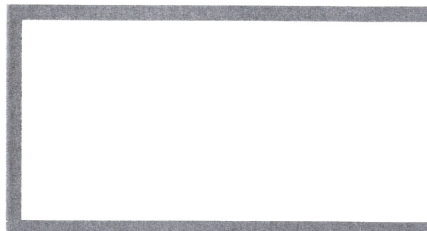
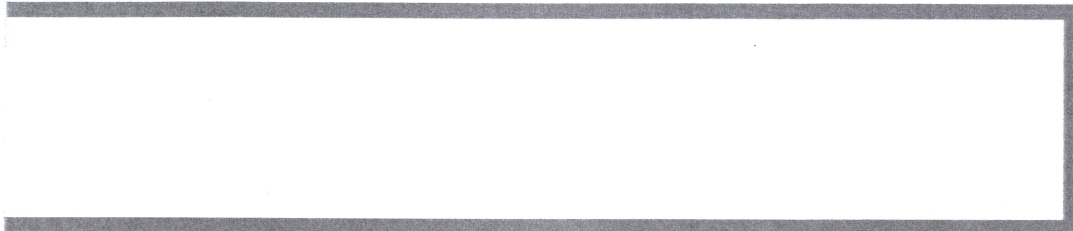


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FINAL REPORT



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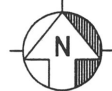
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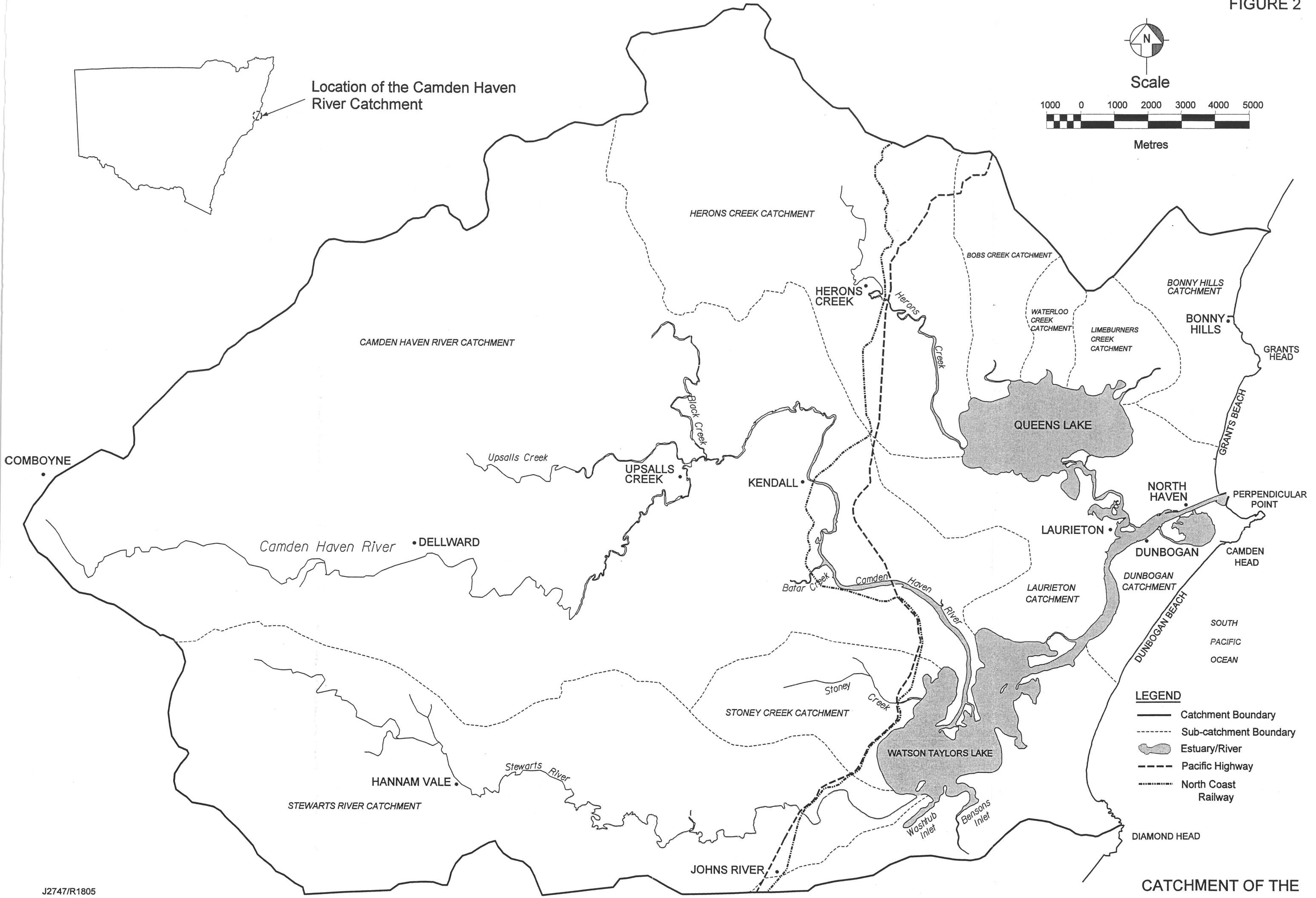
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Location of the Camden Haven River Catchment



LEGEND

- Catchment Boundary
- Sub-catchment Boundary
- Estuary/River
- Pacific Highway
- North Coast Railway

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CATCHMENT OF THE CAMDEN HAVEN RIVER

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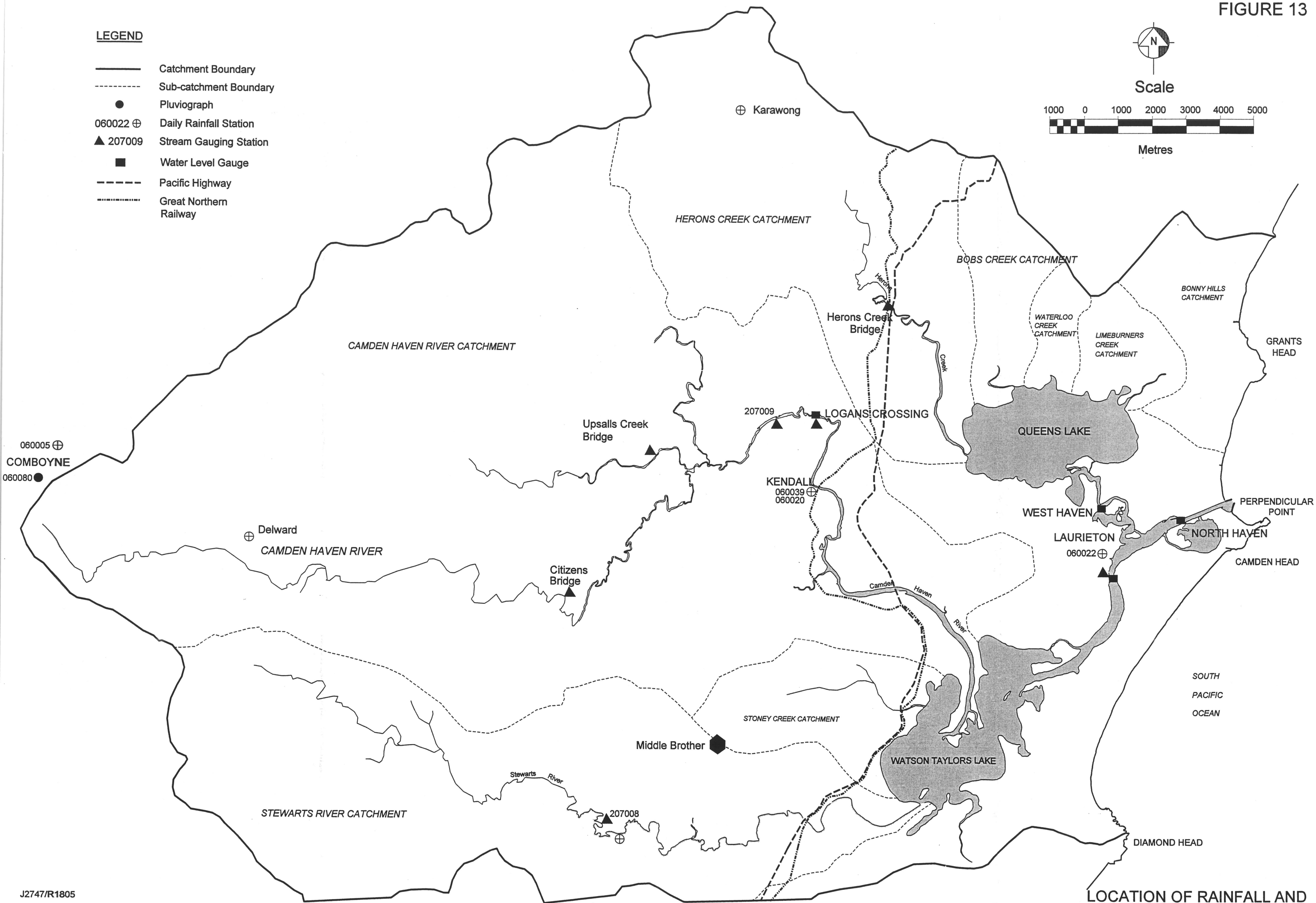
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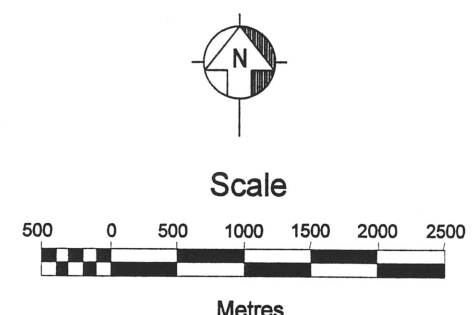
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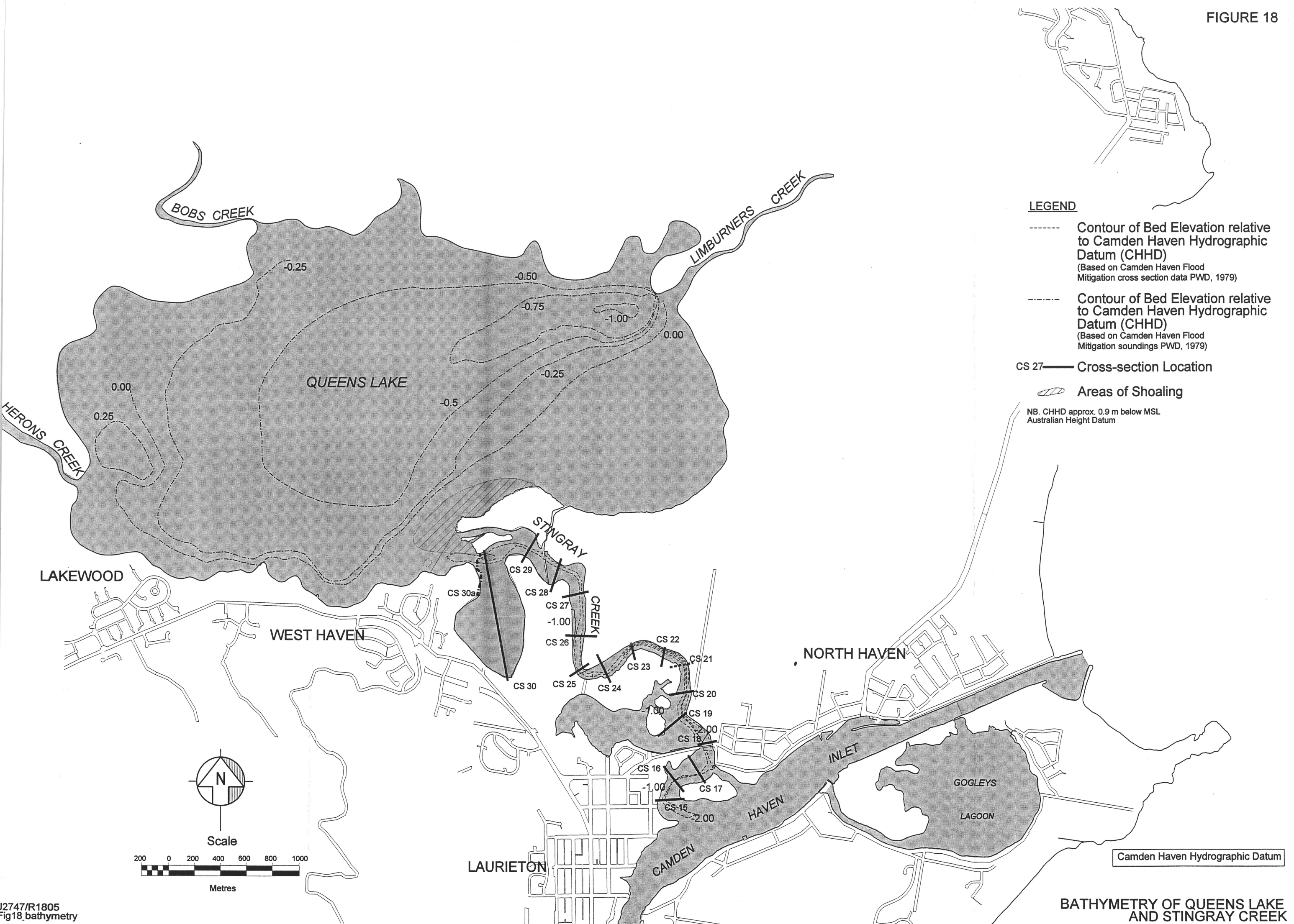
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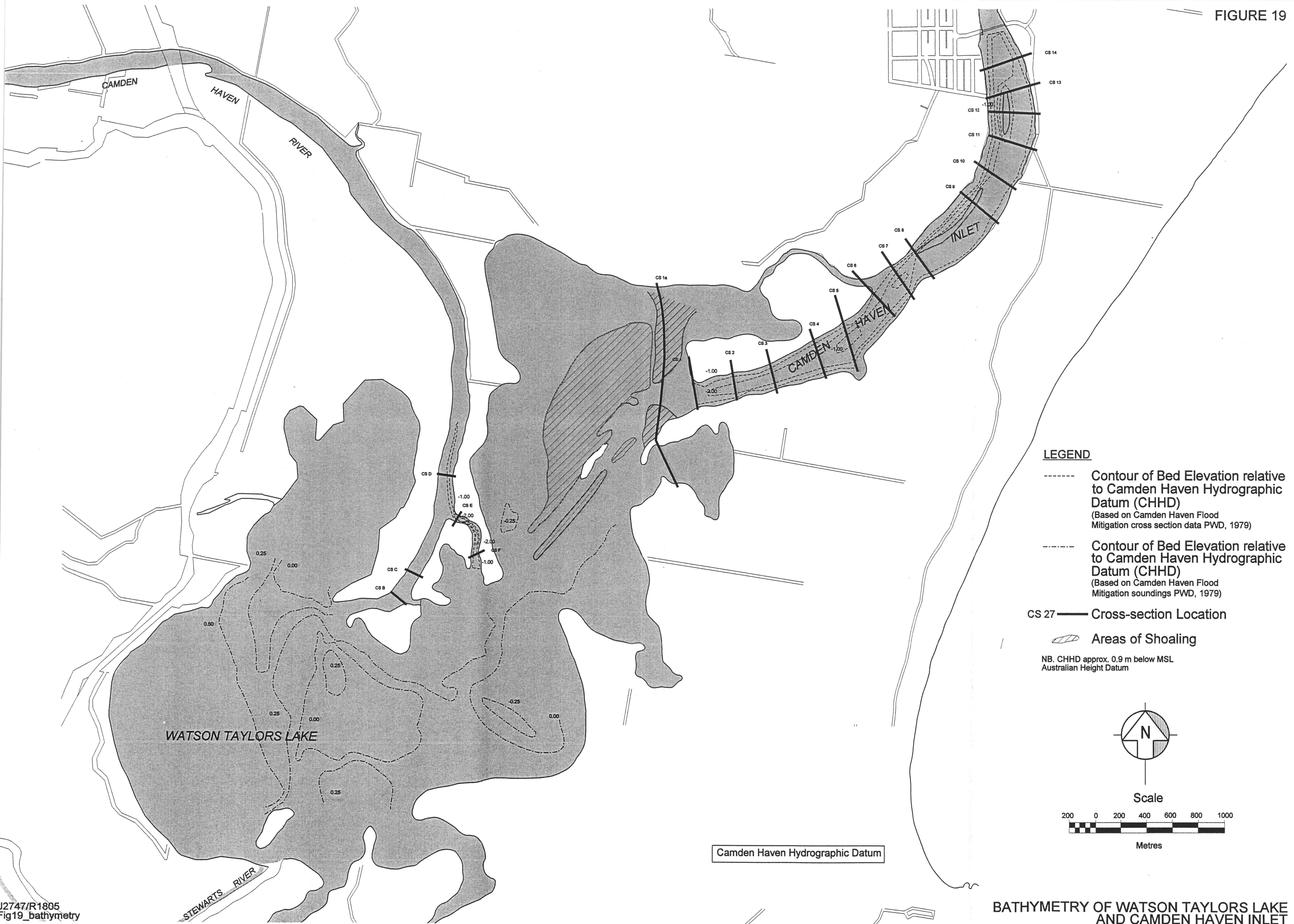


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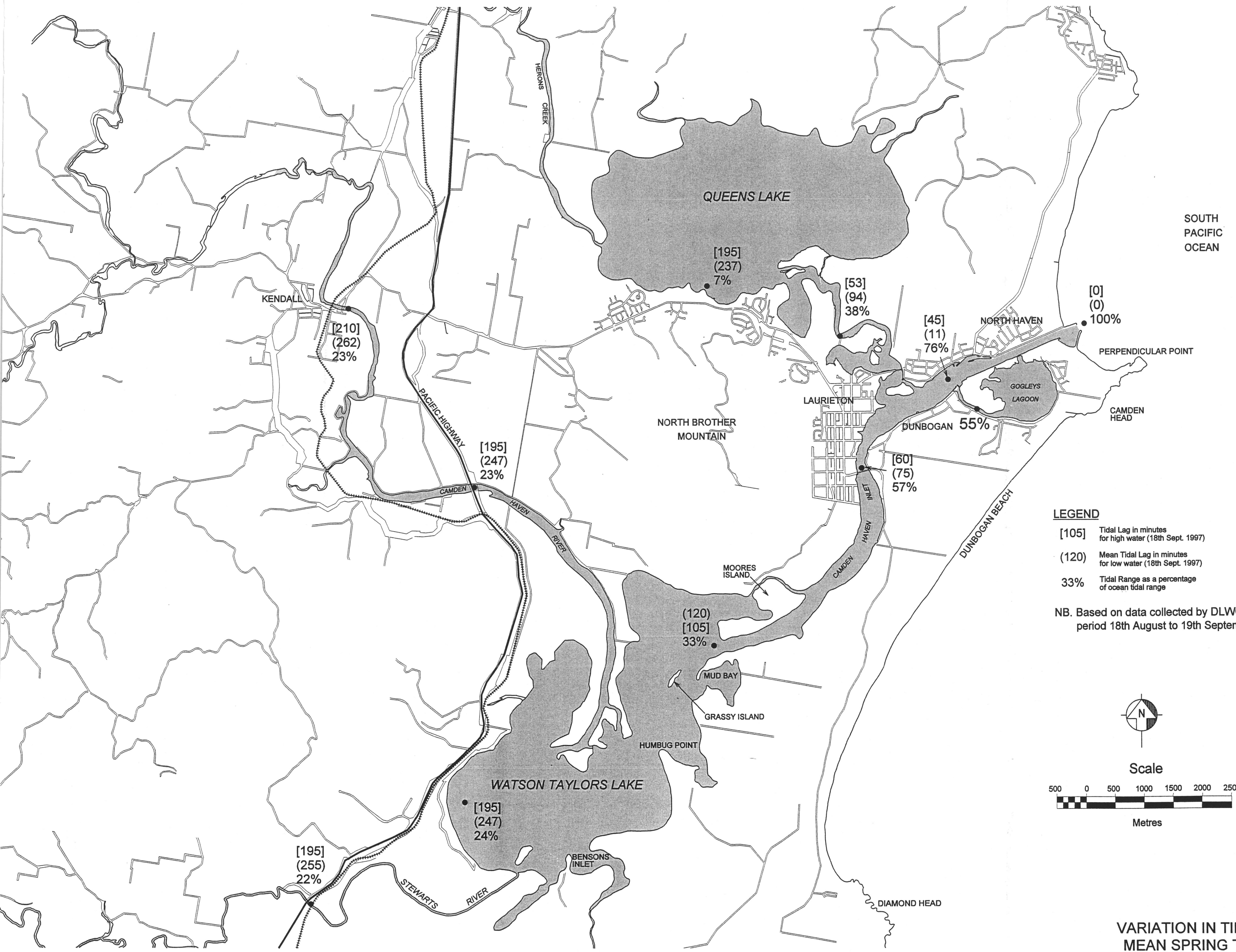


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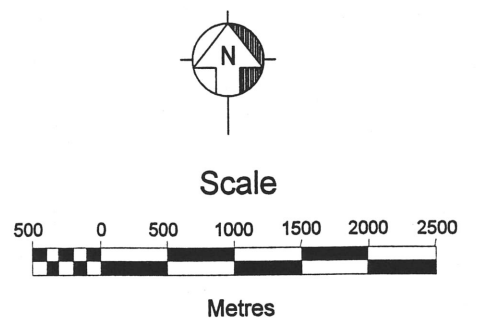


BATHYMETRY OF WATSON TAYLORS LAKE AND CAMDEN HAVEN INLET

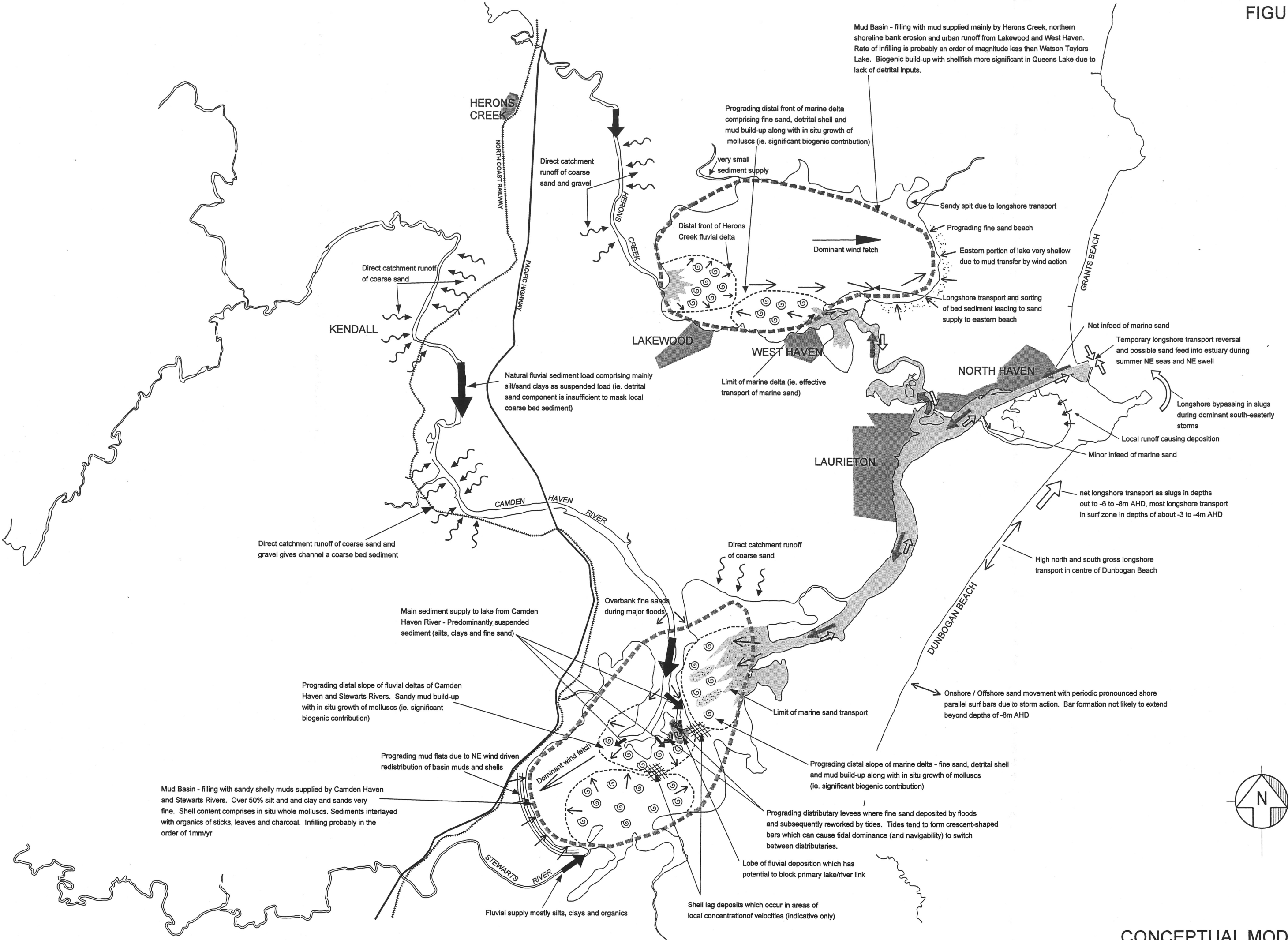


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 [105] Tidal Lag in minutes for high water (18th Sept. 1997)
 (120) Mean Tidal Lag in minutes for low water (18th Sept. 1997)
 33% Tidal Range as a percentage of ocean tidal range

NB. Based on data collected by DLWC for period 18th August to 19th September, 1997



VARIATION IN TIDAL LAG AND MEAN SPRING TIDAL RANGE



Mud Basin - filling with mud supplied mainly by Herons Creek, northern shoreline bank erosion and urban runoff from Lakewood and West Haven. Rate of infilling is probably an order of magnitude less than Watson Taylors Lake. Biogenic build-up with shellfish more significant in Queens Lake due to lack of detrital inputs.

Prograding distal front of marine delta comprising fine sand, detrital shell and mud build-up along with in situ growth of molluscs (ie. significant biogenic contribution)

HERONS CREEK

Direct catchment runoff of coarse sand and gravel

KENDALL

Direct catchment runoff of coarse sand

PACIFIC HIGHWAY

Natural fluvial sediment load comprising mainly silt/sand clays as suspended load (ie. detrital sand component is insufficient to mask local coarse bed sediment)

LAKWOOD

WEST HAVEN

Limit of marine delta (ie. effective transport of marine sand)

NORTH HAVEN

GRANTS BEACH

LAURIETON

Net infeed of marine sand

Temporary longshore transport reversal and possible sand feed into estuary during summer NE seas and NE swell

Longshore bypassing in slugs during dominant south-easterly storms

Local runoff causing deposition

Minor infeed of marine sand

net longshore transport as slugs in depths out to -6 to -8m AHD, most longshore transport in surf zone in depths of about -3 to -4m AHD

High north and south gross longshore transport in centre of Dunbog Beach

DUNBOGAN BEACH

Onshore / Offshore sand movement with periodic pronounced shore parallel surf bars due to storm action. Bar formation not likely to extend beyond depths of -8m AHD

Direct catchment runoff of coarse sand and gravel gives channel a coarse bed sediment

Main sediment supply to lake from Camden Haven River - Predominantly suspended sediment (silts, clays and fine sand)

Prograding distal slope of fluvial deltas of Camden Haven and Stewarts Rivers. Sandy mud build-up with in situ growth of molluscs (ie. significant biogenic contribution)

Prograding mud flats due to NE wind driven redistribution of basin muds and shells

Mud Basin - filling with sandy shelly muds supplied by Camden Haven and Stewarts Rivers. Over 50% silt and and clay and sands very fine. Shell content comprises in situ whole molluscs. Sediments interlayered with organics of sticks, leaves and charcoal. Infilling probably in the order of 1mm/yr

Fluvial supply mostly silts, clays and organics

Direct catchment runoff of coarse sand

Overbank fine sands during major floods

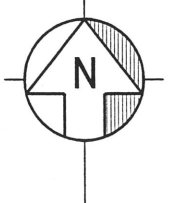
Limit of marine sand transport

Prograding distal slope of marine delta - fine sand, detrital shell and mud build-up along with in situ growth of molluscs (ie. significant biogenic contribution)

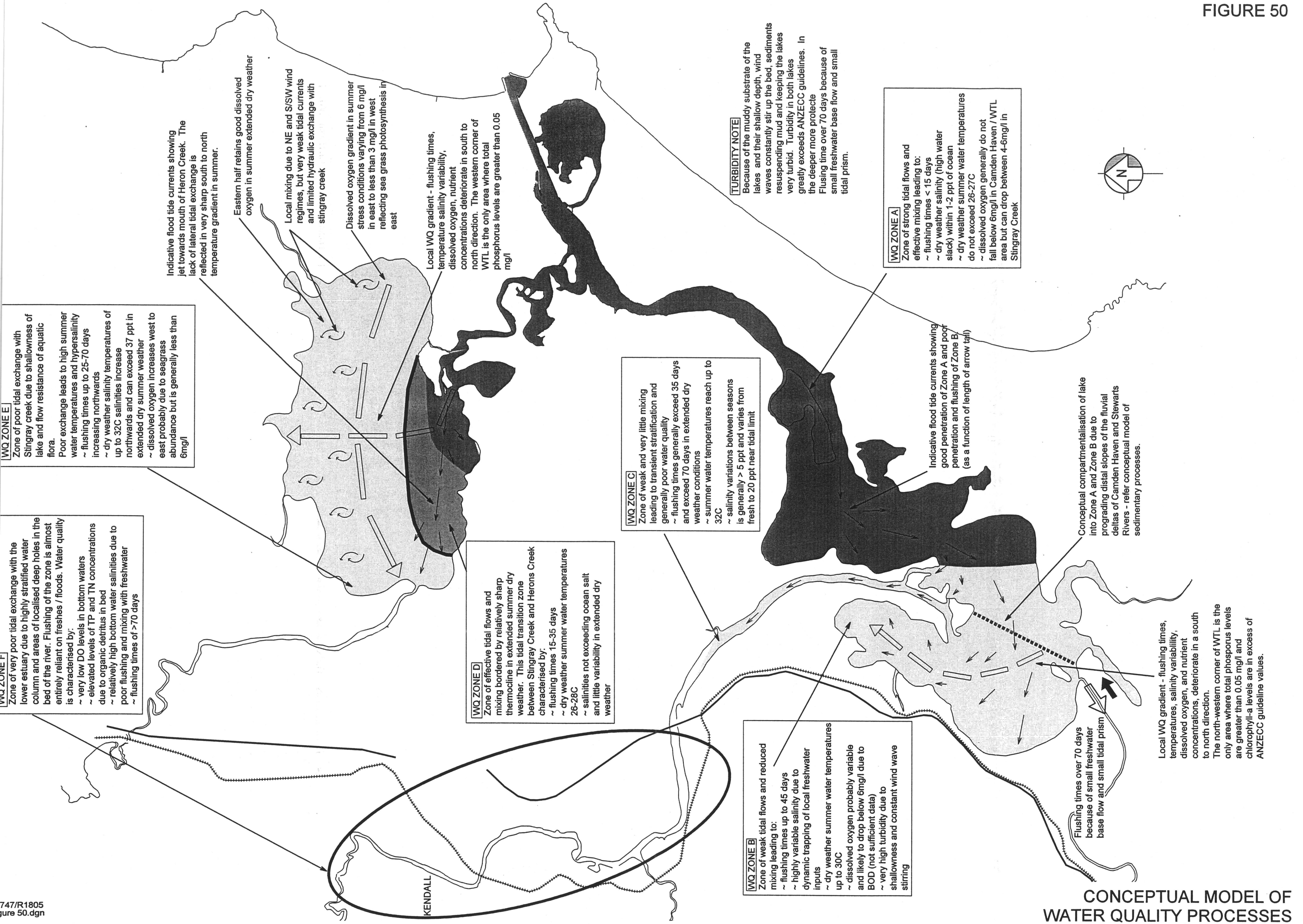
Prograding distributary levees where fine sand deposited by floods and subsequently reworked by tides. Tides tend to form crescent-shaped bars which can cause tidal dominance (and navigability) to switch between distributaries.

Lobe of fluvial deposition which has potential to block primary lake/river link

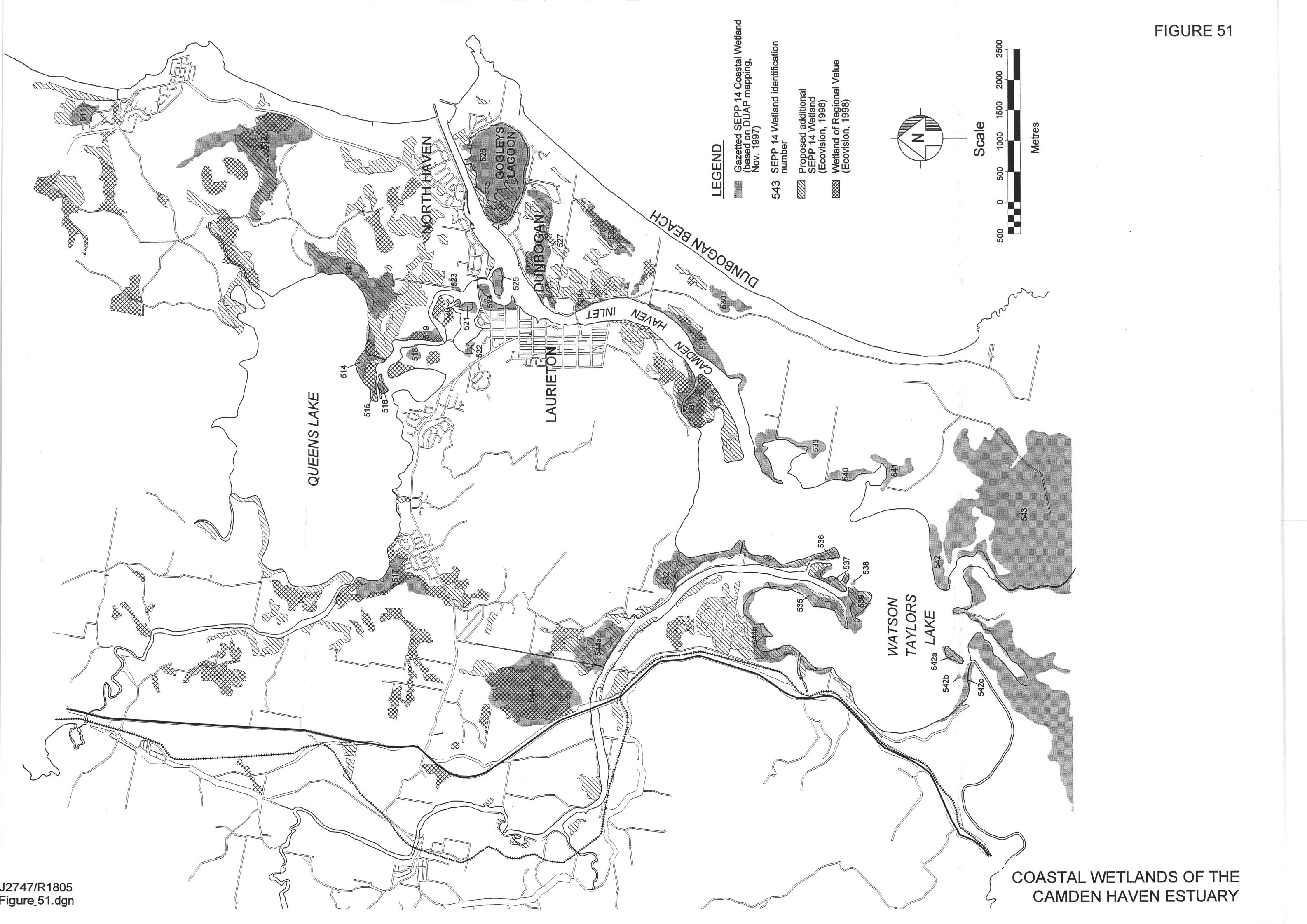
Shell lag deposits which occur in areas of local concentration of velocities (indicative only)






CONCEPTUAL MODEL OF SEDIMENTARY PROCESSES

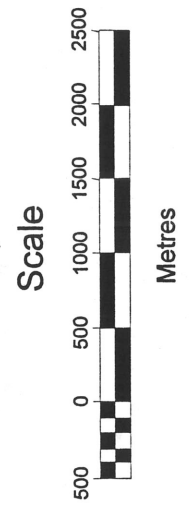
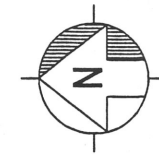


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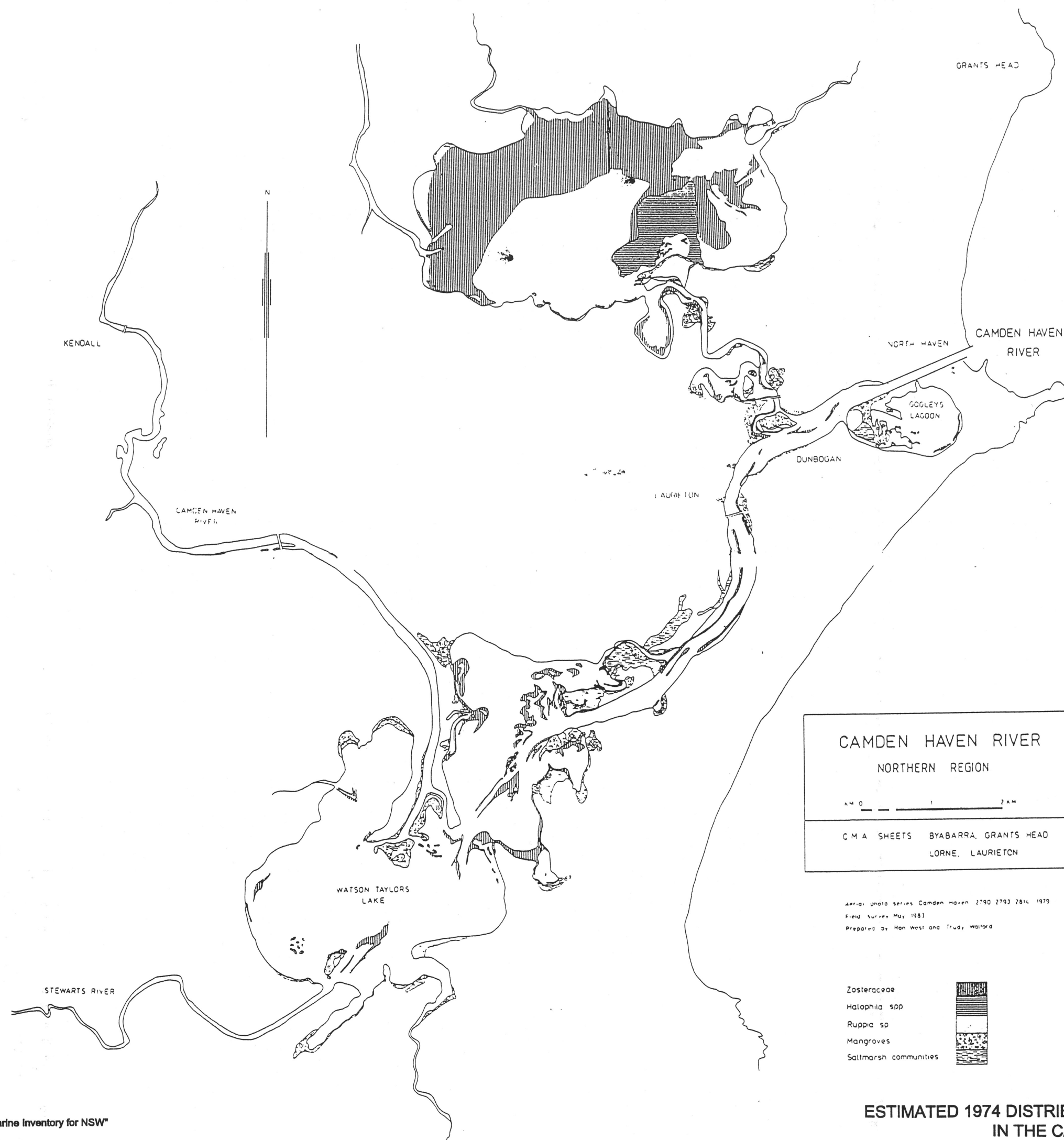


LEGEND

-  Gazetted SEPP 14 Coastal Wetland (based on DUAP mapping, Nov. 1997)
-  Proposed additional SEPP 14 Wetland (Ecovision, 1998)
-  Wetland of Regional Value (Ecovision, 1998)
- 543** SEPP 14 Wetland identification number



COASTAL WETLANDS OF THE
CAMDEN HAVEN ESTUARY













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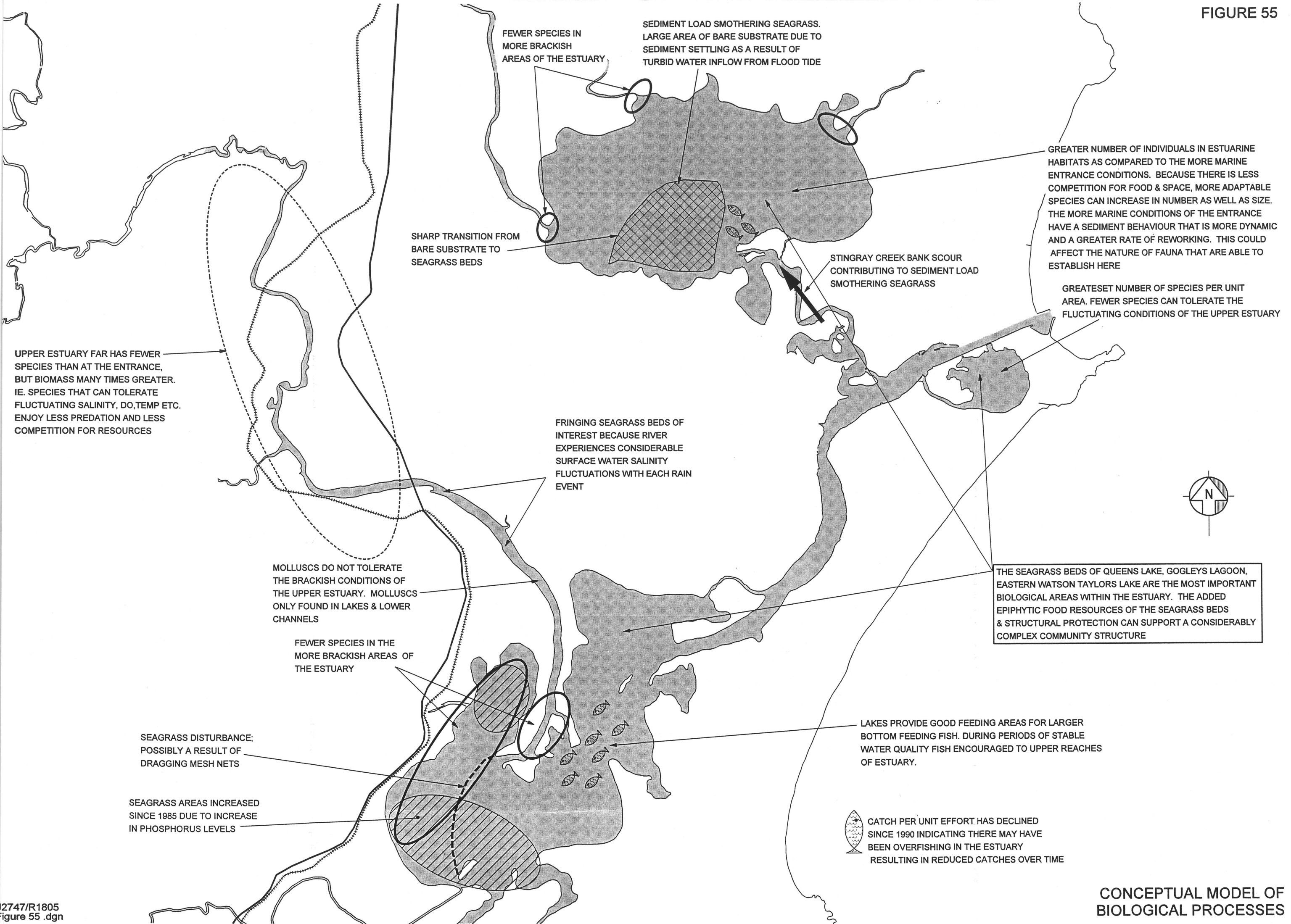
ESTIMATED 1974 DISTRIBUTION OF SEAGRASSES
 IN THE CAMDEN HAVEN ESTUARY



LEGEND

-  Sand Bar (exposed at low water)
-  *Zostera capricorni* Seagrass
-  *Halophila ovalis* Seagrass
-  *Ruppia* sp. Seagrass
-  Mixed *Zostera* & *Halophila* Seagrass
-  Mixed *Ruppia* & *Halophila* Seagrass
-  Unconfirmed *Halophila*
-  Unconfirmed *Zostera*
-  Unconfirmed mixed *Zostera* & *Halophila*
-  Sediment sampling sites

Mapping completed by WS Rooney and Associates (1997)



FEWER SPECIES IN MORE BRACKISH AREAS OF THE ESTUARY

SEDIMENT LOAD SMOTHERING SEAGRASS. LARGE AREA OF BARE SUBSTRATE DUE TO SEDIMENT SETTLING AS A RESULT OF TURBID WATER INFLOW FROM FLOOD TIDE

GREATER NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IN ESTUARINE HABITATS AS COMPARED TO THE MORE MARINE ENTRANCE CONDITIONS. BECAUSE THERE IS LESS COMPETITION FOR FOOD & SPACE, MORE ADAPTABLE SPECIES CAN INCREASE IN NUMBER AS WELL AS SIZE. THE MORE MARINE CONDITIONS OF THE ENTRANCE HAVE A SEDIMENT BEHAVIOUR THAT IS MORE DYNAMIC AND A GREATER RATE OF REWORKING. THIS COULD AFFECT THE NATURE OF FAUNA THAT ARE ABLE TO ESTABLISH HERE

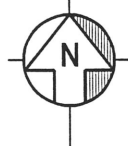
GREATEST NUMBER OF SPECIES PER UNIT AREA. FEWER SPECIES CAN TOLERATE THE FLUCTUATING CONDITIONS OF THE UPPER ESTUARY

SHARP TRANSITION FROM BARE SUBSTRATE TO SEAGRASS BEDS

STINGRAY CREEK BANK SCOUR CONTRIBUTING TO SEDIMENT LOAD SMOTHERING SEAGRASS

UPPER ESTUARY FAR HAS FEWER SPECIES THAN AT THE ENTRANCE, BUT BIOMASS MANY TIMES GREATER. IE. SPECIES THAT CAN TOLERATE FLUCTUATING SALINITY, DO, TEMP ETC. ENJOY LESS PREDATION AND LESS COMPETITION FOR RESOURCES

FRINGING SEAGRASS BEDS OF INTEREST BECAUSE RIVER EXPERIENCES CONSIDERABLE SURFACE WATER SALINITY FLUCTUATIONS WITH EACH RAIN EVENT



THE SEAGRASS BEDS OF QUEENS LAKE, GOGLEYS LAGOON, EASTERN WATSON TAYLORS LAKE ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT BIOLOGICAL AREAS WITHIN THE ESTUARY. THE ADDED EPIPHYTIC FOOD RESOURCES OF THE SEAGRASS BEDS & STRUCTURAL PROTECTION CAN SUPPORT A CONSIDERABLY COMPLEX COMMUNITY STRUCTURE

MOLLUSCS DO NOT TOLERATE THE BRACKISH CONDITIONS OF THE UPPER ESTUARY. MOLLUSCS ONLY FOUND IN LAKES & LOWER CHANNELS

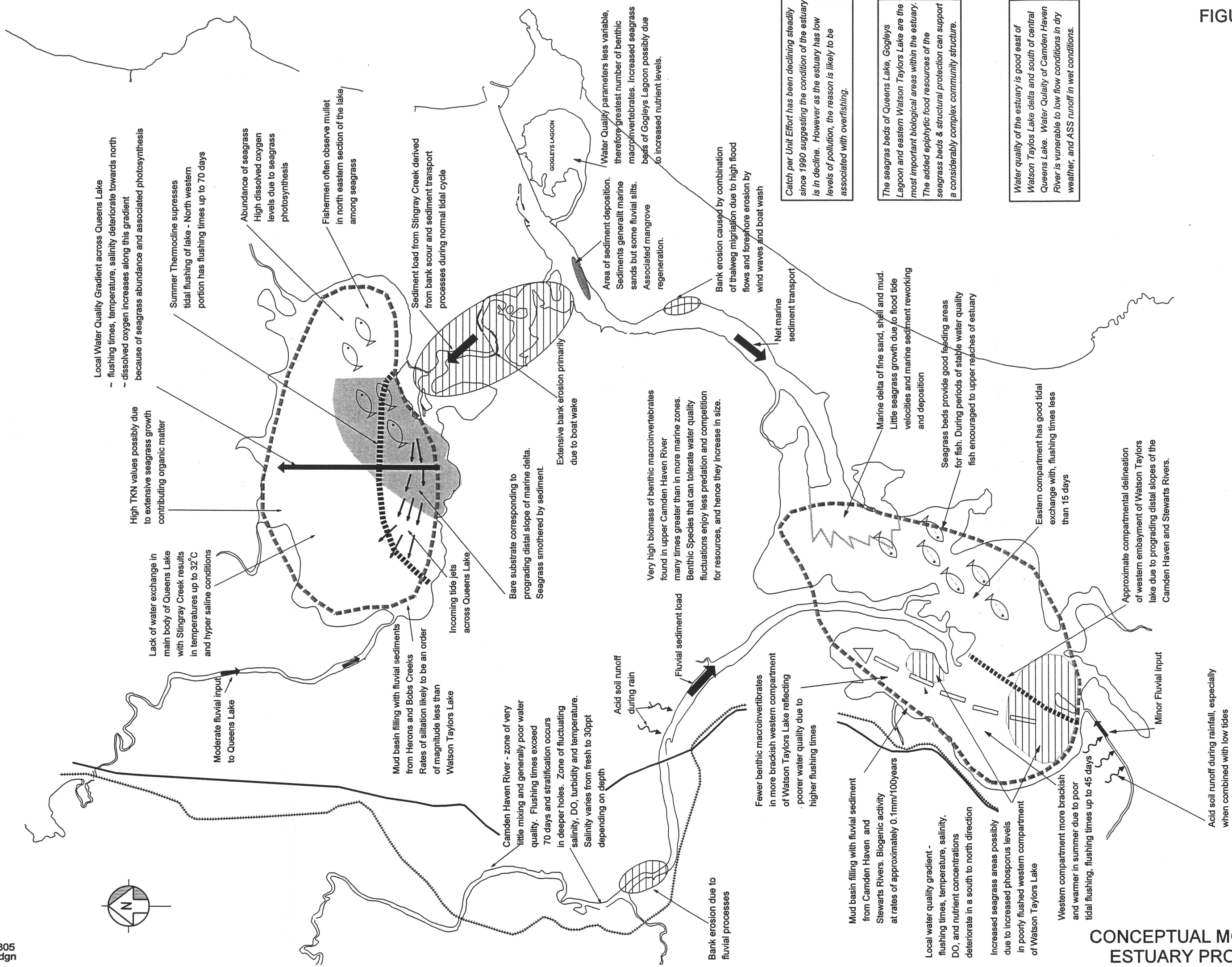
FEWER SPECIES IN THE MORE BRACKISH AREAS OF THE ESTUARY

LAKES PROVIDE GOOD FEEDING AREAS FOR LARGER BOTTOM FEEDING FISH. DURING PERIODS OF STABLE WATER QUALITY FISH ENCOURAGED TO UPPER REACHES OF ESTUARY.

SEAGRASS DISTURBANCE; POSSIBLY A RESULT OF DRAGGING MESH NETS

SEAGRASS AREAS INCREASED SINCE 1985 DUE TO INCREASE IN PHOSPHORUS LEVELS

CATCH PER UNIT EFFORT HAS DECLINED SINCE 1990 INDICATING THERE MAY HAVE BEEN OVERFISHING IN THE ESTUARY RESULTING IN REDUCED CATCHES OVER TIME

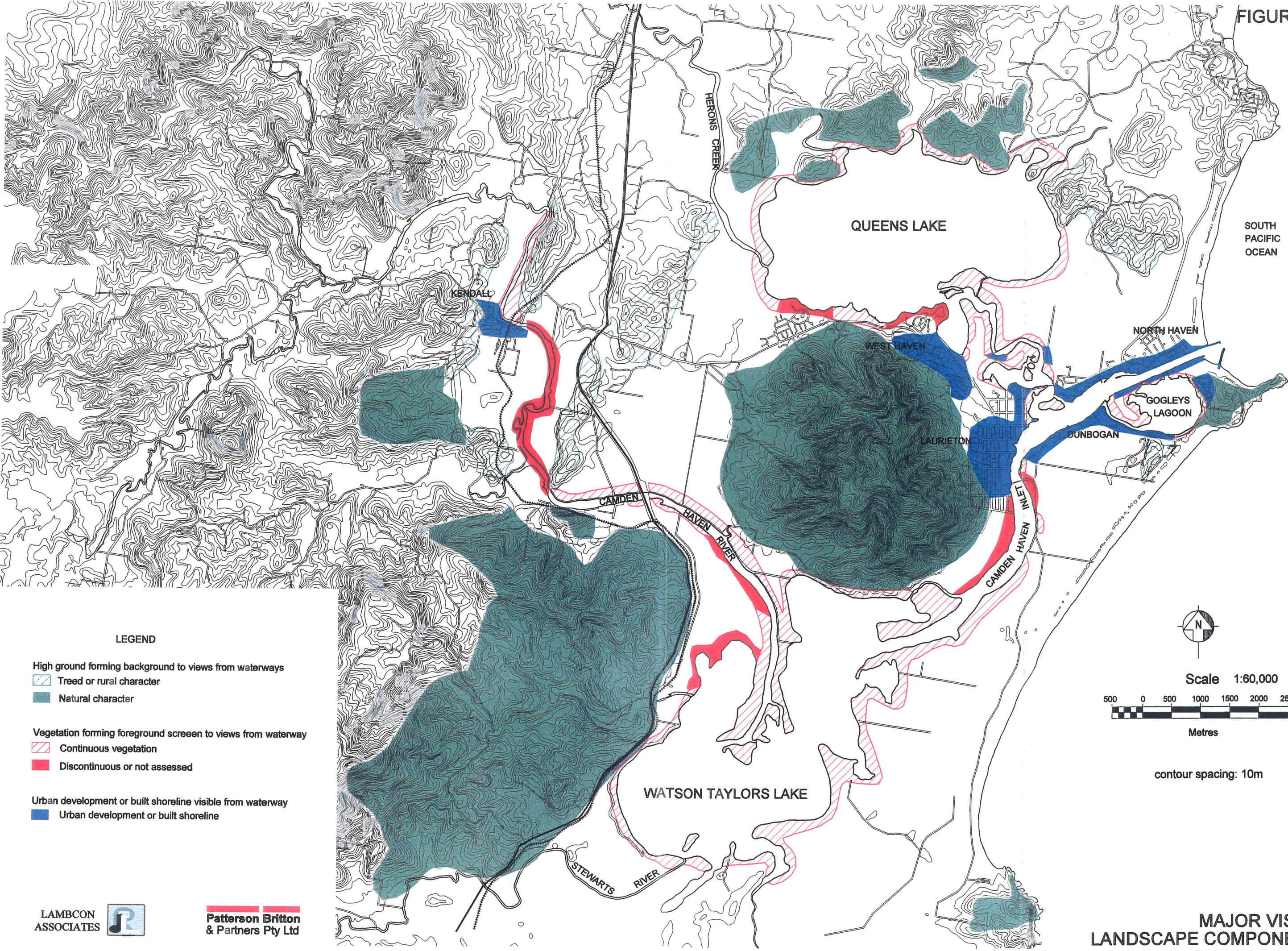


Catch per Unit Effort has been declining steadily since 1990 suggesting the condition of the estuary is in decline. However as the estuary has low levels of pollution, the reason is likely to be associated with overfishing.

The seagrass beds of Queens Lake, Gogleys Lagoon and eastern Watson Taylors Lake are the most important biological areas within the estuary. The added epiphytic food resources of the seagrass beds & structural protection can support a considerably complex community structure.

Water quality of the estuary is good east of Watson Taylors Lake delta and south of central Queens Lake. Water Quality of Camden Haven River is vulnerable to low flow conditions in dry weather, and ASS runoff in wet conditions.

CONCEPTUAL MODEL OF ESTUARY PROCESSES



SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

QUEENS LAKE

KENDALL

NORTH HAVEN

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DUNBOGAN

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CAMDEN

HAVEN RIVER

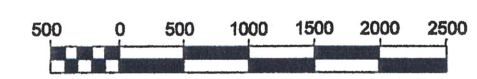
CAMDEN HAVEN

WATSON TAYLORS LAKE

STEWARTS RIVER



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High ground forming background to views from waterways

Treed or rural character

Natural character

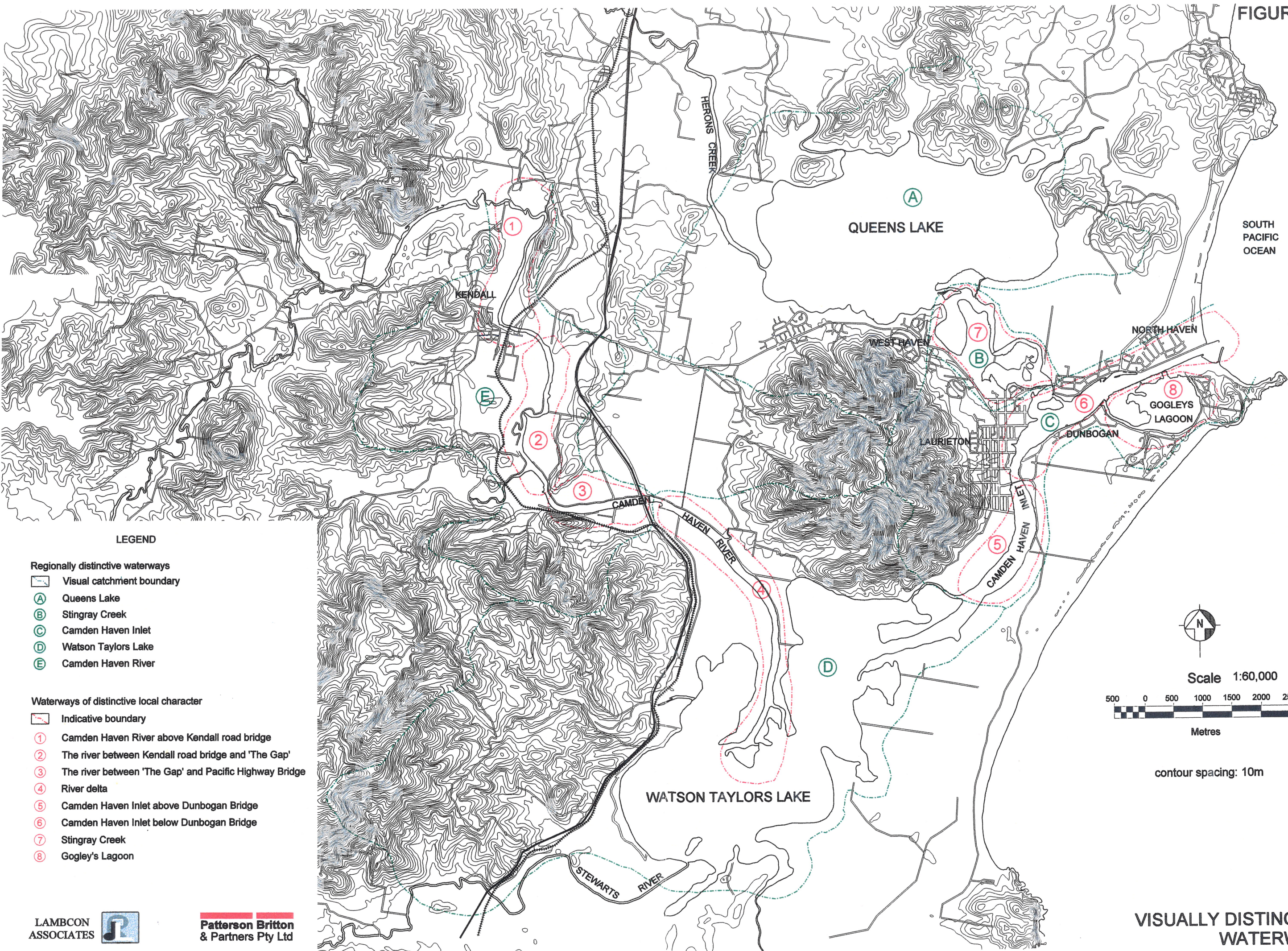
Vegetation forming foreground screen to views from waterway

Continuous vegetation

Discontinuous or not assessed

Urban development or built shoreline visible from waterway

Urban development or built shoreline



SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN

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WATSON TAYLORS LAKE

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STEWARTS RIVER

CAMDEN HAVEN INLET

LEGEND

Regionally distinctive waterways

- Visual catchment boundary
- Queens Lake
- Stingray Creek
- Camden Haven Inlet
- Watson Taylors Lake
- Camden Haven River

Waterways of distinctive local character

- Indicative boundary
- Camden Haven River above Kendall road bridge
- The river between Kendall road bridge and 'The Gap'
- The river between 'The Gap' and Pacific Highway Bridge
- River delta
- Camden Haven Inlet above Dunbogan Bridge
- Camden Haven Inlet below Dunbogan Bridge
- Stingray Creek
- Gogley's Lagoon

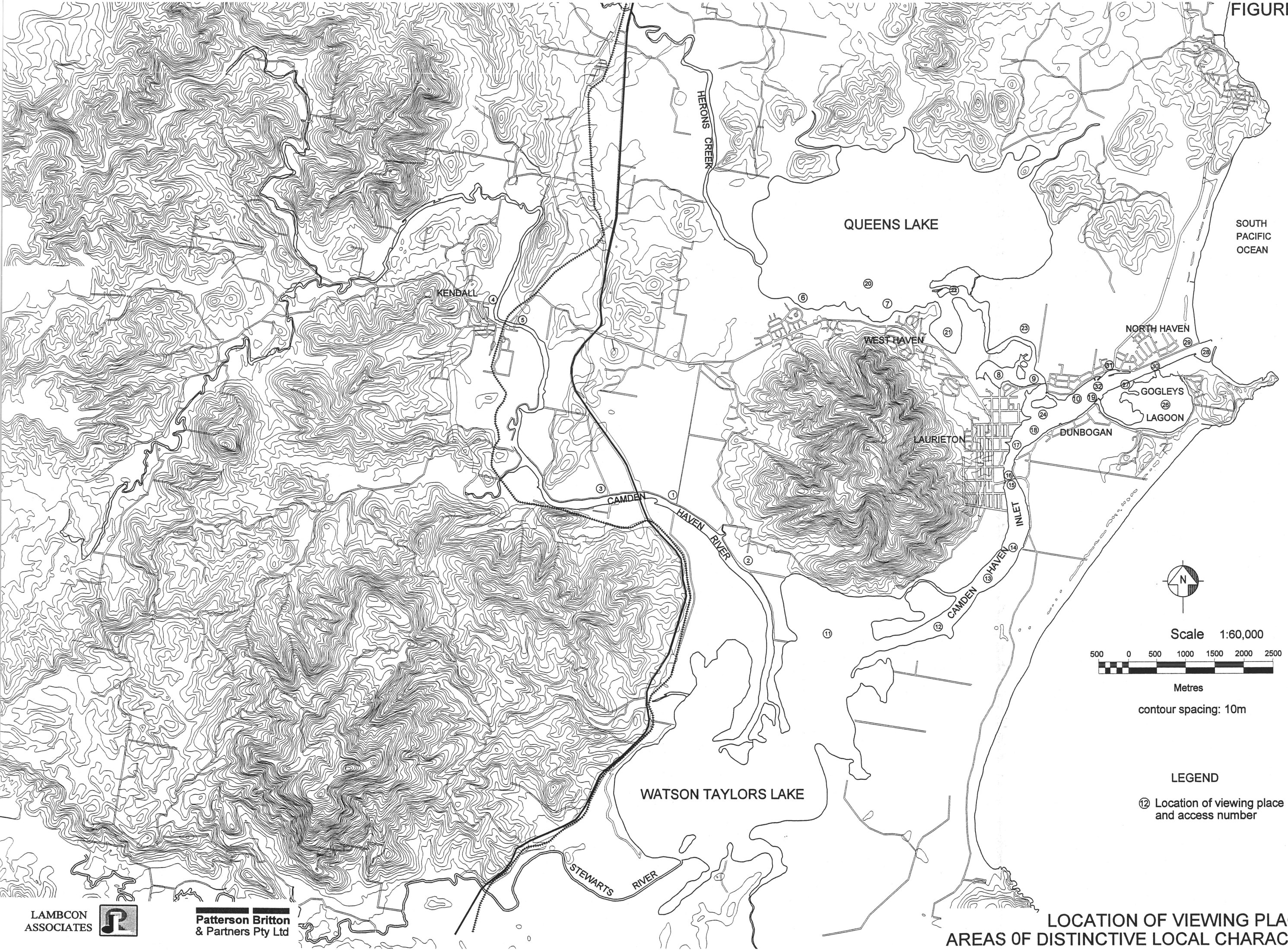


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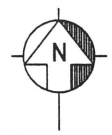
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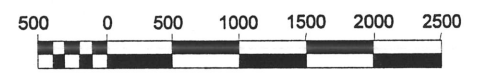
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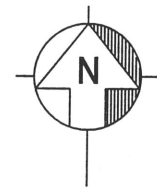


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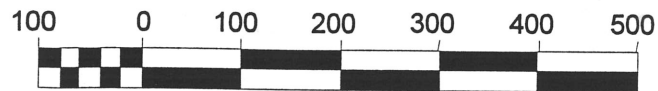
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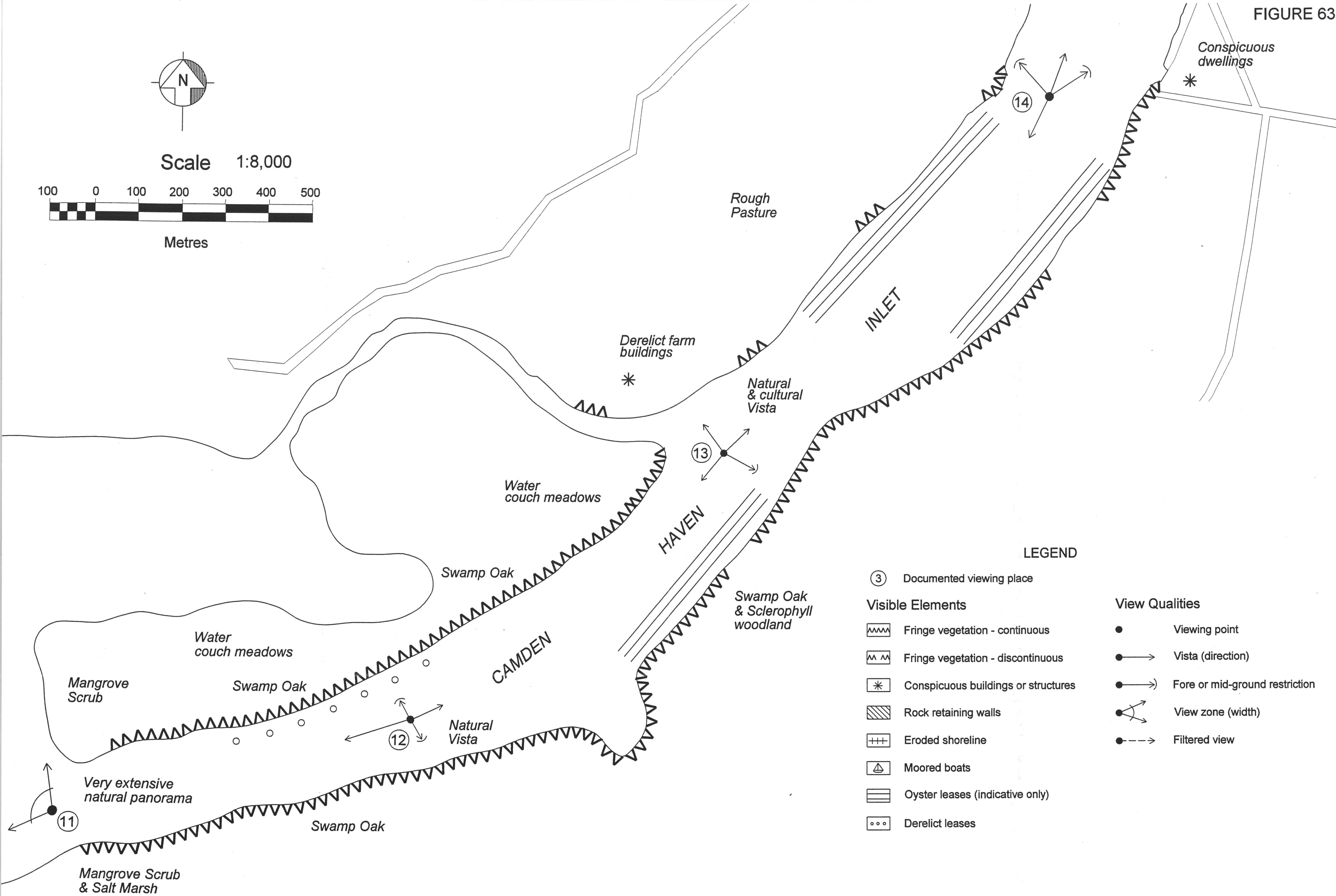
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Visible Elements

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- Conspicuous buildings or structures
- Rock retaining walls
- Eroded shoreline
- Moored boats
- Oyster leases (indicative only)
- Derelict leases

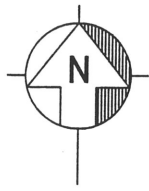
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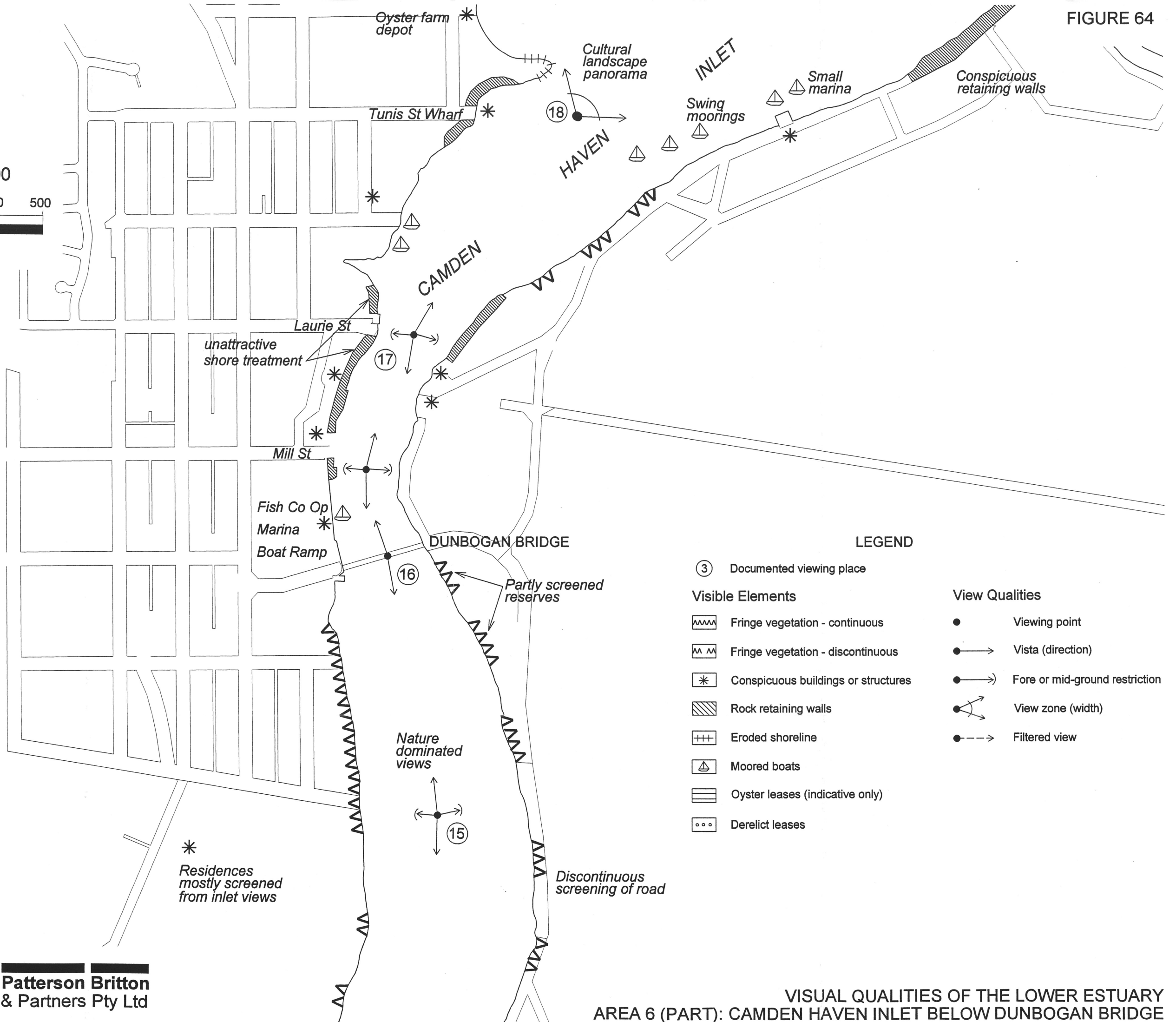
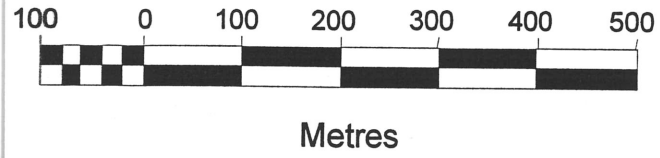
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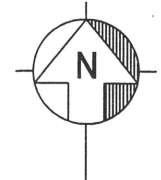
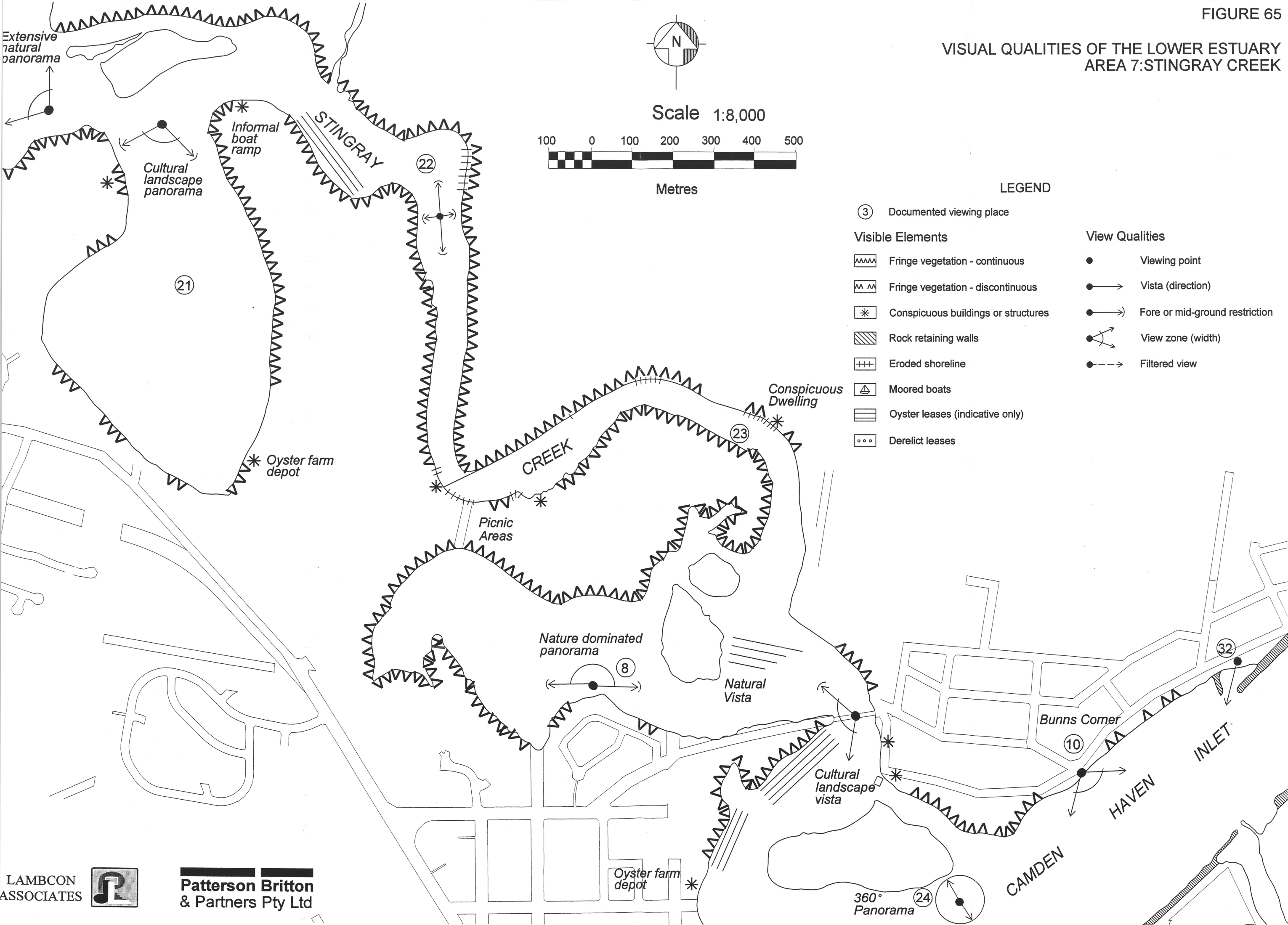


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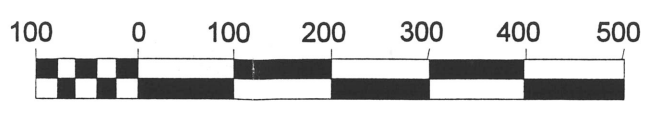
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VISUAL QUALITIES OF THE LOWER ESTUARY AREA 7: STINGRAY CREEK



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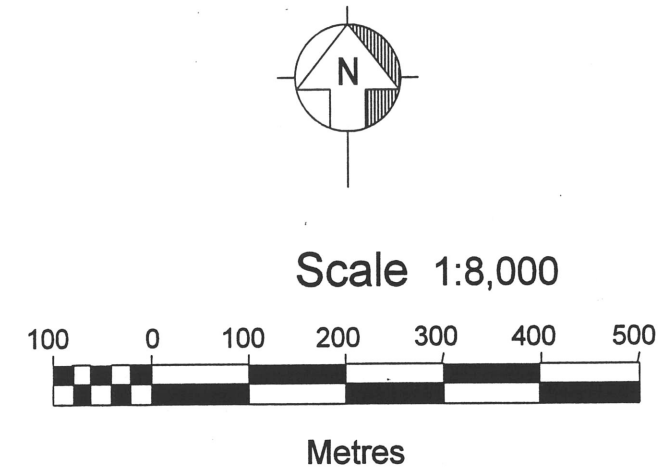
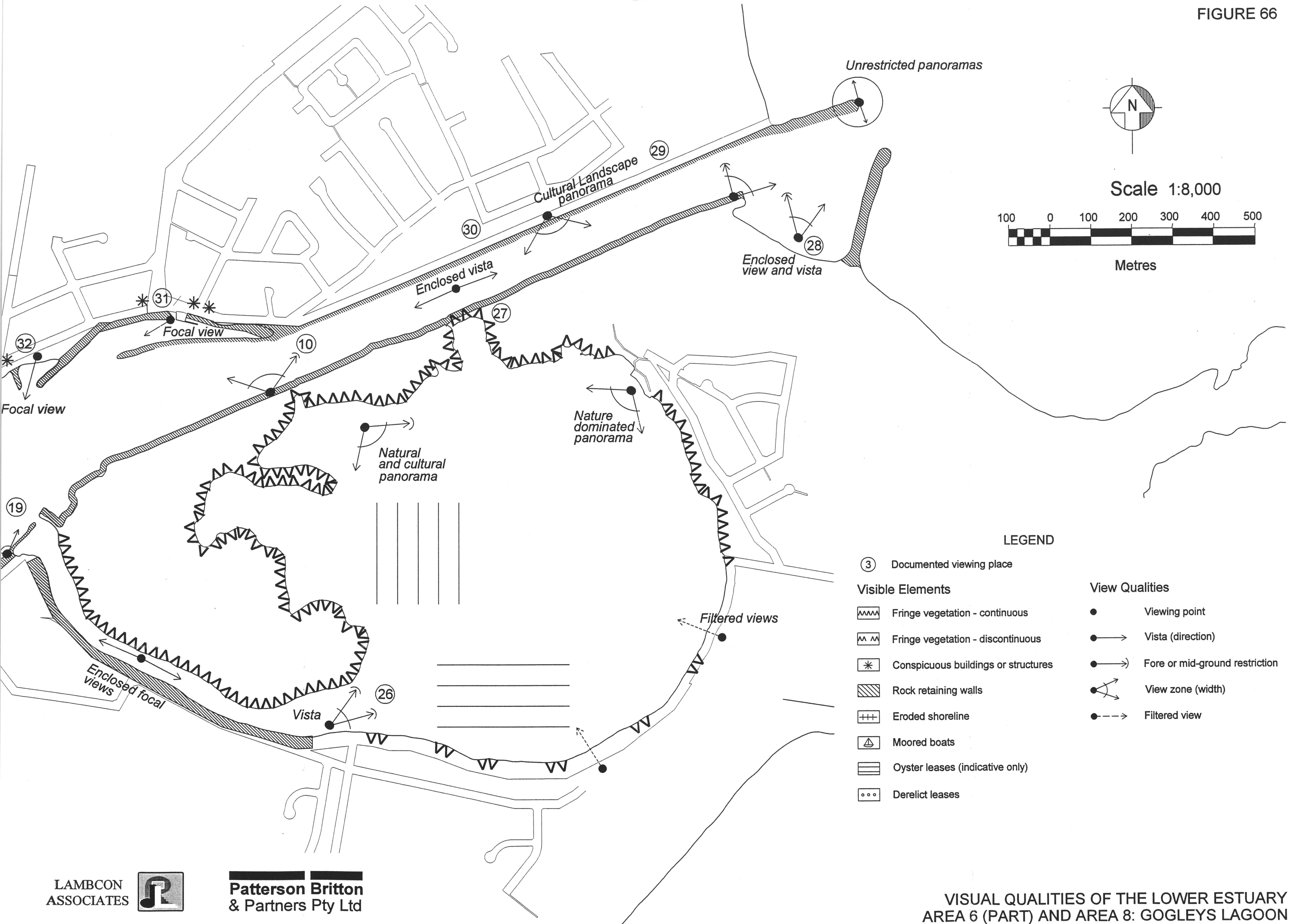


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