# Outstanding objections and evidence subject to limitations under the Evidence Act 1995 (Cth)

# Second Affidavit of Sean Costello dated 4 August 2023

Objecting Party	Paragraph/ Part of Paragraph	Objection	Response	Resolution / ruling required
Applicant	All	Relevance	The Applicant suggests that a ruling on this objection would be appropriate when judgement is delivered because the effect of historical extinguishment is a matter in issue between the parties.	_



# Second Affidavit of Sean Nelson Costello

WAD 37 of 2022

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#### YINDJIBARNDI NGURRA ABORIGINAL CORPORATION RNTBC

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Affidavit of: Sean Costello

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Date: 4 August 2023

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- I, Sean Nelson Costello, c/- Fortescue Metals Group, Level 2, 87 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth WA 6004, geospatial analyst, make oath and say as follows:
- 1. I am currently employed by Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (**FMGL**) as Lead Geospatial Analyst. FMGL is the holding company of a number of related companies including the 2<sup>nd</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> respondents (**FMG Respondents**) in this case (together **FMG**).
- 2. I am authorised to make this affidavit on behalf of the FMG Respondents.
- 3. Unless otherwise stated, the facts contained in this affidavit are within my own knowledge and are true.
- 4. This affidavit is supplementary to my affidavit sworn 30 June 2023, and the facts contained in that affidavit remain true to the best of my knowledge, unless otherwise stated.

#### **Access to Historical Tenure Information**

5. Allen & Overy, the solicitors for the FMG Respondents have provided FMG with a copy of an electronic folder entitled Annexure XPM4. I am informed by Adam Taylor of Allen & Overy and believe that Annexure XPM4 is the folder contained on a USB that was annexed to the affidavit of Xavier Peter Marszal affirmed 3 February 2023 and filed by the First Respondent in these proceedings. That folder contained spatial data that I could view and analyse using the ArcMap platform as explained in paragraph 9 of my first affidavit.

#### **Supplementary Maps**

#### Pastoral Lease Maps

- 6. On 22 March 2023, I produced a map entitled 'Pastoral Leases Within Yindjibarndi Determination Area'. This map shows the disturbance footprint for the Solomon Hub and overlays the:
  - (a) outer boundaries of the Yindjibarndi Determination area / compensation application area, shown by a blue outline; and
  - (b) boundary of the pastoral leases known as Coolawanyah Station, Mt Florance Station, Hooley Station and Mulga Downs Station (together, Current Pastoral

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Leases). The Current Pastoral Leases' respective areas are each shaded in a different colour as depicted in the legend to the map. I obtained the spatial data for the Current Pastoral Leases from FMG's database. That data was originally sourced from Landgate, but has been modified by FMG so as to create a simple outline of the lease boundary. This is done to make the map more understandable to the viewer.

A copy of that map is attached and marked SNC-7.

- 7. On 4 August 2023, I produced a map entitled 'Historical Pastoral Leases Within Yindjibarndi Determination Area'. This map shows the disturbance footprint for the Solomon Hub (as explained in my first affidavit and as represented in exhibit SNC-5 thereof) and I have then overlaid the:
  - (a) outer boundary of the Yindjibarndi Determination area / compensation application area, shown by a blue outline; and
  - (b) boundaries of spatial data for the historic pastoral leases that I obtained from a file entitled 'Hist\_Land\_Tenure\_asat\_20130801' within Annexure XPM4 (together, **Historic Pastoral Leases**). The Historic Pastoral Leases' respective areas are shown in a dark grey outline.

A copy of that map is attached and marked SNC-8.

#### Petroleum Interest Maps

- 8. On 2 August 2023, I produced several maps showing the disturbance footprint for the Solomon Hub (as explained in my first affidavit and as represented in exhibit SNC-5 thereof) and the outer boundaries of the Yindjibarndi Determination area / compensation application area, shown by a blue outline, overlaid with:
  - (a) the tenure Oil Prospecting Area OPA-20H, and entitled 'Historical Oil Prospecting Area OPA-20H'. I obtained the spatial data for that oil prospecting area from Annexure XPM4. A copy of that map is attached and marked SNC-9;

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- (b) Oil Prospecting Area OPA-201H, and entitled 'Historical Oil Prospecting Area OPA-201H'. I obtained the spatial data for that oil prospecting area from Annexure XPM4. A copy of that map is attached and marked SNC-10;
- (c) Oil Prospecting Area PE-23H, and entitled 'Historical Oil Prospecting Area PE-23H'. I obtained the spatial data for that oil prospecting area from Annexure XPM4, A copy of that map is attached and marked SNC-11; and
- (d) the spatial data for each of the areas referred to in paragraphs 8(a)-(c) above, and entitled 'Historic Oil Prospecting Areas Prior to 31/10/1975'. Each of the Oil Prospecting Areas are shown in a different coloured outline as depicted on the map legend. A copy of that map is attached and marked SNC-12.

Sworn by Sean Nelson Costello At East Perth in the State of Western Australia on 4 August 2023

Signature of deponent

Before me:

Signature of witness

Harrish Hamilton Robertson

a legal practitioner who has held a practice certificate for at least 2 years and who holds a current practice certificate.

### "SNC-7"

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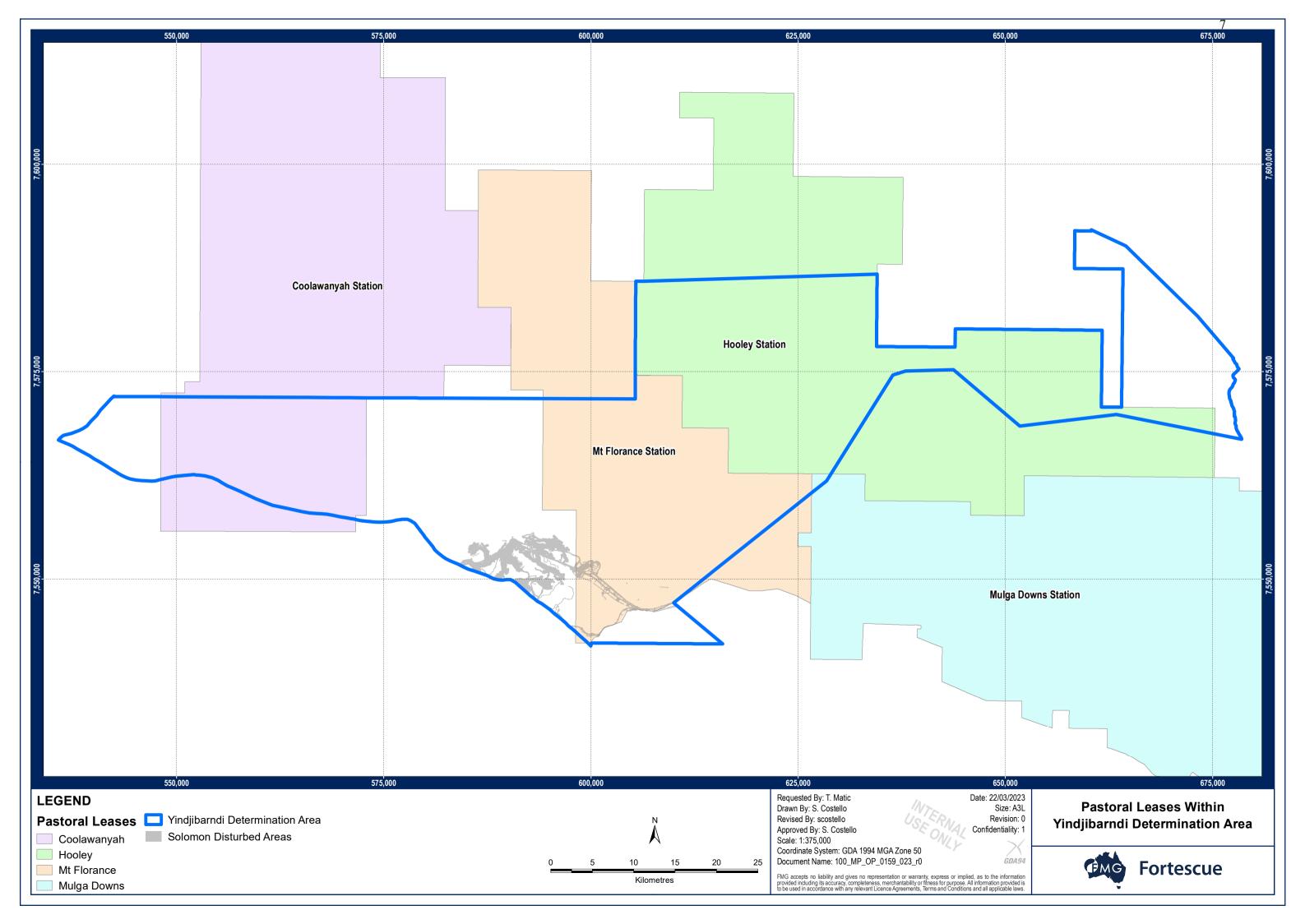
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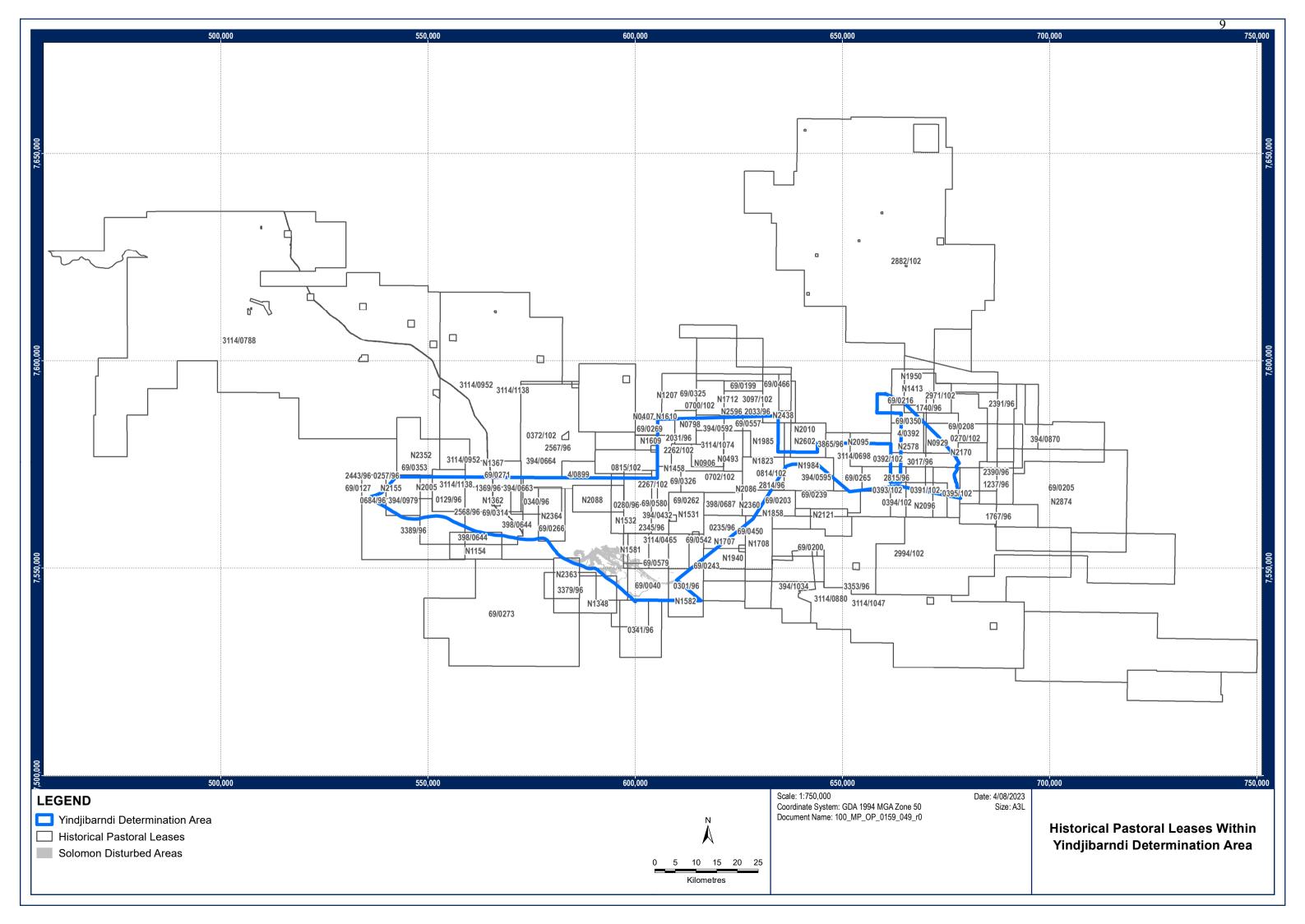
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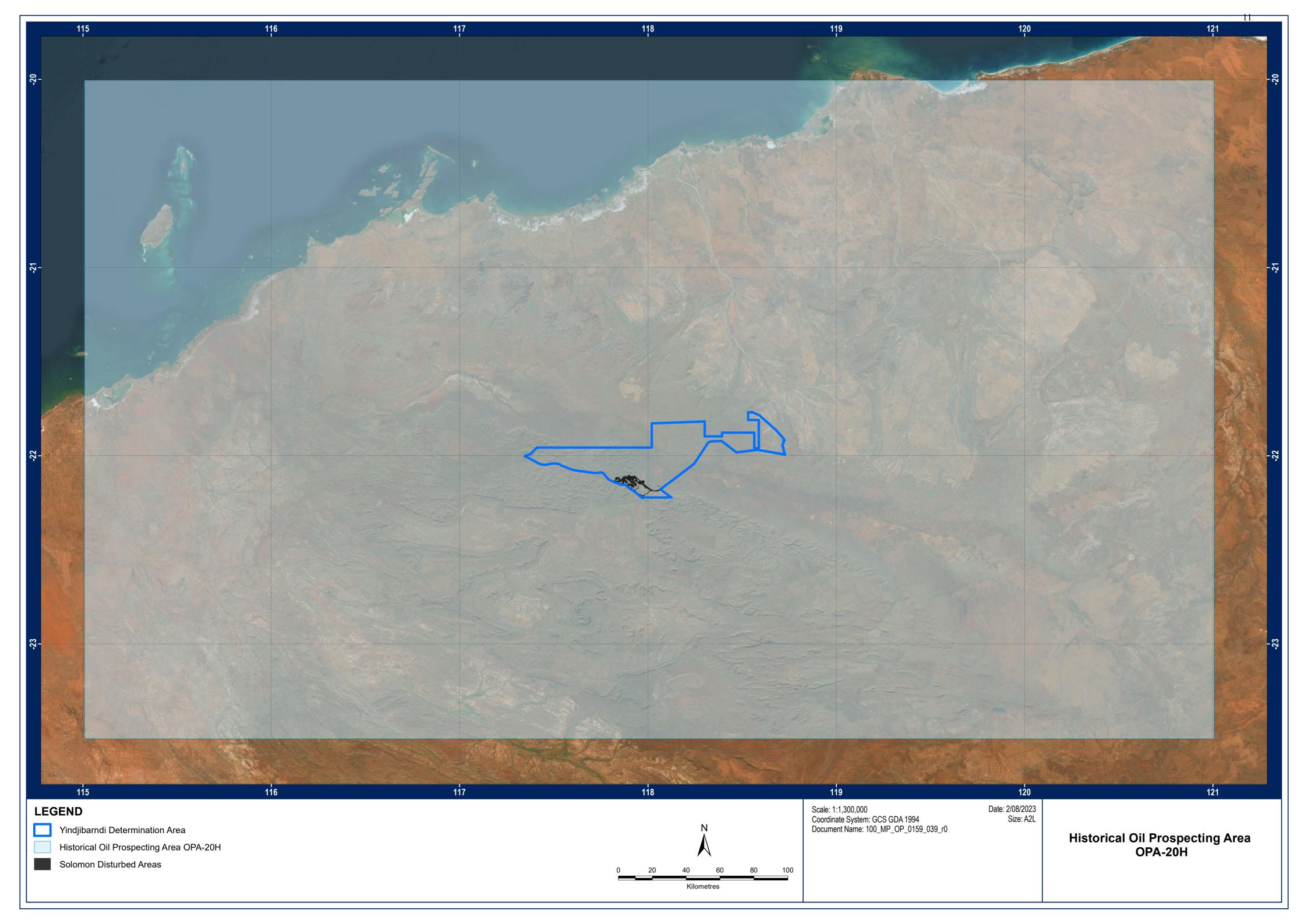
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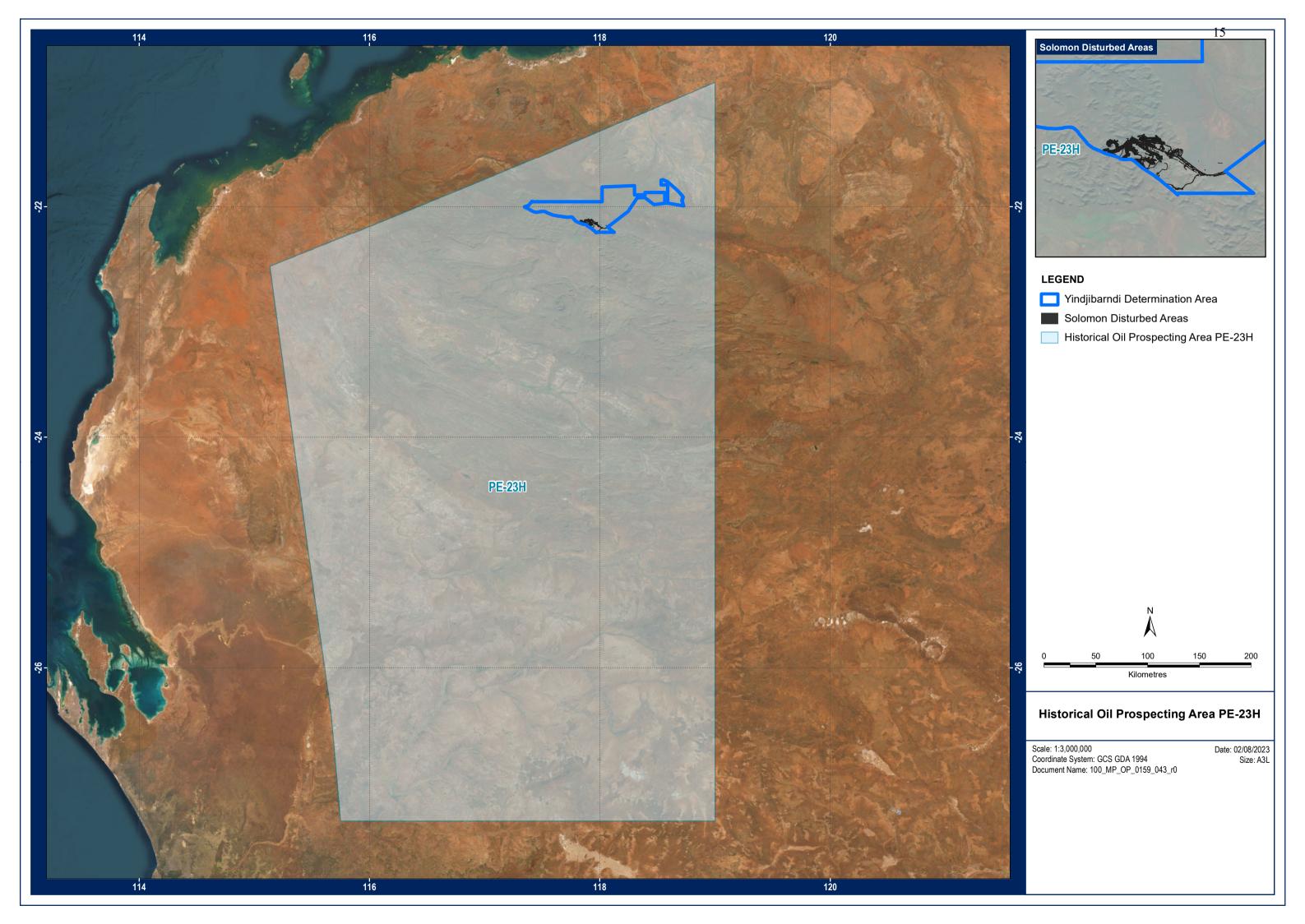
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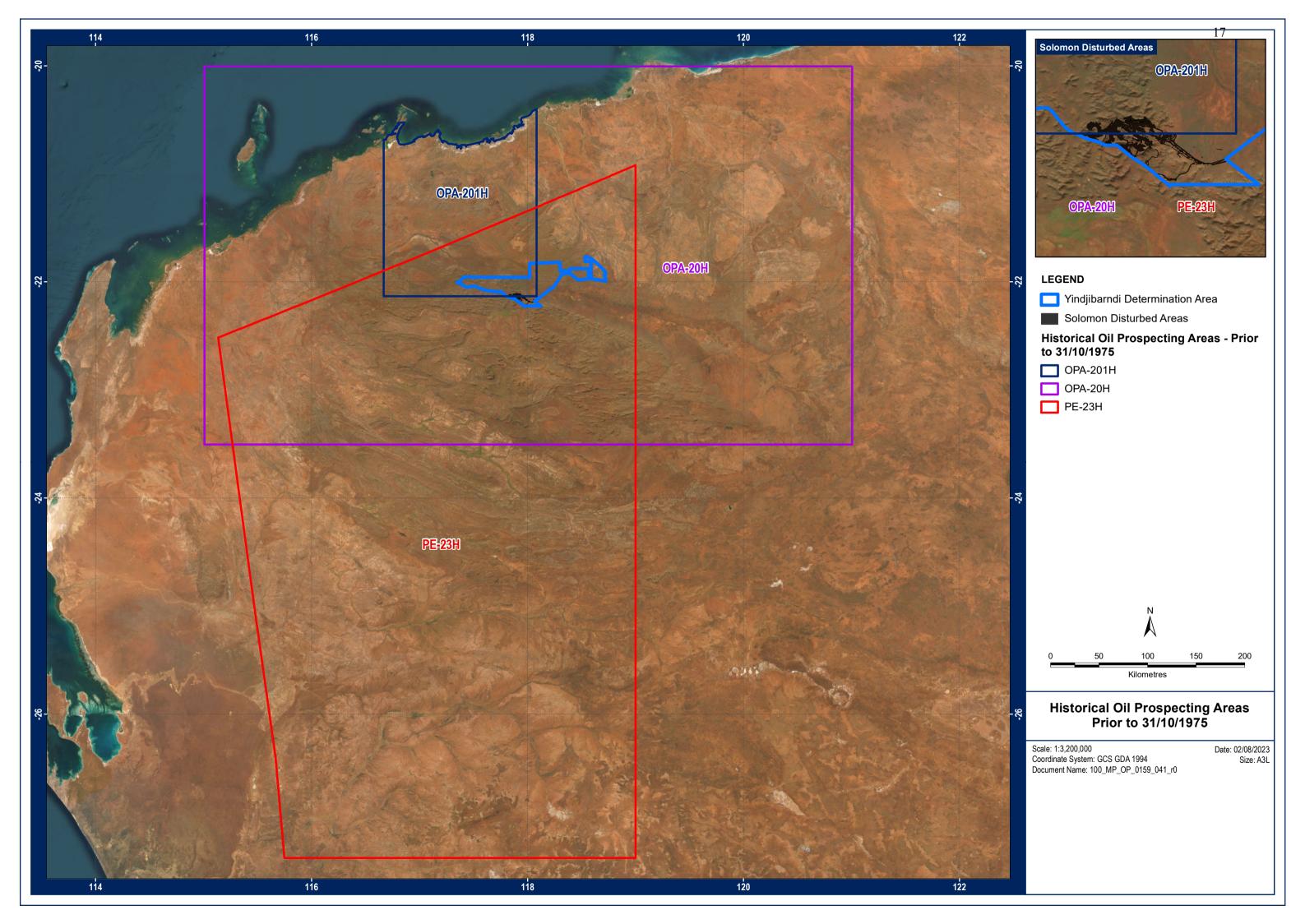
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