area. No direct loss to recorded conservation significant fauna habitat within the project area that is not approved ³ for disturbance.
		Objective 3: Where species presence and critical habitat has been confirmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring programs to detect any impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats	No statistically significant ⁴ decline in the relative abundance of conservation significant species across impact sites compared to reference sites. OR Conservation significant species recorded within the area of impact for the project continue to have an ongoing presence. ⁴
MS 899 Condition 10	Management	Objective 1: Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	100% of conservation significant fauna risk areas are identified and available in the spatial system.

² Under EPBC 2005/2205, EPBC 2010/5513, EPBC 2010/5567, EPBC 2012/6530. EPBC 2013/7055 - there are no conditioned environmental objectives

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³ Approved refers to an approval issued under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the *Mining Act 1978* or the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

⁴ When conservation significant species have been recorded in low densities during previous surveys, they may not have adequate population numbers to allow statistical comparison over time. Analytical test and power levels will be set at appropriate levels to detect change in spatial distribution and relative abundance of low density species. Where records are still inadequate, only ongoing presence will be measured to demonstrate compliance with Objective 3.



Approval	Condition Type	Conditioned Environmental Objectives/Requirements ²	Measure/ Target
		Objective 2: Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	No direct mortality to recorded conservation significant fauna within their recorded habitats within the project area as a result of ground disturbance activities.
			No direct loss to recorded conservation significant fauna habitat that is not approved ³ for disturbance within the project area.
		Objective 3: Where species presence and critical habitat has been confirmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring programs to detect any impacts on conservation significant fauna	No statistically significant ⁴ decline in the relative abundance of conservation significant species across impact sites compared to reference sites.
		and their critical habitats	OR
			Conservation significant species recorded within the area of impact for the project continue to have an ongoing presence. ⁴
MS 1033 Condition 8	Management	Condition: Minimise direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna species and their habitat, including but not limited to the Pilbara Olive Python, Northern Quoll, Greater Bilby, Night Parrot and migratory birds.	100% of conservation significant fauna risk areas are identified and available in the spatial system.
		Objective 1 : Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	
		Objective 2: Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	No direct mortality to recorded conservation significant fauna within their recorded habitats within the project area as a result of ground disturbance activities.
			No direct loss to recorded conservation significant fauna habitat within the project area that is not approved ³ for disturbance.
		Objective 3: Where species presence and critical habitat has been confirmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring programs to detect any impacts on conservation significant fauna	No statistically significant ⁴ decline in the relative abundance of conservation significant species across impact sites compared to reference sites.
		and their critical habitats	OR
			Conservation significant species recorded within the area of impact for the project continue to have an ongoing presence. ⁴





Approval	Condition Type	Conditioned Environmental Objectives/Requirements ²	Measure/ Target
MS 1062 Condition 12	Management	Condition: Minimise direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna species and their habitat, including, but not limited to the Pilbara Olive Python, Northern Quoll, and Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat. Objective 1: Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	100% of conservation significant fauna risk areas are identified and available in the spatial system.
		Objective 2: Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	No direct mortality to recorded conservation significant fauna within their recorded habitats within the project area as a result of ground disturbance activities. No direct loss to recorded conservation significant fauna habitat
			within the project area that is not approved ³ for disturbance.
		Objective 3: Where species presence and critical habitat has been confirmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring programs to detect any impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats	No statistically significant ⁴ decline in the relative abundance of conservation significant species across impact sites compared to reference sites. OR
			Conservation significant species recorded within the area of impact for the project continue to have an ongoing presence. ⁴
Eliwana Mine and Rail	Management	Condition: Minimise direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna species and their habitat	100% of conservation significant fauna risk areas are identified and available in the spatial system.
		Objective 1: Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	
		Objective 2: Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	No direct mortality to recorded conservation significant fauna within their recorded habitats within the project area as a result of ground disturbance activities.
			No direct loss to recorded conservation significant fauna habitat within the project area that is not approved ³ for disturbance.
		Objective 3: Where species presence and critical habitat has been confirmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring	No statistically significant ⁴ decline in the relative abundance of conservation significant species across impact sites compared to reference sites.

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Approval	Condition Type	Conditioned Environmental Objectives/Requirements ²	Measure/ Target
		programs to detect any impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats	OR Conservation significant species recorded within the area of impact for the project continue to have an ongoing presence. ⁴



1.4 Definition of Conservation Significant Fauna

'Conservation significant fauna' and 'threatened fauna' are defined as those listed as critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable or migratory under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act 1999* or as a Schedule species in accordance with the *Wildlife Conservation Act 1950*.

Species of national conservation significance listed under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act* 1999 (EPBC Act) are classified as:

- Critically Endangered If, at that time, it is facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild in the immediate future.
- Endangered If, at that time, it is not critically endangered and is facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild in the near future.
- Vulnerable If, at that time, it is not critically endangered or endangered, and is facing a high risk of extinction in the wild in the medium-term future.
- Migratory:
 - migratory species which are native to Australia and are included in the appendices to the Bonn Convention (Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals Appendices I and II);
 - migratory species included in annexes established under the Japan-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (JAMBA) and the China-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (CAMBA); and
 - o native, migratory species identified in a list established under, or an instrument made under, an international agreement approved by the Minister, such as the Republic of Korea-Australia Migratory Bird Agreement (ROKAMBA).

Four classes (Schedules 1-4) of rare and endangered fauna are recognised under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. Three other classes (Schedules 5-7) recognised under the Act are relevant to this plan. These are:

- Schedule 1: Fauna that is rare or likely to become extinct as critically endangered fauna (CR).
- Schedule 2: Fauna that is rare or likely to become extinct as endangered fauna (EN).
- Schedule 3: Fauna that is rare or likely to become extinct as vulnerable fauna (VU).
- Schedule 4: Fauna presumed to be extinct (EX).
- Schedule 5: Migratory birds protected under an International Agreement (IA).





- Schedule 6: Fauna that is of special conservation need as conservation dependent fauna (CD).
- Schedule 7: Other specially protected fauna (OS).

For the purposes of this Plan, conservation significant fauna have been limited to terrestrial vertebrate fauna species that meet the criteria above and have been recorded within Fortescue controlled sites or where monitoring requirements have been specified in State and/or Commonwealth approval conditions – see Table 3 ⁵. This Table is correct at the time of writing and will be updated when the Plan is reviewed (see Section 8 of the Plan) to reflect any changes in conservation significant species identified within Fortescue controlled sites.

⁵ Table 3 is current at the time of finalising Revision 3 of this plan. This Table will be updated outside of this plan's review period to reflect any new conservation significant species identified during project surveys or ongoing monitoring activities.





Table 3: Conservation Significant Fauna Species Recorded in Fortescue Controlled Sites

Class	Genus	Species	Subspecies	Common Name	EPBC Act 1999	Wildlife Conservation Act 1950	Cloudbreak	Christmas Creek	Solomon	Mainline Rail (including duplication)	Hamersley Rail	Eliwana Rail	Eliwana Mine
Aves	Pezoporus	occidentalis		Night Parrot	EN	CR	Recorded	MS1033 ⁶		EPBC 2010/5513 ⁶			
Mammalia	Dasyurus	hallucatus		Northern Quoll	EN	EN	Recorded	MS1033 ⁶	Recorded	Recorded	Recorded		Recorded
Mammalia	Rhinonicteris	aurantia		Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat	VU	VU	Recorded ⁷		Recorded ⁷	EPBC 2010/5513 ⁶		Recorded	Recorded
Mammalia	Macrotis	lagotis		Greater Bilby	VU	VU	EPBC 2005/2205 ⁶	Recorded		Recorded			
Reptilia	Liasis	olivaceus	barroni	Pilbara Olive Python	VU	VU		Recorded	Recorded	EPBC 2010/5513 ⁶	Recorded		Recorded
Aves	Falco	hypoleucos		Grey Falcon		VU	Recorded			Recorded	Recorded		
Aves	Apus	pacificus		Fork-tailed Swift	М	Sc5 - M			Recorded				Recorded
Aves	Tringa	Glareola		Wood Sandpiper	MI	Sc5 - M		Recorded		Recorded			
Aves	Tringa	nebularia		Common Greenshank	MI	Sc5 - M		Recorded		Recorded			
Aves	Actitis	hypoleucos		Common Sandpiper	MI	Sc5 - M				Recorded			

⁶ This species has not been recorded and is not likely to occur within Fortescue sites however MS 1033 and/or Controlled Actions, EPBC 2010/5513, 2005/2205, and EPBC 2010/5706 requires management and/or monitoring strategies to be implemented.

⁷ This species has been recorded foraging within Fortescue Controlled Sites but no roosting or nesting sites have been recorded and as a result no management and monitoring strategies will be implemented.



Class	Genus	Species	Subspecies	Common Name	EPBC Act 1999	Wildlife Conservation Act 1950	Cloudbreak	Christmas Creek	Solomon	Mainline Rail (including duplication)	Hamersley Rail	Eliwana Rail	Eliwana Mine
Mammalia	Macroderma	gigas		Ghost Bat	VU	Sc3 - VU		Recorded	Recorded	Recorded		Recorded	Recorded
Aves	Falco	peregrinus		Peregrine Falcon ⁸		Sc7 - FRSP	Recorded	Recorded	Recorded	Recorded	Recorded		



1.5 Legislation and Regulatory Framework

Fortescue employees and contractors are obliged to comply with all relevant environmental Commonwealth and State legislation. Legislation directly relevant to the management of conservation significant fauna in Western Australia is provided in Table 4.

Table 4: Commonwealth and State Legislation Relating to Conservation Significant Fauna

Legislation	Application
Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act 2007 (WA)	Prevention of new animal and plant pests and diseases from entering the State and management of and limitation to the spread of those pests and diseases already present.
Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016	Conservation and protection of biodiversity and biodiversity components. This Act repeals parts of the Wildlife Conservation Act 1950.
Conservation and Land Management Act 1984 (WA)	Provides for the vesting or reservation of land for conservation purposes, and the ability to enter into agreements with private landholders and pastoral lessees. It establishes a number of statutory bodies including the Conservation Commission of Western Australia.
Environmental Protection Act 1986 (WA)	State environmental impact assessment and Ministerial approval process.
Wildlife Conservation Act 1950 (WA)	State process that assesses the conservation significance of fauna species and forms the framework for significant species protection.
Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (Cwlth)	Assesses the conservation significance of fauna species and forms the framework for significant species protection at the Federal level.

The following standards and guidelines are also of relevance to this Plan:

- EPBC Act referral guidelines for the endangered northern quoll, <u>Dasyurus hallucatus</u>.
 EPBC Act Policy Statement 3.25. Australian Government, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (2011).
- EPBC Act Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Bats, Guidelines for Detecting Bats Listed as Threatened Under the EPBC Act 1999. Australia Government. Department of Water, Heritage and the Arts (2010).
- EPBC Act Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Birds, Guidelines for Detecting Birds as Threatened Under the EPBC Act 1999. Australian Government. Department of Water, Heritage and the Arts (2010). (Note, for Night Parrot refer to the Night Parrot recovery team's survey methods: https://nightparrot.com.au/index.php/advice/)
- EPBC Act Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Frogs, Guidelines for Detecting Frogs Listed as Threatened Under the EPBC Act 1999. Australian Government.
 Department of Water, Heritage and the Arts (2010).
- EPBC Act Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Fish, Guidelines for Detecting Fish Listed as Threatened Under the EPBC Act 1999. Australian Government, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (2011).



- EPBC Act Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Mammals, Guidelines for Detecting Mammals Listed as Threatened Under the EPBC Act 1999. Australian Government, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (2011).
- EPBC Act Referral guidelines for the endangered northern quoll, <u>Dasyurus hallucatus</u>.
 EPBC Act Policy Statement 3.25. Australian Government, Department of the Environment (2016)
- EPBC Act Survey Guidelines for Australia's Threatened Reptiles, Guidelines for Detecting Reptiles Listed as Threatened Under the EPBC Act 1999. Australian Government, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities (2011).
- Guidance Statement No.56 Terrestrial Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessments in Western Australia. West Australian Government, Environmental Protection Authority, (2004).
- Guidelines for surveys to detect the presence of bilbies, and assess the importance of habitat in Western Australia, Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions (2017).
- Pilbara Northern Quoll Regional Project, Surveying and monitoring <u>Dasyurus hallucatus</u> in the Pilbara. West Australian Government, Department of Parks and Wildlife (2014).
- Technical Guide Terrestrial Vertebrate Fauna Surveys for Environmental Impact Assessment. Technical Report of the Environmental Protection Authority and the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) Edited by B.M. Hyder, J. Dell and M.A. Cowan. September 2010.
- Terrestrial Biological Surveys as an Element of Biodiversity Protection. Position Statement No. 3. West Australian Government, Environmental Protection Authority, (2002).



2. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All Fortescue employees and contractors are required to comply with the requirements of this Plan.

Accountability for fulfilling the requirements of this Plan is dependent on the stage of project development (construction, operations, decommissioning) and the project type (port, rail or mine).

During construction stages, whether activities are undertaken by an external service provider or internal Fortescue personnel, the Project Director (Port/ Rail or Mine) will be accountable for ensuring the requirements of this Plan are met.

During operational, decommissioning and closure stages, the General Manager (Port/ Rail or Mine) will be accountable for ensuring the requirements of this Plan are met.

Where responsibilities are delegated, this must be clearly recorded and communicated.

In Section 4 specific Management Actions have been attributed to the appropriate personnel.

When site specific Conservation Significant Fauna Management Programs are developed to support this Plan, the RASCI framework should be utilised to delegate roles, responsibilities, and review and approval levels. RASCI is used to denote:

R-Responsible Those who do the work to achieve the task.

A-Accountable Those who are ultimately accountable for the completion of the deliverable or task and the one to whom the Responsible person is accountable.

S-Supportive Resources allocated to the Responsible person and who will also assist in completing the task.

C-Consulted Those whose opinions are sought, two-way communication.

I-Informed Those whom are kept informed, one-way communication.



3. ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

A series of environmental management objectives have been developed to mitigate environmental impacts on conservation significant fauna that could potentially be caused by Fortescue's activities (exploration, construction, operation and decommissioning). These are:

- 1. Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats¹ within Fortescue controlled sites,
- 2. Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna within Fortescue controlled sites,
- 3. Where species presence and/or critical habitat ⁹ has been confirmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring programs to detect any impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats.

For each objective, management actions have been developed to ensure the impacts from Fortescue's operations are managed, and that appropriate monitoring, reporting and corrective action functions are implemented to support the successful implementation of the management actions.

The key elements of the environmental management process associated with each objective are described in Table 5.

Table 5: Description of Key Elements of Environmental Management Process to Achieve Identified Objectives

Element	Definition/Description
Objective	What is intended to be achieved?
Management Action	Tasks undertaken to enable the objective to be met.
Performance Indicators	Metrics for evaluating the outcomes achieved by Management Action.
Reporting/Evidence	Demonstrates that the Management Action has been applied and the outcome evaluated.
Timing	Period during which the Management Action should be undertaken.
Responsibility	Accountability for ensuring management action is completed. The responsible role is dependent on project timing.

The key management actions, performance indicators, evidence, timing and responsibilities for each objective are provided in Table 6.

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⁹ Critical habitat are areas with a high biodiversity value (IUCN, 2017). For the purposes of this plan are, critical habitat for conservation significant fauna species has been determined as being denning habitat areas for Northern Quolls, roosting areas for Pilbara Leaf-nosed and Ghost Bats, burrowing areas for Greater Bilbys, shelter areas for Pilbara Olive Pythons, nesting areas for Conservation significant bird species.



3.1 Managing Environmental Risk

Fortescue actively manages risk by undertaking an Annual Environmental Impact Risk Review. Although the review considers all environmental risks, there is a focus on the inherently moderate to high risk impacts. The review considers the effectiveness of management actions that are currently in place for these impacts. The review also considers any relevant incidents that may have occurred, if the actions from incident investigations have translated into new management actions, and generally considers the need for any new management actions to ensure lower risk targets can be achieved.

Appendix 5 provides details as to the relationship between key conservation significant fauna risk impacts and the management actions currently in place. (Namely, the management actions that are detailed in Table 6, under Objective 2).



Table 6: Key management actions for Conservation Significant Fauna Management in Fortescue Controlled Sites

Objective 1	Identif	y the potentia	direct and indi	rect impacts	on conserva	ation significant fauna and their critical habitats within	n Fortescue Controlled Sites			
Reference	Site Lo	ocation				Management Action	Performance Indicators	Reporting/Evidence	Timing	Responsibility
	Rail	Christmas Creek	Cloudbreak	Solomon	Eliwana					
1.1	Х	Х	х	Х	Х	Undertake targeted fauna surveys in accordance with applicable EPA and DoEE guidance (outlined in Section 1.6 of this Plan) to determine presence or absence of conservation significant fauna.	 Fauna surveys undertaken in accordance with applicable EPA and DoEE guidance. GIS and PIMS updated 	Survey ReportsApproval documentationGIS datasetPIMS records	Design	Manager, Environmental Approvals
1.2	Х	Х	Х	х	Х	Where conservation significant fauna presence has been recorded undertake mapping surveys, where data is not available, to determine relevant species critical habitat and if future monitoring is required.	 Mapping survey completed of species critical habitat GIS and PIMS updated Future monitoring defined 	Survey ReportsGIS datasetPIMS recordMonitoring planned	Operations	Group Manager, Environment
.3	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Conduct a risk assessment to identify high risk areas where conservation significant fauna species and critical habitat have been identified and potential impacts are likely.	Risk assessment conducted to identify high risk areas where conservation significant fauna species and critical habitat have been identified and potential impacts are likely. High risk areas identified See management target in Table 2	Risk assessment outcomes / report	Design/ Construction/ Operation	Manager Environmental Approvals/ Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager
1.4	X	X	X	X	Х	Conduct a desktop fauna assessment for LUC ¹⁰ applications for construction and operational activities when a Level 2 fauna survey (EPA, 2004) of the area has been previously conducted. When a Level 2 survey has not been conducted and conservation significant fauna have been identified during the desktop assessment ensure a fauna survey is conducted in accordance with EPA and DoE guidance (outlined in Section 1.6 of this Plan) and reassess accordingly.	Desktop fauna assessment for LUC conducted prior to disturbance	 Survey Reports Approval documentation Desktop Assessment 	Development/ Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Sit HSES Manager

¹⁰ An internal permit system required to undertake on-ground activities.



Reference	Site Loc	cation				Management Action	Performance Indicators	Reporting/Evidence	Timing	Responsibility
	Rail	Christmas Creek	Cloudbreak	Solomon	Eliwana					
2.1	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Ensure staff and contractors are provided with appropriate training to ensure conservation significant fauna and associated critical habitat are protected.	 Inductions completed Pre-start meetings informed. Role dependent training completed 	Induction materials and register of attendees Record of Pre-start meetings Training materials/ registers	Development/ Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager
2.2	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Prior to conducting ground disturbance activities, ensure known locations of conservation significant fauna and their associated critical habitat and buffers are identified and management measures are implemented.	 LUC obtained Management measures implemented Groundwater and Surface water management measures implemented where required Weed management measures implemented where required See management targets in Table 2 	Completed LUC Annual Compliance Reporting	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager
2.3	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Ensure drainage infrastructure location and design aligns with the risk assessment outcomes to minimise interference and disruption of natural surface water flows that support conservation significant fauna habitat.	 Location and design of drainage infrastructure aligns with risk assessment outcomes where possible See Action 3.4 of this table. 	Risk assessment Monitoring reports	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager
2.4	Х	X	Х	X	Х	When conservation significant fauna species have been recorded in proposed impact areas within associated habitat, and the records have been verified through survey activities undertaken in the last five years, ground-truth the area and similar habitats within the area. Where individual animals are present implement mitigation measures, including the relocation of fauna, prior to disturbance.	Impact areas where fauna has been recorded within associated habitat are assessed prior to ground disturbance BMS/GIS updated PaWS consulted and mitigation measures implemented Number of fauna successfully relocated See management targets in Table 2	BMS record GIS Table Annual Compliance Reporting Consultation records	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager
2.5			X	X		Direct lighting onto active construction and operational areas to minimise the potential for light overspill resulting in fauna disturbance, injuries or deaths.	 Light overspill mitigation measures incorporated where required No evidence of fauna disturbance, injury or death from light overspill Pre-start meetings informed. 	Incident reports in BMS Toolbox meeting minutes Record of Pre-start meetings	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Manager Mining
2.6	Х	Х	Х	X	X	Prior to conducting ground disturbance activities, ensure known locations of priority weed populations are identified and management measures to minimise the potential for weed spread are included in the LUC.	Degradation of fauna habitat minimised Weed populations and management measures are identified in the LUC	Completed LUC	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager

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Reference	Site Loc	ation				Management Action	Performance Indicators	Reporting/Evidence	Timing	Responsibility
	Rail	Christmas Creek	Cloudbreak	Solomon	Eliwana					
2.7		X	х	х	X	Fauna management measures, including exclusion or exit/egress structures, to minimise potential impacts to conservation significant fauna, are in place: • For mining infrastructure that poses a fauna entrapment and drowning risk (including storage ponds, operational mine void water and tailings storage areas). • When conducting excavation or trenching activities.	See management targets in Table 2 No mortality of conservation significant fauna:	BMS record Annual Compliance Reporting	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Manager Mine Services or Manager Technical Services/ Site HSES Manager
2.8		Х	X	Х	Х	Develop and implement a Feral Animal Control Program to effectively manage and control feral animals within Fortescue controlled sites to minimise impacts on conservation significant fauna.	No significant increase in feral animal records from sightings and road transect counts Awareness material included in site induction programs All opportunistic feral animal sightings are registered in BMS	Annual Compliance Reporting	Construction/ Operation/ Decommissioning	Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager
2.9		Х	Х	×	Х	To minimise the potential for dust deposition on vegetation on conservation significant fauna habitat, implement relevant dust suppression measures within identified high risk areas.	Dust suppression measures implemented Vegetation Health Monitoring Program includes dust	 Annual Compliance Reporting Monitoring report 	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Manager Mining
2.10		Х	Х	Х	Х	When constructing a fire break or carrying out a prescribed burn where conservation significant fauna and habitat have been identified, adhere to the requirements outlined in the: • LUC • Local shire's Firebreak Notice issued under the Bush Fire Act 1954 • Permit to Burn issued by the local Bushfire Control Officer and the Burn Prescription that is developed.	Fire breaks undertaken to the requirements of the Firebreak Notice Prescribed burns undertaken to the requirements of Permit to Burn and the Burn Prescription Fire breaks and prescribed burns are undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the LUC	Relevant permits Notice from the local authority Correspondence with relevant Pastoral Lessee Completed LUC	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager
2.11	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	To minimise the potential for fauna injuries or deaths, implement appropriate traffic mitigation measures such as speed limit restrictions and the prohibition of off-road driving.	Appropriate signage in areas identified as high-risk areas Awareness programs delivered	Incident reports in BMSStaff induction materialsSite notices	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager
2.12		Х	Х	Х	Х	All surface holes drilled for the purpose of resource definition are to be plugged immediately after drilling and sampling to prevent fauna entering the hole.	See management targets in Table 2 Drill holes plugged immediately after drilling and sampling.	Inspection reports	Operation	Manager Mining





Objective 2	Establis	h managemer	nt strategies to	minimise th	e potential	impacts on conservation significant fauna and their	critical habitats within Fortescue Controlled Sites			
Reference	Site Location					Management Action	Performance Indicators	Reporting/Evidence	Timing	Responsibility
	Rail	Christmas Creek	Cloudbreak	Solomon	Eliwana					
2.13	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Where a conservation significant fauna injury or death has occurred as a result of Fortescue Operations, internally report, investigate the incident and notify PaWS. Update management actions, where required, to inform an adaptive management approach.	Incident reported in BMSIncident investigatedNotify regulator	BMS incident record Annual Compliance Reporting	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager
2.14	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Conduct progressive rehabilitation of disturbed areas no longer required for operations prioritising areas with known conservation significant fauna and associated habitat.	with known conservation significant fauna and associated	Annual Compliance Reporting GIS table and BMS record	Exploration Development/ Operation/ Decommissioning/ Closure	Manager Exploration/ Manager Mining



3	wnere s	species preser	nce and/or critic	cal habitat 11	has been co	onfirmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develo	o monitoring programs to detect any impacts on co	onservation significant fauna and their	critical habitats.	
Reference	Site Loc	ation				Management Action	Performance Indicators	Reporting/Evidence	Timing	Responsibility
	Rail	Christmas Creek	Cloudbreak	Solomon	Eliwana					,
.1	X	X	X	X	X	Undertake a baseline conservation significant fauna survey prior to the first monitoring event where possible to: Document conservation significant fauna populations within impact and reference sites Identify the baseline for existing conservation significant fauna populations at impact and reference sites Compare conservation significant fauna populations between potential impact and reference sites (and/or regional PaWS monitoring sites where available).	 Baseline survey undertaken for all monitoring sites Baseline survey undertaken prior to the first monitoring event where possible Baseline survey undertaken in accordance with the Technical Guide (EPA, 2016) 	Baseline monitoring reports	Construction/ Operation	Construction: Project Manager Operations: Grou Manager, Environment
.2	Х	Х	Х	Х	X	Where populations of conservation significant fauna listed under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> or the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> have been recorded in Fortescue controlled sites and critical habitat has been identified, implement a Conservation Significant Fauna Monitoring Program.	 Conservation significant fauna and critical habitat identified Monitoring Program developed and implemented Where monitoring identifies the absence of conservation significant fauna, an independent review (see Section 5.2.9) of the monitoring results is undertaken. See management targets in Table 2 	Monitoring Reports Annual Compliance Reporting	Construction/ Operation/ Decommissioning/ Closure	Group Manager, Environment
3	Х	X	X	Х	Х	When monitoring indicates a potential impact on conservation significant fauna, implement contingency actions defined in Table 11 and any reporting requirements defined in Section 9.3. Update this Plan where required, to inform an adaptive management approach to fauna management across the business using the approach detailed in Section 7.	 Corrective actions implemented Reporting requirements met Plan updated where required See management targets in Table 1 	Monitoring reportsReporting recordsUpdated Plan	Construction/ Operation	Corrective Actions: Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager Reporting and Plan Update: Group Manager Environment
.4	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Implement the vegetation health monitoring program as defined in the Vegetation Health Monitoring and Management Plan to detect any impacts on conservation values of conservation significant fauna critical habitat.	See Vegetation Health Monitoring and Management Plan (includes groundwater and surface water monitoring requirements)	Vegetation Health Monitoring reports	Construction/ Operation/ Decommissioning/ Closure	Group Manager, Environment

¹¹ Critical habitat are areas with a high biodiversity value (IUCN, 2017). For the purposes of this plan are, critical habitat for conservation significant fauna species has been determined as being denning habitat areas for Northern Quolls, roosting areas for Pilbara Leafnosed and Ghost Bats, burrowing areas for Greater Bilbys, shelter areas for Pilbara Olive Pythons, nesting areas for Conservation significant bird species.

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4. MONITORING GUIDELINES

A conservation significant fauna monitoring program is required to measure the effectiveness of the broad management actions outlined in this Plan. The outcomes of the monitoring program for each site will contribute to ongoing improvements in management actions to ensure an adaptive management approach is adopted.

4.1 Objectives

The overall objective of Fortescue's fauna monitoring program is to monitor and measure the success of management actions to minimise impacts on conservation significant fauna species and ensure compliance with applicable State and Commonwealth approval conditions.

The guiding objectives of the conservation significant fauna monitoring program include:

- 1. Undertake baseline surveys to determine presence of conservation significant fauna and their critical habitat.
- 2. Where baseline surveys have recorded conservation significant fauna and/or their critical habitat:
 - (a) Measure impacts of Fortescue's activities on conservation significant fauna within Fortescue controlled sites,
 - (b) Monitor and measure spatial and temporal changes in the abundance and distribution of conservation significant fauna within Fortescue controlled sites, and
 - (c) Monitor and measure the success of management measures to inform an adaptive management approach.
 - (d) Conduct an independent expert review of monitoring data every three years to inform monitoring frequency and ongoing monitoring requirements.

Baseline and operational monitoring will be informed by the findings of the monitoring itself as they become available. These findings may similarly lead to ongoing refinements to this Plan and its management strategies to ensure an adaptive management approach is undertaken during Fortescue activities.

Eliwana Mine and Rail monitoring sites will be selected once the project is approved and the mine plan is finalised. The Plan will be updated accordingly.



4.2 **Program Summary**

An effective long-term conservation significant fauna monitoring program may be adaptive. Innovations in monitoring techniques and methods should be incorporated into the program design over time. This would, however, be dependent on, and driven by, the quality and quantity of data collected from each site, coupled with a periodic review of monitoring methods. Further, program design should be based on replicable sampling at impact and reference sites.

The intention of the program is the repeat sampling at the same impact sites throughout the monitoring program. However, if access is prevented due to developments of the mine, changes to land access agreements or similar, sites will be relocated to the nearest suitable location. Any changes will be documented in annual monitoring reports.

Initial baseline survey(s) should be conducted during the pre-construction phase to obtain accurate baseline data on the presence of habitat and species and population and distribution in accordance with the relevant EPBC Act Referral Guidelines (DWHA 2010a, 2010b, 2010c) and DoE (2011a, 2011b, 2011c) and Level 2 terrestrial vertebrate fauna surveys (EPA, 2004 and 2010, Fortescue 2011).

Where baseline survey results are available, monitoring sites should be established at locations where species have been previously recorded (through direct or indirect methods), in suitable habitat and denning/shelter zones outside of direct impact areas (control sites) and in suitable locations within impact areas (impact sites) to allow for replication of results. Critical habitat types for the conservation significant species will be represented in the monitoring program, with a least one monitoring site per representative habitat type where possible.

The timing of monitoring programs for each species is variable and based on the period of highest activity for each species whilst avoiding the reproductive season and undue stress to breeding individuals (see Table 10).

The number and approach to the selection of monitoring sites varies dependent upon the species being monitored.

4.2.1 **Night Parrot Monitoring Sites**

The Night Parrot monitoring program will be revised to align with recommendations outlined in the report by night parrot expert Stephen Murphy "Night Parrot surveys at Fortescue Marsh, Western Australia: Habitat analyses, survey review and recommendations" (Fortescue 2018) and findings from the Night Parrot Research Project.

Monitoring sites will be selected within high priority areas which have been defined by classifying existing vegetation mapping into Night Parrot habitats assigned high, medium or low priority.

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Night Parrot surveys will be undertaken within the optimal survey period defined as 1-3 months following significant rainfall (i.e falls > 1 standard deviation from the mean).

During post wet periods, sites will be selected in high priority areas about 5km apart using automatic recorders for 4-6 nights. During dry periods sites will be approximately 1km apart using the same methods and monitoring effort as post wet periods.

Table 8 has been updated to reflect these recommendations. Spatial data reflecting the priority areas as defined within the report will be used to support future monitoring efforts.

A Night Parrot Monitoring Procedure will be developed to consolidate these research findings. This Procedure will be reviewed by night parrot experts including specialist within the PaWS prior to implementation.

4.2.2 Northern Quoll Monitoring Sites

Northern Quoll monitoring sites (Figure 1) are located in Northern Quoll critical habitat (i.e. breeding and denning habitat) within Fortescue operational sites where the species has been confirmed. This includes 3 sites at Main Line Rail (Figure 2), 3 sites at Hamersley Rail (Figure 3) and 3 sites at Solomon Mine (Figure 5).

At Christmas Creek mine site 3 sites (Figure 4) have been established using non-invasive techniques, due to the absence of confirmed records of the species. Control data is utilised from PaWS regional Northern Quoll monitoring program (i.e. PaWS sites at Indee, Hoopoley and Mt Florance), to which the methods are aligned

4.2.3 Conservation Significant bats (Ghost Bat and Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat) Monitoring Sites

Conservation significant bat monitoring sites (Figure 6) are located in known bat foraging (no critical habitat (i.e. roosting habitat) are believed to occur) within Fortescue operational sites and offsite for reference sites. Twelve impact and twelve reference sites are established at Christmas Creek (Figure 7) mine sites, Main Line Rail (Figure 8) and Solomon Mine (Figure 9). Monitoring sites will be relocated if monitoring results indicate that recording units need to be more targeted (i.e. detection of a roost case for abundance monitoring).

4.2.4 Greater Bilby Monitoring Sites

Great Bilby monitoring methods are aligned to the PaWS regional Bilby monitoring program, and comprise abundance monitoring and occupancy monitoring sites (Figure 10).





Abundance monitoring sites have been established at two known populations, one reference site and one potential impact site at Main Line Rail (Figure 11). Due to the nomadic nature of Greater Bilby populations, these two sites will not be static and will follow the population if they move (as far as practical).

Occupancy monitoring sites are located in potential critical habitat (i.e. burrowing habitat) at Main Line Rail (approx. 40 sites) (Figure 12-15) and Christmas Creek mine site (approx. 30 sites) (Figure 16). These occupancy search sites are not fixed locations, but located throughout the habitat mapping shown these figures.

4.2.5 Pilbara Olive Python Monitoring Sites

Pilbara Olive Python monitoring sites (Figure 17) are positioned in Pilbara Olive Python foraging and critical habitat (i.e. shelter habitat) within Fortescue operational sites and offsite for reference sites. Three impact and three reference sites are established at the Christmas Creek Mine (Figure 18) and Solomon Mine (Figure 19). Vehicle transects are also conducted at each site.

4.2.6 Conservation Significant Birds (excl. Night Parrot) Monitoring Sites

Conservation significant bird (excl. Night Parrot) monitoring sites (Figure 20) are positioned in suitable habitat within Fortescue operational sites and offsite for reference sites. Three impact and three reference sites are established at Cloudbreak and Christmas Creek mine sites (Figure 21), Main Line (Figure 22 and Figure 23), Main Line/ Hamersley Rail Line (Figure 24) and Solomon Mine (Figure 25). To note, Cloudbreak and Christmas Creek share reference sites.

4.2.7 Monitoring Program Implementation

A conservation significant fauna monitoring program will be undertaken annually. The program will be led by appropriately skilled, Pilbara experienced, ecologists who will conduct in-field monitoring, analyse monitoring results and write monitoring reports.

4.2.8 Monitoring parameters and methods

A set of monitoring parameters and methods have been selected to provide broad coverage of potential changes in spatial distribution and relative abundance of conservation significant fauna that can be expected under a range of different mining related impacts. The number of parameters will vary depending on the site specific conditions and the target conservation significant fauna.

A summary of monitoring parameters and methods have been provided in Table 7.





Table 7: Conservation Significant Fauna Monitoring Parameters and Methods

Monitoring Parameter	Method
Individual data/ biometric data	Direct results from trapping and observation monitoring methods
Population	Cumulative results from single season monitoring programs, as well as over annual programs
Habitat characteristics	Observation, habitat mapping, photographs etc.
Meteorological data	Data from Weather Stations installed near monitoring site locations
Environmental threats	Observation, mapping, photographs etc.

Table 8 provides the monitoring parameters to be monitored for each conservation significant fauna species recorded within Fortescue controlled sites.



Table 8: Summary of Conservation Significant Fauna Monitoring

Fauna Species	EPBC Act 1999	Wildlife Conservation Act 1950	Fortescue Sites	Method	Monitoring Parameters	Monitoring Effort 12	Timing
Night Parrot (Pezoporous occidentalis)	CR	CR	Cloudbreak (EPBC 2005/2205, EPBC 2010/5696) Christmas Creek ¹³ (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033)	Non-invasive: Acoustic recording units	Presence Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Minimum Effort (or suitable equivalent) ¹⁴ During post-wet periods, 1 automatic recorder per sampling site within high priority areas for 4-6 nights. Sites are about 5 km apart Dry periods: 1 automatic recorder per sampling site within high priority areas for 4-6 nights. Sites are approximately 1km apart. Methods will be confirmed following outcomes of Night Parrot Research Program, and advice from relevant Night Parrot experts	Post wet season
Northern Quoll (<i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>)	EN	EN	Hamersley Rail Corridor Mainline Corridor Christmas Creek (EPBC 2010/5706) (MS 1033) (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033) Solomon (MS 1062) Eliwana Mine	Non-invasive: Active searches and searches for scats and other signs, motion cameras Invasive: Cage traps and Elliott traps. Replicated control and impact sites.	Individual data/ biometric data Sex Body measurements Health Breeding status/ Reproductive condition Behaviour Area of occupancy Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats Culvert usage	Minimum Effort (or suitable equivalent) Elliott and Cage Traps: in alignment with "Pilbara northern Quoll Project, Surveyed and Monitoring Dasyurus hallacatus in the Pilbara, Western Australia" - (PaWS 2014). Alternative Effort (or suitable equivalent) Active searches and searches for scats and other signs: ten hours per sampling site. Motion cameras: 5 cameras per sampling site. 4 nights Where possible, monitoring will align with DPaW regional monitoring programs.	May to August
Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat (Rhinonicteris aurantia)	VU	VU	Mainline Corridor (EPBC 2010/5513) Hamersley Rail Corridor (EPBC 2010/5567) Solomon (MS 1062) Eliwana Mine Eliwana Rail	SM2Bat recorders	Presence Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	SM2Bat recorders: 1 recorder per sampling site. 12 impacts, 12 control sites. 28 detector nights per sampling site. 7 nights ¹⁵ . Where possible, monitoring will align with PaWS regional monitoring programs (where available).	November to May
Greater Bilby (<i>Macrotis lagotis</i>)	VU	VU	Mainline Corridor (EPBC 2010/5513) Christmas Creek (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033)	Non-invasive: Diurnal monitoring and diurnal searches for tracks and other signs, motion cameras on burrows, spotlighting, hair funnels	Abundance Area of occupancy Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats Culvert Usage	Abundance (where known population) sites: Diurnal monitoring and diurnal searches for tracks and other signs (2 ha sites) Scat collection and genetic analysis to determine population size (2 ha sites) Food plots (3 per site) Remote cameras Occupancy sites: Diurnal monitoring and diurnal searches for tracks and other signs (2 ha sites) Two phase sampling (subset of sites)	No specified time.
						Where possible, monitoring should align with PaWS regional monitoring program.	

¹² Monitoring frequency subject to review. See section 5.2.9

¹⁵ Bat monitoring methods were amended in 2017 following discussion with DBCA. This included decreasing the number of recording units at each site (from 4 to 1), but increasing the number of monitoring sites to improve spatial coverage of the monitoring. Net monitoring effort remains unchanged.



¹³ This species has not been recorded at this site but a condition of a Ministerial Statement or Controlled Action specifies monitoring for this species.

¹⁴ Minimum effort and monitoring methods are in accordance with the recommendations outlined in the Night parrot surveys at Fortescue Marsh: Habitat analyses, survey review and recommendations, Western Australia (Fortescue 2018).



Fauna Species	EPBC Act 1999	Wildlife Conservation Act 1950	Fortescue Sites	Method	Monitoring Parameters	Monitoring Effort 12	Timing
Ghost Bat (Macroderma Gigas)	VU	VU	Cloudbreak Christmas Creek Mainline Corridor (EPBC 2010/5513) Solomon (MS 1062) Eliwana Mine Eliwana Rail	SM2Bat recorders	Presence Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	As a minimum, SM2Bat recorders: 1 recorder per sampling site. 12 impacts, 12 control sites. 28 detector nights per sampling site. 7 nights, until such time that a new method suitable for Ghost Bat monitoring is developed (i.e. scat analysis) Where possible, monitoring will align with PaWS regional monitoring programs (where available).	November to May
Pilbara Olive Python (Liasis olivaceus barroni)	VU	VU	Christmas Creek (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033) Mainline Corridor (EPBC 2010/5513) ¹² Solomon (MS 1062) Eliwana Mine	Searches for signs, spotlighting	Individual data/biometric data Weight Length General body condition Area of occupancy Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Searches for signs: 2 hour search time for each hectare sampling site. 7 nights. Spotlighting: monitor two 200m transects per 5 hectare site, replicate across habitat types in areas > 5 hectares. Repeat same transects for a minimum of two separate nights. 7 nights. Where possible, monitoring will align with PaWS regional monitoring programs.	December to February
Grey Falcon (<i>Falco</i> hypoleucos)		VU	Cloudbreak	Area searches, transect point monitoring	Area of occupancy Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Area searches: 20 minute search time for every 2 hectare sampling site.	December to February
Wood Sandpiper (<i>Tringa glareola</i>)	М	IA	Christmas Creek (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033) Mainline Corridor	Area searches, targeted resource and habitat searches, bird calls	Number of birds Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Area searches: 20 minute search time for every 2 hectare sampling site	December to February
Common Greenshank (<i>Tringa nebularia</i>)	М	IA	Christmas Creek (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033)	Area searches, targeted resource and habitat searches, bird calls	Number of birds Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Area searches: 20 minute search time for every 2 hectare sampling site	December to February
Fork-tailed Swift (Apus pacificus)	M	Sc3	Solomon (MS 1062) Eliwana Mine	Area searches, targeted resource and habitat searches, bird calls	Number of birds Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Area searches: 20 minute search time for every 2 hectare sampling site	December to February



4.2.9 Monitoring Program Review

The overarching monitoring program will be technically assessed and reviewed upon acceptance of this plan¹⁶ and then every three years thereafter. The main objective of the assessment and review will be to ensure that the methods, parameters and frequency used are considerate and appropriate to the findings of the monitoring program. If no triggers are exceeded (detailed in Table 10) after three years, the frequency of monitoring will be reduced to a frequency supported by the review. Where no conservation significant fauna has been recorded over the three-year period the review will determine whether monitoring may cease.

Monitoring sites may need to be adapted over time in response to project impacts.

The assessment and review will be undertaken by an independent Pilbara ecology expert with a relevant tertiary qualification and a minimum 10 years terrestrial Pilbara ecology experience.

Contingency action (Section 5.3) and reporting requirements (Section 6) will be implemented where required.

4.2.10 Data handling and Statistical Analysis

Data will be handled in accordance with the data handling protocol established as part of the annual monitoring tender. The protocol will include the requirements as to data storage and protection, data extraction, quality control, analysis, interpretation, reporting and presentation. The protocol will also directly reference and align with the requirements detailed in *Document Control, Information Management (100-ST-DC-001)* and *Geographic Information Systems and Raw Data Guidelines (100-GU-EN-0009)*.

Statistical analysis of data will be undertaken where data permits. Where data capture allows, analysis will include univariate or multivariate analysis, as deemed appropriate, to determine whether there are any statistical variation in monitoring data.

Monitoring reports will also be provided to the State and Commonwealth Governments as dictated by annual reporting requirements. In addition, the monitoring raw data will be made available to the Western Australian State Government and the Commonwealth Government upon request or where conditioned to provide.

¹⁶ This is primarily due to the fact that a number conservation significant fauna species monitoring programs have been ongoing for over 5 years.





4.3 Contingency Actions

Contingency actions will be initiated during construction, operational and decommissioning activities when an exceedance of a trigger is identified and monitoring indicates that implemented management measures are not successfully mitigating impacts on conservation significant fauna and their supporting habitats and/or the management objectives are not being achieved.

Contingency actions for conservation significant fauna monitoring triggers have been developed to meet requirements under the environmental approvals listed in Table 9 of this Plan.



Table 9: Trigger criteria and associated contingency measures

Approval	Trigger	Contingency Measure
MS690 MS899	 Statistically significant decline in the relative abundance of conservation significant species across impact sites compared to reference sites. No continued presence of conservation significant species recorded within the impact areas. 	 Determine whether the changes observed in the impact sites are comparable to the observations in the reference sites. Re-examine applied monitoring parameters to validate they are operating within management levels. Identify the reason for the change and where it was caused by construction, operation or decommissioning activities, review management measures with an adaptive management response.
MS1033 MS1062 Eliwana Mine and Rail	 Statistically significant decline in the relative abundance of conservation significant species across impact sites compared to reference sites. No continued presence of conservation significant species recorded within the impact areas. 	 Determine whether the changes observed in the impact sites are comparable to the observations in the reference sites. Re-examine applied monitoring parameters to validate they are operating within management levels. Identify the reason for the change and where it was caused by construction, operation or decommissioning activities, review management measures with an adaptive management response. Submit revised Plan to the EPA Services of the DWER for review and approval. REPORTING - Where the exceedance is attributable to construction, operation and decommissioning activities, report the exceedance within 21 days of the exceedance being identified.



5. **COMPLIANCE**

Fortescue ensures compliance with its legal obligations through first party quality assurance by site environment teams with a focus on effective environmental management through the corporate Environmental Management System (EMS).

Fortescue has adopted a risk based approach to monitor compliance with its legal obligations. Site environment teams will monitor their compliance with this Plan and the required site-specific management and monitoring programs using the *Self-Verification of High Risk Environmental Legal Obligations Guideline* (100-GU-EN-0030).

Where non-conformance issues are identified these will be documented and managed via BMS.



6. REPORTING

6.1 Annual Monitoring Report

An Annual Monitoring Report will be developed with the results of the conservation significant fauna monitoring programs across all Fortescue controlled sites. The report will outline the conservation significant fauna monitoring undertaken during the period, the data captured and the analysis completed during the reporting period. Further, it will report compliance against management targets and conditioned environmental objectives.

6.2 Annual Compliance Reporting

6.2.1 State Government Reporting

Fortescue is required to report against its compliance with this Plan in the Compliance Assessment Report prepared in accordance with the OEPA's Post Assessment Guideline for Preparing a Compliance Assessment Report, Post assessment Guideline No. 3.

Annual Compliance Assessment Reports (CAR) are required to be submitted in accordance with the following Ministerial Statements with conservation significant fauna related conditions:

- Condition 5-1 of MS690.
- Condition 4-6 of MS899.
- Condition 3-6 of MS1033
- Condition 3-6 of MS 1062.

The reporting requirements against management targets and conditioned environmental objectives are provided in Table 1. In the event that trigger criteria were exceeded during the reporting period, the CAR will include a description of the effectiveness of the contingency actions that have been implemented to manage the impact and any adaptive management measures applied as a result of the exceedance.

6.2.2 Australian Government Reporting

Fortescue is required to report against its compliance with this Plan in the annual compliance report prepared in accordance with the DoEEs Annual Compliance Report Guidelines, 2014.

Annual Compliance Reports are required to be submitted in accordance with the following EPBC Act Decisions with conservation significant fauna related conditions:





- Condition 8 of EPBC 2005/2205
- Condition 2-f of EPBC 2010/5513
- Condition 4 of EPBC 2013/7055.

6.3 Reporting of Potential Non-Compliances

6.3.1 Reporting to State Government

Fortescue is required to report against exceedances of management targets for management based environmental conditions within conditioned timeframes. This requirement is specific to MS1033 and MS 1062.

In the event that monitoring, tests, surveys or investigations indicate an exceedance of a management target in Table 1 has occurred within the reporting period, Fortescue will:

- Where the exceedance is attributable to construction, operation or decommissioning activities, report the exceedance in writing to the EPA Services of the DWER within 21 days of the exceedance being identified in accordance with Condition 6-4 (1) of MS1033 and Condition 7-4(1) of MS1062.
- Investigate to determine the cause of the management targets being exceeded in accordance with Condition 6-4(2) of MS1033 and Condition 7-4(2) of MS1062.
- Provide a report to the EPA Services of the DWER within 90 days of the exceedance being reported as required by Condition 6-4(1) in accordance with the requirements of condition 6-4(3) of MS1033 and Condition 7-4(3) of MS1062.

In the event that monitoring of compliance, tests, surveys or investigations indicate that one or more management actions have not been implemented within the reporting period, Fortescue will:

- Report the failure to implement management action(s) in writing to the EPA Services of the DWER within 7 days of identification in accordance with Condition 6-5 (1) of MS1033 and Condition 7-5(1) of MS1062.
- Investigate to determine the cause of the management action(s) not being implemented in accordance with Condition 5-5(2) of MS1033 and Condition 7-5(2) of MS1062.
- Investigate to provide information for the EPA Services of the DWER to determine
 potential environmental harm or alteration of the environment that occurred due to the
 failure to implement management actions in accordance with Condition 6-5(3) of
 MS1033 and Condition 7-5(3) of MS1062.





 Provide a report to the EPA Services of the DWER within 21 days of the reporting required by condition 6-5(1) in accordance with the requirements of condition 6-5(4) of MS1033 and Condition 7-5(4) of MS1062.



7. ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

Fortescue will implement adaptive management practices to learn from the implementation of mitigation measures, monitoring and evaluation against management targets, to more effectively meet the conditioned environmental objective. Adaptive management practices that will be assessed for the conservation significant fauna management and monitoring program as part of this approach will include:

- Evaluation of the monitoring program, data and comparison to baseline data and reference sites on an annual basis to verify whether responses to project activities are the same or similar to predictions,
- Evaluation of assumptions and uncertainties of the conservation significant fauna management and monitoring program,
- Re-evaluation of the risk assessment and revision of risk-based priorities as a result of monitoring outcomes,
- Review of data and information gathered over the review period that has increased understanding of site environment in the context of the regional ecosystem,
- Review of management actions as the project matures and new management measures and technologies become available that may be more effective for conservation significant fauna management, and
- Assessment of changes which are outside the control of the project and the management measures identified (i.e. a new project within the area or region; regional change affecting conservation significant fauna management).



8. REVIEW OF PLAN

Review of this Plan will be undertaken every five years or as required by a condition. Revisions of this Plan will be submitted to the relevant State and Commonwealth Governments for approval, in accordance with relevant approval conditions.



9. STAKEHOLDER CONSULATION

Fortescue has undertaken an extensive stakeholder consultation program whereby landowners, regulators and other relevant parties have been consulted with regard to investigation and design of the mine sites and port and rail infrastructure through the environmental approvals process.

The then Department of Environment Regulation (DER), the then Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) and the then Department of the Environment (DoE) were consulted and, where required, approved the content of the original plans for which this Plan will replace.

Revision 2 of this Plan was submitted to the then OEPA to satisfy the requirements of Condition 10 of MS899 and was approved in November 2013 (CB-EN-0137.01). The Plan was also submitted to the then OEPA to satisfy the requirements of Condition 7-1 of MS 690 and MS707 and Condition 12-1 of MS862 and was approved in October 2014 (100-EN-0441.03).

Revision 2 was also submitted to the then Department of Environment (DoE) to satisfy condition 9 of EPBC 2005/2205, Condition 9 of EPBC 2010/5513 and Condition 10 of EPBC 2010/5567 in April 2014 (100-EN-0492). The DoE approved the revision 2 of The Plan in April 2015 (PUI-000008).

Revision 3 was submitted to the EPA Services of the DWER to satisfy condition 8 of MS 1033 in August 2017 (CC-EN-0313) and was approved in March 2018 (CC-EN-0313.06).

The current revision of this Plan has been submitted to the EPA Services of the DWER for their review, comment and approval, and PaWS for their review and comment, in accordance with condition 12 of MS 1062.

Table 10 will be updated following receipt of stakeholder comment as a result of the review and approvals process.

 Table 10:
 Stakeholder Consultation, Comments and Responses

Stakeholder	Correspondence	Comment	Changes
EPA Services of the DWER	MS 1033- Pilbara Iron Ore and Infrastructure Project (Christmas Creek Mine, East-West railway and Mindy Mindy Mine) • Fortescue: Plan issued for review (CC-EN-0313) • DWER: Comments provided on Plan (DWERA-000284) (Fortescue reference (CC-EN-0313.01)) • Fortescue: Rev 3a of Plan provided for	MS 1033 CC-EN-0313.01 CC-EN-0313.04	MS 1033 CC-EN-0313.03 CC-EN-0313.05
	 Fortescue: Rev 3a of Plan provided for approval (CC-EN-0313.03) 		



Stakeholder	Correspondence	Comment	Changes
	 DWER: Comments provided on Rev 3a (CC-EN-0313.04) Fortescue: Rev 3b of Plan provided for approval (CC-EN-0313.05) DWER: Approval granted (CC-EN-0313.06) Fortescue: Plan updated to reflect approval by EPA Services of DWER, Rev4 IFU MS 1062 – Solomon Iron Ore Project – Sustaining Production Fortescue: Plan issued for review (SO-EN-0283) 		
DoEE	MS 1033- Pilbara Iron Ore and Infrastructure Project (Christmas Creek Mine, East-West railway and Mindy Mindy Mine) • Fortescue: Plan issued for review (CC-EN-0312) EPBC 2010/5567 – Solomon Iron Ore Project • Fortescue: Plan issued to satisfy condition (SO-EN-0285)	MS 1033 No comments received	
PaWS	MS 1033- Pilbara Iron Ore and Infrastructure Project (Christmas Creek Mine, East-West railway and Mindy Mindy Mine) • Fortescue: Plan issued for review: CC-EN-0315 MS 1062 – Solomon Iron Ore Project – Sustaining Production • Fortescue: Plan issued for review: SO-EN-0284	MS 1033 No comments received	



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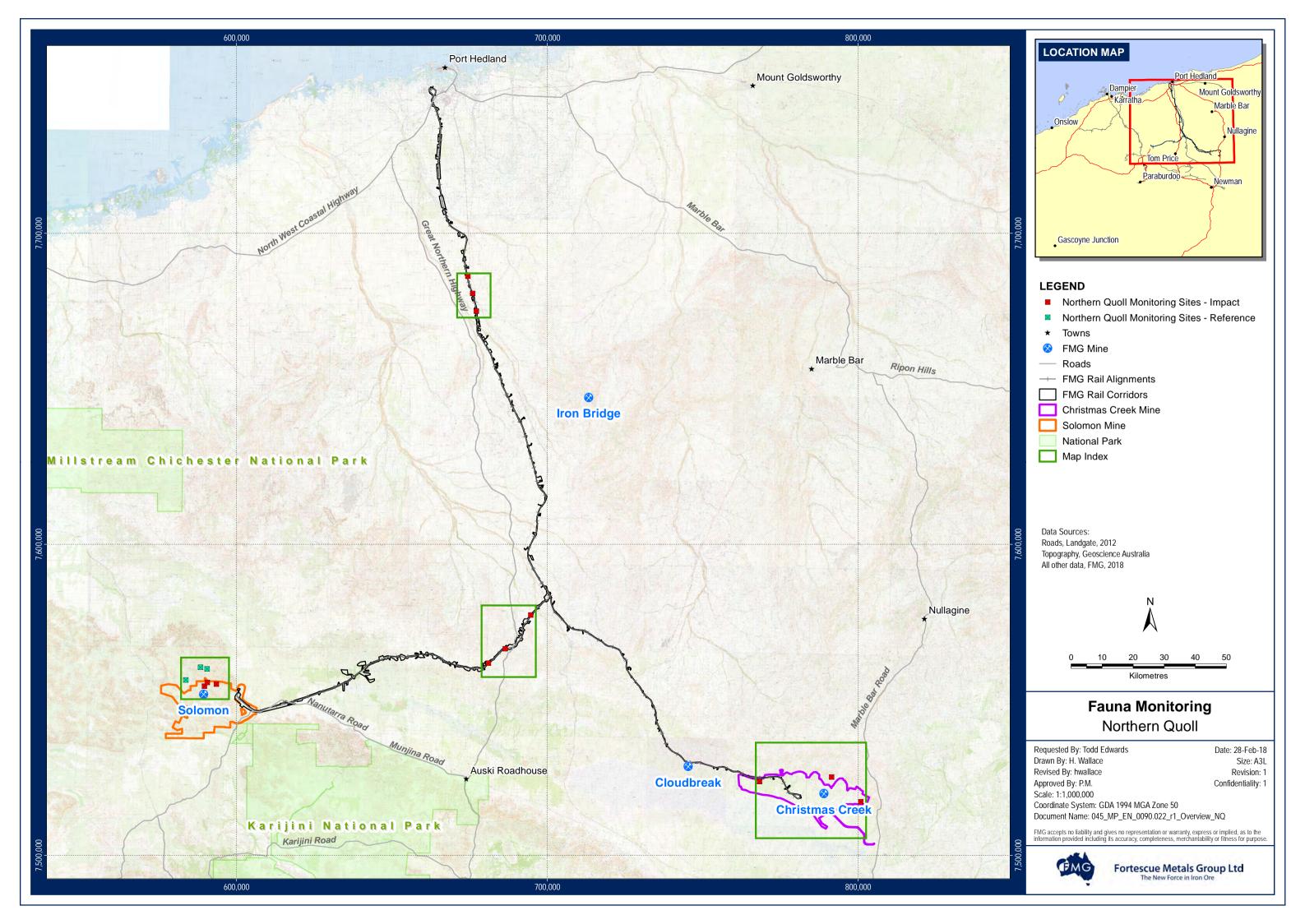
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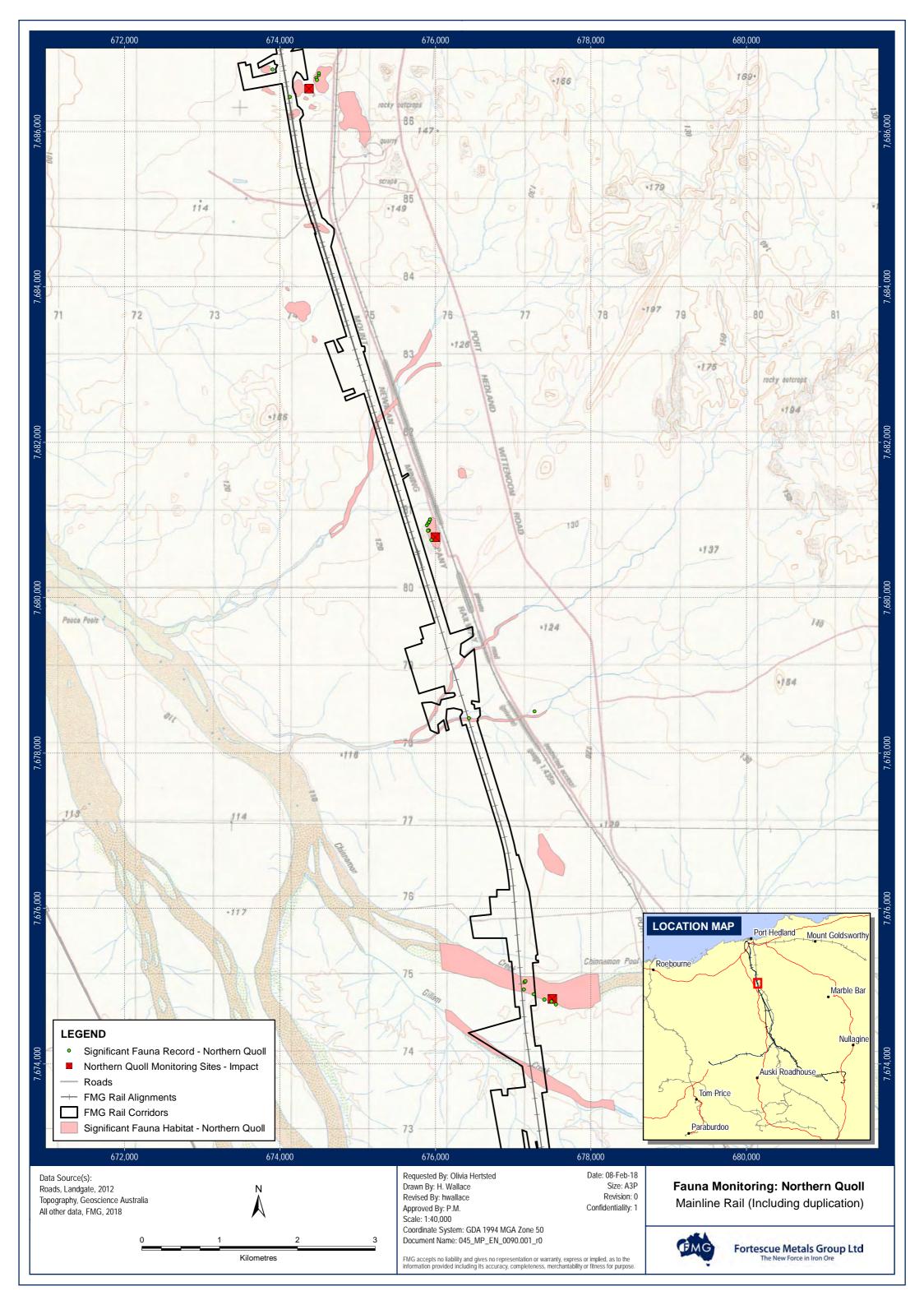


Figure 1: Northern Quoll monitoring sites – regional overview













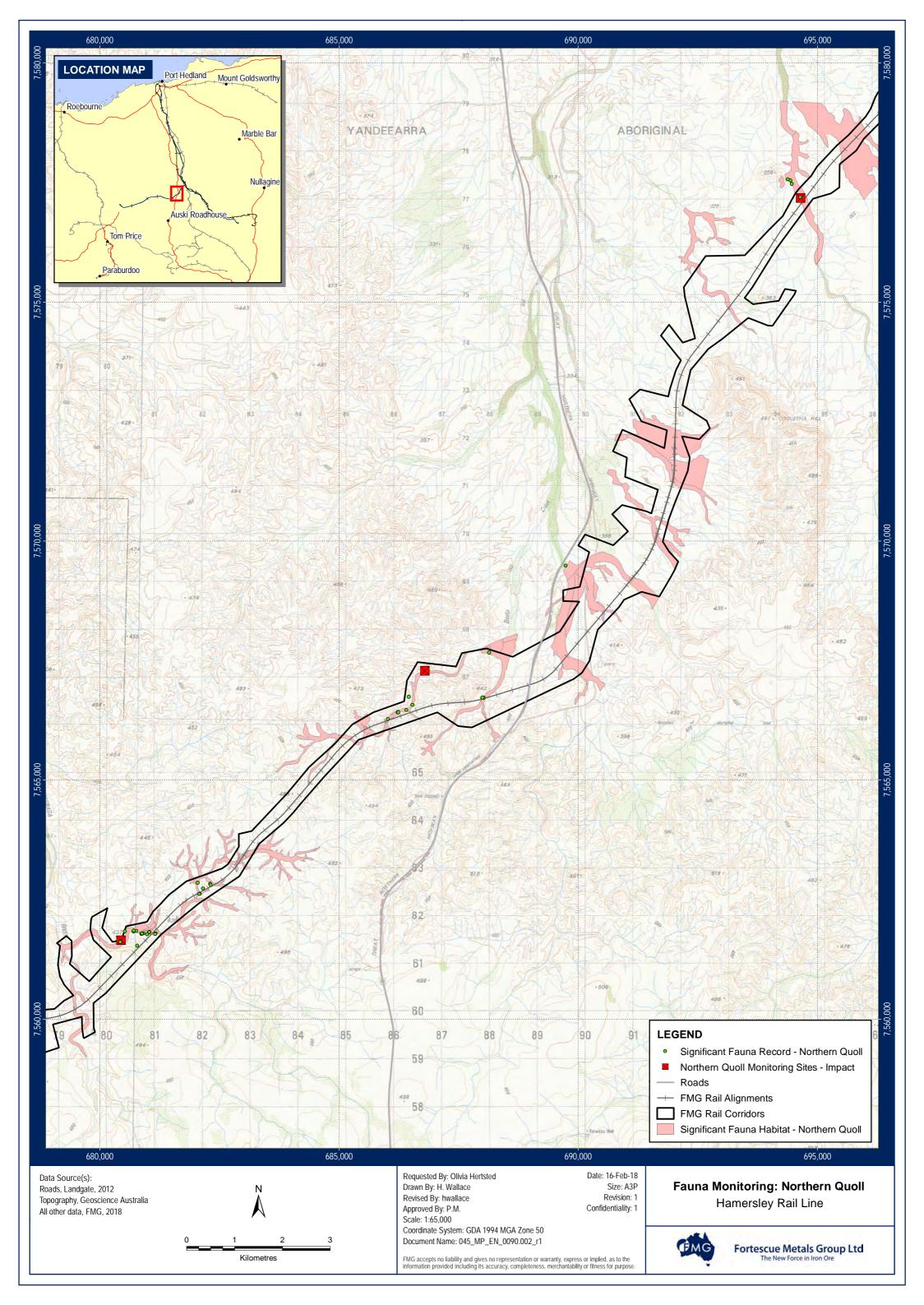
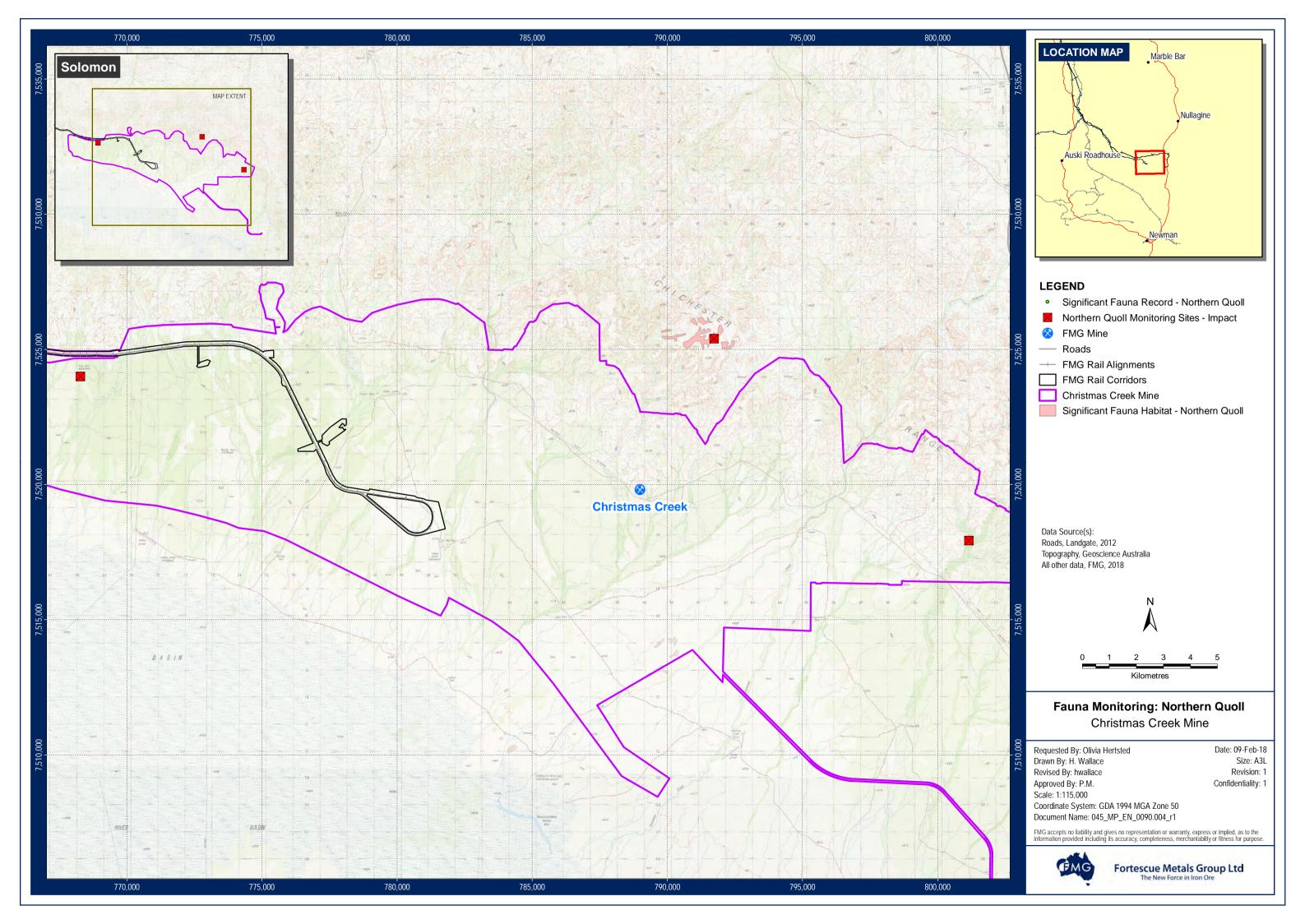




Figure 4: Northern Quoll monitoring sites - Christmas **Creek Mine**





Northern Quoll monitoring sites - Solomon Figure 5: Mine

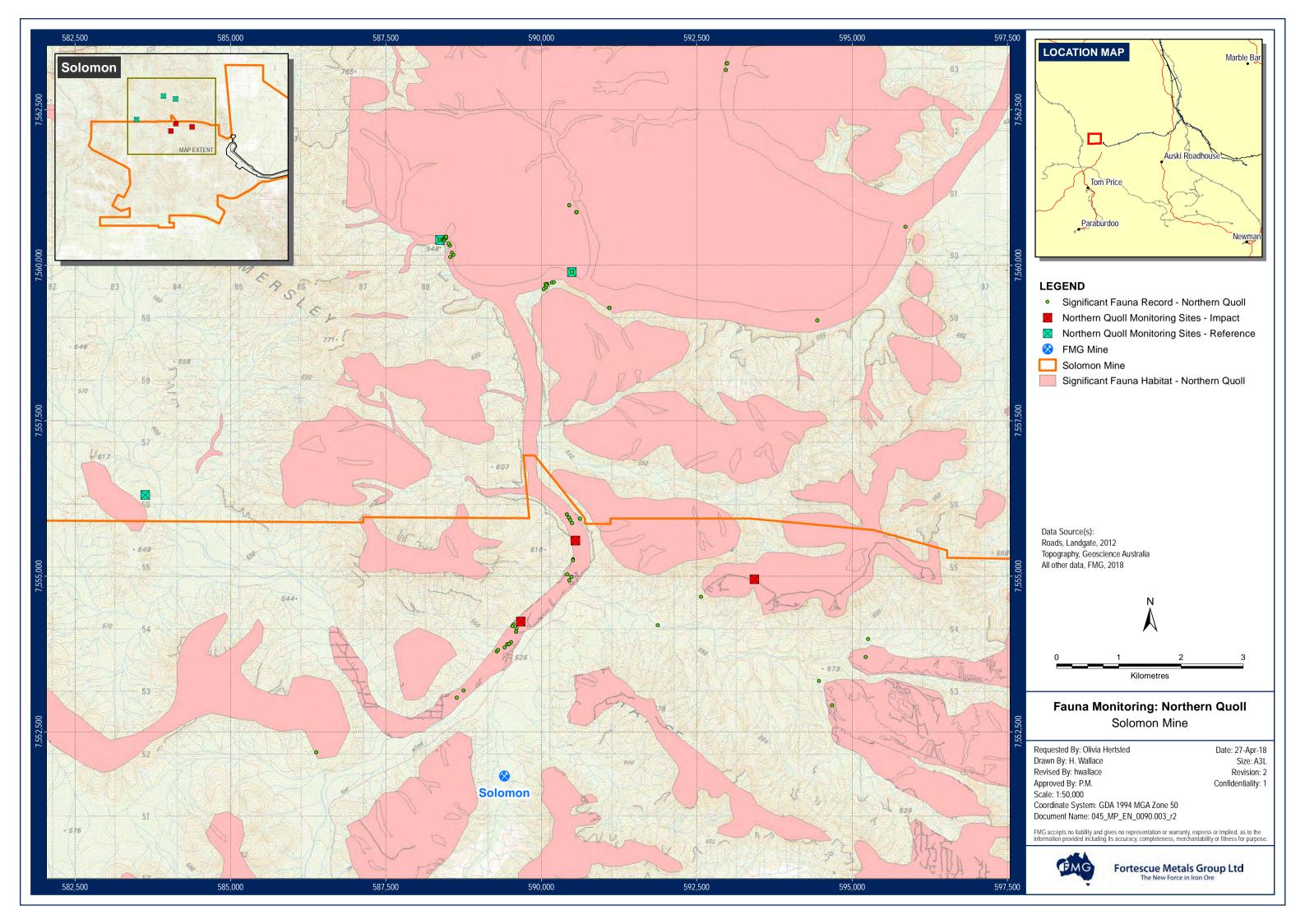




Figure 6: Conservation Significant Bats monitoring sites – Regional Overview

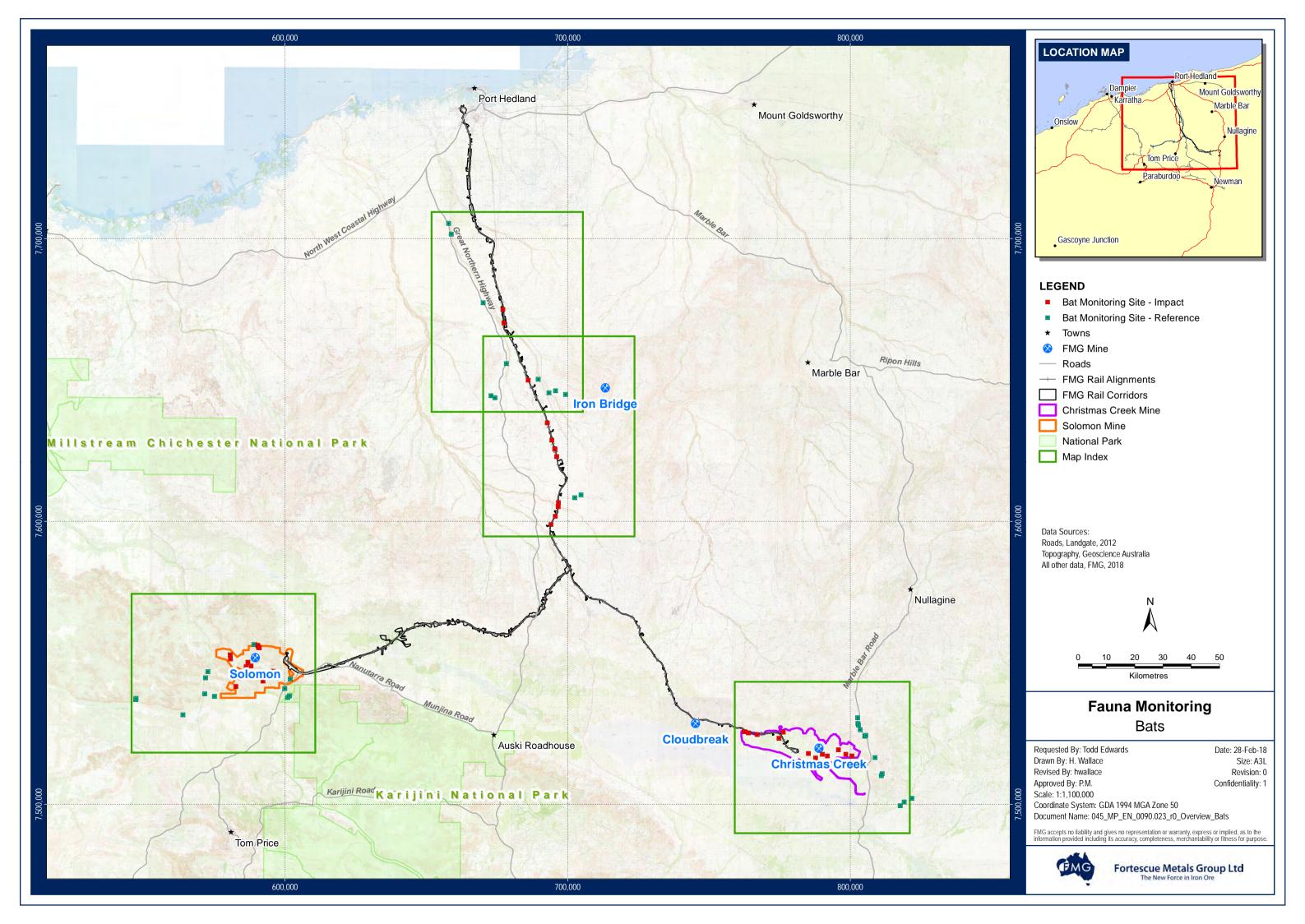
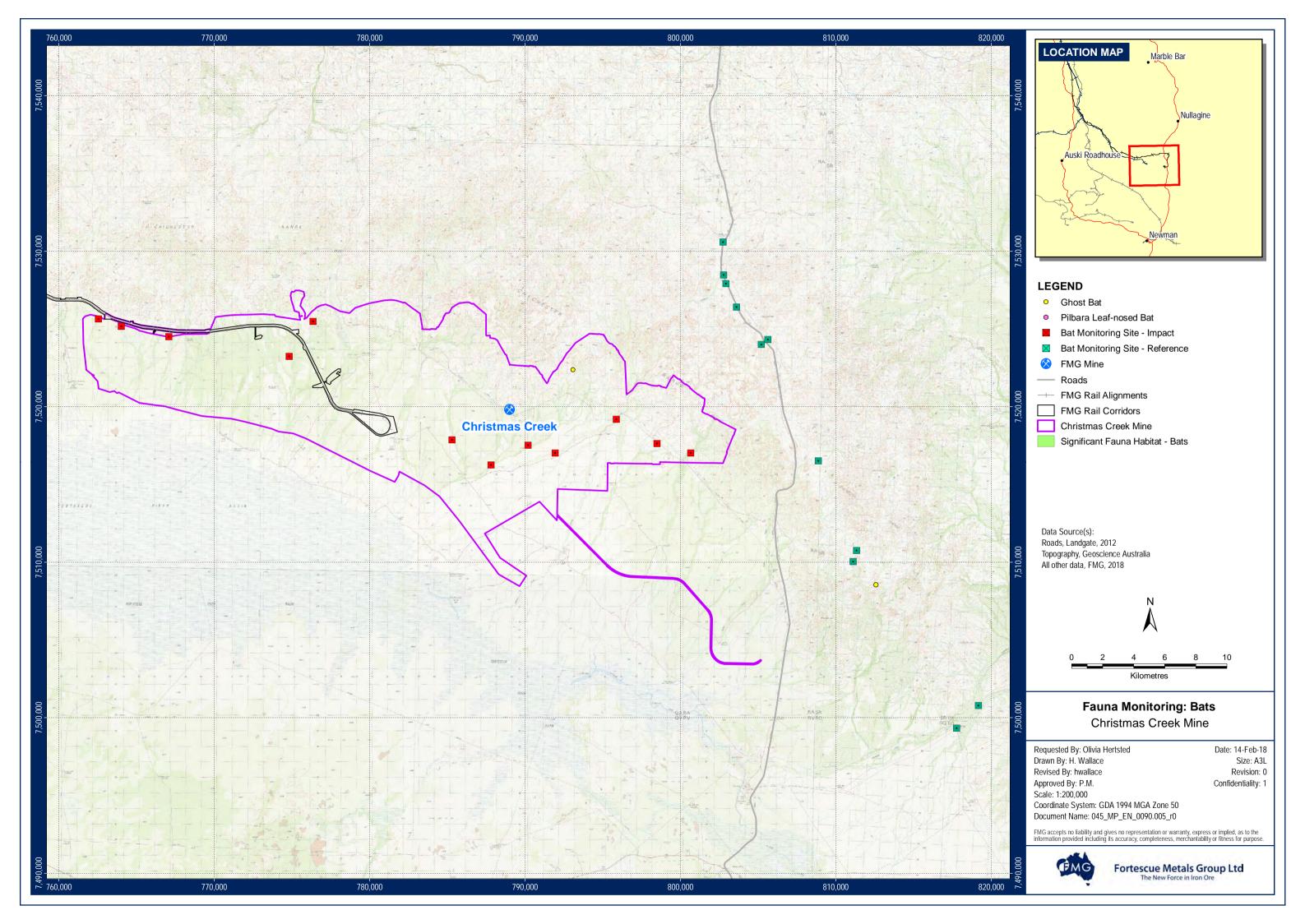


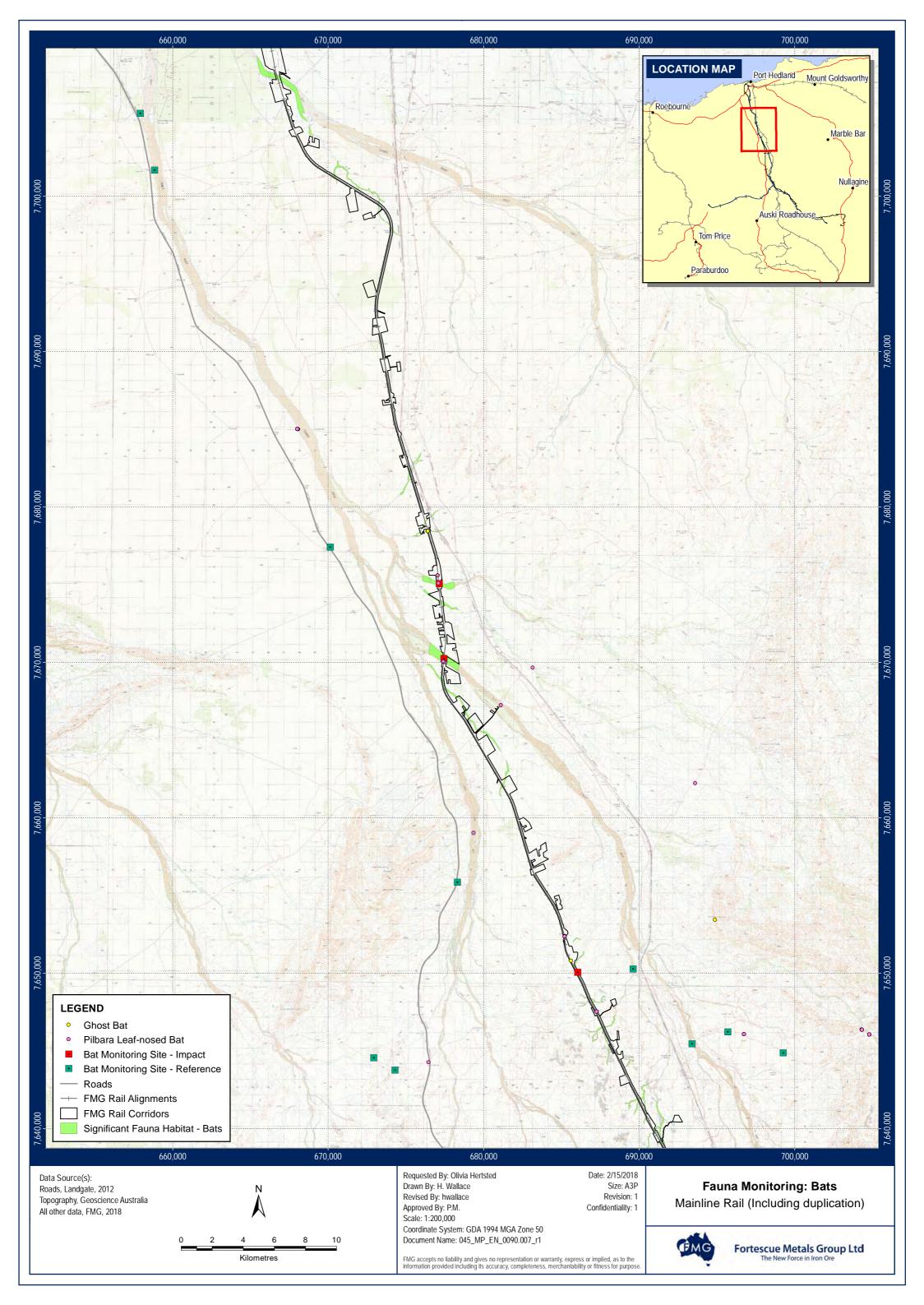


Figure 7: Conservation Significant Bats monitoring sites – Christmas Creek Mine





Conservation Significant Bats monitoring sites – Main Line Rail Figure 8:



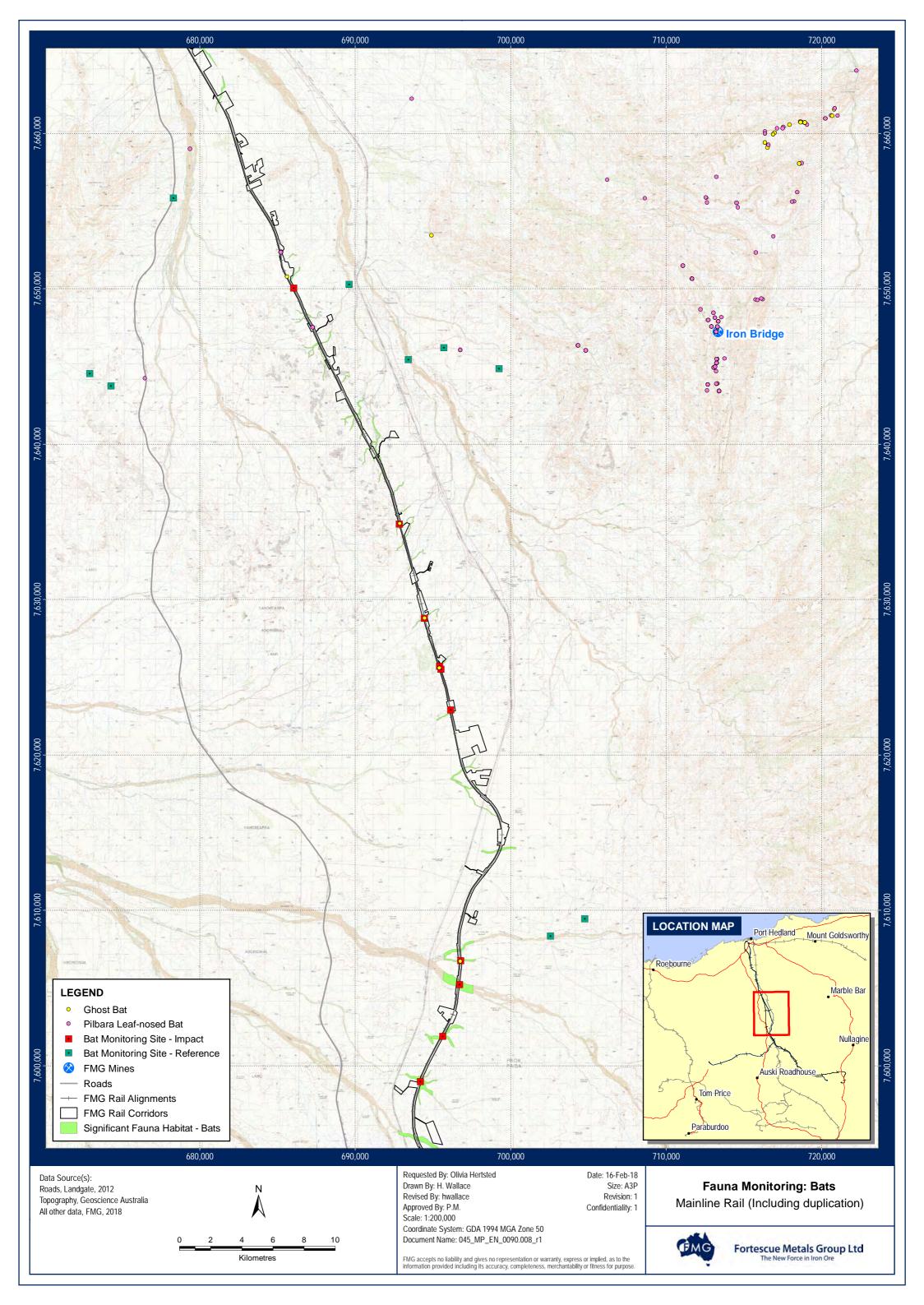
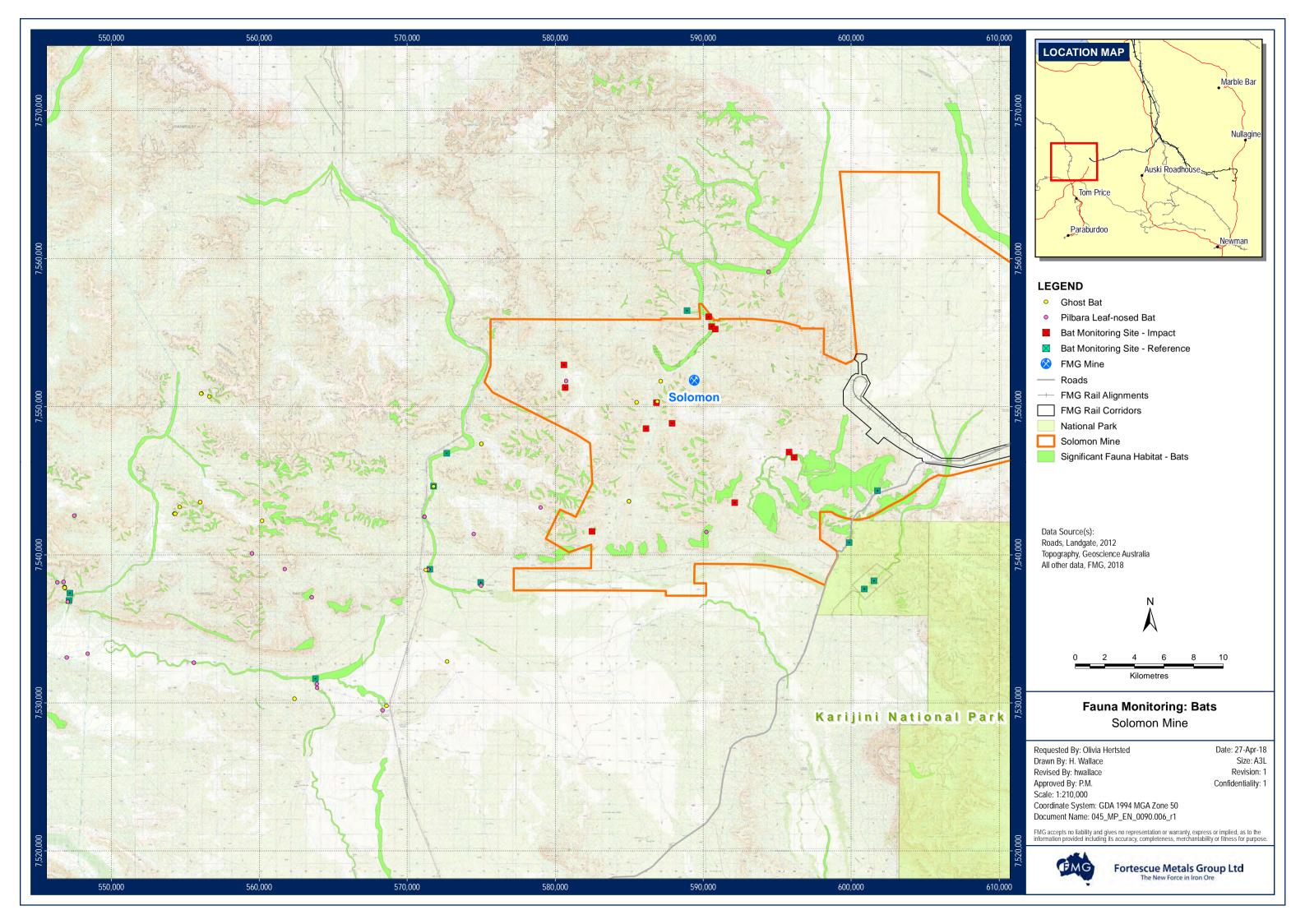


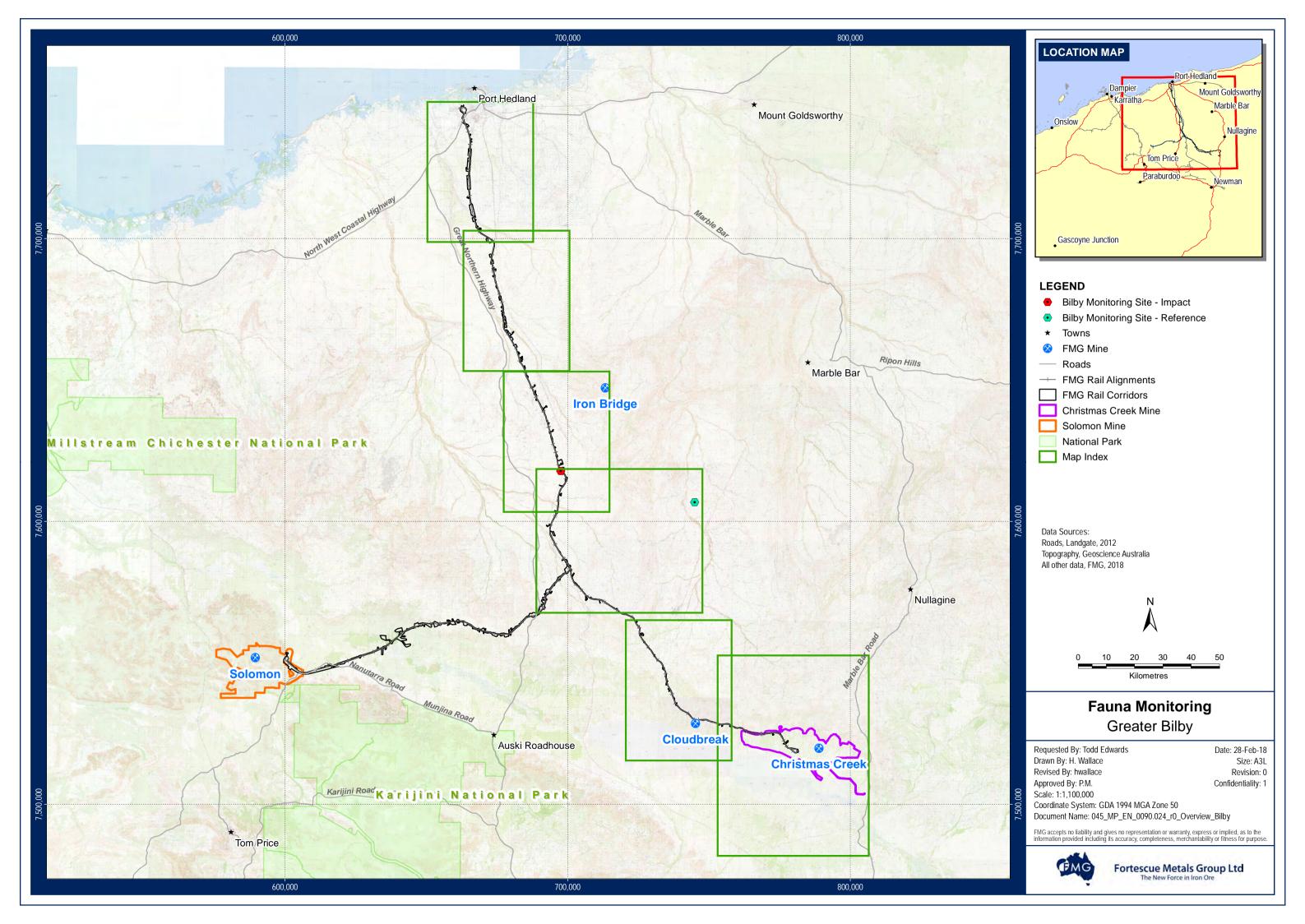


Figure 9: Conservation Significant Bats monitoring sites – Solomon Mine





Greater Bilby monitoring sites – Regional Figure 10: **Overview**







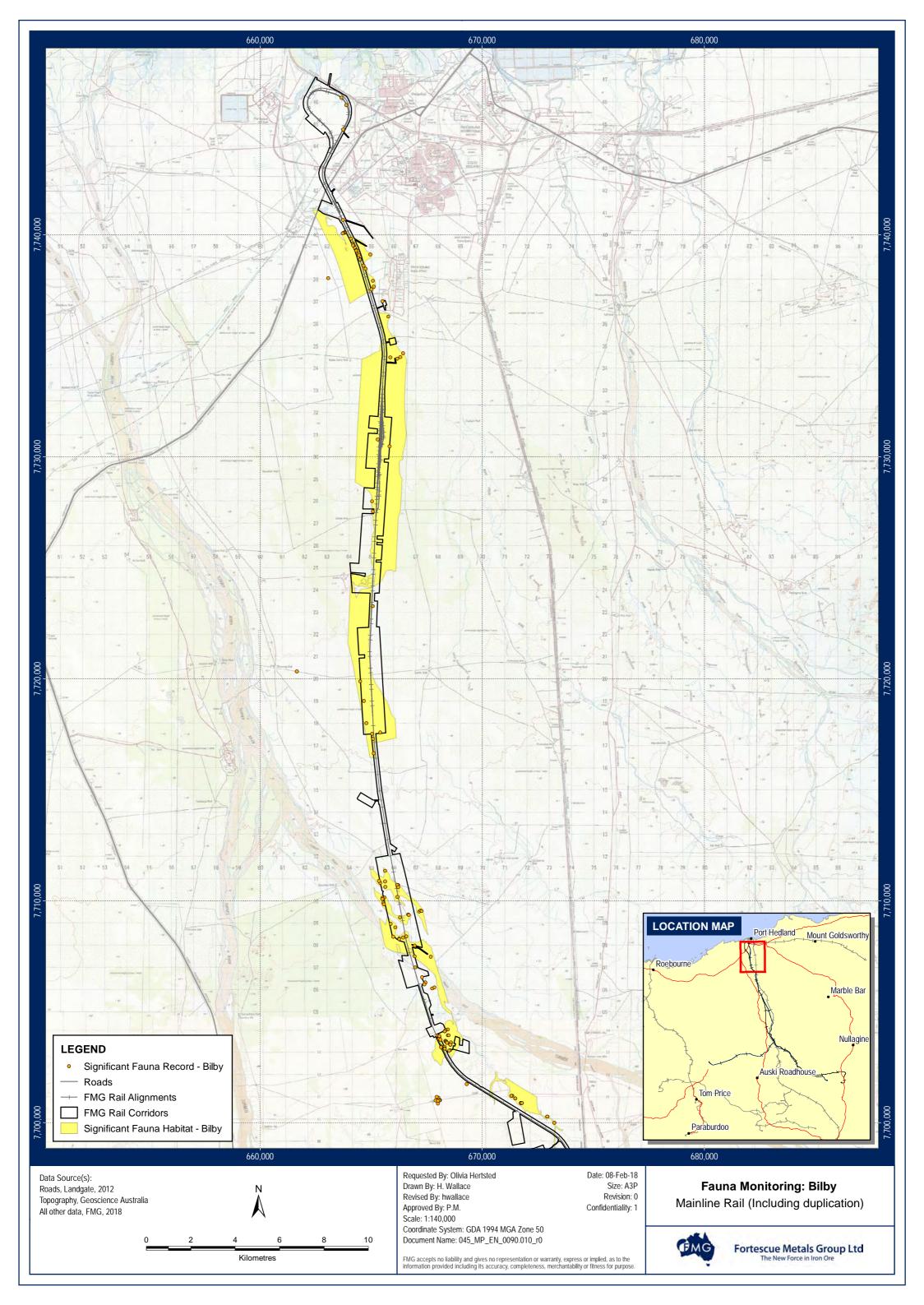




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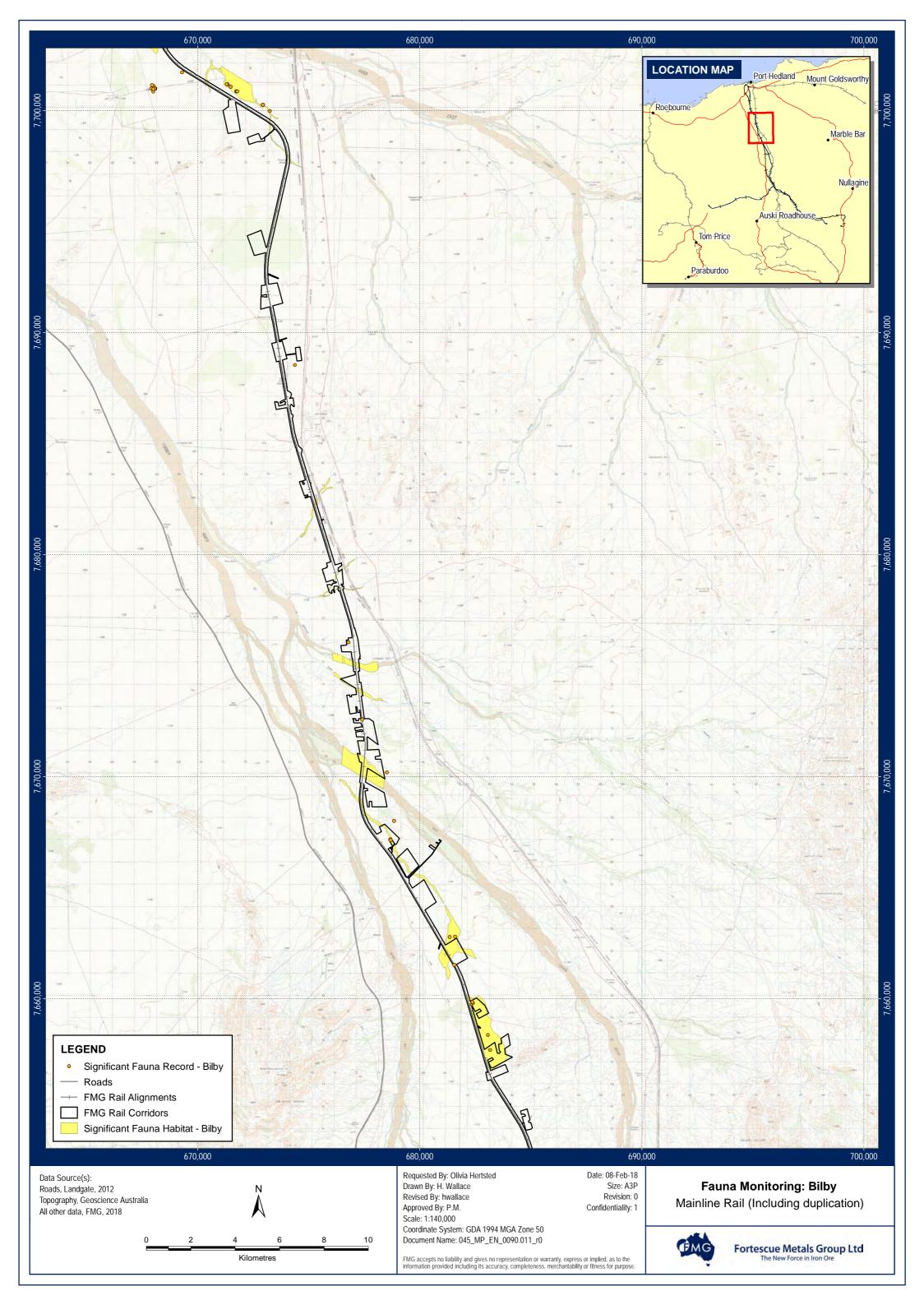




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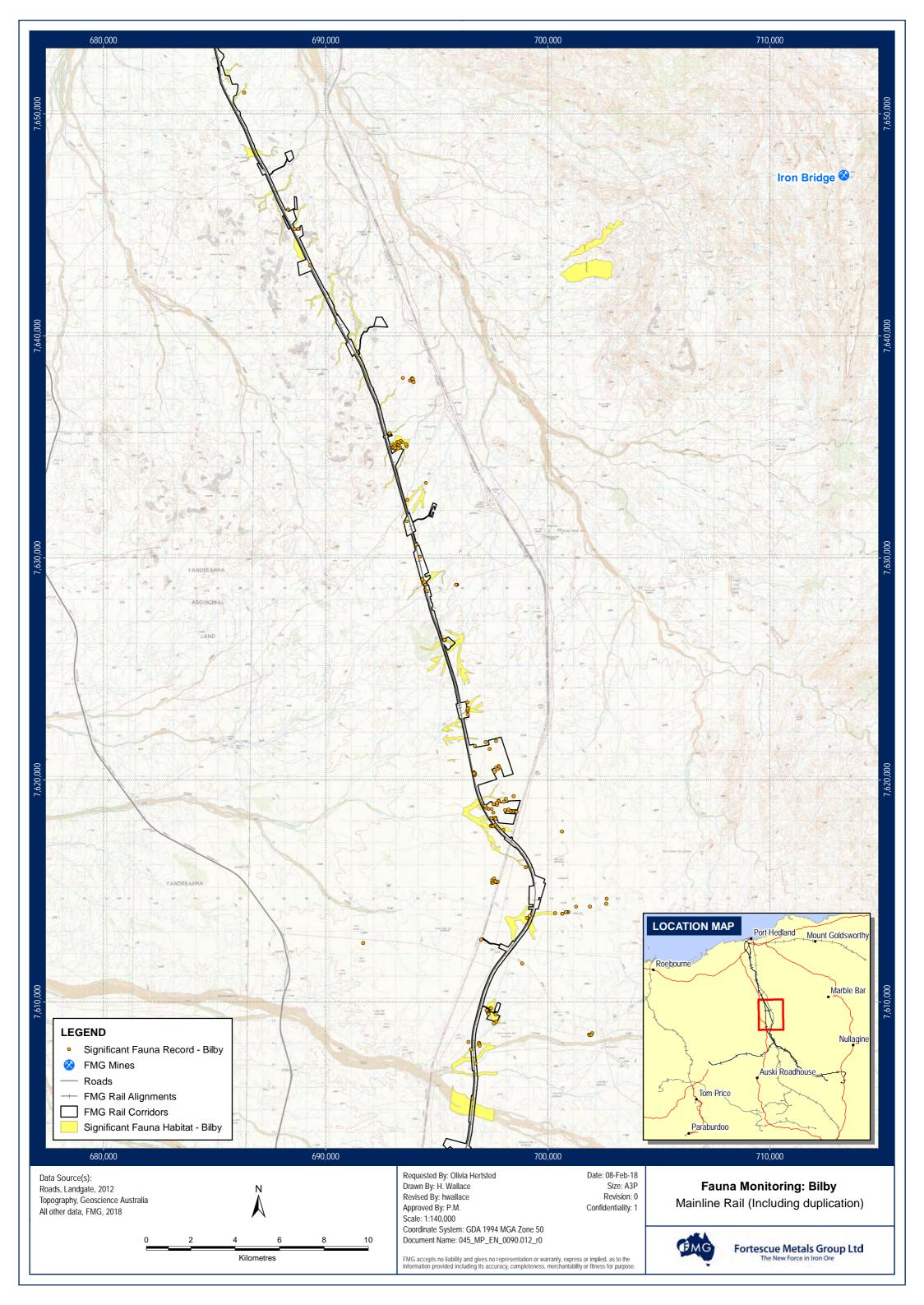




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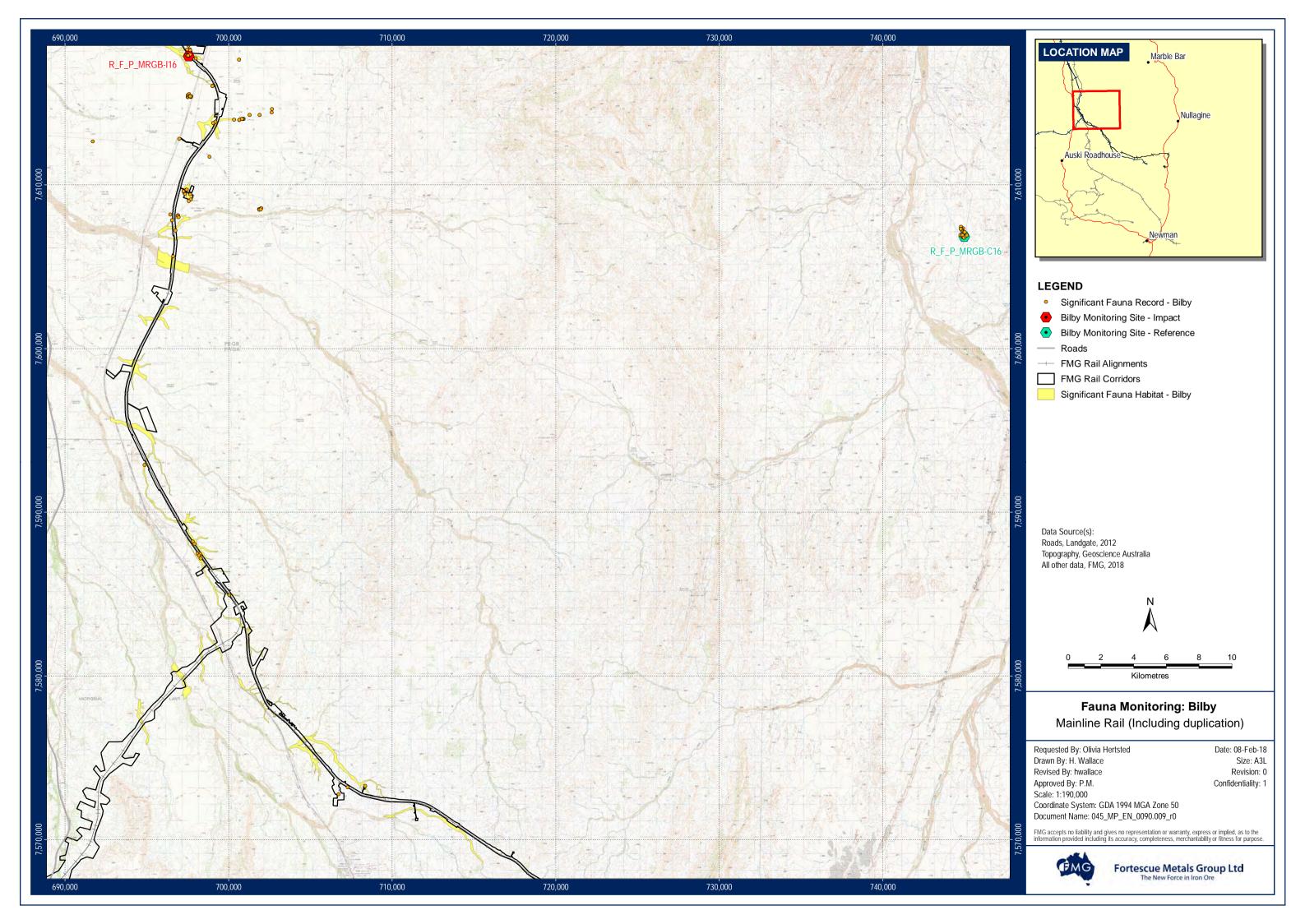




Figure 15: Greater Bilby monitoring site – Main Line to Cloudbreak Mine

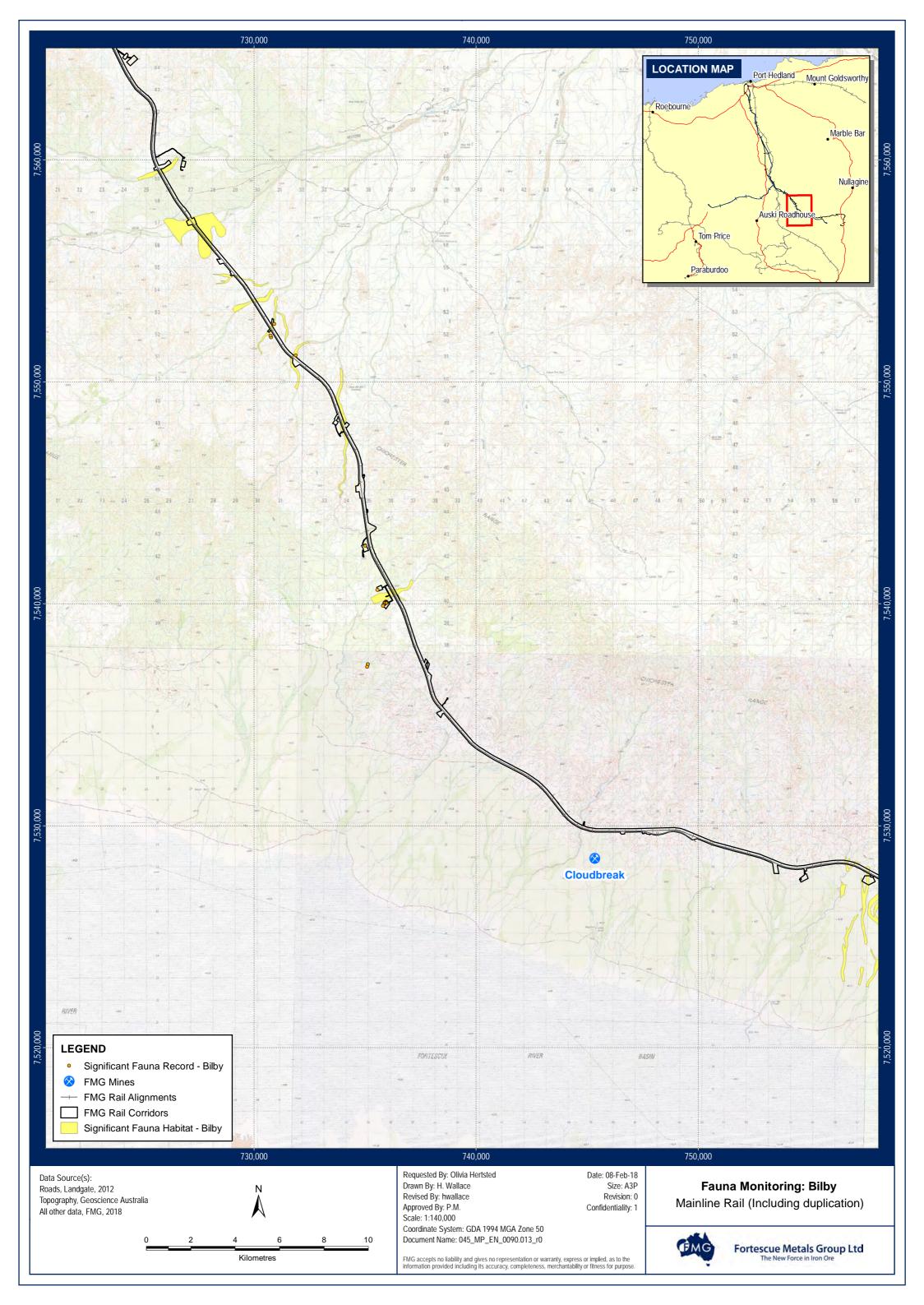




Figure 16: **Greater Bilby monitoring site – Christmas Creek** Mine

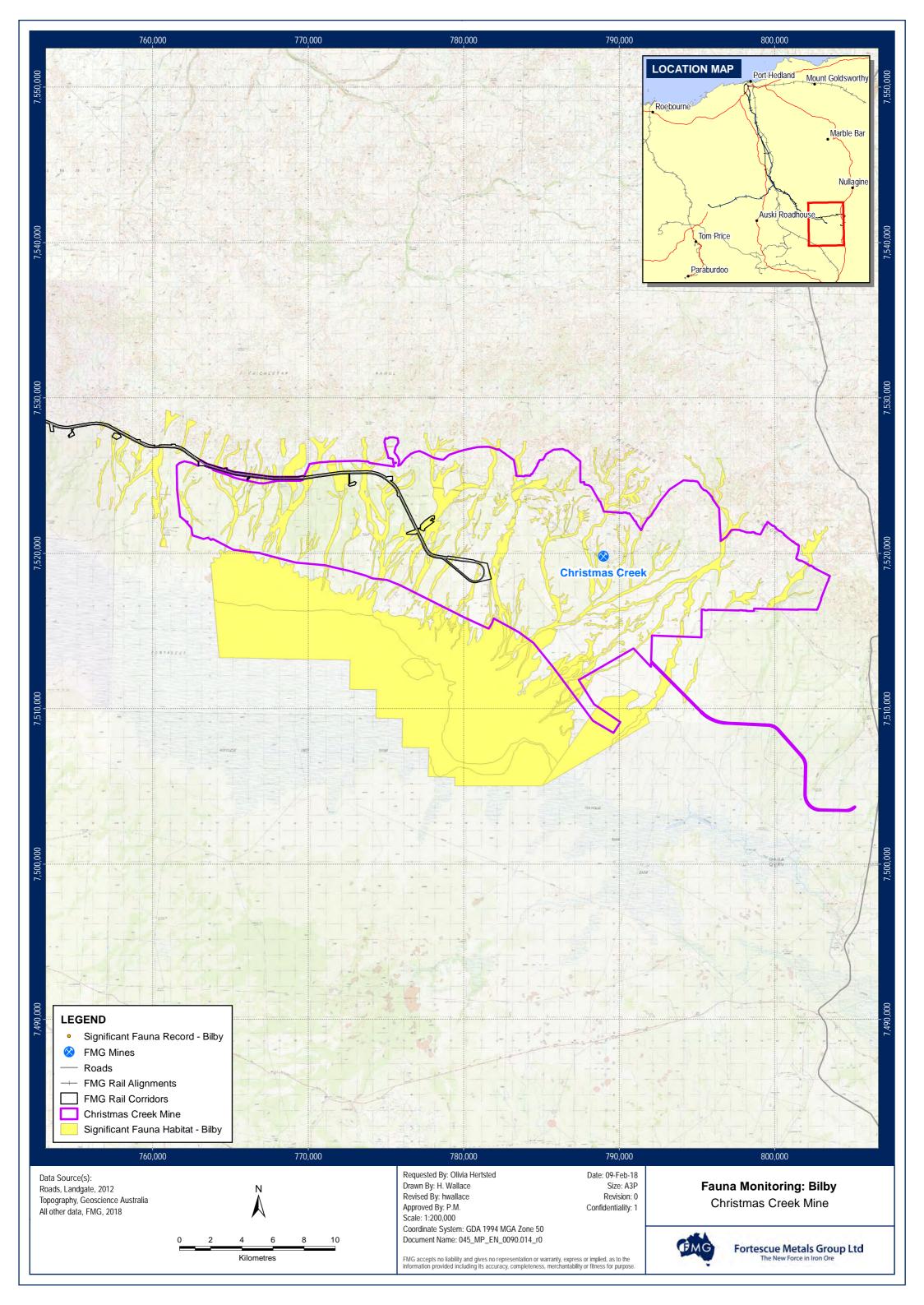




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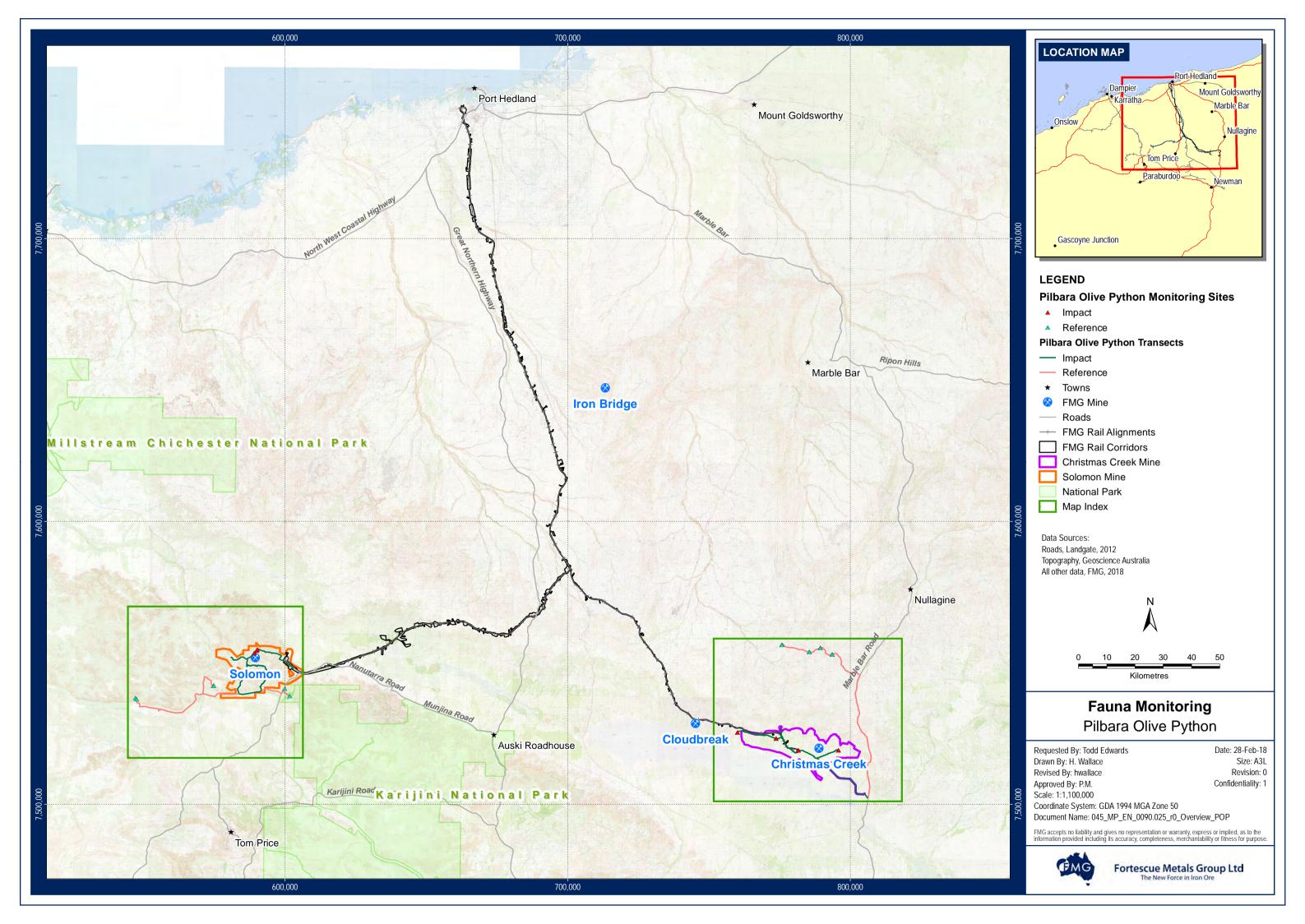




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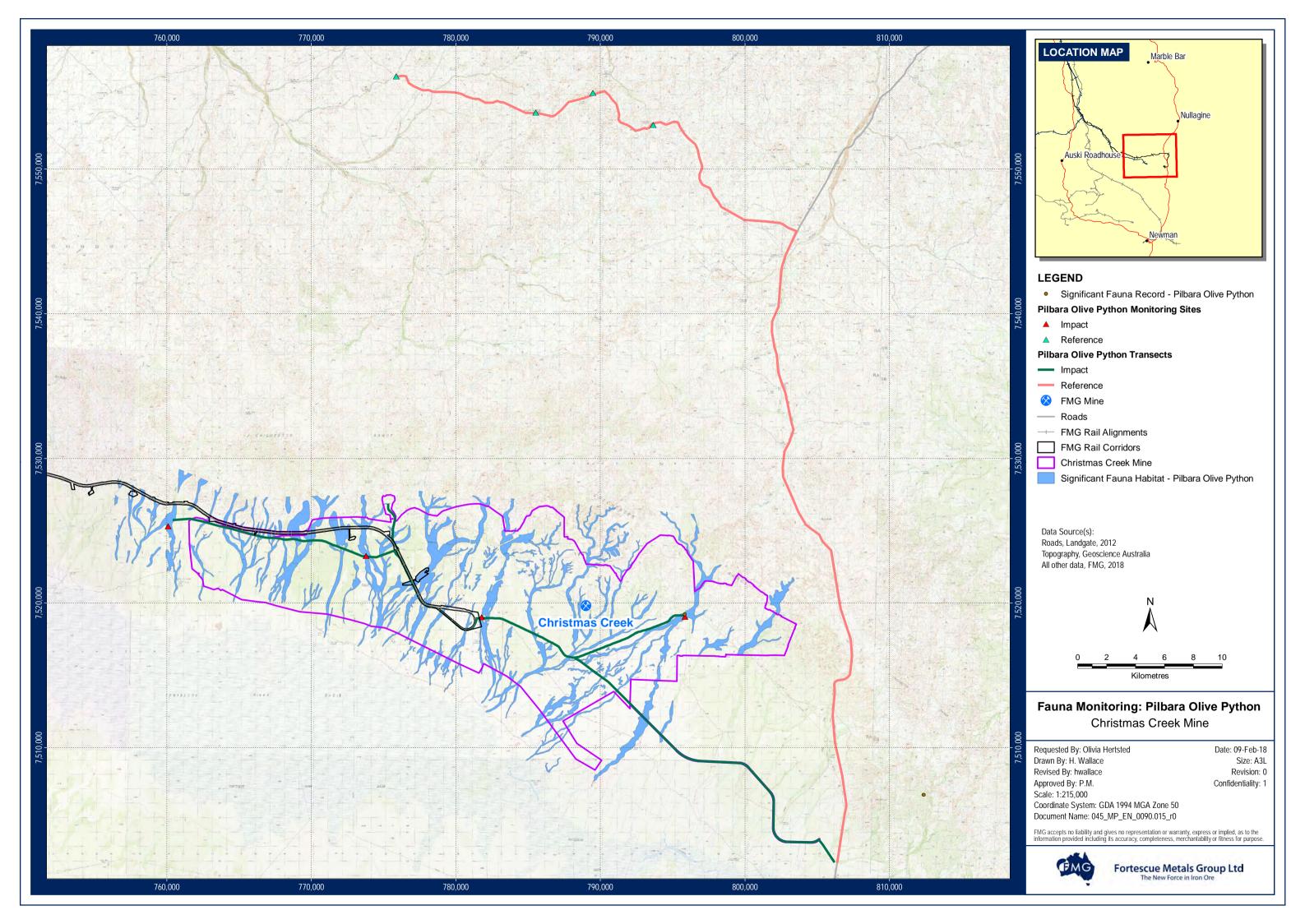




Figure 19: Pilbara Olive Python monitoring sites-Solomon Mine

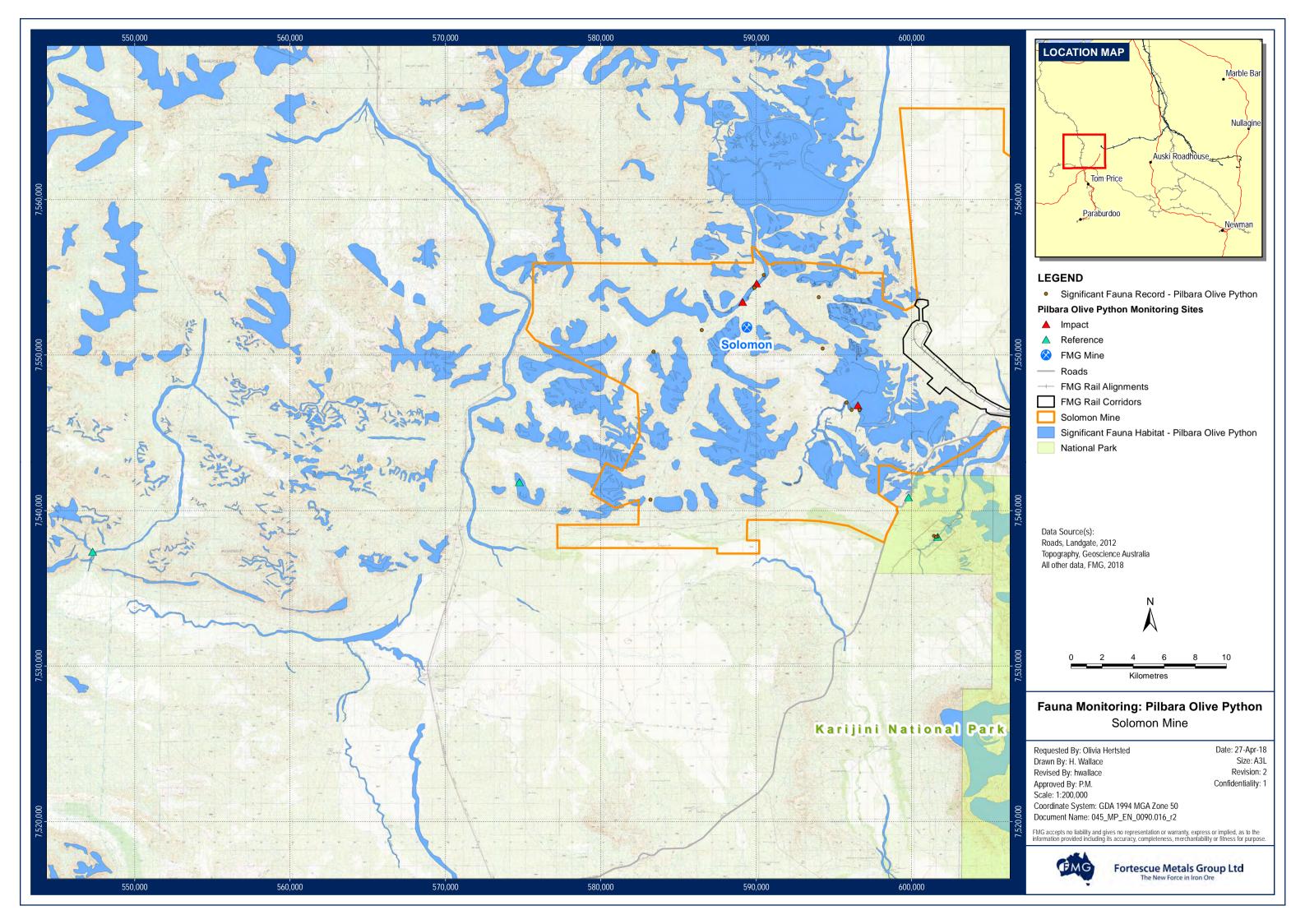




Figure 20: Conservation Significant Birds monitoring sites – regional overview

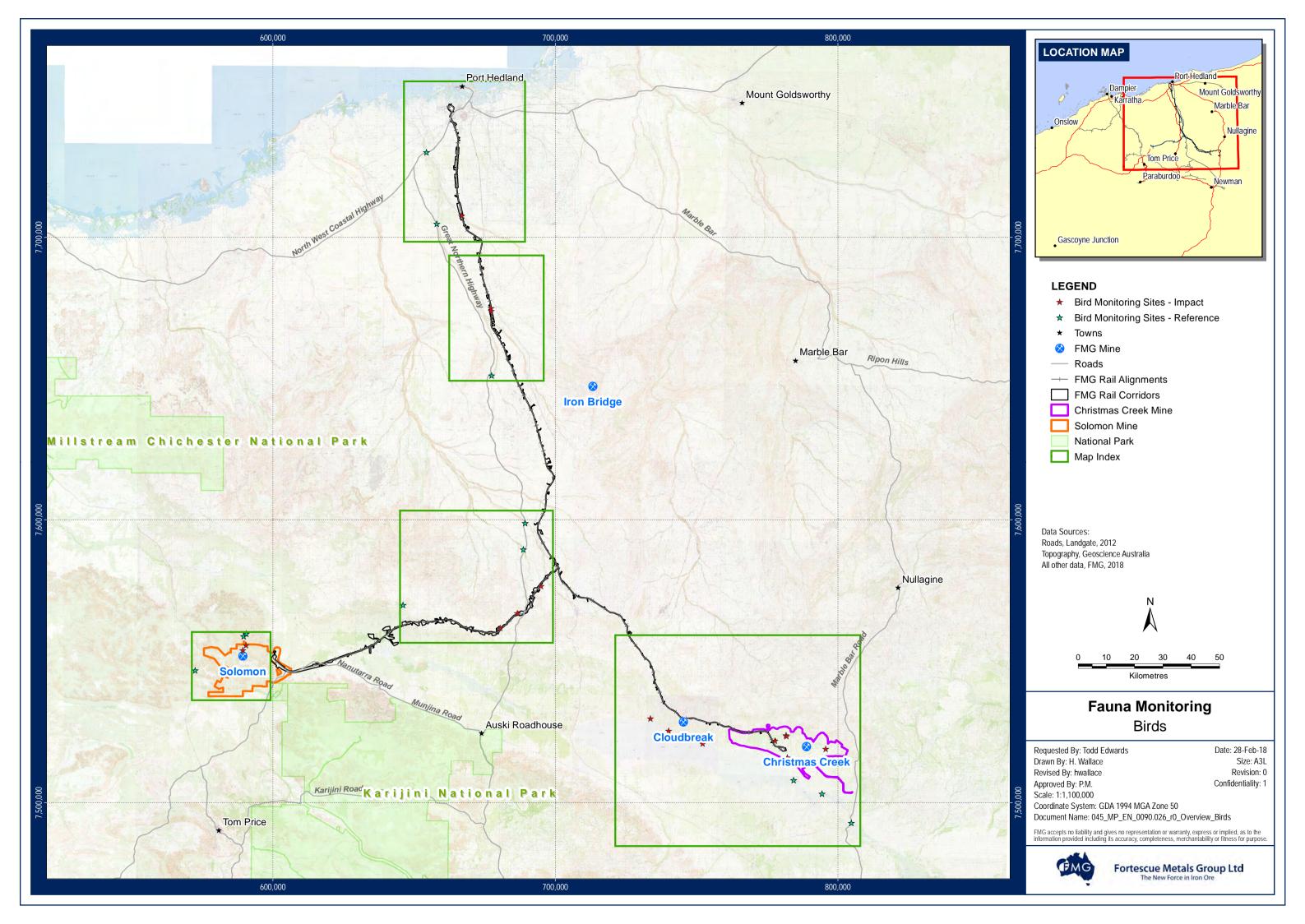




Figure 21: Conservation Significant Birds monitoring sites - Christmas Creek and Cloudbreak Mines

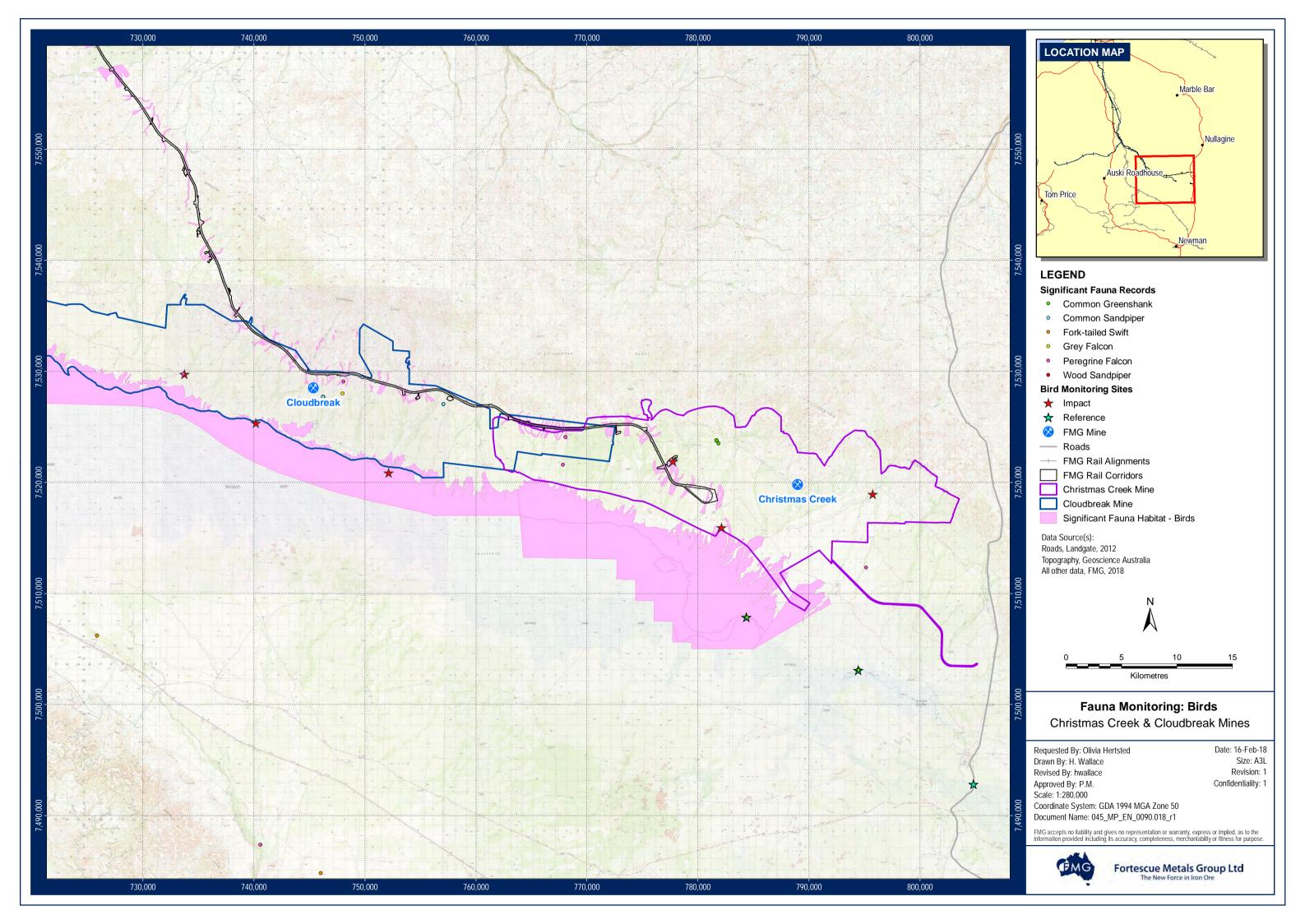




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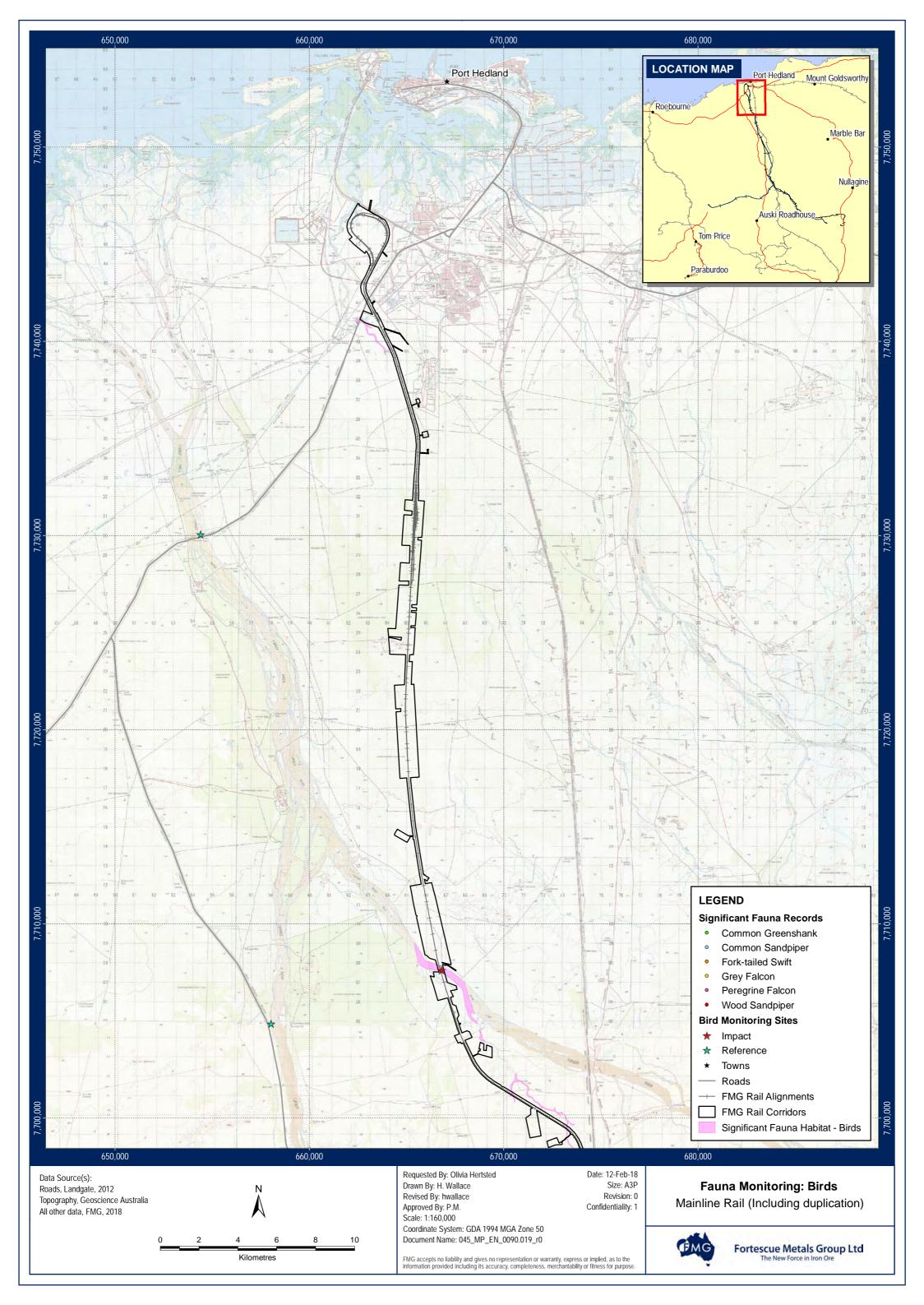




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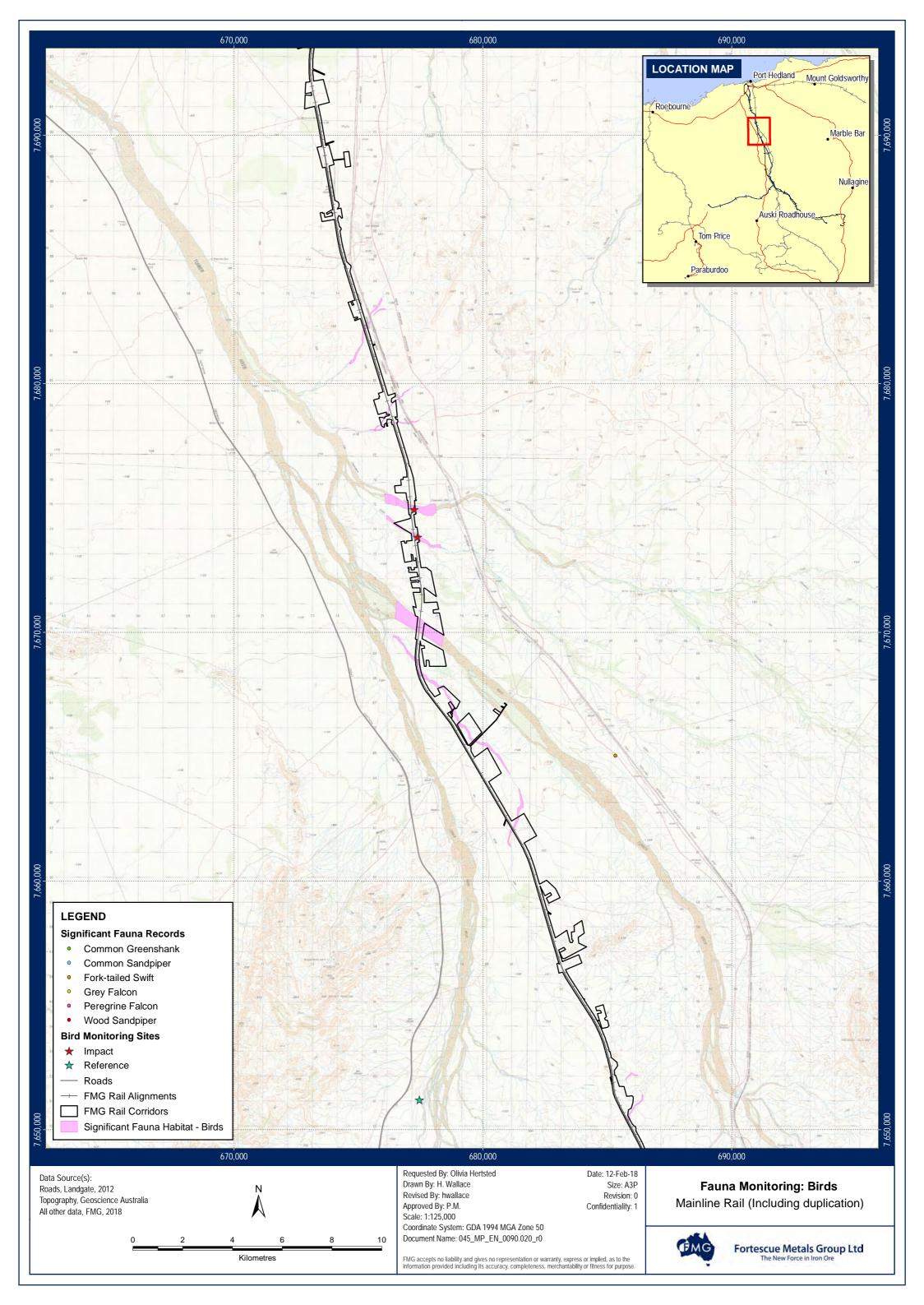
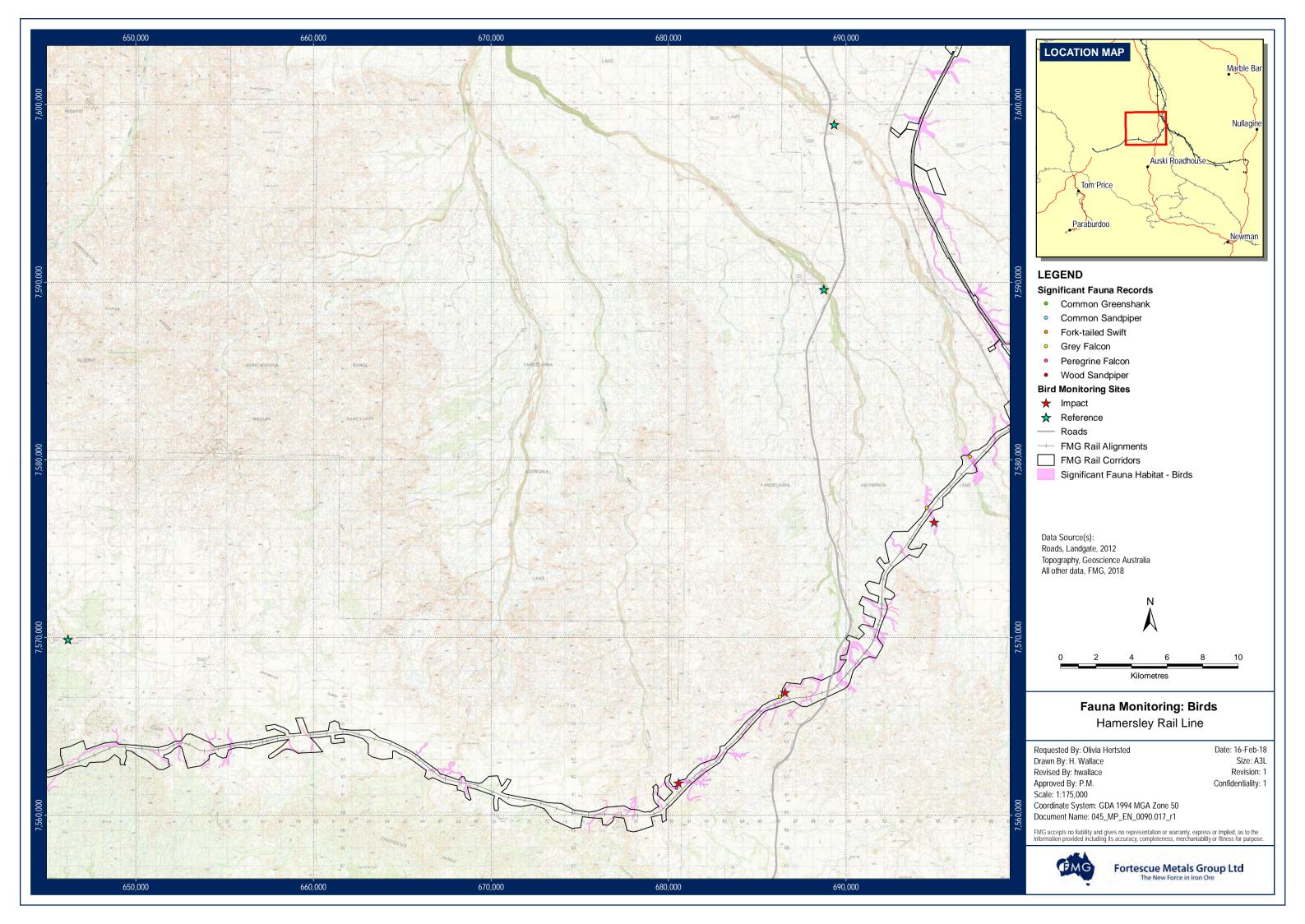




Figure 24: Conservation Significant Birds monitoring sites – Main Line and Hamersley Rail





Conservation Significant Birds monitoring sites – Solomon Mine Figure 25:

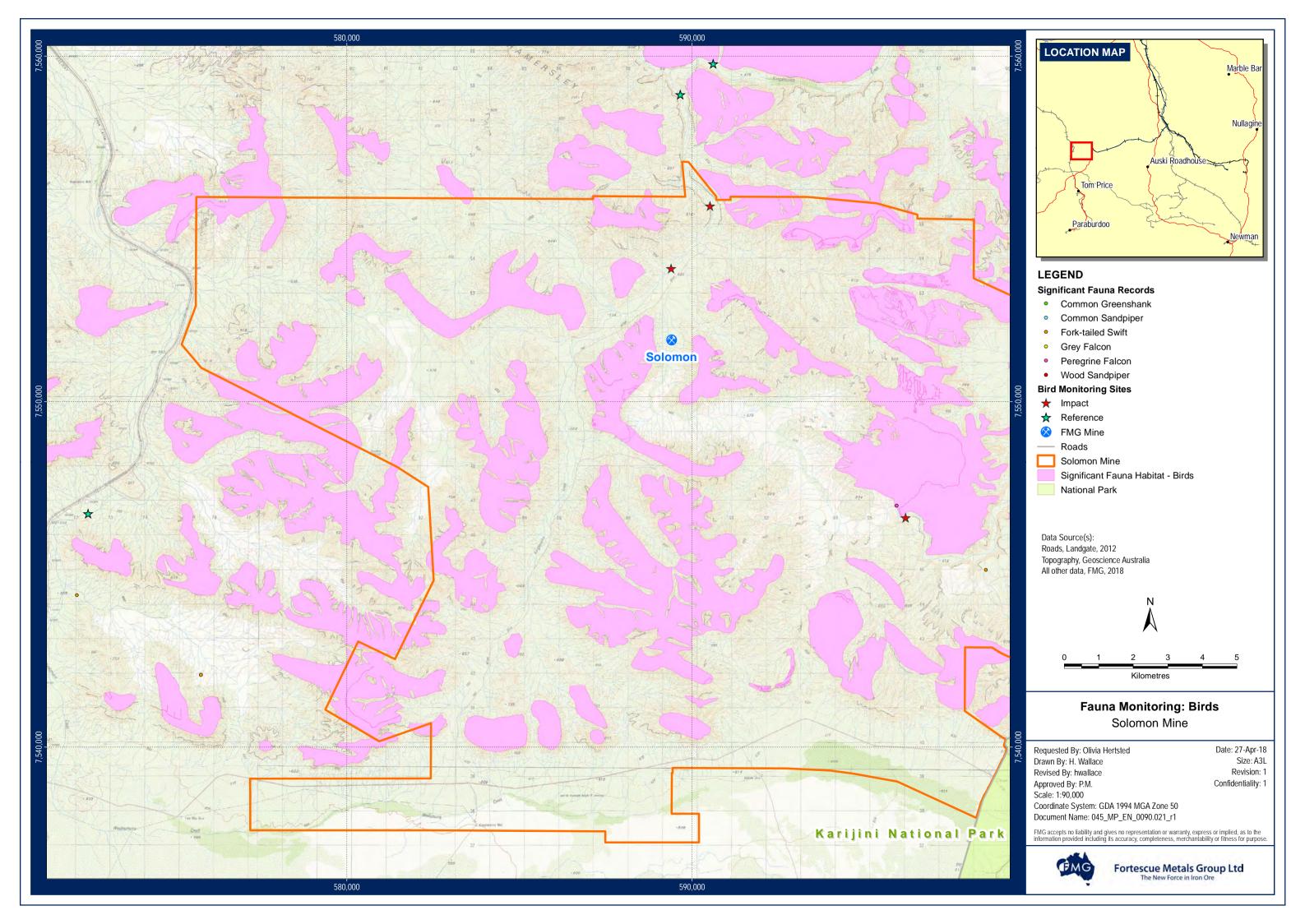
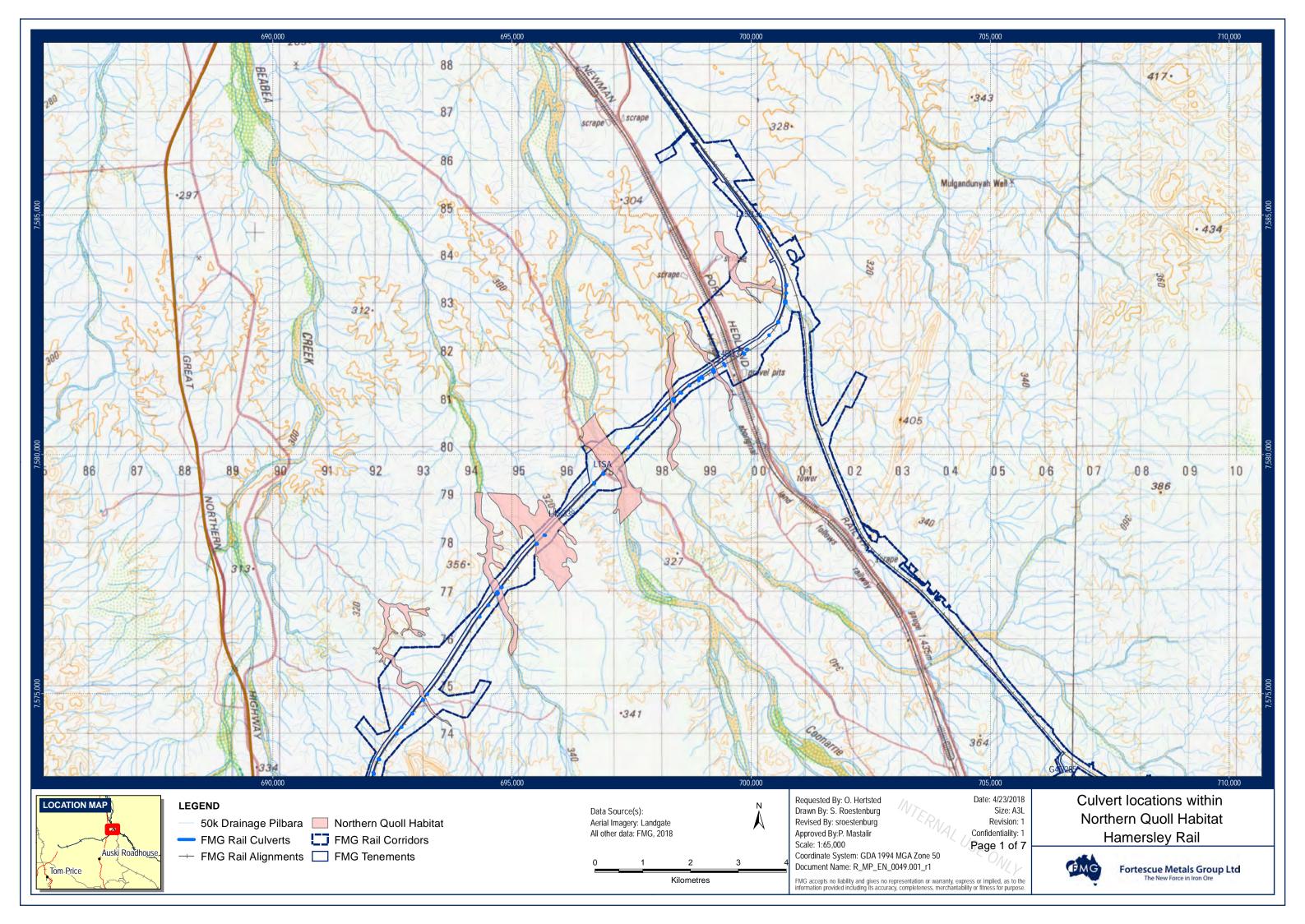
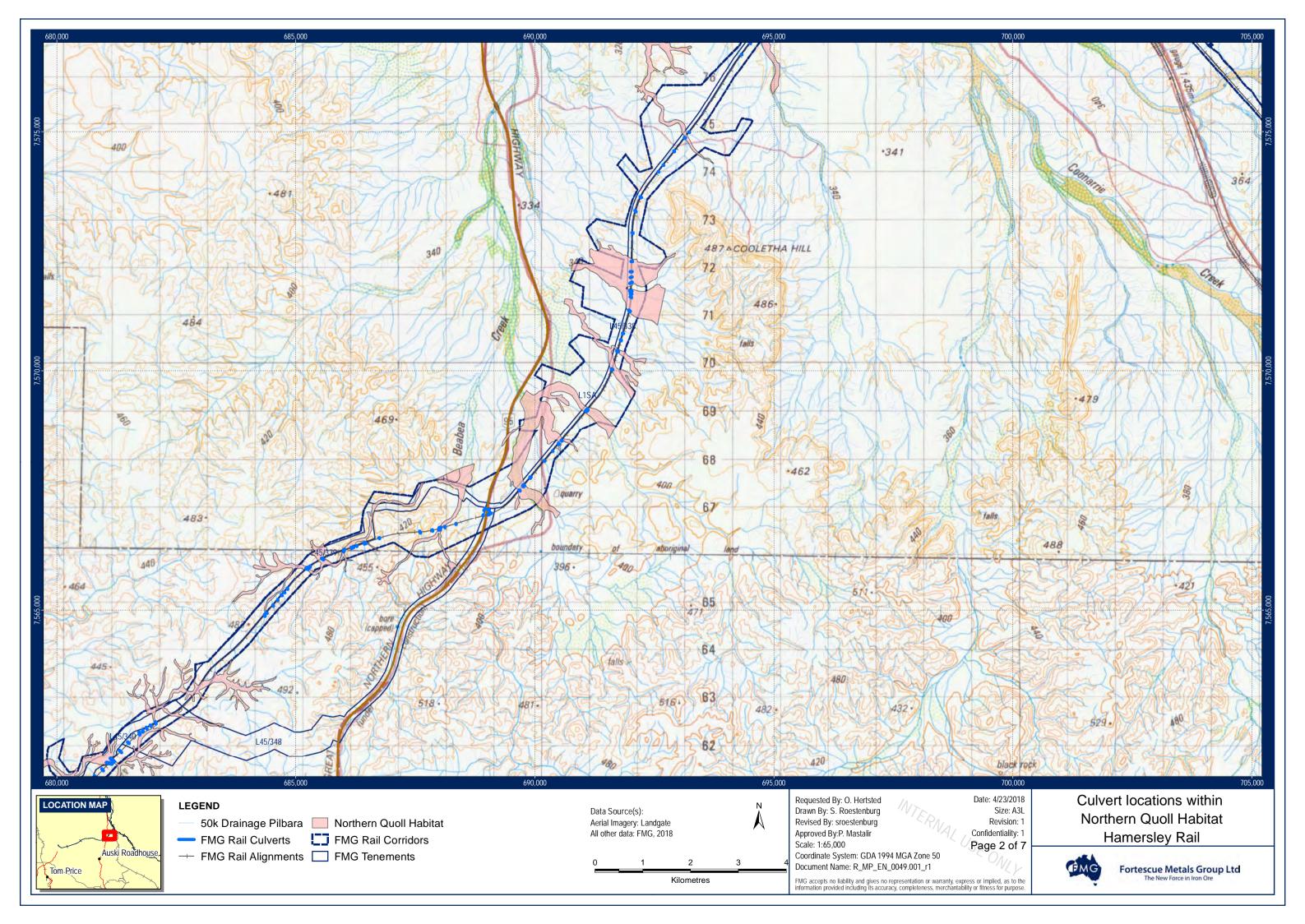
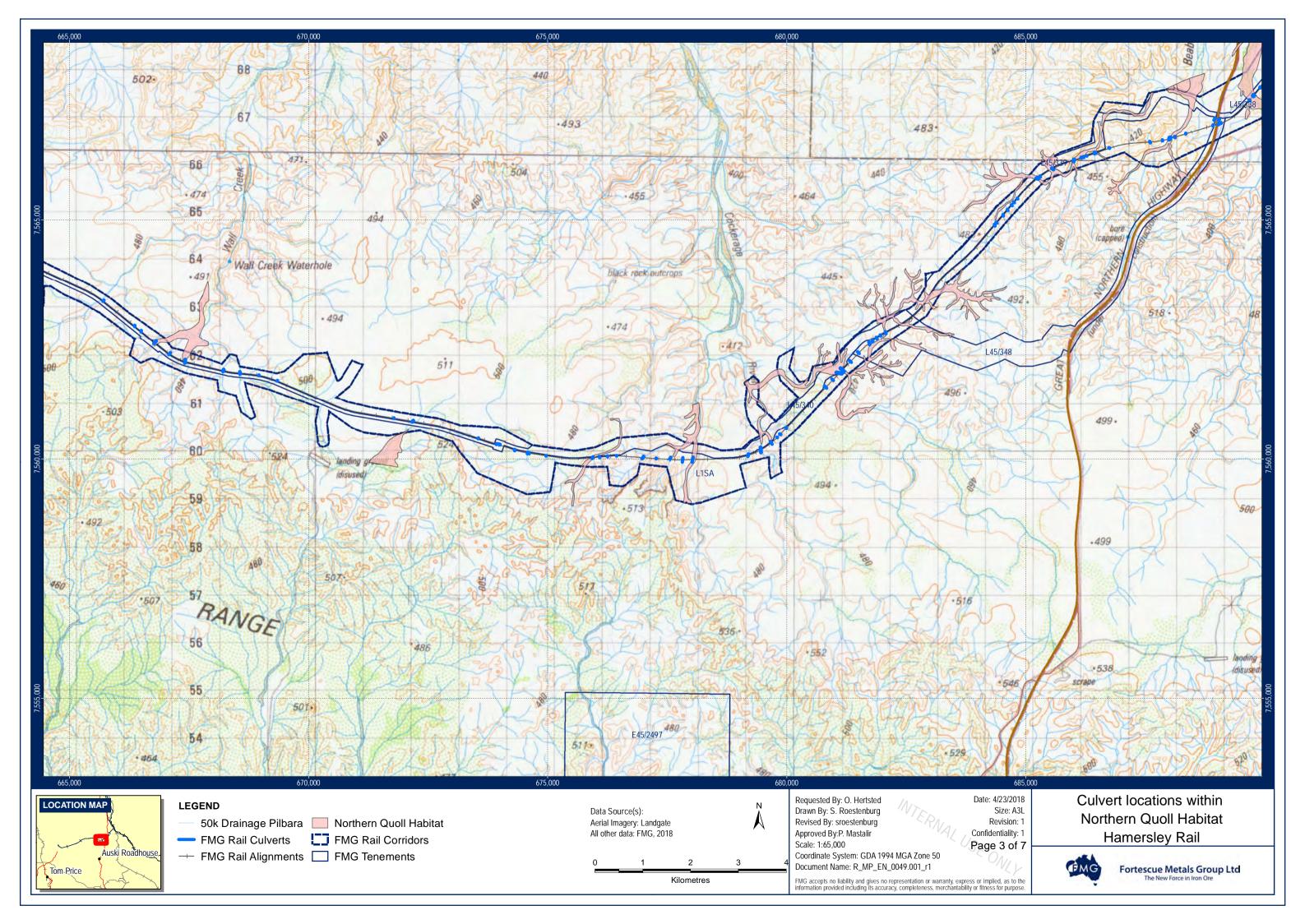


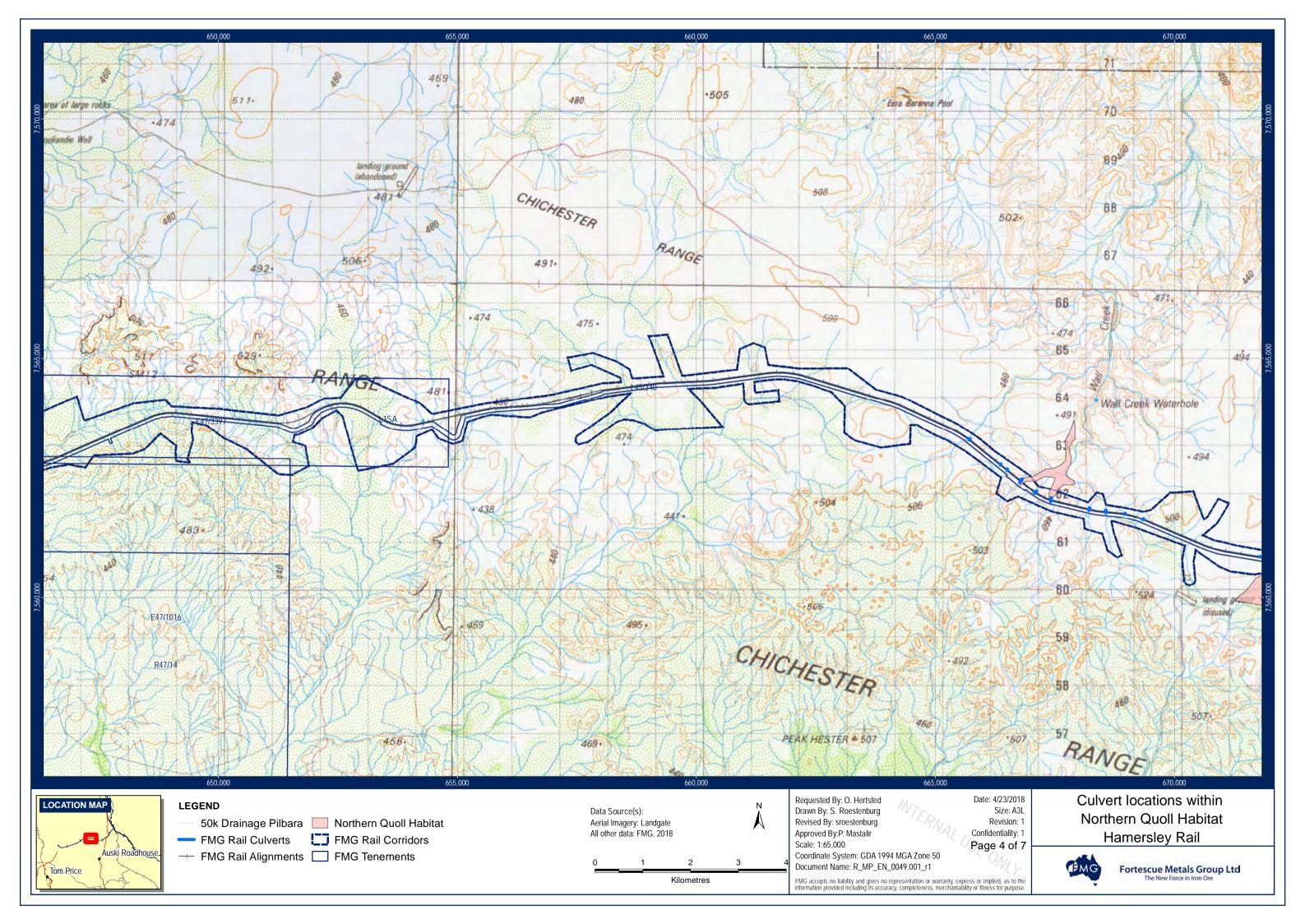


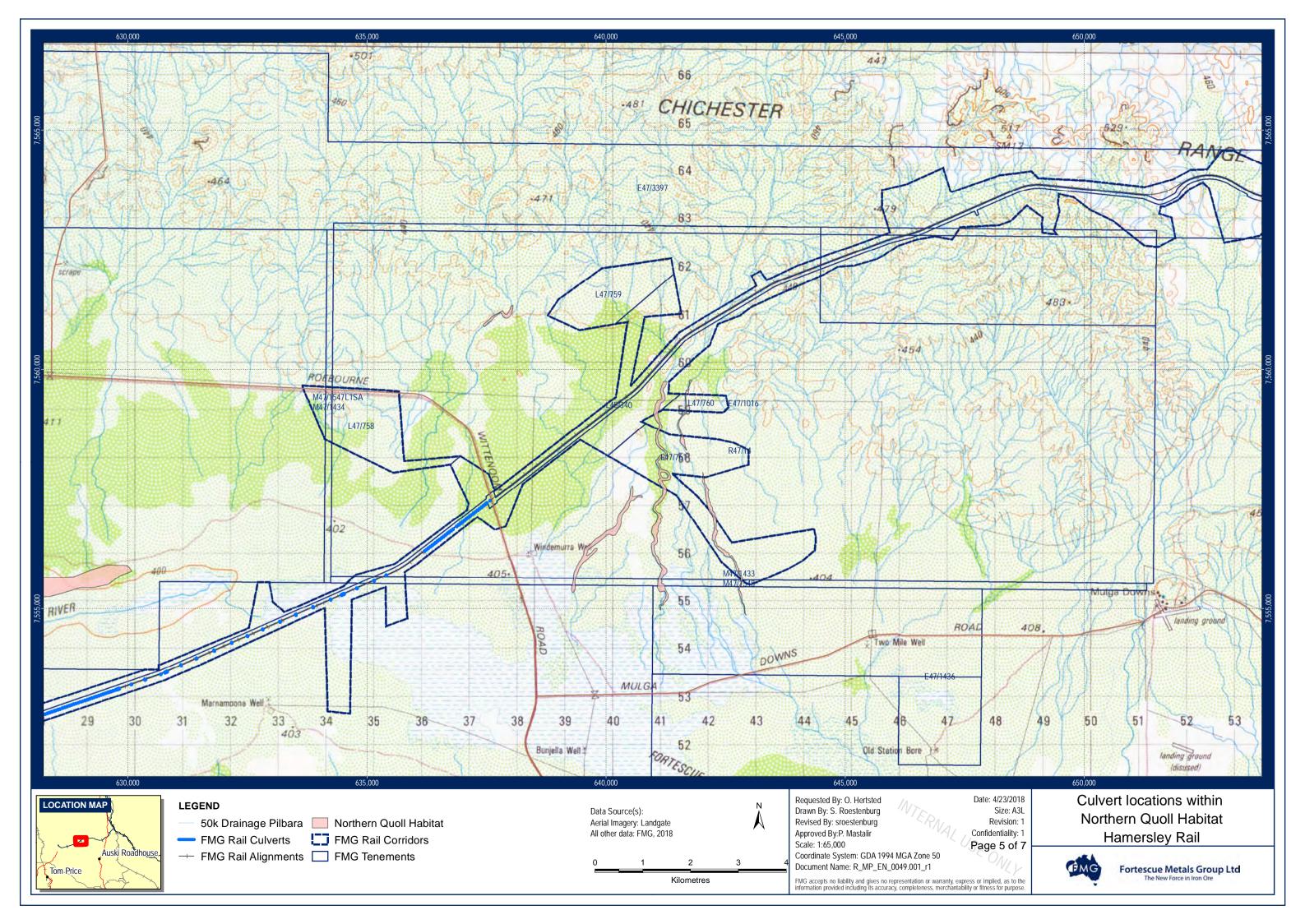
Figure 26: **Culvert Locations on the Hamersley Line** within Northern Quoll Habitat

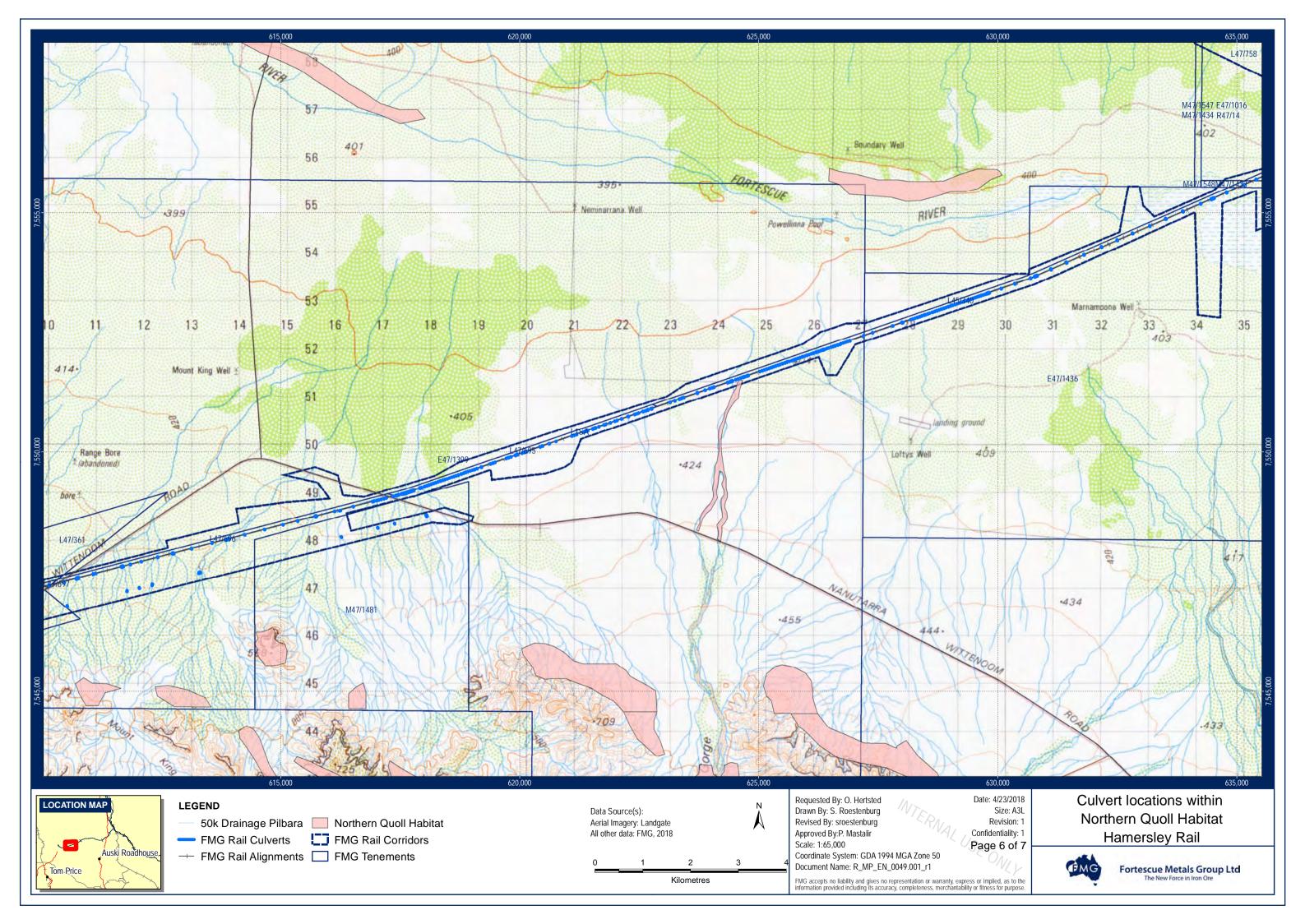


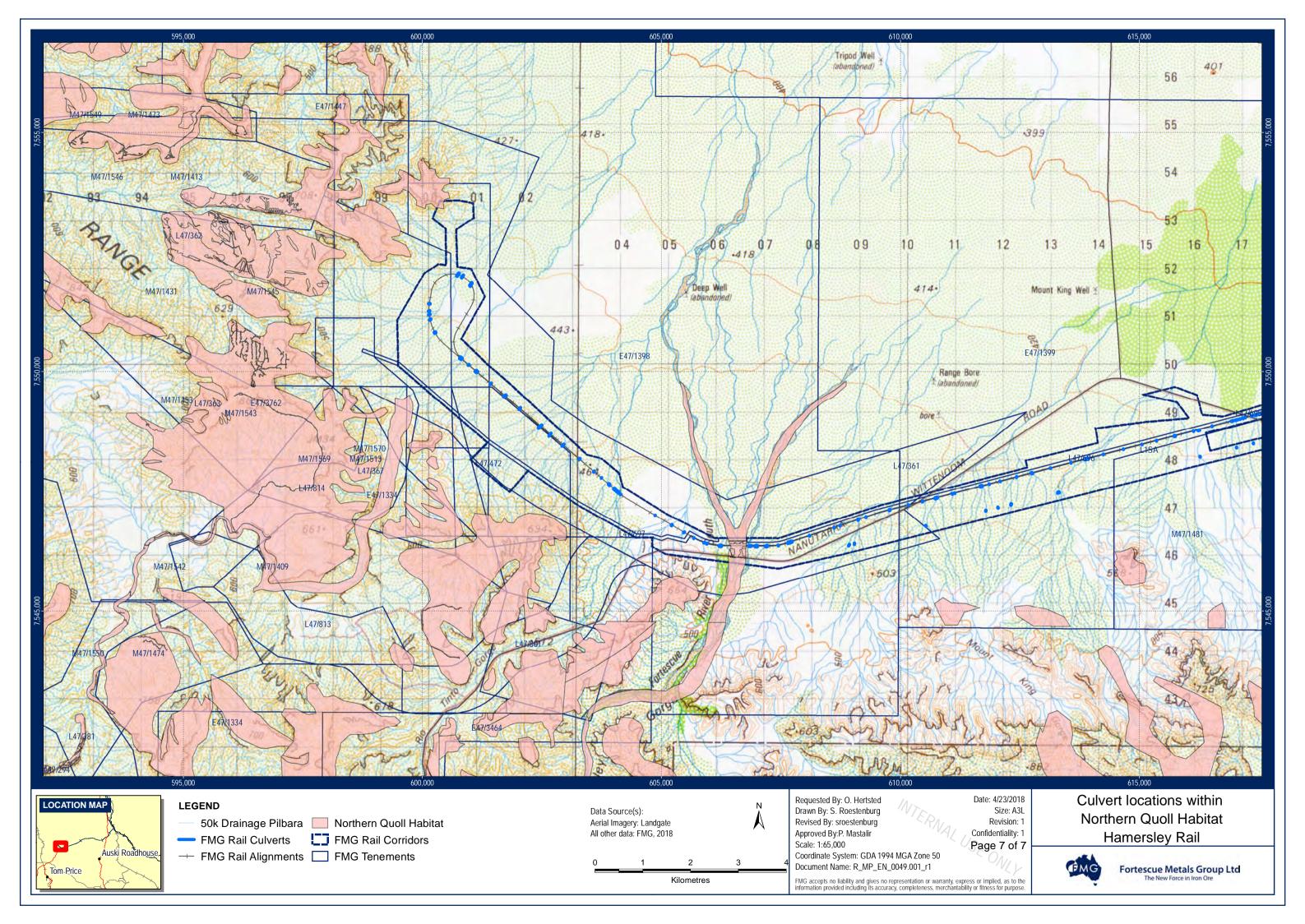














Appendix 1: Project Background

Fortescue Metals Group Background

Fortescue Metals Group (Fortescue) is an integrated business comprised of mine, rail and port operations based in the Pilbara region of Western Australia with its head office located in Perth.

Fortescue has commenced operation of the Pilbara Iron Ore and Infrastructure Project (the Project), which consists of several iron ore mines and associated rail and port infrastructure in the Pilbara region of Western Australia (see Appendix 2).

The Project was granted Major Project Facilitation Status in December 2004 and Fortescue has signed two Agreements with the State of Western Australia:

- The Railway and Port (The Pilbara Infrastructure Pty Ltd) State Agreement for the port and rail infrastructure to transport ore from the mines to the port
- The Iron Ore (FMG Chichester Pty Ltd) Agreement for the iron ore mines.

The Project has been developed in the following stages:

- Stage A, consisting of a two-berth iron ore export facility at Port Hedland and a northsouth railway from the central Pilbara to Port Hedland, approved under Ministerial Statement 690
- Stage B, consisting of iron ore mines in the eastern Pilbara (Christmas Creek) and an east-west spur rail line connecting to the Stage A railway; approved under Ministerial Statement 707. (Note this approval included the Mindy Mindy mine site but this has not been developed to date)
- Cloudbreak iron ore mine west of the Christmas Creek area, approved under Ministerial Statement 721 and federal approval under the EPBC Act (EPBC 2005/2205ⁱ)
- Port facility upgrade consisting of a third berth at Anderson Point, Port Hedland, approved under Ministerial Statement 771
- Port Facility upgrade of a fourth berth at Anderson Point, Port Hedland, Not Assessed -Public Advice Given in 2010
- Solomon iron ore project consisting of two new mines and a railway connecting to the
 existing Fortescue rail line, approved under Ministerial Statement 862 and federal
 approval under the EPBC Act (EPBC 2010/5567¹) in 2011
- Additional rail infrastructure between Herb Elliot Port Facility and Cloudbreak Mine Site, approved under Ministerial Statement 690 and 707 and federal approval under the EPBC Act (EPBC 2010/5513)
- Christmas Creek water management scheme to increase the mine dewatering rate and to inject surplus water into two brackish and one saline injection zones, approved under Ministerial Statement 871
- Cloudbreak Life of Mine, approved under Ministerial Statement 899 (supersedes the conditions of Ministerial Statement 721); Ministerial Statement 962 (to amend conditions of Ministerial Statement 899; and Ministerial Statement 1010 (to increase abstraction and reinjection of groundwater under Ministerial Statement 899 and 962)
- Northstar Hematite Project, Not Assessed Public Advice Given in 2012 and federal approval under the EPBC Act (EPBC 2012/6530)

- North Star Magnetite Project, to construct and operate an open-cut iron ore mine and associated infrastructure, approved under Ministerial Statement 993
- Christmas Creek Mine revised proposal, approved under Ministerial Statement 1033 (supersedes the conditions on Ministerial Statement 707 and Ministerial Statement 871) and federal approval under EPBC Act (EPBC 2013/7055)
- Solomon Sustaining Production, approved under MS 1062 (supersedes the condition on Ministerial Statement 862) in 2017.

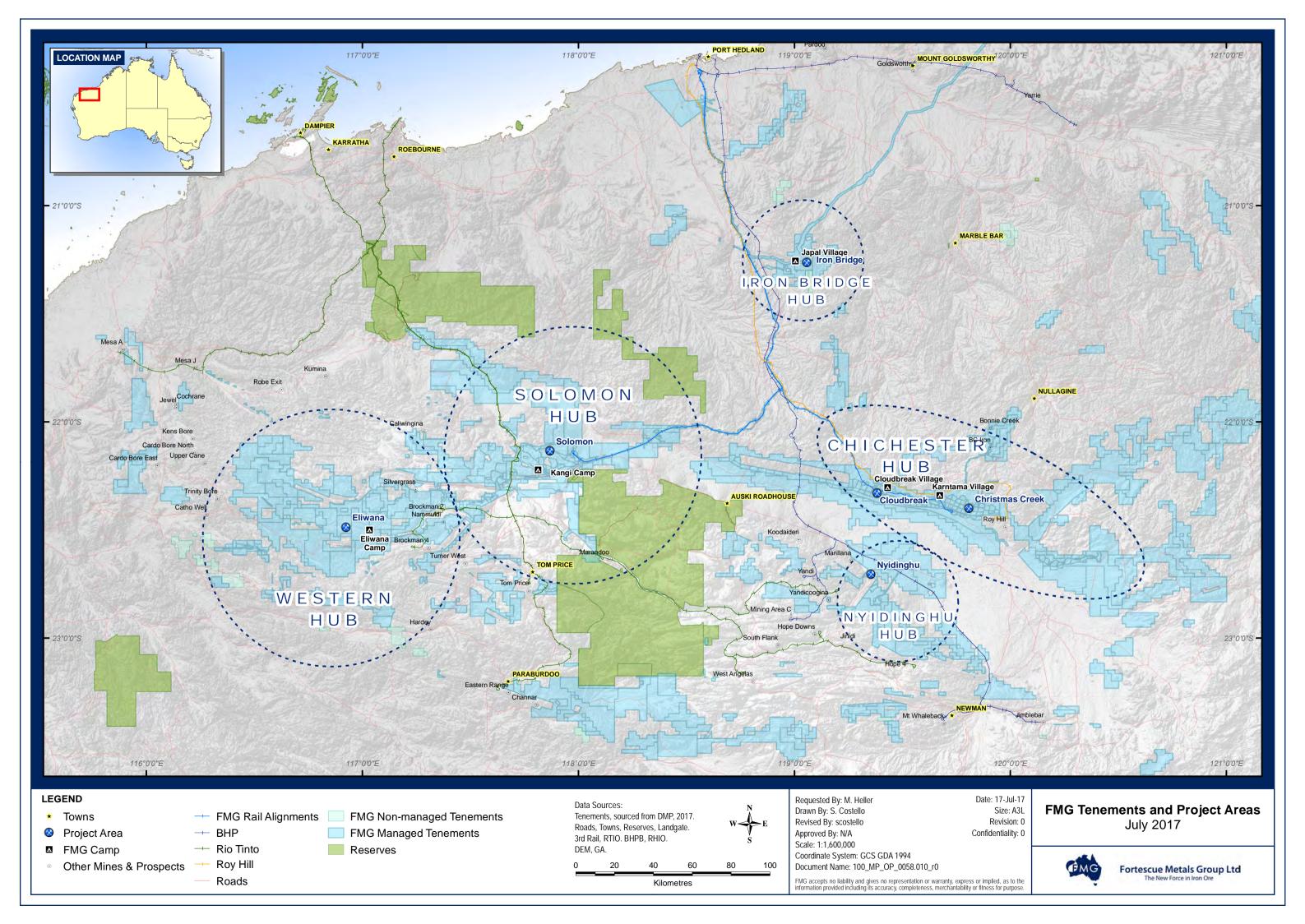
Fortescue is extending its current operations in the Pilbara with proposed expansion of mining to the west within the Western Hub Project area which contains approximately 10 ore bodies.

Fortescue is also conducting drilling programmes to further delineate resources and iron ore reserves within tenements surrounding Solomon and in additional locations throughout the Pilbara.

In addition to its wholly owned tenements, Fortescue is party to joint ventures and agreements with other tenement holders within the Pilbara region and is the manager of iron ore exploration operations upon these tenements.



Appendix 2: Fortescue Tenements and Project Areas





Appendix 3: State and Commonwealth Statutory Requirements



CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANT FAUNA MANAGEMENT PLAN – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT CONDITIONS

Conservation Sign	ificant Fauna Management Plan (100-PL-EN-0022) – Conservation Significant Ministerial State	ement Conditions
Ministerial Statement Condition	Requirement or Issue	Location in this Plan
Ministerial Statement 690	- Port Facility and North South Railway	
Condition 7-1.1	The Fauna Management Plan shall set out measures for: 1. follow-up surveys and delineation of significant fauna populations;	Table 2Table 6, Objective 3
Condition 7-1.2	The Fauna Management Plan shall set out measures for: 2. identifying suitable relocation sites and relocation techniques or other means of ensuring their ongoing appropriate protection;	Table 6, Objective 2
Condition 7-1.3	The Fauna Management Plan shall set out measures for: 3. monitoring and reporting the success of relocation or other agreed means of appropriate protection employed.	• Table 6, Objective 2 & 3
Ministerial Statement 899	- Cloudbreak Life of Mine	
Condition10-2.1	The proponent shall ensure that the updated plan as required by condition 10-1 details the following: 1. methodology of fauna surveys should they be required;	Table6, Objective 1Table 10
Condition10-2.2	The proponent shall ensure that the updated plan as required by condition 10-1 details the following: 2. identification of significant fauna populations and their distribution;	Table 2Table 6, Objective 3
Condition10-2.3	The proponent shall ensure that the updated plan as required by condition 10-1 details the following: 3. measures to control, and where possible, exclude feral animals;	Table 6, Objective 2
Condition10-2.4	The proponent shall ensure that the updated plan as required by condition 10-1 details the following: 4. measures to protect fauna from the effects of vegetation clearing, noise, vibration, light overspill, infrastructure, including trenching associated with the burial of pipelines, and resources, and any other impacts;	Table 6, Objective 2
Condition10-2.5	The proponent shall ensure that the updated plan as required by condition 10-1 details the following: 5. identification of suitable means of ensuring the appropriate protection of fauna; and	Table 6, Objective 2

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CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANT FAUNA MANAGEMENT PLAN – MINISTERIAL STATEMENT CONDITIONS

Ministerial Statement Condition	Requirement or Issue	Location in this Plan
Condition10-2.6	The proponent shall ensure that the updated plan as required by condition 10-1 details the following: 6. monitoring and reporting the success of the agreed means of appropriate protection employed, including the recording and reporting death or injury of any fauna protected under the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> (Commonwealth) and/or Scheduled species under the <i>Wildlife Conservation Act 1950</i> .	Compliance reporting
Ministerial Statement 103 Revised proposal	33 – Pilbara Iron Ore and Infrastructure Project (Christmas Creek Mine, East-West Railway and	Mindy Mindy Mine) –
Condition 8-1	The proponent shall manage the implementation of the proposal to meet the following environmental objective : (1) minimise direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna species and their habitat, including, but not limited to the Pilbara Olive Python, Northern Quoll, Greater Bilby, Night Parrot and migratory birds.	Table 1Section 5Table 6
Condition 8-2	The plan/s required by condition 6-1 shall include provisions required by 6-2 to manage impacts on conservation significant fauna including from, but not limited to loss of habitat, changes in surface water flows and open trenches.	• Table 6 – Objective 2
Ministerial Statement 10	62 – Solomon Iron Ore Project (Solomon Mine and Hamersley Rail)	
Condition 12-1	The proponent shall manage the implementation of the proposal to meet the following environmental objectives: (1) minimise direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna species and their habitat, including, but not limited to the Pilbara Olive Python, Northern Quoll and Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat.	Table 1Section 5Table 6
Condition 12-2	The plans required by condition 7-1 shall include provisions required by condition 7-2 to manage impacts on conservation significant fauna including from but not limited to loss of habitat, changes to surface water flows, vehicle strike, noise and light.	Table 6 – Objective 2

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CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANT FAUNA MANAGEMENT PLAN – EPBC CONDITIONS

Conser	vation Significant Fauna Management Plan (100-PL-EN-0022) – Conservation Significant EPBC Approval Condit	ions
EPBC Approval Condition	Requirement or Issue	Location in this Plan
EPBC 2005/2205 Cloudbreak Ope	en Pit Iron Ore Mine	
EPBC 2005/2205 - Condition 1	The person taking the action must implement the requirements of the approved <u>Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan</u> to ensure protection and management of the Night Parrot (<i>Pezoporus occidentalis</i>) in Fortescue controlled areas	 This Plan. Table 6, Objective 2 & 3 Section 4 (Section 4.2.1) Table 8
EPBC 2005/2205 - Condition 9	If any revisions to the approved <u>Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan</u> is required, this must be submitted to the Department for the Minister's approval if the revision/s is subject to submittal to the West Australian government.	Section 8
EPBC 2010/5513 Additional Rail	Infrastructure between Herb Elliott Port Facility and Cloudbreak Mine Site	
EPBC 2010/5513 Condition 2	The person taking the action must implement the approved Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan to protect and manage EPBC Act listed threatened fauna species within the Fortescue controlled areas both during construction and operation of the project.	This Plan.
EPBC 2010/5513 Condition 2a	Measures to minimise mortality of EPBC Act listed threatened fauna species	Table 6, Objective 2 & 3
EPBC 2010/5513 Condition 2b	Measures to protect EPBC Act listed threatened fauna habitat.	Table 6, Objective 2
EPBC 2010/5513 Condition 2c	Measures to rehabilitate areas disturbed during construction that are not required for ongoing operations.	Table 6, Objective 2
EPBC 2010/5513 Condition 2d	Design details of culverts in EPBC listed species habitat areas that will allow fauna to traverse the rail.	Table 6, Objective 2
EPBC 2010/5513 Condition 2e	 A fauna monitoring program to: Collect baseline population data prior to commencement of construction followed by ongoing surveys and monitoring within areas of suitable EPBC Act listed species habitat where EPBC Act species have been recorded. Measure the success of management measures to inform an adaptive management approach Determine the usage and success of culverts. 	Section 10.2.2
EPBC 2010/5567 Solomon Iron C	Pre Project	
EPBC 2010/5567 Condition 4	The person taking the action must implement the approved Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan to protect and manage EPBC Act listed threatened fauna species within the Fortescue controlled areas both during construction and operation of the project. As a minimum, the following must be implemented:	This Plan.

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CONSERVATION SIGNIFICANT FAUNA MANAGEMENT PLAN – EPBC CONDITIONS

Conse	rvation Significant Fauna Management Plan (100-PL-EN-0022) – Conservation Significant EPBC Approval Condi	tions
EPBC Approval Condition	Requirement or Issue	Location in this Plan
EPBC 2010/5567 Condition 4a	Measures to minimise mortality to EPBC Act listed threatened fauna species.	• Table 6, Objective 1, 2 & 3
EPBC 2010/5567 Condition 4b	Measures to protect EPBC Act listed threatened fauna habitat, including the Northern Quoll and the Pilbara Leafnosed Bat.	• Table 6, Objective 1, 2 & 3
EPBC 2010/5567 Condition 4c	Measures to rehabilitate areas disturbed during construction that are not required for ongoing operations.	Table 6, Objective 2
EPBC 2010/5567 Condition 4d	Design details of culverts along the rail line in areas of EPBC Act listed species habitat that will allow fauna to traverse the rail.	Figure 26
EPBC 2010/5567 Condition 4e	 A fauna monitoring program to be undertaken to: Collect baseline population data prior to commencement of construction followed by ongoing surveys and monitoring within areas of suitable EPBC Act listed species habitat where EPBC Act species have been recorded. Measure the success of management measures to inform an adaptive management approach. Determine the usage and success of culverts. 	• Table 6, Objective 1, 2 & 3
EPBC 2013/7055 Christmas Cree	ek Iron Ore Mine Expansion Project	
EPBC 2013/7055 – Condition 9	For the purpose of the action and the better protection of EPBC Act listed species, the approval holder must comply with the following conditions of the Western Australian Approval: d - Condition 8-1, 8-2, 8-3 (Terrestrial Fauna - conservation significant fauna).	Table 1Section 5Table 7

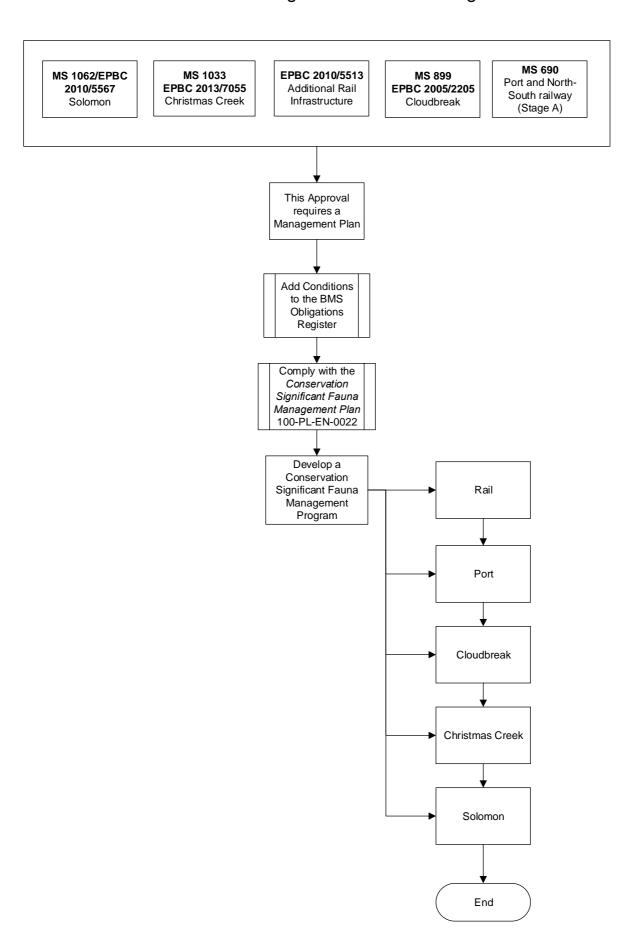
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Appendix 4: Data Flow Diagram

Data Flow Diagram

Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan





Appendix 5: Risk Assessment Relationship Matrix

Objective 2 Establish management stratgies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue Controlled Sites

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Ref#	Management Action	Full Description
		Ensure staff and contractors are provided with appropriate training to ensure conservation significant fauna and associated habitat are protected.
	Know locations of fauna	Prior to conducting ground disturbance acivities, esnure known locations of conservation significant fauna and their associated fauna habitat and buffers are
2.2	identified	identified and management measures are implemented.
	Drainage infrastructure location	Ensure drainage infrastructure location and design aligns with the risk assessment outcomes to minimise interference and disruption of natural surface water
2.3	and design	flows that support conservation significant fauna habitat.
		When conservation significant fauna species have been recorded in proposed impact areas within associated habitat, and the records have been verified
		through survey activities undertaken in the last five years, ground-truth the area and similar habitats within the area. Where individual animals are present
2.4	Pre clearance surveys	implement mitigation measures, in consultation with DPaW, including the relocation of fauna, prior to disturbance.
		Where construction or operational activities generate noise and/or vibration emissions that may result in conservation significant fauna disturbance, injuries or
2.5	Noise management	death, incorporate mitigation measures into planned activities.
2.6	Light management	Direct lighting onto active construction and operational areas to minimise the potential for light overspill resulting in fauna disturbance, injuries or deaths.
2.7	Weed management	Direct lighting onto active construction and operational areas to minimise the potential for light overspill resulting in fauna disturbance, injuries or deaths.
		Fauna management measures including exclusion or exit/egress structures, to minimise potential impacts to conservation significant fauna are in place:
		- For mining infrastructure that poses a fauna entrapment and drowning risk (including storage ponds and tailings storage areas).
2.0	Fauna exclusion and/or egress	- When conducting excavation or trenching activities.
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		Develop and implement a Feral Animal Control Program to effectively manage and control feral animals within Fortescue controlled sites to minimise impacts
2.9	Feral animal control	on conservation significant fauna.
		To minimize the potential for dust deposition on vegetation on conservation significant fauna habitat, implement relevant dust suppression
2.10	Dust mitigation	measures within identified high risk areas

	When constructing a fire break or carrying out a prescribed burn where conservation significant fauna and habitat have been identified, adhere to the
	requirements outlined in the: • LUC
	• Local shire's Firebreak Notice issued under the Bush Fire Act 1954
2.11 Fire management	• Permit to Burn issued by the local Bushfire Control Officer and the Burn Prescription that is developed.
	To minimise the potential for fauna injuries or deaths, implement appropriate mitigation measures such as speed limit restrictions and the
2.12 Minimise vehicle strikes	prohibition of off-road driving
	All surface holes drilled for the purpose of resource definition are to be plugged immediately after drilling and sampling to prevent fauna
2.13 Plug drill holes	entering the hole.
Adaptive management	Where a conservation significant fauna injury or death has occurred as a result of Fortescue Operations, internally report, notify PaWS and investigate the
2.14 measures	incident. Update management actions where required to inform an adaptive management approach.
	Conduct progressive rehabilitation of disturbed areas no longer required for operations prioritising areas with known conservation significant fauna and
2.15 Progressive rehabilitation	associated habitat.



Appendix 6: Schedule: Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan (MS1033)



Schedule

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Schedule: Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan (MS 1033)

Ministerial Statement: Ministerial Statement 1033 (MS 1033) Christmas Creek Mine, East-West Railway and Mindy Mine

Purpose of the Schedule: The Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan (The Plan) is required by State and Commonwealth Government Ministers as part of development approval for Fortescues Iron Ore related infrastructure in the Pilbara approved under Ministerial Statement 1033 – Christmas Creek Mine, East-West Railway and Mindy Mine. This Plan meets the following conditions of MS 1033:

- Condition 8-1 The proponent shall manage the implementation of the proposal to meet the following environmental objective: (1) minimise direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna species and their habitat, including, but not limited to the Pilbara Olive Python, Northern Quoll, Greater Bilby, Night Parrot and migratory birds.
- Condition 8-2 The plan/s required by condition 6-1 shall include provisions required by 6-2 to manage impacts on conservation significant fauna including from, but not limited to loss of habitat, changes in surface water flows and open trenches.

Key environmental values: Key environmental values associated with conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats at Christmas Creek under MS 1033 are outlined in the *Public Environmental Review: Christmas Creek Iron Ore Mine Expansion* (Fortescue reference CC-RP-EN-0071) and as listed here:

- Conservation significant fauna and their critical habitat
- Conservation significant vegetation, inclusive of the Fortescue Marsh PEC and identified mulga vegetation
- Groundwater and groundwater dependent systems
- Surface water and surface water dependent systems.





Key impacts and risks: Key impacts and risks associated with conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats as outlined in Appendix 5 of the Plan include:

- Habitat clearing and indirect impact
- Groundwater mounding and drawdown
- Vehicle movements
- Unplugged drill holes
- Water storage areas.

This schedule has been provided to meet the requirements of the EPA's "Instructions on how to *prepare Environmental Protection Act 1986* Part IV Environmental Management Plan". The provisions addressed within this schedule include:

- Management objectives
- Management actions
- Management targets
- Monitoring
- Reporting
- Adaptive Management and review of the EMP
- Stakeholder consultation.





MANAGEMENT-BASED PROVISIONS: OBJECTIVES AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Excerpt from Section 3 of The Plan.

Table 1: Key management actions for Conservation Significant Fauna Management at Christmas Creek under MS 1033

Objective 1	Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue Controlled Sites											
Reference	Management Action Performance Indicator Reporting/ Evidence Timing Responsibility											
1.2	Conduct a risk assessment to identify high risk areas where conservation significant fauna species and critical habitat have been identified and potential impacts are likely.	 Risk assessment conducted to identify high risk areas where conservation significant fauna species and critical habitat have been identified and potential impacts are likely. High risk areas identified See management target in Table 2 	Risk assessment outcomes / report	Design/ Construction/ Operation	Manager Environmental Approvals/ Project Manager/ Group Manager Environment							

Objective 2	Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impa	acts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fo	rtescue Controlled Sites		
Reference	Management Action	Performance Indicator	Reporting/ Evidence	Timing	Responsibility
2.2	Prior to conducting ground disturbance activities, ensure known locations of conservation significant fauna and their associated critical habitat and buffers are identified and management measures are implemented.	 LUC obtained Management measures implemented Surface water management measures implemented where required Weed management measures implemented where required See management targets in Table 2 	Completed LUC Annual Compliance Reporting	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Group Manager Environment
2.4	When conservation significant fauna species have been recorded in proposed impact areas within associated habitat, and the records have been verified through survey activities undertaken in the last five years, ground-truth the area and similar habitats within the area. Where individual animals are present implement mitigation measures, including the relocation of fauna, prior to disturbance.	 Impact areas where fauna has been recorded within associated habitat are assessed prior to ground disturbance BMS/GIS updated PaWS consulted and mitigation measures implemented Number of fauna successfully relocated See management targets in Table 2 	 BMS record GIS Table Annual Compliance Reporting Consultation records 	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Group Manager Environment
2.8	Fauna management measures, including exclusion or exit/egress structures, to minimise potential impacts to conservation significant fauna, are in place: • For mining infrastructure that poses a fauna entrapment and drowning risk (including storage ponds, operational mine void water and tailings storage areas). • When conducting excavation or trenching activities.	See management targets in Table 2 No mortality of conservation significant fauna: Due to entrapment and drowning in mining infrastructure As a result of excavation or trenching activities	BMS record Annual Compliance Reporting	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Manager Mine Services or Manager Technical Services/ Grout Manager Environment



Objective 2	Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue Controlled Sites											
2.13	All surface holes drilled for the purpose of resource definition are to be plugged immediately after drilling and sampling to prevent fauna entering the hole.		Inspection reports	Operation	Manager Mining							

Objective 3	Where species presence and/or critical habitat 1 has been confirmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring programs to detect any impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats						
Reference	Management Action	Performance Indicator	Reporting/ Evidence	Timing	Responsibility		
3.2	Where populations of conservation significant fauna listed under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> or the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> have been recorded in Fortescue controlled sites and/or critical habitat has been identified, implement a Conservation Significant Fauna Monitoring Program.	 Conservation significant fauna and critical habitat identified Monitoring Program developed and implemented Where monitoring identifies the absence of conservation significant fauna and/or critical habitat, an independent review (see Section 5.2.9) of the monitoring results is undertaken. See management targets in Table 2 	 Monitoring Reports Annual Compliance Reporting 	Construction/ Operation/ Decommissioning/ Closure	Group Manager, Environment		
3.3	When monitoring indicates a potential impact on conservation significant fauna, implement contingency actions defined in Table 11 and any reporting requirements defined in Section 9.3. Update this Plan where required, to inform an adaptive management approach to fauna management across the business using the approach detailed in Section 7.	 Corrective actions implemented Reporting requirements met Plan updated where required See management targets in Table 2 	 Monitoring reports Reporting records Updated Plan 	Construction/ Operation	Corrective Actions: Project Manager/ Group Manager Environment Reporting and Plan Update: Group Manager Environment		

¹ Critical habitat are areas with a high biodiversity value (IUCN, 2017). For the purposes of this plan are, critical habitat for conservation significant fauna species has been determined as being denning habitat areas for Northern Quolls, roosting areas for Pilbara Leafnosed and Ghost Bats, burrowing areas for Greater Bilbys, shelter areas for Pilbara Olive Pythons, nesting areas for Conservation significant bird species.



MANAGEMENT-BASED PROVISIONS - MANAGEMENT TARGETS

Excerpt from Section 1.3 of The Plan

Table 2: Conditioned environmental management objectives/ requirements and measures/targets at Christmas Creek under MS 1033

Approval	Conditioned Environmental Objectives/Requirements	Measure/ Target
MS 1033	Condition 8-1: Minimise direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna species and their habitat, including but not limited to the Pilbara Olive Python, Northern Quoll, Greater Bilby, Night Parrot and migratory birds.	100% of conservation significant fauna risk areas are identified and available in the spatial system.
	Objective 1: Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites. See Table 7 for Management Actions	
	Objective 2: Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites. See table 7 for Management Actions	No direct mortality to recorded conservation significant fauna within their recorded habitats within the project area as a result of ground disturbance activities.
		No direct loss to recorded conservation significant fauna habitat within the project area that is not approved ² for disturbance.
	Objective 3: Where species presence and/or critical habitat has been confirmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring programs to detect any impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats	No statistically significant ³ decline in the relative abundance of conservation significant species across impact sites compared to reference sites.
		OR
		Conservation significant species recorded within the area of impact for the project continue to have an ongoing presence. ⁴

² Approved refers to an approval issued under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the *Mining Act 1978* or the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

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³ When conservation significant species have been recorded in low densities during previous surveys, they may not have adequate population numbers to allow statistical comparison over time. Analytical test and power levels will be set at appropriate levels to detect change in spatial distribution and relative abundance of low density species. Where records are still inadequate, only ongoing presence will be measured to demonstrate compliance with Objective 3.



MONITORING

Excerpt from 4.2.8 of The Plan.

Table 3: Summary of Conservation Significant Fauna Monitoring for Christmas Creek under MS 1033

Fauna Species	EPBC Act 1999	Wildlife Conservation Act 1950	Fortescue Sites	Method	Monitoring Parameters	Monitoring Effort ⁴	Timing
Night Parrot (<i>Pezoporous</i> occidentalis)	CR	CR	Christmas Creek ⁵ (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033) Note: Monitoring sites will be identified in consultation with night parrot experts. See Section 5.2.1 for more detail.	Non-invasive: Acoustic recording units	Presence Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Minimum Effort (or suitable equivalent) ⁶ During post-wet periods, 1 automatic recorder per sampling site within high priority areas for 4-6 nights. Sites are about 5 km apart Dry periods: 1 automatic recorder per sampling site within high priority areas for 4-6 nights. Sites are approximately 1km apart. Methods will be confirmed following outcomes of Night Parrot Research Program, and advice from relevant Night Parrot experts	Post wet season
Northern Quoll (<i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>)	EN	EN	Christmas Creek (EPBC 2010/5706) (MS 1033) (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033) See Figure 4	Non-invasive: Active searches and searches for scats and other signs, motion cameras Invasive: Cage traps and Elliott traps. Replicated control and impact sites.	Individual data/ biometric data Sex Body measurements Health Breeding status/ Reproductive condition Behaviour Area of occupancy Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats Culvert usage	Minimum Effort (or suitable equivalent) Elliott and Cage Traps: in alignment with "Pilbara northern Quoll Project, Surveyed and Monitoring Dasyurus hallacatus in the Pilbara, Western Australia" - (PaWS 2014). Alternative Effort (or suitable equivalent) Active searches and searches for scats and other signs: ten hours per sampling site. Motion cameras: 5 cameras per sampling site. 4 nights Where possible, monitoring will align with DPaW regional monitoring programs.	May to August
Greater Bilby (<i>Macrotis</i> lagotis)	VU	VU	Christmas Creek (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033) See Figure 14	Non-invasive: Diurnal monitoring and diurnal searches for tracks and other signs, motion cameras on burrows, spotlighting, hair funnels	Abundance Area of occupancy Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats Culvert Usage		
Ghost Bat (Macroderma Gigas)	VU	VU	Christmas Creek See Figure 6	SM2Bat recorders	Presence Habitat characteristics Meteorological data	As a minimum, SM2Bat recorders: 1 recorder per sampling site. 12 impacts, 12 control sites. 28 detector nights per sampling site.	November to May

⁴ Monitoring frequency subject to review. See section 5.2.9

⁵ This species has not been recorded at this site but a condition of a Ministerial Statement or Controlled Action specifies monitoring for this species.

⁶ Minimum effort and monitoring methods are in accordance with the recommendations outlined in the Night parrot surveys at Fortescue Marsh: Habitat analyses, survey review and recommendations, Western Australia (Fortescue 2018).



Fauna Species	EPBC Act 1999	Wildlife Conservation Act 1950	Fortescue Sites	Method	Monitoring Parameters	Monitoring Effort ⁴	Timing
					Environmental threats	7 nights, until such time that a new method suitable for Ghost Bat monitoring is developed (i.e. scat analysis) Where possible, monitoring will align with PaWS regional monitoring programs (where available).	
Pilbara Olive Python (<i>Liasis olivaceus</i> barroni)	VU	VU	Christmas Creek (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033) See Figure 16	Searches for signs, spotlighting	Individual data/biometric data Weight Length General body condition Area of occupancy Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Searches for signs: 2 hour search time for each hectare sampling site. 7 nights. Spotlighting: monitor two 200m transects per 5 hectare site, replicate across habitat types in areas > 5 hectares. Repeat same transects for a minimum of two separate nights. 7 nights. Where possible, monitoring will align with PaWS regional monitoring programs.	December to February
Wood Sandpiper (<i>Tringa glareola</i>)	М	IA	Christmas Creek (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033) See Figure 18	Area searches, targeted resource and habitat searches, bird calls	Number of birds Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Area searches: 20 minute search time for every 2 hectare sampling site	December to February
Common Greenshank (<i>Tringa nebularia</i>)	М	IA	Christmas Creek (EPBC 2013/7055, MS1033) See Figure 18	Area searches, targeted resource and habitat searches, bird calls	Number of birds Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Area searches: 20 minute search time for every 2 hectare sampling site	December to February



MONITORING: CONTINGENCY ACTIONS

Excerpt from Section 4.3 of the Plan.

Table 4: Trigger criteria and contingency measures for Christmas Creek under MS 1033

 Determine whether the changes observed in the impact sites are comparable to the observations in the reference sites. Re-examine applied monitoring parameters to validate they are operating within management levels. Identify the reason for the change and where it was caused by construction, operation or decommissioning activities, review management measures with an adaptive management response. Submit revised Plan to the EPA Services of the DWER for review and approval. REPORTING - Where the exceedance is attributable to construction, operation and decommissioning





REPORTING

Excerpt from Section 6 of the Plan.

Annual Monitoring Report

An Annual Monitoring Report will be developed with the results of the conservation significant fauna monitoring programs across all Fortescue controlled sites. The report will outline the conservation significant fauna monitoring undertaken during the period, the data captured and the analysis completed during the reporting period. Further, it will report compliance against management targets and conditioned environmental objectives.

Annual Compliance Reporting

Fortescue is required to report against its compliance with this Plan in the Compliance Assessment Report prepared in accordance with the OEPA's Post Assessment Guideline for Preparing a Compliance Assessment Report, Post assessment Guideline No. 3.

Annual Compliance Assessment Reports (CAR) are required to be submitted in accordance with the following Ministerial Statements with conservation significant fauna related conditions:

Condition 3-6 of MS1033.

The reporting requirements against management targets and conditioned environmental objectives are provided in Table 1. In the event that trigger criteria were exceeded during the reporting period, the CAR will include a description of the effectiveness of the contingency actions that have been implemented to manage the impact and any adaptive management measures applied as a result of the exceedance.

Reporting of Potential Non-Compliances

Fortescue is required to report against exceedances of management targets for management based environmental conditions within conditioned timeframes.

In the event that monitoring, tests, surveys or investigations indicate an exceedance of a management target in Table 1 has occurred within the reporting period, Fortescue will:

 Where the exceedance is attributable to construction, operation or decommissioning activities, report the exceedance in writing to the EPA Services of the DWER within 21 days of the exceedance being identified in accordance with Condition 6-4 (1) of MS1033.

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- Investigate to determine the cause of the management targets being exceeded in accordance with Condition 6-4(2) of MS1033.
- Provide a report to the EPA Services of the DWER within 90 days of the exceedance being reported as required by Condition 6-4(1) in accordance with the requirements of condition 6-4(3) of MS1033.

In the event that monitoring of compliance, tests, surveys or investigations indicate that one or more management actions have not been implemented within the reporting period, Fortescue will:

- Report the failure to implement management action(s) in writing to the EPA Services of the DWER within 7 days of identification in accordance with Condition 6-5 (1) of MS1033,
- Investigate to determine the cause of the management action(s) not being implemented in accordance with Condition 5-5(2) of MS1033,
- Investigate to provide information for the EPA Services of the DWER to determine
 potential environmental harm or alteration of the environment that occurred due to the
 failure to implement management actions in accordance with Condition 6-5(3) of
 MS1033, and
- Provide a report to the EPA Services of the DWER within 21 days of the reporting required by condition 6-5(1) in accordance with the requirements of condition 6-5(4) of MS1033.



ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

Excerpt from Section 7 of The Plan.

Fortescue will implement adaptive management practices to learn from the implementation of mitigation measures, monitoring and evaluation against management targets, to more effectively meet the conditioned environmental objective. Adaptive management practices that will be assessed for the conservation significant fauna management and monitoring program as part of this approach will include:

- Evaluation of the monitoring program, data and comparison to baseline data and reference sites on an annual basis to verify whether responses to project activities are the same or similar to predictions,
- Evaluation of assumptions and uncertainties of the conservation significant fauna management and monitoring program,
- Re-evaluation of the risk assessment and revision of risk based priorities as a result of monitoring outcomes,
- Review of data and information gathered over the review period that has increased understanding of site environment in the context of the regional ecosystem,
- Review of management actions as the project matures and new management measures and technologies become available that may be more effective for conservation significant fauna management, and
- Assessment of changes which are outside the control of the project and the management measures identified (i.e. a new project within the area or region; regional change affecting conservation significant fauna management).

REVIEW OF PLAN

Excerpt from Section 8 of The Plan.

Review of this Plan will be undertaken every five years or as required by a condition. Revisions of this Plan will be submitted to the State and Commonwealth Governments for approval, in accordance with relevant approval conditions.



STAKEHOLDER CONSULATION

Excerpt from Section 9 of The Plan

Fortescue has undertaken an extensive stakeholder consultation program whereby landowners, regulators and other relevant parties have been consulted with regard to investigation and design of the mine sites and port and rail infrastructure through the environmental approvals process.

The then Department of Environment Regulation (DER), the then Office of the Environmental Protection Authority (OEPA) and the then Department of the Environment (DoE) were consulted and, where required, approved the content of the original plans for which this Plan will replace.

The current revision of this Plan has been submitted to the EPA Services of the DWER and DoEE for their review, comment and approval, and PaWS for their review and comment, in accordance with the applicable Ministerial Statements and Controlled Actions.

Table 5 will be updated following receipt of stakeholder comment as a result of the review and approvals process.

Table 5: Stakeholder Consultation, Comments and Responses

Stakeholder	Correspondence	Comment	Changes
EPA Services of the DWER	• Fortescue: Plan issued for review (CC-EN-0313)	CC-EN-0313.01 CC-EN-0313.04	CC-EN-0313.03 CC-EN-0313.05
	DWER: Comments provided on Plan (DWERA-000284) (Fortescue reference (CC-EN-0313.01))		
	Fortescue: Extension request to respond to comments (CC-EN-0313.02)		
	Fortescue: Rev 3a provided for approval (CC-EN-0313.03)		
	DWER: Comments provided on Rev 3a (CC-EN-0313.04)		
	Fortescue: Rev 3b provided for approval (CC-EN-0313.05)		
	DWER: Approval granted (CC-EN-0313.06)		
DoEE	Fortescue: Plan issued for information (CC-EN-0312)	No comments received	
PaWS	Fortescue: Plan issued for review: CC-EN- 0315	No comments received	

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Appendix 7: Schedule: Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan (MS 1062)



Schedule

Schedule: Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan (MS 1062)

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Schedule: Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan (MS 1062)

Ministerial Statement: Ministerial Statement 1062 (MS 1062) Solomon Iron Ore Project – Sustaining Production

Purpose of the Schedule: The Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan (The Plan) is required by State and Commonwealth Government Ministers as part of development approval for Fortescues Iron Ore related infrastructure in the Pilbara approved under Ministerial Statement 1062 – Solomon Iron Ore Project – Sustaining Production. This Plan meets the following conditions of MS 1062:

- Condition 12-1 The proponent shall manage the implementation of the proposal to meet the following environmental objective: (1) minimise
 direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna species and their habitat, including, but not limited to the Pilbara Olive Python,
 Northern Quoll and Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat.
- Condition 12-2 The plan/s required by condition 7-1 shall include provisions required by 7-2 to manage impacts on conservation significant fauna including from, but not limited to loss of habitat, changes to surface water flows, vehicle strike, noise and light.

Key environmental values: Key environmental values associated with conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats at Solomon under MS 1062 are outlined in the *Public Environmental Review: Solomon Iron Ore Project – Sustaining Production* (Fortescue reference SO-RP-EN-0104) and as listed here:

- Conservation significant fauna and their critical habitat
- Conservation significant vegetation
- Groundwater and groundwater dependent systems
- Surface water and surface water dependent systems.





Key impacts and risks: Key impacts and risks associated with conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats as outlined in Appendix 5 of the Plan include:

- Habitat clearing due to vegetation clearing
- Restriction or removal of access to breeding habitat, foraging habitat or water sources
- Alterations to hydrology
- Indirect impacts:
 - Altered fire regimes
 - Increase in feral animal populations
 - Introduction of weed populations
 - Vehicle interactions
 - Dust, light and noise

This schedule has been provided to meet the requirements of the EPA's "Instructions on how to *prepare Environmental Protection Act 1986* Part IV Environmental Management Plan". The provisions addressed within this schedule include:

- Management objectives
- Management actions
- Management targets
- Monitoring





- Reporting
- Adaptive Management and review of the EMP
- Stakeholder consultation.





MANAGEMENT-BASED PROVISIONS: OBJECTIVES AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Excerpt from Section 3 of The Plan.

Table 1: Key management actions for Conservation Significant Fauna Management at Solomon under MS 1062

Objective 1	Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue Controlled Sites							
Reference	Management Action	ment Action Performance Indicator Reporting/ Evidence Timing Responsibility						
1.2	Conduct a risk assessment to identify high risk areas where conservation significant fauna species and critical habitat have been identified and potential impacts are likely.	 Risk assessment conducted to identify high risk areas where conservation significant fauna species and critical habitat have been identified and potential impacts are likely. High risk areas identified See management target in Table 2 	Risk assessment outcomes / report	Design/ Construction/ Operation	Manager Environmental Approvals/ Project Manager/ Group Manager Environment			

Objective 2	Establish management strategies to minimise the potential in	Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue Controlled Sites						
Reference	Management Action	Performance Indicator	Reporting/ Evidence	Timing	Responsibility			
2.2	Prior to conducting ground disturbance activities, ensure known locations of conservation significant fauna and their associated critical habitat and buffers are identified and management measures are implemented.	 LUC obtained Management measures implemented See management targets in Table 2 	Completed LUC Annual Compliance Reporting	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ HSES Manager			
2.3	Ensure drainage infrastructure location and design aligns with the risk assessment outcomes to minimise interference and disruption of natural surface water flows that support conservation significant fauna habitat. ¹	 Location and design of drainage infrastructure aligns with risk assessment outcomes where possible See Action 3.4 of this table. See management targets in Table 2 	Risk assessmentMonitoring reports	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ HSES Manager			
2.4	When conservation significant fauna species have been recorded in proposed impact areas within associated habitat, and the records have been verified through survey activities undertaken in the last five years, ground-truth the area and similar habitats within the area. Where individual animals are present implement mitigation measures, including the relocation of fauna, prior to disturbance.	 Impact areas where fauna has been recorded within associated habitat are assessed prior to ground disturbance BMS/GIS updated PaWS consulted and mitigation measures implemented Number of fauna successfully relocated See management targets in Table 2 	 BMS record GIS Table Annual Compliance Reporting Consultation records 	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Group Manager Environment			



Objective 2	Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue Controlled Sites						
2.11	To minimise the potential for fauna injuries or deaths, implement appropriate traffic mitigation measures such as speed limit restrictions and the prohibition of off-road driving.	Appropriate signage in areas identified as high-risk areas Awareness programs delivered	 Incident reports in BMS Staff induction materials Site notices 	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager		

Objective 3	Where species presence and/or critical habitat ² has been cor	firmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring program	ns to detect any impacts on conservation	significant fauna and their cri	tical habitats	
Reference	Management Action	Performance Indicator	Reporting/ Evidence	Timing	Responsibility	
3.2	Where populations of conservation significant fauna listed under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> or the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> have been recorded in Fortescue controlled sites and/or critical habitat has been identified, implement a Conservation Significant Fauna Monitoring Program.	 Conservation significant fauna and critical habitat identified Monitoring Program developed and implemented Where monitoring identifies the absence of conservation significant fauna and/or critical habitat, an independent review (see Section 5.2.9) of the monitoring results is undertaken. See management targets in Table 2 	Monitoring Reports Annual Compliance Reporting	Construction/ Operation/ Decommissioning/ Closure	Group Manager, Environment	
3.3	When monitoring indicates a potential impact on conservation significant fauna, implement contingency actions defined in Table 11 and any reporting requirements defined in Section 9.3. Update this Plan where required, to inform an adaptive management approach to fauna management across the business using the approach detailed in Section 7.	 Corrective actions implemented Reporting requirements met Plan updated where required See management targets in Table 2 	Monitoring reportsReporting recordsUpdated Plan	Construction/ Operation	Corrective Actions: Project Manager/ Group Manager Environment Reporting and Plan Update: Group Manager Environment	

² Critical habitat are areas with a high biodiversity value (IUCN, 2017). For the purposes of this plan are, critical habitat for conservation significant fauna species has been determined as being denning habitat areas for Northern Quolls, roosting areas for Pilbara Leafnosed and Ghost Bats, burrowing areas for Greater Bilbys, shelter areas for Pilbara Olive Pythons, nesting areas for Conservation significant bird species.



MANAGEMENT-BASED PROVISIONS - MANAGEMENT TARGETS

Excerpt from Section 1.3 of The Plan

Table 2: Conditioned environmental management objectives/ requirements and measures/targets at Solomon under MS 1062

Approval	Conditioned Environmental Objectives/Requirements	Measure/ Target
MS 1062	Condition: Minimise direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna species and their habitat, including, but not limited to the Pilbara Olive Python, Northern Quoll, and Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat.	100% of conservation significant fauna risk areas are identified and available in the spatial
	Objective 1: Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	system.
	See Table 6 for Management Actions	
	Objective 2: Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites.	No direct mortality to recorded conservation significant fauna within their recorded habitats
	See Table 6 for Management Actions	within the project area as a result of ground disturbance activities.
		No direct loss to recorded conservation significant fauna habitat within the project area that is not approved ^{Error! Bookmark not defined.} for disturbance.
	Objective 3: Where species presence and critical habitat has been confirmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring programs to detect any impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats. See Table 6 for Management Actions.	No statistically significant ⁴ decline in the relative abundance of conservation significant species across impact sites compared to reference sites.
		OR
		Conservation significant species recorded within the area of impact for the project continue to have an ongoing presence. ⁴

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MONITORING

Excerpt from 4.2.8 of The Plan.

Table 3: Summary of Conservation Significant Fauna Monitoring for Solomon under MS 1062

Fauna Species	EPBC Act 1999	Wildlife Conservation Act 1950	Figure	Method	Monitoring Parameters	Monitoring Effort ³	Timing
Northern Quoll (<i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>)	EN	EN	See Figure 5	Non-invasive: Active searches and searches for scats and other signs, motion cameras Invasive: Cage traps and Elliott traps. Replicated control and impact sites.	Individual data/ biometric data Sex Body measurements Health Breeding status/ Reproductive condition Behaviour Area of occupancy Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats Culvert usage	Minimum Effort (or suitable equivalent) Elliott and Cage Traps: in alignment with "Pilbara northern Quoll Project, Surveyed and Monitoring Dasyurus hallacatus in the Pilbara, Western Australia" - (PaWS 2014). Alternative Effort (or suitable equivalent) Active searches and searches for scats and other signs: ten hours per sampling site. Motion cameras: 5 cameras per sampling site. 4 nights Where possible, monitoring will align with DPaW regional monitoring programs.	
Pilbara Leaf-nosed Bat (Rhinonicteris aurantia)	VU	VU	Figure 9	SM2Bat recorders	Presence Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	SM2Bat recorders: 1 recorder per sampling site. 12 impacts, 12 control sites. 28 detector nights per sampling site. 7 nights ⁴ . Where possible, monitoring will align with PaWS regional monitoring programs (where available).	November to May
Ghost Bat (Macroderma Gigas)	VU	VU	See Figure 9	SM2Bat recorders	Presence Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	As a minimum, SM2Bat recorders: 1 recorder per sampling site. 12 impacts, 12 control sites. 28 detector nights per sampling site. 7 nights, until such time that a new method suitable for Ghost Bat monitoring is developed (i.e. scat analysis) Where possible, monitoring will align with PaWS regional monitoring programs (where available).	
Pilbara Olive Python (Liasis olivaceus barroni)	VU	VU	See Figure 19	Searches for signs, spotlighting	Individual data/biometric data Weight Length General body condition Area of occupancy Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Searches for signs: 2 hour search time for each hectare sampling site. 7 nights. Spotlighting: monitor two 200m transects per 5 hectare site, replicate across habitat types in areas > 5 hectares. Repeat same transects for a minimum of two separate nights. 7 nights. Where possible, monitoring will align with PaWS regional monitoring programs.	December to February
Fork-tailed Swift (Apus pacificus)	М	Sc3	See Figure 25	Area searches, targeted resource and habitat searches, bird calls	Number of birds Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	Area searches: 20 minute search time for every 2 hectare sampling site	December to February

³ Monitoring frequency subject to review. See section 5.2.9

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MONITORING: CONTINGENCY ACTIONS

Excerpt from Section 4.3 of the Plan.

Table 4: Trigger criteria and contingency measures for Solomon under MS 1062

Trigger	Contingency measures
 Statistically significant decline in the relative abundance of conservation significant species across impact sites compared to reference sites. No continued presence of conservation significant species recorded within the impact areas. 	Determine whether the changes observed in the impact sites are comparable to the observations in the reference sites.
	activities, report the exceedance within 21 days of the exceedance being identified.





REPORTING

Excerpt from Section 6 of the Plan.

Annual Monitoring Report

An Annual Monitoring Report will be developed with the results of the conservation significant fauna monitoring programs across all Fortescue controlled sites. The report will outline the conservation significant fauna monitoring undertaken during the period, the data captured and the analysis completed during the reporting period. Further, it will report compliance against management targets and conditioned environmental objectives.

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Fortescue is required to report against its compliance with this Plan in the Compliance Assessment Report prepared in accordance with the OEPA's Post Assessment Guideline for Preparing a Compliance Assessment Report, Post assessment Guideline No. 3.

Annual Compliance Assessment Reports (CAR) are required to be submitted in accordance with the following Ministerial Statements with conservation significant fauna related conditions:

Condition 3-6 of MS1062

The reporting requirements against management targets and conditioned environmental objectives are provided in Table 1. In the event that trigger criteria were exceeded during the reporting period, the CAR will include a description of the effectiveness of the contingency actions that have been implemented to manage the impact and any adaptive management measures applied as a result of the exceedance.

Reporting of Potential Non-Compliances

Fortescue is required to report against exceedances of management targets for management based environmental conditions within conditioned timeframes.

In the event that monitoring, tests, surveys or investigations indicate an exceedance of a management target in Table 1 has occurred within the reporting period, Fortescue will:

 Where the exceedance is attributable to construction, operation or decommissioning activities, report the exceedance in writing to the EPA Services of the DWER within 21 days of the exceedance being identified in accordance with Condition 6-4 (1) of MS1033 and Condition 7-4(1) of MS1062.

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- Investigate to determine the cause of the management targets being exceeded in accordance with Condition 6-4(2) of MS1033 and Condition 7-4(2) of MS1062.
- Provide a report to the EPA Services of the DWER within 90 days of the exceedance being reported as required by Condition 6-4(1) in accordance with the requirements of condition 6-4(3) of MS1033 and Condition 7-4(3) of MS1062.

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 potential environmental harm or alteration of the environment that occurred due to the
 failure to implement management actions in accordance with Condition 6-5(3) of
 MS1033 and Condition 7-5(3) of MS1062.
- Provide a report to the EPA Services of the DWER within 21 days of the reporting required by condition 6-5(1) in accordance with the requirements of condition 6-5(4) of MS1033 and Condition 7-5(4) of MS1062.







ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

Excerpt from Section 7 of The Plan.

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- Re-evaluation of the risk assessment and revision of risk based priorities as a result of monitoring outcomes,
- Review of data and information gathered over the review period that has increased understanding of site environment in the context of the regional ecosystem,
- Review of management actions as the project matures and new management measures and technologies become available that may be more effective for conservation significant fauna management, and
- Assessment of changes which are outside the control of the project and the management measures identified (i.e. a new project within the area or region; regional change affecting conservation significant fauna management).

REVIEW OF PLAN

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Review of this Plan will be undertaken every five years or as required by a condition. Revisions of this Plan will be submitted to the State and Commonwealth Governments for approval, in accordance with relevant approval conditions.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULATION

Excerpt from Section 9 of The Plan

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Table 5 will be updated following receipt of stakeholder comment as a result of the review and approvals process.

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	DWER: Comments provided on Plan (DWERA-000284) (Fortescue reference (CC-EN-0313.01))		
	Fortescue: Rev 3a of Plan provided for approval (CC-EN-0313.03)		
	DWER: Comments provided on Rev 3a (CC-EN-0313.04)		
	Fortescue: Rev 3b of Plan provided for approval (CC-EN-0313.05)		
	DWER: Approval granted (CC-EN-0313.06)		
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	MS 1062 – Solomon Iron Ore Project – Sustaining Production		
	Fortescue: Rev 4a of Plan issued for review (SO-EN-0283)		







Stakeholder	Correspondence	Comment	Changes
DOEE	MS 1033- Pilbara Iron Ore and Infrastructure Project (Christmas Creek Mine, East-West railway and Mindy Mindy Mine) • Fortescue: Plan issued for review (CC-EN-0312) EPBC 2005/2205 – Cloudbreak Mine Expansion • Fortescue: Plan issued for review (CC-EN-0312) EPBC 2010/5567 – Solomon Iron Ore Project • Fortescue: Plan issued for review (SO-EN-0285)	EPBC 2013/7055 No comments received EPBC 2005/2205 No comments received EPBC 2010/5567	
PaWS	MS 1033- Pilbara Iron Ore and Infrastructure Project (Christmas Creek Mine, East-West railway and Mindy Mindy Mine) • Fortescue: Plan issued for review: CC-EN- 0315 MS 1062 – Solomon Iron Ore Project – Sustaining Production • Fortescue: Rev 4a of the Plan issued for review (SO-EN-0284)	MS 1033 No comments received MS 1062	



Appendix 8: Schedule: Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan (Eliwana Mine and Rail)

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Schedule

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Eliwana Mine and Rail

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Project:

Purpose of the Schedule: The Conservation Significant Fauna Management Plan (The Plan) is required by State Government Ministers as part of development assessment for Fortescues Iron Ore related infrastructure at Eliwana (Railway and Mine).

Key environmental values: Key environmental values associated with conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats at Eliwana are outlined in the *Public Environmental Review: Eliwana Iron Ore Mine* (Fortescue reference EW-RP-EN-0003) and *Eliwana Railway Proposal* (EW-RP-EN-0004) and as listed here:

- Conservation significant fauna and their critical habitat
- Conservation significant vegetation
- Groundwater and groundwater dependent systems
- Surface water and surface water dependent systems.

Key impacts and risks: Key impacts and risks associated with conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats as outlined in Appendix 5 of the Plan include:

- Habitat clearing due to vegetation clearing
- Restriction or removal of access to breeding habitat, foraging habitat or water sources
- Alterations to hydrology
- Indirect impacts:

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- o Altered fire regimes
- o Increase in feral animal populations
- o Introduction of weed populations
- Vehicle interactions
- Dust, light and noise.

This schedule has been provided to meet the requirements of the EPA's "Instructions on how to *prepare Environmental Protection Act 1986* Part IV Environmental Management Plan". The provisions addressed within this schedule include:

- Management objectives
- Management actions
- Management targets
- Monitoring
- Reporting
- Adaptive Management and review of the EMP
- Stakeholder consultation.





MANAGEMENT-BASED PROVISIONS: OBJECTIVES AND MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Excerpt from Section 3 of The Plan.

Table 1: Key management actions for Conservation Significant Fauna Management at Eliwana

Objective 1	Objective 1 Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue Controlled Sites					
Reference	Management Action	Performance Indicator	Reporting/ Evidence	Timing	Responsibility	
1.2	Conduct a risk assessment to identify high risk areas where conservation significant fauna species and critical habitat have been identified and potential impacts are likely.	 Risk assessment conducted to identify high risk areas where conservation significant fauna species and critical habitat have been identified and potential impacts are likely. High risk areas identified See management target in Table 2 	Risk assessment outcomes / report	Design/ Construction/ Operation	Manager Environmental Approvals/ Project Manager/ Group Manager Environment	

Objective 2	Establish management strategies to minimise the potential in	pacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats withi	in Fortescue Controlled Sites		
Reference	Management Action	Performance Indicator	Reporting/ Evidence	Timing	Responsibility
2.2	Prior to conducting ground disturbance activities, ensure known locations of conservation significant fauna and their associated critical habitat and buffers are identified and management measures are implemented.	 LUC obtained Management measures implemented See management targets in Table 2 	Completed LUC Annual Compliance Reporting	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ HSES Manager
2.3	Ensure drainage infrastructure location and design aligns with the risk assessment outcomes to minimise interference and disruption of natural surface water flows that support conservation significant fauna habitat. ¹	 Location and design of drainage infrastructure aligns with risk assessment outcomes where possible See Action 3.4 of this table. See management targets in Table 2 	Risk assessmentMonitoring reports	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ HSES Manager
2.4	When conservation significant fauna species have been recorded in proposed impact areas within associated habitat, and the records have been verified through survey activities undertaken in the last five years, ground-truth the area and similar habitats within the area. Where individual animals are present implement mitigation measures, including the relocation of fauna, prior to disturbance.	 Impact areas where fauna has been recorded within associated habitat are assessed prior to ground disturbance BMS/GIS updated PaWS consulted and mitigation measures implemented Number of fauna successfully relocated See management targets in Table 2 	 BMS record GIS Table Annual Compliance Reporting Consultation records 	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Group Manager Environment



Objective 2	Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue Controlled Sites					
2.11	To minimise the potential for fauna injuries or deaths, implement appropriate traffic mitigation measures such as speed limit restrictions and the prohibition of off-road driving.	Appropriate signage in areas identified as high-risk areas Awareness programs delivered	Incident reports in BMSStaff induction materialsSite notices	Construction/ Operation	Project Manager/ Site HSES Manager	

Objective 3	Where species presence and/or critical habitat ² has been con	firmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring progran	ns to detect any impacts on conservation	significant fauna and their cri	itical habitats
Reference	Management Action	Performance Indicator	Reporting/ Evidence	Timing	Responsibility
3.2	Where populations of conservation significant fauna listed under the <i>Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016</i> or the <i>Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999</i> have been recorded in Fortescue controlled sites and/or critical habitat has been identified, implement a Conservation Significant Fauna Monitoring Program.	 Conservation significant fauna and critical habitat identified Monitoring Program developed and implemented Where monitoring identifies the absence of conservation significant fauna and/or critical habitat, an independent review (see Section 5.2.9) of the monitoring results is undertaken. See management targets in Table 2 	Monitoring Reports Annual Compliance Reporting	Construction/ Operation/ Decommissioning/ Closure	Group Manager, Environment
3.3	When monitoring indicates a potential impact on conservation significant fauna, implement contingency actions defined in Table 11 and any reporting requirements defined in Section 9.3. Update this Plan where required, to inform an adaptive management approach to fauna management across the business using the approach detailed in Section 7.	 Corrective actions implemented Reporting requirements met Plan updated where required See management targets in Table 2 	Monitoring reportsReporting recordsUpdated Plan	Construction/ Operation	Corrective Actions: Project Manager/ Group Manager Environment Reporting and Plan Update: Group Manager Environment

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MANAGEMENT-BASED PROVISIONS - MANAGEMENT TARGETS

Excerpt from Section 1.3 of The Plan

Table 2: Conditioned environmental management objectives/ requirements and measures/targets for Eliwan

Approval	Conditioned Environmental Objectives/Requirements	Measure/ Target
Eliwana Mine and Rail	Condition: Minimise direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna species and their habitat Objective 1: Identify the potential direct and indirect impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites. See Table 6 for Management Actions	100% of conservation significant fauna risk areas are identified and available in the spatial system.
	Objective 2: Establish management strategies to minimise the potential impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats within Fortescue controlled sites. See Table 6 for Management Actions	No direct mortality to recorded conservation significant fauna within their recorded habitats within the project area as a result of ground disturbance activities. No direct loss to recorded conservation significant fauna habitat within the project area that is not approved ³ for disturbance.
	Objective 3: Where species presence and critical habitat has been confirmed within Fortescue controlled sites, develop monitoring programs to detect any impacts on conservation significant fauna and their critical habitats. See Table 6 for Management Actions.	No statistically significant ⁴ decline in the relative abundance of conservation significant species across impact sites compared to reference sites. OR Conservation significant species recorded within the area of impact for the project continue to have an ongoing presence. ⁴

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³ Approved refers to an approval issued under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*, *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*, the *Mining Act 1978* or the *Bush Fires Act 1954*.

⁴ When conservation significant species have been recorded in low densities during previous surveys, they may not have adequate population numbers to allow statistical comparison over time. Analytical test and power levels will be set at appropriate levels to detect change in spatial distribution and relative abundance of low density species. Where records are still inadequate, only ongoing presence will be measured to demonstrate compliance with Objective 3.



MONITORING

Excerpt from 4.2.8 of The Plan.

Table 3: Summary of Conservation Significant Fauna Monitoring for Eliwana

Fauna Species	EPBC Act 1999	Wildlife Conservation Act 1950	Site	Method	Monitoring Parameters	Monitoring Effort ⁵	Timing
Northern Quoll (<i>Dasyurus hallucatus</i>)	EN	EN	Eliwana Mine	Non-invasive: Active searches and searches for scats and other signs, motion cameras Invasive: Cage traps and Elliott traps. Replicated control and impact sites.	Individual data/ biometric data Sex Body measurements Health Breeding status/ Reproductive condition Behaviour Area of occupancy Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats Culvert usage	Minimum Effort (or suitable equivalent) Elliott and Cage Traps: in alignment with "Pilbara northern Quoll Project, Surveyed and Monitoring Dasyurus hallacatus in the Pilbara, Western Australia" - (PaWS 2014). Alternative Effort (or suitable equivalent) Active searches and searches for scats and other signs: ten hours per sampling site. Motion cameras: 5 cameras per sampling site. 4 nights Where possible, monitoring will align with DPaW regional monitoring programs.	May to August
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Ghost Bat (Macroderma Gigas)	VU	VU	Eliwana Mine and Rail	SM2Bat recorders	Presence Habitat characteristics Meteorological data Environmental threats	As a minimum, SM2Bat recorders: 1 recorder per sampling site. 12 impacts, 12 control sites. 28 detector nights per sampling site. 7 nights, until such time that a new method suitable for Ghost Bat monitoring is developed (i.e. scat analysis) Where possible, monitoring will align with PaWS regional monitoring programs (where available).	November to May
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MONITORING: CONTINGENCY ACTIONS

Excerpt from Section 4.3 of the Plan.

Table 4: Trigger criteria and contingency measures for Eliwana Mine and Rail

Trigger	Contingency measures
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	Fortescue: Rev 4a of Plan issued for review (SO-EN-0283)		







Stakeholder	Correspondence	Comment	Changes
DOEE	MS 1033- Pilbara Iron Ore and Infrastructure Project (Christmas Creek Mine, East-West railway and Mindy Mindy Mine) • Fortescue: Plan issued for review (CC-EN-0312) EPBC 2005/2205 – Cloudbreak Mine Expansion • Fortescue: Plan issued for review (CC-EN-0312) EPBC 2010/5567 – Solomon Iron Ore Project • Fortescue: Plan issued for review (SO-EN-0285)	EPBC 2013/7055 No comments received EPBC 2005/2205 No comments received EPBC 2010/5567	
PaWS	MS 1033- Pilbara Iron Ore and Infrastructure Project (Christmas Creek Mine, East-West railway and Mindy Mindy Mine) • Fortescue: Plan issued for review: CC-EN- 0315 MS 1062 – Solomon Iron Ore Project – Sustaining Production • Fortescue: Rev 4a of the Plan issued for review (SO-EN-0284)	MS 1033 No comments received MS 1062	

FIGURES

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Figures from the Public Environmental Review: Eliwana Iron Ore Mine (Fortescue reference EW-RP-EN-0003) and Eliwana Railway Proposal (EW-RP-EN-0004) have been included to demonstrate fauna survey extent for Eliwana Mine and Rail. Monitoring sites and resulting maps will be developed once the project is approved and the infrastructure plans are finalised.





